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UF kicker Caleb Sturgis watches his game-winning 27-yard field goal sail through the goalposts with nine seconds remaining in Florida's 23-20 win over Arkansas on Saturday.

FLORIDA AVOIDS UPSET AFTER TRAILING FOR FIRST TIME ALL SEASON.

By **BOBBY CALLOVI**
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As Arkansas' Greg Childs sprinted past Florida cornerback Janoris Jenkins on his way to a 75-yard touchdown catch and run, minds wandered back to last year's Ole Miss game when Shay Hodge scored on an 86-yard reception late in the game.

Childs' score gave the Razorbacks a 7-point lead in the fourth quarter much like Hodge's did for the Rebels.

The UF offense also looked similar to the one from a year ago, managing to move the ball at times but continuing to hurt itself with costly fumbles — turning the ball over four times this year and three times against Ole Miss.

Again, the unit struggled on third down.

This time it was 4 for 13 compared to just 1 for 11 last year.

It was also the first time No. 2 AP/No. 1 BCS UF (6-0, 4-0 Southeastern Conference) failed to score first in a game since the loss to Ole Miss.

But when the Gators needed to pick up a first down on their final drive to win the game, the experience of last year's failure on fourth and 1 may have played a crucial role.

Facing third and 10 on Arkansas' 40-yard line, Tebow fired a pass to Riley Cooper, who made the reception for a first down despite falling on his route and having a defender on top of him.

Cooper's catch allowed Florida to keep the drive going and played a big role in setting up Caleb Sturgis, who missed a 37-yarder on the Gators' opening drive, to hit the game-winning, 27-yard field goal to defeat the Razorbacks 23-20.

"Third-and-10, the guy has great coverage on Riley Cooper and he just fights his way to make the catch," Tebow said. "Does that happen last year against Ole Miss? I don't know; it would happen later

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ON CAMPUS

Growl attracts 35,000

By **CAROLYN TILLO**
 Alligator Writer

Students and alumni may have sat on opposite sides of the field at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium Friday night, but Gator Growl's skits and performances brought the crowd of about 35,000 together.

Danny Wuerffel hosted the show, adding skill as an entertainer to a resume already complete with a Heisman trophy and ministry fighting poverty in New Orleans.

Wuerffel noted the age gap between students and parents in the crowd and added students may not know about former "Saturday Night Live" star Dana Carvey who, like him, was big in the '90s.

A keyboard was brought out on stage, and Wuerffel imitated Carvey's "Choppin' Broc-

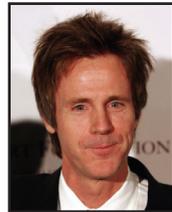
coli" skit with a mock rock star performance, which turned into an introduction for Coach Urban Meyer and quarterback Tim Tebow.

"Um, he is young and sexy and hot," Wuerffel sang. "The coach from Florida State is old and not."

Jessica James, a senior psychology major, said she was impressed with Wuerffel's performance and enjoyed the show more than last year's Gator Growl.

"Who knew Danny Wuerffel had a sense of humor?" she said.

Meyer walked onto the stage and said it felt great to be back home.



Carvey

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Family may face charges for hoax

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — The story that a little boy had floated away in a giant helium balloon was a hoax concocted to land a reality television show, authorities said Sunday, and the boy's parents will likely face felony charges.

The stunt two weeks in the planning was a marketing ploy by Richard and Mayumi Heene, who met in act-

ing school in Hollywood and have appeared on the ABC reality show "Wife Swap," Larimer County Sheriff Jim Alderden said. The Heenes have reportedly been working on a reality TV deal in Los Angeles.

Investigators are examining the possibility of other conspirators, "including the possibility that even some of the media outlets

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■ Running back Dennis Johnson (right) accounted for 246 all-purpose yards for the Razorbacks. UF hadn't allowed a 100-yard rusher since Michael Smith did it for Arkansas in '08. See Story, Page 14.



Fate of manatee stuck in New Jersey uncertain

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — The fate of a Florida manatee that has wandered into northern New Jersey waters remained unclear Saturday night.

The wayward male — known as Ilya — has been stuck near a Linden oil refinery, and officials say plunging temperatures and a lack of food were endangering its life. And while the gentle sea cow appears to be in good health, it had been huddling near an outfall pipe at an oil refinery — the only place it could find

warm water.

Officials with the Marine Mammal Stranding Center in New Jersey say Ilya was last seen Friday afternoon.

They had hoped to make a rescue attempt that day, but continuing bad weather along the New Jersey shore has stymied efforts.

Charles Underwood, a spokesman for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in Florida, said Ilya went missing Friday after eating a case of lettuce fleeing into a small river.

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Monday, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
New Engineering Building, Room 101
The Filipino Student Association hosts an issues forum as a part of Fil-Am History Month. Also, the Gawad Kalinga campus tour will be at UF to talk about its mission to help fight poverty and Operation: Walang Iwanan, their relief efforts for typhoon victims in the Philippines.

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ON CAMPUS

ESPN reporter discusses parents' push for athletics

By **ALISON SCHWARTZ**
Alligator Writer

Parents will do whatever it takes to ensure their child makes the team.

This includes seeking the sperm of college athletes to genetically engineer their very own little champion.

ESPN correspondent and UF graduate Tom Farrey described this desire to capture the traits of athletic potential in a speech to

about 100 UF students and alumni Friday afternoon at the Reitz Union.

It's not just the \$1 million paycheck that leads parents to push their children to become the next Michael Jordan. Athletes tend to get better grades at school and seek higher education, Farrey said.

Farrey has three little champions of his own, so his observations stem from investigative journalism and firsthand experience, like when he sits on the bleachers to watch his daughter Anna play la-

crosse.

"My goal with my kids is not to get them a college scholarship," he

said. "My goal is to have them fall in love with sports."

But youth sports today are in a completely different ballpark than they were when Farrey grew up.

"[It] is incredibly organized and incredibly intense," Farrey

said. "It's just changed dramatically."

Today, making the team has another important connotation. In what Farrey described as an obesity crisis, he dubbed youth sports as a form of preventative medicine.

Farrey said the number of overweight children has tripled since 1990.

"Giving kids fitness patterns for life is a way to reduce the public burden of health care costs later on," Farrey said.

