

For original yet cheap DIY Halloween costumes, check out today's Avenue. See story, Page 9.



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Puppy Love

Dave Bittle holds two young Chihuahua mixes named Roxanne and Charro on Bo Diddley Community Plaza on Wednesday. Bittle sells the puppies at the Union Street Farmers Market and said they have all of their shots.

Netflix members jump ship after price changes

► THE COMPANY'S STOCK HAS FALLEN 35 PERCENT.

BENJAMIN S. BRASCH
 Alligator Contributing Writer

After announcing a price hike and service change, Netflix watched as thousands of its subscribers called it quits.

When Netflix announced it was going to move all multimedia-mailing to a new Net-

flix-owned website called Qwikster, 800,000 subscribers canceled their accounts.

Now, subscribers pay \$15.98 a month for one DVD at a time by mail and unlimited instant streaming service, or they pay \$7.99 a month for just one of the two. That's up from the previous price of \$9.99 a month for both services.

The drop in subscribers caused Netflix stock to plummet 35 percent and cost the

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ON CAMPUS

Hub to stop showing movies from Resident TV channel

ADRIANNA PAIDAS
 Alligator Contributing Writer

Last week, Ashleigh Barraca found herself awkwardly laughing while standing alone in line at Starbucks in the Hub.

The 20-year-old English junior noticed the TV on the wall directly in front of Starbucks showing the comedy "Bridesmaids."

"They were playing the scene where the girls are trying on dresses and they all start vomiting and pooping because of the food they ate," Barraca said. "I was surprised they were showing it, but it was nice to have a movie on while standing there."

But starting this week, Barraca will have to find a midday movie laugh elsewhere. The eight Resident TV movies shown in the Hub this semester will no longer be played.

Resident TV is the resident-hall channel that is owned and operated by the UF Department of Housing and Residence Education.

Until Tuesday, the department was unaware that the channel was being played in the Hub, said Amy Jorgensen, marketing coordinator for the housing department.

Resident TV is only to be played in campus housing locations, Sharon Blansett, assistant to the associate vice president for student affairs, said in an email.

"The feed was misdirected," Blansett said. "This has been corrected."

Criminology and psychology freshman Brittany Sealey, 19, was bummed the Resident TV movies will no longer be shown in the Hub.

"'Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part One' was playing while I was there the other day, and I got really excited it was on," Sealey said. "It's lame they aren't showing them here anymore."



Blansett

Obama introduces initiatives to help students manage loans

Payments would cap off at 10 percent of income

EMILY MORROW
 Alligator Writer

Paying off student loans is about to become less of a headache.

In an exercise of the regulatory executive power, President Barack Obama announced Wednesday an initiative to

reduce the amount of student loan debt — now second to mortgages as the largest source of household debt.

Under Obama's "We Can't Wait" campaign, a series of executive regulations that will be implemented without congressional authority, student loans took a high priority.

The new program will go into effect in 2012 and will allow about 1.6 million students with government loans to cap their annual payments at 10 percent of their discretionary income as reported on their taxes. If the full loan has not been paid off after 20 years, the remaining balance will be dissolved.

Currently, students can cap their payments at 15 percent of their income, and their loans will be forgiven after 25 years.

White House domestic policy adviser Melody Barnes said these changes will not cost tax payers any additional money.

There are about 450,000 graduates enrolled in the current income-based repayment program, a number Barnes said she hopes to see increase with the implemen-

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Her Campus Halloween Cookies & Raffle Event

Today, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Plaza of the Americas
Participants will receive free cookies and a chance to win a gift package including a \$30 gift card to Victoria's Secret. Winner will be announced at 2 p.m. Event is open to the public.

Asian-Americans in the Media:**Real Life vs. Reel Life**

Today, 5 to 7 p.m.
Reitz Union Matthews Suite
Come to "Asian-Americans in the Media: Real Life vs. Reel Life" to learn more about the effects of Asian-American stereotypes in the media. Special guest Phil Yu, of the "Angry Asian Man" blog, will lead a workshop to educate attendees on different ways to react to these media instances. See www.ufakmonth.com for more information.

Student Investment Club and Red Mango Discount

Today, 7:15 p.m.
Turlington Hall L005
Come and join the Student Investment Club (SIC) for its weekly meeting. SIC offers weekly market updates, informative presentations on all types of investments, internship opportunities, and more. All majors are encouraged to attend. Immediately after the meeting, Red Mango on University (inside the Target Copy) will be offering a 10 percent discount for all customers from SIC. Simply say you're with SIC to get the discount.

Jihad and Women: Demystifying Islam

Today, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Matherly 0112
Come join Islam On Campus as it seeks to demystify two misunderstood concepts in the Islamic faith: the role of women and the concept of jihad. Bring thoughts, ideas and questions to the table for an enlightening evening of learning. For more information, please visit www.islamoncampus.com, or find the group on Facebook as "Islam On Campus- UF."

Gay Movie Night — Strapped

Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Pride Community Center, 3131 NW 13th St.
A handsome, young hustler learns about life and love during a sex-filled odyssey in an apartment building filled with strange inhabitants. Free. Two-dollar donation for snacks. Find more info at: gainesvillepride.org/gaymovie-night.php

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Angels & Devils Autism Fundraiser Dance and Costume Party

Friday, 7:30 p.m. to midnight
Gainesville Dance and Music Association
308 W University Ave.
Be an angel for autism, but a devil on the dance floor. Come out for a night of scary fun and help raise money for the UF Center for Autism & Related Disabilities. Two-time U.S. Open Swing champion Patti Jobst will be teaching an hour-long lesson for \$5, followed by a night of dancing for a minimum donation of \$10. There will be two dance floors featuring West Coast swing music and a mix of Latin, ballroom, blues and swing. There will also be Halloween costume contests with prizes for the scariest, funniest and most inventive costumes.

Exhale with MCDA & Gator Nights

Friday, 9 to 11 p.m.
Orange & Brew
Exhale is an open mic poetry night that aims to get people excited about poetry in all its various forms. The event commences with an open mic session that leads into a performance by a featured guest artist, Beau Sia. If you are interested in performing during the open mic session, there will be a sign up right before the event so please show up early. See www.ufakmonth.com for more information.

Slack key guitarist Jeff Peterson to perform at Phillips Center

Sunday, 2 p.m.
Squiteri Studio Theatre (located inside the Phillips Center)
Maui native Jeff Peterson has contributed to two Grammy-winning albums and worked with artists such as Eric Clapton, James Galway and Michael Feinstein. Five of his songs will be featured in George Clooney's upcoming film "The Descendants." Student tickets are \$12. Visit performingarts.ufl.edu for more information.

Halloween Trick-or-Treat Party

Sunday, 3 p.m.
Sterling House of Gainesville
4601 NW 53rd Ave.
The event will feature games, candy and live entertainment.

ASU Scholarship Pageant

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
Reitz Union Grand Ballroom
Contestants will compete to hold the honorary title of Mr. or Ms. Africa while guests indulge themselves in an elegant and entertaining night of glamour and the arts. This pageant will allow people to experience a variety of cultures through different mediums such as dance, attire and poetry. This event is free and open to the public. For more information about the African Student Union, please contact us at ufafarisu@gmail.com, or visit our website at asuatuf.com

Educational Access Summit

Thursday, 6:30 to 9 p.m.
Reitz Union Rion Ballroom
Come out to the Educational Access Summit, hosted by the Gators' College Access Network (C.A.N.). UF Students from first generation college, low income and diverse backgrounds are invited to discuss ways the University of Florida can best reach out to improve their college experience. The event features keynote speakers Zina Evans, vice president for enrollment management and associate provost, and Joe Johnson, assistant director of OAS. Sponsored by Student Government, OAP, OAS and MCDA. Free Admission. For more information, visit the The Educational Access Facebook event page.

A Legislative Preview

Nov. 9, 6 p.m.
Pugh Hall
Mary Ellen Klas, Tallahassee bureau chief of the Miami Herald, will provide a journalistic preview of the upcoming legislative session and the impact of the redistricting process.

Got something going on?

Want to see it in this space? Send an email with "What's Happening" in the subject line to jflechas@alligator.org. The deadline for submission is 5 p.m. the day before the event. Please model your submissions after above events. Improperly formatted submissions may not appear in the paper. Press releases will not appear in the paper. Submissions are not guaranteed publication.

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Study shows gay men have more difficulties getting jobs

► THEY HAVE SMALLER CHANCE OF SECURING INTERVIEWS.

VALERIA DELGADO

Alligator Contributing Writer

Anthony Castro, 19, worries participating in Pride Student Union and LGBT Affairs could hurt his chances of getting a job after graduation.

The anthropology sophomore said he was concerned by the results of a Harvard study, released earlier this month, that suggest openly gay men face increased job discrimination.

The study showed that job applicants who listed experience in a gay college organization were 40 percent less likely to secure a job interview than those who didn't.

"It's ignorant that employers assume only gay people participate in these organizations," Castro said. "But if putting my experience will hurt my chances of being hired, then my work becomes irrelevant."

