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# Tebow struggles in Gators victory

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STARKVILLE, Miss. — Tim Tebow has made a career out of playing hero for the Gators. But Saturday night, it was the Heisman Trophy winner who needed saving.

Tebow was 12-of-22 passing for 127 yards and two interceptions in No. 1 Florida's 29-19 win over Mississippi State (3-5, 1-3 Southeastern Conference).

"Tim's not trying to be a hero. But we might be asking him to do too much."

**Urban Meyer**  
 UF football coach

"I did not coach well tonight," UF coach Urban Meyer said. "I put Tim in some tough situations down in the red zone. Our red-zone offense right now is really an issue."

UF (7-0, 5-0 SEC) rallied behind a defense that held MSU to 237 total yards and didn't allow an offensive touchdown.

Tebow, who had two interceptions returned for touchdowns, declined to talk to the media following the Gators' first win in Starkville since 1985.

It was the first time in his career that Tebow has been healthy and chose not to speak after a game.



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UF quarterback Tim Tebow is hit as he throws his second interception during the Gators' 29-19 win against Mississippi State in Davis Wade Stadium in Starkville, Miss., on Saturday.

The quarterback carried the ball 22 times for 88 yards, including a 26-yard touchdown run that tied him with Georgia's Herschel Walker on the SEC's all-time rushing touchdown list (49).

"Tim's not trying to be a hero,"

Meyer said. "But we might be asking him to do too much."

Tebow has already carried the ball 121 times this season. He rushed 210 times when he won the Heisman Trophy as a sophomore in 2007.

The mistakes that could be rationalized against LSU and Arkansas turned into legitimate concerns against Mississippi State.

MSU kept UF out of the end

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## Students protest workers' wages

■ **THEY DEFENDED IMMOKALEE WORKERS**

By **MORGAN WATKINS**  
 Alligator Contributing Writer

Silvia Perez has worked in the fields picking tomatoes for 17 years.

Perez, 35, usually wakes up at 4 a.m. to look for work because she does not have a steady job. Every day is a new search for a new employer, she said.

To make \$50 a day, she must pick 2 1/2 tons of tomatoes. Because the same field can be harvested up to four times, she may reach that quota during the field's first harvest but only scrounge up enough tomatoes during the fourth harvest to earn \$20 for the day's work.

Perez is one of about 30 members of the Coalition of Immokalee Workers, a community-based organization of Latino, Mayan Indian and Haitian immigrants employed in low-wage jobs throughout Florida.

More than 100 people gathered on the Plaza of Americas Saturday holding signs and shouting "Down, down with exploitation! Up, up with the

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## Man robbed at gunpoint near Norman

### UPD increases patrols in the area

A man was robbed at gunpoint near Norman Hall early Friday morning.

The victim, who was on foot, was approached at about 3 a.m. by a man who put a gun to his side and took a small amount of cash, according to a University Police Department press release.

The suspect headed north after the robbery, but police were unable to find him, the release said.

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He is described as a black man, between 5 feet 9 inches and 6 feet tall with a slim build.

He was reportedly wearing a gray pullover

hooded sweatshirt with pockets in the front.

The gun is described as a dark semi-automatic handgun.

As a result of the robbery, UPD has increased patrols in the area, according to the release.

Police are encouraging anyone with information about the crime to call 352-392-1111.

— **THOMAS STEWART**

■ **UF linebacker Dustin Doe (right) showboats on his way into the end zone after picking off a pass from MSU quarterback Tyson Lee. The defense recorded three interceptions. See Story, Page 13.**



### 2 Alachua residents die in plane crash near Tampa

Three people were killed Friday when a plane crashed near Zephyrhills.

Pilot Thomas Long, 44, and Alachua residents Tina Copeland, 46, and her daughter Cami, 7, were the only passengers, according to a Pasco County Sheriff's Office press release.

They left Gainesville in a single-engine plane and were about 20 miles north of their destination in Lakeland when Long said they had an emergen-

cy, said Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Kathleen Bergen.

Air traffic control directed the plane to the nearest airport in Zephyrhills but lost contact with the pilot with three miles to go, Bergen said. The wreckage was found three-quarters of a mile from the airport. The National Transportation Safety Board and the FAA are investigating the cause of the crash.

— **KATHERINE BEIN**

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# News Today

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Boob Cupcakes for Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Today, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Turlington Plaza

This is your last chance to decorate your own boob cupcake to commemorate Breast Cancer Awareness Month with Colleges Against Cancer. To get involved in the fight against cancer, visit [www.relayforlife.org/uffl](http://www.relayforlife.org/uffl).

### Kaleidoscope Month presents Mr. and Mrs. AASU Pageant

Thursday  
Reitz Union Grand Ballroom  
K-Month is a month-long celebration of Asian American Awareness through events and forums. The pageant will showcase many hidden talents and aspects of our culture. Come learn about a different culture and its traditions.

### International Medical Outreach's Skate Station fundraiser

Thursday, 5 to 9 p.m.  
Skate Station Funworks, 1311 NW 76th Blvd.  
Help the group help others. Skating, skating equipment rentals, a full arcade and use of batting cages is \$10. All money raised will go toward funding a medical mission trip this spring break to Peru.

### Gators for HIV Education (GHIVE) H.O.T. Party

Thursday, 7 to 10 p.m.  
Offering free HIV testing in a more intimate setting, you will have a chance to meet new people at a social gathering. This month's party is Halloween-themed, and a prize for the best dressed will be up for grabs. There will be free food and games. Space is limited to the first 25 guests, so please RSVP by sending an e-mail to [ghivevp@yahoo.com](mailto:ghivevp@yahoo.com) for more details.

### Taco Dinner

Nov. 3, 6 to 8 p.m.  
Campus Christian House  
Come for all you can eat for \$5 for presold tickets and \$7 at the door. The event is hosted by Project MASCOT, a mentoring group for at-risk elementary school students.

### RUB Entertainment presents: comedian Lachlan Patterson

Nov. 3, 8 to 10 p.m.  
Orange and Brew  
Stressed from all your exams and classes? Come out for a good laugh. Patterson has performed on Comedy Central's "Live at Gotham."

### Got an event?

And want to post it in this space? Send an e-mail to [bkelly@alligator.org](mailto:bkelly@alligator.org) with "What's Happening" in the subject line. Please include a one- to two-

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sentence synopsis of the event. Make sure all submissions are formatted properly.

## STATE

### Police get more than 1,000 tips in girl's death

ORANGE PARK, Fla. — Investigators had more than a thousand tips but are still trying to figure out what happened when 7-year-old Somer Thompson disappeared on her walk home from a north Florida school last week.

At a fundraiser Sunday for Somer's family, children played in a bounce house as adults watched carefully. They vowed to find the girl's killer and raised about \$18,500 so her mother doesn't have to go back to work immediately.