This is not the only aspect of youth sports that can be interpreted as an investment. Financial elitism has crept into the sports arena, and Farrey said the children who sometimes excel the most on the field are the same children whose parents can afford the \$300 baseball bat.

Farrey has a game plan, and it's about making sports accessible to the public again.

"There needs to be a recommitment," Farrey said. "Sports for all. Play for life."



Farrey

'Greeks' pledge for charity

■ UF WAS FIRST STOP OUTSIDE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE STARS.

BY **GAIA BONINI**

Alligator Contributing Writer

Nearly 500 people stood in line on the first floor of the UF Bookstore to meet Scott Michael Foster and Amber Stevens, stars of the ABC Family show "Greek" Friday.

The co-stars, who play Cappie and Ashleigh, were in Gainesville through Homecoming weekend to promote ABC Family's Pledge Yourself to Do Something campaign, which encourages students to volunteer for organizations in their community.

The actors visit to UF marked the first stop the campaign has made outside of California, where the series is filmed.

The series shows the lives of a group of college students in fraternities and sororities at the fictitious Cyprus-Rhodes University.

"Our viewers are young," said Amy Maloney, manager of media relations for ABC Family. "So we want to create a generation of doers."

"Not a generation of don't-ers," Foster added.

The campaign supports all volunteer efforts but endorses three national organizations in particular: Girls Inc., Global Green USA and Cancer for College.

"We're all working together for the campaign," Stevens said. "But each house on the show has pledged one of the charities."

The signing lasted more than an hour and a half, and Foster and Stevens smiled, chatted and thanked each student who came through the line for coming to the event.

Foster, wringing his hands after signing more than 500 promotional fliers and taking nearly as many pictures with fans, sat down with his co-star and a fruit plate to relax for a bit before being ushered to their next campus stop: Gator Growl.

The pair had a weekend full of Homecoming activities planned ending with a flight home to Los Angeles, returning to another 70-hour work week today.

"Our lives are really not so different than any other kids," Foster said. "We just work instead of going to school, but we go through all the same issues."

Stevens agreed. "We may not be up all night studying for the next physics final, but we're up all night running lines," she said.

Father planned for reality TV show

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may have had some knowledge about this," Alderden said.

Documents show that a media outlet has agreed to pay money to the Heenes with regard to the balloon incident, Alderden said. He didn't name the media outlet, but said it was a show that blurs "the line between entertainment and news." It wasn't clear whether the deal was signed before or after the alleged hoax, or whether that media outlet was a possible conspirator.

"Let's call it (my statement) short of speculation that a media outlet was in on the hoax, but let's not discount the possibility," he said.

Six-year-old Falcon Heene may not have even been hiding in the rafters of the family's garage during the five-hour search Thursday, Alderden said.

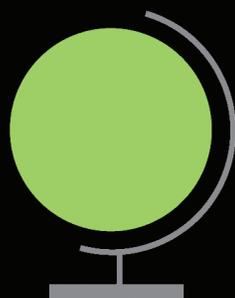
"For all we know he may have been two blocks down the road playing on the swing in the city park," the sheriff said.

Alderden also said investigators want to talk to Robert Thomas, a Denver man who claimed Heene had told him he was planning a media stunt to promote a reality show. Thomas, a self-described researcher, sold his story to the Web site Gawker.com, which billed it with the headline: "Exclusive: I Helped Richard Heene Plan a Balloon Hoax."

Web site editor-in-chief Gabriel Snyder confirmed that the site paid Thomas for his story but declined to say how much it paid him. In an e-mail Sunday to The Associated Press, Snyder said editors there had not contacted the Heene family or offered them money for their story, referring to Alderden's reference to a deal being struck by a media outlet.

"No, that wasn't us," Snyder said. Thomas, 25, did not return a message left by the AP.

In a statement, Gawker.com described how Thomas told them the hoax was part of Heene's plan to shop a proposed reality series billed as "Myth-busters-meets-mad scientist."



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O.A.R. played 40-minute set after performances by Carvey, Jabbawockeez

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The crowd cheered as Meyer introduced each senior. Several players offered words of thanks to the fans, and Brandon Spikes even sang a few lines of the Black Eyed Peas' "I Gotta Feeling."

Meyer saved Tebow's introduction for last. The giant screen showed Tebow as his face broke into a wide smile.

Tebow stepped onto the stage to a standing ovation and hugged Meyer.

"I'll be a Gator till the day I die," he said as the crowd yelled and cheered.

Videos featuring political figures and celebrities including Gov. Charlie Crist and actor Zach Braff were peppered throughout the show. During each video, they told the audience to, "Let the Gator growl."

The show also had performances from Gainesville locals, including singer Adam Clinch and UF groups like Sabor Latino, a dance group that combines salsa and hip hop moves, the UF Gospel Choir and the Dazzlers.

Decked out in a No. 15 jersey, Dana Carvey took the stage and a re-enacted Tebow's concussion. Showing off his knack for impersonations, he mimicked Tebow's efforts at speech and Meyer's attempts to have Tebow follow his thumb.

Like Wuerffel, Carvey ad-

ressed the division between students and parents in the crowd, referring to the drunk students on one side of the stadium and the parents on the other side, who paid

for the students' education.

Although he aimed jokes at separate sections of the crowd and noted the political and moral differences between students and

parents, he managed to keep everyone laughing.

Before he left the stage, Carvey spouted out more than 20 celebrity impressions, varying from Adam

Sandler to Bill Clinton.

Scott Michael Foster and Amber Stevens, stars from ABC Family's series "Greek," also had a spot in the show. They announced Chris Emmanuel as Homecoming king and Kristen Gillis as Homecoming queen.

Breaks between acts featured commercials bashing Florida State University and bemoaning UF's drop to the No. 2 party school.

Even though the crowd started trickling out at about 10 p.m., the party continued until about 10:40 p.m. with performances by dance troupe the Jabbawockeez and rock band O.A.R., which wrapped up the show.