Harvard researcher Andras Tilcsik sent out pairs of counterfeit resumes to more than 1,700 job postings in California, Florida, Nevada,

New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Texas, according to American Journal of Sociology's website.

The resume with a reference to the applicant's sexuality had a 7.2 percent chance of receiving an interview. The other resume had an 11.5 percent chance.

The research also found that gay applicants were least likely to receive an interview when the job posting called for someone "assertive" and "aggressive."



Tilcsik

Terry Fleming, co-president of the Pride Community Center of North Central Florida, said discrimination in the workplace is unfortunate but real.

Fleming said he was not surprised by the results of the study, which showed employers in the Southern and Midwestern states were more likely to make interview decisions based on sexuality than those in other states.

"It's not unusual to see this type of underlined discrimination in today's society," he said.

One Less Car Day attracts 1,000

JUSTIN JONES

Alligator Contributing Writer

In the name of reducing UF's carbon footprint, students on the North Lawn learned Wednesday how to fix flat tires on their bikes for UF's fourth-annual One Less Car Day.

The Office of Sustainability held the event to encourage the use of alternate transportation such as biking or riding the bus to class.

"We're considered a very bike-friendly campus," said 34-year-old Anna Prizzia, director of the Office of Sustainability.

About 1,000 people registered to participate in One Less Car Day, and the first 800 received free T-shirts. An additional 200 people attended the giveaway near the Reitz Union throughout the two-hour event.

About 50 people attended the event last year, according to Alligator archives.

In past years, students participating in the campaign would track their commutes each day. The campaign aimed to decrease car use as much as possible.

However, this year One Less Car Day was just a single-day event that anyone could register for so people who don't usually use alternative transport wouldn't feel intimidated, Prizzia said.

"We wanted to figure out a way to encourage people to try alternate transportation," she said.

Bobby Komrek, a 21-year-old psychology senior, said events like One Less Car Day are good because they focus on renewable energy.

"We're considered a very bike-friendly campus."

Anna Prizzia

director of Office of Sustainability

"I think it's important because when you do programs, it makes people aware about what's going on," he said.

Even though he wasn't familiar with the event, Komrek said he takes the bus often.

"I would actually rather take the bus than drive to campus," he said. "It's not as bad as most people think."

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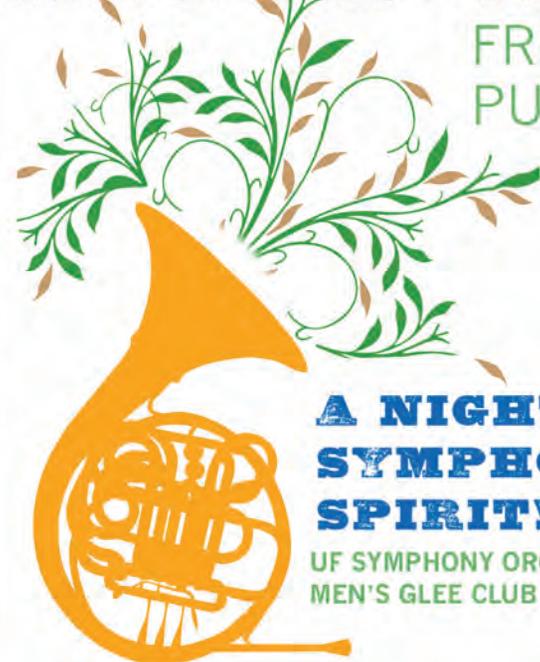
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Doors to on-campus haunted houses creak open this week

MINA RADMAN

Alligator Writer

For a few nights in October, the UF dorms are haunted by ghosts, clowns and villains.

Area governments and students in Broward Hall, Springs Complex, Beaty Towers and Hume Hall have organized haunted houses to terrify their peers.

Jigsaw, the villain from the "Saw" movies, will transform Broward into a large haunted house tonight.

"We're keeping the coolest houses open the longest."

Kaitlyn Self

Student Honors Organization secretary

About 150 students from Broward and Rawlings Hall volunteered to organize the event, which will take place from 8 p.m. to midnight today in the Broward basement.

About 750 students attended last year's haunted house, said Laura Cook,

one of the organizers for Haunted Broward.

Hume Hall will open its spooked doors at 5:30 p.m. today for 100 kids from the Boys & Girls Club of Alachua County.

Students can attend the haunted house from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

The floors compete to create the best haunted house, and the floors with the least-interesting houses will close as the night goes on.

"We're keeping the coolest houses open the longest," said Kaitlyn Self, Student Honors Organization secretary.

Springs Complex's Spooky Springs and Beaty Towers' Terrifying Towers were scheduled for Wednesday night.

Entrance is free at all the haunted houses.

Steven Geller, a 19-year-old chemical engineering sophomore, went to Haunted Hume last year.

"The best part was seeing the expressions on people's faces," he said.



Dana Burke / Alligator Staff

Sleeping Beauty, Lindsey Wuest, attacked her prince, Nick Parr, in the Sledd Hall basement as part of the "Haunted Thomas" Halloween attraction in 2010.

Last week saw unusual crime spike with two local homicides

MORGAN WATKINS

Alligator Staff Writer

Although crime was reported to be on the decline in Gainesville in 2010, last week turned out to be an anomaly with two homicides in four days.

On average, there are four or five homicides a year in Gainesville, said Cpl. Angelina Valuri, public information officer for the Gainesville Police Department.

So far this year, there have been five — two of which occurred since last Thursday, Valuri said.

In 2010, there were four homicides in Gainesville.

"The whole week has been unusual," she said.

The first reported homicide of the week

occurred at Cabana Beach apartments, when 22-year-old Theoderick Brown died after being shot 13 times.

Another homicide was reported early Sunday morning when 30-year-old Artrel Dubose was shot in the head during a confrontation in a downtown parking garage.

But overall, crime rates are still down in Gainesville, Valuri said.

In 2010, crime rates dropped by 16.3 percent, according to a uniform crime report issued earlier this year by GPD. This included an overall decrease of 21.6 percent in violent crimes, with a 9.5 percent drop in rape crimes.

Incidents of sexual assault have reflected expected rates, Valuri said. One rape has been reported since Oct. 20.

ON CAMPUS

Rescue teams respond to gas leak scare at Harn Museum

MORGAN WATKINS

Alligator Staff Writer

A report from someone who smelled gas at the Harn Museum of Art on Wednesday ended in a hazardous materials team investigating the potential leak, but it turned out to be a false alarm.

University Police responded to the report at 11:30 a.m.

UPD sent two officers and one supervisor to investigate, said Major Brad Barber, UPD public information officer.

Gainesville Fire Rescue Department sent a hazmat team to assess the situation but found no gas leak.

Standard procedures were followed to assess the situation, Barber said.

Because of the potential gas leak, Gainesville Regional Utilities also re-

sponded in case there was a need of repairs or other aid, he said.

Calling the fire department is a UF-mandated precautionary action, said Tami Wroath, director of marketing and public relations at the Harn Museum of Art.



Wroath

The incident lasted about 30 minutes, from the initial report about a potential leak to the determination that none existed, Barber said.

Different substances can mimic the odor of a gas leak, which could have been what someone smelled on the property, he said.

No one was evacuated from the museum.

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Average tuition rose about 8.3 percent this year

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tation of the new Pay As You Earn program.

The average tuition and fees for four-year, public universities increased 8.3 percent this year, doubling the inflation rate, according to a recent report from College Board.

These increases in tuition across the country have left the average graduate with \$22,000 in loans, the same report stated.

In an effort to streamline the repayment of those loans, Obama also announced an initiative that will allow student borrowers to consolidate multiple loans starting in January.

Under this program, students with multiple loans will be able to make payments to a single lender.

Rick Wilder, interim director for UF's Office of Student Financial Affairs, said consolidating students' multiple loans into one payment plan can only benefit student borrowers.