Somer's name and photo were everywhere at the carnival-like fundraiser, which was held in a tree-lined park in the town's center. A silent raffle, a bake sale and even glittery makeovers for little girls were offered to help the family after the girl went missing after school Monday. Her body was found in a Georgia landfill Wednesday.

Detectives from local, state and federal law enforcement agencies are combing through tips: more than 1,150 calls from people around the U.S. have poured in regarding the little girl.

So far, no one has come forward to say they saw the girl abducted or attacked. Investigators have ruled out all 161 registered sex offenders who lived within a 5-mile radius of Somer's home.

Thompson's mother, Dena Thompson, has praised the hard work of investigators.

"These detectives — excuse my language — are busting their (expletive) to find it. Because it's an it," Dena Thompson said Saturday, referring to the killer of her daughter.

— THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## NATIONAL

### Man stuffs mouth with 16 cockroaches in record bid

LANSING, Mich. — A Michigan pet store employee got himself a mouthful of cockroaches — on purpose.

The Lansing State Journal reported Sean Murphy on Friday stuffed 16 Madagascar hissing cockroaches into his mouth. He was trying to set a new Guinness World Records mark and said the old record

was 11.

Murphy initially got 12 squirming cockroaches into his mouth, but then kept adding them until he got to 16. He said it was a "big surprise" since he's never fit that many in his mouth before "in one try."

The employee of Preuss Pets in Lansing said each cockroach was at least 2½ inches long. Murphy said he might try for 20 next year. A video of the feat was posted on the newspaper's Web site.

Murphy's effort would need to be certified by Guinness for it to be official.

— THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## ON-CAMPUS

### One Less Car Day promotes alternative transportation

Bryanna Hahn has had a bike for 20 years and never fixed a flat tire until Friday.

The criminology graduate student had her chance on Friday during the Fix a Flat Challenge at the second annual One Less Car Day, which was sponsored by UF's Office of Sustainability.

The celebration promoted the use of alternative transportation and asked people to sign up for the One Less Car Challenge.

The challenge is an online program in which participants log their miles using alternative transportation and earn points, which can lead to individual or team prizes at the end of the semester, said Andrea Grossman, an environmental science junior and intern at the Office of Sustainability.

The event went from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Reitz Union North Lawn.

Passers-by were invited to go on a scavenger hunt, learn about alternative transportation and fix a flat tire.

About 950 students, faculty and staff have already joined the challenge.

The goal is to have 2,000 people signed up by its end, said Anna Prizzia, director of the Office of Sustainability.

For more information, visit [www.sustainable.ufl.edu/one-lesscar](http://www.sustainable.ufl.edu/one-lesscar).

— TATIANA QUIROGA

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# PETA official pushes vegan diet

## He spoke to about 65 people

By **JARED MISNER**  
Alligator Writer

Jerry was lucky. The emaciated, crippled steer was teeming with parasites and was nearly blind from pinkeye, a common infection in the close confines of slaughterhouses.

The 5-month-old calf was rescued by a People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) investigator and transferred to a sanctuary, according to a PETA file.

Other calves aren't as lucky as Jerry. By the millions, cattle are castrated, branded and have their horns sliced off all without anesthesia in the U.S. every year.

And Bruce Friedrich wants you to meet them.

Friedrich, vice president of policy and government affairs for PETA and producer of PETA's video "Meet Your Meat," spoke to about 65 people at the Florida Gym on Saturday about the

abuse factory farm animals face and the social and environmental benefits of a vegan diet.

A vegan does not eat animal products, including dairy, eggs, meat and often honey.

Sponsored by UF's enVeg, an environmental vegetarian group, to kick off World Go Vegan Week, Friedrich

**"What you are about to see is beyond your worst nightmares,"**  
**Alec Baldwin**  
PETA narrator

began his presentation as he discussed playing football in Oklahoma, where he joked the two main food groups were Dairy Queen and McDonald's.

"The idea of not eating meat was like the idea of not breathing oxygen," Friedrich said of his past.

Now a vegan for 22 years and one of the leading figures in the largest animal rights organization in the world, Friedrich's views are different.

"I came to work at PETA because my heart brought me there," Friedrich said.

Friedrich diverged from speaking for a few minutes to show the opening three minutes of "Meet Your Meat," the video he produced.

"What you are about to see is beyond your worst nightmares," Alec Baldwin narrated, as an image of a slaughterhouse worker clubbing a pig flashed across the screen.

Friedrich was not paid to speak.

Katie Black, a vegan and a UF freshman who attended Friedrich's presentation, said she doesn't remember the last time she ate meat.

"I always hated the smell of it, the taste of it, the sight of it," Black said. "I always knew it was wrong."

Although Black said she learned a lot from Friedrich's lecture, she said she would have liked to hear more information about alternatives for those who are less familiar with a plant-based diet.

For more information on PETA or vegetarianism, go to [Meetyourmeat.com](http://Meetyourmeat.com).



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PETA official Bruce Friedrich speaks about the benefits of a vegan diet at the Florida Gym Saturday.

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# Thousands expected at Friends of the Library sale

■ THE BOOK SALE LASTS THROUGH WEDNESDAY.

By CJ PRUNER  
Alligator Writer

Surrounded by buildings much taller and more pleasing to the eye, the warehouse at 430-B N Main St. is easily overlooked.

But this weekend, the warehouse transformed into the setting for a Gainesville tradition — the biannual Friends of the Library book sale, which kicked off Saturday.

The sale, which offers deals on donated books, as well as videos, records, magazines and other literary treasures, has been going on for more than 50 years. Proceeds benefit local libraries.

“This is for the people who love bargains and for people who love books,” said Liz Jones, book sale volunteer chairwoman.

About 300 volunteers work year-round to prepare for first the spring sale and then the fall sale.

“We go six months non-stop to make sure this [event] happens,” she said. “We take two weeks to say, ‘Whew.’ Then we’re back at it again.”

Although she admits that the process can be challenging and taxing, Jones said that the end result is worth the work.

“I saw a small child who was so excited to find a first edition of ‘Gulliver’s Travels,’” she said.

“That made me happy.”

For those with a few minutes and a pocketful of change, most prices were in the bargain range.

But for book connoisseurs which a rich taste, the back section housed finely printed, leath-

er-bound editions.

The rest of the books, which were crammed into towering shelves and narrow cubbies, are organized into subjects ranging from classic literature to cooking.

Most books will be marked down to half of their listed retail value on Tuesday and to 10 cents Wednesday, the final day of the sale.

But not everyone is holding out for the best deals.

More than 1,400 people arrived within the first half hour, and 5,000 to 6,000 people are expected to attend throughout the week, according to book sale volunteers.

As the warehouse hummed with excitement, attendees pilaged the towering piles of literature, grabbing hold of all the Dickens and Dostoevsky that their wicker baskets, laundry hampers or, for those who came unprepared, their hands could hold.

