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► FSU coach Bobby Bowden will make his 17th, and possibly final, trip to The Swamp on Saturday when the No. 1 Gators host the Seminoles at 3:30 p.m. on Senior Day. See Story, Page 20.

End of an Era



Seniority Rules

Winningest class in SEC history to play final home game

By **MIKE McCALL**
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“Senior Day” just doesn’t do it justice.

The significance of Florida’s regular-season finale against Florida State can’t be summed up in such a short title, something Urban Meyer knows better than anyone.

During his press conference Monday, Meyer didn’t try to lay out all the reasons why the rivalry clash will be one of the most emotional days Ben Hill Griffin Stadium has ever hosted.

He didn’t have to. He said it all without saying a word.

Three times, Meyer had to pause mid-sentence to compose himself. Questions about his first UF Senior Day in 2005, the 2007 death of would-be senior Michael Guilford and the impact quarterback Tim Tebow has

had on the program all brought him to the verge of tears.

Each time, he looked down at the podium and fought to compose himself, going silent for a total of 60 seconds.

“Boy, we’re going to have no more interviews this week, man,” Meyer joked. “Yeah, it’s going to be a tough week.”

It was the most emotion Meyer has shown to the media during his tenure in Gainesville — for good reason.

At the end of this week, the winningest class in Southeastern Conference history will vanish from The Swamp, taking with it some of the best players the school has ever seen.

Players who helped deliver Meyer a national title in just his second year at the helm.

Players who matured and took leadership roles after a disappointing 2007 season, romped to another title

in 2008 and developed into the kind of team Meyer dreamed of when he took the job.

Players who stand on the verge of winning a third championship in four years.

The curtain is about to fall, but before it does, those players have one last performance to turn in for the home crowd.

The Last Lap

Many words have been used to describe Tim Tebow, but underappreciated isn’t one of them.

Still, despite all the hype and accolades, linebacker Ryan Stamper said he didn’t stop and really think about the impact his quarterback has made until recently.

“I was talking to (Brandon) Spikes, (Dustin) Doe and the other linebackers the other day, and we were just saying that sometimes we take for granted that we have one of the best players in college football on our team,” Stamper said.

“When you look back, you realize how great a player he is, all the things he has done for this school and a lot of things no one has done before. You really appreciate having a guy like that on your team.”

Saturday will give fans a chance to express the same feeling, including thanks for the work Tebow has done off the field.

Fans are planning to wear eye-black strips as a tribute to the religious messages Tebow has promoted during his career, messages that have carried over to the team.

Stamper credits Tebow’s arrival for the team’s increased charity work, and Meyer says it has resulted in a changed mentality inside the locker room.

“The impact he has made, it’s almost like selflessness is now a cool thing,” Meyer said. “It’s like kids are realizing to give back, and if you can brighten someone’s day, you do it. The impact he has made on this team and coaching staff is phenomenal. It’s very noticeable, behind closed doors probably more than what you guys see.”

Tebow’s on-field impact is much easier to see, with accolades on display inside the stadium and the adjoining Heavener Football Complex. He’ll take his final lap around the field to high-five fans on Saturday, and



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UF redshirt senior linebacker Ryan Stamper leads the team with 64 tackles and also has 5.5 tackles for loss, including 2.5 sacks. He has two interceptions and a forced fumble.

while it’ll be a tough goodbye, Tebow isn’t ready to rule out a return to The Swamp one day.

He said Meyer always jokes that he’ll eventually take over as the Gators’ coach, and he admits the opportunity to be involved with football and influence people would be an attractive career.

“That is intriguing for me, and it’s not something I’m going to throw out because I think I would have a lot of fun doing it,” Tebow said.

“That door will never be closed for me.”

More Than a Supporting Cast

In all likelihood, Saturday’s game will be most remembered for being Tebow’s last, but his list of co-stars warrants plenty of attention.

Spikes, who put a pro career on hold to return for another year, will leave the field for good, taking his trademark dreadlocks and knack for big plays with him.

Electrifying return man Brandon James will have his last chance to dazzle the crowd with one of the long, winding returns that have made him UF’s career leader in just about every kick return category.

Defensive end Jermaine Cunningham will chase an opposing quarterback across Florida Field for the final time. Receiver Riley Cooper will have his last shot at hauling in a deep pass from his roommate.

The list goes on, providing ample evidence for the talent of Meyer’s 2006 recruiting class, which also included NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year candidate Percy Harvin.

“That whole class, you just knew we were going to win a lot of football games because there were a lot of great players,” Stamper said. “It just shows during the time they’ve been here with how many wins we have.”

The senior class amassed a record of 46-6, going 27-5 in SEC play, 25-2 at home and 11-1 against rivals Tennessee, Georgia, FSU and Miami.

But there’s more to the senior class than its stars. Every player from the

starters to the practice squad has had a hand in the program’s success during the past four years.

The contributions of scout team players are often overlooked, but that won’t be the case on Senior Day. Each player will be recognized, including Guilford, whose tragic death in a motorcycle accident sent shockwaves through the team in 2007.

“We’re going to invite his family down,” Meyer said. “He’s a part of this group. You take Mike out of this process and that really stung this football team.”

“He has a terrific family, and we’re just trying to do the best we can to make that family feel at peace with what he did here. He was a phenomenal young man and a phenomenal member of this team.”

Survivors

The 2006 recruiting class may be Meyer’s best, but there’s something to be said for his first class as well.

Stamper, receiver David Nelson, kicker Jonathan Phillips and safety Dorian Munroe are all that remain of the 2005 class, but what they lack in quantity has been made up for by leadership, specifically from Stamper and Nelson.

“Take Ryan Stamper out of that [senior] class, and I can assure you that record and these accomplishments would not occur,” Meyer said.

Stamper has been vital to the defense’s success this season, leading the Gators with 64 tackles, and though Nelson hasn’t had a major impact on the offense, he’s always praised for his work ethic and effect on teammates.

Neither player gets much glory — nor do they seek it out. It’s all part of the gritty mindset that comes from five years of perseverance.

“We pretty much stuck it out,” Stamper said. “A lot of guys from my class either got kicked off or transferred. We’re the only survivors left, so that’s a big accomplishment for us.”

And beyond the end of this season, they have one more task to accom-

plish: to encourage the next crop of players to stick it out too.

Meyer said he has seven NFL-ready juniors on the team, meaning Senior Day could be the last home game for a host of other players as well.

Cornerback Joe Haden and defensive end Carlos Dunlap are considered first-round prospects, and tight end Aaron Hernandez, safety Major Wright, linemen Carl Johnson and Mike and Maurkice Pouncey will all have to make decisions on their futures after the season.

With such an emotional day in store, a fairytale ending is almost expected, leaving the Seminoles a chance to rain on the parade.

The Gators have taken five straight against FSU, winning the last two by comfortable margins, and the thought of that streak ending on his last appearance in The Swamp is enough to turn Stamper’s tone dark.

“I don’t even want to think about that,” he said. “That would be a bad, bad day around here. That would be bad.”

