



New fee brings big price jump for prepaid

■ COST JUMPED \$13,400.

By **CAROLYN TILLO**
Alligator Writer

Florida Prepaid's tuition differential fee plan has raised its price for newborns.

It increased from about \$4,600 in 2008 to about \$20,000 in 2009, according to Susan James, the director of external affairs for the Florida Prepaid College Board.

Jones wrote in an e-mail that the increase in the plan stems from the Florida Legislature's efforts to boost Florida state uni-

versities' tuition until it reaches the national average.

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The legislation allows state universities to increase the total of their tuition and tuition differential fees by up to 15 percent each year, she wrote.

Bill Edmonds, spokesman for the Florida Board of Governors, said the legislature raised tuition by 8 percent. Likewise, Florida's 11 state universities mandated a 7 percent tuition differential fee, which brings in money for hiring new professors and creating smaller classes.

He said students with prepaid plans purchased on or before Jan. 31, 2007 do not have to pay the differential tuition fee.

Bright Futures covers tuition but not the tuition differential, he said.

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Costumed locals march against nuclear plant

By **CAROLYN TILLO**
Alligator Writer

A three-headed pink flamingo, a witch and a fish were among about 35 protesters who marched Wednesday in downtown Gainesville to protest the proposed \$14 billion nuclear power plant about 50 miles from Gainesville in Levy County.

The marchers were members of Sustainable Urban and Rural Florida (SURF), a community group that favors using alternative energy sources and opposes the plant's construction. They donned costumes as part of a "Nukes are Monstrous!" parade.

Accompanied by music from the Gainesville Radical Ruckus Marching Band, the marchers paraded around the Bo Diddley Community Plaza and walked through the Farmers Market to the post office on Southeast First Avenue. They dropped a handful of letters addressed to Progress Energy and state representatives into a mailbox, with messages encouraging them to rethink plans for the power plant.

Christian Hansen danced along with the group in his pink flamingo costume. Hansen said his costume had three heads because nuclear waste leaked into the estuary where the flamingo fed.

He said nuclear waste works its way up the food chain and creates health hazards, but power companies and nuclear regulation committees continue to push off these prob-

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Zombie Attack!

Skyler Kern, vice president of Theatre Strike Force, shouts as he runs away from other members limping along as zombies on the north lawn during a flash mob, which took the group from the Reitz Union to Library West Wednesday afternoon. For a video and story about the flashmob, visit www.alligator.org.

Emergency text problems prompt second attempt

By **THOMAS STEWART**
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Better. But not there yet. UF said it will conduct another test of its emergency messaging system soon — per-

haps today — after problems plagued its test Wednesday.

The 65,000 students and employees who are signed up for the service were supposed to receive text messages a few minutes after they were sent out around noon, but most students surveyed for the article reported getting them

between 20 and 30 minutes later.

UF spokesman Steve Orlando said a glitch in the system caused a 15-minute delay in getting the messages out.

Orlando said the company in charge of the

service, ConnectED, has reportedly fixed the problem and wants to conduct another test.

In addition to texts, UF sent out emergency e-mails, but another glitch caused two e-mails to be sent out instead of one, slowing both messages down a bit, he said.

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■ **UF cornerback**
Joe Haden said the key to stopping Georgia is to shut down wide receiver A.J. Green (right), the SEC's leading receiver. Green had five catches for 91 yards vs. UF in '08. See Story, Page 17.



■ The Fest 8, this weekend's punk festival in Gainesville, features 200+ bands playing in 15 venues over 3 days. While this can feel daunting, Alligator On line has you covered with band reviews, suggested schedules, interviews and tips on getting tickets. For coverage from now until Sunday evening, visit alligator.org/blogs/fest

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Kaleidoscope Month presents Mr. and Mrs. AASU Pageant Today

Reitz Union Grand Ballroom
Kaleidoscope Month is a celebration of Asian-American awareness through events and forums. The pageant will showcase many hidden talents and aspects of the culture. Come learn about a different culture and its traditions.

International Medical Outreach's Skate Station Fundraiser

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

Pre-Fest Show

Today, 5 p.m.
1982 Music Venue
Kick off your Fest weekend at 1982. Come out and see Young Livers, Bridge & Tunnel, Landmines, O Pioneers!!!, North Lincoln and more. Doors open at 5 p.m.

"Contradictions of Islam and Secularism in Turkey"

Today, 7 p.m.
Pugh Hall Ocora
Talk by Jenny White of Boston University for the Center for European Studies series titled "Turkey & the West." Turkey is a radically secularist state with a long history of rule by a military and industrial elite. The Muslim government has been aligning Turkey's laws to those of the European Union as part of its intensive campaign to gain membership.

Thriller Night: Michael Jackson Dance Tribute

Today, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Southwest Recreation Center, Basketball Court 4
Group Fitness is presenting its second annual Thriller Night. Come out and enjoy the music of Michael Jackson while learning dances to his hit songs. Prizes will be given in the categories of Best Dancer, Most Enthusiasm and Moves Most Like Michael.

Gators for HIV Education (GHIVE)

H.O.T. Party
Today, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Offering free HIV testing in a more intimate setting, you will have a chance to meet and greet new people at a fun social gathering. This month's party is Halloween-themed and a prize for the best dressed will be up for grabs. There will be free food and games. Space is limited to the first 25 guests, so please RSVP by sending an e-mail to ghivevp@yahoo.com for more details.

Advo-Cats general meeting

Today, 7 p.m.
Vet School, Lecture Hall B

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The purpose of Advo-Cats is to provide students from all aspects of UF a way to positively influence the lives of animals through philanthropy efforts in the Gainesville community.

RUB Entertainment Presents: "True Blood" Marathon

Today, 8 p.m.
Orange & Brew
Craving some blood? Come enjoy the free screening of two episodes of HBO's monster hit "True Blood" part of RUB's Halloween Bloodsucker's Bash. You must be 18 or older to attend due to mature content. Visit www.union.ufl.edu/rub for more info.

RUB Entertainment presents: Vampire Movie Marathon

Today, 8 p.m.
Reitz Union Auditorium
Put on those fangs as RUB's vampire movie week continues with "Nosferatu: A Symphony of Horror" and "Interview with a Vampire." The event is free. For more information, check us out on Facebook or www.union.ufl.edu/rub.

Zombie Scavenger Hunt

Friday, 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.
O'Connell Center Parking Lot
Want to celebrate Halloween and get good karma? Come join the Neuroscience Club for a scavenger hunt that's for a good cause. It costs \$5 to participate, and all proceeds will go to the Gainesville/north central Florida chapter of the National Alliance for Mental Illness. Prizes will be given to the first two teams to finish, as well as the best dressed person. Register at neuroscienceclub@gmail.com, please include your name and number.

Florida Education Association Meeting

Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Terrace Room
FEA will be hosting an Arts in the Classroom workshop. Those who attend will learn fun activities that incorporate dance, drama, art, music and cooking into their curriculum. There will be food and fun giveaways. Contact Laura Roberts at laura.roberts@ufl.edu with any questions.

Engineers Without Borders general body meeting

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
RNK Room 110
There will be updates on the group's international projects plus some great ways to get involved with local and research projects and our exciting fund-

raising committee. All majors are welcome.

Taco Dinner

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

RUB Entertainment presents: comedian Lachlan Patterson

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

Golden Key General Meeting

Wednesday, 6:45 p.m.
This is the last general meeting before the induction ceremony, so come out to learn why Golden Key is the world's most prestigious honor society. Come learn about our service and charity projects with free pizza and soda. Please send an e-mail to aa-gazarm@ufl.edu if you have any questions.

African Student Union Pageant

Nov. 5, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Reitz Union Rion Ballroom
There will be lots of free food so don't miss out. Penny voting for each contestant will be from Oct. 26 to Nov. 5.

