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Gators defense shuts down Tigers

By **PHIL KEGLER**
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BATON ROUGE, La. — For two weeks, everyone waited to see if Tim Tebow would play and how he would respond against LSU under the lights of Tiger Stadium.

Then Saturday night came, and No. 15 played, but it was No. 51 who stole the spotlight.

Linebacker Brandon Spikes led the team with 11 tackles and 2.5 sacks — half the team's total — as No. 1 Florida's defense held then-No.4 LSU to 162 yards, and Tebow led a conservative offense that did just enough in a 13-3 victory in front of a record crowd of 93,129.

Gators fans might want to call ESPN College GameDay analyst Kirk Herbstreit and thank him for Spikes' performance. Herbstreit singled out Spikes and defensive end Carlos Dunlap as two players who would need to play big for Florida (5-0, 3-0 Southeastern Conference) to win.

Spikes was not available to the media after the game, but he seemed to give his response on the field.

Cornerback Joe Haden said UF defensive coordinator Charlie Strong was sure to let Spikes know about the nationally televised slight.

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Andrew Stanfill / Alligator Staff

UF linebacker Brandon Spikes gestures to the Florida fan section after stopping a run in the fourth quarter of Florida's 13-3 win over LSU on Saturday at Tiger Stadium in Baton Rouge, La.

Football



Pipe bursts, floods dorm

By **REBECA MARTINEZ**
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About 160,000 gallons of water flooded Riker Hall on Saturday after a sprinkler pipe was broken on the third floor, according to a statement released by Riker Hall staff.

"It was pretty loud actually. And my hypothesis is that they hit one of the sprinklers, and suddenly, I heard a splash of water,"

Uri Ramirez
 UF sophomore

Uri Ramirez, a UF sophomore who lives on the third floor, said he was working on his computer when he heard some guys playing with what sounded like a Nerf ball in the corridor outside his room.

"It was pretty loud actually. And my hypothesis is that they hit one of the sprinklers, and suddenly, I heard a splash of water," Ramirez said.

Ramirez said the surge of the water was loud. He opened his door and saw a flood of water coming down the hall.

The flood happened at about 5:30 p.m. Everyone was evacuated from the building.

Josh Perry, who was working at the front desk of the Tol-

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Locals react to Obama's Peace Prize

■ HE RECEIVED THE PEACE PRIZE FOR HIS DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS.

By **ROBERT HARRINGER**
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Supporters and opponents around the world were shocked to hear President Barack Obama won the Nobel Peace Prize Friday. Even the president seemed caught off guard.

"I am both surprised and deeply humbled by the decision of the Nobel Committee," Obama said in a speech after the announce-

ment.

He then said he knew the prize wasn't given to him to honor a specific achievement, but instead the prize reflects the kind of world Americans want to build.

International News

"That is why I will accept this award as a call to action," he said. "A call for all nations to confront the common challenges of the 21st century."

Norwegian Nobel Committee said in a press release that it gave the award to Obama "for his efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between peoples."

"For 108 years, the Norwegian Nobel

Committee has sought to stimulate precisely that international policy and those attitudes for which Obama is now the world's leading spokesman," according to the release.

After the announcement, Arab organizations like Hamas and the Taliban along with Iran's foreign minister denounced the committee's choice.

The criticism wasn't limited to foreign opponents of the president. On his radio show Friday, Rush Limbaugh said, "Our president is a worldwide joke."

"Something has happened here that we all

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■ Quarterback **Tim Tebow** (right) started against LSU on Saturday, two weeks after suffering a concussion against Kentucky. He didn't dominate but did enough to lead UF to a win. See Story, Page 13.



Deputies: Man killed pet rat after accusing wife of smoking his last cigarette

DELAND, Fla. (AP) — Authorities say a DeLand man became angry and strangled a pet rat after accusing his wife of taking the last cigarette.

The Volusia County Sheriff's Office reports that 22-year-old Darren Daniels grabbed his wife during a confrontation early Thursday morning. The 20-year-old woman told deputies that she eventually ran away and hid outside for about an hour. Before that, Daniels reportedly

grabbed a white rat from a tank in their apartment, smashed its head and then strangled it.

Authorities say Daniels drove away recklessly and refused to pull over for deputies. Stop sticks were used to flatten his tires.

Daniels was charged with battery and fleeing and eluding. Authorities weren't sure if he'd be charged with animal cruelty. Daniels was being held on \$3,000 bail.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Pre-Legal Honor Society meeting
Today, 7 to 8 p.m.
Turlington L011
Dean Robert H. Jerry, Dean of UF Levin College of Law will be speaking at the general body meeting. This is an opportunity for those interested in attending law school. Join the group directly after the meeting for a free mock LSAT section. This event is open to all majors.

Dante Alighieri Society of Gainesville meeting

Today, 7:30 p.m.
The Tower Club at The Village Interested in Italy and Italian culture? Come to the first meeting of the 2009-2010 season. Dr. Mary Watt, associate professor of Italian at UF, will be talking about the real Christopher Columbus. Visit dantegainesville.org for more information.

Close-Knit Gators Meeting

Tuesday, 6 p.m.
Plaza of the Americas
Close-Knit Gators is a new charity knitting organization on campus. Crocheters and those with minimal experience are also welcome to join. The group will make pumpkin hats for babies at Shands this month and would be happy to have help. Visit our Facebook page or e-mail korman33@ufl.edu for more information.

Black Women's Image Initiative

Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Ustler Hall
Join the group as they take some time to appreciate ambitions and dreams in "The Skin I'm In."

Engineers Without Borders general body meeting

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Bartram Hall, Room 211
Come to the meeting to find out how you can help implement sustainable development solutions for less fortunate communities locally and globally. All majors are welcome.

FORECAST

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
THUNDER STORMS	PARTLY CLOUDY	THUNDER STORMS	THUNDER STORMS	THUNDER STORMS
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Newman Club blood drive

Tuesday, 6 to 9 p.m.
St. Augustine's Catholic Student Center
Newman Club will be hosting a blood drive with LifeSouth this Tuesday. Come get free food and entertainment while saving lives.

UF Society of Professional Journalists

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Reitz Union, Room 285
Join SPJ's campus chapter of the year Tuesday night as new-media doctoral student Jennifer Cox discusses media convergence. This is an important meeting for those interested in the future of journalism and multimedia journalism careers.

The UF Fall of the Wall film series

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Reitz Union Auditorium
Free entrance for the screening of "The Lives of Others" (2006) by Florian von Donnersmarck.

"After the Election in Germany: The End of the Post-Ideological Era?"

Wednesday, 11:45 a.m.t
Turlington Hall, Room 3312
A talk by German scholar Dietmar Schirmer examines the results of the recent election in Germany. Sodas and snacks will be served.

UF Relay For Life Kickoff Party

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
Little Hall, Room 121
Join UF's Colleges Against Cancer committee. At the kickoff party you can register your team, get fundraising ideas, receive information

about Relay For Life events and more. For more information visit www.relayforlife.org/ufll or e-mail UFcollegesagaincancer@yahoo.com.

Alpha Zeta fundraiser

Wednesday, 6 to 8 p.m.
The Gelato Company
Come support the co-ed honors/service fraternity in the College of Agriculture and get a complimentary gelato with the purchase of an entree and drink.

STATE

4 dead after I-10 crash

PANAMA CITY, Fla. (AP) — Authorities say four people were killed on a Panhandle stretch of Interstate 10 when a pickup crossed the centerline and crashed into their car.

The Florida Highway Patrol reports that 22-year-old Zubon S. Sims was heading east on I-10 through Jackson County Saturday morning when he lost control of his truck and ended up in the westbound lane.

He crashed head-on into a car carrying four DeFuniak Springs residents.

Troopers say all four people in the car were killed. Their names had not been released.

Sims was taken to a nearby hospital in serious condition. Authorities say charges are pending an investigation.

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ON CAMPUS

Students strip down to their skivvies for charity run

By **JOEY FLECHAS**

Alligator Contributing Writer

Thick.

The atmosphere was thick and swampy as people started to gather on Turlington Plaza at about 11:30 p.m. Friday night for a brief mid-night run.