Radha Zanzal, a student at Santa Fe High School, seemed to be losing the battle with the weight of the bargains as her jagged collection of fantasy novels and Disney cassettes swayed back and forth, threatening to fall.

Zanzal has come to the sale for the past two years and describes herself as an avid reader.

She believes the sale is an untapped treasure and plans to come back before it ends.

“I brought around \$40, and I just might use it all,” she said. “I can’t wait for Wednesday.”



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Kim Withers and Suzanne Waters, a teacher at the Cornerstone Academy, look for books for their daughters at the Friends of the Library Fall book sale on Saturday.

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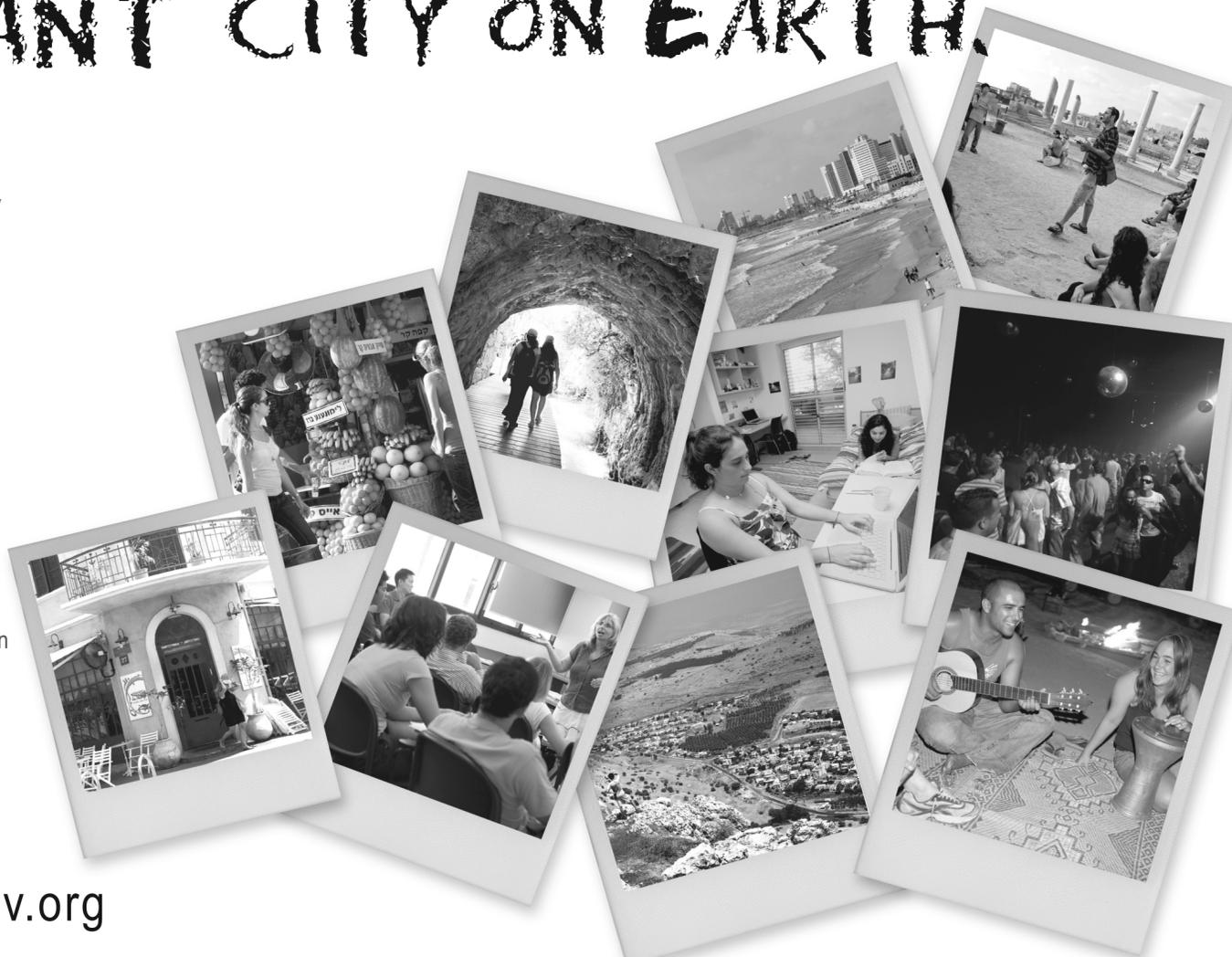
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# Breast-shaped cupcakes raise cancer awareness

■ THEY RAISED \$200.

By **ANDREW WYZAN**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

The phrase "Save second base!" could be heard throughout Turlington Plaza Friday when

one of UF's Relay for Life teams raised breast cancer awareness and served cupcakes resembling breasts.

"It's a funny idea to balance a serious disease," said Jacki Klutcharch, a public relations senior and the event's co-chairwoman for the team.

The team spent about \$39 on cupcakes and additional items for Friday's event.

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They bought 100 cupcakes from Publix, along with frosting and assorted additions like sprinkles and chocolate chips.

"This is the second year we've done this," Klutcharch said.

"I'm not sure how it started but it's great for marketing purposes."

The cupcakes were not sold for profit, but the team did accept donations.

"Our purpose right now is not

to raise money," Klutcharch said. "It's to raise awareness."

However, they raised about \$200 in donations. They raised about \$89 at a similar event they held Monday.

A breast cancer survivor was also in attendance at Friday's event. See [alligator.org](http://alligator.org) for her interview.

## Protesters marched to Publix

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fair food nation!" The demonstration's purpose was to place pressure against the Aramark Corp. and Publix Super Markets to pay a penny more per pound of tomatoes, as well as to guarantee more dignified working conditions for tomato pickers.

Protesters marched from the Plaza of the Americas to the Reitz Union, where several speakers, including Dave Schneider, a member of Students for a Democratic Society, spoke to the crowd about the campaign.

"This is a struggle that involves all of us," Schneider said during his speech. "The fact that we can walk into the Reitz and buy a sandwich that has a tomato on it that more than likely came from Immokalee — we have a connection right there."

Marchers then made their way to Gator Corner Dining Center, where they stood at the front of the

building calling for justice for the Immokalee workers.

About 30 protesters continued the trek to the Publix Super Market on the corner of West University Avenue and Southwest 34th Street, while others drove and rejoined them.

About 100 people marched on the sidewalk in front of the store, calling for Publix to listen to their demands.

Dwaine Stevens, a spokesman from Publix's division in Jacksonville, Fla., said the company buys tomatoes at a fair market price and will continue to do business because they do not set tomato prices.

A delegation of about seven protesters met with Publix officials at the site to give them letters written to the manager and several pages of signatures from supporters of the cause.

Stevens said he respected their right to protest and would take the documents to Publix's corporate offices.



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Student Farmworker Alliance member Richard Blake, 19, leads a group of people protesting Aramark in the Plaza of the Americas on Saturday afternoon.