Gator Society for Human Resource Management information session

Nov. 9, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Career Resource Center Library
GatorSHRM is a new student organization for human resources offering networking, leadership, volunteer and resume-building opportunities. Students from all majors are encouraged to attend the information session. Free refreshments. Please RSVP at GatorSHRM@gmail.com. Learn more about HR at shrm.org.

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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.

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Commissioners, student groups promote politics on plaza

By **BRANDON BRESLOW**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Jacob Smith, president of UF's Students for Change, spent Wednesday morning under a tree discussing health care.

A few yards away, Johnathan Lott attempted to recruit students to join the UF College Republicans.

In the center of the Plaza of the Americas, city and county commissioners endured the heat to speak with students about local government.

Student Government

The event, Student Government's Politics on the Plaza, aimed to help students become politically involved.

Representatives from 25 UF organizations attended the event, some with conflicting beliefs, but all with the same goal of increasing political participation.

Lott, vice chairman of the UF College Republicans, tried to attract people to the organization's meetings.

"We want students who are involved to help us out with events and discuss their ideas with us," he said.

Members of the UF College Democrats, Students for Change and Students for the Preservation of Freedom gave students sugges-

tions about getting involved in the health care debate, whether they support the public option or not.

Gators for a Sustainable Cam-

pus and UF's chapters of Amnesty International and ONE also had representatives at the event.

"I wouldn't have known about

all of these organizations if they weren't together at one time," said Rahkiah Brown, an English senior.

Alachua County commission-

ers Lee Pinkoson, Rodney J. Long and Paula DeLaney cleared up common misconceptions about local government and explained to students why they should be involved.

"It may not be as sexy as the federal government, but nothing pertains to the people here more than the local government," Pinkoson said.

DeLaney explained zoning using a jigsaw puzzle and discussed the importance of taxes in Alachua County.

"I love being invited to speak with UF students because I get to explain what they get in return for the money they spend locally," she said.

Gainesville City Commissioner Craig Lowe discussed his campaign for mayor and the local election in March.

Lowe told students to make sure they are registered to vote in Alachua County.

"Many students think that they don't need to register with their local addresses because they're only going to be here for a few years," he said. "But I tell them to think of it in terms of voting on behalf of those after them."

The Alachua County Supervisor of Elections and Chomp the Vote registered people to vote and gave out change of address forms.



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John Bryan, a UF freshman, tries to guess what country a flag represents at UF's Model United Nations table during Politics on the Plaza on Wednesday on the Plaza of the Americas.

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High school entrepreneurs pitch proposals at Santa Fe

By **JOEY FLECHAS**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Alexis Oliver is the kind of person who looks at a bottle cap and thinks of jewelry. The 16-year-old Buchholz High School student dreams of turning her fashion-conscious approach to recycling into a flourishing business where she can take old clothes, add new

materials and create one-of-a-kind garments. She stood in front a panel of representatives from local businesses Wednesday night to pitch this idea with a PowerPoint presentation and a confident smile. "I think I have a really different idea," she said. Oliver, along with six other Buchholz students, took part in the inaugural venture of Growing Entrepreneurs, a program that

brings together Santa Fe College's Center for Innovation and Economic Development and local private equity firm Emergent Ventures. **Local News** Six students, with one team of two, brought five business proposals to the downtown center in hopes of securing \$500, training and mentorship to get their businesses going.

The students are in the Academy of Entrepreneurship, a magnet program at Buchholz. The program seeks to foster an entrepreneurial spirit in Gainesville area students, a spirit that Dug Jones, Santa Fe's assistant vice president for economic development, says is already prevalent in the city. "This is the right kind of place for an innovation community," Jones said.



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Dressed in Halloween costumes, Roadha Hall, center, Anaya Kelly, far left, Sophie Schwartz, left, march with members of the Sustainable Urban and Rural Florida group in a protest at the Bo Diddley Community Plaza Wednesday against plans to build a nuclear facility in Levy County.

Protesters marched to the post office, mailed letters to officials

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lems. "For 40 years they've been saying, 'Oh, by the time these plants get decommissioned, we'll solve this problem,'" Hansen said. "They haven't." Jack Davis, an associate professor of history at UF, saw the protesters marching. He said the proposition to build the plant emphasizes that the state has no sense of social responsibility. "My 4-year-old daughter over here is the one that's going to have to pay for the mess they're gonna make," Davis said. Woody Blue, who held a sign saying "Nuclear Energy Vampires Suck Our Money and Never Die," said she has been fighting nuclear power since the 1980s. "Now we're back in the same old place," Blue said. "We're still dealing with the same old problems and doing the same old things."

She said she supports conserving energy and finding alternative energy sources.

But Cherie Jacobs, Progress Energy spokeswoman, emphasized the benefits of nuclear energy.

"For 40 years they've been saying, 'Oh, by the time these plants get decommissioned, we'll solve this problem.' They haven't."

Christian Hansen
protester

"Nuclear power has no greenhouse gas emissions and it's one of the most environmentally friendly to produce electricity," Jacobs said.

She said Progress Energy also relies on coal, oil and natural gas for power.

Jacobs said the plant would be funded by a combination of stocks, bonds and cash flow from customers.

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Sake Café opens on Archer Road

By **ASHLYN POWELL**
Alligator Contributing Writer

Gainesville is feeding its appetite for Japanese cuisine with the opening of another sushi restaurant.

Sake Café opened on Oct. 22 on Archer Road. Despite being the new kid in town amid an economic recession, business is booming, said general manager Mark Nevins.

"Business has been a lot better than I thought it would be," he said. "From noon until 1:30 p.m., it is crowded from the lunch rush."

The new restaurant faces

competition from similar businesses nearby such as Rolls 'n Bowls and Sushi Matsuri Japanese Restaurant, both of which are located less than a mile away from Sake

Local News Café.

To separate itself from the competition, Sake Café infuses different cuisines, Nevins said.

"We offer Japanese food and we are also going to have a Chinese menu," he said. "People can get the best of both worlds."

Sake Café is located at 3100 Archer Road and is open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Florida tuition still among lowest in US

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UF freshman Ajla Fatkic has a Florida Prepaid plan. She moved to the U.S. from Bosnia when she was 4 years old. She said her dad knew tuition would increase but wanted her to go to college.

"His biggest thing was he wanted his kids to have the American dream," Fatkic said.

She questioned whether the increase in the plan was worth

it.

Ruth Harris, the associate controller for University Financial Services, said she does not think the plan's increase in price will deter many families from purchasing prepaid plans. She said families that want to purchase the plans and have the ability to do so will continue to participate in the program.

"The beauty of this whole thing is you're still paying to-

day's costs for tomorrow's prices," Harris said.

She said some families may find it harder to afford the plan after the increase, especially given the state of the economy.

However, Harris said UF remains a low-cost institution.

Edmonds agreed. He said UF still has the third-lowest tuition and fees in the country, with only Wyoming and Louisiana charging less.

Texts previously delivered in under 6 minutes

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Students surveyed for the article generally reported getting the e-mails much earlier than the texts.

Even though the company has overseen two unsatisfactory tests so far, Orlando said UF is still willing to give the company a chance.

"There's certainly got to be some point at which we say, 'OK, this is not working out,'" he said. "I don't think we're there yet."

In the last test of the system in August, it took more than an hour for some people to get texts.

That was the first test with ConnectED, which has a \$33,000-a-year contract with UF.

In tests with previous providers, messages were sent out in less than six minutes, according to Kenneth Allen, UF's emergency management coordinator.



Orlando

That doesn't include the time it took the messages to reach individual phones, however.

That process can add a little more time, Allen said, and varies among cell phone carriers.

