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SUGAR NEVER TASTED SO SOUR



Andrew Stanfill / Alligator Staff

UF quarterback Tim Tebow takes his helmet off after throwing an interception in the end zone during Florida's 32-13 loss to Alabama in the SEC Championship Game in the Georgia Dome on Saturday.

By **KYLE MAISTRI**
 Alligator Staff Writer
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ATLANTA — When the group of reporters around David Nelson dispersed, and the Florida players had mostly cleared out of the locker room, the senior wide receiver said what everyone was thinking.

"What now?" Nelson said, half to himself and half to a team assistant before making his way to the Georgia Dome's showers.

Nelson and the rest of the No. 5 Gators (12-1) got the answer to that question Sunday night when it was announced that they are set to take on No. 3 Cincinnati (12-0) in the Sugar Bowl on New Year's Day.

"We have the winningest class in the history of the Southeastern Conference, and our legacy is going to be determined by how we finish this season," UF coach Urban Meyer said.

Alabama wiped the floor with the defending Southeastern Conference and BCS national champi-

ons Saturday, racking up 490 total yards against the best defense in the nation — UF came into the game allowing 9.8 points per game.

As UA quarterback Greg McElroy took a knee at the end of a drive that bled the final 7:28 off the clock in the fourth quarter, the video boards inside the Georgia Dome showed Tim Tebow crying as he watched from the sideline.



Football

Crimson Tide fans in attendance erupted at the sight.

Like much of the college football world outside of Gainesville, they were happy to finally see a little bit of the shine finally fade from Tebow's armor.

The 32-13 win against the Gators in this year's SEC Championship Game was a shocking result, not necessarily because the Crimson Tide won, but because of how they won.

Florida's offense struggled on

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ON CAMPUS

Common concert draws 5K

By **CAROLYN TILLO**
 Alligator Writer

Hip-hop fans were willing to get soaked Friday night in order to see Kid Cudi and Common perform at the Flavet Field Bandshell.

The concert, which was put on by Student Government Productions, attracted a crowd of about 5,000 who stopped by throughout the cold, rainy night.

Aaron Crespin, chairman of SGP Music and Entertainment, said SGP brought the musicians to UF for a total cost of \$75,000.

Crespin said SGP anticipated a crowd of about 10,000 to 15,000 people. Although he knew students would be out of town due to the Southeastern Conference Championship game, he attributed the lower turnout to the weather.

The concert also featured opening acts by Shay-J and Boy Wonder.

When Kid Cudi appeared, the stage lights flashed red and white as he asked the audience if there was a big game coming up.

Kid Cudi's performance included his hit "Day 'N' Nite" and other songs such as "Man on the Moon" and "Soundtrack 2 my Life."

Kid Cudi danced back and forth across the stage, moving in time to the music.

He encouraged the audience to join in and dance along.

Jimmy Milone, a Florida International University student who came for the concert, said



Common

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Home to get makeover

By **LAURA MONTALTO**
 Alligator Contributing Writer

On Monday morning, one Gainesville family will experience a life-changing wake-up call.

"Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" will make its way to The Gator Nation and surprise one of the five Gainesville families being considered for a total home makeover.

The Emmy Award-winning TV show will build a house for a needy Gainesville family in one week with the help of host Ty Pennington, trade partners, sponsors, hundreds of vol-

unteers and Ark Remodeling & Construction, the selected build team for the project.

"It is an honor to take on the challenge of building a house within a week for a very deserving family in our community," said Ricky Strickland, president of Ark Remodeling & Construction. "We are committed to taking care of people and making a difference in everything we do."

Strickland said he is proud to support bringing the Gainesville commu-

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■ **Sophomore Cassandra Anderson (right) had a team-high 4.5 blocks in UF's sweep of FIU in the second round of the NCAA Tournament. Florida faces No. 1 Penn State next. See Story, Page 13.**



UF dining center evacuated after fire alarm goes off

Racquet Club Dining Center diners evacuated Friday after a fire alarm went off.

The alarm, which sounded shortly after 1:30 p.m., caused a small disturbance as customers of Moe's Southwestern Grill and Chili's Too quickly filed outside. The Student Recreation and Fitness Center was also evacuated.

Tonya Curry, a Moe's employee who was working during the alarm, said everyone inside remained calm as the alarm went off, and some customers even tried to continue ordering. Gainesville Fire Rescue arrived at the Rac-

quet Club around 1:50 p.m.

Gainesville Fire Rescue Lt. Mike Cowart said the alarm went off after a heat detector was triggered, but they also found a water flow problem, which added to the alarm.

A burnt hamburger was also found, likely left on the grill during the evacuation.

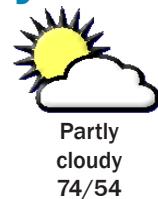
The detector was reset and building maintenance took care of the water issue.

The hamburger's condition has not yet been released.

— **JENNY WILKINSON**

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News Today

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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 consist of 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.

Service for Peace Informational Meeting

Tuesday, 5 p.m.
Shands Communicore Room C1-11
This session will cover information about international volunteering opportunities. Students in all majors who are interested in making a difference are welcome. For more information, visit serviceforpeace.org.

Relay For Life Team Captain Party

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Rinker Hall, Room 110
Join the Relay for Life committee

FORECAST

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for a team captain party to get information about forming a team and fundraising ideas. For more information, visit www.relayforlife.org/UFFL.

Brazil in Words, Pictures and Sound

Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Reitz Union Gallery, second floor
The Florida FlyIns program presents its annual exhibit by nine UF international journalism students who traveled to Icapui, Brazil. The exhibit features writing, photography and multimedia.

Gator Citrus Club Citrus Sale

Wednesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Fifield Hall
The Gator Citrus Club will be 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 www.hos.ufl.edu/citrusclub/.

Museum Nights

Thursday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Harn Museum of Art
This 1940s-themed evening will feature the Florida Swing Dancers, who will give lessons and demonstrate classic moves. Ice cream from the Sweet Dreams fire truck will be offered and classic cars will be on display. Admission is free.

Got an event?

And want to post it in this space? Send an e-mail to 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.