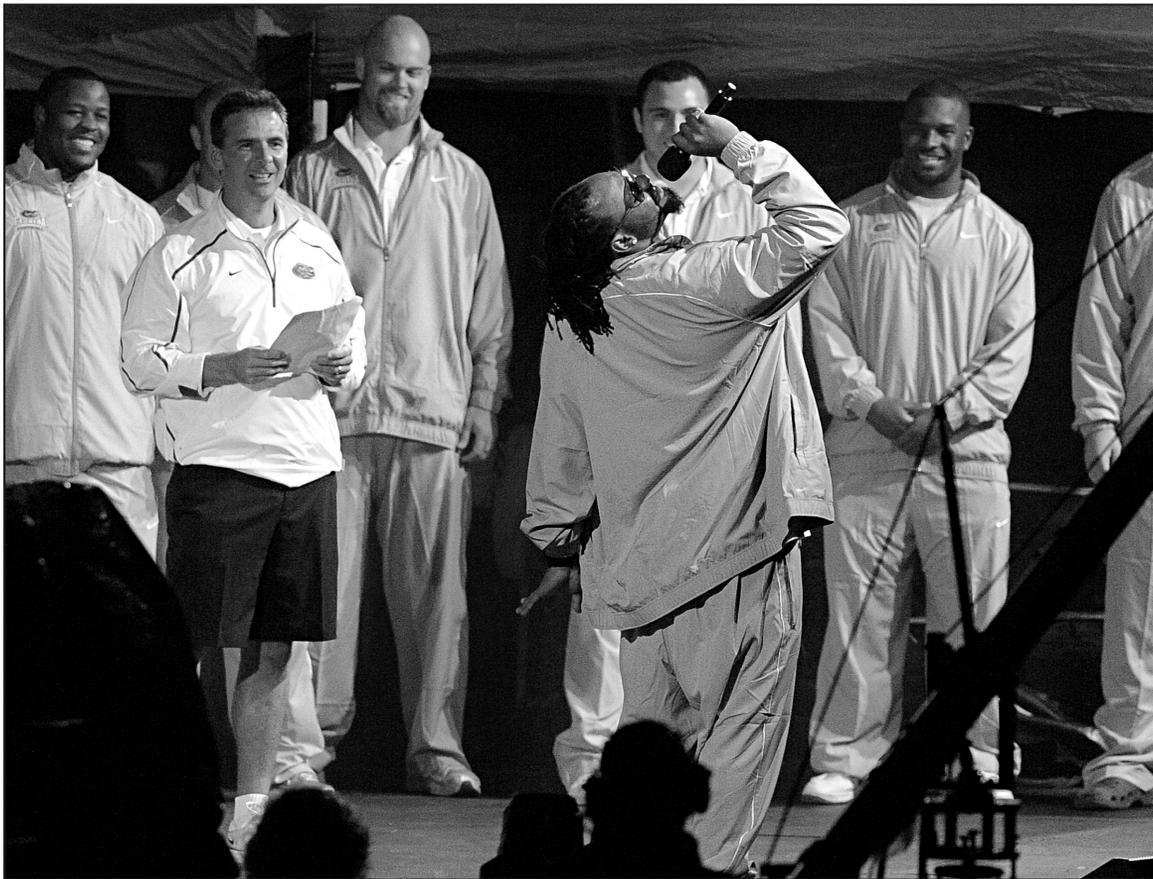
The dance group moved fluidly in white masks and black hats and did a dance that blended Michael Jackson moves with break dancing and a remix of Beyonce's "Single Ladies."

O.A.R. wrapped up the night with a 40-minute performance for the swaying crowd, with songs including "Love and Memories" and "That was a Crazy Game of Poker."

Lead singer Marc Roberge thanked the crowd and said it was the loudest audience the band ever had.

Roberge said he attended Gator Growl about 15 years ago with his brother who went to UF. After seeing the show, he dreamed of playing there.

"To actually be here and be doing it means a lot," Roberge said.



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UF senior linebacker Brandon Spikes sings "I Gotta Feeling" by the Black Eyed Peas at Gator Growl in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium at Florida Field on Friday night.

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LOCAL NEWS

About 60,000 line University for Homecoming Parade

By **MEG WAGNER** and **ELIZABETH BEHRMAN**
Alligator contributing writers

The human eye can see millions of colors, but on University Avenue Friday afternoon, the only two that seemed to matter were orange and blue.

About 60,000 onlookers came out to observe the 86th annual Homecoming Parade and dressed almost exclusively in Gators garb as they set up canopies, unfolded lawn chairs and huddled on street curbs to view the spectacle, forming a dichromatic sea on either side of the avenue.

Before the parade, Gators fans ran, walked, skipped and biked their ways to the finish line for the 26th annual Gator Gallop, a two-mile race down University Avenue that kicks off the Homecoming Parade.

"Obviously people [who] live here know it's a tradition," said Chris Walker, director of Gator Gallop. "Gainesville is a running city."

The race started at the Percy Beard Track on campus and continued down University Avenue to Sixth Street and back around to Second Street.

As runners raced down University, their parents and children waved and clapped with the crowd.

"It helped having them cheer," said Jordann Sauls, a Santa Fe junior. She decided to run the race for fun with her husband.

The race was split up into two separate groups. Participants who ran with children or dogs and those who walked or rode bicycles began the race at 11:15 a.m. Those who ran and timed themselves started 15 minutes later.

Chris Trebilcock, one of this year's winners, said it was the second time he ran in Gator Gallop and used it as an opportunity to have fun and keep in shape.

"It's always good to come out and run races," he said.

Other racers participated just for fun and to support the Gators.

"It's gonna be fun being part of

the parade," UF freshman Eleanor McKenna said before the race.

The first male and female racers in the second group to cross the finish line received a trophy. All of the participants received Gator Gallop T-shirts before the race.

Walker said he was worried that the early morning rain on Saturday would cause some problems, but the weather cleared.

"I'm just really happy," Walker said. "Everything went according to plan."

At noon, 18 police officers on motorcycles revved their engines, signaling the start of the parade. Behind them came a caravan of police vehicles with blue and red lights flashing and sirens blaring.

The parade, which was organized by Florida Blue Key and consisted of 136 units, is the largest of its kind in the nation and was broad-

cast to 300,000 television viewers, according to a press release.

Parade participants, including people on floats, riders and walkers, made their way from the starting point on Gale Lemerand Drive to the final destination on the Bo Diddley Community Plaza downtown. UF and Santa Fe College clubs and organizations, in addition to local high schools, businesses and community groups, also participated.