Jonathan Tillet, a UF computer engineering junior who received his text at 12:23 p.m., said he was disappointed with Wednesday's test run.

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Closed Doors

AGH closure is good business, bad call

Shands HealthCare is closing the doors at AGH on Nov. 1, citing persistent financial losses and the weakened economy. In recent years, these annual losses have climbed to more than \$12 million.

Even with the impending closure, the Shands at AGH Web site still reads: "People throughout the region count on Shands AGH for their families' healthcare." This is true; many of the low-income residents of east Gainesville rely on charity-care services offered by AGH.

All told, the Shands HealthCare System provided more than \$115 million of charity care in 2008. While this is admirable, Shands is cutting off access to those in need by moving many charity services out of the area.

A clear sign of how desperately east Gainesville requires additional health care facilities — not fewer — is the 2008 Alachua County Health Report Card. The east Gainesville area scored lowest in almost every category, spanning health, education and income.

When looking at STD rates among this population, the statistics are shocking. Compared to people in neighboring areas, those in east Gainesville are more than three times as likely to have sexually transmitted infections, and almost four times as likely to have HIV.

This area also claims the lowest birth weights and highest infant mortality rate, four times higher here than in other areas of Gainesville.

By losing maternity and obstetric services to the Shands facilities on Archer Road, many will find it increasingly difficult to get "early and regular care," which the Shands Web site says is "essential to ensure a healthy pregnancy."

This care may be essential, but unfortunately it is unprofitable.

Shands CEO Timothy Goldfarb has said closing AGH was a business decision, albeit a difficult one. AGH must close to prevent future deficits for Shands.

Not-so-coincidentally, the same day that AGH closes, Shands Cancer Hospital will open its doors. Cancer treatment is expensive and highly lucrative, especially when compared to providing basic health care services to low-income neighborhoods.

Hats off to Gainesville's finest businessman.

But for the roughly 54,000 residents of east Gainesville, this difficult business decision will have sweeping consequences. Rates of treatable STDs, infant mortality and homicide deaths (also higher here than anywhere else in Gainesville) will increase as east Gainesville's intensive care unit disappears.

Depriving this community of basic services will hinder economic growth, encourage crime and hurt the city as a whole.

While a wave of violent crime (and subsequent hospitalizations) might provide a short-term boon for Mr. Goldfarb's bottom line, in the long run, Shands, UF and the city will benefit from a healthier population and stable neighborhoods.

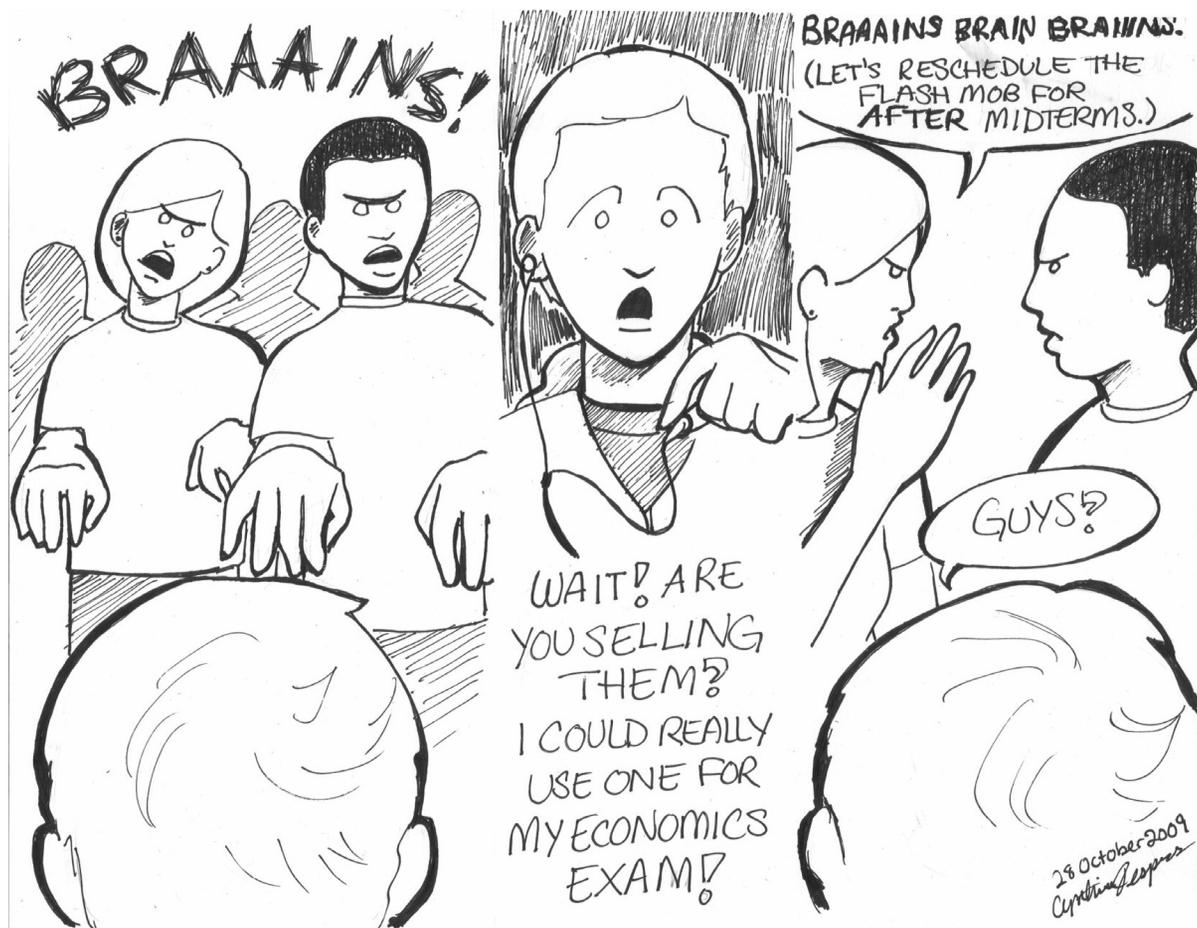
Accomplishing this with dwindling resources will be a challenge, but hopefully Mr. Goldfarb will see value in redirecting some of the tens of millions in "savings" from AGH's closing back into the community.

Because at some point, health care for those in need must take precedence over earnings.

OK, we know that last part was a long shot. But at the very least, we hope that the health of all Gainesville residents will factor a little more into Mr. Goldfarb's difficult business decisions.

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Column

'Halloween ain't what it used to be'

Halloween evolves for each of us as we go through life more than perhaps any other holiday. Thanksgiving is always about food, family and football, and how one celebrates Christmas as a child usually has lifelong repercussions on your religious or commercial meaning for the holiday.

Halloween, though, naturally changes with us as we age. Most of us start with a candy-based orgy of concealed identity that transmits a host of antisocial behavioral patterns. Once our unannounced demands for processed sugar become socially unacceptable due to the inherent ageism of the costume industrial complex, Halloween becomes much more focused on alcohol consumption and the myriad ways an absurdly short skirt connotes "naughtiness."

This year Halloween switched it all up on us. Halloween itself changed so rapidly in 2009 that hardly anyone even noticed — until it was much too late. The final nail in the proverbial coffin was this week's showing of "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" on ABC. The cartoon usually evokes a great deal of emotion and nostalgia in me, and just as the gauzy strains of memory were falling gently onto my conscious mind, I was jarred back into our sell-out reality when Charlie began pimping for a new Disney cartoon.

Disney owns ABC and I am not surprised by the synergistic ploy, but they kept showing these Charlie Brown promos and digging the knife ever deeper. I almost killed my TV when Charlie Brown used the word "homies" when referring to a pair of digital elves. It was like watching Snoopy raped and placed bleeding on a medieval torture rack by a fiendishly grinning Mickey Mouse.