INJURY REPORT

DOUBTFUL

LB A.J. Jones (knee)
CB Moses Jenkins (concussion)

QUESTIONABLE

RB Emmanuel Moody (ankle)

PROBABLE

DT Terron Sanders (rib)
C Maurkice Pouncey (leg)
G Carl Johnson (ankle)
DE Jermaine Cunningham (shoulder)

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QUESTIONABLE

G Rodney Hudson (knee)
WR Richard Goodman (groin)
CB Dionte Allen (thumb)

PROBABLE

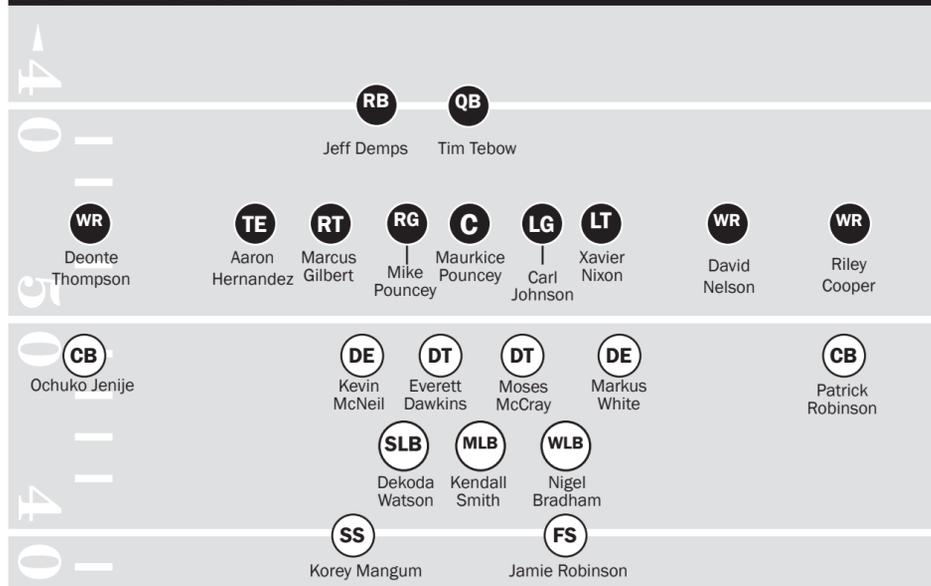
DT Justin Mincey (knee)



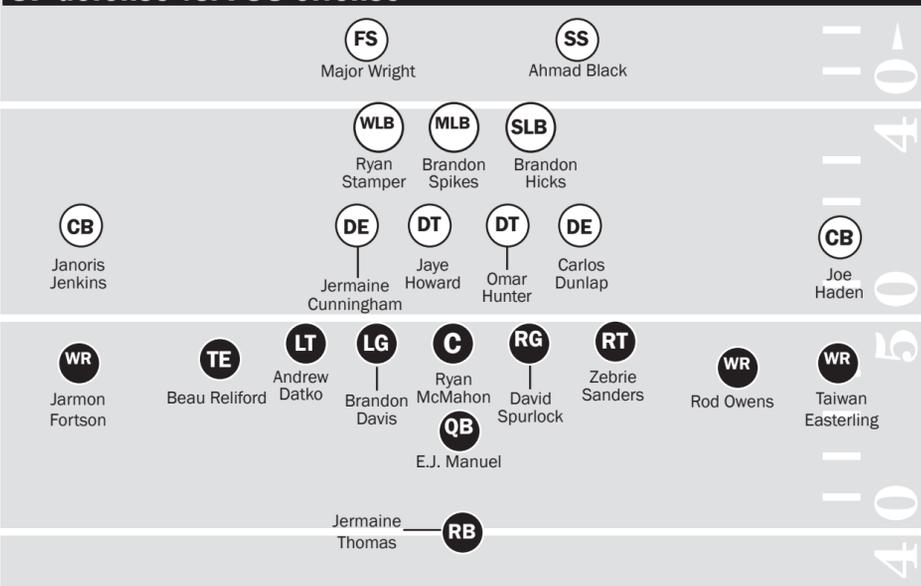
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UF senior linebacker Brandon Spikes returned to Gainesville for his senior year despite being a consensus first-team All-American.

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Experts give advice for a greener holiday

By **CAROLYN TILLO**
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Students consumed with thoughts of pumpkin pie and roasted turkey may also want to think about the impact their Thanksgiving meals will have on

the environment.

UF sustainability experts offered tips for having a more environmentally friendly Thanksgiving feast.

David Eardley, the president of Gators for a Sustainable Campus, said families should consid-

er buying locally produced foods. The shorter travel distance of local foods leads to reduced carbon emissions.

Around Gainesville

"Staying local is so important when it comes to sustainability," Eardley said.

Eardley also said families could consider keeping the turkey but cutting back on the other animal products at the Thanksgiving meal to help lower carbon emissions.

He said raising livestock is an energy-intensive process in

which a large amount of grain is needed to produce a small amount of meat.

Stephanie Sims, a program assistant with the UF Office of Sustainability, said families should

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Nike debuts Gators gear on campus

■ THE TEAM WILL WEAR THE NEW EQUIPMENT FOR SATURDAY'S GAME.

By **CAROLYN TILLO**
 Alligator Writer

Students had one mission in mind Tuesday as they lined up on the Reitz Union North Lawn: to get a free Nike T-shirt.

Nike gave away about 15 T-shirts with the slogan "Finish the Mission" to students who stopped by their trailer from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The slogan describes the Gators football team's goal of winning another national championship and highlights UF's goal of academic excellence in the classroom, said KeJuan Wilkins, a Nike spokesman.

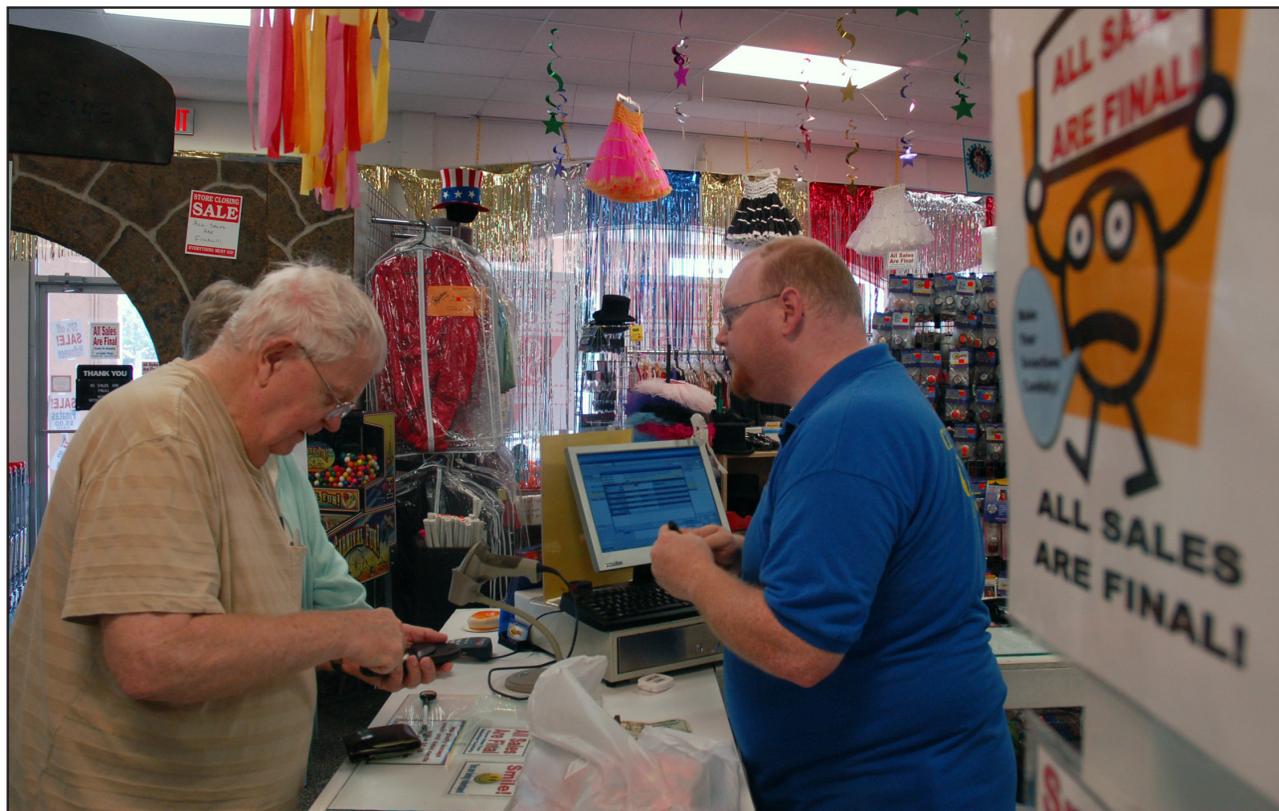
The T-shirt giveaway was part of Nike's efforts to promote the new Gators football uniforms the team will wear at Saturday's game against Florida State University.

Wilkins said the lightweight, durable uniforms and the helmets with the sleek, slanted F reflect the speed of the Gators football team.

However, he said the result of the game depends on the players.

