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# SEC Championship Preview

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# Defense Defined

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The Florida defense had reached its low point.

The year before, an experienced unit led the Gators to a national championship and gained a reputation as one of the toughest defenses in the country.

Plenty of roster turnover morphed the 2007 version into a group of young, talented players who were still searching for an individual and collective identity.

Michigan handed UF its fourth loss of the season in the Capital One Bowl after Chad Henne threw for 373 yards and the Wolverines piled up 524 yards of total offense on their way to a 41-35 win.

Eight players who started on defense that day are still on the team, and three of them — Brandon Spikes, Joe Haden and Major Wright — are still starters.

But it was time for a unit that allowed opponents to score 25.5 points per game to make a change.

Not in personnel, but attitude.

"I don't think (that motivated them). I know so," UF coach Urban Meyer said. "You could see the edge coming out of that bowl game that day."

How would the members of the defense allow themselves to be defined for the rest of their careers?

**swag (swäg) adj. : the way one carries oneself, style, confidence or appearance.**

"My weakness was basically I didn't have the swag" — UF cornerback Joe Haden

None of them did.

Swag is an attitude that comes with success.

It grows with every sack, interception and goal-line stand.

The 2008 defense was a year older and too proud to take the beating week-in and week-out the way it did during the previous 9-4 season.

"(2007) helped us a whole lot to never want that to happen again — being the reason that you lose a game, you feel like it's all your fault," Haden said. "The offense would put up 45 points a game, and we would still almost lose. So with the defense, we know

how it feels to be on the highest high — not letting teams score — and we know how it feels to be low, when everybody is just looking at you like you're the worst defense in the country."

In 2007, players got playing time on defense because there was no one else ready to step in if a guy faltered. That all changed when the team reported for practice the following spring.

No one's job was safe, everyone was being pushed by the guy behind them on the depth chart, and experience was starting to become a strength rather than a weakness.

"There was something that needed to be corrected, but a lot of it was the youth of that defense, it really was," defensive line coach Dan McCarney said. "You see, fortunately right now, a lot of those guys who didn't play really well three years ago have played really well these past two years."

Going through growing pains together focused a young team for the next season, a shot at redemption.

The team responded by cutting its points-allowed total in half, giving up just 12.9 points per game on the way to the Gators' second national championship in three years.

The offense was explosive, but the defense became one of the team's greatest strengths, holding the highest scoring offense in college football history to 14 points in the BCS National Championship Game.

The tone was set on a jarring hit in the first five minutes of the game, when UF safety Major Wright leveled Oklahoma receiver Manny Johnson on a deep sideline route.

"(Opening up the game with a big hit) lets the receivers know that I'm here," Wright said.

That's swag.

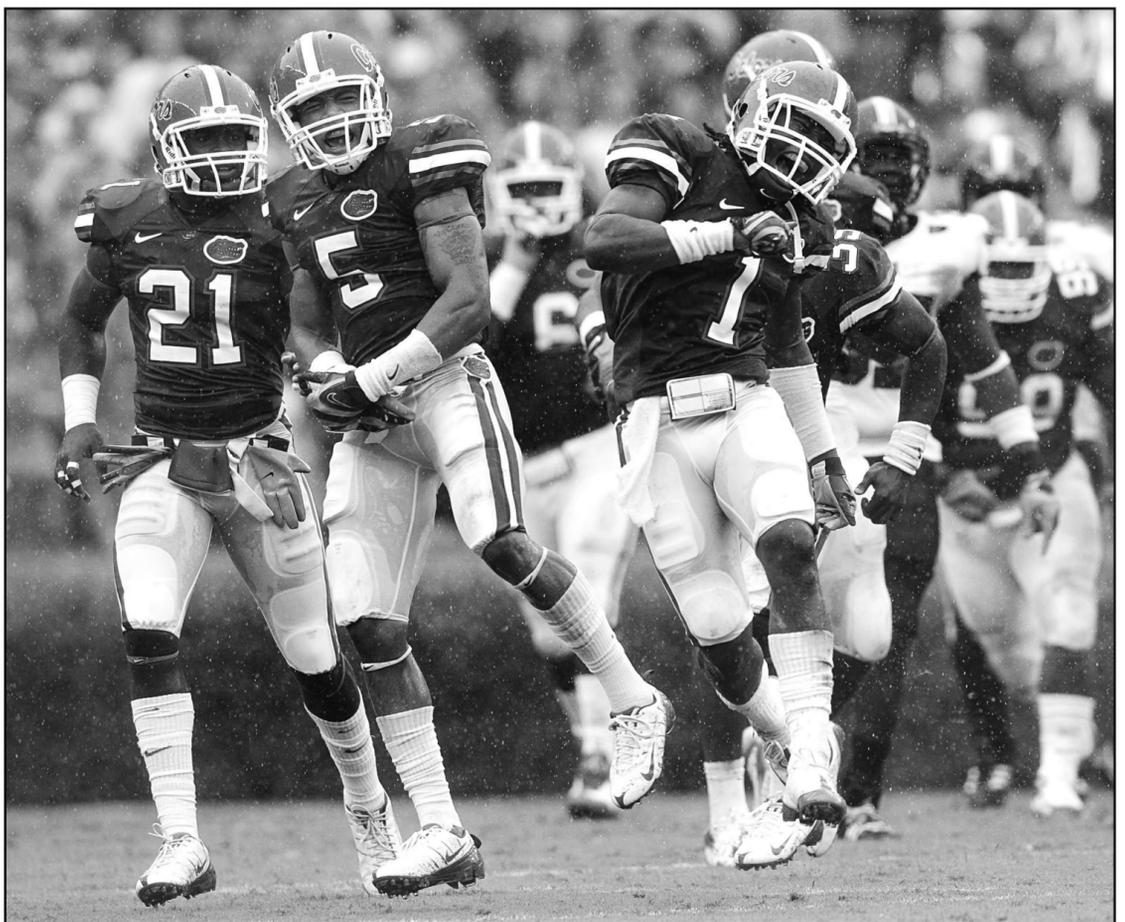
**hype (hip) adj. : ready to go, prepared. "It gets us hype before every game."**

— UF linebacker Ryan Stamper

The Florida coaching staff is legendary for its motivational tactics.

The Florida defense is legendary for feeding off of them.

Before almost every game this season, the coaches have tried to plant some sort of chip on the collective shoulder of a defense



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UF cornerback Janoris Jenkins (1) celebrates with fellow cornerback Joe Haden (5) after helping force a botched field-goal attempt during the Gators' 56-6 win against Troy. Haden was one of the starters on a 2007 unit that allowed more than 25 points per game.

that many thought would go down as one of the greatest ever.

Before playing Tennessee in the third game of this season, UT coach Lane Kiffin's offseason comments were put up all over the locker room.

Prior to facing Kentucky, it was a running back with a big mouth.

And ESPN's Kirk Herbstreit even became a source of motivation, when he "called out" Brandon Spikes and the defense leading up to the LSU game.

"Our coaches always say that stuff to try to motivate us, they say stuff like, 'They called you out!'" Stamper said. "Sometimes they probably say stuff the other team didn't say just to motivate us, but it works."

Stamper said UK's Alfonso Smith really did talk smack about the defense, but he didn't recall anything negative being said before playing under the lights at Death Valley.

The defense played with something to prove just the same, holding the Tigers to three points in front of a crowd that had watched 32 straight Saturday night home victories in Baton Rouge.

With Alabama on the horizon for this weekend's Southeastern Conference Championship Game, defensive coordinator Charlie Strong has been challenging his players

to "bring their big boy pads" to Saturday's game.

"He's going to keep repeating it, 'Major, what are you doing? Bring your big boy pads!'" Wright said. "I know that coach, I got my big boy pads."

Strong keeps repeating catchphrases — telling his cornerbacks that tall wide receivers are "going to eat peanuts off your head" is another one — and his defense keeps repeating wins.

Now 22 in a row.

**juice (jooos) n. : respect, power.**

"Brandon Spikes is a great player. He brings a lot of juice to the game." — UF safety Ahmad Black

It's easy to develop swag.

It can be even easier to get hype before a game.

But juice is something very few teams ever obtain.

Juice means opposing quarterbacks are handled with kid gloves by their coaches, forced to dump the ball into the flat and told not to challenge Florida's lockdown corners.