As the minutes passed, throngs of students arrived in waves. Some came dressed in tank tops and athletic shorts and some in blue jeans and t-shirts. Some walked up in boxers, briefs, bras and undies, with the rest of their outfits in their hands.

The Great Underwear Dash descended again upon UF. This semi-annual tradition returned to give students a chance to donate clothes to charity and take a lap around campus in their skivvies.

Minutes away from midnight, Dash organizer and UF electrical engineering senior Jorge Gomez stood in his pink briefs by the trash bins in the center of Turlington, grinning as faded t-shirts and ratty shorts rained down around him.

"This is my favorite part. The nerves are going, everybody is throwing their clothes around," he said.

Gomez is the heir to Beau Bergeron, a UF alumnus who organized the first run in the spring of 2005 as a performance art project. That night, 50 students dashed as 20 spectators watched. Friday night, more than 300 took part in the dash.

On this night, with temperatures in the 80s, there was a rainbow of Speedos, briefs, spandex, boy shorts and the occasional thong.

"FIVE, FOUR, THREE, TWO, ONE..."

With that, the crowd erupted in a roar of hoots and hollers and took off in a mad dash for University Avenue.

The mass of underwear-clad youth rumbled through the Plaza

of the Americas, led by a figure in tightie whities wearing a Puerto Rican flag like a cape and a white cowboy hat.

This was David De Jesus, who was experiencing his first dash and

not holding back.

"Everybody's kinda flying their freak flag anyway, so why not?" he said.

Hooking around Library West, scores of students lined University Avenue, some spilling out into the road to incite horn honks from drivers and cat calls from onlookers.

Once the crowd turned to run down Fletcher Drive, two police cars crept along beside the dashers, guiding them with flashing lights.

Many runners became joggers and even walkers when turning onto Stadium Road to head back to Turlington, but most picked up the pace to finish strong.

By 12:20 a.m., most dashers, their bodies glistening with sweat, returned to pack up the clothes.

UF senior Sara Klee, who brought her Great Dane, Scout, in red and white striped boxers, said she really appreciated the charity aspect.

"That's really the best part. Not that a bunch of people in their underwear isn't great already," she said.

As the denizens trickled away, Gomez surveyed the collection of 22 garbage bags filled with donations.

The clothes either went to Goodwill or the The Salvation Army, he said.

By 1 a.m., the plaza had cleared, the glistening bodies were gone and the clothes were packed away in Gomez's car. All was quiet.

The air, however, was still thick.



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Students run down University Avenue during the Great Underwear Dash held Friday at midnight. The event started on Turlington Plaza, where students stripped and left their clothes to be donated.

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LOCAL

County prepared for swine flu

By **MELINDA CARSTENSEN**
Alligator Contributing Writer

At this time last year, Alachua County was preparing for flu season. But this year, the area has been prepared since May — when the county saw its first case of H1N1 swine flu.

In Florida, the flu season usually begins in the fall and ends in April, but UF's Student Health Care Center has had more than 800 visits for influenza this semester, according to the SHCC spokesman Guy Nicolette.

During last year's entire flu season, the center only had 566 visits, he said.

People who are 6 months to 24 years old are more at risk than those 25 and older, Nicolette said.

"If you were born before 1957, your body has seen something similar to this in the past, and your body is less at risk to become infected," said Paul Myers, assistant director of the Alachua County Health Department (ACHD).

Myers said about 30,000 people in Alachua County get the seasonal flu each year. This year, he said he would not be surprised if 50,000 people in the county get sick. The ACHD expects about 20 percent of UF students, about 10,000, will get sick over the course of the season.

In August, the SHCC stopped testing its patients for the H1N1 swine flu. Doctors assumed the patient had it if he or she had flu-like symptoms.

"There are other organisms out there that are starting to make their appearance on the stage, but of those diagnosed with influenza, it's still almost 100 percent H1N1," Myers said.

Sara Klee, a UF wildlife ecology senior, said the thing she remembers most about getting the swine flu was the coughing.

"The first night I coughed so much that I bled," she said.

"I've certainly been sicker than this. It was not the end of the world."

Sara Klee
UF senior

But Klee also said she thinks all the hype about the swine flu is exaggerated.

"I've certainly been sicker than this," Klee said. "It was not the end of the world."

Generally, a young, healthy person who does not have a preexisting medical condition will recover successfully, Nicolette said.

He said preparation is just as important as prevention. He advises students to bar themselves with information by going to the UF Web site, calling the SHCC and, most importantly, by taking their temperatures.

"Temperature is called a vital sign for a reason," Nicolette said. "There's so much information to be gained from just a simple temperature."

Research may help Parkinson's patients

By **ASHLYN POWELL**
Alligator Contributing Writer

UF researchers have made a breakthrough in gene therapy, which they hope will help reduce Parkinson's disease symptoms.

The new treatment will allow the brain to create dopamine, a neurotransmitter that is significantly lacking in the brains of Parkinson's patients.

Dopamine helps the brain control the body's movements and controls information flow into the brain, including memory, attention and problem-solving tasks.

"We have a therapeutic gene, and we want to control

how much of it is made. We want to turn it off and on as we see fit," said Fredric Manfredsson, a postdoctoral associate in the UF Department of Neuroscience.

The therapeutic gene protects dopamine-producing cells, which then lessen Parkinson's symptoms.

"The reason we are excited about this factor is it gives an added safety feature," Manfredsson said. "A lot of animal trials have shown it should allow a lot of the cells not to degenerate."

The team is obtaining funds to begin testing the therapy on early-stage patients, he said.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

SG minority parties look to the future after election

By **BRANDON BRESLOW**
Alligator Contributing Writer

With new senators installed and the Unite Party maintaining the majority of the Student Senate, leaders of both minority parties have said their work for the semester is just beginning.

Progress Party President Dave Schneider said his party will fight for its platform while it evaluates the results of the fall election.

"We're going to continue meeting with student groups, getting them to come into the Senate to express their concerns, and struggle alongside them to make sure that our legislative agenda is completely in touch with the students' will," said Schneider, a

founding member of the Progress Party.

Orange and Blue Party Sen. Jonathan Ossip said his party will be persistent in pushing important issues in the Senate, regardless of it holding only two seats.

"The Orange and Blue Party will continue to be the most active party in the Senate, bringing key legislation to reform Student Government and fighting for student rights," said Ossip, who was re-elected to represent the Murphree Area.

The Orange and Blue Party is fighting for issues regarding budget reforms and open access to SG records, Ossip said.

This fall, the Orange and Blue Party walked away with the Murphree Area and Keys Residential

Complex seats.

The Progress Party earned one seat, representing family housing, in the Student Senate but failed to maintain the seat representing Rawlings Hall.

Both minority parties agree that their losses were casualties of low voter turnout.

"Low turnout means that a small elite gets to determine the entire course of action without

input from the majority," Schneider said. "There's power in the eight out of 10 students who don't consider Student Government worth their time, and, by

reaching out to them through our legislative agenda, we want to channel that."

SG Supervisor of Elections Ariana Alfonso announced after the election that 8,483 students voted this fall, about 2,000 students less than last fall's election.

Ossip said the three-party election contributed to the low turnout.

"Many people were confused about the difference between Orange and Blue and Progress, which is limited, and instead chose not to vote at all," he said.

Since the Progress Party's conception in early spring, one of the issues it has attempted to address, and will continue to address through grassroots campaigns, has been student partici-

pation.

"A system cannot be democratic if the student masses don't participate in the process," Schneider said.

The Progress Party will use this recent decline in turnout as another reason to campaign for online voting, said Nick Mildebrath, the party's campaign manager.

Both parties are already planning for next spring's election, when seats representing UF's undergraduate and graduate colleges will be up for grabs.

"I promised our candidates the night of the election that we would be the ones cheering on the night of the spring election," Schneider said. "I see every reason for this to happen."



Ossip

UF to raffle free Snuggies throughout football season

■ THE SNUGGIES FEATURE THE GATORS LOGO.

By **MELINDA CARSTENSEN**
Alligator Contributing Writer

The blanket with sleeves, the Snuggie, could be yours for free.

Starting Saturday, the UF Bookstore will give away free Florida Gators Snuggies before each remaining Gators football game.