"It's ultimately up to them how they perform," Wilkins said. "This just gives them an-

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Juliana Jimenez / Alligator Staff

Curtain Call

Ed Hutchinson purchases costume accessories from Chris Avery, floor manager and head cashier at Center Stage Tuesday afternoon. The costume shop will be closing at the end of this year. See story at alligator.org.

UF FACULTY

History of science professor to retire after 31 years

By **BENJAMIN MARKUS**
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A man with a passion for history will soon make some of his own.

Professor Frederick Gregory, 66, will

retire at the end of this semester after teaching for 31 years at UF. Gregory, a history of science professor, is also a former president of the History of Science Society and former chairman of UF's history department, according to his UF Web site.

His scant white hair belies a youthful enthusiasm that readily shows itself through conversation.

Looking like something between the aftermath of an earthquake and a garage sale, Gregory's office mirrors his current

state of limbo between teaching and retirement. Half-empty bookshelves and boxes surround a desk carpeted by papers, books and a lone Einstein figurine peeping out of

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■ Guard Ray Shipman (right) scored 9 points off the bench as UF got out to a 20-point halftime lead and withstood a second-half comeback by FSU in a 68-52 win. See Story, Page 14.



Student group plans forum to promote sustainable business practices

A UF student group is turning the idea of sustainability into a reality on campus.

Students in Free Enterprise, a business organization, is holding a sustainable entrepreneurship forum Dec. 1 to focus on opportunities that sustainability trends bring to the business world.

The forum will give students the chance to network with local entrepreneurs who implement sustainable practices in their businesses and find success in doing so, ac-

ording to host Kyle Futch.

"More importantly, by implementing sustainable practices, businesses do not burden society with negative environmental consequences," Futch said. "Instead, they take responsibility for their actions, adding value to society as a whole."

The forum will take place in Bryan Hall 232 on Dec. 1 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For more information, go to ufsife.com.

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News Today

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Project Yucatan fundraiser
Monday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
The Gelato Company Project Yucatan is an interdisciplinary health outreach program that sets up medical clinics in underserved communities in the Yucatan Peninsula during spring break. The student-run group is self-funded and is trying to raise money to purchase the medications it will need for its clinics. The group needs to raise \$20,000 to sustain its trip.

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LOCAL

Routes change for holiday

Regional Transit System routes will change for the Thanksgiving holiday.

"A lot of routes will just be

FORECAST

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changing in frequency," said Chip Skinner, RTS senior marketing and communications specialist.

All RTS administrative offices as well as the Downtown Station ticket office will be closed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

RTS employees will have Thursday off.

UF campus service and Later Gator service are canceled for Thursday and Friday.

Later Gator will run during its normal time frame on normal routes through Wednesday night, Skinner said.

On Thursday, the fixed city route, UF campus, Later Gator and ADA paratransit services are canceled.

On Friday, ADA paratransit

service will return to the normal schedule. City Fixed Routes 9, 12, 13, 16, 17, 20, 34 and 35 will have reduced service. Routes 21, 22, 29 and 36 are canceled.

Routes 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 15, 24, 43 and 75 will follow the regular schedule on Friday.

All bus service will resume Saturday, including the Gator Aider service for the Florida State University football game.

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Shelter to serve meals at 2 locations

By **KRISTEN BOWE**
Alligator Contributing Writer

The St. Francis House will serve Thanksgiving dinner to at least 500 homeless people Thursday with a little help from the city.

This year, the shelter will serve food to the homeless community from the St. Francis House, 413 S Main St., and the Martin Luther King Jr. Center, 1024 NE 14th St., from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Kent Vann, executive director for the St. Francis House, said it was important to expand to another location to meet local demand.

A permit the St. Francis House holds with the city prohibits the organization from serving more than 130 people in one place. By expanding to the MLK Center, the shelter will be able to accommodate another 300 people at a time, though there is no cap on the number of meals that can be served at the MLK center. According to Vann, 1,000 were served last Thanksgiving, and numbers have been rising because

of the economy.

"It shows there are times you have to look through things to make sure people are being served," he said, adding that the city's efforts to work with the center mean a lot.

Vann expects to provide 150 pounds of turkey and 100 pounds of potatoes, all of which was donated by members of the community.

The dinner will be staffed with 250 volunteers this year, and he

encourages any students in town for the holiday to help by arriving at 7:30 a.m.

to either the shelter or the recreation center.

Vann said the St. Francis House and the city are currently working on expanding the special-use permit so the shelter can expand its serving privileges on major holidays.

For now, he said the shelter still needs cooked turkeys, stuffing, canned vegetables, sugar, brown sugar and yams.

"It's a community effort," he said. "It's pretty special."

LOCAL

Shoppers ready to grab gadgets

By **RENEE MONTALTO** and **OLGA VELEZ**
Alligator Contributing Writers

Valerie Fritts only has one more thing to get before she studies abroad in Spain next semester. With a flight booked and a visa stamped in her passport, Fritts said the only thing she is missing is a camera.

"I've put off buying one because it seems like they are so expensive," said Fritts, a junior studying journalism. "When I went to Best Buy and realized things were much cheaper than normal, it was such great news."

Fritts saw for herself the record-low prices on many types of electronics the rest of the country has been experiencing since the end of summer. Items such as digital cameras, flat-screen televisions and game systems have steadily decreased since the summer, according to the Consumer Electronics Association.

Local stores are planning to bank on customers looking for good deals.

"We are hoping that this year is going to be really big," said Rose Taylor, Sears cashier manager. "I think that people have become more conscious of how much money they are spending, so they are willing to come out on that day because there are so many good deals."

She added Sears extended its Black Friday sale to include the whole month.

According to Archer Road Radio Shack manager Brandon Gerhalen, most stores will do whatever it takes on Black Friday because they make more money on that one day than on any other day out of the year.

"You can equal a week's worth of sales in one day," Gerhalen said. "You might get two times

the amount of people that buy in a single day, but those people will buy three or four times as much as they would normally buy."

Fritts said she would love if prices continued to drop.

"That would mean my parents would be spending less money, and spending less money is always a good thing."

Mark Rush, UF professor in the department of economics, is not surprised at the change in the price of electronics.

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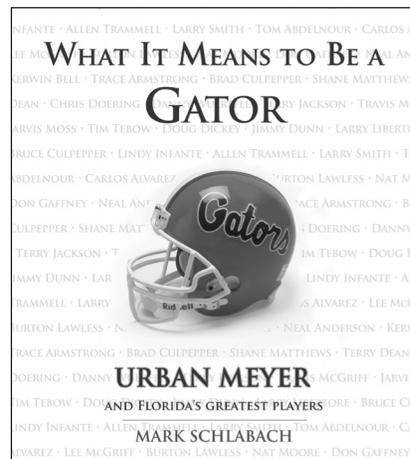
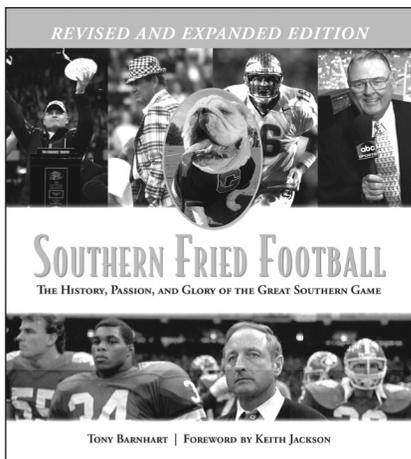
Rose Taylor
Sears cashier manager

"The way these items are manufactured has progressed rapidly. This sort of technological progress has lowered the cost of their production, increased their supply and thereby lowered the price," Rush said.

"I expect this is something of a wash from the overall economy-wide perspective, but from the perspective of electronic retailers versus other retailers of clothing and furniture, it can be very important."

With regards to the holiday season, Rush said the drop in price is no coincidence. He said he suspects many electronics companies have schedules for changing and lowering prices around the holidays as one way for them to try to pick up sales.

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Students pray, give thanks at Mass on the Grass

By **ELIZABETH BEHRMAN**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Students started giving thanks a little bit early on Tuesday.

Despite the cold, damp air and wet grass, about 100 people gathered on the Plaza of the Americas at noon for Mass on the Grass.

Father John Gillespie from St. Augustine Church and Catholic Student Center led a full-length Mass for students, faculty and passers-by.