Juice means the coach of one of your rivals runs the ball down by 10 points with six minutes to go in the fourth quarter because he would rather try to keep it close than win.

UF's defense, which is loaded with future NFL talent, is allowing fewer than 10 points per game, best in the nation.

Brandon Spikes and Co. have the juice. Meyer has often repeated a phrase that Spikes, the team's defensive leader, has coined.

"It's what we do," Meyer says.

The saying means nothing, really.

It's the team's way of saying, "Whatever incredible feat happens on the field is nothing new for us."

The Gators' defense expects to go out and dominate the same way opponents expect to be dominated by them.

Juice is the universal recognition of dominance.

Before the season, Strong had some words of advice for a unit that had aspirations of going down as the best in college football history.

"If you're going to sell those tickets, you better be ready to cash them," he said.

It's doubtful anyone will be asking for a refund from Strong's defense come Sunday.



## INJURY REPORT

### OUT

DE Carlos Dunlap (suspension)  
LB A.J. Jones (knee)

### PROBABLE

DT Brandon Antwine (shoulder)  
CB Janoris Jenkins (hip)  
RB Emmanuel Moody (ankle)



## INJURY REPORT

### PROBABLE

RB Mark Ingram (hip)  
RB Terry Grant (muscle pull)



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UF linebacker Ryan Stamper holds up the ball after an interception during the Gators' 41-17 win over Georgia. Stamper is respected by his teammates for his experience and understanding of the game, which has earned him the nicknames "Dad" and "Coach Stamp."

## statistical breakdown

ALABAMA		FLORIDA
31.7	Points Per Game	36.5
10.8	Points Allowed Per Game	9.8
194.5	Passing Yards Per Game	214.7
212.9	Rushing Yards Per Game	236.7
156.8	Passing Yards Allowed Per Game	143.2
77.1	Rushing Yards Allowed Per Game	89.9
63/137 (46%)	3rd Down Conversions	77/154 (50%)
48/166 (29%)	3rd Down Defense	43/164 (26%)
42/49 (43%)	Red Zone Scoring Efficiency (TD %)	44/57 (49%)
14/20 (40%)	Red Zone Defense (TD%)	17/23 (30%)
+15	Turnover Margin	+8

## by the NUMBERS

- 0** Combined losses for Florida and Alabama entering the SEC Championship Game.
- 0** Times both teams have been undefeated in the SEC Championship Game in the previous 17 years
- 7** SEC Championship Game wins by Florida.
- 2** SEC Championship Game wins by Alabama.
- 1** Opposing team that has completed more than 60 percent of its passes against Alabama's defense (North Texas, 69.6 percent).
- 3** Times this season Tim Tebow has not completed at least 60 percent of his passes.



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UF student Brett Lackey works on a gingerbread Reitz Union colonnade during a UF Habitat for Humanity gingerbread building competition on the North Lawn Thursday afternoon.

## UF group builds 'sweet' houses

By **ELIZABETH BEHRMAN**  
 Alligator Contributing Writer

Four boxes of graham crackers, three bags of M&M's and a container of frosting was all it took to build the Great Wall of China.

Luckily, there was still some left over for the Reitz Union and Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.

Members of the UF chapter of Habitat for Humanity held their third annual Candy House Building Competition Thursday afternoon on the Reitz Union North Lawn.

More than 40 people voted for their favorite of five gingerbread houses decorated with M&M's, Mike and Ikes, Life Savers and candy canes. Each house was built by a team of two from the UF Habitat for Humanity.

"Last time I built one, I was in first grade, so it brought back some memories," said Stephany Vento,

spring fundraising chairwoman for the club.

The graham cracker replica of the Great Wall of China earned the most votes, with Barbie's Malibu Dream House coming in second.

The three other candy-covered masterpieces were built to look like Ben Hill Griffin Stadium, the Reitz Union and a wrecked train symbolizing the Gator victory in the Southeastern Conference Championship in Atlanta on Saturday.

Ling-Ling Wolff-Koo, the vice president of administration for UF Habitat for Humanity, said the competition was to help draw attention and support for the organization.

"The economy is bad, and one of the first things to go is nonprofits," she said.

Wolff-Koo said it was something

**SEE CANDY, PAGE 8**

## LOCAL Gators stomp for kids

By **ALISON SCHWARTZ**  
 Alligator Writer

Technicolor lights bounced off the walls at Rum Runners, an acoustic artist hummed in the background and Ashley Miller sipped the beer she had received.

She was one of an estimated 500 people who flocked downtown for Stompin' for the Holidays, the fall semester version of Gator Stompin'.

"I'm a senior," she said. "This is something that you have to do in Gainesville before you leave."

Organized by the Pledge 5 Foundation, the seasonal celebration transformed downtown Gainesville into a pub and restaurant crawl as participants weaved in and out of local hot spots.

The event kicked off at Rum Runners, where a Southeastern Conference Championship pep rally set the tone for an evening of mingling and mixed drinks.

A Gainesville tradition since 1983, participants paid a base admission fee and re-

ceived a lanyard and 10 tickets redeemable for food, drinks and entry into raffles at about 20 vendors, including Shooting Star Japanese Grill & Sushi, Lux, The Gelato Company and Skyy night club.

"It's the holiday season. Students don't have a lot to give in terms of monetary donations, but they can afford a toy."

**Jason Bowman**

Stompin' for the Holidays coordinator

But the fest was more than a good time.

The event raised awareness for Toys for Tots, an organization dedicated to distributing toys to children from economically disadvantaged families.

From action figures to board games, participants were encouraged to donate a toy.

Jason Bowman, the event coordinator, said the decision to support Toys for Tots

**SEE STOMPIN', PAGE 9**

## Students protest fees for class assignment

By **THOMAS STEWART**  
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Students with a homework assignment to organize a protest did just that Thursday afternoon on Turlington Plaza, choosing to demonstrate against escalating education costs.

The students, enrolled in a class called "Social Problems," protested UF's 15 percent tuition increase, changes to the Bright Futures scholarship and the proposed student fee to fund part of the \$70 million to \$80 million in Reitz Union renovations, among other things.

Their teacher, Meggan Jordan — a graduate student — joined in as students marched in a circle, hoisted homemade signs and chanted phrases like "We say no! Our fees must go!"



Jordan

"The theme of the class has been speaking out, speaking truth to power and knowing when you're getting screwed," Jordan said.

Students who didn't feel like participating were allowed to sit the protest out, she said.

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■ Sophomore Colleen Ward (right) had a team-high 14 kills in the UF volleyball team's sweep of College of Charleston in the first round of the NCAA Tournament Thursday night. See Story, Page 17.



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# News Today

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Wigilia Polish Holiday Celebration

Saturday, 8:30 p.m.  
Keene Faculty Center, Dauer Hall  
Traditional Polish party with games, singing and fortune telling sponsored by the Polish Student Association, Student Government and the Center for European Studies.

### Floridance presents "Winter Waltz"

Sunday, 8 p.m.  
Phillips Center for the Performing Arts  
The student-run dance company will hold its fall showcase of dance performances. This year's event is raising awareness and benefiting Relay For Life. The event is free and open to the public.

### Graduate Christian Fellowship Christmas Party

Sunday, 6 p.m.  
Christian Studies Center  
Graduate Christian Fellowship invites all graduate and professional school students to our annual Christmas party! We will sing carols, exchange gifts and share a free buffet featuring an assortment of Christmas desserts and other seasonal delights. See our Facebook group, GCF at University of Florida, for more details.

### The 50th Anniversary of the Sit-Ins: From Greensboro to Tallahassee

Tuesday, 7 p.m.  
Pugh Hall Ocora  
The Bob Graham Center for Public Service presents this event. Panelists for this program will include history professors Bill Link and Alan Petigny and religion professor Gwendolyn Simmons, who will discuss the significance of the sit-in movement and its impact on the nation. David Colburn, history professor emeritus, will moderate the discussion. Time will be provided for questions and discussion. The program is free and open to the public.

### Gator Citrus Club Citrus Sale

Dec. 9 to Dec. 11, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Fifield Hall  
The Gator Citrus Club will be

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hosting its annual citrus sale. Grapefruit, oranges and gift baskets will be available for purchase. For more information, please visit the club's Web site at [hos.ufl.edu/citrusclub](http://hos.ufl.edu/citrusclub).