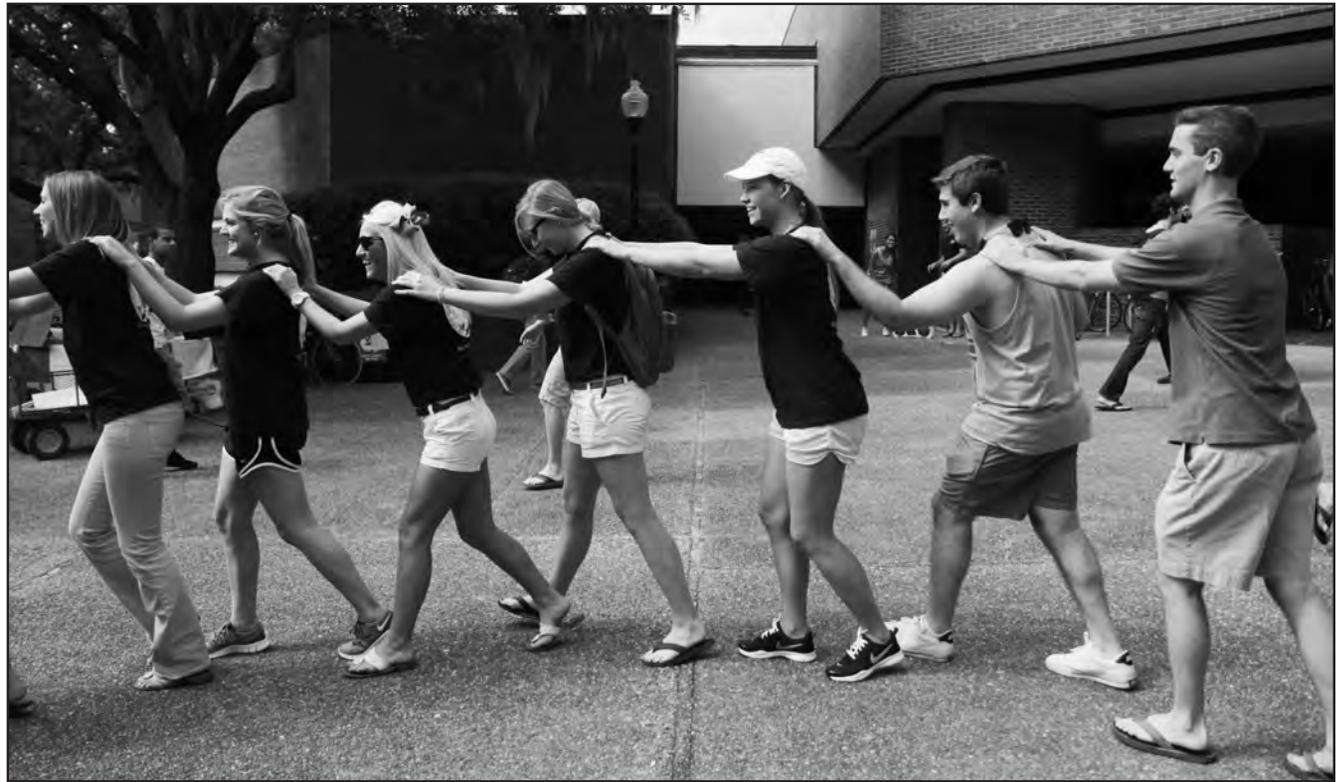
Obama

Once UF students apply for financial aid, they are sent a financial aid package detailing which programs they are eligible for.

This includes a notice of loan disclosure that can sometimes be confusing for students, Wilder said.

Wilder said he supports programs that are geared toward helping students but is concerned about the diminishing support for grant programs. For the 2011-2012 school year, Wilder said UF saw a total of \$20 million cut from grants and scholarship programs.

"Any time you can help students manage their loan indebtedness, that's a great thing," he said. "But by supporting grant programs, we could positively impact students' lives without causing them to go further into debt."



Amanda Cohen/Alligator

Come On Everybody

Students form a conga line on Turlington Plaza on Wednesday afternoon as part of a flash mob to promote Gator Growl 2011.

Some students favor Redbox over Netflix

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company an estimated \$11 billion, according to Bloomberg.

Some students have already found alternatives.

"I would get Netflix," said Grace Allison, 21, a business administration senior, "but I don't have time to sit and watch all of it."

Allison said she uses Redbox twice a month on average. She said she watches a lot of her favorite TV shows, such as "Roswell," on YouTube.

For watching currently running shows, such as "Glee," Allison said she uses

Hulu.

"I feel like Netflix is for old stuff," she said. "Netflix is for 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang' and 'Forrest Gump' and Redbox is for 'Bridesmaids.'"

She said she and her roommates, even the one who subscribes to Netflix, use Redbox for their weekend movie fix.

"It makes a really great tool for the weekends ... just Redbox it and get something," Allison said.

Some just don't like Netflix.

Keertana Settaluri, 18, an electrical engineering freshman, said she used to use Netflix and now uses Redbox once a month.

She said with Netflix it takes too much time to get the DVDs in the mail and Redbox at the Reitz Union is just "super convenient."

"I don't have the constraint to watch movies like I do with a monthly subscription," Settaluri said.

She said she had Netflix for one year before canceling her service.

Jasmin Quinones, 18, a nursing freshman, never used Netflix and only uses Redbox when she's back home.

Quinones said she doesn't use Redbox because she has no television, forgets the Redbox is in town and has no time to watch movies or TV shows anyway.

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Editorial

Hands Off Government abuses eminent domain

In the U.S., the line between where your property rights end and the so-called "public interest" begin have always been a point of contention.

In one instance, the local government of New London, Conn., created a development plan, which they hoped would bring jobs to the town.

The city invoked the Fifth Amendment "takings clause," often referred to as eminent domain, to transfer "blighted" property to some of the developers, one of which was the pharmaceutical company Pfizer.

The only problem was that people still lived in these "blighted" areas and some, like Susette Kelo, did not want to leave. Although the government offered "just compensation" for the property, the house had been in her family for years, with more of an intrinsic value for Kelo.

Kelo took the case all the way to the Supreme Court, in *Kelo v. City of New London*, where she lost the suit. The jobs, tax revenue and development the city promised to its residents never materialized because Pfizer later relocated.

Recently in Brooklyn, N.Y., residents complained that a Halloween decoration outside of a home, depicting a scarecrow hanging from a tree, was offensive.

In response, City Councilman Charles Barron, D-Brooklyn, said, "You ain't speaking for this whole community because some people on this block came by and said it was offensive. They came and said it was offensive. It's not a cool decoration."

Poor grammar aside, Barron's main argument is that the display offended the community, and that this reasoning was sufficient enough for the police to remove the decoration from the private property, which they did.

What do the two incidents have in common?

Both Councilman Barron and the City of New London seem to have the interests of their respective communities at heart.

However, they seem to be suggesting that the rights and interests of the private property owners can be sacrificed if the purpose somehow benefits the community at large.

But, as in the *Kelo v. City of New London* case, this does not always seem to occur.

What community interest was served when the City of Parma, Ohio, told Wesley Wood that he could no longer grow and sell vegetables from his property because it is illegal to run a food business out of a yard?

Wood was selling the vegetables he grew on his property to local residents who voluntarily purchased them.

Like life and liberty, the ability to own, sell, use and dispose of private property is a fundamental human right. Private property serves man's life and his liberty, by giving him the ability to engage in trade, providing him with the goods and services he needs to live.

Sometimes we find that this "public interest" is both difficult to define and hard to achieve.

But when the government becomes the ultimate authority of when, where, what and how we can use our private property, we lose both the right to our liberty and, subsequently, our life.

Reader response

Today's question: Will you have to pay off student loans after you graduate?

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Column

Cain's candidacy not worth supporting

"We've run a campaign like nobody's ever seen. But then, America's never seen a candidate like Herman Cain."

We sure haven't. At least, we've never seen a candidate willing to endorse an atrocious campaign ad featuring his campaign's chief of staff bumbling through lines like that, followed by said chief of staff randomly smoking a cigarette and said candidate smiling at the camera for a full 10 seconds.

That chief of staff is Mark Block, and that candidate is someone you've probably heard of — Herman Cain. And the video, if you haven't seen it, is worth looking up on YouTube.

Amid a laughable horse race for the GOP nomination, complete with plenty of distracting entertainment and embarrassing debate moments, Herman Cain has emerged as the front-runner in straw polls, garnering 25 percent of the vote in a recent CBS News/New York Times poll.

And as Rick Perry, Ron Paul, Newt Gingrich and Rick Santorum are quickly becoming forgotten in increasing numbers, it's clear that at this point, only Cain and Mitt Romney remain as potential picks for the GOP Nomination.

But here's the thing: Herman Cain is in no way a viable presidential candidate. You'd be hard-pressed to find a political analyst who actually takes his chances of winning the nomination seriously.

Much like Bachmann, Herman Cain is simply a fad. But unlike Bachmann, he doesn't seem to be going away.

On the surface, it makes sense. Herman Cain has an everyman appeal. He speaks simply and to the point. He promotes simplifications of the federal tax code and a reduction in government spending. He's even African American, for whatever that's worth.

Yet while thousands of Americans around the nation are rallying against vague notions of corporate greed and big business running the government, Herman Cain is un-



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doubtedly a pro-business candidate. Former CEO of Godfather's Pizza, Cain's current strongest running point is his 9-9-9 tax plan, something that might have come straight out of a computer game.

It's eerily similar to the 9-9-9 default tax settings of SimCity 4.

But more importantly, it's a terrible, terrible idea. Nonpartisan tax organizations are in agreement: Cain's 9-9-9 plan would greatly decrease the tax rate of the wealthy at the expense of everyone else. It's an inherent flaw in any flat tax, because taxing wages and goods hurts the middle-class a whole lot more than it hurts the rich.

So how can a candidate publicly announcing his fiscal support for the 1 percent find a home among a nation caught up in a uniting of the remaining 99 percent?

Quite simply, it's all the tea party's fault. It's a popular boogeyman for liberals, I'll admit it, but there's a reason for that.