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## Editorial

# Take A Hike

## Prepaid won't help those who need it most

Last week, registration began for parents who want to purchase Florida prepaid college plans for their children. On its Web site, the organization tried to cover a massive jump in its prices by saying, "You can't afford to wait any longer to lock in today's plan prices."

But for many Florida families, it's true: They can't afford it.

In June, UF's Board of Trustees approved to raise tuition each year until it reaches the national average — about \$7,000 a year, compared to Florida's \$4,000.

UF can increase its tuition by up to 15 percent each year until it reaches the national average.

This is called differential tuition.

According to USF's Web site, differential tuition is an extra fee that gives Florida's research universities — UF, FSU, USF, FIU and UCF — money to continue offering competitive academic programs.

It's not tuition in the traditional sense, as it doesn't directly fund the classes you're taking each semester like a scholarship would.

Bright Futures does not cover it.

To cover the differential tuition fees, Florida prepaid offers an "optional plan." This year, the price of the "optional plan" soared from \$4,600 to \$20,000 for an infant that will hopefully go to college in 18 years.

However, paying differential tuition is not optional.

According to an article in the Sun-Sentinel, "Florida Prepaid officials estimate that within eight or nine years, students and parents will pay more in differential tuition than they do in state-set tuition."

This is because universities can increase differential tuition every year until their tuitions match the national average, which is also increasing.

We understand why Florida prepaid raised the cost of its optional plan, but we cannot see how a 300 percent increase is fair to low- and middle-income families. Their children need and would benefit from prepaid the most.

The sudden price hike will deter people from buying the optional plan, which seems like it covers the worst-case scenario in this tuition hike-a-thon.

But what if tuition does not go up by the maximum projected amount that prepaid is charging? And what if universities don't increase tuition to meet the national average by the time Ma and Pa's future academian heads to college?

We did some math (yes, we have been known to do that on occasion), and the numbers do work out if the worst-case scenario comes true. But we disagree with Florida Prepaid's decision to increase the cost of the optional plan all at once.

By forcing new participants to essentially foot the whole hypothetical bill of tuition 18 years down the road, it makes the program basically pointless.

They end up paying the entire cost of sending their children to college, instead of locking in the current — and lower — tuition rate.

Florida Prepaid was created to save people money. Now all it does is allow people to spread out the payments over a longer period of time instead of paying it right when tuition is due.

However, we're willing to bet that people who are planning for their children's college 18 years in advance are also capable of saving that money over the same time period.

The increase in cost reverses the original intent of the prepaid program. It is supposed to allow lower income families the opportunity to send their children to college by paying lower tuition costs. Instead, it forces participants to pay the higher tuition expected in the future. It doesn't save them any money.

Instead of making college more affordable, this just puts it further out of reach.

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# Opinions

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## Column

## Obama should get his hands dirty

If Dick Cheney didn't earn the title "Darth" that New York Times columnist Maureen Dowd bestowed upon him when in office, he's certainly earned it throughout his personal life. His raspy, shallow voice that pines to whisper, "Luke, I am your father" is quick to criticize the current administration.

The latest criticism, that the White House is "dithering while America's armed forces are in danger" as they draft a new Afghanistan strategy, has been met with strong rebuke from both the White House and democratic strategists. Cheney, after all, isn't the most popular figure in the Republican Party, and he can be easily used as a rallying call for Democrats still rightfully angered by the mess Bush and Darth left for President Obama to "mop up."

Afghanistan is one of those messes. A farrago of both necessity and psychological comfort in the immediate months following Sept. 11, the war in Afghanistan served Obama valiantly during the campaign, allowing the Democratic candidate to play both the dove and hawk, as he supported a full withdrawal from Iraq and a re-examination of the Afghanistan war front.

His decision on Iraq has been well-recorded and well-received with the American public. But what about Afghanistan?

The Afghanistan War, as I've mentioned before, has been called the war of necessity — a war that was reactive, rather than preemptive. As I've also mentioned before, publicly, it seems that Obama has two options: Either adopt Gen. Stanley McChrystal's recommendation of sending 40,000 additional troops to the region, or adopt Vice President Joe Biden's plan of withdrawing the majority of troops and applying elite teams of special forces to root out the al-Qaida holdouts in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

There are strong cases to be made for both options. There is also a strong case to be made of a third option, a middle

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way that straddles both McChrystal's and Biden's approaches by sending in 20,000 troops with embedded special forces to the region.

Some now believe the president favors this third way. Politically, he shields himself from Republicans antsy to have a reason to label him as weak on national security, and he lets true liberals sleep easy knowing their president saved 20,000 troops from deployment.

Going for the third option, seeking the middle way, and refusing to get his hands dirty, is becoming a hallmark of Obama's presidency. Try as some conservatives may, Obama's policies aren't that radical.

Issue ownership is another problem the White House must confront. Just as his popularity has shown the first hints of slipping below the 50-point mark, many pundits have speculated that Obama's lack of definitiveness is to blame. Likewise, 43's arrogant certitude and Cheney's diabolical smirk may have hurt the popularity of the last West Wing occupants. It seems the nuance and consideration that goes into each decision coming from the Obama White House could very well keep driving public approval lower.

The American people respect definitiveness, but have little patience for nuanced policymaking, if only because we don't understand it. What's more, definitiveness, and "owning" of a war, is required. The president isn't reveling in indecisiveness, as Darth is too eager to point out, but is instead straddling the fence, trying to shape his image as a peacemaker while waging war.

Mr. President, it's time to put away the mop and get your hands dirty.

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

## Reader response

**Today's question:** Do you think Florida prepaid is worth the cost?

**Friday's question:** Are we witty?

**30% YES**

**70% NO**

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Letters to the Editor

**UF should address asbestos in dorms**

There is asbestos in nearly every dorm on this campus. I live in Tolbert Hall, and we had exposed asbestos in our trash room at one time.

Asbestos doesn't just cause health problems. It causes Mesothelioma, a form of lung cancer.

People moving into residence halls should really know about the horrible and dangerous conditions within, as the only asbestos notification in all of Tolbert Hall is an 8-by-11-inch sheet of paper posted in the laundry room.

I'm sure if parents knew what they were paying exorbitant rent for their children to live in, they would rather pay less for off-campus housing.

In Tolbert Hall, gallons upon gallons of water are wasted daily due to the nearly 60-year-old faucets that have yet to be fixed or replaced and when students and the long waits for hot water.

The water temperature is also wildly

erratic.

Shower Coaches are a waste of money compared to fixing these problems.

UF also has a habit of watering sidewalks and over-watering young saplings on a regular basis. Get a brain, UF: You waste more water than all of your dorm residents.

Matthew Gilton  
UF student



**Shower timers are intrusive, wasteful**

As if I am not already mentored enough in my life, the Department of Housing wants to coach me on my wasteful showering habits after a stressful day at meetings, school and work.