A white tent covered the altar, and students sat and knelt on their jackets or book bags while they listened to Scripture readings, sang hymns and prayed together.

Debby Cherwak, director of student programs for St. Augustine Church, said although Mass on the Grass has been held several times before, this was the first time it took place on the Plaza of the Americas since she attended UF in the 1970s.

"I think it's a first for all the students who are currently going to school," she said.

Cherwak said the Mass had been held on the Reitz Union North Lawn in previous semesters, and there will probably be another Mass on the Grass in January.

Gillespie said more students attended the Mass when he was a UF student 40 years ago, and it included a canned food drive for Thanksgiving.

"We'd like to return to doing this as a regular Thanksgiving thing," Gillespie said.

"Even if you're not Catholic, it's just a way to get to know God better."

Mary McDermott
UF senior

After the Mass, participants lined up for hamburgers and hot dogs provided by the Newman Club, which also provides dinner for churchgoers after Mass on Tuesday nights.

UF senior Mary McDermott, who works as an intern with Cherwak, said she was impressed with the turnout despite the wet, muddy ground.

McDermott said people of all faiths were welcome to attend the Mass. It was held to give thanks, which she said was the point this week.

"Even if you're not Catholic, it's just a way to get to know God better," she said.



Photo provided by Debbie Cherwak

The Rev. John Gillespie preaches to students during the Mass on the Grass event held on the Plaza of the Americas lawn Wednesday afternoon.

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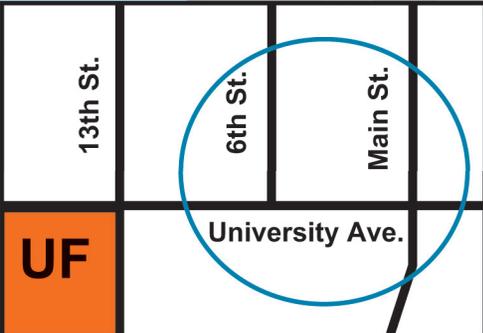
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Saving leftovers, buying local helps environment

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also try buying fresh ingredients rather than cooking packaged foods.

Sims said packaged foods can contain unhealthy ingredients like high-fructose corn syrup.

"Keeping things fresh and simple, you know, making things from scratch, is always a good thing," Sims said.

Sims said the holiday represents a great opportunity to bond with family.

Her family splits up leftovers from the meal, so nobody gets too much food.

She said families can jazz up leftovers by using creative new recipes found online.

Eardley also suggested families take any leftovers to a near-

by shelter.

Simple steps can also be taken to prevent leftovers from being spoiled and wasted.

Keith Schneider, an associate professor in the department of food science and human nutrition, said food should not sit out for more than four hours.

Schneider also said containers of food should be spread out on different shelves in the fridge. Hot food will not cool properly if placed next to other containers with warm foods, he said.



Schneider

Student groups protested Nike's working conditions

MISSION, from Page 1

other platform to elevate their play."

Jason Jarnagin, a junior aerospace engineering major, browsed through the Nike shirt stands set up near the locker containing the uniform. He said the new uniforms represent the transition from one senior class to the next.

"Having a new uniform is a way of showing we're changing, going from one era to another," Jarnagin said.

Some students had more than football on their minds when they stopped by the Nike trailer.

UF Amnesty International, a human rights organization, passed out fliers asking students to "Finish the Mission of ending sweatshop labor."

José Roberto Soto, one of the volunteers, said the group advocated for UF and Nike to adopt the standards of the Workers Rights Consortium in their contract. These standards would ensure that Nike products sold at UF are produced by sweatshop-free labor.

"We see that the current contract is not living up to the UF values," Soto said.

Local News

Prof: 'Students are what keep you young'

RETIRE, from page 1

the jumble.

Weeks from retirement, Gregory hasn't stopped working and hardly seems to be slowing down. He recently finished writing a textbook, "Natural Science in Western History," and just returned from a speaking engagement in Ireland.

Even in retirement, endless hours of lounging and TV-watching are not in Gregory's plan. His wife, Patricia, a wellness coach, had him make a list of 30 possible activities for a typical day in his retirement.

At the top of the list is playing handball, a sport he took up as a graduate student at Harvard University 35 years ago. Camping, reading to his wife and volunteering also made the list.

"The students are what keep you young."

Frederick Gregory
UF professor

Gregory said he would miss teaching and giving lectures at UF the most.

"The students are what keep you young," he said.

He admitted feeling guilty about no longer working but smiled as he spoke about the possibility of leisurely reading the newspaper in the morning and getting to his desk at home by 10 a.m., both of which he called "unfathomable" until retirement.

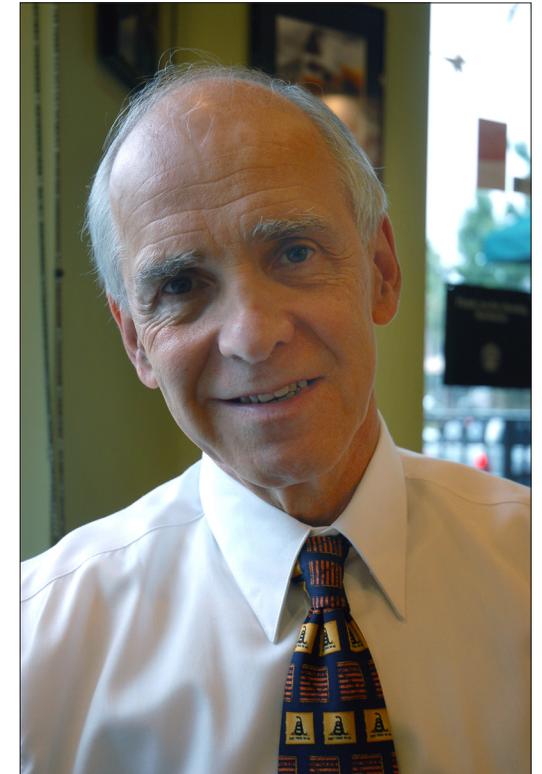
Gregory also said he plans to continue giving lectures and reviewing literature for other scholars, and he sees himself writing an intellectual biography of German philosopher Jakob Fries — but at his pace, not the school's.

Gregory, who was born in a small Pennsylvania town, began teaching at UF in 1978 after teaching at the now-defunct Eisenhower College in Seneca Falls, N.Y. After leaving Eisen-

hower College, he said he received offers to teach at UF and the University of Notre Dame.

Gregory's enthusiasm for history is as obvious now as it was when he first started teaching. In January of 1976, he said, he took a group of students to Europe for an independent study term, where he arranged a meeting with Werner Heisenberg, a legendary physicist who would die that February.

Gregory said that after the meeting the students pulled him aside and told him, "You were so excited, we were worried you were going to wet your pants."



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Frederick Gregory, history of science professor, will retire at the end of this semester after 31 years of teaching at UF.

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Editorial

The mass turkey exodus seems to begin earlier each year. Judging by the surprisingly low volume of angry letters in our inbox Tuesday, it looks like most of our faithfully vengeful readers have already flown the coop. We feel abandoned. Because campus is quiet enough to hear our hearts break at this shortage of students to enrage, we're happy to present you with a we'll-have-to-be-twice-as-offensive-to-make-up-for-the-difference edition of...

Darts & Laurels

First up, we'd like to personally attack the character and academic dedication of all those students who have already left Gainesville. Yes, we might just be jealous that we have to stay here and keep the poorly wired, poorly ventilated, basically crumbling Alligator building from burning down. But we're still going to throw a you-don't-care-about-UF-or-Gainesville-or-the-Alligator-how-could-you-betray-us-like-this? **DART** at **absentee Gators**.

Not that they'll be here to read this anyway.

But you might be asking, where are our hearts? It's Thanksgiving, a time to appreciate the little things. Well, our hearts are frozen, but they're on defrost like the turkey in Mom's fridge. They're not quite warmed up yet, though.

Petty criminal and UF student Maxime Sparfel, paid for his Moe's meal at the Student Rec. Center with a counterfeit \$10 bill on Sunday. Nervous Sparfel went on to ask for change for another counterfeit \$10 bill, arousing suspicion that led to his arrest and the confiscation of an additional \$150 in counterfeit bills.