### Food for Thought

Dec. 10, 11p.m. to 1 a.m.  
Plaza of the Americas  
Sponsored by the Freshman Leadership Council, food and fun activities will be provided on the Plaza of the Americas to help students take a break from studying.

### Difference and Diversity in Europe: Sofia of the "Others" photo exhibit

Through Jan. 4  
Marston Science Library entry display area  
This exhibit features the work of a young Bulgarian photographer, Dimitar Variysky. He shows perspectives on the life of new immigrant communities in Sofia, the capital of the ex-communist nation Bulgaria, a country that recently became a member of the European Union.

### 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-sentence synopsis of the event. Make sure all submissions are formatted properly. Space in this section is limited.

### CORRECTION

In Wednesday's Alligator, the headline of an article read "Senators send ROTC to Atlanta." It should have read "Senators send Navy ROTC to Atlanta."

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Both the injectable and nasal form of the vaccine will be offered.

The Alachua County Health Department does not expect to run out of vaccines, and vaccinating high risk groups will be a priority.

The groups at highest risk are pregnant women, health care and emergency workers, people who live with or care for infants, children between 6

months and 4 years and children between 5 years and 18 years who have pre-existing conditions.

Once those groups have received their vaccinations, people between 5 and 24 years old and people between 25 and 64 who have pre-existing conditions will be next in line.

"We are encouraging citizens who are most at risk for severe complications from H1N1 swine flu to receive the vaccination," wrote Jean Munden, administrator of the health department, in a press release. "Getting a vaccination is the primary means of preventing infection."

In order to speed up the process, people can download and print consent forms from [alachuacountyhealth.com](http://alachuacountyhealth.com).

— EMILY FUGGETTA

## Local News

## AROUND GAINESVILLE

# Zen Run to benefit children

By HILARY SHEINBAUM  
Alligator Contributing Writer

After overeating at Thanksgiving and with stressful finals fast approaching, Gainesville residents might appreciate a Saturday run.

Zen Fitness will hold the Zen 5K and 10K Race For Childhood Wellness Saturday at Haile Plantation Village Center, 5110 SW 91st Drive. The event benefits the Zen Fitness Childhood Wellness Program.

The program involves an essay contest in January at local middle and high schools, including Gainesville High School and Kanapaha Middle School. The students will write about diet and nutrition.

Winners receive nine weeks of training, books and educational material promoting a healthy lifestyle, said Matt Bakos, Zen Fitness trainer and applied physiology and kinesiology senior.

This year's race is the first Zen Run, but organizers hope to make the run an annual event, Bakos said.

Bakos, the event's organizer, expects about 400 runners at the event. Of the 400, he estimates about 75 to 100 will be UF students, including members of the track and triathlon clubs.

The run's route circles an 18-hole golf course.

The route will be marked with signs, and volunteers will be on every turn.

Awards will be given to the fastest male and female runners in six age groups. Other race-day events include massages, raffles, food and

"I enjoy running because it's not only a good exercise and easy to do. It's a great way to turn negative energy into positive energy."

Aniela Burant  
UF junior

snacks, according to the event flier.

"I enjoy running because it's not only a good exercise and easy to do," environmental engineering junior Aniela Burant said. "It's a great way to turn negative energy into positive energy. Non-runners should start running because it's a wonderful way to get into shape and to make yourself feel better as a whole."

The 5K and 10K start at 9 a.m. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Race-day registration is \$15 for the 5K and \$20 for the 10K. Runners can pay \$25 for the 5K and \$30 for the 10K to receive a T-shirt and register for the run.

Participants can preregister at [thezenfitness.com](http://thezenfitness.com).

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**Twirlington**

Members of the Florida Swing Dancing Club Brian Flatley and Jessie Morgan dance on Turlington Plaza Thursday afternoon. The club's annual winter formal is tonight from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Unified Training Center. Admission is \$5, and the club will offer dance lessons from 8 to 9 p.m.

# Lacrosse team gives tour

■ THE FACILITIES OPENED IN AUGUST.

By **DEREK GILLIAM**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

The UF women's lacrosse team facilities were on display as head coach Amanda O'Leary gave a tour of the new facilities to the Academic & Professional Assembly Thursday afternoon.

The APA is an organization comprised of UF administrators who provide communication with faculty, said Connie Nicklin, president of the APA.

The assembly had about 25 members participate in the tour.

"We try to provide access to people our assembly would usually not have," Nicklin said.

The facilities, located on Hull Road just south of the softball field, were absolutely outstanding, said Christine Schoaff, past president of the APA and a former lacrosse player.

"I don't think I have ever seen such pret-

ty manicured grass in one place," said Rick Goodnight, assembly program chairman.

O'Leary said few programs have both a practice field and a game field.

The new facilities, which were opened in August, include a training room staffed with two trainers, a press box, a conference room and locker rooms for both the visiting and home teams.

This spring will mark the team's inaugural season.

The American Lacrosse Conference includes schools from the East Coast, Midwest and Southeast.

O'Leary said the team's expectations are to stay competitive throughout the season, which may be a tall task because the roster includes 24 freshmen.

Talent will not be the problem since O'Leary put together a solid recruiting effort, being ranked No. 1 in recruiting by Inside Lacrosse magazine.

"We have a wonderful group," O'Leary said "They have great work ethic and are improving."

## ON CAMPUS \$5,000 raised for libraries

By **MARA RUDOLPH**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

A program co-sponsored by the University Athletic Association and UF Alumni Association is scoring big for students.

With the Pay for Performance Florida Football Challenge, the George A. Smathers libraries were able to raise more than \$5,000, which will fund the improvement of library resources and extend study time.

The libraries received donations ranging from 25 cents to \$100 every time the Gators scored a touchdown in the regular season. There is also talk of donations for touchdowns in the Southeastern Conference championship this weekend.

Samuel Huang, the libraries' associate dean for advancement and development, said the money will be used to meet growing student and faculty research and learning needs.

"All the money we raise will be to upgrade and refresh technology for the students," he said. "Everything is to benefit the students."

The idea for the program, which is the first of its kind among any of the SEC schools, came from 13-year-old Brent Carris. During the 2009

BCS championship game, he asked his father, Richard Carris, library leadership board director, if he would give money every time the Gators scored a touchdown.

Brent's question inspired his father, a UF graduate, to take action and get Urban Meyer on board for support.

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**Samuel Huang**

George A. Smathers Libraries associate dean for advancement and development

"The main reason for this was that I basically thought 'How many hours do you spend going to the library versus going to a football game?'" he said.

Huang said another pledge drive is planned for basketball season, The Florida Basketball 3-point Challenge.

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## ON CAMPUS

# Experts recommend H1N1 vaccines despite declining cases

BY ANNA QUINTANA

Alligator Contributing Writer

With flu season in full swing and H1N1 cases popping up in campuses all over the nation, officials are urging college students to take time from their busy schedules to get vaccinated.

"We're not out of the woods yet," Secretary of Education Arne Duncan told reporters in a conference call Thursday. "The flu season is just beginning."

According to Duncan, despite the decrease in cases of H1N1 across the country, it's important that as many college students, who are some of the most likely to catch the virus, get vaccinated as soon as possible.

A study from the American College Health Association shows 84 percent of colleges have vaccines for the H1N1 virus, and Duncan said colleges receive more on a daily basis.

UF students are taking advantage of the free flu vaccines available at the Student



Barkley

Health Care Center.

Dr. Phillip Barkley, the center's director, noticed a decrease of patients coming in with flu-like symptoms, down to about 50 students a week, but an increase of interest in regards to the H1N1 vaccines.

"We had about 700 students come in Wednesday for the vaccine, and we've done several outreaches these past months," he

said.

Despite warnings, students are still going to class sick because finals are just around the corner.

"You're not helping your peers by going to class if you are sick," Duncan said. "If you are sick, you are highly contagious and need to stay home."

Duncan also hopes that college faculties and administrations will be flexible with college students who are infected with H1N1 and provide make-up exams.