In response to Friday's article on limiting shower times with Shower Coaches, I claim that they are both a distasteful and wasteful service for UF.

Privacy is something I don't get much

of anymore, and what's better than an LCD screen staring at me when I'm trying to relax from the day's events?

I agree that sustainability is an important issue that needs to be addressed and that many students are wasteful with water habits.

Yet, why should the university spend more than \$5,000 to install Shower Coaches in all on-campus showers?

I would rather have my tuition dollars go to a better cause, such as renovating the Reitz Union.

Showering offers me not only privacy, but also a means to de-stress myself from the chaos as a student.

It is one of the only times I can reflect and think alone without worrying about my schedule. I did not apply to UF to feel like I am in ROTC with restrictions on my personal habits.

In the time-sensitive world that I am a part of, why do I need another gadget dictating the schedule of my life? Showering

should not be a competition to see who can set a Guinness World Record.

I might as well drop the Art of Showering for failing inspection with my 15-minute showers.

When else can I step back from my busy schedule and forget about the time? Instead of always being so time-conscious, I feel that we should live like we're dying, because sustainability does not merit a spot on my bucket list.

If Shower Coaches are coming to UF next year, I will be a firm proponent against the system. I neither need a university-sanctioned timer watching my every move, nor do I want to feel less productive at my inability to shower as quickly as my footprint-conscious peers.

Next time I turn on the lights in the bathroom, if I see a Shower Coach on the wall, I will introduce it to a new friend — the trash can.

David Yakobovitch  
UF student

Guest column

Students should demand better wages for Immokalee workers

Students are often insulated from a lot of issues outside of Gainesville. Tomorrow at 7:30 p.m., you have an opportunity to affect the lives of a tremendous number of farm workers.

During the off-season, about 90 percent of tomatoes bought in the U.S. come from Florida, particularly the fields in a town called Immokalee. Among the companies that get tomatoes from Florida is our monopolistic campus food service provider, Aramark Corp.

Tomato pickers in Immokalee are subjected to labor conditions on par with many third-world countries. Over the course of a 12-hour work day, an Immokalee farm worker has to pick between 2 and 2 1/2 tons of tomatoes to make Florida minimum wage.

Worst of all, since 1997 there have been seven convicted

**Dave Schneider**  
Speaking Out

cases of slavery involving more than 1,000 Immokalee farm workers, the most recent of which happened less than a year ago.

This past Saturday, I was joined by more than 130 students, faculty, activists and Immokalee farm workers in demanding that Aramark negotiate with their representative organization, the Coalition of Immokalee Workers. Right now, Subway, McDonald's, Burger King, Taco Bell and several other corporations have agreed to directly pay a penny more per pound of tomatoes picked to the farm workers. The coalition is calling on Aramark to do the same thing.

Because every dining option on campus is owned by Aramark, any student who has eaten on campus has a moral

imperative to assist the coalition in its struggle for justice in Immokalee. Student Senate heard a resolution in support of the CIW last month that a majority of Senators from all three parties voted for. In a bizarre turn of events, the resolution didn't pass because it needed a two-thirds majority.

This Tuesday, Senate is hearing the same resolution again. Based on the enormous amount of support on Saturday, I'm not alone in demanding that Senate vote overwhelmingly to demand that Aramark negotiate with the Coalition of Immokalee Workers to bring an end to the abuses and exploitation in Immokalee.

Come out at 7:30 p.m. to Reitz Union Room 282 and tell Senate that you stand with the Immokalee workers and that you won't tolerate these human rights abuses any longer.

Dave Schneider is the Progress Party president.

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# Festival features Asian life

By **MARIA PIQUET**

Alligator Contributing Writer

East met West at Gainesville's Heart of Florida Asian Festival on Sunday.

Held at the historic Thomas Center, the festival showcased aspects of Asian culture, including food, music, art and dance, and allowed Asian-Americans to celebrate their heritage.

The pounding sounds of Japanese Taiko drumming, the potent smells of yellow curry and the prowling neon dragons embodied the different nationalities represented at the festival.

Sections of the Thomas Center's lawn were turned into a food court featuring Asian specialties, a martial arts arena and a stage where acts such as the Sino Elite Acrobatics Group and the UF Bhangra Dance Club performed.

Inside in the Thomas Center's Spanish Court, Indian Dance Medley gave audiences a taste of Bollywood dance and the folk dance Kummi.

In the Long Gallery, guests received an introduction to Chinese painting and Persian calligraphy.

Stewart Thomas, who said he has been doing calligraphy his whole life, gave art demonstrations and tips about the art.

In fluid movements, he painted black strokes onto sheets of rice paper, creating Arabic symbols, Koi fish and Gothic lettering.

"There's a lot to be said of calligraphy as an art form," Thomas said. "Type font used to be rare. Now it's what is actually done by hand that is special."

Gail Liuzzo came from Micanopy with her daughter, Jovanna, 8, to be immersed in

another culture.

With a henna tattoo of a flower delicately painted on her hand, Jovanna said she especially liked the Indian culture represented at the festival.

Liuzzo was impressed by the dancing Chinese dragons and the performance by Chinese acrobat Liang.

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**Stewart Thomas**  
calligrapher

"It was incredible," Liuzzo said. "She was on a unicycle balancing plates and throwing them up with her foot. She actually caught all of them, three at a time, just pop pop pop."

Last year, Gainesville held a similar but smaller-scale festival that featured only Chinese culture.

After winning Alachua County's Tourist Product Development grant, the city broadened the scope of the festival to all of Asia.

"That grant allowed us to do a lot of the things we hoped we would be able to do," said David Ballard, Gainesville event coordinator and Heart of Florida festival director.

The grant also made free admission to the festival possible.

The city already reserved the Thomas Center for the same weekend next year, and Ballard said the organizers hope to make it a two-day event.



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Li Riggs, from the Sino Elite Acrobats of Orlando, spins plates in front of spectators at the Thomas Center Sunday afternoon during the Heart of Florida Asian Festival.