We love the movie "Mo' Money," but even the Wayans Brothers had a better scam than this. That's why we have to throw a this-is-the-highest-caliber-of-criminal-you-can-produce? **DART** at **UF**.

At least this is a step up from the grad-student-shoe thief earlier this month.

For a group that pushed our hearts all the way to the back of the freezer this month, we'd like to continue to hate on the Dove World Outreach Center hate group, which has drawn controversy for spreading its messages against Islam on the shirts of children. The shirts in question read "Islam is of the Devil," and for sending their children out to proselytize in schools, we have to throw a stop-hiding-behind-your-kids-you-cowardly-crusaders **DART** at the **center's members**. Somehow, we don't think we'll ever get over the antics of this group.

The American Civil Liberties Union took up the Crazy World Outreach Center's case this week, claiming that the children's First Amendment right to political speech was violated by the School Board of Alachua County. For taking on a case that no one would want, and for doing everything possible to keep us from sliding down the slippery slope of censorship, we are happy to give a we're-surprised-you-can-even-stand-to-be-in-the-same-room-as-these-wackos **LAUREL** to the **ACLU**. Keep it up, even if you are doomed to lose.

Defrost is over. We knew we couldn't keep the anger up for too long with family and that wonderful turkey buzz just around the corner.

It was saddening to hear reports this week that the number of homeless in Alachua County has risen dramatically, but the St. Francis House — with some help from the city — will be out in force to provide Thanksgiving dinner to at least 500 homeless people. The kindness of this organization and its volunteers, along with good decisions on the city's part, will allow many of these people to enjoy some of the comforts that those absentee Gators are already enjoying. We'd like to give a fully-defrosted-warm-heart **LAUREL** to the city and **St. Francis House**.

That's it for this week. Keep up the generosity year-round Gators!

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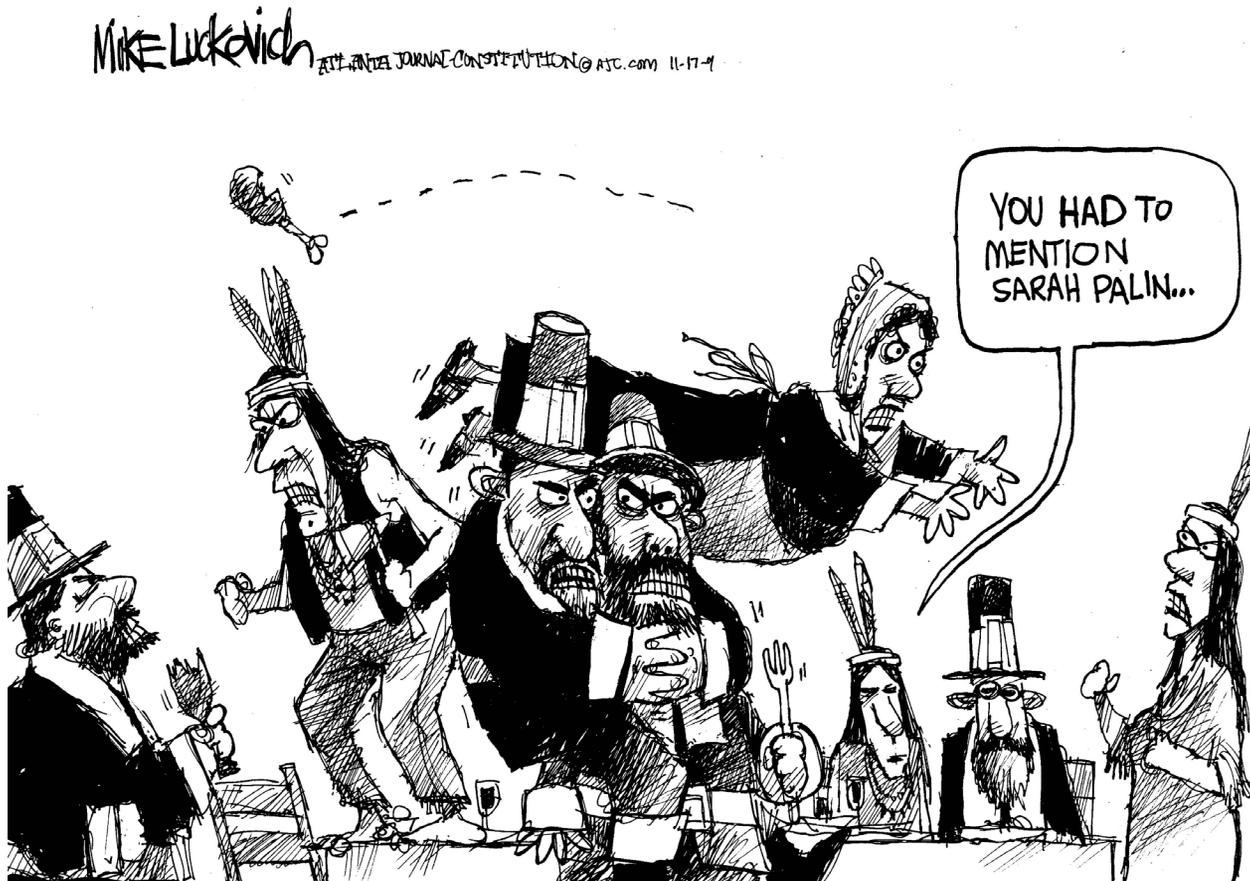
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Column

Give sincere thanks for Thanksgiving

Look, I know that it's traditionally that time of year when I should spout off about the things I'm grateful for in my life. I get annoyed when people act like you have to be thankful for every mundane thing just because it's the fourth Thursday in November.

So, in the anti-spirit of Thanksgiving, let me list some of the things that do not inspire in me any sense of thankfulness.

I am not thankful for airports. My family lives in Texas, so I've become a frequent flier. First, that limit-on-liquids rule is sexist. I have to bring lotion, makeup, hair products and the normal things like shampoo and toothpaste. One quart-sized bag does not cut it. There goes \$20 on my checked-in bag. Then, you have the weirdos on planes. I've started wearing my sunglasses through the entire flight just so people don't try to strike up awkward conversations with me about my sandwich choices.

I am not thankful for the amount of projects, papers and ridiculous Wildlife Issues homework I have had due the past few days. I really don't care that the bandicoots are an insectivorous marsupial.

I am not thankful that I got sick two days before Thanksgiving and might be unable to taste the turkey by the time it rolls around. Thanks a lot to the snot-nosed seventh graders my mom teaches. I'm not thankful for you, either.

I am not thankful for canned cranberry sauce. Whose idea was that? How do you even eat that? Dip the turkey in it? It's like solid ketchup or something. Gross.

I am not thankful for the immense amount of ironing I will have to do to make the Thanksgiving-themed napkins, tablecloths and place mats presentable.

I'm not thankful that I have to write this column from home when my vacation has already started. Have you



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ever tried finding something new to say about Thanksgiving? It was old news to the Founding Fathers. It's not easy to bring a fresh perspective to the discussion.

OK, I'm exaggerating. There are so many things for which I am incredibly thankful. I'm graduating in a month, I have a great family and I

am happy with my life.

But I do wish that Thanksgiving were less about a forced feeling of thankfulness and more about genuinely feeling grateful for what we do have.

Thanksgiving isn't happy for everyone. For those who have lost people close to them or those who are spending the holiday alone, Thanksgiving can serve as a reminder of what is missing instead of a cause for celebration.

This Thanksgiving, I'll be thankful for the things I have. But I'll be honest about the things I can't be grateful for.

I imagine that even the Pilgrims saw their Thanksgiving as bittersweet. They were celebrating their first harvest, but they had all left their homeland and seen members of their community die in the process.

You don't have to be thankful for the bad economy. You don't have to be happy about spending all day in traffic gridlock. You might not even be excited about having to spend half a week with your extended family.

There's nothing wrong with that. I've come to believe that having a thankful spirit is about giving thanks for a few things rather than putting a smile on and listing the top 10 things you're thankful for this year at dinner.

And I really do hate that cranberry sauce.