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Vampires, once a staple of late October, now dominate popular culture year-round. While I enjoy vampire soft porn as much as the next American, we have to be culturally aware in these politically correct times and understand that slutty vampires were a scourge of Eastern European society throughout most of the late 1400s. It was acceptable when the pale makeup and macabre mini were only pulled out of the closet once a year, but now we live in an echo chamber of vampire sexuality.

Leprechauns, too, now hold an elevated place in our everyday world. Their single-minded investment strategy has these miniature Rockefellers extremely well-positioned in our interconnected global society. Rainbows may be pretty, but every time you make a wish on one you fund a new mall kiosk or radio commercial touting Cash 4 Gold. If you are afraid of our insane national debt to the Chinese, just wait until the Leprechaun Nation rises up (to waist level) and starts pushing us around.

UF's own King of the Leprechauns Bernie Machen has tried to spoil Halloween for Gators by outlawing fun-size candies and all candy wrapped in school colors. Unlike the rest of his leprechaun brethren, Machen isn't evil. He is simply following the other new American tradition of making Halloween the pansiest holiday on the calendar.

Next time you see a slut vampire or hear Charlie Brown call someone his homie, just remember — Halloween ain't what it used to be.

Tommy Maple is a graduate student in international communications. His column appears on Thursdays.

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Reader response

Today's question: Do you think AGH should have been closed?

Wednesday's question: Should the city enforce a holiday meal limit?

19% YES
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Letters to the Editor

Editorial misrepresents ordinance

The Alligator has vented its outrage over the city adhering to its 130-meals limit for St. Francis House; now for some facts.

The city ordinance does not limit the number of people St. Francis House can feed. It simply limits the number of meals that can be handed out on the St. Francis House property. There are many other spaces that I'm sure the city would support via special permit, perhaps as close as the Courthouse parking lot on the corner opposite St. Francis house.

I'm not sure where the idea that being poor, homeless and/or hungry trumps public safety, property owners' rights and the enforcing of laws and ordinances.

The government is responsible for helping and protecting all the people, not just the select few who are most vocal.

If the issue involved enforcing other ordinances, such as those protecting the Alligator distribution boxes from damage and theft, the Editorial Board would have a slant far different from "Whose property rights is the commission concerned about?"

When Thanksgiving and Christmas come, I wonder where the outraged Alligator editorialists and cartoonists will be: Helping (anywhere) to feed and care for the homeless and hungry, or sitting down to their nice, safe, warm, bountiful tables?

Jim Austin
Gainesville resident



Home Depot to 'rot in hell'

I read your editorial about the Okeechobee man fired from Home De-

pot for wearing his patriotic/religious pin. I can't believe it.

I called Home Depot to say how outraged I am and that I will not shop at their stores anymore.

In the scheme of life, it is ridiculous to fire someone over something so mundane. They accept our dollar bills that say "In God We Trust." They are going to rot in hell for being so mean-spirited.

I thank you for that article. I really had to call the home office to see if the article was true because I was so outraged.

Josephine Gebhardt
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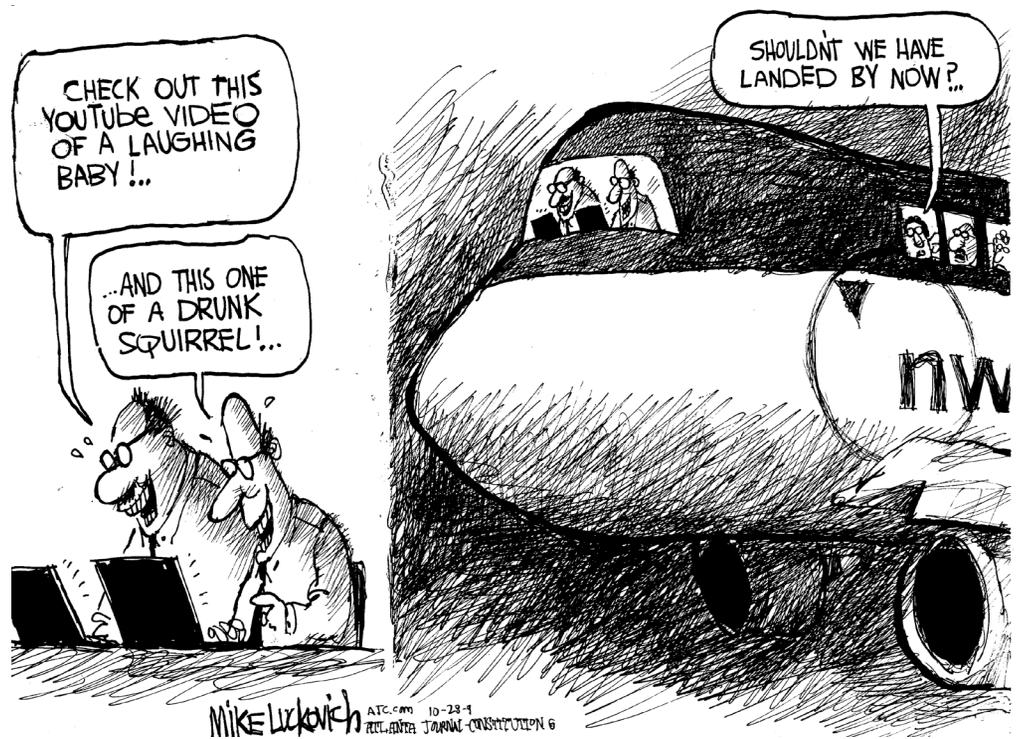
Editorial Board misses point

Should a Home Depot employee be allowed to wear a button reading, "One nation under God"? This is the wrong question to ask. By claiming that Trevor Keezor's button didn't have a "patently offensive phrase" because it's a quote from the Pledge of Allegiance, the Editorial Board misses the point.

Requiring citizens to pledge allegiance to a nation "under God" offends the principles upon which our country was founded. Those two words weren't in the original pledge from 1892 but were added during the Red Scare of the early 1950s, when the officially atheist Soviet Union became a threat to national security.

Since then, our political climate has improved, and so should our mindset toward our fellow Americans who exercise their right not to believe in gods.

Jordon Kalilich
3EG



Guest column

Nation still devoted to consuming

May or may not be the vegan mentioned in Wednesday's column, "Being eco-friendly isn't always easy." Regardless, I think to view the carbon footprint exercise as a demonstration of the futility of lifestyle choices is way off the mark.

I found my own calculation staggering. Even if everyone were vegan and didn't drive, we'd still need two Earths to sustain us. This only clarified that America's problem is a systemic one — one that will not be solved by clotheslines alone.

There is certainly a trade-off between making time to prepare homemade, locally-produced meals or using those hours to make money at work. There is a trade-off between biking to school and getting a few extra minutes of sleep.

But are Americans better off when they choose

Lindsey Mills
Speaking Out

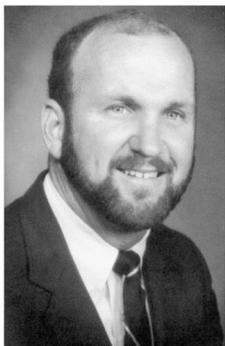
to work more and exercise less? For me, at least, the answer is no.

If personal change can lower the number of theoretical "Earths" we need to survive from the average American's 5.3 to 2, perhaps a shift away from our current obsession with consumption would allow us to maintain a lifestyle that could be replicated worldwide and leave us with the one planet we've got still intact.

To say that it is preferable to buy new clothes every day, rather than set aside a single Sunday afternoon to erect a simple clothesline and clip one's clothes onto it, reveals just how devoted to this ailing nation's principles many people remain.