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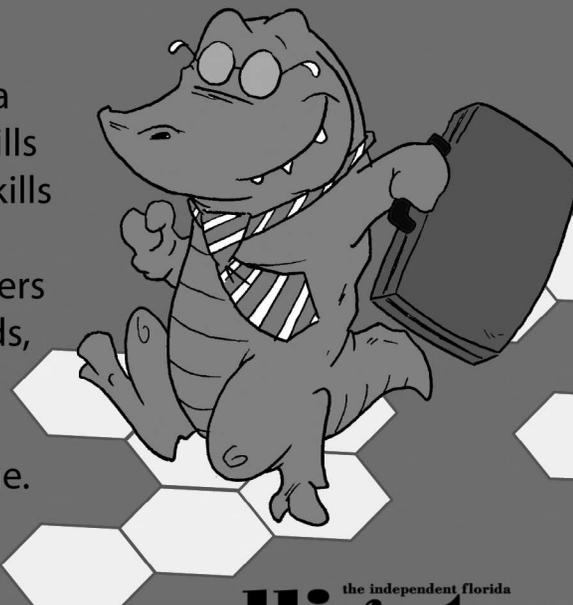
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## Editorial

So you're finally ready to dump all the knowledge you (hopefully) absorbed over the semester in a cathartic flurry of finals, term papers and unnecessarily harsh "Rate My Professors" rants?

Well, since you won't be retaining a drop of this knowledge, you'll have a lot of space in that hollow, post-test head of yours to fill over winter break. And on that note, we're happy to present you with a don't-worry-about-your-calculus-grade-you-can-learn-more-important-lessons-outside-the-classroom edition of...

## Darts &amp; Laurels

To prove the very point that learning doesn't stop at lecture hall doors (or at the end of a Smokin' Notes packet), filmmakers descended on Gainesville last summer to record the life of Melinda Augustus, a custodian at the Florida Museum of Natural History.

The film, "The Philosopher Kings," follows Augustus as she tells her story and focuses on seven other custodians from universities across the nation. The lesson: "Wisdom can come from more than just textbooks and teachers."

For candidly telling her life story and giving Gainesville and Alachua residents a spot in the media they can truly be proud of, we would like to give a keep-smiling-and-we're-bound-to-learn-something **LAUREL** to **Melinda Augustus**.

Unfortunately, not all of the lessons we will encounter over break are positive ones.

Even the most benign and relatively insignificant events can provide a stinging lesson of regret. And it is with regret that we report Florida State University has beaten UF in a Facebook competition for a free Weezer concert.

While we find Weezer mildly amusing, we probably wouldn't have gone to the show — even if it was free. But losing to FSU at just about anything, including trivial Facebook contests... well, it's just plain unbearable.

So we have to throw a this-wasn't-an-SG-election-so-we-expected-a-better-turnout **DART** at **UF students and alumni**. The lesson: Online voting probably won't help low voter interest in UF elections. Maybe try relevance?

One of the most difficult out-of-the-classroom lessons this week was learned by former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee.

His future presidential hopes were likely crushed by Maurice Clemmons, who allegedly shot and killed four police officers in Lakewood, Wash., on Sunday. It was revealed that Huckabee granted clemency to Clemmons some nine years ago for crimes he committed while in high school. Clemmons ultimately returned to a life of crime, culminating in Sunday's brutal shootings. He was shot and killed by police after evading capture for two days.

For taking the life of the four officers and forever damaging their families, and for ruining many deserving juvenile defendants' chances for clemency, we throw a we-knew-you'd-get-what-was-coming-to-you-eventually **DART** at **Maurice Clemmons**. The lesson for Huckabee: Compassion doesn't always pay off.

Thankfully, members of the UF chapter of Habitat for Humanity showed us on Thursday that some good deeds do go unpunished. The group raised awareness for its cause by building gingerbread house-style recreations of the Great Wall of China, Ben Hill Griffin Stadium and, of course, our favorite, the Reitz Union. We wonder if they had enough materials left over for the expansion. Were there enough gum drops and icing cement to complete the renovation?

For raising money for an important cause and getting UF students involved by any means necessary (sweets never hurt), we would like to give a you're-as-sweet-as-your-gingerbread-Reitz-Union **LAUREL** to **UF Habitat for Humanity**. Because no one has ever made asbestos taste this good! The lesson: Don't give up hope on good deeds.

That's it for this week. Hope you can remember these lessons better than the calculus (or biology, English or Man's Food).

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## Guest column

## Obama is right to weigh options in war

In a recent interview, Dick Cheney attacked the president for "agonizing" over the Afghanistan strategy, saying: "Every time [Obama] delays, defers, debates, changes his position, it begins to raise questions: Is the commander in chief really behind what [the military has] been asked to do?"

I completely agree with Cheney here.

I am not in favor of doing a thorough investigation of strategy or the consequences of military options before sending thousands of soldiers off to war.

I believe all leaders should take the George W. Bush approach and "shoot from the hip." It doesn't matter if the opposing country is an actual threat or only a perceived threat. As long as they might be a threat, then we should go ahead and eliminate them.

Pre-emptive war should be the national policy of the United States because diplomacy is outdated. In today's world, what is needed is more bombs.

Our soldiers surely don't want a president who worries or is genuinely torn about putting them in harm's way because delay is weakness.

We need a president who sticks to his position and never thinks twice about whether the path we have chosen is the right one. "Flip-floppers" are not welcome in this country because real leaders don't need to reflect. They get it right the first time.

We should trust in them with blind, irrational faith. This goes double for military leaders. It obviously doesn't apply to liberals, though, because we all know that deep down, they aren't nearly as patriotic as good conservatives.

We need to support our troops... by keeping them deployed indefinitely. It doesn't matter if there is no clear definition of victory; we need to keep fighting, otherwise the terrorists win.

I absolutely agree with Cheney when he said the previous administration bears no blame for the dis-

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**Nick Miner**  
Speaking Out

tegration of Afghanistan. The Afghan strategy of the Cheney-Bush administration was not flawed in any way.

We don't need to worry about how Afghanistan has become the heroin capital of the world. Or that the number of U.S. troops has increased by almost 300 percent in the past two years. Neither of these are an indication of failed Cheney-Bush policies.

What is needed in the Obama administration is an increased belief in American exceptionalism: the belief that the United States is the greatest, freest nation the world has ever known.

Because we are the best in history, we have the right — nay, the responsibility — to impose our values and enforce our will on the rest of the world. After all, international relations are obviously based upon the strong dominating the weak.

We have the most powerful military the world has ever known; why shouldn't the rest of the world do what we say? And the fact that our most successful military engagements came as part of powerful coalitions is trivial and inconsequential.

World opinion doesn't matter because we are the United States of America, and as such, we should be able to do whatever we want, and everyone else should toe the line we dictate.

The basic foundation of Cheney's point is that the United States is always an agent for good, and thus we are always right. People oppose us not because their best interests diverge from ours, but because they are evil.

It doesn't matter that our drone strikes kill innocent people more often than they kill actual terrorists. They are merely guilty by association.

Or evil by association.

