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Mercedes Machado, a first-year mental health counseling graduate student, drove her car halfway into her neighbor's condominium, Kensington South Condos apartment No. 801.

UF student crashes car into apartment building

BENJAMIN S. BRASCH
Alligator Staff Writer

A week into the semester, a UF graduate student and university employee has already hit the wall.

Mercedes Machado, a first-year mental health counseling graduate student, crashed her car through her neighbor's south wall while parking the white Toyota 4Runner.

Gainesville Police left for Kensington South Condos, 3901 SW 20th Ave., at 12:33 p.m. in response to the crash that left only the back half of Machado's car sticking out of apartment No. 801.

Machado lives in apartment No. 802.

GPD spokeswoman Sgt. Tscharna Senn said Machado accidentally stepped on the accelerator instead of the brake while she was parking.

Senn said the owners of the condo are renting out the rooms.

No one was in the apartment at the time of the accident, she said.

"Thankfully no one was injured," Senn said.

Authorities waited to pull the car out of the apartment, because they didn't know the damage to the structure of the building.

"Her tires were screeching. I looked up, and she was in the building."

Clint McDaniel
complex resident

"She just drove into the building," said Clint McDaniel, 28, resident of the condo complex.

He said Machado hopped the parking block and the curb before she crashed into the side of the condo.

"Her tires were screeching. I looked up, and she was in the building," he said.

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Planned Parenthood rallies in Tampa UF students joined the protest

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TAMPA — When Logan Stallings walks on Turlington Plaza and sees anti-abortion supporters' photos of aborted fetuses, he smiles at the students with the signs.

"You kill them with kindness," said the 21-year-old UF psychology senior. "That's what you do."

On Wednesday, he and several other UF students joined a Planned Parenthood rally in Tampa to protest the Republican Party's stance against abortion and other women's health issues.

The main issues brought up in the rally — birth control, abortion — are controversial on both sides of the political aisle. The Republican Party's 2012

platform reads that "the unborn child has a fundamental individual right to life which cannot be infringed" and supports a Constitutional amendment to reflect that view.



Akin

The issue has been particularly charged in the past few weeks, between Republican vice presidential nominee Paul Ryan's anti-abortion stance and comments by Senate candidate Todd Akin, who suggested a woman was unlikely to get pregnant by "legitimate rape," a comment that drew rebuke from Democrats and Republicans alike.

The rally, held at a park along Tampa's Hillsborough River, at-

tracted supporters from across the state who gathered into a small sea of pink shirts to listen to speakers, sing songs and chant slogans.

A woman with a red cowboy hat listened to a speaker, while a small American flag tucked in her hat flapped in the breeze. A burly man in a Planned Parenthood T-shirt walked across the amphitheater. Women in neon pink T-shirts clapped, their ponchos dotted with water from a fleeting rainstorm. A supporter dressed in a habit wore a band around her forehead reading, "Nun for you."

Outside the entrance to the park, a single protester stood by an anti-abortion sign with large photos of aborted fetuses. The sign was similar to a truck that had driven around the conference area most of the day with an anti-abortion message on its

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Students surf Isaac

► THE STORM CREATED
8-FOOT WAVES.

MICHAEL S. DAVIDSON
Alligator Writer

Many Florida residents spent the weekend stocking up on canned food, filling gas tanks and covering their windows in anticipation of Tropical Storm Isaac.

But for some UF students, plywood wasn't the board that came to mind.

Surfers hoping to ride unusually powerful waves caused by Isaac kept one eye on weather reports and the other on the beach.

Andrew Bacha, a 20-year-old applied physiology and kinesiology junior, made the two-hour trip to Daytona Beach to surf last weekend.

"Hurricane season is the only time I surf, almost because it's the only time there's waves," he

said. "If I don't have class that day, I just go."

The hurricane-powered surge came as a welcomed break from the average Florida surf, which can barely pass the 1-foot height mark on some days and remains completely flat on others.

But in the storm, Bacha and other thrill-seekers found California-sized waves. They paddled out about 100 yards in the rain to reach 8-foot waves.

However, hurricane surfing isn't as simple as waiting for a water spout to form. In fact, it's a science; surfers closely monitor weather conditions when looking for their perfect storm.

Onshore winds can produce large waves but usually lack the power surfers seek. But if the water gets too choppy, it can be almost impossible to reach the best waves.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Student Occupational Therapy Association (SOTA) meeting
The Student Occupational Therapy Association will host its first meeting of the semester on Aug. 31 at 12:50 p.m. in the HPNP Building in G301. SOTA members will go over upcoming events and ways to get involved in the community. Visit www.sota.php.ufl.edu.

Adopt a European minor or international major

Meet representatives from the Center for European Studies to learn about majors and minors in European Union studies and East-Central European studies today from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Pugh Hall. Other programs will also be represented. For more information, call 352-294-7145.

Dancin' Gators new member info session and choreographers' showcase

Dancin' Gators, UF's largest student-run, nonaudition dance organization, will host its new-member info session tonight at 7 p.m. in the Reitz Union Amphitheater located by the Reitz Union Pond. If it's raining, the meeting will be moved to the Reitz Union Colonnade. All students interested in dancing and becoming involved this semester are encouraged to attend. In addition, the Choreographers' Showcase will be held Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. in Broward Hall basement. Location is subject to change. For more information, visit www.dancingators.weebly.com.