It's behind everything. Of course, that's hyperbole, but it's not really that far from the truth. Herman Cain's support stems from his tea party backing; the same tea party that promoted candidates like Michele Bachmann and Sarah Palin, despite their repeated political gaffes.

Things have gotten downright comical. And I think it's safely time to say that Herman Cain is a sideshow that we can no longer pretend to take seriously. When we hear his name, it should be accompanied with a begrudging chuckle.

Because hey, I liked listening to Donald Trump pretend he would run. But I'd like to think I also knew when to change the channel.

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UWire

Moroccan King Mohammed VI's progressivism boosts popularity

In the midst of regional turmoil and overwhelming pressure for change, Morocco's monarchy has seemed to be a model for the Arab world of pre-emptive and proactive government action to preserve stability.

In the face of popular protests driven by the Feb. 20 youth movement, King Mohammed VI was able to defuse tensions rapidly and effectively. In his historic March 9 speech, he called for reform, announcing a "comprehensive constitutional reform which is designed to upgrade and revamp state institutions." Within months, a new constitution had been written, presented and passed with a reported 98.5 percent approval rating in a referendum as much on Morocco's king and monarchy as on political changes.

The institution of cosmetic constitutional reforms allowed for the defusing of popular tensions and the re-branding of the monarchy as reformist without making substantial changes to the current system. These dynamics between king and people in enacting reform all are illustrative of some of the fundamental challenges to genuine and lasting political change in the Middle East.

The stabilizing combination of the traditional legitimacy of the monarchy, the personal charisma of the king and a careful balancing act between concession and repression provide a template of stability at the cost of individual liberty. Mohammed VI has continued to command a certain amount of popular and traditional authority. Having succeeded his unpopular father, Hassan II, in 1999, he has always presented himself as a modernizer and reformer. Portraying himself as "King of the Poor," he has strongly condemned government corruption and economic inequality. In a June 17 speech leading up to the July 1 constitutional referendum, the King framed his objectives largely in terms of the crafting of more just and legitimate state, speaking of his commitment to

constitutional reform as watershed event in "the construction of a state based on the rule of law and on democratic institutions." However, the espousal of parliamentary principles has yet to correlate with their execution, and the referendum itself seems to hurt its intended ends. Considering that turnout in the most recent parliamentary election was a paltry 37 percent, the reported 72 percent turnout rate seems surprising, to say the least. Among the world's most enduring dictators, Mohammed VI still commands almost unchecked power. He is, by law and tradition, commander of the faithful and head of state, combining political, moral and religious authority. While slightly limiting the previously unchecked power of this Leviathan, the unelected and unaccountable king remains dominant with regard to executive power. The king appointed a small group of government officials, with no representatives of the various opposition movements, to revise the constitution, which he claimed was "drawn up by Moroccans, for all Moroccans." In thus "sticking to its authoritarian prerogatives," Aboubakr Jamaï, a prominent Moroccan journalist and 2007 Niemann Fellow at Harvard, sees the monarchy as having made "the smart move" by "market[ing] the whole process as the benevolent king opposed by tiny, noisy, archical minority."

Optimistically, one could argue that an "enlightened" monarchy could, by gradually building the institutional basis and allowing civil society to strengthen, nurture the development of a more stable and sustainable democracy that would bring "greater good," politically and socially, to all Moroccans. The King could be considered the optimal political actor for the allowance of sustainable, peaceful and lasting change. However, a distinction must be made between the facade presented by external perceptions of the Moroccan regime and its reality of a backsliding

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UWire

of freedom in Morocco since Mohammed VI has come to power is more representative. By the Freedom House's rating of political rights and civil liberties, Morocco scores a five and a four, respectively, on a scale of one to seven.

Particularly in recent years, freedom of the press in Morocco has experienced a steady, downward trend and can, in brief, be considered not free. The Press Law allows for prison terms for nosy journalists and government ownership of media—the monarchy has a major stake in Morocco's main TV networks, giving it a high degree of control over domestic media. Particularly in recent years, freedom of the press in Morocco has experienced a steady, downward trend. When he was recently visiting Harvard for an event at the Ash Center, Moroccan journalist Aboubakr Jamaï expressed his concern that the viability of the independent press of Morocco has been undercut by government's use of both its economic muscle and various legislative strategies to force independent newspapers to shut down. In 2000, his own *Le Journal Hebdomadaire* was banned after publishing an interview with Muhammad Abdelaziz, leader of the Polisario Front, a rebel movement for the independence of the Western Sahara since the 1970s. The status of the Western Sahara falls among the topics—namely religion, the king and the monarchy—that are, in practice, taboo. Today in Morocco, more so than in previous years, Jamaï believes that "journalism means militancy—not being paid regularly or not being paid at all." Especially in recent months, journalists and bloggers covering demonstrations have experienced intimidation and even physical violence from police.

As elsewhere in the Arab Spring, Facebook and other social media have provided

a crucial means of organization and communication by creating a political space independent of government authority. Internet usage in Morocco jumped from 3.4 percent in 2003 to more than 32.2 percent as of 2009, breaking the government's monopoly on the dissemination of information. The ability to use online resources as a source of information and to publish online have allowed journalists to distance themselves from potential pressure. While technology can't necessarily be considered a causal factor, it does allow for complex and contentious dialogue that engages all aspects of society. Jamaï believes that ultimately "democracy means risks, means freeing voices," and, with the limited degree of freedom of expression permitted in Morocco, the Internet may be the best way of doing so.

Although the implementation of genuine reform and the institution of true democratic processes are possible — and could, perhaps, be seen as inevitable — in Morocco, change will not come without upending the status quo and risking its stability and security. Morocco's model of "soft" autocracy and "benevolent" monarchy do seem to contribute more tangibly and immediately to personal and societal good than uncertainty for an undefined end. However, while the monarchical model may persist in the short term, it will certainly face further challenges to its legitimacy as popular pressure continues to mount. The Feb. 20th movement continues to organize, and protests have been recently revived. As Jamaï puts it, "Democracy is a constant struggle, and we're never done." Upcoming parliamentary elections in November, the first since 2007, will test politicians' responsiveness to popular pressures and current levels of political engagement.

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Pumping Up the Punk Rock

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Cheers to a red-hot 75 years: the anniversary of the Solo cup

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Avenue Writer

What started out as a carry-away for fountain drinks has morphed into a party staple. Nothing quite says "cheers" and, "No, you can't know what's in my cup, it's MY cup," like the waxy, red plastic goblet that is the Solo cup.

This year, the Solo Cup Company is celebrating "75 Years of Solutions." The cup first made its appearance in Chicago in 1936. It was used at drive-in movies as a way to improve sanitation with convenience in mind.

Today, that still holds true, and the party essential is still available in the iconic red. The color is infallible. It's synonymous with the phrase, "We're having a good time."

Let's face it, despite whatever beverage you may have 18-ounces of in that cup, you just don't want a picture with it to land on your employer's Facebook newsfeed. That's why we've become so good at tucking it behind our friend's back when leaning in for that group photo. Cheese!

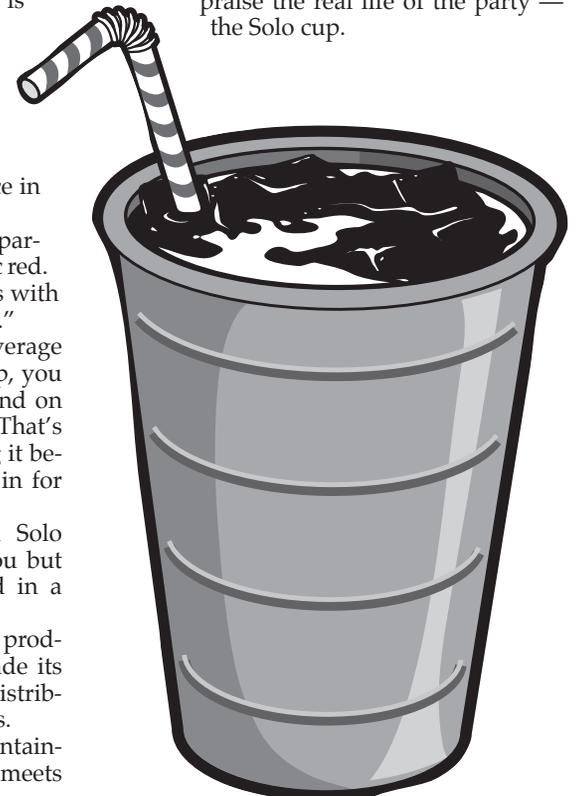
You could even have milk in a Solo cup and a plate of cookies next to you but wouldn't dare be caught red-handed in a photo with it (no pun intended).

But we can't forget the other Solo products. The Solo Cup Company has made its landmark in being one of the biggest distributors of single-use disposable products.

From plastic tableware to cups, containers and plates, the Solo Cup Company meets

the needs of just about any social gathering. Many tailgates, family picnics and barbecues were successful thanks to Solo.