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LOCAL

Rescue finds families for pets

By **ROBERT HILSON**

Alligator Contributing Writer

With soggy weather all around, no TV to watch football on and no late-week finals to wait out, Chyanne gathered her belongings and went home earlier than most in Gainesville.

"Going home" is a new concept for Chyanne, who's been without one all her life, but packing wasn't terribly challenging. She travels only with a stainless-steel drinking bowl and a piece of crusted rawhide.

On Saturday and Sunday, Maddie's Pet Rescue Project found a family for Chyanne, a red and white Australian cattle dog, and several dozen other animals during the organization's Home for the Holidays Adopt-a-thon.

The biannual event offers orphaned pets to local residents on the Oaks Mall south lawn.

"You can judge a community by how it treats its animals," said Kirk Eppenstein, executive director of the Alachua County Humane Society, "and Gainesville is a compassionate community."

Adopters exchanged a background-combing, three-page application and a small fee for a new family member courtesy of the ACHS and four other partners of Maddie's.

Though most of the future pets cost \$35 to \$100, Brandon Ibarra and Dexter White split a \$125 charge from Town & Country Veterinarians to adopt a beagle puppy for a mutual friend.

"I'd hate to name it and have it stick," said Ibarra, a 20-year-old UF student who got the Christmas gift on a whim. "But I know she'll love it. She really wants one for her own."

About 1,000 people attended the event Sun-

day. The puppies went fast on Saturday as almost 1,000 people had circled their straw-filled pens by 2 p.m., but Jaymi Short, for one, focused on the older dogs.

Short, 17, a volunteer for Puppy Hill Farm Animal Rescue, trolled around with Tamariah, 4, a horse-like Great Dane who was discarded from a moving car as a puppy.

"These aren't Christmas gifts," said Short, who owns two boxers, Selina and Sergeant. "They're perfect for anytime. They're going to be your best friends."

"You can judge a community by how it treats its animals."

Kirk Eppenstein

executive director of the Alachua County Humane Society

According to Michelle Texier, 25, a vet technician with Town & Country, the full-grown animals are the ones most at risk among Gainesville's overpopulation of strays.

"Puppies and kittens are adorable; they're bought on a whim," Texier said, adding that she wouldn't trade her 4-year-old mutt, Nalani, for anything.

The shared commitment of people like Texier has translated into a more than yearlong stretch, during which no healthy animal has been euthanized, said Eppenstein.

"Shelter animals know the situation they're in," said Jessica Peet, 28, the membership coordinator at ACHS. "They're more grateful. I really believe that."

Shands decks the halls

By **LINDSAY FERGUSON**

Alligator Contributing Writer

The holidays bring to mind towns frosted in snow, mugs of steaming cocoa, warm sugar cookies and toasty fires.

But for some children, the holidays mean white-walled hospital rooms, shrill beeping machines and IV bags filled with fluids that slowly drip into their bodies.

Shands Children's Hospital at UF usually has about 50 patients over the holidays despite efforts to get them home, said guest services specialist Ginny Profumo.

But Shands' staff and Gainesville residents have ensured that the young patients' time in the hospital will be much merrier.

Decorations, presents and cards bearing tidings of a speedy recovery flood in each holiday season.

"We try to make the best of the bad situation," she said. "They're missing out on the holiday cheer at home with their own family."

Last week, Profumo turned the pediatric floor into a winter wonderland, with glittering snowflakes hanging from the ceiling.

"It's the staff that does every-

thing with their own time and money," she said. "It's so beautiful."

The hospital does not have much storage space, so Profumo keeps most of the decorations in her garage until the week after Thanksgiving, when they deck the hospital's halls.

A group of UF medical students sing carols, and a doctor and his wife dress up as Santa and Mrs. Claus and bring gifts.

"It's just like a labor of love," she said. "People love to do it."

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Nurses sort through the donations and choose the right gifts for each patient, she said, so that each child wakes up with a perfect gift on Christmas morning.

UF student group Friends for Life of America set up a table on Turlington Plaza last week to add to the holiday cheer, making cards for pediatric cancer patients.

The holiday reminder brightens the patients' stay, Profumo said.

"I think it really helps their emotional well-being," she said, "because even if they don't feel good, there are good things going on around them."

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Locals showcase crafts at festival

■ MORE THAN 250 VENDORS SOLD GOODS AT THE EVENT SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.

By **ELIZABETH BEHRMAN**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Wives were able to drag their husbands away from the television for at least a few hours this weekend.

An estimated 15,000 people took a break from football to peruse the more than 200 booths at Craft Festival 2009 in the Stephen C. O'Connell Center on Saturday and Sunday.

Christmas music played in the background while 258 crafters sold handmade goods ranging from Christmas ornaments and magnetic picture frames to gourmet dog treats and painted piggy banks.

Buyers packed both levels of the O'Connell Center and stopped to chat with vendors.

Renee Musson, the festival's co-coordinator, said this was the 17th year the festival was held in the O'Connell Center. She said it has been held on campus for more than 50 years.

Musson said it is held every year around the same time to give people an opportunity to do some Christmas shopping.

"We were looking to find really quality gifts for people in Gainesville that they wouldn't be able to find anywhere else," Musson said.

Attendee Chris Schreiber said she liked the friendly atmosphere of the festival.

"It's quite enjoyable just to walk around," she said. "I can make two or three loops [around the festival] and never see the same thing twice."

Heather Price, who sold handmade baby bibs and burp cloths in the show, said this was her first year participating.

"I had a friend and I gave her some of my stuff as a gift and she suggested I come here because she comes here every year and loves it," Price said.

Price said a number of people stopped to browse the pastel-colored bags and blankets at her "Simply Baby" booth.

She said she was impressed with the number of different types of crafts for sale.

"From what I've seen, it's quite a mix," Price said.

INTERNATIONAL

Knox gets 26 years for murder

PERUGIA, Italy (AP) — Amanda Knox sought comfort from visiting family members Saturday on her first day in prison since being convicted of murdering her British roommate.

The family of victim Meredith Kercher said the verdict brought a measure of justice. However, they said, it was not a time to celebrate.

