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SPORTS BRIEFS

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

UAB HIRES CALLAWAY AS NEW HEAD COACH

Georgia offensive coordinator **Neil Callaway** was hired yesterday as the football coach at UAB, which went 3-9 this season under **Watson Brown**.

Callaway, the third football coach in UAB history, received a five-year contract and returns to the state where he once worked as an assistant at Alabama and Auburn. Brown left Dec. 9 after 12 seasons to coach Tennessee Tech.

Georgia (8-4) practiced twice Saturday in preparation for the Chick-fil-A Bowl. Callaway attended both sessions before traveling to Birmingham. He will stay with Georgia through the bowl game.

UAB interim athletic director **Richard Margison** said at a news conference yesterday that Callaway brings a "hard-nosed attitude, both on the field and in the classroom." He added that Callaway "knows how to win," and he expects the coach to strengthen the Conference USA school.

Callaway has been the offensive coordinator at Georgia the past six seasons. He was the offensive line coach at Alabama in 1997 and line coach and offensive coordinator from 1998-2000.

Before joining the Crimson Tide, he was an assistant at Houston from 1993-96. He was the longtime offensive line coach at Auburn under **Pat Dye** from 1981-92.

FOOTBALL

FORMER UK RECEIVER IN MOVIE

Former UK wide receiver **Aaron Boone** has a bit part in the movie *We Are Marshall*, which is scheduled to be released nationwide on Friday. Boone plays multiple football roles in the movie, the most prominent being a defensive end for the Morehead State team.

Boone played last season for the Kansas City Brigade of the Arena Football League, and made the league's All-Rookie team.

BASEBALL

CATCHER HALL, WHITE SOX AGREE TO TWO-YEAR DEAL

The Chicago White Sox and free-agent catcher **Toby Hall** agreed yesterday on a two-year, \$3.65-million contract that includes a club option for 2009.

Hall, 31, will earn \$1.75 million in 2007 and 2008 and most likely will back up **A.J. Pierzynski**. The White Sox hold a \$2.25 million option with a \$150,000 buyout for 2009. Hall combined to hit .259 with eight home runs and 31 RBI in 85 games for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays and Los Angeles Dodgers last season.