Hilary Lehman is a journalism senior. Her column appears on Wednesdays.

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Reader response

Today's question: Do you have class today?

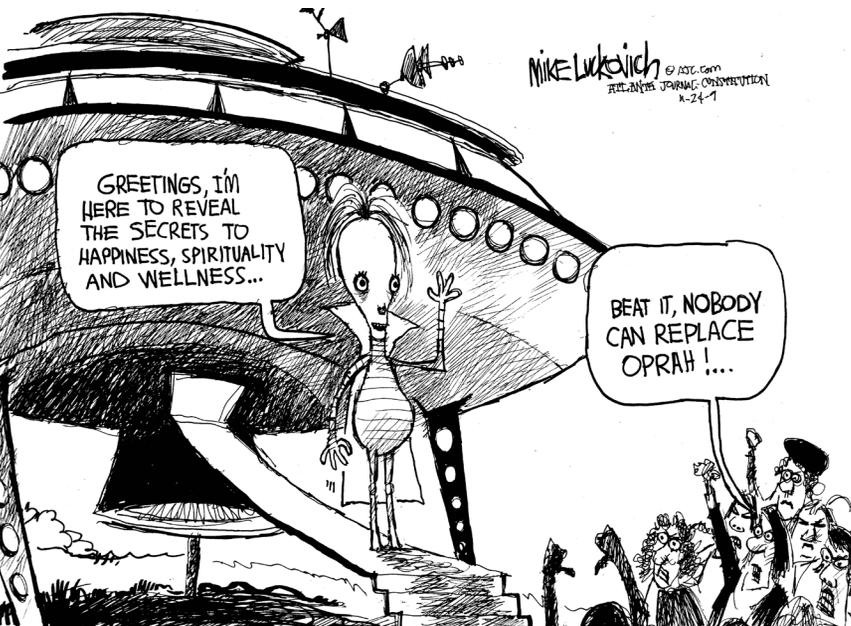
Tuesday's question: Should the ACLU defend Dove World Outreach Center?

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Guest column

Kids should not be billboards

I find it hard to believe that anyone can fight for the continuation of this fear-mongering by the religious extremists going on in this city. They claim it's "freedom of speech," but I call it mental terrorism.

Imagine you're an innocent elementary school student, and it's your first day in a real school. You have yet to establish any views on politics, religions, etc. Now imagine that you're approached by someone wearing an anti-Islam shirt, telling you that this group of people will burn forever in hell, as you will if you don't feel the same way.

Do you honestly think at that stage of your life you were capable of blowing the extremists off as mere crazies? Of course not — your lack of world experience and knowledge would most likely allow them to get into your head, filling your thoughts with mythical fire and endless torture.

Not surprisingly, this is exactly what the extremists count on. They don't want to comfort you with a loving message of peace but rather scare you senseless until you think how they think, hate how they hate and hate whom they hate. Obviously I'm overjoyed that the School Board of Alachua County took a stand against these child poster boards and kicked them off campus.

Separation of church and state should mean that at a government-funded institution, we can rest assured that there is zero tolerance for any sort of religious fear-mongering. Sure, they can claim that it's their freedom of expression, but there must be a limit.

If this lawsuit goes through, there's no telling what the extremists could get away with. Opening this Pandora's box will show every other religious group that it's OK to use your

Kevin Olivier
Speaking Out

children as walking billboards to spread hate. Sure, first the government can let the shirts slip through, but what's next? Do we really have to wait for children to start violent crusades in the name of whatever the hell their parents believe in for us to say enough is enough?

And in response to Howard Simon proclaiming that the shirts are about "[the students'] views on politics, religion and history," come on. Can someone really be that blatantly ignorant? The students wearing these shirts don't have a choice in the matter. Their parents, their church and other trusted organizations force their children into wearing the shirts. Can't he see that a simple, "Honey, by wearing this shirt, you're going to make God very happy," will persuade any extremist-raised child?

There is a reason why the government has age limits on so much of today's society; they recognize that younger children don't yet have the experience necessary to make sound judgments in almost any scenario.

This goes to say that their views on politics and such are most likely the views forced upon them by their parents.

To spread a cult's message of hate and intolerance by way of innocent children is one most disgusting acts imaginable.

If the government backs down and allows these groups to wear their "Islam is of the Devil" shirts on elementary school campuses, there's no stopping them from going a step further next time.

Kevin Olivier is a UF aerospace engineering sophomore.

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I ₁	I ₁	H ₄	N ₁	W ₄	S ₁	S ₁		Double Word Score RACK 2
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ACROSS
1 Workout room
4 Bit of hardware
9 Suffix with sea
14 Extinct ostrich-like bird
15 Games authority
16 Give ___ care
17 360-degree artwork
19 Hardly the gregarious type
20 Buckeye
21 "Skip the sordid details"
23 Like many airports: Abbr.
24 ___ firma
25 Well fluids
26 Former resident of Lhasa's Potala Palace
30 God of hawks?
31 Gear part
32 Frank
33 Fanzine, e.g.
34 Limerick place
36 Old Prizm automaker
37 Represent as identical
39 ___ and outs
40 East Berlin's Cold War counterpart
41 Wildly exciting, in slang
43 Guesses "true" when the answer is "false"
44 Pulitzer winner Walker
45 Concert halls
46 Golfer who won the 1992 U.S. Open
49 Prescription measure
51 Nebraska city
52 Long-time Chinese leader
55 Boston airport
56 Throw out
57 Nitrogen-based dye
58 Pork cuts
59 Essentials
60 Go one better

DOWN
1 Canyon or Sierra
2 Toy on a string

3 Rapid-fire weapon
4 "Eats, ___ & Leaves": punctuation handbook
5 Reef stuff
6 "Saving Private ___"
7 Common street name
8 Cunning sort
9 Not paid hourly
10 Bach work
11 Superior
12 Keats work
13 Reason d'___: reason for being
18 Golf course
22 Shrimplike crustaceans
24 "In space no one can hear you scream," for "Alien"
25 Mosul resident
26 Forest female
27 Source of mohair
28 Bearings
29 Near-eternity
30 From the U.S.
31 Cash alternative
34 Neapolitans, e.g.

35 Director Lee
38 Shi'ite leader
40 Server's basketful
42 Bygone bringers of cold blocks
43 Named for a car model, group who sang the 1961 hit formed by the ends of 17-, 26-, 41- and 52-Across

45 Leaked slowly
46 Turnpike fee
47 Melville novel
48 "The Gift of the ___"
49 Info
50 Auto designer Ferrari
53 Stump creator
54 Red state org.

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1. Spoiled TPDIRU
5. Whoosh SSWHI
6. Type of stew M GUOB
7. A heavenly body NARUSU

CLUE DOWN ANSWER

1. Exceeded SSPDEA
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UF guard Ray Shipman makes a breakaway layup during the Gators' 68-52 win over the Seminoles in the O'Connell Center on Tuesday.

Florida faces No. 2 Michigan State on Friday

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more point guard Erving Walker noted after the game how critical a nonconference win against a quality opponent will be in boosting the team's chances of returning to the NCAA Tournament.

"It's a big win. I say it's a big win for us not because it's FSU, but because they're a good team," Walker said. "That's a good win for our résumé, and it should come in and help us down the line at the end of the season."

The Gators also proved in the first half they are capable of beating teams even without freshman guard Kenny Boynton lighting up the scoreboard.

Donovan said FSU went out of its way to contain Boynton in the

first half, and UF's leading scorer was scoreless at halftime, but the rest of Florida's players stepped up to fill the void.

Sophomore guard Ray Ship-

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Erving Walker

UF sophomore point guard

man and junior power forward Alex Tyus each scored eight, and the Gators' defense took care of the rest, forcing 16 first-half turnovers and keeping the Seminoles to just 8-of-22 shooting. Boynton did come alive in the second half, however, scoring 13 points to tie

the team lead.

"It just shows how good of an all-around team we are," junior forward Chandler Parsons said. "There's gonna be games like that for Kenny, but he fought through it, didn't let it get in his head. It's not like he was frustrated he wasn't scoring, because we were up 20."