Knox, a college student from Seattle, was tired and upset following the mid-

night verdict and sentence of 26 years in prison, according to family members and a lawyer who saw her.

"Amanda like the rest is extremely disappointed, upset about the decision,"

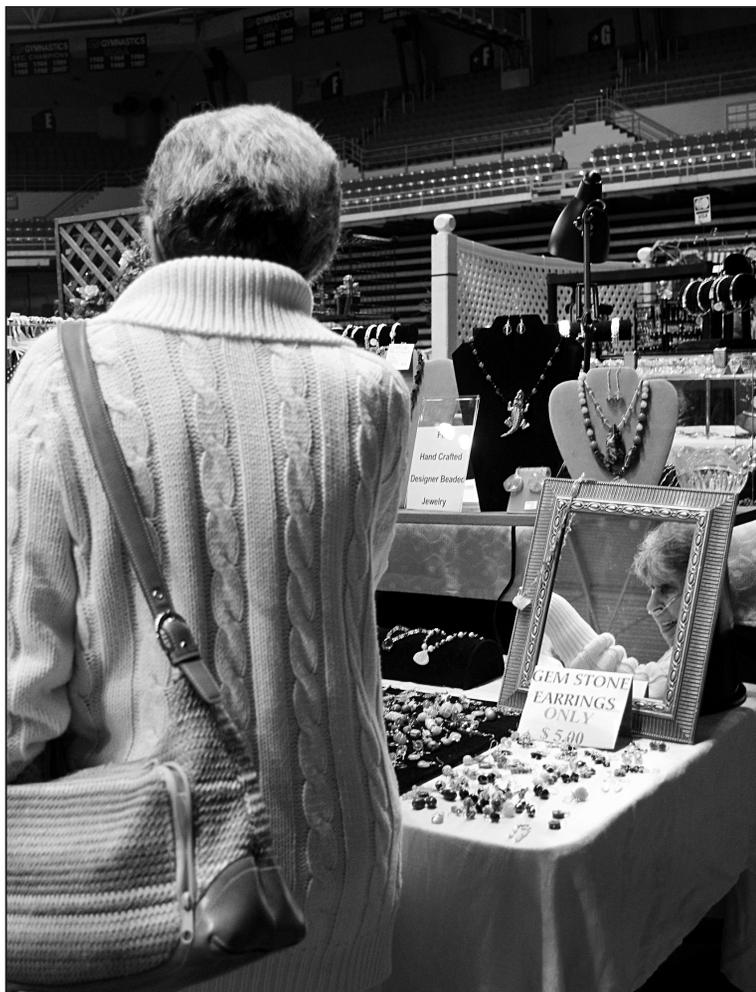
Knox's mother, Edda Mellas, said after the visit to the prison just outside Perugia. "We told her that she's gonna get out of here. It's gonna take a little longer."

Knox and Kercher's families came to this central Italian town for the verdict, which was announced at around midnight after 13 hours of deliberations. The court also convicted Knox's co-defendant and former boyfriend, Italian Raffaele Sollecito, and gave him a 25-year jail term for the murder.

Knox and Sollecito are appealing the verdicts.



Knox



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Diane Carpenter browses jewelry at Mary Spann's Antiques of Florida booth. More than 200 booths filled the Stephen C. O'Connell Center for the Crafts Festival 2009 on Saturday and Sunday.

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UF to offer CPR session

■ COURSE WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY.

By **ASHLEY HORN**

Alligator Contributing Writer

UF's CPR & Safety Training Center is offering an instructional session on CPR to cap off the end of fall semester.

CPR Anytime, a non-certifying, 22-minute instructional session on how to perform infant, child and adult CPR and choking relief, will be held Wednesday and includes a free lunch. The class is held in association with UF's College of Medicine.

The cost of the course is \$10, and registration is open until 15 minutes before the course begins at noon in 266 Yon Hall inside Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.

Less than 5 percent of cardiac arrest victims survive because most at the scene do not know CPR, according to the College of Medicine Web site.

"With the skills that they learn through the course, I believe that participants will be able to increase the chances of survival for someone who is in cardiac arrest," said Victor Martinez, the training center's marketing and community outreach coordinator.

The center also sells CPR kits that include a personal CPR mannequin, practice DVD and booklet. The adult and child kits are \$30; Infant kits are \$35.

Common dedicated song to 'all the ladies'

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he's been listening to Kid Cudi for about two years.

He said he likes how Kid Cudi talks about feelings that people don't normally want to talk about, like many young people's uncertainty about their future.

"I feel like he talks about, yeah, the feelings that people hide," Milone said.

Common finished up the concert with a 45-minute performance that kept the crowd pumped.

He encouraged people in the audience to wave their cell phones as he sang "The Light," dedicating the song to the deceased hip-hop artist J Dilla and "all the ladies" in the audience.

"We're gonna dedicate this to all the light out there who

is shining bright," Common said.

Wearing a gray Gators hoodie, he also performed a five-minute freestyle with references to University Avenue, Urban Meyer, Tim Tebow and Carlos Dunlap's DUI.

Kid Cudi and Common rapped together for about 10 minutes.

On Campus

Nique Etienne, a University of South Florida junior, said she wished Common played more of his own songs, but she liked how his performance flowed very naturally and incorporated the freestyle.

Brittiney Stroy, a UF anthropology junior, said Common's lyrics have stories and substance behind them.

"He's really talking about something real, not just about money and bling and stuff," Stroy said.

ABC will choose a family today at 10 a.m.

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nity together, even in tough economic times.

Last Wednesday, an informational pep rally was held at Grace at Fort Clarke, a Methodist church, for all volunteers. The show's executive producer, Conrad Ricketts, explained what was happening with the project in terms of schedules and different tasks for those involved.

Strickland said that because so many organizations around Gainesville had already signed up as partners for the project through material and monetary donations, the pep rally was a way to bring everyone together.

Linda Michalisin, vice president

of public relations for Frankel Media Group, said the advertising agency found out about the project coming to Gainesville in the middle of November.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for our community, especially around this time of year, to help a deserving neighbor in need," Michalisin said.