Lindsey Mills is a UF student.

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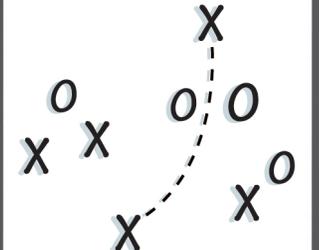
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Spotlight: The Russian Circles



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The Chicago-based band Russian Circles (Brian Cook, Mike Sullivan and Dave Turncrantz) will perform at Common Grounds Friday at 5 p.m. during The Fest 8.

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The Avenue speaks with the guitarist from the Italian rock band Lacuna Coil.

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Looking for something different and scary this Halloween? Check out the haunted house at the Alachua County Fair or the Newberry Corn Field Maze. If you're too old for Halloween, head downtown and listen to some music at The Fest 8.

Photo courtesy of Chris Strong

THE FEST 8 BAND REVIEWS

by HUNTER SIZEMORE
alligator staff

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LOCAL: Battle! – 1982 @ 5:30 p.m.
Kick off your Fest weekend with a gut check from Gainesville's homegrown talent Battle!. The band sticks to a punk formula, leaning heavy on growls and chants, and has a strong local presence.

HEADLINER: A Wilhelm Scream – The Venue @ 10:10 p.m.
Wilhelm brings their technically complex brand of hardcore punk to The Venue's main stage Friday night. They are on tour up the East Coast and head to Europe in late-November.

SPOTLIGHT: Matt Kurz One – Civic Media Center @ 9:30 p.m.
A new spin on the one-man band, Kurz covers vocals, drums, guitar, keyboard and, with his feet, bass guitar in a sloppy style that fits his soulful, garage-rock tunes.

LOCAL: Rehasher – The Venue @ 2:30 p.m.
Pop punk outfit Rehasher represents Gainesville as main stage's opening act for Saturday. Listen out for the catchy choruses so you can shout along, especially with the free-music anthem "PVC."

HEADLINER: Dillinger Four – The Venue @ 6 p.m.
With a decade of material behind them, Dillinger Four has both rough and polished pop punk gems to make the crowd bounce. Don't miss the Altercation Punk Comedy Tour playing at both the open and close of Dillinger's act.

SPOTLIGHT: Andrew Jackson Jihad – Civic Media Center @ 4:40 p.m.
Hailing from Arizona, Jihad plays a brand of folk punk to which Gainesville has made major contributions. Fervent and irreverent, this may be the don't-miss show of The Fest 8.

LOCAL: Diet Cokeheads – Kickstand @ 4:40 p.m.
While dark, fuzzy walls of noise and cryptic spoken word are a departure from most Fest rockers, Gainesville's Diet Cokeheads pull it convincingly enough to not feel pretentious.

HEADLINER: The Methadones – The Venue @ 6 p.m.
Born out of '80s punk heroes Screeching Weasel, the Methadones keep a straight forward pop punk model, while trading in the nasally vocals for a revivalist polish. For a Sunday afternoon, this set will see a decent turnout.

SPOTLIGHT: Defiance, OH – The Kickstand @ 10:30 p.m.
Another folk punk outfit worth seeing, Defiance will play a late show on both Saturday and Sunday night. If you're going to Fest, you have no excuse to miss them.

music 

Chicago-based band releases new album, starts tour

By MARY MANCHESS
avenue writer

With their new album, "Geneva," released just a little more than a week ago, the Russian Circles have already gassed up their 16-passenger van and kicked it into high gear.

It has been about three to four years since the Chicago-based band has performed at The Fest, Gainesville's legendary three-day concert series that is known to attract music lovers worldwide.

The trio will play Friday night at Common Grounds. Doors open at 5 p.m., and tickets are \$20 without a

Fest 8 pass.

The band's new album has received great reviews from many critics in the music industry, including Alternative Press and NME. Guitarist Mike Sullivan said these reactions have been a breath of fresh air.

"You write music for yourself, but God knows how people are going to react to it," he said.

Now that the production of the album is behind them, the band just needs to focus on keeping a high energy throughout its hectic tour season that will last until mid-December. Sullivan said that the band didn't exactly plan for so many things to hap-

pen at once, but everything was coincidentally just thrown into place.

Life on the road can be difficult in some aspects, like when it comes to getting a decent amount of sleep or a good meal. But Sullivan said he enjoys touring a lot because everything is so methodical; plus, coffee always seems to hold him through.

"I feel more comfortable on tour than being at home because of lack

of privacy and everything," he said. "Every day is a new adventure. I love being in the country, and I love driving, so every drive is enjoyable to me, thankfully."

He is especially looking forward to performing at music festivals, such as The Fest 8 and the Fun Fun Fun Fest in Austin, Texas, because it's a chance to take a short break from the typical touring routine.

"On tour you see the same bands every night, and with festivals it's a good change of pace to say hi to your friends, step back and enjoy a concert, not just play it," he said. "[The Fest 8] especially is very diverse, and

there are a ton of people so it makes for hilarious people-watching."

Another reason touring is so exciting for the Russian Circles is because the band members are highly enthusiastic about giving off energetic live performances. Sullivan explained that the band is very meticulous about the technicalities that go into its shows.

"It is just fun to go up there and grow from our previous experiences, keep doing what we are doing and see how it progresses," he said. "We are tighter and stronger as a band, and it's been awhile, so we are ready for it."



Sullivan

Ghost tour reveals past

By JON SILMAN
avenue writer

The idea of letting actors loose after hours in their own playhouse is enticing and inspired.

The Hippodrome Ghost Tour started at 10:30 p.m. last Thursday. A group of us (a young married couple and some Hipp employees) were led upstairs into what looked like a dance rehearsal room. We sat in chairs for about 10 minutes, wondering. A door that looked like it belonged in an Old West bank from a Clint Eastwood movie opened slowly and Rusty Salling, a seasoned actor, shuffled out precariously. He was bearded and dressed in all black. He moved cautiously but fancifully around us like a modern Vincent Price. He warned that people have a tendency to get locked in the vault, so try your best stay away from it.

The legend goes like this: In 1914, Clement Boyle, a young man, may or may not have committed a murder. From his cell in the depths of the Hippodrome, he wrote a heartfelt letter to his mother, Lucinda. The letter begged her to help him, for he was facing death by hanging. A makeshift gallows was constructed in the courtyard for the purpose of the dastardly deed. The mother made the

difficult journey by train, over thousands of miles, to Gainesville only to find out her son had been hanged the day before. Distraught and overwhelmed with emotion, she went insane. She still haunts the Hipp to this day.

We were led around a dark hallway to the women's restroom where she sometimes can be heard weeping. Sitting on the playhouse floor in pitch black is unnerving. The basement of the Hippodrome is wide and open. Dark spaces take on new meanings late at night under the right circumstances. Salling sold us on the story and fed us morsels of it crumb by crumb leading up to the frightening "reveal" at the end of the tour.

The highlight of the evening includes getting to see the inner workings of the Hippodrome elevator room in the basement, which resembles an electricity room for an electric chair, 1920s style.

According to Salling, this is the tour's second year. He's been with the Hipp since its inception in 1973, but he swears he was 5 at the time and playing children's roles. When I ask for his age, he tells me he's "old enough to do a ghost tour."

Since he is the mastermind behind the whole production, I am inclined to agree.

Only in
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Ten Tenors to play UF

By JOEY FLECHAS
avenue writer

The Three Tenors used to dominate the ever-so competitive tenor scene.

Now, The Ten Tenors are emerging to break through and take their onslaught of voice to the world.

The Australian group is performing at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

The Ten Tenors formed in 1995 at the Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University in Brisbane, Australia. Ten opera students got together to occasionally perform and make a little extra money.