So this weekend, whether you're "Saving the ta-tas," having fun at a Halloween bash or celebrating the Gators' win over those Dawgs (we hope), raise a toast and praise the real life of the party — the Solo cup.



He Said, She Said: How do you get over someone you had feelings for?

♦ He Says...

Splitting with your boyfriend or girlfriend is rarely a smooth ordeal.

The buildup to the breakup is stressful, but dealing with the pain and remorse afterward can be downright exhausting.

"I would find myself trying to be around people a lot, because when I'm with other people, I don't think about the breakup. If I were alone, it would be the only thing on my mind."

Kellen Denny
UF junior

When a relationship ends, the less time you spend dwelling on the past, the faster you can move on to the future.

Kellen Denny, a junior electrical engineering student at UF, shared his ex-

perience in dealing with breakups.

Kellen said after the drama of breaking up is done, he tends to surround himself with the opposite sex.

He isn't looking to hook up or find a new girlfriend; he's just searching for some female affection.

"Other than that, I would find myself trying to be around people a lot," Kellen said. "Because when I'm with other people, I don't think about the breakup. If I were alone, it would be the only thing on my mind."

Spending time with friends is important after a split. You need to keep the sense of companionship and happiness that you had during the relationship.

Remember, moving on from an ex is like a bad Halloween costume — the only thing you can do is admit it sucked and try again next year, or next week.

— JACOB ROMOSER

♦ She Says...

Preparing my liver for the approaching Florida/Georgia, Fest 10 and Halloween weekend insanity soon to abound, I decided to bar hop and ask strangers what their methods are for moving past old flames. I wanted unfiltered honesty, and what's a better lube than alcohol?

From what I've gathered, when dealing with residual feelings from a breakup, it's as though the Jekyll and Hyde dichotomy gets the best of everyone. Forcing us into an internal combat that divides our conscious between helpful and harmful, even those with the most ironclad emotions have to figure out how to displace, or rather replace, feelings of companionship now eradicated.

For those who opt for self-destruction, debauchery and casual sex often mask pangs of removed intimacy. Others expressed taking the newfound freedom as an excuse for self-improvement — nurturing the ties with other people in their lives, getting back into shape and kicking ass at school and work.

The truth is, I really don't know how to tackle this question. Obviously, it's better to reap some

kind of positive inspiration from the separation, but let's face the fact that none of us are superhuman. If you get drunk and have a one-nighter, you might feel like crap the next day, but I will say that this isn't necessarily a bad thing.

My lovely readers, we only live once, and it's "mistakes" such as these that help define who we are and what we want out of life, love and most importantly, ourselves.

OK yes, being newly single requires adjustment, and depending on how much you cared for your ex, this can be completely draining. I hate to say it, but regardless of whether one falls into category indigent or inspired, the only remedy that really mends is out of our control: time. In the interim, if you're feeling nutty then talk to a counselor. It's their job.

Although, I would like to close this week with little tidbit of wisdom: If you write an emotionally charged email to your ex, give yourself at least 24 hours before sending it. Learn from my mistake, and spare yourselves the embarrassment. It will make moving on much easier.

— KAY BEA



Go online for a preview of "Oleanna," restaurants to watch the game at in Jacksonville and a store with spooky spirit.

If You Like it Then You Shoulda Put a Blog on it

Check out the Alligator's blogalicious content this week for gameday brews, fashion brands dominated by once forbidden trends and how to rent the "Jersey Shore" house. GTL! Visit alligator.org/blogs.



Twit Pick

@jimmyfallon: "Selena Gomez & Justin Bieber adopted a dog. Not to be outdone, Brad Pitt & Angelina Jolie adopted Selena Gomez & Justin Bieber. #FallonMono"

halloween

DIY: Cheap, easy ways to craft impressive, original costumes

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Avenue Writer

As a sober Lindsey Lohan once said in the movie "Mean Girls," "Halloween is the one night a year when a girl can dress up like a total slut, and no other girls can say anything about it."

In college, Halloween is the time of the year when everyone can play someone they're not and get away with it. Costumes, however, can rack up a lot of money, and the whole idea of originality fades.

But this year, all you really need already exists in household items and some imagination. If all else fails, just put on all your gym clothes and winter coats at

the same time, and say you're channeling your inner Gaga.

The Group Costume

Sometimes it's hard to coordinate with so many people, but Halloween is just more fun when you're dressing up with friends.

If you want to annoy people, run around Halloween night dressed up as the Angry Birds characters. This can be achieved by wearing masks depicting the different characters and taping feather tails to your shorts.

For your eclectic group of friends, just go as the cast of "Modern Family." Surely we all channel one person from the cast.

For the group of girls who want to dress up as the Kardashians: simply put pillows in your jeans and make sure your black wig reaches it.

Cross-dress

This is the time of the year when cross-dressing will help you pick up whomever you want to. This is very easy to do, as you can just ask to borrow clothes from your neighbors who live downstairs. Use it as an excuse to come in.

Ladies should dress up as frat guys. Get out the Sperry shoes, khaki shorts, button-down shirts and don't forget a red Solo cup. Guys can dress up like girls by wearing bows in their hair, a Vera Brad-

ley backpack and a sundress (if you want to take it to an extreme). Don't forget to throw up those sorority letters.

Social Media

Be Facebook or Twitter. Take a display poster, draw a profile page and wear it throughout the night. Make sure you have people write on your "wall" with a Sharpie.

If you want to be Twitter, just do the same as Facebook, but make sure you tweet every time you see something that seems tweet-worthy. You can also use a white board to create and erase tweets throughout the night. Don't forget a hash tag!



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Social Media: Twitter

Tap into modern-day trends with this original Halloween costume. Take a display poster or white board and morph it into a profile page. Carry around a marker so you can "tweet" throughout the night.



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Cross-dress: Frat Guy

Ladies create their own TFM by sporting Sperry shoes, a red Solo cup, a button-down and khaki shorts.



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The Group Costume: The Kardashians

Getting a group together this Halloween? Coordinate with your costumes by dressing up as the Kardashians. Based on your personalities, choose who gets to be Kourtney, Khloe and Kim. Don't forget to put a pillow in your pants to create those famous backsides.

Planning to chug away this weekend? Check out these healthy boozes first

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Avenue Writer

It would be foolish to condemn college students for drinking. After all, if it's a football weekend, you know inebriation is going to be a mass event.

Yet, consuming glass after glass of drinks is not only detrimental to your wallet but to your health, too. We all know the negative effects of alcohol (come on, we're required to take a quiz on it as a freshman), but what drink options are better?

Don't discount working out for hours at Southwest Recreation Center and meticulously watching what you eat just to blow it on chugging sessions at tailgates. Not to mention, the inevitable, dreaded hangover will come after a night of downing shots with your buddies.

Next time you plan on going out, think of these quick tips and alternatives to save yourself the nausea and to guarantee that your pants will still fit you by the time Thanksgiving rolls around.

The higher the proof of the alcohol, the more calories it contains. For example, 80-proof vodka has 64 calories versus 100-proof vodka, which has 82 calories.

Avoid sugary cocktails, such as those with syrup. These add calories and make you more thirsty.

Use mixers such as club soda, water or low-calorie fruit juices. The fewer items mixed into your drink, the less calories. Opt for sparkling water or simply use a lemon or

lime wedge to add some taste. If you do need a sweetener, use a low-calorie one such as Splenda.

Don't be fooled by light beer. If you plan on drinking more beer because it has less calories, think again.

Drinking more light beer can be worse than just drinking regular beer, which has the full taste.

Give yourself a cap by the end of the night. Setting limits is key to making sure you don't go overboard.

Setting such limits will also help you know how much money you'll spend and how much to expect you'll be drinking.

The Avenue's compiled some healthy drink alternatives for your boozing, so you can prepare properly for the weekend's festivities.

Instead of downing high-calorie drinks, take a gander at our list first. You won't have to think twice before ordering these healthy, yet refreshing and delicious, choices.