UF's Fightin' Gator Marching Band entertained the crowds with favorite stadium tunes as the UF cheerleaders chanted while sitting on top of a fire truck.

The parade was also featured prominent figures from the Gainesville community and Florida. Grand marshal and 1996 Heisman Trophy winner Danny Wuerffel, Gainesville Mayor Peegen Hanrahan, Florida Chief Financial Officer Alex Sink and UF Student Government officers all sat in convertibles and waved to the crowd.

Bill Nelson, a Florida senator, rode down University Avenue in a

1955 Ford Thunderbird.

Nelson, who attended UF between 1960 and 1962 before transferring to Yale University, still describes himself as a Gator at heart.

"The traditions have remained the same," Nelson said, "but [UF] has increased the quality of its faculty and the quality of its education."

He also believes that the athletic programs have strengthened over the years.

"Back then, we could have never dreamed of being a national champion in football or basketball," Nelson said.

Fans relaxed and enjoyed the parade, unaware the Gators would narrowly dodge a loss at the hands of the Arkansas Razorbacks on Saturday.

"No matter if we win or not, I'm still really happy to be a part of [The University of Florida]," said business administration sophomore Ashley Weisenfeld.

To see and hear more about the parade, visit the multimedia section of Alligator.org.



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Editorial

Missing Machen

President should have appeared at parade

Something was missing from Friday's Homecoming Parade.

Everyone you'd expect to see was in attendance, including Gainesville Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan, Sen. Bill Nelson and our beloved Albert.

Everyone except UF President Bernie Machen and Gators quarterback Tim Tebow.

We can understand if Tebow was absent in preparation for Saturday's game — and to avoid a possible mob of hormone-driven Gators alumni who don't get to see the football star as often as we do.

But what about Machen?

If it's possible for the "legendary rock band" O.A.R. to ride in two parade cars, then surely the president of the university hosting the event could find the time to make an appearance.

And being busy isn't an excuse — Nelson managed to smile his way down University Avenue regardless of his job in, you know, the U.S. Senate.

We're not disappointed that we didn't have the opportunity to offer UF's head honcho a t-shirt and copy of the Alligator's Homecoming edition — though it was heartbreaking that both McGruff the Crime Dog and a Taco Bell hot sauce packet shot us down when we offered them copies.

But it doesn't reflect well upon the university when so many state and local dignitaries can appear, and our own president cannot.

Let the Greeks Growl

UF's Greek community raised the bar on its self-importance at Gator Growl Friday night.

Unfortunately, organizers of the event failed to check their numbers, which would show that the Greek community comprises less than 20 percent of the Student Body.

So when the Weekend Update fake newscasters dedicated their entire segment to inside jokes and jabs concerning fraternities and sororities, they left much of the audience in the dark.

We don't know who the Student Body president is dating. We had to do some research on why members of AOPi smell (hint: potty humor). We still have no

idea why Delta Upsilon's Web site was changed to WeRunNothing.com/trannies. And we're not sure we want to.

We realize many of Gator Growl's leaders are members of fraternities and sororities. That's okay with us. However, it doesn't mean that the nation's largest student-run pep rally should turn into another Greek social.

Newsflash: This ain't GI Joes and Barbie hoes, and we were struggling to figure out what you were talking about.

Next year, try getting someone besides Susie Sorority to write the script. We're all for inside jokes, but when we're paying \$15 for a laugh, you ought to deliver.

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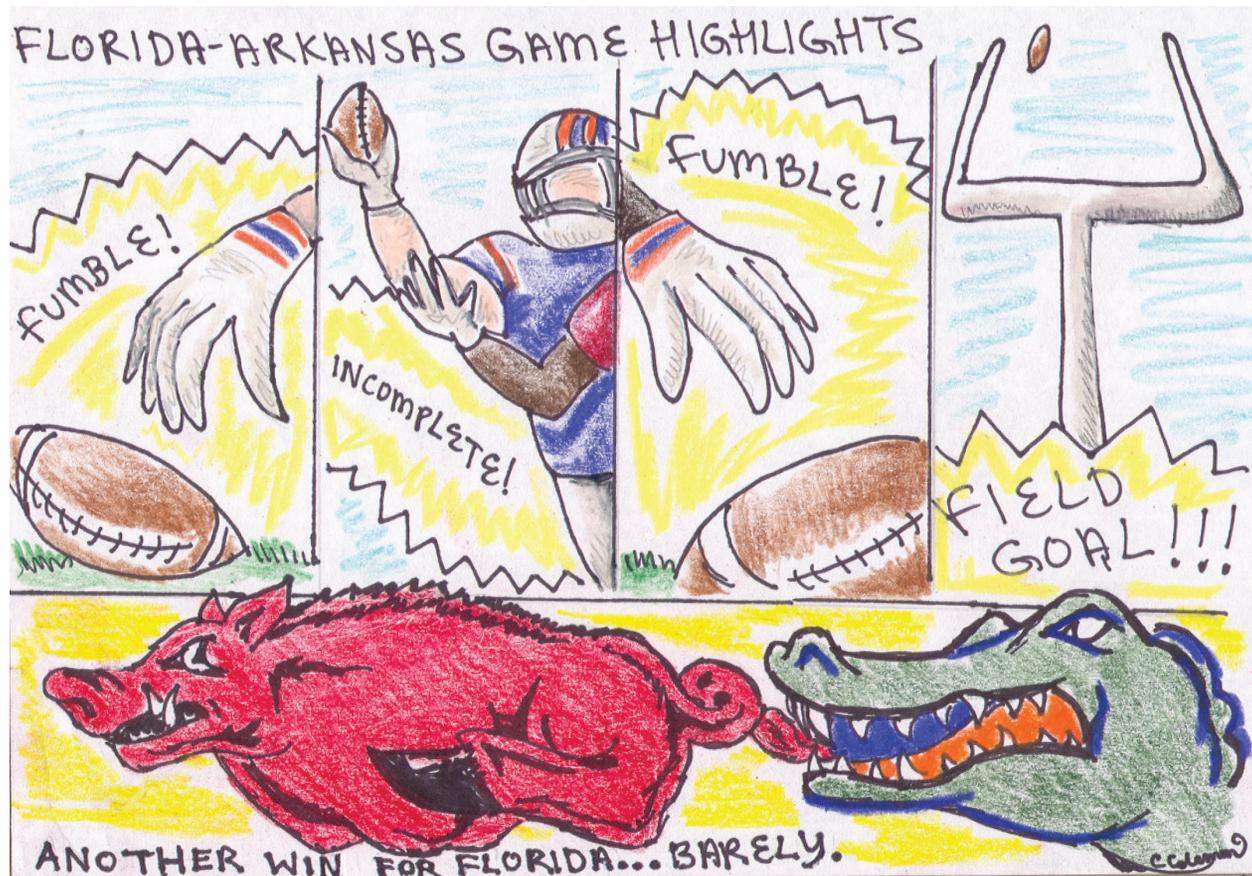
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Column