"Everyone in the Gainesville community has wanted to be a part of this exciting event since this city was first chosen," she added. "College students, families and high school students are coming together to make this a reality."

Five families were narrowed down

by community nomination in August when the show had a casting call in Gainesville.

Today at 10 a.m., one family will be chosen by ABC and updated on arkextremebuild.com.

One of the most important criteria ABC uses in determining which family will be chosen is choosing one who gives back to its own community, regardless of its struggles.

The family will be sent on vacation for one week while the project is completed, which takes more than 100 hours, she said.

Supplies are still needed, including scissors, brooms and masking tape. Anyone interested is encouraged to visit arkextremebuild.com to see what is missing.



Pennington

Cystic Fibrosis Awareness & Memorial Service for UF Student Samantha Grosse

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Editorial

Road Rebel

Confederate plate no debate for state

As it turns out, the longest battle of the Civil War was not Gettysburg, or Marietta, or Yorktown.

For years, the Sons of Confederate Veterans has been fighting for a specialty license plate to celebrate "Confederate heritage."

The group has met the state's requirements for issuing a new plate. It has collected \$60,000 in application fees and designed a marketing strategy. It has even found more than 30,000 good ol' Floridians who intend to buy the plate.

The Florida Legislature has understandably fought to prevent it from becoming a reality. But last week, a federal judge in Orlando ruled in favor of the group, ordering the state to defend the constitutionality of its refusal.

We think there is no need for such a plate. Those who would buy it already drive jacked-up pickups, with mud tires and at least one giant Confederate flag blowing in the wind at all times. They get their point across just fine.

But if they want to go muddin' in style, with not one, not two, but three Confederate flags on their license plates (yes, that's the design), we say: Let 'em.

It is not the state's place to restrict any one group from expressing its message. If Florida rejects this plate on the grounds that it's offensive, we will have to reject any plates that may be offensive — and that's a pretty broad term. (How about "Choose life" — we're offended by that one).

Vanity plates aren't the state's endorsement of an idea, but rather a reflection of what Florida residents want and think.

And if more than 30,000 Floridians want to perpetuate years of racism, bigotry and backward thought under the guise of celebrating "heritage," the state can't simply prevent them from doing so.

At least we'll have one more sure sign of whom to avoid on the road (and whom to key in the parking lot).

'Mock' Trial

Italy's courts threw the book at American college student Amanda Knox on Saturday, sentencing her to 26 years in prison for murdering her British roommate.

The yearlong trial was rife with problems for the prosecution, including the fact that somehow the metaphorical book throwing found its way into the interrogation room. But this time, picture a phone book — a favorite interrogation tool of brutish police.

While a confession wasn't quite beat out of Knox, she claims that at one point interrogators hit her in the head for not remembering the facts.

The defense also asserts she was pressured into confessing, though investigators told her to "imagine what would have happened," and that her lawyer wasn't present.

The confession was thrown out, not that it mattered in the minds of the jurors.

The other evidence remains questionable at best.

The knife she allegedly used to commit the crime doesn't match the wounds, and DNA on the blade was too small to be definitive, says the defense. DNA on a bra clasp, footprints in blood and a broken window make up the other shaky evidence that numerous expert witnesses have disputed.

The other key point of any trial — motive — was never clearly established by the prosecution, which changed its theory multiple times throughout the trial.

If the glove doesn't fit, Italy will apparently send you to jail until it does.

Americans take for granted the rights our justice system provides defendants. But abroad, the game changes, and sometimes results in the mockery that is the Amanda Knox trial.

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Column

2009: Year of distractions, scandals

2009 hasn't left us yet, but it's not too soon to look back on the last of what Time Magazine recently dubbed "The Decade from Hell."

This year, in the age of Twitter, Facebook, CNN's I-Report, and the complete ballooning of the blogosphere, it's now safe to call 2009 the Year of Distractions.

From Michael Jackson to Tiger Woods, we have been non compos mentis. In other words, we've acted like total nincompoops, blindly worshipping whatever offers us the first refuge from serious discussion and examinations of serious problems.

Today we pine for the times when a D-list star was considered someone whose fame lasted for 15 minutes. No one occupies the national mindset for only 15 minutes anymore. The Balloon Boy, who entered our country's consciousness at the height of a critical Washington showdown on universal health care, is still in the news, long after his father's 15 minutes of fame were up.

When drastic economic measures were taken to save our and the world's economy from total destruction, we started to have a meaningful national discussion on the flaws of our economic structure — and then Michael Jackson died.

Coverage of MJ's death lasted for 15 weeks. But at least he was a true celebrity, someone who almost deserved the amount of media attention that even a Pope's passing can't bring.

What, then, is our excuse for giving ABC's "Good Morning America" a pass on offering Levi Johnston, father of Bristol Palin's child, seat time on their cozy couches? There Johnston sat one early October morning, rehashing the horrors of living with Sarah Palin, as if somehow more than half of America needed convincing that Palin was just a political phantasm who had more in common with Carrie Prejean than any serious vice president prospect.



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What's Johnston's claim to fame? He forgot that condoms had been invented.

Meanwhile, back in the real world, a critical debate was taking place inside and outside the White House over the merits of sending additional troops to Afghanistan. Right as the debate got good, two television stars crashed a high-class White House state dinner.

Instead of depriving the now-notorious Salahis of the cheap fame they wanted, we put them on the "Today Show."

The year of the Balloon Boy proved that it's good we have a representative democracy, because only our elected leaders are capable of staying on topic.

Wrong. Even President Barack Obama went off message just weeks into his presidency to offer a "teachable moment" on race relations when he answered a question about the arrest of Harvard professor Henry Louis Gates Jr. What was the result of this teachable moment? A beer summit at the White House.

After announcing his new strategy for Afghanistan last Tuesday, Obama was probably thankful for the distraction Tiger Woods' sexual escapades in his Escalade provided him. After all, no amount of rhetoric could explain away why 30,000 additional troops are needed to root out al-Qaida there, when his own National Security Adviser, Gen. James Jones, told CNN that "fewer than a hundred" operate out of the country.