"My friends don't want to get me [a Snuggie] because they think I sleep too much already," said Keely McKissack, a UF public relations junior.

To be eligible to win a Snuggie this week, one must become a fan of the UF Bookstore on Facebook and RSVP to the UF Bookstore Gators Snuggie Give Away event by noon Friday.

As of Sunday night, more than 4,800 people were signed up on the Facebook event.

According to the store's Facebook page,

10 winners will be selected randomly before the UF-Arkansas game.

"All you have to do is join two things on Facebook, so I was like, 'why not?'" McKissack said. "Anything Gators is good in my book."

Winners will be notified on Facebook in a message or on the event wall.

Lynne Vaughan, director of UF bookstores, said they decided to have this giveaway because the Gators Snuggie is selling

phenomenally online and in the bookstore.

"It amazes me how many people are buying them," she said. "We're one of the leading sellers [of Snuggie blankets] among college bookstores."

Originally, the Snuggie was available in burgundy, royal blue and green. But now the blanket is offered in more than 50 college team logos.

The Gators Snuggie is \$24.95 at the UF Bookstore and \$19.95 on collegiatesnuggies.com.



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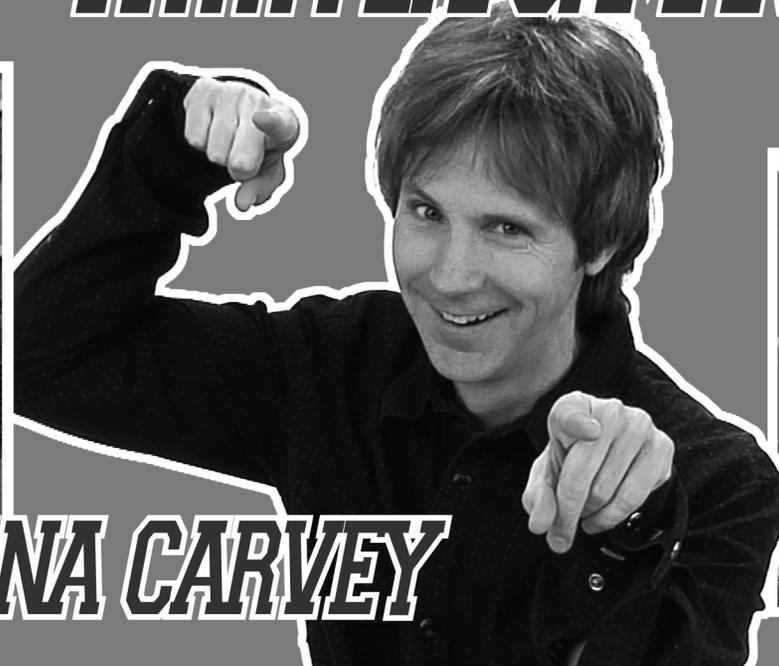
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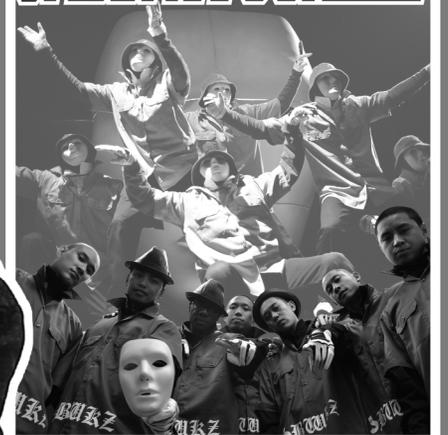
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In a perfect world, the opinions editor develops ideas for editorials and presents them to the board by 7 p.m.

But because we don't have one, the remaining board members have been coming up with ideas and writing the editorials instead of fulfilling our normal job responsibilities.

Our section editors have had to take the responsibility of editing pages while we're busy writing a half-assed editorial. We can't do our jobs well when we have too many hats and not enough heads.

We don't have another 10 hours to spend writing editorials, editing letters to the editor, cutting columns or crafting cartoon ideas.

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To apply, e-mail a resume and sample editorials to apply@alligator.org.

We want someone who can write on behalf of the board — not a column — and who can justify his or her opinions with facts.

Because, the fact is, we're running out of things to say.

And Justice For All

The day before tens of thousands of gay rights supporters marched on Washington, D.C., President Barack Obama spoke at the annual Human Rights Campaign black-tie dinner, vowing to end "Don't Ask, Don't Tell."

However, Obama's promise to eliminate the policy, which was enacted 15 years ago and prevents gay and lesbian people from openly serving in the military, was no different from the promises he made while campaigning for the presidency.

While we support repealing "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," we question why Obama continues to pledge to repeal the policy when he clearly has a slew of other priorities.

Obama is more likely to tackle health care reform, the economy and the wars

in Iraq and Afghanistan before he pushes for legislation to end discrimination in the military. Though "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" should be abolished, it doesn't affect American households in the way that health care reform would.

If Obama is as serious as he sounded on Saturday night, then he should set a timeline for reversing the policy.

It's unfair for Obama to get people's hopes up when it isn't feasible for him to fulfill his promises as quickly as many would like him to.

While "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" may not affect as many people, abolishing the policy means a lot to those whom it directly impacts. Its repeal proves that the United States is a nation striving toward equal rights for all.

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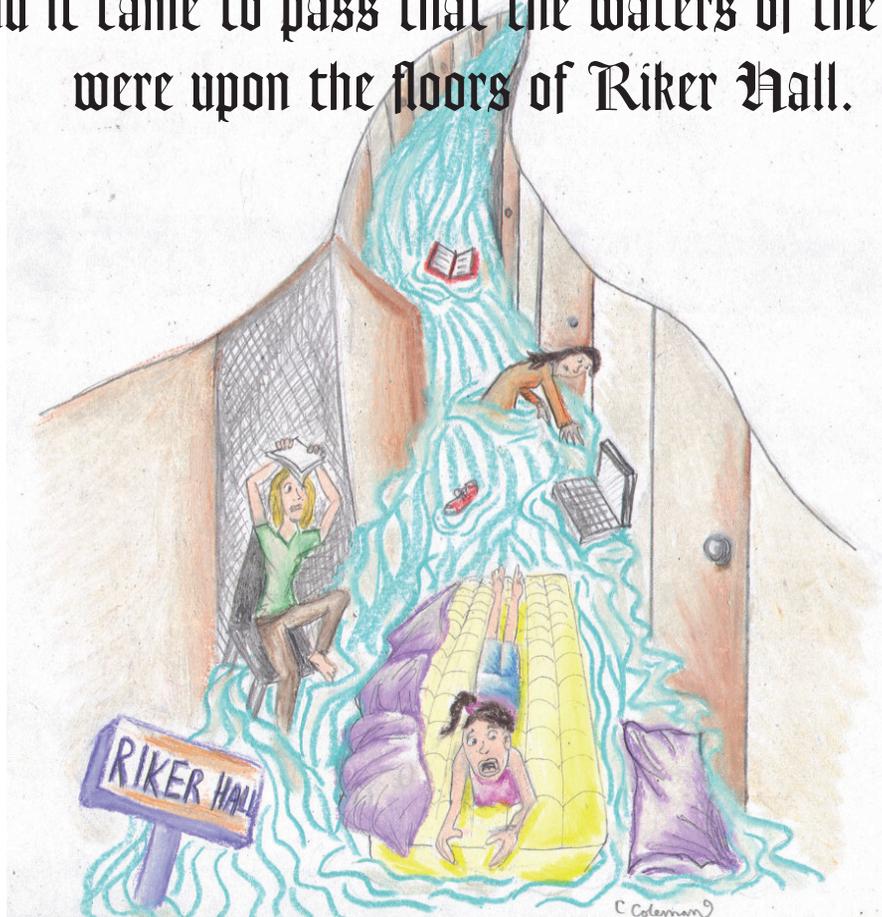
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And it came to pass that the waters of the flood were upon the floors of Riker Hall.



Column

Obama has chance to earn peace prize

Fred Armisen offered the most precise answer this Saturday as to why President Obama was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in a surprise Oslo announcement on Friday: "Because I'm not George Bush."

Armisen's Obama then accepted another reward, a Powerball lottery check worth \$70 million. All the sweeter, after all, because it was his character's first time playing the lottery.