The group sings songs from all eras and genres, from opera to pop ballads to rock 'n' roll classics.

Current cast member Jeff Teale, who goes by "Teals" on stage, said performing around the world has been an extremely rewarding experience.

"Different songs work in different coun-

tries," he said.

Having toured the world, he said South America was one of the most pleasant to visit. The group played a show in Lima, Peru, where apparently tenormania had taken over. Crowds of screaming fans surrounded the group's car, with police having to escort the tenors around.



"We'd never experienced an audience so welcoming," he said.

The Ten Tenors' distinct Australian accents lend some unique personality to the show, Teale said.

His favorite song to perform is Simon and Garfunkel's "The Boxer," a crowd favorite.

"It's the moment where we take their breath away," he said.

Tuesday's performance will kick off their U.S. tour in support of their latest album of disparate musical stylings, "Nostalgia."

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halloween

Trends are perfect for last-minute costumes

By REBEKAH GEIER
avenue writer

"I wish I could pull it off" is an infamous quote we all wish we could avoid, regarding clothing that you lust for, only it doesn't seem to fit your personal style.

Well what better occasion than Halloween, a day to shake off all your fashion inhibitions and literally wear whatever you want.

Rather than using Halloween as an excuse to wear that slutty costume you pulled out of a \$60 plastic bag, buy something you would normally overlook.

Mix and match fashionable pieces from stores like Forever 21 with costume accessories from party stores, or channel fashion trends into a costume.

For last-minute costume ideas, think about today's trendy pieces and how they are inspired after real-life characters. Like leather and studs, inspired by rock stars and biker babes. Or fake, thick-brimmed glasses inspired by nerds everywhere.

Last Halloween, I was Blair Waldorf

from "Gossip Girl." I admired her style on the show, but figured I could never wear her rich schoolgirl wardrobe, red lipstick and skyscraper heels to my morning class in Turlington— It just wasn't my style. So I satisfied my preppy fad and went to Forever 21 where I found a navy blazer, red headband and bright red tights to compliment Blair's signature pop of color. Miss Waldorf would be ashamed if she knew I pulled off her Upper East Side look for less than \$60. And the best part about my "costume" was that I could rewear every piece.

Halloween is that opportunity to experiment with beauty and fashion trends, so tease the hell out of your hair or paint the perfect smoky eye. And when you buy something new don't you want to get full use out of it? So pick up that killer jacket you've been eying, make it part of your costume, then throw it on before a party to spice up your ensemble. Because really, where else will you be able to wear your naughty nurse dress?

To see what costume I am putting together this year, check out the Alligator Web site after Halloween!



Photo courtesy of Rebekah Geier

Maggie Blehl (left) and Rebekah Geier (right) created DIY costumes of Pam from "The Office" and Blair Waldorf from "Gossip Girl" in their dorm on Halloween last year.

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 15 Saint associated with the Russian alphabet
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 17 Kitchen backups
 19 Took to jail
 20 Alley Oop's girl
 21 Displayed
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 24 Snootiness
 26 Great server
 28 Island big shot
 31 North Carolina team
 35 Grassy tracts
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 39 For what ___ worth
 40 Container for the end of 17-, 31-, 47 or 64-Across; there's a literal one in each four-square puzzle corner
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 2 Columbus's home
 3 Prefix with gram
 4 Obama's opponent
 5 Skinny Olive
 6 Interbreed
 7 Word with five or noon
 8 Too
 9 General Mills cereal
 10 Heavenly altar
 11 Eclectic bimonthly digest
 12 ___ guard: bit of catchers' gear
 13 Tons of time
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 22 "This means ___!"
 25 Itch source
 27 Musket end?
 28 ___ light: filmmaking arc lamp
 29 WellPoint rival
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 34 Taste or touch
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 48 Sea, to Sartre
 50 Amount of soup on the stove
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 53 Oklahoma tribe
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UF prepares to face SEC's top receiver

By **MIKE MCCALL**

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Florida cornerback Joe Haden couldn't tell you much about the nuances of Georgia's offense or quarterback Joe Cox's playing style.

Normally, that would be pretty alarming to hear three days before a major rivalry matchup, but for the strategy the Gators' defense will use Saturday against the Bulldogs, he only needs to know about one player: receiver A.J. Green.

"I've just been watching A.J.," Haden said.

Haden said he has watched more film on Green than any wide-out in the past — two hours each day since Sunday — spending little time studying the rest of UGA's offense.

That's because the Gators believe stopping Green means shutting down the Bulldogs altogether. Green (41 catches, 682 yards, six touchdowns) leads the Southeastern Conference in receptions and receiving yards per game, and he has twice as many catches and more than three times as many yards as any other UGA receiver.

On a team ranked last in the SEC for rushing offense, that makes Green the only real threat.



Football

Green the only real threat.

"He's the guy we need to stop," Haden said. "I know [Brandon Spikes], [Carlos Dunlap] and everybody are going to stop the run, so they're going to have to resort to the pass."

Haden and Janoris Jenkins will both spend time covering Green on their respective sides of the field, though Haden said Green lines up on Jenkins' side more often.

He likens Green to LSU wideouts Brandon LaFell and Terrance Toliver, only better.

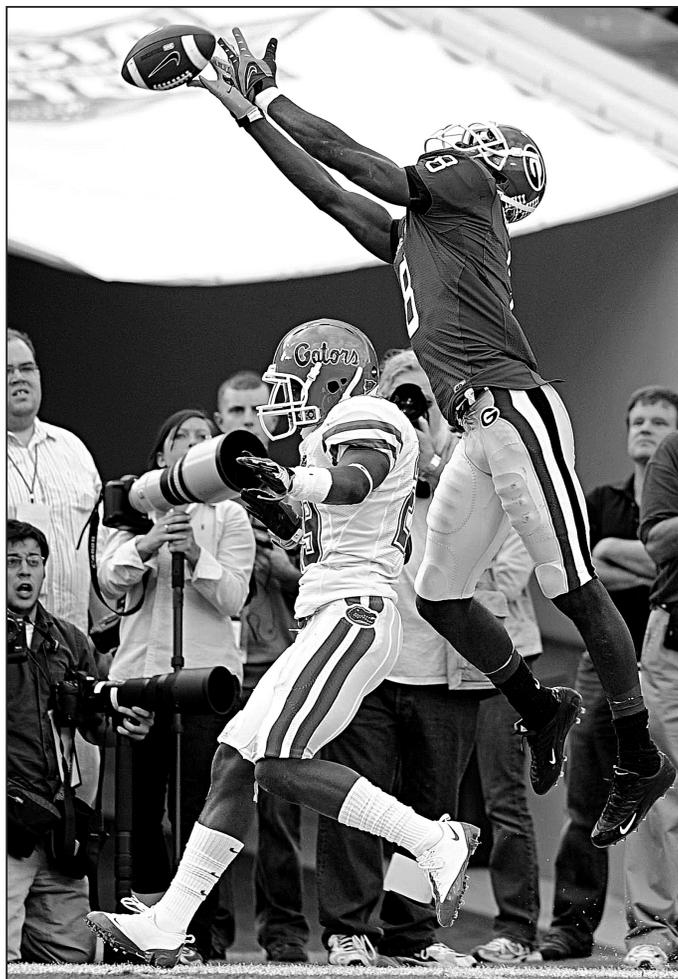
"He has proven time and time again what he can do when the ball is in the air," Cox said. "You have to find ways to get the ball in his hands, even if it's handing him a reverse or throwing him a screen. You have to be creative getting him the ball because a lot of teams account for him."

The running game is a pretty big mismatch on paper, as Florida will put the SEC's second-best run defense against a Georgia squad averaging just 108 rushing yards per game. Richard Samuel entered the year as the starter and looked to pose a formidable one-two punch along with Caleb King, but neither has fared well.