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| <b>ACROSS</b>   | <b>DOWN</b>                   | 35 Scared response                                 | 47 Like ripe peaches        |
| 1 Highway hauler  | 1 Grumpy mood                 | 37 Uncle Tom's creator                             | 48 Riga native              |
| 5 Cut off   | 2 Morays, e.g.                | 40 Duettist with Sheryl Crow in the song "Picture" | 49 Distinctive emanation    |
| 10 "___ Silver, away!"  | 3 Lawn burrower               | 41 Toon babies of '90s-'00s TV                     | 50 Muffin ingredient        |
| 14 Gas in a sign  | 4 Arouse, as passion          | 44 Sawyer's friend                                 | 51 Infatuated, old-style    |
| 15 Utah city  | 5 Watch covertly              | 46 Frequent, as a diner                            | 52 "This is my best effort" |
| 16 Sign of the future   | 6 The E in Q.E.D.             |  | 53 Any minute now           |
| 17 Hymn whose title follows the line "When I die, Hallelujah, by and by"  | 7 Solemn promise              |  | 54 Guitarist Clapton        |
| 19 Fill to excess   | 8 Sister of Zsa Zsa           |  | 57 Somme summer             |
| 20 "Cats" poet  | 9 Fit for a king              |  | 58 Privileges: Abbr.        |
| 21 Gum arabic tree  | 10 Biblical cry of adoration  |  |                             |
| 23 Adviser Landers  | 11 Popular Apple              |  |                             |
| 24 Traffic cone   | 12 Himalayan giant            |  |                             |
| 26 Knight's lady  | 13 Fit to be drafted          |  |                             |
| 28 Slimy stuff  | 18 Queue                      |  |                             |
| 29 Relative known for quitting?   | 22 Political takeovers        |  |                             |
| 33 Run the country  | 24 Kellogg's toaster pastry   |  |                             |
| 34 Scout's motto  | 25 "Alas, poor ___": Hamlet   |  |                             |
| 36 Kimono sash  | 26 Persian Gulf emirate       |  |                             |
| 37 Air ace's missions   | 27 Wonderland girl            |  |                             |
| 38 Climbing vine  | 28 Rodent kept as a house pet |  |                             |
| 39 How duelists begin   | 30 Baby beds                  |  |                             |
| 41 Baseball stats   | 31 Lee jeans alternative      |  |                             |
| 42 "Old MacDonald" refrain  | 32 Ice cream brand            |  |                             |
| 43 Rile up  | 33 Judge's attire             |  |                             |
| 44 Ado  | 34 Scarer's shout             |  |                             |
| 45 Resided  |                               |  |                             |
| 47 Dance from Ireland   |                               |  |                             |
| 48 ___ Tar Pits   |                               |  |                             |
| 51 Daybreak   |                               |  |                             |
| 55 French franc successor   |                               |  |                             |
| 56 With "The," Schwarzenegger film released 10/26/1984, and a hint to the puzzle theme found in the first words of 17-, 34- and 39-Across |                               |  |                             |
| 59 Ford Explorer Sport ___  |                               |  |                             |
| 60 Storage room   |                               |  |                             |
| 61 "Star Trek: T.N.G." counselor Deanna   |                               |  |                             |
| 62 Armored vehicle  |                               |  |                             |
| 63 Snappish   |                               |  |                             |
| 64 Lip-___: mouth the words   |                               |  |                             |

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UF linebacker Dustin Doe returns an interception for a touchdown while MSU's Brandon McRae tries to strip Doe during the Gators' 29-19 win in Davis Wade Stadium in Starkville, Miss., on Saturday.

## Defense holds MSU without touchdown

■ THE UNIT OUTSCORED THE BULLDOGS' OFFENSE.

By **KYLE MAISTRI**  
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STARKVILLE, Miss. — The final score didn't reflect the performance of the Florida defense Saturday night at Mississippi State.

The Gators held the Bulldogs' offense to two field goals, marking the fourth game this season that an opponent has not been able to score an offensive touchdown.

The other 13 points scored by MSU in UF's 29-19 win came as a result of two interception returns for touchdowns by cornerback Johnthan Banks — something that fired up Florida's defense. MSU's offense finished with 237 total yards on the game and only scored three second-half points.

"Guys are emotional, especially when you get interceptions for touchdowns," senior linebacker Ryan Stamper said. "They get 19 points, it looks like — if I would've just turned on my TV

— it would've looked like the defense wasn't playing well, but you know we're playing pretty good. We got turnovers tonight, too."

Three of them to be exact. Linebackers A.J. Jones and Dustin Doe each intercepted MSU quarterback Tyson Lee, with Doe returning his 23 yards for a touchdown in the fourth quarter to put the Gators up 29-13.

Safety Major Wright added the final interception with 4:01 remaining in the game and appeared to clinch the win.

On the next play, however, UF quarterback Tim Tebow dropped back to pass in his own end zone and threw one of those interceptions for touchdowns that Stamper was talking about, making the game a lot closer than perhaps it should have been.

"I was just thinking about how I messed it up," coach Urban Meyer said of the play call to throw the ball rather than run it. "And a lot of confidence in our defense."

The defense earned at least that after holding MSU running back Anthony Dixon to 53 yards on the

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## Gators excel without Spikes

STARKVILLE, Miss.

Brandon Spikes is the best player on Florida's defense, but he isn't the reason the unit is great.

Obviously, when he is on the field, the Gators are better.

But even without him, the defense would still be one of the best in the nation.

The other players have shown they don't need Spikes on the field to shut down offenses.

In the three games he has mostly missed due to injury — Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi State — the defense still led Florida to victory.

Spikes couldn't play against MSU because of a groin injury, but instead of looking like an incomplete unit, the defense showed how many playmakers it has, starting with the corners.

Joe Haden and Janoris Jenkins



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sometimes can be forgotten during games because they haven't made too many plays on passes this season.

And that's because they haven't had to.

By my count, each of them was thrown on once when they were in man coverage Saturday. The Bulldogs threw the ball 23 times, and only twice did the ball get thrown on the corners.

Teams are learning if they want to throw the ball, it is better to try to find other ways to do it because the corners are going to have their men on lockdown.

Although Jenkins did have a

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## UF takes SEC lead with win

By **TYLER JETT**  
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The Gators are back in a familiar position.

With five wins in the last six matches, No. 12 Florida (13-4-2, 7-1-2 Southeastern Conference) is in control of the SEC. South Carolina lost to LSU on Sunday, and now UF is in first place with one match left.

Florida's latest win came Sunday against Arkansas (8-6-4, 2-6-2 SEC). Despite controlling play for most of the game, UF needed a second-half goal from Lindsay Thompson to sneak away with the victory.

The Gators' deciding goal

came in the 64th minute. The sequence began when senior Lauren Hyde sent a free kick from midfield into the penalty box. After sophomore Sarah Chapman deflected the ball with a header, forward McKenzie Barney found Thompson, who was running in from the right wing, and Thompson scored from seven yards out.

The sophomore leads the team with nine goals and 20 points.

Although the Gators scored just once, they had several good opportunities, and they could have prevailed more

decisively had one of their three shots that hit the post found the net instead.

Defending its own side of the field, Florida succeeded in keeping the Arkansas attack quiet. The team's shutout came one game after keeping LSU off the scoreboard.

"This is when we should be playing our best soccer, because we have been playing together for the last 20 games," goalkeeper Katie Fraine said.

Coach Becky Burleigh points to the effort of UF's forwards and attacking midfielders as a reason for the improved defense. Earlier in the season, those players were not helping the back line enough.

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### TEERING OFF WITH PHIL KEGLER

■ ESPN fired baseball analyst Steve Phillips on Sunday after admitting to an affair with a co-worker last week. Anytime you can trade you job and marriage for an escapade with a homely production assistant, I guess you can't pass it up. ... There are reports Mark McGwire will become the Cardinals' new hitting coach. No word on whether he's bringing an Andro endorsement.