Drink Recipes



- ◆ **Dark Rum and Diet Coke**
-1 shot of rum, a splash of diet coke
- ◆ **Vodka Water**
-1 shot of vodka, mixed with water, squeeze a lemon wedge in for flavor
- ◆ **Glass of Wine**
-5 ounces of any red or white wine
- ◆ **Mojito Cosmo**
-1 ½ ounces of mint vodka, 2 ounces of cranberry juice, ¾ ounce of lime juice
- ◆ **Low-Cal Mimosa**
-2 ounces of low-calorie orange juice, 3 ounces of champagne
- ◆ **Tequila on the Rocks**
-1 ½ shots of Tequila, squeeze lemon and lime, ice cubes
- ◆ **Gin and Tonic**
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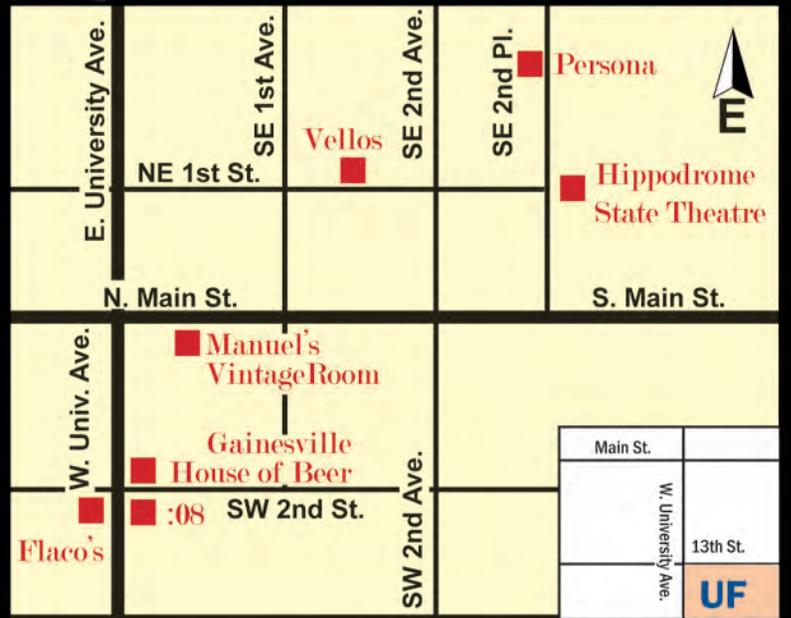
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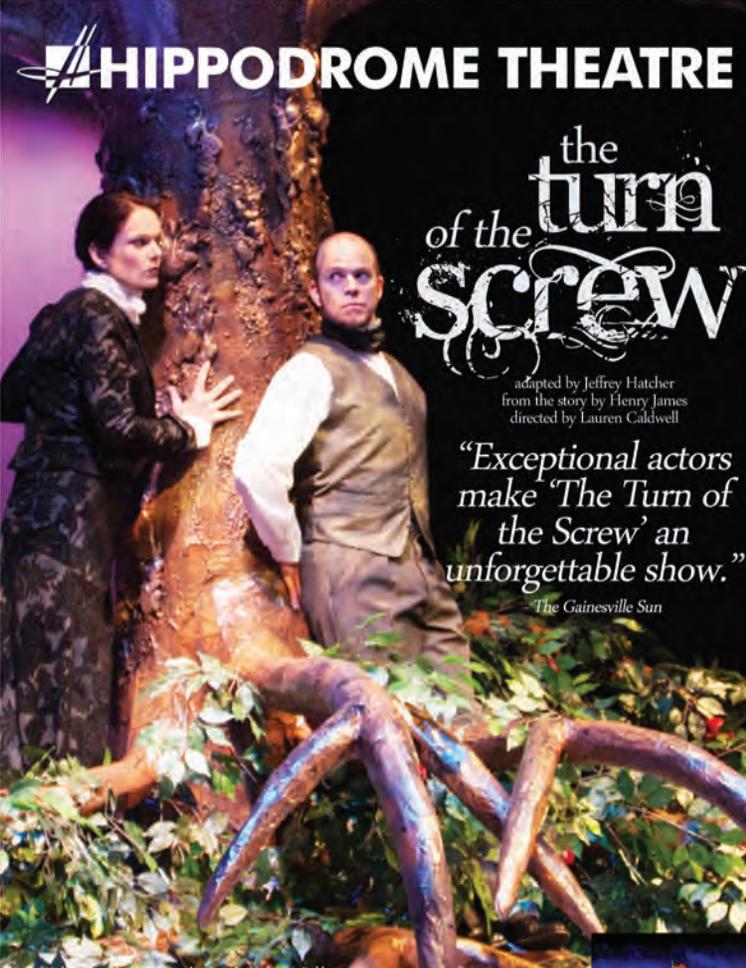


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The haunted trail at Eerie Acres Haunted Attraction offers guests a chance to become "better acquainted" with these characters. Guests can also find their way through a 9-acre corn maze or enjoy a hayride under starry skies. The event will run this Friday and Saturday from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. and is located in Chiefland, Fla.

"I had a lady throw her purse at me."

Chris Palmer
deranged hillbilly

Susan Watson, creator of the event, said this has been something she has always wanted to do. Watson used to put on scare trails for friends and family before she decided to turn it into a public event. She runs it with her husband, Phillip, and said this is Eerie Acres' second year running.

Chris Palmer plays a deranged hillbilly on the trail, looking for food for his cannibalistic mother. Palmer, information technology specialist at the College of Pharmacy at the University of Florida, said that people's true colors really come out on the trail.

"I had a lady throw her purse at me," Palmer said.

Addison Mertz, lab technician for the State of Florida, plays Slugger the Clown and is new to Eerie Acres this year. He said he has already made a 9-year-old cry.

Mertz also said he enjoys the leniency of his character because he gets to be creative.

"I give them the basics of a character or scenario and they run with it, developing the individuality of the character or scene, then bring it to life," Watson said.

On the website, there is a full-length story to accompany the theme of the haunted trail in the perspective of a writer who goes to investigate the mysteries of the town. You discover her fate at the end of the trail.

The half-mile trail takes about 20 minutes to complete. All guests are encouraged to wear closed toed shoes and children younger than the age of 13 are to be accompanied by an adult.

The maze, which is new to Eerie Acres this year, is cut in the shape of a grim reaper. There are maps, riddles and clues inside the maze to assist guests.

Curtis Perry, plumbing contractor and parent, said the event is a cheap and safe way to entertain the kids. This year, he brought along his daughter Darby, 13. She said she will not be walking the haunted trail this year but enjoys finding her way through the maze.

Gregg Watson, cousin to the family, drives the tractors for the hayrides and said each trip takes about 40 people. The hayride is three-quarters of a mile long and takes about 20 minutes to complete.

Children younger than the age of 5 have free admission. For all others, the entrance to the hayride is \$3, the maze \$7 and the trail \$15. Guests may also purchase an all-inclusive package for \$20, which allows admission for all three events. Group discounts are available for groups of 10 or more. Cash is only accepted at the gate, although online ticketing is available.

An officer and medical assistant are always present on site to assist guests as well.

For directions or for more information, visit eerieacres.com.



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Chuckles the Clown taunts unsuspecting travelers through the haunted trail at Eerie Acres.

halloween

Five things to expect from the Rogers Farm Corn Maze

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Not your typical trip to the strawberry fields, this haunted corn maze is the perfect October activity. The third-annual Rogers Farm Corn Maze, 3831 NW 156th Ave., is now open, and it offers the perfect mix of fright and fall. Here's what to expect.

1. It IS scary.

Don't be fooled. Just because the maze is family-friendly during the day doesn't mean it can't deliver at night.

"Oh yeah, expect to be scared," said Lar-

ry Rogers, owner of Rogers Farm. "We got a couple chain saws out there, some scary suits and masks."

2. You will get lost.

With 10 acres of corn, it's almost impossible to avoid. But what's a night at a corn maze without about an hour or two of wandering around scared, cold and lost? So make sure you gather around your favorite group of people and wander through the maze. It could take you a while.

"The maze was scary, but it was a lot of fun. We all got lost for quite a while," Kjerstine Payne, a 19-year-old general business

studies major, said of the maze.

3. The spook trail.

This is a special feature of the maze that runs through the woods located on the farm. But keep an eye out; the trail isn't your average hiking root.

"We got a few things out in the spook trail that work pretty well," Rogers commented.

4. Not too much "Paranormal Activity."

"We try to scare, but it is more friendly scare. We aren't out there grabbing people," Rogers said.

No Halloween Horror Nights, this fami-

ly-owned and operated maze is a nod to the nostalgic days where fear factors were as simple as spooky ghosts and scarecrows.

5. While you are on the farm make sure to pick up your Halloween essentials and get your fill of fall.

Pumpkins and tractor pulled hayrides are available.

Rogers Corn Maze will be open until Nov. 13. The haunted corn maze comes alive at 8 p.m. and goes until midnight Friday and Saturday. The costs for the corn maze is \$8. For more information, visit rogers-farm.com.