Then again, what was I talking about?

Matt Christ is a political science sophomore. His columns appear on Mondays.

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Reader response

Today's question: Would you buy a Confederate vanity plate?

Monday's question: Would you eat the Reitz Union if it were made out of candy?

53% YES
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Letters to the Editor

Reader fails to detect sarcasm

Thank you, Mr. Maple, for bringing Tiger Woods' affair to light for everyone who had unfortunately missed out on the "media sleaze machine" coverage. I'd have to say that yours was by far worse. Not only did you cite the same news sources you bashed, but you also managed to do so in a way far more offensive than the mainstream media. You refuted the media's attack on Woods' affair with a cocktail waitress by saying his actions were only really wrong because he didn't choose the right type of woman to sleep with.

If you have a hot Swedish wife, maybe you would want more (after all, a man has needs). But you certainly couldn't get that from some other tool's sloppy seconds. Once you're a sports star who has been with a model, you can't degrade yourself by being with anything less ever again, right? Well, maybe from your patriarchal point of view where women are merely objects to be had. And to think you were attempting to tell us about the crap the major news sources try to push.

Caitlin Niblick
UF junior sociology



Humor column lacks humor

I would like to express my disgust at Erik Voss' Avenue column, "Killing Christmas spirit." Not only was it lacking humor, but it was simply revolting. If the Alligator must resort to publishing stories about the intentional public embarrassment of another human being for its "humor" column, it needs a new comedian.

Regardless of whether the story he told was fact or fiction, it was completely distasteful. If Voss is worried about having to "dig Santa's grave" and about destroying the "holiday spirit," he might try not acting like a jerk. Voss is the one who should be ashamed of his repulsive behavior, not the poor woman trying to show Christmas spirit.

Mr. Voss: If you are going to be a jerk, fine,

but keep your non-comical stories to yourself.

Ryan Scheb
UF business sophomore



Pedestrians must look out for cyclists

It's about that time for another complaint from the beleaguered Gainesville cyclist. I come to you with scabby palms and bruised shins. The cause of my pain? This time around, an innocent pedestrian crossing the street.

Yesterday, while hustling down the sidewalk on West University Avenue, I attempted to zip to the right of a pedestrian. Vision obscured by her monstrosity of an umbrella, she stepped into my path and, unable to avoid her, we collided, sending my beloved Schwinn and I tumbling into the street.

I was ready to rain my wrath on this girl; months of antipathy built from cycling through campus threatened to explode. The maelstrom was quickly diffused by the apologetic cries of none other than a favored classmate. To assuage her guilt, I spoke nothing of my hurts and only replied "these things happen."

And these things do happen all the time on campus. It's not the first time I've run into somebody, and it won't be the last. Pedestrians walk around campus with impunity. They jaywalk with the assurance that the 20 mph traffic must surely stop for them. Laden with Krishna lunch and a cell phone tucked between their cheeks and shoulders, they cross the bike lanes without ever thinking of looking left and right. Their mothers would be ashamed.

The fact of the matter is, the same way bicycles are forced to share road space with cars, we are forced to share sidewalk space with pedestrians on campus. Pedestrians don't have turn signals or brake lights. If they want to race over and hug their big sisters, they do so. If they need to send a text, it's going to happen right then and there. What pedestrians do have are top-of-the-line, built-in brakes and the ability to turn on a dime and turn one's head to look behind.

Cyclists sacrifice this maneuverability for speed. We can't always avoid you and your hulking backpack, so please work with us. If you have to send that text right now, step off the path and let traffic by. Hug the side of the path and leave us room instead of walking abreast with your pals. It's as simple as being spatially aware and walking decisively.

Don't make me yell, "Watch where you're going, asshole!" It only generates unnecessary hostility, and you were so kind to lend me your archaeology notes last week.

Lily Bruns
UF anthropology junior



Graduate students deserve pay increase

I am writing today to voice my opposition to the creation of any fee for the restoration or expansion of the Reitz Union.

Fees have already risen astronomically in the past few years, while our paychecks have not done so. This, coupled with the crippled economy, has left most graduate students in a precarious situation. Graduate students are already burdened by fees that amount to more than \$1,000 a year, roughly 10 to 20 percent of most of our paychecks for the entire year.

We feel that our shouts to get increases in pay have fallen on deaf ears. (Funny how the administration often has money to give the professors raises or to hire new professors but consistently has no money to pay graduate students an increase.) But the whispers coming from the Student Senate, which passed the resolution supporting this pay increase, are being heard. This is wholly unacceptable, especially given the fact that most of the students who voiced opinions at this Senate meeting opposed the fee increase. The Senate wouldn't even allow for a referendum to see if the Student Body supported paying to renovate and expand the Reitz Union.

The Reitz Union is not in critical need of repair and expansion. What is critical is that the administration do its best to support its

graduate students, especially because we are the ones who do the majority of the teaching and research at the university.

Luke Rostant
UF natural resources grad student



Reader thanks columnist for writings

Joe Dellosa,
After reading your column, "Say what you would regret leaving unsaid," it was obvious that the only option for me was to write this e-mail.

I have read most of your articles, and I have been wanting to e-mail you and let you know how much I enjoy them, but for some reason I would always put it off. However, after reading this article I knew that one of the things I would regret is not letting you know how much your articles have affected me.

The article "People in relationships shouldn't settle" published on Oct. 27 has continuously had me thinking. A few months ago, my boyfriend and I broke up. Being back on the market has not been the easiest. Not because no one is interested, but rather because no one is interesting.

Although it is nice to go out to eat or to watch a movie with someone, your article has made me question whether I am settling with this person. Also, your article has made me realize that if I am settling, I am being unfair to both him and myself.

Your article has reminded me that if I feel bad for refusing to go to breakfast with him or not picking up some guys phone call, I shouldn't because I am doing us both a favor, and not wasting our time. I am single now, and I know I will be single until I find someone with whom I am extremely happy.

So Joe, I just wanted to say thank you for writing the way you do and the things you do. I enjoy your thoughts and appreciate your columns. Write on!