It's clear that the humorists at SNL have tapped into the hilarity of the president's good fortune and his seemingly affable air about it.

Even still, the announcement from Oslo was met more with gasps of shock than laughter of irony. Rush Limbaugh and his anonymous "dittohead bootlickers" nearly fell into cardiac arrest spurred from their anger. Bill Kristol declared he should have received an award for his efforts at peace, and across the nation people of all political affiliations scratched their head in surprise, turning to each other to ask, "for what?"

By now, my opinion of President Obama is fairly evident to regular readers of this column: He could screw up bigger than 43 ever dreamed of, and I still wouldn't harbor a single doubt about not voting for McPalin and Co.

Just the same, after the initial euphoria of knowing the leader of the United States was at least respected and not disdained by some in the international community, I found myself reaching for the phone.

"Why did this happen?" I asked a more politically conservative friend. The reply, unfortunately, is not fit for print, and there was more hissing than a coiled up ball python on the other end of the line.

"It's a shame the award didn't go to someone who put their life on the line and had accomplished an actual concrete peace, rather than someone who has just spoken of this peace," said another conservative friend, Will Motch,



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an Applied Physiology and Kinesiology sophomore at UF.

The latter, levelheaded response is the opinion I fall into. President Obama may have felt humbled by the prize and the company of people the award places him in, but it's not an incredibly peaceful list. Henry Kissinger is on the list. Yasser Arafat won the prize in 1994. In 1912, Elihu Root, a former secretary of state and war who pillaged the Philippines, is also a Nobel Peace Prize recipient.

As much as I like Obama, and as much as I want him to succeed — a stark contrast to some of our more "patriotic" and sanctimonious conservative pundits and congressmen — the Nobel Prize committee shorted themselves and devalued the award by naming Obama the 2009 winner. Or did they?

The office President Obama holds has the ability to effect more change around the world in one day than many people can accomplish in a lifetime.

He has made great promises to seek peace, to renew dialogue with nations that we have previously ignored, and has sought a more multilateral, rather than unilateral approach to foreign policy.

Over the next three years, Obama has the opportunity to prove the Nobel committee right by using our military might to make right, by leading any international discussion away from impetuosity, but towards prudence, and by leading the way in reducing the world's dependence on oil, lessening the grip petro-dictators hold on their people and world stability.

Now that's the peace I could believe in.

Matt Christ is a political science sophomore. His column appears on Mondays.

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Reader response

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Guest column

Obama should win Heisman for direction, determination

In the wake of President Barack Obama surprising the planet by winning the Nobel Peace Prize on Friday, I would like to throw his name into the conversation for another prestigious award: the Heisman.

The Heisman Memorial Trophy Award is awarded annually to the most outstanding player in college football.

Here's a quick look at the numbers of the leading candidates according to ESPN: Tim Tebow (777 yards passing, 309 yards rushing, 12 total touchdowns, 2 interceptions), Colt McCoy (1410, 58, 11, 6), Jimmy Clausen (1544, -45, 12, 2).

You would think that Obama (0, 0, 0, 0) has a great bit of ground to make up in this venture.

With a little research, one can confirm that he has four years of eligibility remaining, which is plenty of time to justify the award.

It is also important to note that despite his lack of positive yardage, he is the only candidate who has not thrown an interception this year.

Protecting the football is imperative to success in college football, and Obama has done an outstanding job of doing just that.

Kyle Krutek
Speaking Out

Obama has a great deal of momentum in his direction coming off winning the Nobel Peace Prize before the end of his first year in office.

If he can snatch that award from the clutches of candidates that many considered more deserving, it should come as no surprise to anyone if he brings home the stiff-arming statue.

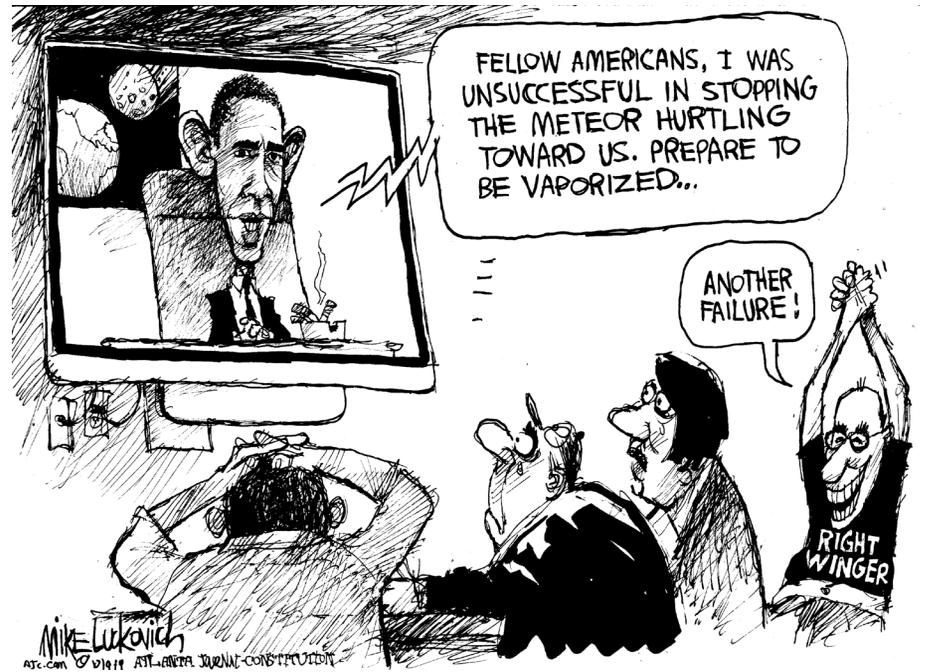
I think the Heisman voters would be in good form to end the debate early and present him with the trophy before the winner is announced on December 12 of this year.

If nothing else, it would show a vote of confidence in his abilities and the direction he is taking his program.

Although he hasn't amassed any stats to speak of, the season is young and if Obama continues on his path, he will surely dominate the college football world.

With Dez Bryant recently ruled ineligible, Tebow no longer putting up video game-caliber numbers and the Big 12 looking weaker than last year, you have to like his chances.

Kyle Krutek is a senior in the College of Engineering.



Letter to the Editor

Florida lacks pre-game sportsmanship

I congratulate UF on defeating Louisiana State University Saturday night in Tiger Stadium. I was in the stadium.

However, hypocrisy and classlessness appear to abound in the UF football program. Indeed, Urban Meyer and the coaching staff should instill values about pre-game sportsmanship. It's ironic that the SEC has commercials during every telecast attempting to showcase sportsmanship, but these are apparently not internalized by UF players. Before Saturday's game, UF players went to the

50-yard line to "stomp" on the Eye of the Tiger image. LSU players came out to meet the Florida intruders, and the two sides had to be separated by officials and coaches.

Tebow wears eye patches with scriptures. Hence, the Philippians 4:13 verse is hypocritical as it is taken out of context from the rest of the passage which was written in prison.

Furthermore, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes has players on both sides of the ball. What if Tebow is tackled by a player who wears Isaiah 40:29? Go and read it yourself. Such hypocrisy.

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AROUND GAINESVILLE

Goth group hosts bat-themed dance party for charity

By MEG WAGNER

Alligator Contributing Writer

At downtown club The Attic Friday night, it seemed like Halloween came a little early.