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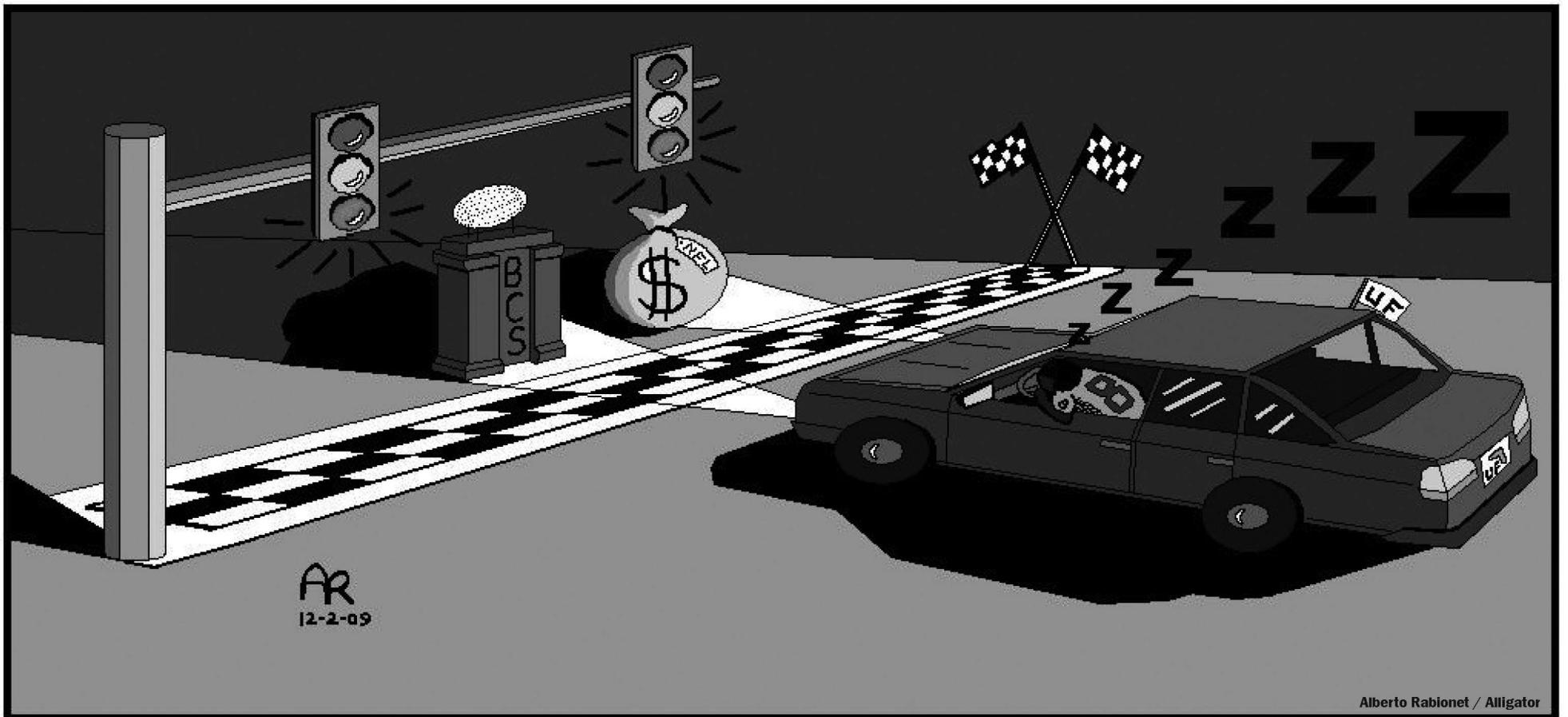
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Meggan Jordan, a UF grad student who teaches the course 'Social Problems,' protests high student fees with her class on Turlington Plaza. The protest was the students' idea, Jordan said.

## Students also protested 15 percent increase in tuition

### PROTEST, from page 1

Steven Shanik, one of two leaders of the event, directed the protest from atop a concrete table in the plaza.

Shanik, a UF freshman, said rising tuition and declining support from scholarships like Bright Futures is squeezing some potential students out of a chance to get a college education in Florida.

UF raised tuition by 15 percent this year, the maximum allowed each year under a new state law that lets state universities raise tuition until they reach the national average.

As a result, tuition and fees for most undergraduates at UF are now \$145.76 per credit hour, up from \$125.91.

Meanwhile, Bright Futures will continue to pay only \$126 per credit hour for Academic Scholars, the

"The theme of the class has been speaking out, speaking truth to power and knowing when you're getting screwed."

**Meggan Jordan**  
UF graduate student

highest scholarship level.

UF students could also see their fees increase by \$20 a year, in addition to \$3 more per credit hour to pay for renovations to the Reitz Union.

Jordan, who was standing next to a sign protesting the fee, said it would impact graduate students — particularly those with families — more than undergraduates, because they are not eligible for Bright Futures.

"You're basically taking money out of the pockets of families," she said.

## Organizers of Gator Stompin' hoped to collect 1,000 toys for Toys for Tots

### STOMPIN', from page 1

suited the spirit of the season.

"It's the holiday season," Bowman said. "Students don't have a lot to give in terms of monetary donations, but they can afford a toy."

Those who donated a toy received \$10 off their admission to the event.

Last year, the event collected about 500 toys. But this year, Katherine Shearouse, an intern for Gator Stompin', said it hoped to collect 1,000 toys.

"This is a way to give back to the community," Shearouse said, "but it's also a way to have fun and go out with all your friends one last time before winter break."

For students too inebriated to drive,

Stephen Stanfield, attorney and counselor at law, sponsored the Stompin' Safe Ride Shuttle to insure the safety of participants.

### Local News

Between the live music, food and nonalcoholic options available, students under 21 also enjoyed the festivities.

Despite the abundance of beer and

buzzed bar hoppers, the Christmas tree stationed in front of Rum Runners was a concrete reminder of the meaning behind this night on the town.

Toys spilled underneath the garland-wrapped trees, which stood as a beacon of the generosity of the Gator Stompers.

"We hope this helps people get in the habit of giving," Bowman said.

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## UF RESEARCH

# Camera gives closer look at cancer

By **GAIA BONINI**

Alligator Contributing Writer

A new tool developed by a UF researcher could revolutionize cancer treatment and allow for much earlier detection of tumors.

Endoscopes are a common tool used in the detection of cancer. A camera affixed to a long, thin tube allows doctors to see abnormal growths on the surface of internal organs.

Huikai Xie created a "scanning micro-endoscope" by replacing the camera with an infrared scanner that allows a doctor to "see" beneath an organ's surface tissue.

"It's a technology which can see through tissue, so it can see depths of information, not just the surface," he said.

While traditional endoscopes give a view of an organ's surface tissue, doctors can't see how deep or exactly how big the growth is, making biopsies inexact, unnecessarily random and often dangerous when performed on vital organs, Xie said.

Biopsies can cause internal bleed-

ing and trauma to organs. They can also take several days to be processed by a lab to determine whether the tissue is cancerous or not, leaving a patient's peace of mind hanging in the balance.

Once a growth is visible on the surface, Xie said it is likely the rest of the organ could fail.

Xie's scanner allows doctors to look beneath the surface of the tissue before a cancerous growth is big enough to be seen.

By seeing through the tissue rather than just its surface, doctors can also determine the exact size and margins of a growth, taking the guesswork out of biopsies and eliminating the chance of over-cutting.

"Our organs are very valuable," Xie said. "And today's biopsies are not a good technique."

Xie's scanners have a resolution 10 times higher than the only other non-camera based endoscopes avail-

able, and one of his scanners can even produce a 360-degree image of the surrounding tissue.

Eventually, Xie said he hopes to be able to use his scanners not only in the detection of cancer cells but also in the surgical removal of tumors.

He is working to attach a cutting instrument to his scanners that would allow doctors to have a real-time view of areas undergoing surgery. While currently they rely mostly on still MRI- and CT-scanned images taken before the surgery.

This would be most beneficial in high-risk, precision operations, where over-cutting could lead to permanent damage, such as in brain surgery, Xie said.

If his project gets the funding it needs to continue in research and receives all the necessary FDA approvals, Xie said he expects his scanning micro-endoscopes could be on the medical market in two or three years.

He is already collaborating with doctors at Shands at UF to perfect his instruments and said they could be the first in the field to work with them.



Xie

## Habitat for Humanity raised \$40 at event

**CANDY**, from page 1

fun for members of the UF chapter to do together.

"We're not actually building a house this semester, so we decided to build ones out of candy," she said.

After the votes were tallied, the competitors tore into their houses and began to chow down on their sugary building materials. Vento estimated that the organization raised about \$40 in donations from voters and other members of the organization during the event.

"The economy is bad, and one of the first things to go is nonprofits."

**Ling-Ling Wolff-Koo**

vice president of administration for UF Habitat for Humanity

She said the competition not only helped publicize UF Habitat for Humanity, but it also represented its mission toward eliminating poverty.

"We're just trying to get that concept out there and have some fun in the spirit of Christmas," Vento said.