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16 Fixed for all time
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19 Take turns
20 With 56-Across, pair named in a puppy-love rhyme that ends with the circled letters
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29 Drain-clearing chemical
30 "Are not!" retort
33 Bug-eyed toon
34 OPEC member
36 Shove off
39 More of the rhyme
41 More of the rhyme
42 Micronesia's region
43 Rocky peak
44 1930s power prog.
45 Standard
46 Scotland's longest river
48 Cleveland Indians legend Al
50 Promo
53 Sloth, for one
54 Punch line?
56 See 20-Across
61 Oh-so-stylish
63 Not very potent potable
64 Assateague denizens
65 River that rises in the Bernese Alps
66 Bone used in pronation
67 Yarn units
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69 Nutmeg-flavored drinks
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2 A or Jay, e.g.
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7 Mercury's atomic number
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11 "Yeow!"
12 ___ precedent
13 Place that means "delight" in Hebrew
18 Black-and-white critter
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25 Go the distance
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- 29 Named beneficiary
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35 Singer DiFranco
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49 How Sloppy Joes are served
51 Far from ruddy
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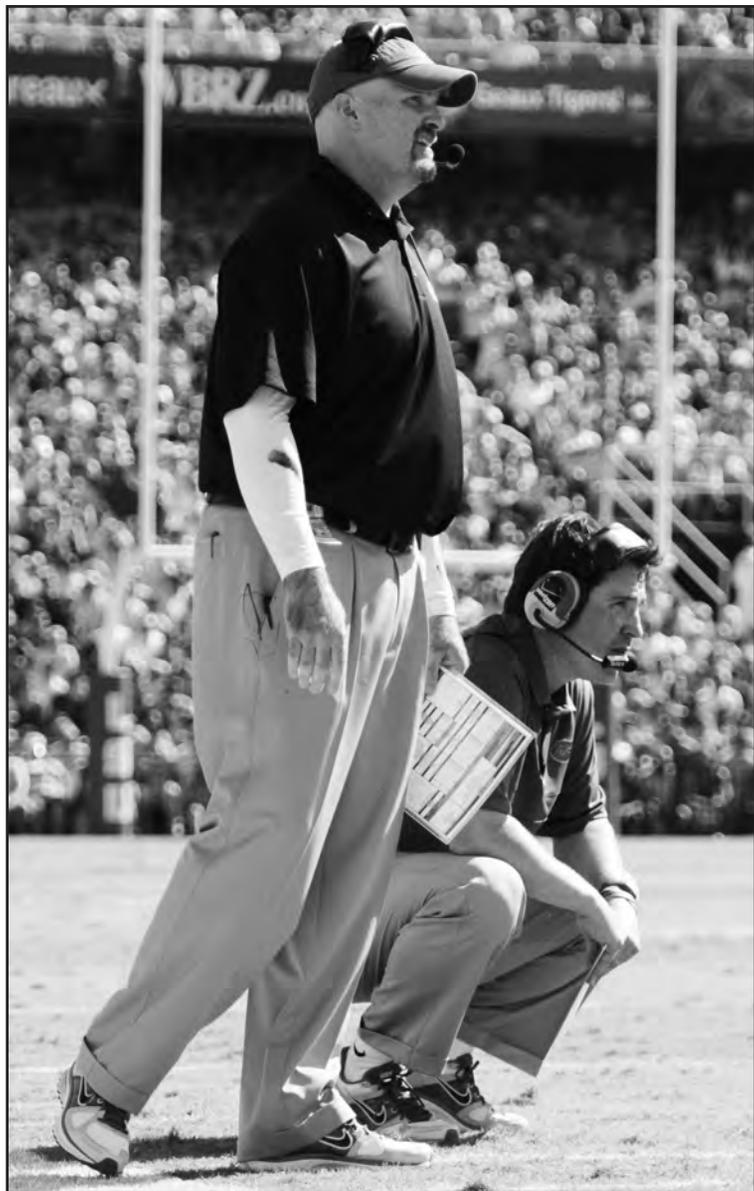
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Gators rethinking things on defense after break



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Defensive coordinator Dan Quinn said the Gators used the bye week to analyze and adjust the playbook.

TYLER JETT
Alligator Staff Writer

Florida defensive coordinator Dan Quinn said the Gators simplified the playbook slightly during their bye week.

While he noted Wednesday that the changes were not “whole-sale,” Quinn said the coaching staff reviewed film last week, looking for play calls that led to breakdowns. Usually, those calls were little wrinkles added to prepare for specific opponents.

Quinn said the Gators’ defense has struggled with plays that aren’t in its regular rotation. He would not go into specifics, but he said the problems ranged from the wrong personnel being on the field to players not lining up in the correct spots.

“The things that you play best are the things that you play all the time — through spring practice, through training camp,” he said.

Coach Will Muschamp has been praised by former players for his ability to keep tricks up his sleeve, saving certain defensive plays and formations for the best opponents. But against Alabama on Oct. 1 and LSU one week later, the Gators’ defense did not match up well.

Florida gave up an average of 409.5 yards and 36 points on defense per game in those two contests. In its other five games, the Gators’ defense has allowed an average of 241 yards and 10.6 points.

Big Dawgs: Florida’s defensive front will face one of the nation’s largest offensive lines this Saturday. Georgia’s five starters are listed at an average of 323.8 pounds.

Florida used a group of eight defensive linemen who averaged 281.1 pounds against Auburn on Oct. 15. Quinn, however, isn’t so sure the Bulldogs’ size advantage is as lopsided as the roster weights would indicate.

“Usually I’d be leery of what the offensive line is listed at,” he said. “I think you can be plus or minus some, you know? Both in the NFL and in college, you know? Sometimes they’re listed at 330 (pounds): ‘That guy hasn’t been 330 in four years.’”

Quinn proceeded to say Georgia’s offensive line is still plenty big, and the Gators’ defense will have its hands full.

Loving the stomp: Though the game happened four years ago, plenty of Gators have brought up the Florida-Georgia contest from 2007, when the whole Bulldogs team rushed the field to celebrate after its first touchdown.

While most players continue to see the celebration as disrespectful, defensive tackle Omar Hunter has a different take.

SEE FOOTBALL, PAGE 19

Murray, Bulldogs focused on this year, not past

Sophomore threw three picks in ‘10

TOM GREEN
Alligator Staff Writer

Aaron Murray’s emotions may have gotten the best of him in Jacksonville last season.

The then-redshirt freshman was starting in his home state for the first time in his collegiate career and squaring off against several familiar faces.

The start also came in one of the three games Georgia circles on its calendar each year — the Florida matchup, as well as

the season opener and the Georgia Tech game.



Murray

In Georgia’s 34-31 loss to Florida last season, Murray threw for 313 yards and three touchdowns.

But the Tampa native also tossed three interceptions, including a costly one in overtime that set up Florida’s 37-yard game-winning field goal.

“Only [Murray] knows the emotions

that he was feeling a year ago,” Georgia coach Mark Richt said Tuesday.

“Being a freshman, he was a redshirt freshman; it’s still a first-time experience so I’m sure he was a little hyped up for that.”

But a year later, with No. 22 Georgia entering the rivalry game ranked higher than Florida for the first time since 2005, Richt doesn’t want his quarterback dwelling on last season’s performance.

Instead, he wants Murray to focus on the task at hand.

“The less said, the better,” Richt said. “I want him to focus on what’s going to help him win when the ball is snapped.”

SEE GEORGIA, PAGE 19

UF commits not wavering despite three big losses

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KELLY PRICE
Alligator Writer

Breaking up isn’t as hard as it’s said to be.

Lorenzo Phillips, an outside linebacker from Patterson (La.) High, decommitted from Florida last week. Now he’s considering Houston, where two of his teammates are committed; Texas A&M, where he decommitted from in March; as well as LSU, Alabama, Pittsburgh, Nebraska, Louisiana Tech and Tennessee. He told Rivals.com that distance from home was the factor that prompted reopening his recruitment.

Some other UF oral commits don’t buy that.

Mike Davis, a running back commit from Stone Mountain (Ga.) Stephenson High wasn’t surprised.

“I think it had to do with the three lost (games),” he said.

In a recruiting realm where oral commitments are often announced and withdrawn with spontaneity or seriousness, many schools land sought-after athletes only to see them shift allegiances to the next big offer thrown their way.

Some blame coaches, parents and mentors for letting teenagers freely make decisions and not holding them accountable. Some blame the intense fan following of recruiting news, and the Internet. Others blame college coaching staffs, whose interest in certain recruits can decline when the prep star next door makes headlines.

Yet another cause is the potential effect of a losing streak on recruits’ decisions.

Florida is in the midst of a three-game slide, losing at home to Alabama and on the road against LSU and Auburn.

But other than Phillips, Florida’s 2012 recruiting class seems unwavering.

“Yes, it has been rough,” said Davis, who orally committed Feb. 19.

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Coach Becky Burleigh said the Gators’ soccer team must learn to beat opponents’ conservative defenses. See Story at alligatorSports.org.

Easley UPD Investigation Complete

University Police finished investigating a claim that UF defensive tackle Dominique Easley assaulted a man following a loss to Alabama on Oct. 1. UPD is recommending to the State Attorney that Easley be charged with misdemeanor battery.

Volleyball Team Depends On Setters

Florida is on an eight-match win streak, thanks to the effort of setters Kelly Murphy and Chanel Brown. Read more online at alligatorSports.org.



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Demps back to 'top speed' in practice

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Hunter was a senior at Buford (Ga.) High in 2007.

"I know a lot of people say they don't like it; but me, as a fan, I kinda liked it," he said. "I was getting recruited and was like, 'That's something new.' It is what it is. It's a great football game, great rivalry, and I love it."

Demps unrestrained: Mus-

champ said running back Jeff Demps is at "top speed" during practice this week. Demps (ankle) missed the game against Auburn, and in the LSU and Alabama games he carried the ball a combined five times for four yards.