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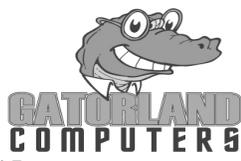
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UF tops FIU, will face No. 1 Penn St. next

By **ANTHONY CHIANG**

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For the last week, the Gators have had to hold it in.

But it didn't take long for them to finally let it out.

"Right now, it's all about Penn State," senior Elyse Cusack said after Florida's second-round match.

No. 14 UF (25-5) did its part in advancing to the inevitable Sweet 16 matchup against the No. 1 Nittany Lions (34-0) with a sweep of shorthanded FIU 3-0 (25-22, 25-15, 25-16) in the O'Connell Center on Friday.

Penn State also swept its way through the first two rounds to punch its ticket to a date with UF on Friday at 6 p.m.

The Gators clinched their spot in the showdown in large part because of their 12 blocks. They racked up 11 more than FIU (32-4), which is the largest blocking margin of the season for UF.

"We know that the teams that have had any success against FIU blocked balls," coach Mary Wise said. "When we didn't block balls early on, we were a little concerned."

After recording only two blocks in the first set, the Gators exploded with 10 in the final two sets.

Sophomore middle blocker Cassandra Anderson led the effort with four and a half blocks along with nine kills.

Four UF players, including Anderson, finished with at least one block.

"The longer the match went on, we adjusted more," Anderson said. "We saw where they were hitting, and the more the match went on that just helped us figure out where we needed to put the block."

"We knew coming in against FIU with their feisty little setter, that they play with such emotion, and we had to match that."

Elyse Cusack
UF senior libero

In UF's first-round match, Wise said her team did not play with enough intensity, but that wasn't a problem Friday.

"We knew coming in against FIU with their feisty little setter, that they play with such emotion, and we had to match that," Cusack said. "If we didn't and we played flat, they were going to take advantage of it."

An emotional 7-0 run by the Gators to grab the second set along with an injury that kept FIU's best hitter, senior Yarimar Rosa, out for the third frame broke the back of the Golden Panthers.

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UF sophomore Cassandra Anderson blocks the ball during Florida's sweep of FIU on Friday in the O'Connell Center.

Florida fans get rare taste of falling short

ATLANTA

David Nelson didn't want to leave the field.

He had just let Florida's final, last-grasp chance at pulling out a miracle victory slip through his fingers.

Hope had become slimmer and slimmer as time wasted away, and while the game clock read 7:28, this was the end.



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Nelson began to walk off the field but couldn't bring himself to get any closer to the sidelines than the outer hash mark.

He would eventually make it off with some consolation from Tim Tebow, who had just thrown the pass that Nelson dropped on fourth and 3 from the Alabama 13-yard line.

Florida's offense would not take the field again.

"That's it," Nelson said. "We've worked for the past year for this moment, and everything we've done, everything we've trained for, everything we've worked for the past year since the Oklahoma game last year was for this moment, and it's over. We didn't take care of business."

There probably couldn't have been a more shocking finish to the Gators' 22-game winning streak and their quest for a historic third national title in four years.

This is what the view from the other side looks like, Florida fans.

Remember when Florida celebrated a 41-14 win over Ohio State in the 2007 BCS National Championship Game?

The total domination the Gators exhibited over the Buckeyes came to mind as eerily similar to the way the Crimson Tide did whatever they wanted in the Southeastern Conference Championship Game. The reasons were different — UF was simply more athletic than OSU — but have you ever seen Urban Meyer look so

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UF FOOTBALL

Gators can't stop Ingram, Tide offense

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ATLANTA — Florida came into the Southeastern Conference Championship Game with the No. 1 scoring defense in the nation, but the Gators hadn't played Mark Ingram yet.

Alabama's Heisman Trophy candidate running back broke tackle after tackle on his way to 113 rushing yards and 76 receiving yards, helping the Crimson Tide put 32 points on the board.

UF came in allowing 9.8 points per game, one rushing touchdown in the last six games and only three all season.

Ingram rushed for three in 47 minutes.

"One of the worst games we've played around here in a long time," UF defensive coordinator Charlie Strong said. "We just didn't tackle. There were a lot of three-step (drops), so we just didn't tackle well. It's no different from what we played all season, we just didn't make plays."



Ingram

Ingram took a screen pass 69 yards at the end of the second quarter, setting up his 3-yard rushing touchdown. And wide receiver Marquis Maze took a 5-yard hitch 34

yards on a third and 3 on the previous drive to set up a Leigh Tiffin field goal.

UF cornerback Janoris Jenkins came up to make the tackle but was quickly turned away by Maze, who finished the game with five catches for 96 yards.

"Your ability to tackle — that's your job," safeties coach Chuck Heater said. "So if you don't do it, you're going to have a hard time getting off the field."

Though the Gators couldn't seem to tackle Ingram, the Crimson Tide's success was also a result of a surprise effort.

Ingram, whose 1,429 rushing yards ranked him seventh in the nation coming into the game, didn't go overlooked by Florida's defense, but Alabama quarterback Greg

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TEERING OFF WITH PHIL KEGLER

■ The schedule for all the bowls was released Sunday. My favorite non-BCS game: pass-happy Houston vs. run-happy Air Force in the Armed Forces Bowl on Dec. 31. ... I'm still in shock at how close Texas came to throwing away a shot at a BCS title. ... Michael Vick was booed pregame in Atlanta, scored TDs and then was showered with "We want Vick!" cheers. It really is all about winning.

MEYER RELEASED

■ Urban Meyer was admitted to a hospital early Sunday morning and treated for dehydration before being released Sunday afternoon. A spokesman said he is doing well.

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■ The UF men's swim team finished second to host UGA at the Georgia Invitational, while the women's squad finished third behind Georgia and Denver. Check out our Web site for a full recap of the action.

Gators find stroke, rout Dolphins

■ UF WENT 12 OF 20 FROM BEYOND THE ARC.

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JACKSONVILLE — So far this season, the Gators have built their identity on defense, a sharp contrast to the team that lived and died by its 3-point shooting a year ago.

Friday night, Florida looked a little more like its old self.