Political gain halts health care reform

Future scholars will look back on the Great Healthcare Debate of 2009 and scratch their heads out of curiosity and confusion. Then they will ask two simple questions: What took the greatest nation on earth so long to finally make considerable progress in ensuring universal health care for its citizens? Why did Republicans and even moderate Democrats oppose the idea?

Ever since President Franklin Roosevelt first declared health care an "economic right" to be enjoyed by all Americans, there has been a steady stream of naysayers intent on nixing health care reform. Charges of communism, socialism and fascism are not new either. When President Harry Truman tried to introduce a national health insurance program in the late 1940s, the American Medical Association quickly attacked it as communist.

We've gone from anti-communism fears of the middle 20th century to anti-terrorism fears of today, but how has public opinion changed since then? Not much, actually. Multiple polls before and after the recent election show a strong public desire for health care reform, reform that would include government intervention in the insurance industry.

Knowing this desire, I've been racking my brain to discover why so much hoopla has been made over the Great Health Care Debate of 2009. Guess what? I solved the question.

And if I don't get a Nobel award for this, a committee in Norway can expect a very nasty letter next year.

Politics and politics only is the reason why some in this country have met health care reform with such outrage. Health care reform is the Democratic Party's ultimate panacea, and the accepted thinking going around the table in the Republican war room is to squash any and all reform that's authored by anyone with a D by his or her name.

It's a shame that politics is overtaking this country's best intentions once again. Health care reform was Teddy Kennedy's professional cause of life, but he turned down

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President Richard Nixon's health care insurance reform that would have required all employers, large or small, private or public, to offer insurance to its employees. Kennedy withdrew because of pressure from labor unions, just as Nixon backed down due to pressure from the American Medical Association.

Issues and ideology may have contributed to the lost negotiations between Nixon and Kennedy, but the larger factor was an underlying mistrust between the two sides.

More than 60 years have passed since the idea of insuring all Americans with some sort of health care coverage has floated around the limestone walls of Washington, D.C., and we are closer than ever to achieving this sought-after goal. But mistrust between the political parties is nearing its zenith and could threaten meaningful reform once more.

This is why, in my infinite wisdom, I propose a no-political-gain ban on health care reform. The system desperately needs reform, but fear of political exploitation could ultimately doom any attempt and lead Democrats scrambling to come up with a watered-down bill just in time for Christmas (surprise!).

The no-political-gain ban wouldn't allow any politician to campaign taking credit or discrediting any reform bill that was passed this year. President Barack Obama couldn't take credit for a bill in 2012, nor could any congressional Democrats in 2010. This way, the Republican leadership could stop trying to halt the Democrat electoral gravy train with its one strategy of trying to trip Obama and instead focus on legitimate ideas.

They could start by revisiting Nixon's shelved plan.

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

Reader response

Today's question: Did you go to Gator Growl?

Friday's question: Do you think O.A.R. is a "legendary rock band"?

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Letters to the Editor

Homecoming attendees show cruel side

I was excited to go to the Homecoming Parade. I think of it as an excuse for all of Gainesville to come out and celebrate, regardless of our differences. I thought it would be a nice occasion to take my dog out. But, in doing so I was exposed to some of the worst manners residents have to offer.

On numerous occasions, people simply pushed my dog out of the way so they could shove past us to get closer to University Avenue. One woman standing more than 10 feet away from my leashed dog and myself yelled at me to get away from her, threatening to swat my dog with her umbrella.

I feel that my dog and I had every right to be downtown, and while I did meet many kind people and children who enjoyed his presence, I felt that the actions presented by a few tremendously rude people was enough to, if you excuse my pun, rain on our parade. I took every step to ensure my dog was not a danger or nuisance to anyone. I hope that people realize that some of us consider our pets part of our families; I would not push or insult your children, don't do so to my dog.

Daniel Gordon
Gainesville resident



Gator Growl disappoints alumnus

I am a Florida alumnus and have attended Gator Growl for the past 11 years. This year I left sorely disappointed. My first and foremost complaint is that there were no fireworks. This is a tradition that we look forward to every year. Not to mention that the marching band didn't march, and the cheerleaders didn't cheer.

There were hardly any student skits and only one segment of the Gators "news." This year, the sound system sounded great, but there were hardly any skits to hear. The highlight was Danny

Wuerffel, who stole the show and was funnier than the comedian. I hope next year is much better.

Lauren Hirsch
UF alumnus and Jacksonville resident



Online commenters show cowardice

Johnathan Lott is the vice chairman for the UF College Republicans, my fraternity brother and good friend. On Wednesday, he wrote a biting but respectful response to the column bashing the "No More Che Day Protest" my club hosted. I am glad we got heated responses to our visibility stunt. We hold these events so that people staunchly set in their ways will have to at least consider their viewpoints again to form a concise, respectful, educated (and sometimes misguided) argument in return.

The key word in that last sentence was "respectful." When I read the comments on Alligator.org in response to Lott's column, I was appalled. To quote the first comment: "In contrast, John Lott is a stupid white child who joined the Republican party, which is blatantly full of racist white trash."

This person posted under the guise "radical," and he or she is clearly an angry, misguided individual. Not only is he or she a giant hypocrite, calling Lott a racist and a "stupid white child" in the same breath, but he or she is a coward. This person hides behind an alias and posts whatever he or she wants. You, sir, are pathetic. Lott has the courage to put his name behind his thoughts, and so do I. We can be found at any College Republicans meeting, in person, and in room CSE 220 on every other Thursday. Come stand up to us like a decent human being with a backbone or cower behind your alias and stay on your high horse. I already know what you will choose to do. I feel sorry for you.