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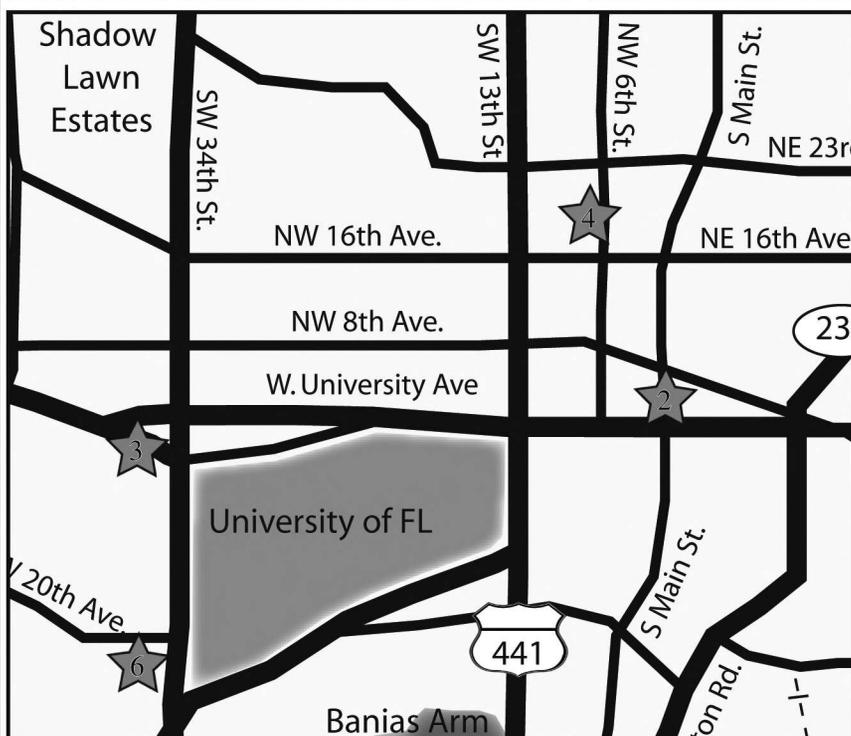
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**4 Roommates**

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There's a lot at stake this week in the alligatorSports Brand Picks Column this week, as the pickers are doing their final jockeying for the crown and trying to avoid embarrassment. Only two — Bobby Callovi and Kyle Maistri — are still actually picking for glory.

**TEXAS WILL COVER THE -13.5 SPREAD BECAUSE ...** Kyle's taking Nebraska for one reason: he has a Nebraska T-shirt. Now, this isn't just any T-shirt. No, this one comes with memories, the happiest of Kyle's miserable life. It hasn't been washed in seven years, so as to keep the smell from the time he stood next to a girl for more than a minute without peeing his pants and crying. There's a tear on the back from the time the neighborhood bullies let him off easy by just hanging him from a fence by his wedgie. So there you have it. Kyle has to pick Nebraska, because if the Huskers lose, he'll lose all hope.

— MIKE MCCALL

**NEBRASKA WILL COVER THE +13.5 SPREAD BECAUSE ...** Mike McCall was born with a silver spoon in his mouth, and one up his butt, as it turns out. The universe has to balance itself out at some point. McCall represents lucky Texas, which has had everything go its way this season. You and me, we're Nebraska. The underdog. We don't live in Ponte Vedra, belong to a world class country club and go yachting on the reg. McCall has had everything go his way his entire life, and I'm sick of it. Let's see how he deals with a little adversity for a change. To McCall, adversity is nothing more than being unable to wear an undershirt that matches the logo on his Ralph Lauren Polo shirt because his mom forgot to do his laundry. It's time he joined us in the real world.

—KYLE MAISTRI

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UF's Colleen Ward winds up during the Florida's 3-0 win over College of Charleston in NCAA Tournament first round in the O'Connell Center on Thursday.

## Here is what you want if you desire a playoff

**D**o you want a college football playoff?  
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**Mike McCall**  
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shunned teams start complaining.

A UT loss means the Horned Frogs could go, and as far as anti-BCS sentiment goes, TCU would be in a lose-lose situation if it makes the title game.

Obviously, a win against UF or Alabama

would be incredible for the program, but it'd be bad for our hopes of a playoff. The newly created propaganda tool known as the BCS Twitter account would light up with something like "Horned Frogs are BCS Champs!"

## UF VOLLEYBALL Gators sweep Cougars, move on in NCAAAs

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Not much has changed in the last two years. In 2007, Florida swept College of Charleston in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. On Thursday the No. 14 Gators (24-5, 16-4 Southeastern Conference) did it again as they dominated the Cougars 3-0 (25-21, 25-17, 25-18) in the O'Connell Center to open the postseason.

"There is a different feeling in the O'Connell Center during the tournament. It becomes more of a neutral environment, and I'm not sure we played quite with the emotion we needed to generate without the P.A., the light show and all of those things."

Mary Wise  
UF volleyball coach

But the home-court advantage wasn't quite the one UF was used to.

The NCAA enforces rules that help make the venues an even playing field during the postseason.

"There is a different feeling in the O'Connell Center during the tournament," coach Mary Wise said. "It becomes more of a neutral environment, and I'm not sure we played quite with the emotion we needed to generate without the P.A., the light

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### TEERING OFF WITH MIKE MCCALL

■ Adrian Peterson was ticketed for driving 109 miles per hour last Saturday. Nice try, but still not as fast as Chris Johnson. ... Notre Dame is trying to get its grubby little hands on East Carolina coach Skip Holtz. Holtz said: "My wife enjoys Greenville, and she told me before, if I leave, I can come back and visit her whenever I want." If he leaves, I'll be visiting him with a nail gun.

### UF FOOTBALL NEWS

■ Florida cornerback Joe Haden was named to the AFCA Coaches' All-America Team on Thursday. He is the only Gator to make the offensive or defensive squads.

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# Improved conditioning frees up Donovan's coaching

■ FLORIDA WILL PLAY AT JACKSONVILLE TONIGHT AT 7.

By **ADAM BERRY**  
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Florida's 6 a.m. workouts and relays this summer have paid dividends beyond just improved conditioning.

With his players finally in good enough shape to endure the physical demands of practice, UF coach Billy Donovan has been freed up to prepare his team in a way that wasn't possible a season ago.

"The last couple years, he was just trying to get guys to play hard. He couldn't even really teach," senior forward Dan Werner said. "Now, we're playing at a different level. He can explain stuff to us, we can figure things out a little better and we get more shots up every day."

In its matchup with Jacksonville (0-4) tonight at 7 in Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena, No. 13 Florida (7-0) will get another chance to show the strides Donovan has been able to make with his team in practice.

The most noticeable and effective example of the Gators' improved conditioning so far this season has been their full-court pressure. Werner said Donovan has worked on the press in practice more than he has the last two years, and UF has used its athleticism and newfound endurance to help force almost 18 turnovers per game

this season.

"We ran on offense last year, but we were not able to pressure the ball like I would have liked to just because we had a lack of depth," Donovan said. "You get better when the defense transitions back and they don't let the offense score in the first five seconds."

Due to a combination of injuries and players who weren't capable of running

the floor, UF wasn't able to do that kind of work on the transition game in practice last year.

Donovan pointed to guard Ray Shipman, center Kenny Kadji and former UF players Eloy Vargas and Allan Chaney as not being in good enough shape last season.

Even point guard Erving Walker, who has recently drawn considerable praise

from Donovan for his tireless work at the front of the press, wasn't ready to do all his coach needed from him.

As a result, Donovan was lucky if he could work on transition defense and offense without taking a break — something the Gators have executed with ease on the court this year but weren't even capable of doing in scrimmages last year.

"We had a tough time putting all that together at the same time," Donovan said. "We've gotten better, and we can have more competitive practices because I think guys are better conditioned."

Unlike last season, Donovan has a full roster of players who can keep practices competitive and run the floor, as Walker, Shipman and the rest of the returning Gators whipped themselves into shape over the summer under the supervision of strength and conditioning coach Matt Herring.

Even this year's freshman class started in far better condition than the previous group. Kenny Boynton, Erik Murphy and Rod Tishman didn't need to be eased into practice, allowing Donovan to finally focus on coaching basketball as opposed to coaching effort.

"I feel like the bottom part of our team this year is in much better shape to contribute to make practice more competitive," Donovan said. "They understand now the commitment that they need to make physically to be in that type of shape to play that way."



Andrew Stanfill / Alligator Staff

UF coach Billy Donovan is able to coach a lot more freely after the team's improved offseason conditioning. Florida plays at Jacksonville tonight.

## MCCALL, from page 17

us a real disservice with his comments this week that he likes the current system.