No. 13 UF shot 12 of 20 from beyond the arc on its way to an 85-67 win at Jacksonville (0-5), moving to 8-0 for just the third time in school history.

"I feel like in the previous games, we've had bad shooting nights and good defense," said freshman guard Kenny Boynton, who returned to the starting lineup and scored 15 points. "In this game, we had a good shooting night and bad defense.

"We've just got to put it all together."

The Gators entered Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena shooting just 27.7 percent from 3-point range, but Boynton, Erving Walker, Dan Werner and Chandler Parsons kept shooting with confidence like UF coach Billy Donovan told them to, and the shots finally started fall-

ing.

Florida's eight second-half 3s were more than the team has made in all but one game this season.

"Teams were not even playing us honest sometimes. Me and KB had a lot of good looks this game and the last few games," said Walker, who led the team with 18 points on 4-of-5 shooting from beyond the arc. "It seems like it's slowly starting to change, and we're happy for that."



Men's Basketball

The Gators and Dolphins traded baskets for the opening 13 minutes of the game, and UF held just a 31-29 lead with 7:13 remaining in the first half.

The fast-paced first half was starting to wear on a UF team playing its eighth game in 17 days, but the Gators clamped down on defense and only allowed one JU field goal from that point on — a layup by guard Ben Smith as the buzzer sounded.

"We've had an emotional, long stretch here. It's been a long stretch for our kids, and our kids have done a good job," Donovan said. "I knew there was going to be a lot of emotion and energy.

"We looked a little drained and a little fatigued, but we hung in there

and did the things necessary to find a way to win the game."

With Jacksonville refusing to be put away for most of the second half, Florida's defense once again buckled down. The Gators gave up just seven points in the final 8:43 and held the Dolphins scoreless for more than five minutes to end the game.

"It's good to see us hitting shots, but we definitely didn't play defense the way we wanted to," said Werner, who finished with 13 points. "They were flying the ball up and down the court. Our pressure really wasn't as effective. They did a great job handling it.

"The last couple minutes of the first half and the last couple minutes of the second half really won us the game."

With the Gators' outside shooters hitting from long range, Vernon Macklin put together one of his best scoring games as a Gator.

The junior center hit all six of his free throws — extending his streak to 12 straight and giving Donovan another reason to play him late in the game — and finished with 16 points on 5-of-7 shooting.

"(The improved outside shooting) makes it a lot easier," Macklin said. "I want these guys to keep this up and keep on knocking them down and help out a lot of our big guys."

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bad with a team that was supposed to be so good?

Remember when UF would not be denied in a 31-20 win over Alabama in last year's SEC title game?

The Gators outscored the Tide 14-0 in the fourth quarter of the 2008 affair. Tebow delivered a big-time performance on a national stage and seemed to will his team to victory.

The senior quarterback delivered a similar pep talk to his teammates before Saturday's fourth quarter.

Nothing changed.

By the time it was over, the 2008 SEC champion Florida team outgained the 2009 runner-up Florida by 23 yards inside the Georgia Dome, but UF lost the time of possession battle Saturday by a whopping 19 minutes, likely due to an abandonment of the run game.

Offensive coordinator Steve Addazio, who regrettably was unavailable for comment afterward, called a game in which his two star running backs combined for three carries.

And while the offense continued to struggle in the red

zone (zero touchdowns in three trips compared to four in six trips in '08), there is nothing more puzzling than the defense allowing 490 yards.

But this one wasn't one player, one coach or even one unit's fault.

Alabama was just better in every facet of the game, and that was the biggest surprise of all.

"They came out and played tremendous," Nelson said. "They came out and played like a national champion should play. And we didn't."

When Tebow announced that he would return for his senior season, he told fans he wanted to do it all again.

For 12 weeks, the 2009 UF football team seemed to be a team of destiny. It looked poised to put the final seal on Tebow's promise with a defense that sought its place among the greats in history.

At the end of the day, the ending to the script was very simple, very cut and dry.

The greatest era in Florida football history came to a stumbling end Saturday, and no one really knew why.

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UF looks to fix running game

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multiple occasions throughout the regular season, but the defense never let the team down before Saturday.

Alabama controlled the ball for 39:37 of the game's 60 minutes and converted 11 of its 15 third downs, including 8 of 9 in the second half.

"They ran the same stuff we saw on film, they just ran it a little bit harder," UF cornerback Joe Haden said.

The offense was unable to step up and save the day as the defense faltered, partially because a frustrated Tebow and the rest of the unit couldn't seem to stay on the field.

The Gators averaged 236 rushing yards and 451 total yards per game coming into the rematch with Alabama. But they could only manage 88 rushing yards and 335 total yards of offense against the nation's No. 2 defense.

"Obviously our rushing, we didn't get the backs — Tim ran the ball for some yards — but we didn't get our backs going," Meyer said. "But it seemed like we were behind, and we were trying to play catch-up the entire night, and we didn't do that."

UF was content to abandon the run early despite never trailing by more than nine points in the first half. Offensive coordinator Steve Addazio's unit ran the ball nine times and passed it 17 times before the break, with only three of those carries going to players other than Tebow.

The balance, or lack thereof, only got worse in the second half, as the Gators finished with 14 rushes and 35 passes, with four carries going to players other than Tebow.

Addazio has said many times this season that Florida is a rushing team, only to abandon that identity in the biggest game of the

season.

"If you try to be something you're not, sometimes that fails," Addazio said after UF played Vanderbilt.

The Gators will have to figure out some way to get back to the running game that made them so successful if they hope not to suffer a similar fate against the Bearcats.

"I don't think you can win the game without getting the running backs involved, so that's a high priority for us," Meyer said in the Sugar Bowl teleconference Sunday night.

"This is not how we wanted to finish our season in the SEC, and, you know, there were a lot of goals and a lot of goals we won't be able to accomplish. We've still got to regroup and go have a good bowl game, and that's what our focus will be."

Tim Tebow
UF senior quarterback

Motivation will be another issue for a Florida team that had hopes of winning its third national championship in four seasons.

Last year, the Crimson Tide suffered their first loss of the season to the Gators in the SEC Championship Game and were unable to regroup before dropping a second game to Utah in the Sugar Bowl.