The one thing the win didn't prove, Donovan said, is whether or not Florida is ready for its toughest opponent of the season. UF faces No. 2 Michigan State (4-0) in Atlantic City, N.J., on Friday.

"How we handle a Michigan State, how we handle some of the things that are going to come our way — we'll wait and see," Donovan said.

PICKS

rock like Toby and not get stereotyped as a fullback. Then, just when Toby needs him the most, Bobby jumps off the bandwagon and picks Jimmy Clausen and Notre Dame. I don't know how he gets on the step stool to look himself in the mirror every morning. I haven't been enamored with Gerhart or Stanford the way Bobby has this year, but I can tell you one thing I know to be true: Notre Dame sucks. Yeah, we thought for a while the Fighting Irish might not actually suck, but they most certainly do. Their star quarterback got stuck in the face in front of his girl after a loss to UConn. That's right, they lost to UConn in football and all Clausen has to show for it is an embarrassing shiner. The Fighting Irish are losers on and off the field, just like Bobby.

— KYLE MAISTRI

Now on to the picks! Back in first place with a 63-56 record is Kyle "Buy it now" Maistri, who spends all his time searching for deals on eBay. He just put in a bid for used socks, and we're getting concerned. Just behind him in second at 62-57 is Bobby "D comes before C, right?" Callovi, who put himself behind DiFer in this picks column even though we break ties by alphabetical order. Next week, he learns primary colors and times tables. Tied with Bobby is the Tampa Tribune's Mike "Perception is reality" DiFerdinando, who learned a valuable truth Tues-

day: There is no way it should be, just the way it is. Sitting at fourth with a 59-60 record is the Gainesville Sun's Ed "And I was just getting my hat," Aschoff, who was upset to miss out on the KKK rally that took place outside the LSU-Ole Miss game back in his home state of Mississippi. Don't worry Ed I'm sure you can make the next one. Comfortably in fifth with 56-63 record is Mike "I am MLS" McCall, who insulted DiFer for thinking Saturday's MLS final was on Sunday. ...Oh wait, it was Sunday. We hope MLS's No. 1 fan didn't miss it, we know everyone else in the world did. In sixth place, jumping up from ninth, with a 53-66 record is the Miami Herald's Joe "Good job" Goodman, who we refuse to say anything negative about. Keep up the great work, Joe. Oh, and he is moving to a farm. Not to say that's a bad thing. We're sure plenty of people dream of owning a farm in Newberry one day. Please give a warm welcome to our resident of seventh place with a 51-68 the Palm Beach Post's Ben "Give me that" Volin, who has finally made it out of last place after what seemed like an eternity. He celebrated it with the fans in Ben Hill Griffin, giving out a high-five to one lucky Gators fan. Too bad he had no idea who you are Ben. Tied with Volin is Phil "What's wrong with me" Kegler, who is starting to get concerned that his neverending hunger and his daily intake of 4,000 calories, almost double the recommended amount, is not healthy. What could have every made you think that? In ninth place at 50-67 is the Florida Times-Union's Mike

"Just the two of us" DiRocco, who doesn't go anywhere without AP writer Mark Long. We're telling your wife. Our new occupant in dead-last with a 48-69 record is the Orlando Sentinel's Jeremy "What's up, Bobby?" Fowler, who finds himself lonely enough to call his correspondent "just because." He just needs a little affection.

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After last week's great matchups, I can only hope rivalry week will give us some thrilling games like Florida's last-second 62-3 victory over FIU, Alabama's narrow 45-0 escape of Chattanooga or Texas' 51-20 tough win over Kansas. This week's slate has games with great history such as Alabama-Auburn, Florida-Florida State, Clemson-South Carolina and UCLA-USC.

But as usual at the alligatorSports Brand Picks Column, we love doing the unexpected.

So of course we will be arguing Stanford vs. Notre Dame.

ND WILL COVER THE +8.5 SPREAD BECAUSE... I'm not sure why, actually. I love Toby Gerhart.

I think Jim Harbaugh has done an amazing job with Stanford in a short time period. And I definitely think the Cardinal are the better team.

Then, there is Notre Dame. Charlie Weis is likely to be fired. Starting quarterback Jimmy Clausen was sucker punched coming out of a restaurant earlier in the week. The Fighting Irish have lost three games in a row, and everything seems to be falling apart. And that's why they are my pick this week.

Sure, the team is in complete disarray and nothing is looking good, but they have no where to go but up.

At least, I hope.

And if they don't improve any this week, then the past shows they won't lose by much. In its five losses this season, Notre Dame has not lost by more than 7 points. — **BOBBY CALLOVI**

STANFORD WILL COVER THE -8.5 SPREAD BECAUSE ... this is a story of betrayal. All season long, Bobby has gushed about Toby Gerhart and how he should be considered for the Heisman Trophy. How the tailback is the great white hope for little unathletic white kids everywhere who want to believe that one day they too can tote the

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Big first half propels UF to win over FSU

By **ADAM BERRY**
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In Florida's first real test of the season, the team proved what it is capable of.

UF strung together a dominant first half and kept Florida State at bay after intermission en route to a 68-52 win in the O'Connell Center on Tuesday night after dropping its last

three matchups with the Seminoles.

The Gators (4-0) dominated before the break, taking a 39-19 lead into the locker room due in large part to their impressive de-

fense. FSU (3-1) had 16 first-half turnovers to just three assists, and UF went on a 33-9 run in the last 13 minutes of the period.

But the Seminoles fought back early in the second half, cutting the Gators' lead to five points eight minutes after the break.

"There was a stretch there in the second half that reminded me of last year," Donovan said. "I saw some flashbacks during the game, but for the most part, we've gotten better in those areas."

With 11:15 left in the game the Seminoles lost their momentum when senior forward

Dan Werner drew a charge on FSU's Ryan Reid, halting the Seminoles' 19-4 run and swinging the game back in Florida's favor for good.

"During the half, I was telling everyone they're a good team and they're gonna come back," said Werner, who also hit two 3-pointers and led the team with four assists. "It was all about how we responded to that. But we responded the right way."

As important as the win was in proving how far the Gators have come this season, sopho-



Men's Basketball

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UF guard Erving Walker drives past FSU defenders for a layup during the Gators' 68-52 win against the Seminoles in the O'Connell Center on Tuesday. Walker finished with 13 points.

Donovan has prepared his players well for NBA

I've been called a lot of things by friends and readers, but homer has never been one of them.

Until I drafted my fantasy NBA team.

One of my good friends, who is in the league with me this year, made a point of telling me multiple times that the only reason I drafted Al Horford (Atlanta Hawks) and Joakim Noah (Chicago Bulls) was because I am emotionally attached to them from their time in Gainesville.

I added Corey Brewer (Minnesota Timberwolves) off waivers a couple days later, and that certainly didn't help my adamant denial of his accusations.

My friend and I were in the front row of the O'Dome's student section for their second championship run, and we both made the trip to Atlanta to watch the '04s beat Ohio State in the national championship game.

We saw the way UF coach Billy Donovan



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had his guys playing, and there was no doubt they would go on to become solid professional players, taking everything they learned at Florida with them.

What was weird to me is that my friend was so quick to assume Noah and Brewer — and Horford to a lesser degree — were always going to be the same players they were in their first two years in the NBA.

Sports is definitely a what-have-you-done-for-me-lately business, but we can't even give guys until the end of their rookie contract to develop as players?

Noah is leading the league in rebounding (11.9 per game), averaging 11.5 points per

game and adding 1.8 blocks per contest. Horford is also averaging a double-double and 1.8 blocks per game, and Brewer has emerged as the same defensive presence he was as a Gator, averaging 2.1 steals per contest while scoring in double figures for a struggling team.

"The thing that I'm really most proud about with our guys, as I look at them, is they're not just NBA players. They didn't just make it. They're making significant contributions to their teams," Donovan said. "They really are doing very, very well there. They're guys that are playing and are major parts of their teams."

All three guys were top-10 picks in the draft, though Horford was really the only one to play substantial minutes in his first two seasons.