### POLL QUESTION

**Today's question:** How many future games will UF's defense hold opponents without an offensive touchdown?

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■ UF freshman women's tennis player Allie Will advanced to the semifinals of the ITA Regional Championship. Men's doubles duo Alex Lacroix and Antoine Benneteau advanced to the finals of the tournament draw.

## UF VOLLEYBALL

## Gators control their own destiny after sweeping Rebels

By ANTHONY CHIANG

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After falling two games behind the Southeastern Conference lead, Florida knew it had to win all of its remaining matches to get back in the race.

But the Gators have done even better — they have won every set in their last four matches.

Following losses by Kentucky and LSU earlier in the week, No. 10 UF (16-3, 10-2 Southeastern Conference) now controls its own destiny in the race for a 19th consecutive conference championship after it swept Ole Miss (8-14, 2-10 SEC) on Sunday 3-0 (25-18, 25-13, 25-16) to extend its set streak to

12.

After trailing 8-9 in the first set, UF grabbed the momentum thanks to a 12-3 run to eventually win the opening frame.

The Gators wasted no time in beating the Rebels this time around after being pushed to five sets by them earlier in the season.

"No question we are playing better in the second half of the season than we were the last time we played Ole Miss, and that's the whole game plan — to continue to get better," coach Mary Wise said.

In the first matchup against Ole Miss, UF was outblocked and committed 14 service errors to only one ace, but Sunday it not only won the blocking battle 9-2, it

also dropped in five aces.

The serving game was terrific all weekend, as the Gators were able to pile up a season-high eight service aces in a win against Arkansas (11-12, 5-7 SEC) on Friday 3-0 (25-12, 25-18, 25-16).



Wise

"It definitely feels really good for us to serve at home," junior setter Brynja Rodgers said. "A lot of us take a few steps back behind the baseline, and at some gyms you don't have that — in the O'Connell Center we have as much space as we want."

Rodgers played a big part in

the team's successful serving performance, as she tallied up five service aces on her own during the weekend.

Although setter Kelly Murphy only had seven kills against Arkansas, the sophomore responded with a match-high 14 kills against Ole Miss on Sunday.

"A lot of it is matchups, and when Kelly was swinging today, we felt like she had a good matchup in terms of the defense Ole Miss was running against her, so it was part of the game plan," Wise said.

On Friday, senior libero Elyse Cusack became the first player in school history to eclipse the 1,900 digs mark and moved into third on the all-time SEC digs list.

"Elyse has been the glue to this team and has anchored the serve-receive while working with young players around her," Wise said. "She is the heart and soul of this team, and it shows every day when she goes in to practice."

Now in a three-way tie with LSU and Tennessee for second place in the conference, UF is just one game behind Kentucky with matchups against all of those teams still remaining later in the season.

"It helps motivate us a lot just knowing that we are in back in it now," Murphy said. "Everything just means so much more because we do have a chance. It's up to us now."

## Florida holds Dixon to less than half of season average with depleted line

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ground, less than half of his season average of 116.

His previous low was 92 rushing yards against Auburn.

UF thwarted MSU's running game even with four regulars held out with injury.

"There's a lot of experience. There's some grown men on that defense, and they played well together and they support each other," Meyer said. "It's a good football team. With four starters out on defense, that's something."

Among those held out with injury was All-America middle linebacker Brandon Spikes, who came out for pregame warmups but couldn't play when the whistle was blown.

Defensive tackles Lawrence Marsh and Jaye Howard and defensive end Justin Trattou were the other three prominent defensive players sidelined for the Gators.

Stamper, who had 13 tackles, filled in for Spikes in the middle and led a stingy first-half performance that set the tone for the rest of the game.

The Bulldogs picked up 74 yards of total

offense in the first half and went three-and-out on each of their last four possessions before the break.

On those final four possessions, MSU totaled 8 combined yards, moving backward on two of those drives.

Yet, UF took a slim 13-10 lead into halftime due to the offense's inability to cap off drives with touchdowns in the red zone.

"Our defense is playing well enough that that score should have been different

at halftime," Meyer said.

The score was close, however, thanks to red-zone ineptitude and a couple errant passes. The offense's inability to convert put more pressure on the defense, but that's just the way the nation's No. 1 team in total defense likes it.

"We try to not worry about what the offense is doing because — to be honest with you — we pretty much control the game," Stamper said. "If they don't score, they don't win. We control the game, and that's how we see it. If they don't score, they don't win, and they didn't score tonight."



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# UF scores second TD in last 15 red zone trips

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zone on its first four trips inside the 20, making the Gators settle for three field goals and forcing a Tebow interception that Johnthan Banks returned 100 yards for a touchdown right before halftime. Before Saturday, Tebow had only one interception returned for a touchdown — Tennessee's Eric Berry did it in 2007.

UF has now scored just two touchdowns in its last 15 trips to the red zone.

The Gators, who allowed six sacks against the Razorbacks last week, gave up three sacks to the Bulldogs.

"I know people are going to take shots," Meyer said. "We're pressing like crazy. I think the head coach wants to score so damn bad. We're not used to this."

In wins against Tennessee, LSU, Arkansas and Mississippi State, Florida has scored just seven offensive touchdowns.

Tebow once again struggled to find options in the passing game, completing only one pass to a wide receiver other than Riley Cooper. Deonte Thompson caught a 19-yarder in the first half.

Tebow missed open receivers several times against the Bulldogs, including a handful around the goal line where the Gators failed to punch it in.

"When you're open and you don't get the ball, of course you're going to be upset," receiver Brandon James said. "But you don't know what the quarterback is going through. You don't know what happened in protection. You're just running your routes. You know that you're open. You don't know everything else that's going on in the back end."

The Gators did find some success in the running game, especially with Chris Rainey, who ran for 90 yards on 12 carries.

Rainey scored the Gators' lone red-zone touchdown from a traditional I-formation with 9:08 left in the game to put the Gators up 22-13.

Running back Jeff Demps left the game late in the second quarter following a neck injury.

Meyer said Sunday that Demps, who wore a brace after the game, has a sprained neck, and he is probable for next week's game against Georgia.

The Gators gave credit to Bulldogs coach Dan Mullen, who players said frustrated them with his knowledge of the Florida offense.

Mullen spent 10 years coaching alongside Meyer and helped the Gators average more than 40 points per game in two straight seasons as UF's offensive coordinator before leaving to become the head coach at MSU.

In three seasons under Mullen, Tebow threw for 6,390 yards and 67 touchdowns and rushed for 2,037 yards with 43 scores.

"He's very frustrated," Meyer said Sunday during a conference call. "He's used to playing at a certain level. A lot of guys are frustrated. We go down there (and win by) 10 points on the road, and it's the same old song and dance as the last couple weeks."