We need him to be jilted, angry and on our side.

\* Root for No. 5 Cincinnati (at No. 15 Pittsburgh, Big East Cham-

pionship).

The Bearcats are a key component here, too.

If they go undefeated through a BCS conference and get shut out, they'll raise quite a stink.

And can you imagine all that complaining with a Midwestern accent?

That's enough to break down

even the most cold-hearted BCS exec.

\*Pull for No. 6 Boise State (vs. New Mexico State). Yeah, the Broncos probably don't need your help, but we need them undefeated.

With a Cincinnati win, it should be a safe bet that Boise

would be selected to a BCS bowl, making this the first year with two at-large teams from non-BCS conferences.

That's a step in the right direction.

I know that rooting for underdogs to get screwed feels dirty. And I have to admit, if the stars

ever align and East Carolina is involved, I'll totally go against what I'm advocating right now.

But my goal here isn't for a small school to win a title I don't really believe in anyway.

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## Florida will face FIU in NCAA second round

### VOLLEY, from page 17

show and all of those things."

However, the Gators still showed no post-season nerves as they stormed out to an early 5-1 lead.

They never trailed in the first set thanks to the play of sophomores Kristy Jaekel and Colleen Ward, who each had five kills each in the opening frame.

"There was only one ball where (Ward) hit out of bounds when I thought she made a bad decision," Wise said.

"When we started this season, we would have been thrilled if it was one per game, and so what we are seeing is the maturing process of Colleen as a hitter."

Ward finished with 14 kills to help lead the team to a .476 hitting efficiency, the highest percentage the Gators have ever hit in the NCAA Tournament.

"I thought our passing was great tonight, and it allowed us to get the ball to a bunch of different people," sophomore setter Kelly Murphy said.

"We just stayed patient and made really smart decisions with our hitting."

Wise decided to use the one-setter offense Thursday, which worked successfully again.

Murphy dished out 31 assists and kept the defense off balance with seven kills.

College of Charleston's outside hitter Katie Robinson, who went to Oak Hall High School in Gainesville, did not enjoy her homecoming as much as she would have liked.

"I was pretty nervous," Robinson said. "I knew that a ton of people were going to be here but I just tried to block that out of my mind."

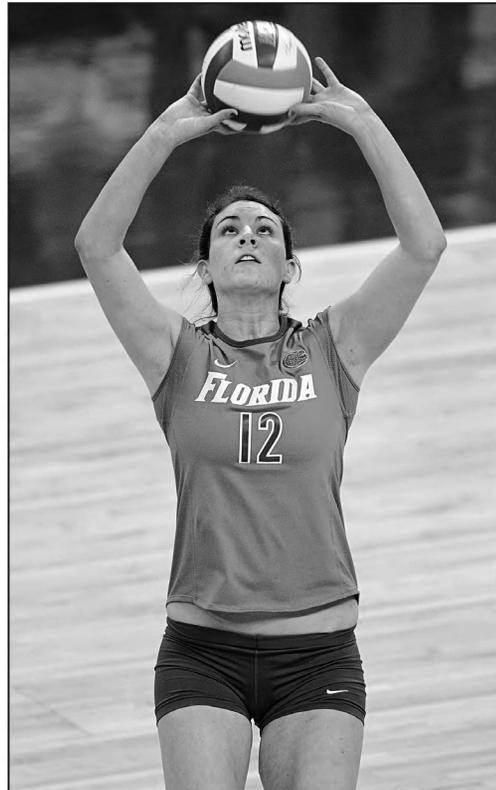
She finished with a -.286 hitting efficiency in the loss to the Gators.

Before UF's match, FIU (32-3) outlasted

Miami (18-13) in a five-set thriller 3-2 (25-16, 20-25, 22-25, 27-25, 15-11).

Now the Gators will move on to host the Golden Panthers in the second round tonight at 7 p.m.

"FIU is a really tough matchup for us," Wise said. "I think they will be one of the best second-round opponents we have ever faced at home."



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UF's Kelly Murphy sets the ball during the Gators' 3-0 win against College of Charleston in the first round of the NCAA tournament in the O'Connell Center on Thursday. Murphy had 31 assists, seven kills and three aces in the match.



### Volleyball

## PICKS, from page 17

Now, on to the picks!

In first with a record of 67-62 is Bobby "Don't put that in your mouth" Callovi, who is packing his shoes full of Play-Doh out of fear he won't meet the height requirement to ride MARTA this weekend.

Also in first and a victim of alphabetical order at 67-62 is Kyle "Tiger made the right choice" Maistri, who'd gladly ram his Crown Vic into a fire hydrant to spend a night with either of Tiger Woods' side dishes.

In third with his head just below water at 64-65 is the Tampa Tribune's Mike "What do you think, Christmas Pez Bear?" DiFerdinando, who placed his newest little friend on his desk in class. Not that little friend ...

Next, at 63-66 is the Gainesville Sun's Ed "Not now chief, I'm in the zone" Aschoff, whose three-hour flex session caused him to get his picks in late.

Tied with Ed is Mike "You guys wouldn't know a fun Thursday night if it bit you in the butt" McCall, who thinks tipping cows with his buddies from Ag. school in Tifton is worth leaving Gainesville 12 hours earlier.

In sixth at 57-72 is the Miami Herald's Joe "The first rule of Carlos Dunlap is, you do not talk about Carlos Dunlap" Goodman, who woke up with a dead horse's head in his sheets. That's what you get for asking questions UF's media relations department doesn't want you to ask.

Next, at 56-73 is the Florida Times Union's Mike "What does insensitive mean?" DiRocco, who once described a look of shock as, "She looked like she just walked out of the Twin Towers."

Settling nicely into eighth at 55-74 is the Palm Beach Post's Ben "I couldn't outmuscle a hoard of tween girls to get close enough to touch Tebow on his last Gator Walk" Volin, who will be returning to his old stomping grounds in Atlanta this week. Too bad his old friends won't recognize him beneath all the orange-and-blue paint and eye-black strips.

In ninth at 54-75 is the Orlando Sentinel's Jeremy "Just give me the favorites" Fowler, who has done so poorly lately that he decided he has a better chance of not finishing last by not picking games at all.

In last with a record of 53-76 is Phil "Charlie Weis" Kegler, who plans on ducking the media after he finishes the season in last place. Grow up, Kegs.

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# Healed Howell gives depth in IMs

■ THE SOPHOMORE RETURNED TO COMPETITION TWO WEEKS AGO.

By **TONI-ANN MILLER**  
Alligator Writer

After suffering an injury early this season, Florida sophomore Brian Howell returned to competition in November and has made the best of his opportunity since.

Howell broke his hand while hanging out with his teammates after practice and was confined to a splint for three weeks, unable to swim.

In his first tournament back, the South Carolina Invitational two weeks ago, Howell showed he had the potential to be one of UF's elite individual medley swimmers.

He was fourth in the men's 200-yard IM and second in the 400 IM.

Howell said his performance in that first meet was close to what he expected after not competing in the earlier meets this season.

"The amount of training that I'd done and that being my first real competition of the year, I can't say I was disappointed," Howell said. "I

would've liked to swim faster, but it was a good starting point."

On a team loaded with talented athletes, Howell has managed to put himself in the mix with the more recognized names.

He swam the sixth-fastest time (1:52.99) for UF this season in the 200 backstroke, and he owns the fifth-fastest time (1:51.41) this year in the 200 IM.

"There's definitely a lot of pressure here because the team is so good. If you don't step up there's someone else right behind you who'll step up and do the job just as (well) or better than you could."

**Brian Howell**  
UF sophomore swimmer

His most notable time this fall came in the 400 IM, back in South Carolina, where he swam a 3:56.21, placing him behind junior Conor Dwyer for the second-fastest time in the event.

The sophomore said he has dealt with the pressure of swimming for

one of the nation's top programs, and the depth of the team is a driving factor for the team's improvement.