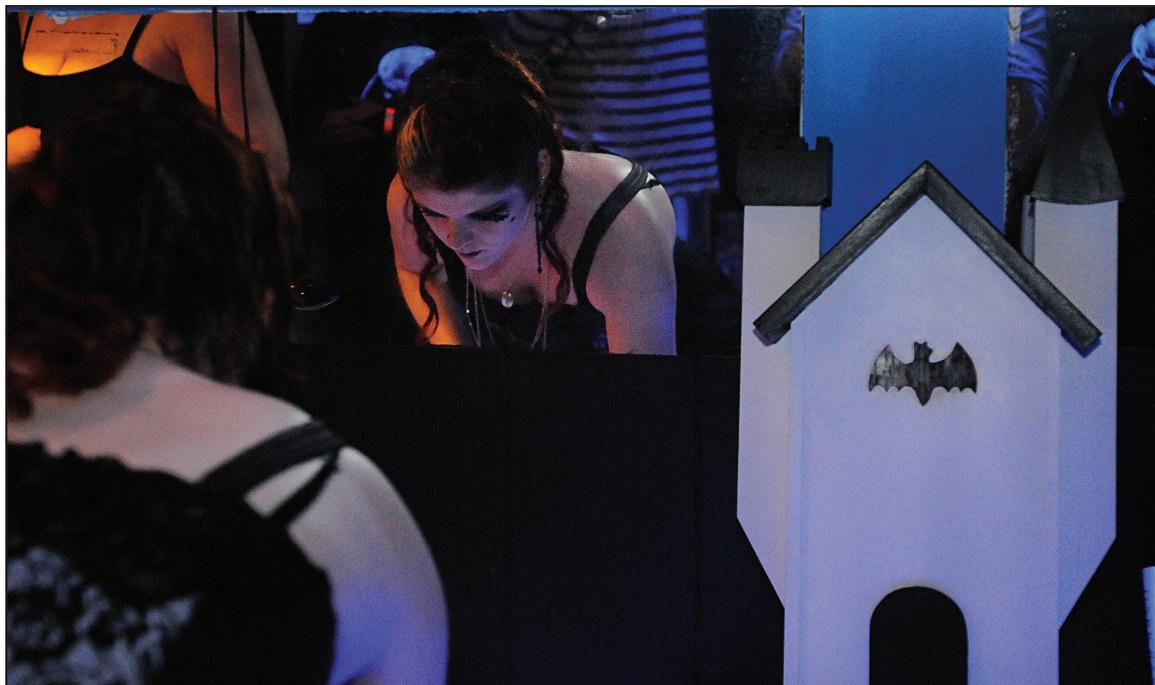
About 90 people passed under plastic bats as they entered the club for Goth organization Heart of Darkness's "Release the Bats" event, a dance party to benefit the Florida Bat Conservancy.

Heart of Darkness was established in 2005 when Barry Mitchell, who is now the organization's president, noticed that the Goth scene was dying in Gainesville.

"A club would close, and it would take months before another dance night would start up. In the time in between, the people would lose touch with each other," Mitchell said.

They formed the group as a way to make the scene more community-oriented, and began organizing social events, like their weekly Goth Night.

Mitchell wanted to incorporate community service into Heart of Darkness as a means to broaden the social group's impact, but was



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Katie Dean, 20, looks over items up for auction at Release the Bats, a charity event held Friday at the Attic, 233 W. University Ave. The event raised money for the Florida Bat Conservancy.

selective when it came to picking a charity. He wanted to find an organization that complemented the Goth image.

"Goth started in London in a

club called Batcave, and all of the younger members [of the Goth scene] are called Baby Bats. There has just always been a bat theme that goes with [Goth]," Mitchell

said.

The Florida Bat Conservancy, which rescues orphaned and injured bats and rehabilitates them, seemed like a perfect match.

"Bats don't get a lot of fund raising," said Florida Bat Conservancy executive director Cyndi Marks.

On the dance floor, people swayed to the thumping music of the DJ, green, blue and red strobe lights pulsating over them. Out in the foyer of the club, a silent auction featured books on bats and bat themed jewelry, hand made in Nepal.

Marks, who traded in her normal attire of jeans and a Florida Bat Conservancy polo for fishnet sleeves and violet clip-in hair streaks, gave club goers information about Florida bats. Her white display board glowed a brilliant shade of lavender in the club's black light.

"This is the only club in town I come to," said Acacia Ramey, an attendee donning a crushed-velvet cape and black fingerless gloves. "It's the only place I can dress like this and not be judged."

Among the Goths in attendance are law students, small business owners, war veterans and mechanical engineers.

"People are still prejudiced about Goths. This might soften our image," Ramey said.

SG holds grand opening for Hub's extended hours

■ STARBUCKS, GATOR DINING TO HAVE GIVEAWAYS.

By CAROLYN TILLO

Alligator Writer

The Hub's extended hours may have gone into effect last week, but the study party continues tonight with giveaways from Starbucks

and Gator Dining.

The Hub's All Night Study Hours Grand Opening will take place at 10 p.m.

Starbucks will offer buy-one-get-one Pumpkin Spice Lattes and White Chocolate Mocha products, while Gator Dining will pass out dining coupons and T-shirts, said Student Body President Jordan Johnson.

The Hub formerly closed at 8 p.m. on weekdays and 6 p.m. on weekends, but John-

son said in an e-mail that Student Government allocated \$30,000 to extend its hours from 8 a.m. to 3 a.m. until January 2010.

"My hope is to show students the power their voice has on campus," Johnson wrote. "Having an all-night study center has been Student Government's opportunity to respond to the needs of our Student Body."

Johnson said the move to extend the Hub's hours also is a response to the higher-education trend of having a late-night study center.

UF was one of the few universities in Florida without a late-night study center, he said.

President Machen has also suggested using \$12 million in stimulus funds to modify an existing campus building and create a permanent 24-hour study center, according to Alligator archives.

Committee got 205 nominations

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agree with Taliban and Iran about, and that is he doesn't deserve the award," Limbaugh said on the show.

Local Republicans also criticized the award.

"I don't have much to say other than it's ridiculous," said Bryan Griffin, chairman of UF College Republicans. "The peace prize is entirely subjective and meaningless."

Republican Party of Alachua County Chairman Stafford Jones wasn't as critical of the Nobel Peace Prize but believed the president didn't deserve the award. Though after hearing the news he said, "What kind of goofiness is this?"

Jones said he believed the president could do wonderful things to bring peace in his term, but he hasn't done them yet.

"In Europe, there is an Obama euphoria that isn't grounded in anything," he said.

Jones was also suspicious that the president was nominated by Feb. 1 — less than two weeks into his term.

But Ben Cavatara, president of Florida College Democrats and vice president of the organization's UF chapter, said the award is an affirmation of American leadership.

While Cavatara was astonished Obama won the award, Republicans' denouncement of it didn't surprise him. He thought it was similar to some conservatives recently

rooting against the president's efforts to win Chicago the Olympic bid for 2016.

"Just like the Olympics, this should unite us," Cavatara said.

Jon Reiskind, chairman of the Alachua County Democratic Party, said he believed the award recognizes the relief of the world after eight years of the Bush administration.

"I think that Americans should feel better about their place in the world, and this award is a reflection of that," Reiskind said.

In the last decade, Democrats Al Gore and Jimmy Carter have won the prize.

The last conservative American to win the award was Henry Kissinger in 1973 for his role in ending the Vietnam War.

Only two other American presidents have won the award while in office — Theodore Roosevelt won in 1906 for his mediation of the Russo-Japanese war, and Woodrow Wilson won in 1919 for founding the League of Nations.

"I can't read the mind of the Norwegian committee, but I think this is meant to encourage the president to continue the course he set out on," Reiskind said.

This year's committee received more nominations than ever in the past — 205.



Obama

Water damages 2nd, 3rd floors

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bert Area Office, said the alarm system went off, saying something was wrong with the pipes that belong to the emergency water flow.

He said he believes that young men who were playing football in the corridor may have hit a sprinkler with the ball causing the pipe to break.

"From what I heard, the second and third floors of the building got most of the water because of the elevator shaft located in the middle of building," Perry said. "The stairwell that connects both Riker and North halls also got flooded."

Students were directed to wait in the Weaver Hall basement and the Tolbert 1906 Club, which are common areas where students can study.

All residential assistants were contacted to come in to help monitor the building so no one would get in, Perry said. Emergency cleanup crew also responded to the situation.

No one was allowed in until 7 or 8 p.m., Perry said. Students could only get valuables and clothing, but anyone that had water on his or her floor of the dorm

was not allowed to stay the night.

Many students were encouraged to spend the night elsewhere.

Perry said most students were allowed to get in their dorm by midnight.

Assessing the cost and damages will be hard due to the loss of personal items like clothes and electronics, Perry said.

Anyone who wants to make a claim can do so through UF's Department of Housing and Residence Education by Beaty Towers, Perry said.

Perry said it has been a challenge dealing with students who were out of town during the incident.

Patrick Anderson, a UF sophomore who lives on the third floor, said he lost a calculator and textbooks, but the biggest hassle has been the cleanup.