Samuel carried the load in the first three games, gaining 256 yards on 51 carries, but he has 79 yards on 26 carries in four contests since.

Those first three performances alone are enough to make him the team's leading rusher, with King (35 carries, 135 yards) and Washaun Ealey (31 carries, 122 yards) next in line.

The disappointment of the running game sums up the season so



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Georgia wide receiver A.J. Green (right) leads the SEC in catches and receiving yards per game.

far for the Bulldogs (4-3, 3-2 SEC), and while Florida will be trying to clinch the SEC East on Saturday, they just want to get back on track.

"Obviously, for the goals we set for this season, we're not happy with where we are," Cox said. "The good thing is, we had our off week, and now it's like we have a second half of the season we can focus on and try to finish up strong. We just want to right some of the things that have gone wrong."

UF VOLLEYBALL

Gators bond over NBA coaching fathers

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As the NBA season begins, the Gators will have two fewer fans in attendance at the O'Connell Center.

During the offseason, Boston Celtics coach Doc Rivers and Atlanta Hawks coach Mike Woodson could often be spotted together cheering on their daughters, junior opposite hitter Callie Rivers and freshman outside hitter Mariah Woodson.

But now that basketball season has begun, they can't attend their daughters' matches anymore.



Rivers

"It's not as much as both of them probably would like, but they come as much as they can," Rivers said.

However, it has not stopped them from keeping track of No. 10 Florida's (16-3, 10-2 Southeastern Conference) matches.

"My dad just told me that he had the

Hawks watch our game this past Friday against Arkansas in the locker room before they went out to play," Woodson said.

Doc and Mike have been friends for a long time, but thanks to their daughters, their friendship has gotten even stronger recently.

"They aren't enemies. People might think they hate each other, but that's not the case," Woodson said. "They are actually very good friends, and the fact that Callie and I play together helps their relationship."

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NCAA season disappoints through first half of games

I was fooled.

See, four weeks ago, I wrote this column about how there were three great teams in college football, and I was trying to figure out who was the fourth best team in the country.

I saw Florida, Alabama and Texas as far and above anyone else.



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Losses by any other team didn't deserve to be called upsets. Turns out, four weeks later, that statement is still true. But now it seems even those three don't deserve to be called great teams.

Instead, there are no elite teams in college football this year.

Sounds ridiculous, right? It's the truth.

Somehow, somehow, the 2009 college football season became full of parity and lacking in greatness.

Coming off the 2008 season and a great title game matchup of Oklahoma and Florida, everyone thought 2009 would be great. Stars were coming back, and as great as last season was, this year would be even better.

It's been a pretty big letdown so far.

The Gators might have one of the best defenses in recent years, but as a whole, they might not be the best team in the Southeastern Conference. Tim Tebow is struggling with the pressure and is playing some of his worst games as a Gator.

Alabama just scored all of its points against Tennessee via field goals. Quarterback Greg McElroy has come back down to Earth after dominating earlier in the year. The Crimson Tide were looking hard to beat, but a one-sided offense will get shut down eventually.

Colt McCoy and Texas have looked like shells of their former

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TEERING OFF WITH MIKE DiFERDINANDO

■ It's not easy to get clean. So let's give Wizards forward Caron Butler some credit after kicking his six-can-a-day Mountain Dew habit. "Those first two weeks without The Dew was the toughest two weeks of my life," Butler told NBA.com. ... Josh Haden, brother of Joe, was so proud of playing for Boston College that he got the BC logo tattooed on his chest. Now, he's transferring. My money is on Bethune-Cookman.

FANTASY CHALLENGE

■ Reader Ben Volin continues to roll, improving to 7-1 last weekend while writers Mike McCall and Bobby Callovi sit two games back. Check out alligatorSports.org for a recap.

POLL RESULTS

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Rookie Freeman will get start for Bucs after bye week

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TAMPA — The winless Tampa Bay Buccaneers have changed starting quarterbacks again, with rookie Josh Freeman taking over.

Freeman was the 17th pick in the first round of this year's draft. He made his NFL debut last Sunday, playing two series in the fourth

quarter of a 35-7 loss to the New England Patriots in London.

"It's definitely something I've been working toward. It's finally going to be great to get an opportunity to step out there and do something," the former Kansas State standout said Wednesday.

"My mind-set right now is to prepare the best I can and then go out and do what I do, which is play



Freeman

football and try to find a way to get a win."

Coach Raheem Morris was non-committal about his quarterback plans after Freeman completed

two of four passes for 16 yards and was sacked twice for 16 yards in

losses during his brief stint against New England.

Morris officially made the change when the team practiced for the first time since returning from London.

"He's been waiting for his time patiently, but he's used his time wisely," said Morris, who has maintained from the day Freeman was drafted that he will not rush the 21-year-old's development.

"The plan bringing him in here was let him sit behind a vet. Hopefully, the vet will get you a bunch of wins, but that didn't happen. ... He's earned the right. He's went into the lab, he's done the extra studying, he's done the extra preparation."

The Bucs (0-7) have a bye this week, so Freeman will have extra time to prepare for his first start Nov. 8 at home against Green Bay.

Woodson didn't like hoops growing up

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In return, the tie between their fathers has also helped Rivers and Woodson become close off the court, and it even helped Woodson in her decision to become a Gator.

On her recruiting trip to UF, she gravitated toward Rivers and the relationship she had with her allowed Woodson to feel comfortable in Gainesville.

"Basically when she came here I just told her this was a great place to be and if I could go back in time I wouldn't change my decision, I am happy that I came here," Rivers said.

Although their fathers are both NBA head coaches and they are both part of the same volleyball team, the similarities between them stop there.

Growing up, Rivers admitted she was a "tomboy" as she grew up with four brothers and played basketball, soccer and volleyball. But Woodson, on the other hand, enjoyed cheerleading and volleyball while despising basketball.

"I loved cheering to be honest, even though I am like six-feet tall," Woodson said. "Basketball, I looked at as being gross. I don't know why. I just thought it wasn't feminine enough."

In a one-on-one basketball game they agreed Callie would win without a doubt.

But the answer wasn't so clear when they were asked which father would win when the Celtics and the Hawks go up against each other on Nov. 13.

On that same day the Gators will be busy playing one of their most important matches of the season against LSU that same night, so the bragging will have to wait — at least until after the match.



Volleyball



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UF freshman Mariah Woodson (4) is the daughter of Atlanta Hawks coach Mike Woodson.

PHIL, from page 17

selves, even though this weekend's match-up at Oklahoma State looks to be the final test to an undefeated regular season.

This season's results have been shocking. Not knowing what to expect can be a good thing, but at some point, we all want to see a good college football game.

McCoy has eight interceptions already this season, equal to the number he finished with after the 2008 season. Tebow already has eight total turnovers — four picks, four fumbles — more than he has ever had in any one full season.

Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford (injured shoulder) and Oklahoma State wide receiver Dez Bryant (ruled ineligible) are worried about readying themselves for the NFL Draft instead of making highlight-reel plays on Saturdays.

The lack of standout performers has reared its head in projections for the Heisman Trophy. There is no frontrunner for the award. It seems every contender has flaws.

The last six weeks of the season will certainly be interesting but not nearly for reasons I would have thought.

There are five undefeated teams left in the six BCS conferences — Florida, Alabama, Texas, Cincinnati and Iowa.

Obviously the SEC title game will allow a maximum of four to finish unscathed, but would these teams be great? Who would be left out of the title game? Does Texas get the nod because it got slighted last year?

Four weeks from now, the college football season will be nearing completion. I just hope it seems lot more exciting then.