But the thing that made those guys great in college wasn't that they were more talented or physically gifted than everyone else, it was that

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TEERING OFF WITH BOBBY CALLOVI

■ Some of the biggest prizes of Charlie Weis' recruiting classes have come from the West Coast, but Notre Dame's AD said Weis won't stay out West to recruit after its game at Stanford because they need to discuss the future. That can't be a good sign for Weis. ... Falcons kicker Jason Elam has not lost his job yet either, but the team held tryouts for kickers. His future looks about as good as Weis'.

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■ The UF volleyball team wraps up the regular season this weekend with two matches. The men and women's swim teams both defeated FSU. Check out the Web site.

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■ The final matchup is set, and our staff of writers has failed to defend our honor. Two readers have made the finals, and one will be getting a guest column after we get back from break. Check out the recap online.

UF WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Gators find aim in rout of Blazers

By **EUGENIO TORRENS**

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In its last two games, Florida shot below its standards.

Tuesday was a sharp turn in the right direction.

UF rode improved shooting and set the tone early in a 75-39 thrashing of UAB.

Florida opened the game with a Jordan Jones 3-pointer and never looked back from there.

The Gators, who never trailed throughout the game, hit their first four shots in a row — all 3-pointers. It was a completely different beginning than UF experienced Friday night when it found itself in a 23-point hole after the first half at Pittsburgh.

"One of the things I think is a strength of this team is how they respond when they're challenged," coach Amanda Butler said.

The team rectified its trend of slow starts with a blistering pace and shot out to a 12-4 lead in the first five minutes.

The Gators came out with a different starting lineup than their previous games with Susan Yenser and Ndi-di Madu in for Trumae Lucas and Azania Stewart.

Yenser, the team's most consistent 3-point shooter coming into the game, contributed an early 3-pointer and finished the night with nine points and four assists while grabbing six rebounds.

A staple of the starting lineup, senior Steffi Sorensen redeemed herself after a scoreless night against the Panthers.

She nailed back-to-back 3-pointers in the first half and finished as the game's leading scorer with 15 points. After shooting 0 for 7 from 3-point range on Friday, Sorensen finished the game 5-of-10 from beyond the arc.

"It felt good that they finally did go in," Sorensen said. "But I don't want to let that affect other parts of my game."

It wasn't just Sorensen who lit up the Blazers from the field. The whole team shot at a markedly improved rate.

The team finished 26 of 46 from the field (56.5 percent) and 11 of 21 (52.4 percent) from downtown.

"We knew it was going to come," Butler said. "We've got great shooters so you know it's there, that it's going to happen."

The Gators did more than shoot the ball well. They dominated the boards with a 47-30 rebounding advantage over the Blazers. Unable to boast as experienced and physical a frontcourt as past opponents, UAB had its hands full with Florida's inside game.

Sharielle Smith finished with 9 points and eight rebounds while Madu chipped in 8 points and nine rebounds.



Sorensen

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they cared about playing together as a team and outworking their competition. And that translates over time.

"You never know what the future is going to hold, and sometimes when you look at a guy's career early, it's really hard to say and put him in a box and say, 'This is the way his career is going to be,'" Donovan said. "At least with those guys that I've coached. Because they're too intelligent, they have too much character and they work too hard."

Donovan should be commended for the way he prepares his guys to succeed at the next level.

Former Gators David Lee (New York Knicks), Udonis Haslem (Miami Heat), Jason Williams (Orlando Magic), Matt Bonner (San Antonio Spurs) and Marreese Speights (Philadelphia 76ers) are all making significant contributions to their NBA squads, which says a lot about what a player learns while in college under Donovan.

"I think if you're not going to work hard here, you're not going to make it," UF senior Dan Werner said. "I think that's what coach Donovan brings. That's what he wants out of his guys, and those guys are great examples."

So thank you, coach Donovan.

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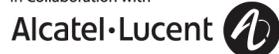
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Bowden will look to pull big upset in possible last visit

■ NO UNRANKED FSU TEAM HAS DEFEATED A RANKED UF TEAM.

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The Swamp will say goodbye to a legend Saturday, but he will not be wearing any orange or blue.

A successful day for him would result in plenty of tears in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, but few would be joyous.

With coach-in-waiting Jimbo Fisher set to take the helm at FSU sometime during the next two years, Bobby Bowden will likely be taking Florida Field for the last time when the No. 1 Gators (11-0, 8-0 Southeastern Conference) host the Seminoles (6-5, 4-4 Atlantic Coast Conference) at 3:30 p.m. for Senior Day.

He will try for his eighth win in 17 trips to The Swamp when he wraps up his 33rd regular season as the Seminoles coach Saturday. He currently ranks second all time in wins among Football Bowl Subdivision coaches behind Penn State's Joe Paterno. Bowden and Paterno are two of only four active coaches to be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame.

"What they've accomplished — that won't be touched," Florida coach Urban Meyer said. "That's an untouchable accomplishment. I personally have great admiration for both those guys. They do it the right way. They're class individuals, and they truly love their players. It's not about coach Bowden. It's not about coach Paterno."

"The significance of those two, what those two have done for the game of football — enjoy it, because you'll never see anything close to

that again."

A victory would give Bowden a shocking Swamp sendoff. The Seminoles are more than three-touchdown underdogs, and they are facing a possible sixth regular-season loss for only the second time since Bowden's first season in 1976.



Football

If they are to pull the upset, they will have to do it with their backup quarterback, redshirt freshman EJ Manuel. Starter Christian Ponder went down with a season-ending shoulder injury three weeks ago, a tough blow for an offense that had racked up 400 yards of total offense in seven of its first nine games under Ponder.

Manuel has stepped in and led Florida State to back-to-back wins over Wake Forest and Maryland, but those teams are a combined 6-16 and rank 73rd and 88th, respectively, in

total defense.

Florida ranks second in the country, allowing 229.8 yards per game, and is No. 1 in scoring defense, giving up 9.8 points per game.

The Gators have won the last two meetings by a combined 63 points, and never in the 52-year history of the rivalry has an unranked FSU team defeated a ranked UF squad.

"Two years they've ripped us," Bowden said. "I imagine they ripped everybody else the same way. We're about like anybody else."

"Not anybody is going to beat them with an imperfect ball game. They're too good. We're going to have to play the best we can play, and they're going to have to turn the ball over. Upsets are caused by turnovers. When a superior team, No. 1, is playing somebody not ranked, then the only thing that neutralizes it is turnovers."

The Gators had started the sea-

son turnover-happy with 13 in their first seven games but have now gone four games without a single one.

And while Florida might not be the offensive juggernaut of a year ago, FSU's defense might hold the recipe for a cure. The Seminoles are giving up 434.4 yards per game, which puts them 106th out of 120 FBS teams. Topping it all off will be a pregame Senior Day ceremony recognizing Florida's 25 seniors that have gone 25-2 inside The Swamp.

In typical Meyer fashion, he hasn't allowed his team to overlook its rival, despite the fact he has yet to lose in four tries to the "team out West," as he refers to the Seminoles.

"This is as big a game as this school has ever had," Meyer said. "What makes FSU dangerous is their athletes. Those are all great storylines. I wish they didn't have good players — then no, they wouldn't be a serious threat."

statistical breakdown

FLORIDA STATE		FLORIDA
31.6	Points Per Game	36.5
30.2	Points Allowed Per Game	9.8
286.1	Passing Yards Per Game	212.9
148.6	Rushing Yards Per Game	229.9
240.9	Passing Yards Allowed Per Game	139.3
193.5	Rushing Yards Allowed Per Game	90.5
65/135 (48%)	3rd Down Conversions	67/141 (48%)
57/137 (40%)	3rd Down Defense	41/153 (27%)
38/46 (70%)	Red Zone Scoring Efficiency (TD %)	40/53 (48%)
35/42 (69%)	Red Zone Defense (TD%)	15/20 (30%)
0	Turnover Margin	+8

by the NUMBERS

- 199** UF wins since 1990, the most in the nation.
- 192** FSU wins since 1990, the second most in the nation.
- 55** Wins for Urban Meyer at Florida.
- 315** Wins for Bobby Bowden at Florida State.
- 4** Interceptions thrown by UF starter Tim Tebow in each of the last two seasons (298 attempts in 2008, 233 attempts this year).
- 4** Interceptions thrown by FSU starter E.J. Manuel in his 51 pass attempts this season.

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