The senior gained 320 yards and scored four touchdowns on 34 carries in Florida's first four games.

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Murray second-leading passer in SEC

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"That's where our conversations are going."

For Georgia to claim just its fourth win in the series in the last 21 years, Murray will have to challenge a Florida secondary that has been largely untested this season.

During UF's three-game losing streak, opponents have passed only 55 times compared to 135 runs, but the defense has still given up a handful of big passing plays.

Testing Florida's defensive backs could prove easy for a more mature Murray, who ranks second in the Southeastern Conference in passing with 236.1 yards per game.

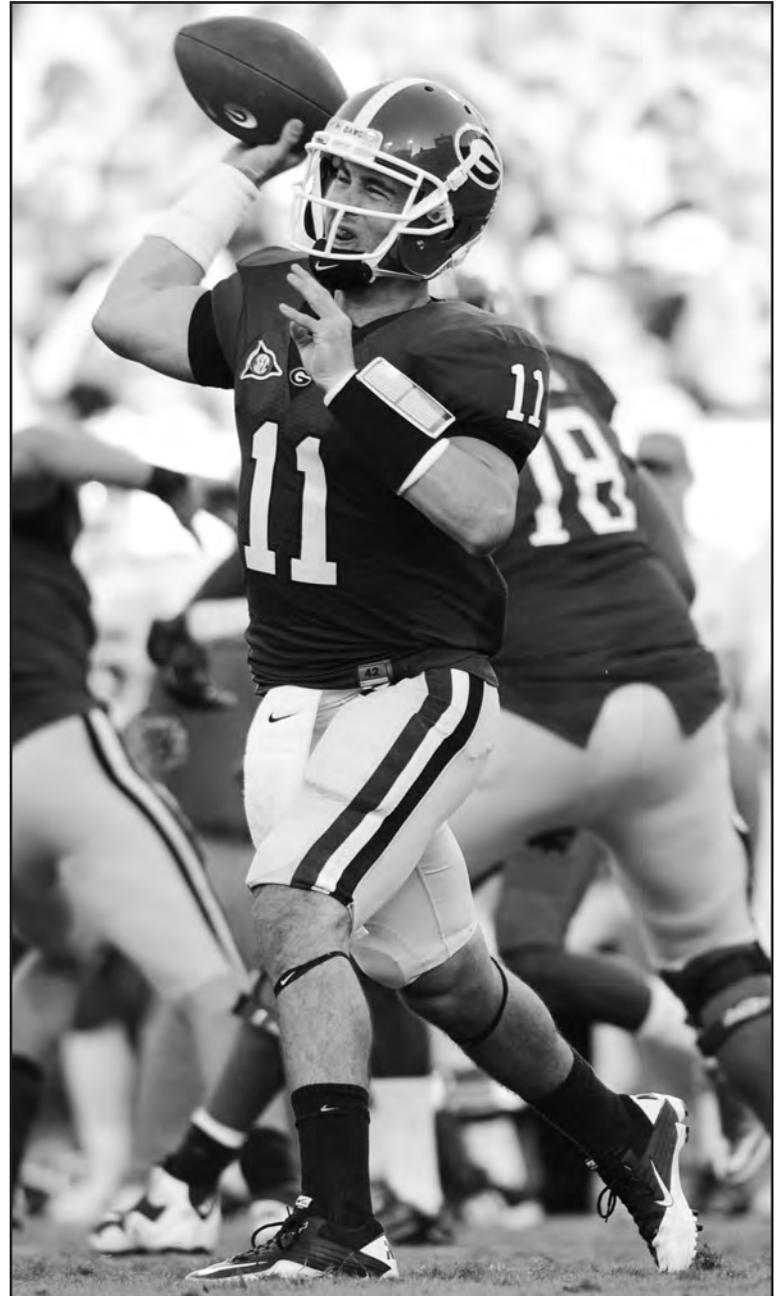
For the season, Murray has thrown for 1,653 yards and 16 touchdowns.

He ranks third in the conference in passing efficiency, behind only LSU's Jarrett Lee and Alabama's A.J. McCarron. He is also second in the conference and 18th nationally among qualifying passers in yards per attempt with 8.3.

"You're going to get 10 to 12 shots in the game where they're going to stretch the field vertically, and you have to defend those balls," Florida coach Will Muschamp said Monday.

"There's no question that this game will be a little different from the ones we've seen in the last two weeks especially, as far as what people are trying to do down the field."

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UGA quarterback Aaron Murray has thrown for 1,653 yards and 16 touchdowns, and he ranks 18th nationally in yards per attempt.

Four-star WR commit: UF searching for identity

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"It affects (my commitment), but not as much. I just look at it as 'Why are we losing games? We should win.'... I love the new offense, (but) Florida needs bigger backs... I want to come in and help the Gators win. I look at it as a rebuilding year for any team."

Wide receiver commit Latroy Pittman of Citra North Marion High committed on Aug. 18, 2010. He was a bit surprised by the Phillips news, but said the losing streak "really doesn't affect me much. Every team has its run and their rough seasons."

"Just take it for what it is: new coaching staff, kind of a young team looking for its identity. Just

playing more assignment football, doing more of the little things right (are keys)," he said.

Melbourne Holy Trinity's Marcus Maye, a safety commit, was also surprised by Phillips' move, but says that as far as his commitment, he is "still in, 100 percent."

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Maye, who injured his foot earlier this month, said one thing is on his mind when watching the struggling Gators: "Make them better."

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THE RALLY

Will Brantley's return really be the boost Florida needs?

Greg: John Brantley is back! Signal the trumpets and ring the bells, Florida's senior quarterback (and savior) has returned.

Not so fast. Regardless of who is under center, the Gators have a ton of issues to get ironed out.

The last three games, Florida's offensive line has surrendered nine sacks and paved the way for only 64.7 rushing yards per contest.

The defense has given up 206.3 yards per game on the ground in the three losses, down from the 61 mark that was No. 5 nationally after four weeks. Even the pass defense has fallen off, giving up 8.7 yards per attempt in October after holding opponents to 4.7 yards per throw the first four games.

On special teams, Florida couldn't even catch a punt against Auburn.

How is Brantley going to fix that?

Matt: Didn't you hear Will Muschamp on Monday? Brantley's return is going to give this team a humongous "psychological" boost!

That's all the Gators need.

Stop it with all these stats and facts and logic, Greg. All that matters is how Florida approaches this game mentally.

Plus, that boost isn't limited to just the offense. Brantley playing against Georgia is go-

ing to help the defense, too!

Omar Hunter even said so.

"We feed off of Brantley. ... Having your starting quarterback back, that makes you feel good. ... We're gonna play hard for Brantley."

See? They're going to play hard. What more can you ask for?

Greg: A couple tackles might be nice. Besides, UF's players have shown that what they say isn't always accurate.

Although he admitted the Gators have focused on tackling aggressively and with proper form and that this exercise has taken up a period of practice each day, Sharrif Floyd said tackling isn't a problem or something that "wasn't where it needed to be."

Wrong. Those pesky "stats and facts and logic" show Auburn, LSU and Alabama pounding Florida with dominating rushing attacks. Michael Dyer, Spencer Ware and Trent Richardson all had some success on the ground, and Georgia's Isaiah Crowell fits into that same downhill, power-running mold.



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I don't think Brantley plans to trot out on defense, so I'm not sure his presence will help that a ton.

That is, unless this "psychological boost" includes some kind of psychic, leg-paralyz-

ing mind tackling.

Matt: Tackling, schmacking.

The Gators didn't lose all those games because they couldn't wrap up. They lost them because they didn't have Brantley. Duh.

UF's gunslinger may even be the best quarterback in the state, including the NFL teams.

The difference he's going to make by returning is immeasurable:

Quinton Dunbar is going to be relevant. Deonte Thompson will be one game closer to getting that championship, man. And Jordan Reed may even catch a chest-high throw without leaping to the moon.

With Brantley back, the sky really is the limit. You saw what he did against Alabama. This guy has first-round NFL pick written all over him.

Stats are for losers. All Johnny does is win. If you don't see yet, you will. Just wait.

Greg: I'm a little jarred by the use of "Brantley" and "first-round NFL pick" in such close proximity, so you'll have to excuse me if I need a second to regroup.

This is the same quarterback who was benched so a pair of tight ends could take snaps last season. A year doesn't change all that much.

Even if Brantley has improved, the Gators would need Aaron Rodgers-level talent to make something out of this hodgepodge of wide receivers. If you add all of their stats together, their 646 yards still rank behind the NCAA's top 26 individual wideouts.

I don't see a quarterback who threw more picks than touchdowns last year saving the season with such a dreary supporting cast.

Matt: OK, before we get a ton (read: three) of emails and comments from incredulous fans who can't read between the lines, let me be frank: My entire stance has been sarcasm.

Of course, Brantley's return doesn't mean that much. The Gators have plenty of problems that the return of one slightly above-average quarterback simply cannot fix.

Fans need to realize this and gain some perspective. Buckle up for a bumpy ride.

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