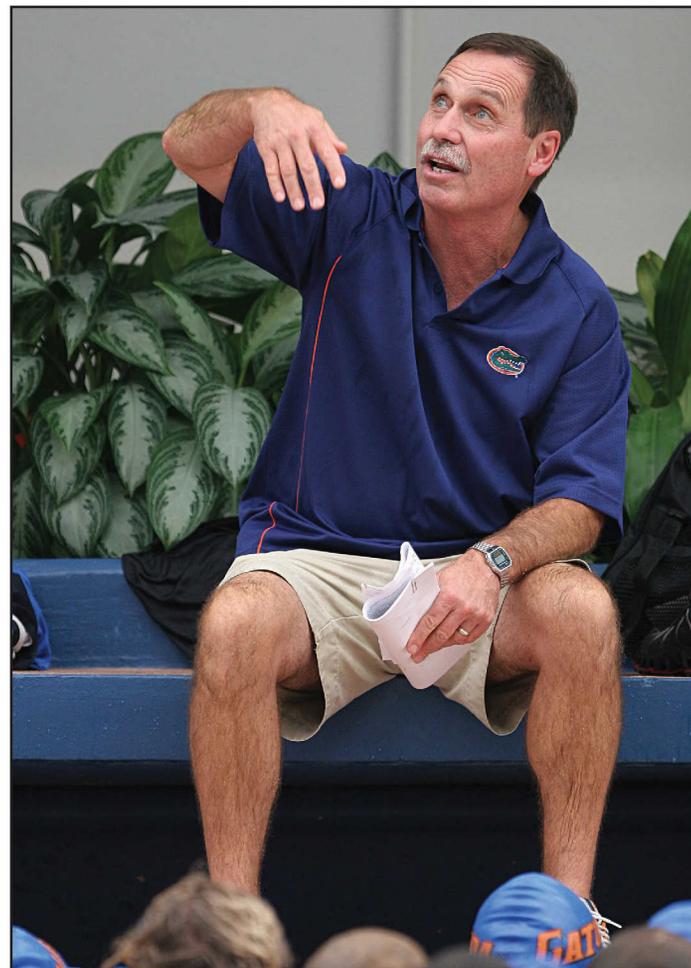
"There's definitely a lot of pressure here because the team is so good," Howell said. "If you don't step up, there's someone else right behind you who'll step up and do the job just as (well) or better than you could."

"A spot is never guaranteed, and that's why everyone keeps getting better."

When UF's fourth-ranked men and fifth-ranked women compete in the Georgia Invitational today through Sunday, Howell said he'll be looking to get more race experience, but coach Gregg Troy will be looking to the sophomore to see just what he can do.

This is UF's last meet until January.

"He's one of the guys we're especially going to watch this weekend because he's got some good talent," Troy said. "He didn't get to race quite as often as we would like this fall, but he did do a good job of recovering and staying on track, so he's one that we really want to see some more racing from."



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UF swimming coach Gregg Troy is excited to see what sophomore Brian Howell can do now that he's back from injury.

## Tebow, UF's offense will dictate whether Gators return to BCS title game

This one is on the offense.

For 12 games, Florida's defense has dominated. The Gators have suffocated top-notch run games, stifled quality passing attacks and had a knack for big plays in big moments.

The unit deserves a helping hand Saturday against Alabama in the SEC Championship Game.

During that same stretch, UF's offense has been almost entirely underwhelming. Sure, there were 40-point outbursts against Kentucky and Georgia, and yes, Florida State's defense made everything look A-OK.

Maybe it is, or maybe it's not. Honestly, I've been waiting for Saturday to see just how much the offense has grown during the year. It's hard to judge a unit when it can literally do next to nothing and win because of an out-of-

this-world defense and a great punter.

The numbers have gotten better, but is that a true sign of development? I'm just not so sure.

It'd be ludicrous for me to suggest the offense is going to carry the defense Saturday. That simply won't happen. A terrible game by the defense would result in a loss to Alabama nearly 100 percent of the time.

Thankfully for the Gators, the odds of that happening are close to zero. But Charlie Strong's defense might not be able to give UF the overwhelming advantage it has all season.

This SEC Championship Game is going to feature two great defenses going against one another, with the loser being the first one to blink. It's a near-guarantee that Florida's defense will come ready to play, but Tim Tebow is going to have to lead his team down the



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field for a few iconic drives just like last year if the Gators are going to win.

Few have mentioned this week that Percy Harvin didn't play in this game a year ago, so offensively, UF is only down Louis Murphy. Riley Cooper caught

the game-clinching touchdown an inch off the ground last year in Atlanta. Jeff Demps scored the go-ahead touchdown early in the fourth quarter on a 1-yard run.

Demps and Chris Rainey have to be bigger factors this year. Rainey was hurt last time, and Demps finished with 53 yards on 14 carries, an average of 3.8 yards per carry.

Aaron Hernandez will have to continue to be a playmaker. Alabama allowed a few devastating shovel passes to Hernandez last year. I wouldn't expect that to happen again, but Tebow will need Hernandez to get free down the field.

Of course, no discussion of the offense is complete without mentioning Tebow. He led two fourth-quarter drives to win last year, and those 15 minutes of football are still mentioned often. He will probably have to pull some kind of heroics again.

Then again, I learned long ago not to doubt Tebow. He gave the world his promise, and 22 games later, he still hasn't walked off the field a loser.

For him to keep that going Saturday, it will have to be his offense that makes the difference.

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# Florida, Alabama square off for trip to BCS title game

## UF offense vs. ALABAMA defense



## UF defense vs. ALABAMA offense



By **BOBBY CALLOVI**

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The previous three teams that won the national championship finished the season with at least one loss.

Neither No. 1 Florida nor No. 2 Alabama can afford to suffer its first loss of the season Saturday and still expect to play in the BCS National Championship Game.

With the winner heading to Pasadena, Calif., to play for the national title, Saturday's Southeastern Conference Championship Game in Atlanta will have the feel of a national championship semifinal.

The Gators and Crimson Tide are No. 1 and No. 2 in the BCS rankings and were ranked first and fifth, respectively, in the preseason AP poll.

UF coach Urban Meyer has already been to two SEC Championship Games and two BCS National Championship Games as a Gator, but he said he couldn't think of a bigger game that he has been a part of than the upcoming one.

"Now that we're here, I can feel (the national championship-like atmosphere)," Meyer said. "People were trying to make it that type of game back in September. I think if I remember right, both teams were picked to make it to the championship game."

The matchup was set after Alabama's 24-15 victory over LSU on Nov. 7, but the talk of a rematch of last year's SEC Championship Game started soon after the last one finished.

Both teams had key players depart after last season, mostly on the offensive side of the ball.

Florida lost the services of wide receivers Percy Harvin and Louis Murphy, and Alabama no longer has quarterback John Parker Wilson, running back Glen Coffee or left tackle Andre Smith. The Gators returned all of their starters on defense, and the Crimson Tide brought back nine of their 11 before losing star linebacker Dont'a Hightower to a knee injury early this year.

The experience of the defenses has been obvious as both units have dominated opposing teams

most of the season.

Alabama's and Florida's defenses are ranked in the top eight in the nation in total, scoring, rushing and passing defense.

The most points either team let up in a game was the 24 Alabama allowed Virginia Tech to score, and the most UF has given up was 20 to Arkansas.

The two units have different styles of play, but they still share certain traits of a great defense.

"There's a lot of similarities, both great defenses. There are similarities with our defense. A lot of team speed," quarterback Tim Tebow said. "They run for the ball, make big plays."

Despite finishing the regular season undefeated, neither team's season was without drama.

Alabama trailed heading into the fourth quarter in three games this season and was leading by no more than seven points when the last quarter began in two other games, including a 12-10 win over

Tennessee that needed two blocked field-goal attempts by nose guard Terrence Cody.

Florida never entered the fourth quarter trailing in any game this season, but four games were within a touchdown at the start of the final period, including a 23-20 win over Arkansas that required a 27-yard field goal by Caleb Sturgis.

The Gators also dealt with a new off-the-field storyline almost every week and have another one this week with the recent arrest and suspension of starting defensive end Carlos Dunlap.

Junior cornerback Joe Haden said the goal was not to go undefeated but to get to the SEC Championship Game because Meyer did not want the team to feel like the season was a failure if they lost a game early on. While both teams' goal was not to finish undefeated but win a championship, they will now have to finish without a blemish to accomplish that aspiration.

"If you lose a game, then was the season a failure? He didn't want that to be the case," Haden said. "Now we're sitting here undefeated. SEC Championship, we win this, we go on to the national championship."



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