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SEC cracks down on criticism of officials

By **BOBBY CALLOVI**

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In the last two weeks, three Southeastern Conference coaches have been reprimanded by the league for making negative comments about the referees.

Arkansas' Bobby Petrino and Mississippi State's Dan Mullen spoke about what they believed to be blown calls after their losses to Florida, and Tennessee's Lane Kiffin complained after his team's loss to Alabama.

Vanderbilt coach Bobby Johnson doesn't remember a year where there were so many controversies with the referees.

"You have bad calls every year, but they are magnified because of the replay system, the amount of games we have television all the time and everybody sees them," Johnson said during the SEC coaches teleconference Wednesday.

Mullen's grievance stemmed from the refs not overturning Dustin Doe's touchdown to a fumble recovered by the Bulldogs after reviewing the play.

While the replay system has been met with complaints, Johnson is happy with the system in place but admits it is flawed.

"It works as well as humanly possible. People are going to make mistakes, but when you've got the number of cameras we have with the television exposure we have and you have a chance to run it slow and look at it, it gives us a chance to correct the obviously wrong call," Johnson said. "When they are so close that you can't tell, you just can't argue with it."

EARLY SIGNING DAY: With recruits de-committing late becoming a more frequent practice, talks about an early signing day have picked up steam around the nation.

LSU coach Les Miles is in favor of implementing an early signing date to lock in commitments before February as long as it doesn't affect the current calendar in place for the recruiting process.

"What I have always said is you have an early signing day," Miles said. "Currently,

we have a bunch of guys committed to us. We're committing to them and they are committed to us. They should have the opportunity to solidify that in December or late November.

"If the decision is already made, why extend the decision signing day to February?"

KIFFIN KEEPING QUIET: In his first year as Tennessee's head coach, Kiffin has been ruffling people's feathers with some of his comments and attacks on other SEC coaches.

Kiffin, whose recent comments about refs caused him to be reprimanded by the SEC,

may be turning over a new leaf. When asked Wednesday about his thoughts on the replay system, Kiffin chose not to comment.

"I'm really not getting into that. I'm going to stay away from that," Kiffin said.

He repeated that sentiment when asked if he felt he was treated similarly by the conference as other coaches.

"I'm moving on from last week," Kiffin said. "I'm not getting into conversations about it and whether I feel we have been treated different than Florida or Alabama or Nick Saban or Urban Meyer, so I'm going to stay away from it."



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Mississippi State coach Dan Mullen was reprimanded by the SEC for criticizing officials. Mullen felt Dustin Doe's interception return should've been ruled a fumble.

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Florida linebacker Ryan Stamper is about to break a record he set a season ago.

The Jacksonville native has been stock-piling tickets to this Saturday's Florida-Georgia game since this season began, and he's now up to 19 or 20 total tickets for family and friends, breaking his unofficial record of 17.

"I know me, (Brandon) Hicks and (Tim) Tebow do (talk about the game). All three of us being from Jacksonville. They told me this is their favorite game, this is really my favorite game too," Stamper said. "Just coming home to the home team, and playing in front of the fans and trying to get as many tickets as you can. They say I had the Florida-Georgia ticket record last year, I'm about to break that record this year."

Each player is allotted four tickets to each game, and Stamper always starts trading for Florida-Georgia tickets early on. This year, he swapped his LSU tickets for senior wide receiver David Nelson's tickets to this weekend's game.

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UF WOMEN'S GOLF

Gators conclude fall slate with second-place finish

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The Florida women's golf team must have really liked where the men wrapped up their season.

A day after the men's team finished its season with a second-place effort in Orlando, the women concluded their fall 2009 season with a runner-up finish at the Las Vegas Collegiate Showdown on Wednesday.

All of the Gators competitors finished in the top 20 at the tournament.

The squad shot the lowest score Wednesday with a nine-over 297. It carded a total of 883 (289-297-297, +19).

"We played a really great round today," coach Jan Dowling said. "We played through some tough conditions today, and we had the lowest round of the day today which was

pretty fantastic. We had a great run at it today. We are going to use it as motivation, get ourselves through the winter and work hard to get into contention in the spring. It's a good finish to our fall."

Florida was just five strokes behind first-place Arizona, which totaled 14 over (284-294-300, 878).

Freshman Isabelle Lendl led UF for the second straight round this tournament. She ended in a tie for sixth with a 54-hole score of 220 (73-72-75, +4). Her last round of the tournament was her highest thus far. Going into the final three holes, Lendl was one-over par and went on to tally a double bogey, a bogey and a birdie.

"She had two great tournaments in a row and great plays," Dowling said. "She is thinking really well on the golf course and making good decisions...I am really proud of the way

she played."

Lendl has had a top-10 finish in both of the tournaments she has competed in this season.

"She has been doing really well for us this week," Jensen said. "She came on strong and really played solid; she's helped us a lot. She brought positive energy and she is great to have on the team."



Lendl

Freshman Amelia Lewis and junior Jessica Yadloczky tied for 11th place with a three-round score of 222 (+6). Yadloczky carded a two-over 74 in her final round with three birdies and five bogeys.

Lewis matched her Tuesday score in the final round with a three-over 75. She went two-under on her first eight holes and col-

lected two more birdies, five bogeys and one double bogey.

Sophomore Marika Lendl had the best finish of her career Wednesday, tying for 14th place. She carded a 223 (73-74-76, +7).

Sophomore Evan Jensen finished just one stroke behind Marika with a 224 (75-76-73, +8), which translated into a tie for 17th place.

"We were a little let down, we all knew that we were right there in the middle of the competition, through out the round, so it was a little bit of a let down to find out we lost by a few," Jensen said. "But, it shows that we can be in contention and we really persevered today and played through the rough weather and stayed patient. I think it is a good show of what we can do."

The Gators will start up again in February at the Northrop Grumman Regional Challenge.

Witnesses identify suspect in UConn football stabbing

■ **FOUR MEN HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN THE CASE.**

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VERNON, Conn. — Several witnesses identified the man charged with fatally stabbing a University of Connecticut football player as the killer, prosecutors said Wednesday.

Two people arrested in the stabbing of 20-year-old Jasper Howard were arraigned in Rockville Superior Court on Wednesday. John William

Lomax III, 21, is charged with murder while his friend and co-worker, 20-year-old Hakim Muhammad, is charged with conspiracy to commit assault.

Police have not discussed a motive and the investigators' affidavits and arrest warrants are sealed.

But prosecutor Matthew Gedansky argued Wednesday for a high bond, saying that several witnesses reported seeing Lomax and Muhammad involved in a minor altercation with others outside a university-sanctioned dance early Oct. 18. He

said the two went back to Lomax's car and returned "in a rage" with knives, and escalated the violence. Several witnesses also identified Lomax as the person who stabbed Howard, he said.

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Lomax's attorney, Deron Freeman, denied that his client stabbed Howard and said no witnesses in the affidavit could identify Lomax with 100 percent certainty. Even if all the allegations in the affidavit were true, "this was a mutual combat situation

where my client was engaged," he said.

Gerald Klein, Muhammad's attorney, said that while some witnesses claim his client had something in his hand that looked like a knife, no one has offered evidence that he swung it at anyone.

"The mere presence at the scene of a crime does not make someone guilty," Klein said.

Lomax's bond was kept at \$2 million, while the judge set Muhammad's bond at \$450,000.

Neither man has a criminal re-

cord, and each was described as a hardworking high school graduate who went to college for a year. Both are from the same neighborhood in Bloomfield.

Both men appeared in court wearing golf shirts with their employer's logo, a computer recycling company. Lomax responded to each question from the judge with a strong, "Yes sir."

Outside of court, Lomax's mother, Troylyn Grimes, said her son was innocent. "He's not a bad kid," she said. "They're lying on him."

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