Bryan Griffin
UF College Republicans Chairman

Guest column

Balloon hoax family deserves no attention

You probably heard about the "balloon boy" and his family. You know, the 6-year-old who was thought to be soaring over Denver last week in a giant helium balloon invented by his father. It turned out he never was in the balloon. In fact, he was safe at home the entire time.

Authorities in Colorado are already calling the now-notorious Balloon Boy incident a hoax. It's not really surprising coming from a family that previously appeared on the reality TV show "Wife Swap." Authorities are also planning to press charges against the family for the balloon chase, which cost thousands of government dollars and other resources. Sheriff Jim Alderden of Larimer County told CNN that the boy's family intended to use the publicity of the incident in hopes of "better marketing themselves for a reality television show at some point in the future."

My biggest fear? The family's plan is working.

Wade Powell
Speaking Out

If the media don't let go of the balloon story immediately, the family's punishment is going to be reversed when it is actually given a reality show. That hurts me inside.

After tricking the public, creating a false sense of danger and leading police on a wild and costly goose chase, this family is anything but deserving of fame or recognition.

At the current rate of publicity, it won't be long before the family has a TV show of its own. Who knows, there could even be a balloon boy movie. The profits will counter the family's financial woes, and the family will have gotten what it wanted: an extended national spotlight.

So please, for my sake and the sake of intellectual America, everyone forget about the balloon boy before it's too late.

Wade Powell is a senior journalism student.

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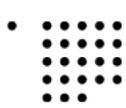
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TOP: A UF band alumnus helps a girl bang on an oversized drum during the Homecoming Parade Friday afternoon.
BOTTOM: A member of the Jabbawockeez dance group waves to spectators on West University Avenue during the Homecoming Parade on Friday afternoon.



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A UF engineering student dressed as a Spartan from the video game "Halo" waves from the college's float during the Homecoming Parade Friday afternoon.



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A man waves a bubble wand in the air as he rides his bicycle in Friday's Homecoming Parade.



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RIGHT: Former "Saturday Night Live" Comedian Dana Carvey performs his stand-up routine during Gator Growl 2009.

BOTTOM: A young girl stares out the window of an Alachua County school bus during the Homecoming Parade.



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Homecoming king and queen Chris Emmanuel and Kristen Gillis walk the stage after being crowned at Gator Growl 2009.



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ABOVE: Members of the Pride of the Sunshine Fightin' Gator Marching Band perform on the field before the Gators' 23-20 win Saturday in The Swamp.
LEFT: A large gator mock-up chomps on a stuffed Arkansas Razorbacks mascot plushie on The Doggie Spot float during the parade.

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10 ___ the lily: ornament to excess
14 Doing the job
15 Between, quaintly
16 There oughta be one, so it's said
17 "Keep out" sign
19 Turn on a pivot
20 Jungian feminine principle
21 Coll. major for a future concert artist
23 Anger
24 Pay for everyone's dinner
29 Lively Irish dance
32 Peter, Paul or Mary
33 Not shut, in verse
34 German river
36 Like a cold, damp day
37 Type of notebook
40 "All exits are blocked" situation
43 Shiny photo
44 Delivery vehicle
45 WWII submarine gun
46 Floral welcome
47 Mexican money
49 Mag. staffers
50 Throng management
54 Witchy woman
55 Place for a ring
56 On-the-job reward
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62 Four-on-the-floor, e.g.
66 Atomizer output
67 Division of society
68 Sunscreen ingredient, perhaps
69 ___ helmet: safari wear
70 Ease, as fears
71 Home on a limb

3 Short skirt
4 Defeat decisively
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Arkansas tailback Dennis Johnson breaks away on a run during the Gators' 23-20 win over the Razorbacks on Saturday.

No moral victory for underdog Hogs

■ ARKANSAS COULDN'T TAKE ADVANTAGE OF UF MISTAKES.

By **KYLE MAISTRI**
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With 3:08 left in the game, Arkansas expected to win.

It didn't matter that Florida was the No. 1 ranked team in the nation, or that the Razorbacks were unranked and 1-2 in conference play.

Arkansas kicker Alex Tejada trotted onto the field to attempt a 38-yard, go-ahead field goal with the game tied at 20, but the junior hooked the try wide left, leaving plenty of time on the clock for UF to go down the field and score.

Quarterback Tim Tebow led the final drive, and sophomore Caleb Sturgis knocked in the game-winning field goal with nine seconds remaining, spoiling the Razorbacks upset bid on UF's homecoming.

"That one hurts right there, we beat ourselves," Arkansas quarterback Ryan Mallett said. "They're a great team, but we beat ourselves."

After falling behind 20-13 with just under 10 minutes remaining, Florida took only 2:13 to tie the game

up.

Running back Jeff Demps ran the ball three times for 32 yards on that drive including the game-tying 10-yard scamper, and the Razorbacks helped the Gators by committing back-to-back penalties, costing themselves 25-yards.

The first came on a pass-interference call on cornerback Ramon Broadway when he didn't turn to look for the ball on a deep throw from Tebow to wide receiver Deonte Thompson in the end zone.

The very next play, senior defensive tackle Malcolm Sheppard picked up a personal foul after Arkansas successfully sniffed out a screen pass that would have went for only 1 yard.

"I didn't like them, I didn't think they were good calls," Arkansas coach Bobby Petrino said.

The Razorbacks moved the ball easily and into field-goal position on their next drive before Tejada missed his second field goal of the game — the first coming from 40 yards out in the third quarter.

Arkansas offensive coordinator Paul Petrino, brother of Bobby, thought his unit executed the game plan well against the No. 1 defense

in the nation, especially on the ground.

Sophomore Dennis Johnson rushed for 107 yards on 14 carries, breaking tackles and gashing Florida for gains of 42, 25 and 18 yards. He added one catch for 15 yards to go with 124 yards on kickoff returns.

"That's a game we should have won, we had it," Paul Petrino said. "It's hard to take, we should've won."

