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## Univ. to receive \$1 million in new greenery

By **DALLAS DUNCAN**  
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A shady, million-dollar deal is about to go down on campus.

Beginning next week, Select Trees Group, a company based out of Oconee and Oglethorpe counties, is donating sustainable shade trees to the University.

About \$100,000 worth of trees will be donated each year over the next five to 10 years. This is the first major contribution from

the company through its Select Sustainable Trees Trust.

"Sustainable trees are ones that are healthy, environmentally sound and indigenous to the region," Richard Hudson, a public service associate in the agricultural leadership, education and communication department said in an interview Monday.

"They're going to put up the kind of trees that will last 100 years," he said.

The tree species to be planted

at the University, including the Stalagmite Overcup Oak, are own-root clones created from sustainable tree stem-cuttings by Select Trees, he said.

The overcup oak planted next to Memorial Hall at the corner of Sanford Drive and Hooper Street, is the "epitome of what we're trying to do," Hudson said.

The Trust, according to an Aug. 11 letter to Hudson, is a charitable organization that receives tree donations from

Select Trees Group and further donates and discounts trees and services to qualified organizations and people in need.

Dexter Adams, director of the grounds department at the Physical Plant, said the only cost to the University will be contracting out tree-spades, the machinery that will harvest and re-plant the trees.

Although the Physical Plant is opening bids for contractors this week, Adams said he estimated

the cost would range between \$800 and \$900 per tree. The money will be coming out of the Physical Plant's budget.

He said the funds would not come out of student fees.

"[The tree-spade] will pull out a perfect cone of dirt that's 80 inches across at the top, and probably about 4 feet deep," he said in a telephone interview Tuesday.

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## Blood supply drains over summertime

By **DHARA PATEL**  
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The American Red Cross issued a national call for blood donors early last month, urging people to donate as soon as possible.

The country is facing a critical drop in blood supply, and the many blood drives popping up around campus reflect the need for more blood donations.

"As medical technology advances and people continue to live longer, the need for blood also increases," said April Phillips, communications specialist for the American Red Cross. "It's expected that the vast majority of Americans will require blood at some point during their lifetimes."

Last year more than 180,000 Georgians gave blood, resulting in more than 349,000 units of blood and platelets. About 3.7 million people gave blood through the Red Cross last year, according to Phillips.

She said during any given week, the Southern Blood Services Region of the Red Cross has between 35 and 45 blood drives per day, in addition to the 14 blood donation centers throughout Georgia — including centers in Athens and Gainesville.

"Once blood is donated, it is sent to the American Red Cross Southeast Division Blood Processing Center in Douglasville, to be tested, separated into the various components, processed and distributed to one of the more than 120 hospitals that we serve," Phillips said. "Once the blood arrives at the hospital, it is stored in their blood bank until it is needed by a patient."

Phillips said most of the blood collected in the state goes to local hospitals. The Southern Blood Services Region needs about 1,200 people to give blood each weekday to meet the needs of the patients in local hospitals, she said.

"But, this goal is seldom achieved," Phillips said. "Which means we must import about 15,000 to 16,000 units of red blood cells each year from other regions."

Colleges play a larger role in the U.S. blood supply than many people realize, as more than 20 percent of the blood collected by the Red Cross — which provides more than 40 percent of the nation's blood supply — each year comes from high school and college-age donors.

"Summer always seems harder —

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▲ Georgia Redshirt Freshman Briana Bahr didn't get her chance last year, but has come up big for the Bulldogs so far this season.

## BAHR EXAM PASSED

### Dogs find faith in outside hitter

By **BEN BUSSARD**  
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Stepping into a starting role is always difficult, especially when it's your first taste of collegiate competition.

That was the case for redshirt freshman Briana Bahr this past weekend in Atlanta at the Georgia Tech Regency Suites Invitational.

Following the 2008 season, which she viewed from the sidelines, Bahr found herself thrust into the starting lineup for the first time in her collegiate career.

"It's definitely the biggest thrill," Bahr said. "This is way different from high school ball. It's more intense and it's a lot more fun to play."

Bahr's performance in Atlanta proved that her newfound starting role is a well-deserved one. She finished the weekend third on the team in kills with 25.

Regardless of her early success this season, Bahr is fully aware of what's expected of her now that she is on the court for every match.

"There's a little bit of pressure becoming a starter, but I just have been working really hard to get this spot, and now that I've earned it, I need to keep it and keep doing the best I can," she said.

Originally a Florida native, Bahr chose the University of Georgia for other reasons besides volleyball.

"Georgia was actually my number one school for academics

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▲ Freshman cornerback Branden Smith (upright) knows a thing or two about speed. He holds the fifth fastest 100m dash time in Georgia history.

## Fast Dogs once blazed high school tracks

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The Georgia football team is faster than years past and getting faster thanks to players who dominated in high school track.

Speed is a necessity, but it's not enough. These track guys have to be able to play football.

Which they can. Sure, there are differences, but for those connected to both sports, the competition is everything.

"I always thought of it as football — because I love football — bottled up into 10 seconds," said run-

ning back Carlton Thomas. "It's intense man. I can remember being down in the blocks, even if it was a race I knew I could probably win, and just being nervous with my heart beating. Ba-bum, ba-boom, ba-bum, and then that gun goes off. For those 10 seconds it's pure adrenaline."

Forget heavy-set players noted for strength and durability. Speed now reigns supreme.

Ask some Bulldog players about high school track — it's serious business. One name on the team quickly separates

itself: freshman cornerback Branden Smith.

Smith ran the fifth fastest 100m — 10.56 seconds — in Georgia high school history as a junior at Washington High.

He finished second in the race. His competitor that day, D'Angelo Cherry, runs track at Mississippi State. He's not on a football field like Smith.

It's Smith's combination of track speed and football skills that make him valuable.

Straight-line speed is nice, but without the ability to consistently catch, run, pass, or cover and tackle, it's worthless to

football coaches. You can't just throw a jersey on a track star and expect greatness.

It just doesn't work. "Everybody says that about Usain Bolt," Smith said. "He's the fastest man in the world right now. He runs with amazing speed right now. Everybody says put him in some football pads and see how he does. All that's different. When you put on the pads, you have extra weight and, you know, some people don't have football speed and track speed."

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### MARK FOX



New men's basketball coach Mark Fox is joining Mark Right in the cyber world. See his new site on page 10.

### MATH COUNTS



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