According to a statement released by the Riker Hall staff, "building services and the staff opened every door and used a truck mounted shop vacuum to dry the floors, and all wet items were placed in plastic bags."

The incident is still under investigation, but Perry said if no one steps up and takes responsibility, it's likely that all third floor residents will be charged.

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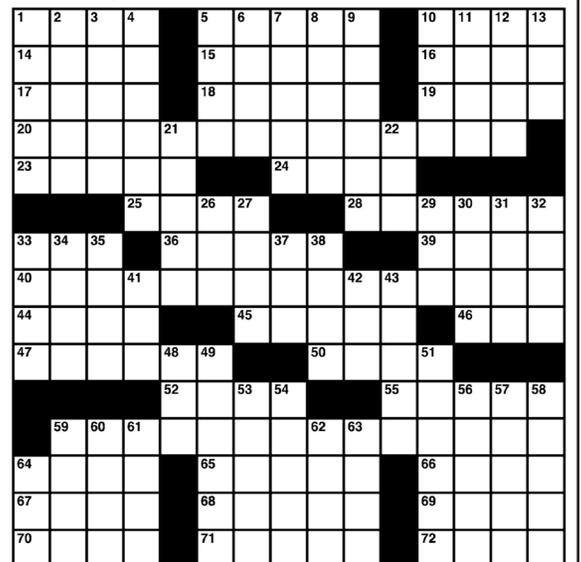
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Tebow gets start, plays conservatively

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BATON ROUGE, La. — Just under six minutes into Saturday night's showdown between No. 1 Florida and No. 4 LSU, The Gator Nation held its collective breath.

On first and 10 from the UF 49-yard line, senior quarterback Tim Tebow dropped back to pass, stood tall in the pocket and delivered a pass to tight end Aaron Hernandez with cornerback Patrick Peterson bearing down on him.

Peterson put a clean hit on Tebow and sent the Heisman Trophy winner to his back for the first time since Kentucky's Taylor Wynnham knocked Tebow out of the game with a concussion two weeks ago in Lexington.

The play went for an 8-yard gain, and Tebow bounced up to his feet right away.

"First drive, hit by Peterson, actually I liked it," Tebow said. "First time I got hit, everything felt good, so I was like all right, ready to go."

UF coach Urban Meyer admitted to using a "somewhat conservative" game plan to keep his quarterback from taking too many hits. Meyer felt as long as the defense was holding LSU, he didn't need to expose Tebow too much.

Those factors dictated the way the game was played — a 13-3 defensive struggle between the winners of the last three BCS national championships.

"That was two sledgehammers going at each other," Meyer said. "Obviously, LSU is as talented a team as there is in the country."

Tebow threw for 134 yards on 11-of-16 passing and added 38 yards on the ground on 17 rushing attempts.

The number of rushing attempts logged by Tebow came as a bit of a surprise considering he only ran the ball five times in the first half.

An unofficial count had him keeping the ball just three times out of 15 option and read-option plays in the first 30 minutes.

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Quarterback Tim Tebow was cleared to play just hours before Saturday's game against LSU and started the game for the Gators.

Different trips to LSU yield same thought

BATON ROUGE, La.

For the second time in three years, I hopped in my Civic and made the eight-hour trip to Louisiana for the Florida-LSU game.

Much like 2007, we drove west in two cars, made a stop in New Orleans and stayed in a hotel off of I-10, Exit 163.

The game was highly anticipated both times, with the Tigers ranked No. 1 way back when and the Gators ranked No. 1 this time around.

My experience, however, changed substantially.



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Including, but not limited to, the difference between visiting Bourbon Street as a 19-year-old in the middle of the day, and hanging out at the

same spot as a 21-year-old on Friday night.

On my previous trip, I came as a fan hoping to watch UF knock off the No. 1 team in the nation behind a mostly unproven sophomore quarterback named Tim Tebow.

No one knew how he would react to the raucous crowd of Tiger Stadium. Ironically, not much changed this time around, though for a very different reason.

Saturday, I parked my car in a decal-only lot — as opposed to finding a hopefully tow-free spot somewhere on Nicholson Drive and walking 20 minutes — and made my way to the press box to cover the biggest game of my young journalism career.

I fully expected the Gators to win by a healthy margin, with or without a healthy Tebow, despite the Tigers' No. 4 ranking and 32-game win streak in Saturday night home games.

When the whistle blew, the scene on the field looked completely different from two years ago.

UF was tested by a strong LSU defense that seemingly bent at a

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UF VOLLEYBALL

Gators suffer first SEC sweep under Wise

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On Sunday, the Gators dropped the first set of a conference road match for the second time in five days.

Florida recovered to win the next three sets to defeat South Carolina on Wednesday. The team wasn't as fortunate the second time around.

After squandering a close opening set in Baton Rouge, La., No. 6 UF (12-3, 6-2 Southeastern Conference) could not bounce back and was swept by LSU 3-0 (28-26, 25-20, 25-22). Before the loss, the

Gators had never been swept in a regular-season conference match under coach Mary Wise.



Wise

"The difference in the match was that their older players played great and our younger players played very young to

The youth of the Gators was evident, as they could not regain their composure after their poor play put them in a hole. UF started four sophomores, but LSU showed its experience with four starting seniors.

"I wouldn't even say we couldn't

night," Wise said.

From the first set to the final point, UF had no answer for one of those LSU seniors — middle blocker Brittnee Cooper. She dominated the Gators' front line and finished the match with 18 kills and zero errors to go along with a superb .692 hitting percentage to lead the Tigers (13-4, 7-1 SEC).

On the other side of the net, sophomore middle blocker Cassandra Anderson could not match Cooper's production. She finished with one kill and just three block assists.

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TEERING OFF WITH PHIL KEGLER

■ Can life get any better for Broncos coach Josh McDaniels? He's now 5-0 after an overtime win over his old Patriots. If only he could steal Gisele away from Tom Brady. ... Colorado coach Dan Hawkins had the unfortunate task of benching his starting quarterback against Texas. It happens to be his son, Cody Hawkins, and he's likely lost his job for the year. Should make for a fun Thanksgiving.

UF FOOTBALL NEWS

■ This weekend's homecoming matchup against Arkansas will kickoff at 3:30 on Saturday afternoon. This will be the Gators' third game aired on CBS this season.

ONLINE

■ The UF men's cross country team took second at the FSU Invitational, and the Florida tennis teams wrapped up play at the ITA All-American Championships. Check out alligatorSports.org for stories.

UF favors rushing attack in conservative gameplan

FOOTBALL, from page 1

“Coach Strong, if he finds anything to motivate the team or make them feel like people are against us, he’s going to let us know,” Haden said. “Spikes was mad. Spikes thought coach Strong called Herbstreit and told him to say that.”

The nation’s best defense (allowing 202.6 yards per game) held LSU to 66 yards rushing on 30 carries.

The Gators have still only allowed two touchdowns on the season after holding the Tigers (5-1, 3-1 SEC) to only a field goal when LSU was threatening to take the lead in the second quarter.

Florida stuffed running back Charles Scott on third and goal from the 2, and LSU coach Les Miles took the safe route and sent out his kicker to even the score from 18 yards out.

Those 3 points would mark the peak of the Tigers’ offensive production.

On their next possession, Haden picked off Jordan Jefferson, sending the teams to halftime with Florida leading 10-3, and extending UF’s streak of games with an interception to 17, longest in the nation.

The Gators, who also lead the nation in points allowed per game (6.4), seemed to step it up even another notch for the second half.

In four second-half drives, LSU combined for 29 yards and never got farther than its own 36-yard line.

“In the first half, we didn’t really

play that well as a unit, but coach Strong came in and got at us,” safety Will Hill said. “We came out and we all gelled together and played great defense.”

“We were trying to make a statement that the Gators defense is here to play, and we’re going to show you why we’re the No. 1 team in the country.”

Thanks to its defense, UF’s offense didn’t have to be flashy Saturday night. That’s probably a good thing, because the Gators didn’t seem to bring along their high-octane spread offense from Gainesville.