UF will lean on its decorated senior class to avoid a similar fate.

"This is not how we wanted to finish our season in the SEC, and, you know, there were a lot of goals and a lot of goals we won't be able to accomplish," Tebow said. "We've still got to regroup and go have a good bowl game, and that's what our focus will be."



Florida 13, Alabama 32



SWAMP STUDS



Tim Tebow
QB, Sr.

It was hard to find standout performances in a loss as dismal as this one, but Tebow did about as good as he could after Florida apparently decided to abandon the running game (four non-Tebow rushes). His 310 total yards were the fourth-most he has had all season, and when he led that four-play, 70-yard drive in the second quarter, UF fans probably got some hope. Unfortunately, no Tebow pep talks could rile the defense out of its slumber, and the senior's interception in the end zone sealed the Gators' fate.
20-of-35 passing, 247 yds, TD, INT; 10 rush, 63 yds

The fact that a punter is our No. 2 Swamp Stud pretty much sums up Florida's terrible day in its biggest game of the year. Henry has been one asset the Gators have been able to count on all year, and the junior set an SEC Championship Game record by averaging 48.8 yards on his four punts, eclipsing his mark of 47.7 from a year ago. Matching your season high of four punts in a game where your defense can't get a stop is a recipe for disaster, but Henry did all he could do to swing the field position game in UF's favor.
4 punts, 195 yds, long of 57, 2 inside the 20



Chas Henry
P, Jr.



David Nelson
WR, R-Sr.

It wouldn't be a championship game if Tebow didn't connect with Nelson, who caught only his second touchdown pass of the season in the second quarter. The redshirt senior's seventh career touchdown turned out to be the Gators' only trip to the end zone in nine offensive possessions. Nelson was understandably down after the game, but he had his best performance of the season and had the second-most catches Saturday.
4 rec, 53 yds, TD

TOP THREE PLAYS



Mark Ingram's 69-yard gain down to the UF 1-yard line on a screen pass in the second quarter



Riley Cooper's 59-yard catch-and run late in the second quarter



Greg McElroy's scramble down to the UF 2-yard line as he eluded several defenders on the first play of the fourth quarter

TURNING POINT

Just after Florida closed the gap to 12-10 on a quick 70-yard drive, Alabama answered on its very next play with a 69-yard screen pass to Mark Ingram down to the UF 1-yard line. Ingram punched it in on the next play, went up 19-10, and the momentum remained in the Crimson Tide's favor from then on out.

KEY STAT

39:37

Alabama's time of possession

	1	2	3	4	Final
UF	3	10	0	0	13
UA	9	10	7	6	32

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UF WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Florida hopes team meeting leads to improved play

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With nearly a week off to reflect on its latest loss, UF is ready to get back out on the court and under the lights.

Those bulbs won't be brighter than on tonight's national stage when Florida plays Rutgers (5-4) at 7 in Piscataway, N.J., in a game being televised on ESPN2.

Coming off a compressed week that saw Florida play four games in an eight-day span, UF has had the luxury of a near-full week of practice.

"The good thing about this week was we just got to focus on us and Rutgers," guard Jor-

dan Jones said. "There were no other factors coming into play or any other games we had to worry about."

That week also provided the Gators (3-4) some time to digest their poor start to the season.

"There hasn't been one game this year that we executed outside, inside, just all aspects of what we're capable of," Jones said.

Following UF's fourth loss of the season on Tuesday, Florida had a team meeting where teammates held nothing back, calling each other out and getting everything out into the open.

Azania Stewart, who scored a career-high 17 points against

FAMU on Tuesday, said she took away from that game a need for accountability.

"We're 3-4, and that's not a good look right now," Stewart said.



Jones

She said she has been surprised by the team's inconsistency this season, pointing out shades of potential in the opening 12-0 run against FAMU and the 11-0 run in the closing 48 seconds of that same contest. The pair of runs wasn't enough.

"If we can do that for the first four minutes, why can't we keep

it consistent throughout? That's what really this week has been about," Stewart said.

With more free time this week, there has been more attention paid to the Scarlet Knights, and the Gators will have to play lockdown defense against a team that's full of one-on-one offensive threats that can penetrate at any time.

UF will likely counter with depth — boasting a larger roster than Rutgers' 10-woman squad — and help defense.

If there has been one surprising problem for the Gators this season, it hasn't necessarily been the defense as much as their inconsistent shooting.

Splitting its last four games, Florida has shot a combined 50.8 percent from the field in the two wins while shooting a pedestrian 34.6 field-goal percentage in the two losses.

That has meant more reliance on the post game as a means of generating offense.

"It's kind of been a deflating thing when we're out there and we have a wide-open shot and the shots just aren't falling," Jones said.

"It's definitely a game, especially being on national TV, that we want to show what team we really can be and not the team we've been these past couple of games."

Cusack four digs shy of SEC mark

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Rosa attempted to play despite the injury but could not finish the match. The senior was in tears for much of the final set as an injured left shin kept her on the sideline.

"No matter how much you tell the team that they can do it, they know what she means to the team," FIU coach Danijela Tomic said. "Seeing her on the bench crying is not easy to overcome."

Wise knew the Gators' win must be put in perspective.

"I know deep down there is an asterisk, and that is Rosa," Wise said. "If she is 100 percent healthy, she is one of the most dynamic outside hitters."

But in the end UF won its 25th match of the year for an NCAA-best 19th straight season. Cusack finished just four digs short of becoming the SEC's all-time career digs leader.



Volleyball

UF surprised by McElroy's execution

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McElroy seemed to sneak up on the Gators.

He completed 12 of 18 passes for 239 yards and dropped in a touch pass to tight end Colin Peek from 17 yards out to cap the Crimson Tide's first drive of the second half.

The junior looked poised in the pocket

and found the open man consistently with Alabama's offensive line keeping Florida's pass rush at a distance.

Without suspended defensive end Carlos Dunlap, the Gators sacked McElroy one time — on a safety blitz by Ahmad Black.

"The guy that we didn't think could execute as well as he executed was the quarterback," Heater said.

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