Wide receiver Greg Childs said the team certainly felt it was on the way to a stunning upset after his 75-yard touchdown catch in the fourth quarter.

The sophomore ran by UF cornerback Janoris Jenkins on third and 17 and caught a perfectly thrown ball from Mallett before safety Ahmad Black could provide help in the Gators' cover-2 defensive scheme.

With less than two minutes remaining in the first half, Childs ran by Jenkins in man coverage and caught a 46-yard pass to set up a field goal.

"Our players were very convinced that we could come out there and win the game," Bobby Petrino said. "I didn't feel like we had to do anything extraordinary to win."

Arkansas game reminiscent of Ole Miss

Just like last year, the Gators struggled with an underdog from the Southeastern Conference West at home.

Just like last year, they fumbled all over the place, gave up big plays and showed a general lack of focus.

Just like last year, they got a rude wake-up call.

Only this time, when the alarm sounded, they didn't hit snooze.

Sure, they fumbled the alarm clock trying to turn it off, stumbled around on the floor for a while and knocked some stuff over getting to their feet, but Florida prevailed, 23-20, and is still undefeated.

All in all, I think it's a positive that the Gators could play as poorly as they did and still win, and there's no way they come out and wet the bed like that again this year. Right?

"Just like the Ole Miss game was a wake-up call (in 2008), I think this was the same kind of wake-up call," linebacker Ryan Stamper said. "But luckily we came out with the victory instead of a loss. This lets the team know that if we don't come out to play in all phases, we can easily lose a game. We have to stop giving up big plays on defense and have no turnovers on offense."



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The difference between the Ole Miss loss and the Arkansas win boils down to one thing: trusting your kicker.

In 2008, Urban Meyer didn't seem to believe in Jonathan Phillips. On UF's first drive, he passed up a 47-yard field goal attempt for a failed conversion try

on 4th-and-3.

On the last drive, he took his chances and lost on 4th-and-1 rather than let Phillips try a go-ahead 49-yarder.

The second decision was the right call, and maybe the first was too.

But either way, Meyer didn't go down that path again.

Even after Caleb Sturgis missed from 37, Meyer trotted him out for kicks of 30, 51 and 27 yards, the last of which won the game with nine seconds to play.

The end of the Gators' last drive was spent lining it up for Sturgis, who calmly delivered, then shook off his jubilant teammates and got ready

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Gators sweep weekend matches

By **ANTHONY CHIANG**
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After the Gators were swept in a regular-season conference match for the first time under coach Mary Wise, nobody knew how they would respond.

But No. 9 Florida (14-3, 8-2 Southeastern Conference) capped off a two-win weekend with a dominant performance against Georgia (11-9, 2-7 SEC), answering that question.

The Gators dismantled the Bulldogs on Sunday in Athens, Ga., 3-0 (25-22, 25-16, 25-11).

Whether they were attacking or defending, the Bulldogs could

not keep up. UF had no problem finding holes in the defense as it put up a hitting percentage of .368 for the match, while holding Georgia to a .087 hitting efficiency. The Gators also won the blocking battle 11.5-2 and dug up 11 more balls.

"We played this entire match at the right intensity level and the right effort level," Wise said. "There were very few easy kills for Georgia and I thought the offense and the defense were at a very high level today."

In the first set Georgia was able to keep it close and finish with a .448 hitting efficiency, but

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TEERING OFF WITH PHIL KEGLER

■ Redskins front-office officials told coach Jim Zorn he was being stripped of playcalling duties. His genius was apparently too much, as Washington is averaging 13.2 points per game. ... About three years ago, it was Matt Bryant Day in Tampa after he made a 62-yd game-winning FG. Now, he's kicking for the UFL's Florida Tuskers while the Bucs are 2 for 7 on field goals. Great management.

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■ The UF women's cross country team placed second at the Pre-NCAA Invitational, its best finish there in school history. The women's golf team finished in seventh place during the weekend. Check out our Web site.

POLL QUESTION

Today's question: What was UF's worst loss since Tim Tebow took over as the team's starting quarterback?

'Bama jumps UF in AP poll

FOOTBALL, from page 1

in the year though.

"I just think we learned that earlier, and at the end of the game, we were doing everything we could to win that game."

After the Ole Miss loss, Tebow gave "The Promise" and led the Gators to a BCS National Championship Game win.

This time, he didn't wait until after the game to motivate his team.

His speech came in the locker room at halftime.

"Tebow came up and gave a speech, it's good to see us bounce back in the second half like we did, but at the same time it's a gut check and a reality check for us," wide receiver David Nelson said "We can't ever prepare like we did this week.

"From now on we're going to remember this game and ride this feeling for the rest of the season."

Tebow's speech after the Ole Miss game played a big part in changing the team's mindset.

Offensive tackle Carl Johnson said last year the team was overconfident and thought it could just show up and win, but this time, the Gators had a different attitude.

"The team wouldn't lose; our captains wouldn't let us lose; our coaches wouldn't let us lose," Johnson said. "Even if it took going to overtime six times, we weren't going to lose."

Although UF came away with a win, it knows how close the game was to finishing even more like last year.

The four lost fumbles, the low third-down conversion rate, the six sacks allowed and the missed chances in the red zone usually result in a loss.

"One of these days, and I am glad it wasn't today, these turnovers and not executing could hurt us," Tebow said. "Thank

God, it wasn't today."

The close game did hurt the Gators in the AP ranking, as they lost their No. 1 ranking to Alabama.

This week marked the first BCS poll of the season, however, and it was there that UF retained the No. 1 spot that matters.

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Tim Tebow
UF senior quarterback

Even with the win, the Gators' offense still did not look dominant, although the passing game showed flashes that could help them later.

For most of the game, Florida relied on its defense, which was suffocating early but struggled down the stretch and ended up allowing 357 yards of total offense.

Tebow was able to connect with a wide receiver for a big play, finding an uncovered Deonte Thompson for a 77-yard score. The pass gave Tebow the SEC record for total touchdowns (123 — 75 passing and 48 rushing) as he surpassed former Gator Danny Wuerffel.

And Cooper's late game performance resembled that of a go-to receiver, which is something the Gators have lacked all season.

Cooper finished the game with six catches for 58 yards, but he had only three for 28 yards until the final drive.