Florida ended LSU’s 32-game Saturday night home winning streak by grinding it out. The Gators ran for 193 yards on 48 carries (compared to 16 pass attempts) and dominated the time-of-possession battle 36:30 to 23:30.

It’s a theme that may continue, with UF ranked second in the country in rushing offense and 78th in passing offense.

Tebow’s 24-yard pass to Riley Cooper in the second quarter was the only time either team would reach the end zone.

“We’ve had some high-scoring teams, like the team two years ago, but you don’t win games that way,” coach Urban Meyer said. “All the great teams I’ve been associated with have had a fantastic defense.”

For many of Florida’s players, Saturday night was a chance for vindication after UF came to Baton



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UF kicker Caleb Sturgis boots the first of two field goals during the Gators’ 13-3 win against LSU in Tiger Stadium in Baton Rouge, La., on Saturday. Sturgis missed one of his three attempts.

Rouge two years ago and fell 28-24. The Gators, especially their defense, admitted it was motivation in their first trip back.

That storyline may have gotten downplayed some due to coverage of Tebow’s injury, but UF showed a bit of swagger during pregame warm-ups.

Players met near the 50-yard line to huddle and jump around on the

eye of the Tiger in the middle of the field.

LSU’s fans responded by booing, and its players answered by rushing to meet the Gators at midfield. Officials seemed to break it up before any physical contact occurred, but it set the tone for the physical showdown that followed.

This was the first time a pair of teams ranked this highly had met in

Tiger Stadium in 50 years, and many pegged this matchup as Florida’s toughest regular-season test.

Now, after escaping Death Valley, the Gators stand one step closer to reaching the SEC Championship Game and, potentially, the BCS National Championship Game.

And it looks like they’ll have their starting quarterback and a dominant defense along for the journey.



Florida 13
LSU 3



SWAMP STUDS



Florida might consider asking College GameDay analyst Kirk Herbstreit to call out Spikes each week. The Achilles injury looked to be a thing of the past, as our unanimous No. 1 Swamp Stud responded with his most explosive game of the season, leading the Gators in tackles and recording half of his team’s sacks.

Brandon Spikes LB, Sr. **11 tackles (4 solo), 2.5 sacks, one forced fumble**

Continuing the call-out theme, UF defensive coordinator Charlie Strong told Haden all week he hadn’t covered a good receiver yet and the tall LSU wideouts would tear him up, according to the 5-foot-11 corner. Instead, Haden was part of a secondary that limited LSU to 96 yards passing, and his first-half interception ended the last LSU drive that made it to Florida’s half of the field.



Joe Haden CB, Jr.

5 tackles (3 solo), 1 INT, 2 pass breakups



We don’t know of anyone who directly insulted Hernandez, but there has been plenty of hate on the UF passing game. Saturday probably didn’t fix that, but Hernandez was Tebow’s leading receiver and a go-to option for moving the chains — five of Hernandez’s six catches resulted in UF first downs.

Aaron Hernandez TE, Jr. **6 rec, 70 yds; 1 rush, 16 yds**

TOP THREE PLAYS



Tim Tebow’s 24-yard touchdown pass to Riley Cooper in the second quarter to give Florida a 10-3 lead



Jaye Howard and Troy Epps’ stop of LSU running back Charles Scott on third and goal from UF’s 2-yd-line



Brandon Spikes and Carlos Dunlap’s sack of LSU quarterback Jordan Jefferson on fourth and 1 on the Tigers’ second-to-last drive

TURNING POINT

Tim Tebow’s 24-yard touchdown pass to Riley Cooper with 50 seconds left in the first half to make the score 10-3. This came right after Tebow converted a third and 2 with a 3-yard run. LSU responded with a timeout, Tiger Stadium’s crowd got rowdy, and Tebow silenced the fans with his throw to Cooper.

KEY STAT

4 Yards allowed by UF’s defense in the third quarter

score by QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Final
UF	3	7	0	3	13
LSU	0	3	0	0	3

Gators open year with pair of wins

■ FLORIDA IS NOW 8-0 ALL-TIME AGAINST VIRGINIA.

By **TONI-ANN MILLER**
Alligator Writer

The UF men’s and women’s swimming teams began the season in fine fashion with road wins over Virginia. Both teams improved to 8-0 all-time against the Cavaliers.

Led by three individual victories from senior Shaune Fraser, UF’s men won their meet 159-141.

“It was a good meet for us; a lot of people swam well, and the coaches were pretty pleased with how we swam,” Fraser said. “This was a good setup for the rest of the season.”

Fraser won the 100- and 200-yard butterfly and the 200-yard individual medley.

Fraser, who coach Gregg Troy expected to take a leadership role, showed his ability to be a team leader — putting the team’s needs before his own.

He said the success he had this weekend was just a product of his striving to do his part for the team, irrespective of his personal goals.

“I just wanted to go out there and help the team as best as I could,” Fraser said. “Especially

during the collegiate season, I try to put the team first and put the team goals that we have first. I think if you do that, then the individual success will come along with it.”

Despite the obvious success UF had this weekend, Fraser said the athletes didn’t expect to perform as well as they did.

“Most of us were pleased, but we were pretty surprised with how fast we swam,” he said.

“Weweren’t expecting it at all because we were pretty tired from training, it just shows where we can be at the end of the season, how good we can be.”

He said these dual meets don’t affect the end-of-the-season championships much, but having a win over UVA — a possible top-five team — on the road shows the athletes the potential they have.

“It definitely builds a lot of confidence,” he said. “It just shows where we can be at the end.”

The women won their meet 166.5-131.5, capturing 10 of the 16 events. They were led by sophomore Shara Stafford and senior Kara Salamone, both of whom won two events.



Swimming

STANDINGS

T. Tebow - 9	D. Thompson - 2
J. Demps - 5	A. Hernandez - 1
A. Black - 3	Ja. Jenkins - 1
B. Spikes - 3	C. Rainey - 1
R. Cooper - 2	R. Stamper - 1
J. Haden - 2	

UF bounces back from poor play with weekend sweep

■ FLORIDA DEFEATED ALABAMA 2-0 AND AUBURN 4-0.

By **TYLER JETT**
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The UF soccer team needed to regain respect.

That was the sentiment of the players and coaches last week after appearing vulnerable on a trip to Mississippi, and they made a statement this weekend.

No. 14 Florida (10-4-1, 4-1-1 Southeastern Conference) defeated Auburn (5-6-3, 2-4-0 SEC) on Sunday 4-0, proving it is still a premier team in the conference.

UF also won 2-0 against Alabama on Friday.

"If we wanted to change the way people were thinking about us this year in the SEC, then we really needed to come out and prove to people that we are a force to be reckoned with," UF goalkeeper Katie Fraine said.

UF coach Becky Burleigh said last week the Gators' defense needed to improve, and the back line played with more urgency this weekend.

In the two wins, UF outshot its opponents 37-8, and Fraine needed a total of two saves to record two shutouts.

"After last weekend, I'm happy to have a weekend off and watch my team play phenomenally," Fraine said.

Whenever Tigers forwards got inside the Gators' defensive third, the UF back line swarmed to the ball. Auburn only had one good opportunity in the first half, and it actually translated to a Florida goal.

In the 20th minute, Auburn earned a corner kick that was cleared out by the Gators. Midfielder Jessica Eicken sent a long pass to the top of the Tigers' penalty box, connect-

ing with senior Angela Napolitano, who outran two Auburn defenders and shot the ball across the box, putting it in the left side of the net to give Florida a 1-0 lead.

The Gators' failed to maintain momentum after Napolitano's goal as their attack stalled and they were unable to put the Tigers away.

Following UF's win Friday, Burleigh said the team was out of sync. Players sending crosses into the box were often inaccurate, and Florida forwards and midfielders mistimed the ball in the rare occasions a goal could have been scored off a cross.

"It was a carbon copy of Friday's game for us early," Burleigh said.

Auburn's defense was also problematic for Florida, as it put as many as seven players in the box to defend the Gators' attack.

But UF finally sealed the game with an Erika Tymrak goal in the 77th minute.

The freshman corralled a blocked shot at the top of the penalty box, sidestepped a defender and ripped a shot from 15 yards out.