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## SWAMP STUDS



**Chris Rainey**  
RB, So.

With Jeff Demps leaving the game due to a neck injury, Rainey stepped right up to take the rushing load. He set a season high in rushing yards, averaged 7.5 yards a carry and punched it in from 8 yards out to make it a two-score game. If Demps misses significant time, Rainey will need to continue with efforts like this. **12 rush, 90 yds, 1 TD**

It had been a quiet season so far for Dunlap, who exploded against Mississippi State and had his best game of the season. He had just two sacks entering the game but finished the night as UF's season leader. Perhaps even more impressive was that the junior's first two sacks came on MSU third-down attempts. **5 tackles (5 solo), 3 tackles for loss (3 sacks)**



**Carlos Dunlap**  
DE, Jr.



**Ryan Stamper**  
LB, R-Sr.

Brandon Spikes missed yet another game Saturday, but Stamper is doing his best to make fans forget all about No. 51. Stamper led the team in tackles and played the key position on a unit that allowed only six points and 53 rushing yards to Anthony Dixon, less than half his average entering the game. **13 tackles (9 solo), 1 tackle for loss**

## STANDINGS

<b>T. Tebow</b> - 9	<b>R. Cooper</b> - 2
<b>J. Demps</b> - 5	<b>C. Dunlap</b> - 2
<b>C. Rainey</b> - 4	<b>R. Stamper</b> - 2
<b>A. Black</b> - 3	<b>C. Sturgis</b> - 2
<b>J. Cunningham</b> - 3	<b>D. Thompson</b> - 2
<b>J. Haden</b> - 3	<b>A. Hernandez</b> - 1
<b>B. Spikes</b> - 3	<b>Ja. Jenkins</b> - 1

## SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Final
<b>UF</b>	3	10	3	13	<b>29</b>
<b>MSU</b>	3	7	3	6	<b>19</b>

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## TOP THREE PLAYS



**Johnthan Banks'** 100-yard interception return for a touchdown just before halftime.



**Dustin Doe's** 23-yard interception return for a touchdown in the fourth quarter.



**Tim Tebow's** 26-yard touchdown run in the second quarter that tied him with Herschel Walker for the all-time SEC mark for rushing touchdowns.

## TURNING POINT

Senior linebacker Dustin Doe grabbed a Tyson Lee pass deflected by Brandon Hicks and returned it 23 yards for a touchdown. Doe's pick-six widened Florida's lead to 29-13 with 8:25 left in the game.

## KEY STAT

**4** Consecutive three-and-outs forced by Florida's defense to end the first half

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# Gators dominate pair of meets

■ UF DEFEATED SEVEN OPPONENTS.

By **TONI-ANN MILLER**  
Alligator Writer

Florida's women's swimming and diving teams had an outstanding weekend all around, dominating two separate meets and defeating seven opponents.

Eight of UF's top swimmers and one diver went to Texas for the SMU Classic, while the remaining athletes faced the challenge of winning in Fayetteville, Ark.

In Fayetteville, UF's women responded and took down Kansas and Arkansas in the one-day meet.

The Gators defeated the Razorbacks 175-133 and routed the Jayhawks 205-103.

Sophomore Anna-Liisa Pold led the charge for UF. Pold finished in the top four in three individual races and one relay.



## Swimming

Freshman Corinne Showalter also shined for UF, finishing third in the mile freestyle and fourth in the 200 back.

Showalter said there was some pressure entering the meet to show how they would perform in the situation.

"We went in confident," Showalter said. "We were well prepared,

and we knew what was coming, so we were ready."

Instead of thinking about the overall result and the pressure to perform, Showalter added that the team focused on each event and did what the coaches expected.

"We beat people next to us. We beat people to the wall. We won the close races," Showalter said. "That's all the coaches wanted us to do, and we did it."

In the SMU Classic, UF took the lead after the first day of competition and didn't look back. Led by senior Gemma Spofforth and sophomore Shara Stafford, UF won the six-team meet with 353 points, ahead of second place Louisville, which had 309 points.

## Burleigh decides to try multiple lineups

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"When the ball got behind us, we felt that was the next line's responsibility as opposed to tracking back and making it your own responsibility," Burleigh said.

Arkansas' only threat came in the 80th minute when Fraine jumped to catch the ball. While in the air, an Arkansas defender pushed Fraine behind the goal line, but the referees called a foul on the defender.

"It was kind of scary because you never know what the ref is going to call, because I was technically across the line," Fraine said.

Burleigh decided to shuffle the team's lineup after the LSU match to put fresh legs on the field. The coaches considered having two lineups all season — one for the first match of the weekend, another for

the second — but Burleigh said she never felt ready to experiment until this weekend.

If they get past the first round, the Gators will use multiple lineups next week at the SEC Tournament.

Florida was without two of its offensive weapons for much of the game Sunday. Midfielder Tahnai Annis sat out with concussion-like symptoms stemming from a collision against LSU.

Freshman Brooke Thigpen, who is tied for second on the team with 15 points, limped off the field with a sprained left ankle in the 56th minute.

Burleigh said she is unsure of Thigpen's status for this week, but she expects Annis to be ready to play Friday, which could be crucial as the team prepares for South Carolina.

While four teams can still win the SEC, a Gators victory against the Gamecocks guarantees them the conference championship.

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very uncharacteristic game against Arkansas when he gave up two big plays, that type of performance isn't likely to happen again.

The run defense had previously looked susceptible without Spikes, allowing 100-yard rushers in the Tennessee and Arkansas games.

It seemed like the Gators defense would give up a big game because Mississippi State running back Anthony Dixon entered the weekend third in the Southeastern Conference in rushing yards and had topped the century mark in five of six games (94 yards in the other).

Instead, Dixon was held to his worst game of the season, rushing 15 times for only 53 yards.

A big reason for that was Ryan Stamper, who moved over to the middle linebacker spot in Spikes' absence. Stamper made five of his 13 tackles on Dixon rushes.

The redshirt senior's big game put him ahead of Haden and Ahmad Black as UF's leading tackler this season.

With Stamper and company shutting Dixon down, Bulldogs quarterback Tyson Lee had more pressure to make plays. That's where Carlos Dunlap entered to remind fans why he was considered one of the best defensive ends in the country in the preseason.

Dunlap had only two sacks before the MSU game, and he now has five.

In addition to the three sacks, he also batted a pass by Lee into the air for A.J. Jones to intercept on the game's opening drive.

Then, the random playmaker of the game was Dustin Doe, who wouldn't have been on the field much had Spikes played.

Doe was playing the weak-side linebacker spot, which is usually filled by Stamper. Although Doe's six tackles aren't overwhelming, his pick-six put the game away for the Gators despite his bone-headed celebration.

UF has big-time players who make plays when needed all over the defense, and that's why this is a top unit and would be with or without Spikes.



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