Florida avoided the Ole Miss-like upset this time, but it will need to continue to establish a passing game and improve in the red zone if the Gators are going to finish the year unbeaten.



Florida **23**
Arkansas **20**



SWAMP STUDS



Jermaine Cunningham
DE, Sr.

Cunningham was all over Florida Field on Saturday, tying for the team lead in tackles and showcasing the playmaking ability many expected coming into the season. He was constantly in the Arkansas backfield, including when he stopped running back Broderick Green for a loss on third down during the Razorbacks' second-to-last possession.

6 tackles (4 solo), 4 tackles for loss (2 sacks)

Sturgis overcame a 37-yard miss on Florida's first drive to make a 51-yarder and, of course, the 27-yarder with nine seconds left to win the game. He said it was his first game-winning kick in his life. If the Gators win a title, everyone will remember this one.



Caleb Sturgis
K, So.

3 of 4 FG, 2 of 2 XP



Joe Haden
CB, Jr.

It's usually not a good thing when a cornerback ties for the team lead in tackles, but Haden does play the run a lot. He was a big part of a defense that held Arkansas under its average in passing yards, although giving up 20 points and two pass plays longer than 40 yards was a surprise.

6 tackles (5 solo), 2 tackles for loss (1 sack), 1 pass breakup, 2 QB hurries

STANDINGS

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

TOP THREE PLAYS



Deonte Thompson's
77-yard

touchdown catch in the third quarter



Riley Cooper's
12-yard

catch on third and 10 after falling down to extend Florida's game-winning drive



Caleb Sturgis'
27-yard

game-winning field goal with nine seconds left

TURNING POINT

Tim Tebow's 77-yard touchdown pass to Deonte Thompson to give UF a 13-10 lead with 2:59 left in the third quarter. Arkansas had just missed a field goal, and Florida responded with this play-action pass on a busted coverage, energizing the Ben Hill Griffin Stadium crowd.

KEY STAT

4 Fumbles lost by UF, including two inside the Arkansas' 10-yard-line.

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UF SOCCER

Annis' 86th-minute goals lead Gators to tie, win

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The number on Tahnai Annis' back is not appropriate.

There is nothing wrong with nine, but the midfielder seems to be more comfortable with 86.

No. 11 Florida (11-4-2, 5-1-2 Southeastern Conference) slipped past No. 23 Georgia (12-3-1, 5-3-0 SEC) when Annis scored the game's only goal in the 86th minute Sunday. Annis' goal came two

days after she scored an equalizer against Tennessee in the 86th minute to help UF escape with a 2-2 tie.

Annis attributed her success to outworking opponents late in games.

"Sometimes the goal comes when people just do the extra little things when you're tired that others won't," she said.

The goal came when sophomore Lindsay Thompson crossed a ball into the penalty box from the left wing. Annis ran to the far side of the goal and, with no Georgia

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Becky Burleigh
UF soccer coach

defenders in front of her, the midfielder headed the ball in.

Goalkeeper Katie Fraine's play was also vital Sunday, as she recorded her third shutout in four games.

Fraine, who made ten saves, was tested frequently against Georgia.

The game was played on a sloppy pitch, as half of the field was soggy from rain in Athens during the weekend.

"We knew (Saturday) when we walked on the field that it wasn't going to be pretty," UF coach Becky Burleigh said.

Because they lost a pregame coin toss, the Gators had to defend the muddier side in the second half, putting pressure on Fraine late.

"Anytime we tried to pass the ball, people would slip," Fraine said. "It definitely made it more

difficult for us to defend in the second half."

The win snaps a five-game road winless streak for the Gators, and allows the team to contend for the SEC regular-season championship with conference leaders LSU and South Carolina coming to Gainesville in the next two weeks.

"We have struggled on the road and this is kind of good for us to be able to be like, 'You know what? We can do well on the road,'" Fraine said. "We just have to get ourselves together and work a bit harder."

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to kick off.

After the roar of the crowd faded away, the message remained loud and clear that Florida isn't invincible.

That was backed up Sunday, when UF dropped to No. 2 behind Alabama in the AP poll.

For all the talk of the Gators struggling, this was the first game they should have lost. Unlike Tennessee, Kentucky and LSU, Arkansas could muster a score when needed.

That feeling that Florida would

inevitably pull it out was nowhere to be found for much of the game, and UF walked away with much more than what was deserved.

If this was just a wake-up call and not a sign of things to come, the Gators got their one bad game out of their system without taking a loss.

The rest of the season is about getting in tip-top shape to face the Crimson Tide for the SEC crown without losing twice beforehand, but if Florida doesn't spring out of bed and slap Mississippi State silly next weekend, it may be time to put those Pasadena travel plans on hold.

Murphy tallies season's fifth triple-double**VOLLEY**, from page 14

UF clamped down in the second and third sets as it blocked a combined nine balls. Georgia could only manage an efficiency of zero and -.114 in those respective sets.

"Good things happen when we block balls," Wise said. "We've worked so hard all season long on blocking and our players have really bought into that."

Junior setter Brynja Rodgers finished with a team-high 24 assists and has started to look a lot more comfortable in the offense after transferring from New Mexico State in the offseason.

"I thought it was as good a setting performance that she has had," Wise said. "All of Brynja's hitters had such great looks and it's fun watching her learn to set those hitters."

One of the players who benefited from Brynja's performance was sophomore setter Kelly Murphy. She just missed a triple-double Sunday

with 15 kills, 16 assists and 7 digs.

But she did not fall short Friday as she racked up her fifth triple-double of the season in a three-set win against Auburn (12-8, 4-5 SEC). She racked up 11 kills, 19 assists and 12 digs as the Gators handed the Tigers a loss 3-0 (25-19, 25-22, 25-21).

After only starting one match so far this season, sophomore opposite hitter Callie Rivers gave UF a lift over the weekend. She started both of the matches and tallied up a season-high ten kills and only one error Friday. On Sunday, Rivers finished the match with five block assists.

"The key is that she is scoring points for us," Wise said. "If we can get three points per game out of Callie - that would be huge for us. She doesn't have to lead us in kills."

With these two wins the Gators finished what Wise called the toughest stretch of the season with a 4-2 record.

A radio broadcast contributed to this report.



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