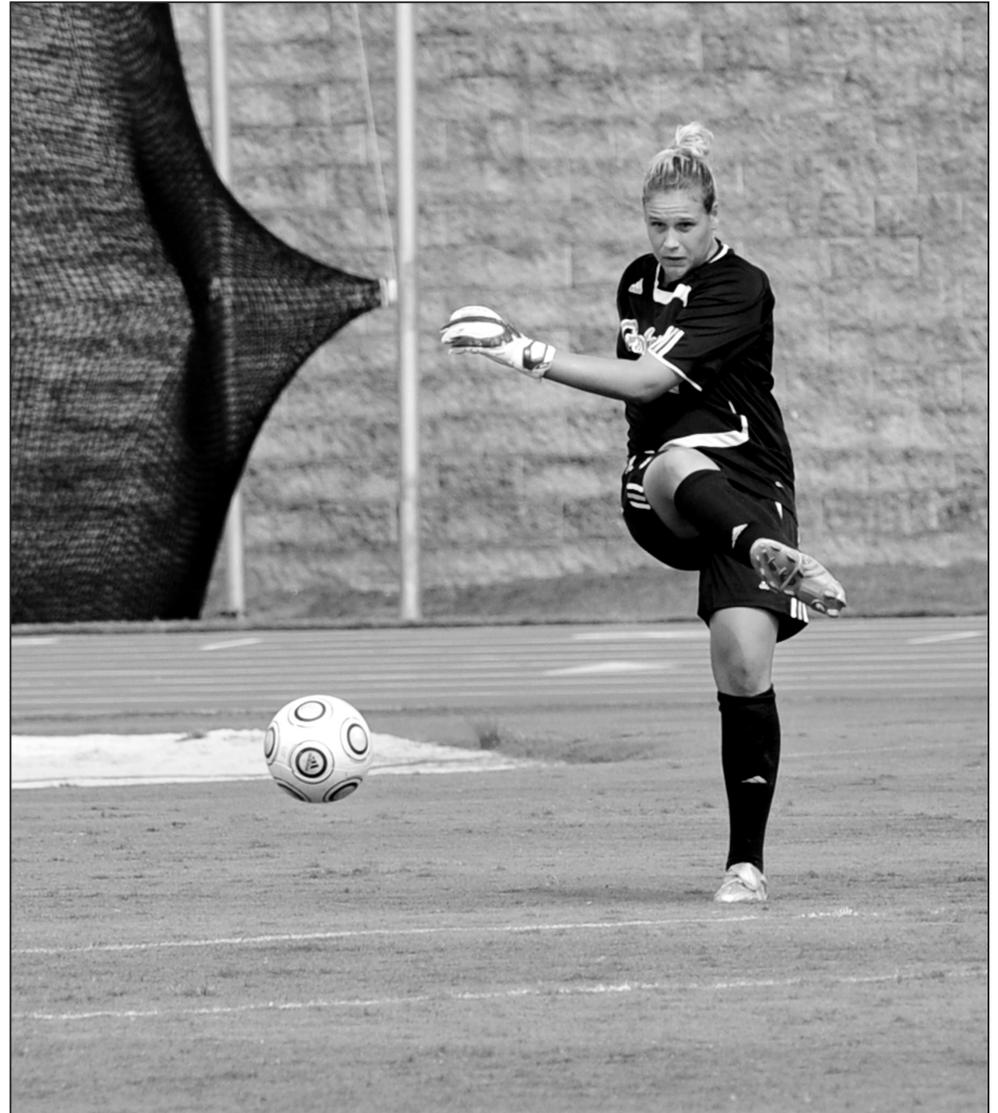
With a 2-0 deficit, Auburn's defense lost all confidence.

Six minutes after her goal, Tymrak recovered the ball in her own defensive third and carried it unmarked to the other side of the field before taking a hard foul just outside the penalty box.

The Gators were awarded a free kick, and senior Lauren Hyde beat goalkeeper Amy Howard to the left from 23 yards out. Hyde has two goals on the year, both coming off free kicks.

Florida capped the game with a goal from midfielder McKenzie Barney, whose shot hit the back of the net as the clock ran out.

"It was a pretty sweet goal because she took it down really well," Burleigh said. "When you can hear (the fans) counting down, that probably adds to the stress."



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UF goalie Katie Fraine kicks the ball back into play during Florida's 4-0 victory over Auburn on Sunday. She recorded two clean sheets this weekend.

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Meyer talked with Bob Tebow for hour and a half before making decision

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On instances of third and 3, third and 1 and fourth and 2, Meyer elected to put the ball in the hands of three different players, none of whom were wearing No. 15.

"I tried to play smart," Tebow said. "I said I'm not going to go out there and play tentative and scared. That's just not me. I'm going to play hard and be smart and get out of bounds, get down, not try to fight. I think I avoided some of the hits I probably would take like that, but I wasn't scared or tentative at all."

Running backs Jeff Demps and Emmanuel Moody carried the ball in the first two situations with Moody converting on third and 1 and Demps gaining only a yard on third and 3.

Meyer elected to go for it on the subsequent fourth and 2, but the Gators ran a reverse with wide receiver Brandon James rather than pounding the ball up the middle with Tebow. LSU sniffed out the play, and UF turned the ball over on downs.

"I think we were conservative toward Tebow," Hernandez said. "So he didn't have too much hitting."

Tebow wasn't cleared to play until a few hours before kickoff, but Meyer said before the game that if his starting quarterback was cleared by the team of doctors, he would play in Tiger Stadium.



Tebow

The decision wasn't an easy one for Meyer, who wrestled with the implications of trotting out Tebow just two weeks after sustaining a concussion.

"It was very emotional. It was a tough

deal," Meyer said. "I just kept saying, 'Would I play my son?' Tim is my son. He's part of the family, and would I play my son? At one point, I think I would."

Meyer said he sat down with Tebow's father, Bob Tebow, and the two had a 90-minute discussion about the possibility of playing Tim.

"He said, 'My son is going to be fine. Once they get clearance, I'll support anything you do,'" Meyer said. "I know he's a special guy, and he said, 'The reason he's healthy is because 40 million-plus are probably praying for him right now.'"

UF falls two behind Kentucky

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handle her — we couldn't even touch her," Wise said. "Cassandra had a huge matchup. We asked her to go up against Britnee, and she got the best of her this time."

Sophomore outside hitter Kristy Jaeckel racked up 12 kills, but she was the only member of the team who reached double-digits.

Fellow outside hitter Colleen Ward was almost nonexistent, as she finished with three kills on 24 total attempts.

UF ended up outblocking the Tigers seven to four but still

struggled to put any pressure on LSU's front line. The Tigers won the kills battle by 12 after hitting 56 on the night.

This was the first time in 21 regular-season matches that the Gators did not win when they outblocked an opponent.



Volleyball

Now, UF finds itself in an uphill climb if it wants to win a 19th consecutive conference title. Florida is now two matches behind SEC leader Kentucky.

"Our team has never been out of the race in October, so how we respond will be real key here," Wise said.

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90-degree angle but refused to break in front of a record home crowd.

The Gators defense was even better.

Brandon Spikes played at the highest level I have ever seen him play over the last four years.

The previously unassuming pass rush harassed LSU quarterback Jordan Jefferson all night. And the secondary blanketed the opposing receivers for the duration.

Last time I found myself looking into the eye of the Tiger, both offenses traded blows on the way to a 28-24 LSU victory. Quarterback Matt Flynn and running back Jacob Hester drove the Tigers down the field at the end of the fourth quarter, overwhelming an inexperienced Gators defense that was unable to come up with a stop in multiple short-yardage situations.

Both times, I never really questioned what the outcome would be, no matter how close the score.

I got the feeling that a battle-tested LSU team would eventually impose its will on UF just as the Gators imposed their will on the Tigers in 2009.

Neither win was pretty, but both were huge confidence builders for a couple of talented veteran teams in the early part of the season.

After UF's loss, I walked out of the stadium and back to the car with my Orange-and-Blue friends, trying to avoid any gloating LSU fans in my path.

This time, I sent my final story for publication and walked down to the empty, perfectly lit field with my sportswriter friends to take some pictures.

The differences between the two trips were numerous, but both times I left Baton Rouge believing I had just watched the eventual national champions grind out a tough win against a young team that was in way over its head.



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