Informational meetings about becoming a mentor

Are you interested in being a mentor in the Gainesville community? Learn about four unique mentoring programs: After School Gators, Gator Teen Mentors, Project MASCOT and Motiv-8, at one of their informational meetings. Choose a date that fits your schedule and mark your calendars: tonight at 6 p.m., Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. and Sept. 6 at 6 p.m. All meetings will be held in Reitz 346. Visit www.leadershipandservice.ufl.edu/involved.html#mentor, or www.facebook.com/UFCLS for more information.

Delta Sigma Pi Recruitment

Delta Sigma Pi is a professional fraternity that fosters the study of business in universities. Recruitment begins Sept. 4. If you're a business or accounting major looking to get more involved on campus and meet motivated, like-minded students, Delta Sigma Pi could be the organization for you. Dedicated to more than professionalism, this coed business organization is focused on member development and community involvement. Think professional. Think benevolent. Think social. Think Different. Think Delta Sigma Pi. See you at recruitment.

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Gainesville Crohn's and Colitis Support Group

If you have inflammatory bowel disease, come find support with others Sept. 4 at 7 p.m. The group is very welcoming, and everybody understands what you've been through. Meetings are held at the American Cancer Society Winn-Dixie Hope Lodge, 2121 SW 16th St. For more information, contact Dennis@UCVlog.com.

Black Law Student Association General Body meeting

Welcome to BLSA, the newest organization at UF for those students interested in admissions to law school. BLSA will host key speakers throughout the year and will offer free Kaplan LSAT services and networking with high-profile members and attorneys from across the country. The first meeting will be Sept. 5 at 5 p.m. in Pugh Hall, room 210. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/UniversityFloridaBlsaPreLaw.

Free English classes offered by the Latina Women's League

The Latina Women's League is offering free English classes to anyone in the community who would like to practice conversational English in small groups lead by a facilitator. The classes will be 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Sept. 11 to Nov. 13. at Millhopper Branch Library at 3145 NW 43rd St. Contact info@latinawomensleague.org or 352-262-6601 (Ileana) for more information.

Gainesville's Family Chiropractic Center hosts career night

Dr. Steven Schargel will host a career night at his chiropractic center, 1107 SW Second Ave., on Sept. 12. at 7 p.m. The event is for students looking to learn more about the profession. The career night is open to all. For more information, call 352-372-3784.

Applications for the Freshman Leadership Council now available

FLC is a Student Government agency comprised of a select group of freshmen who are interested in involvement and leadership at UF. Applications are at the SG office (third floor Reitz Union) and on the SG website (www.sg.ufl.edu/applications/staff) and are due at 3 p.m. Sept. 14. You

can also "like" its Facebook page (www.facebook.com/FreshmanLeadershipCouncil) and follow it on Twitter (@FLCatUF) to stay up-to-date.

The American Heart Association Alachua Heart Walk

The walk will be Sept. 29 at North Florida Regional Medical Center Duck Pond with activities commencing at 7:30 a.m. To start a team to raise money to fight cardiovascular diseases and stroke, visit www.alachuaheartwalk.org, find a company and create a new team under "UF Groups," or join any team as a walker. All groups are welcome. Register your fraternity or sorority under "UF Groups" to be eligible for great prizes in the UF Fraternity/Sorority Challenge. For more information, contact alachua@heart.org or call 800-257-6941, ext. 8024.

The Veterans Day Fisher House 5K is back

The Gainesville Fisher House will host the Veterans Day Fisher House 5K as the finale to UF's Homecoming weekend Nov. 12 at 9 a.m. at the Commuter Lot. Register at: www.active.com/running/gainesville-fl/veterans-day-fisher-house-5k-2012. For more information, contact Barry Murphy at 352-376-1611, ext. 4499.

Gainesville Fighting Game Community

Interested in playing fighting games such as Ultimate Marvel vs. Capcom 3, Persona 4 Arena and Street Fighter 4: AE competitively and casually? We play all the current fighting games, and we would like more people to compete with. If you have an interest in fighting games or want some competition, please join us on Facebook for more details: www.facebook.com/groups/266917783328408/.

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UF's International Center cuts Peace Corps program, office

MICHAEL SCOTT DAVIDSON
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It's not often that a college program ranked No. 2 in the nation cuts its recruiting staff without planning to replace it.

But due to budget and contract conflicts, the UF International Center will not replace the recruiter for its Peace Corps program this year.

"We proposed a process to Peace Corps but simply weren't able to

come to terms with them," said the dean of the UF International Center, David J. Sammons.

In the past, UF subsidized its Peace Corps recruiter's wages. This year, UF won't pay for a recruiter.

The recruiter helped students apply for the Peace Corps in the Hub.

This Spring, and for the second consecutive year, UF's program ranked second in the nation in overall number of volunteers, with about 100 undergraduates.

Amy Panikowski, who had been UF's recruiter since 2005, said she is worried UF's Peace Corps success might not continue after the recruiting office removal.

"UF has what Peace Corps needs."

Amy Panikowski
UF Peace Corps recruiter

"UF has what Peace Corps needs," Panikowski said. "There

is a lot of untapped talent around campus that may not realize this is something they can do."

Sammons said he hopes to keep the Peace Corps program at UF strong.

"We've been a very fertile ground because of the recruiter we had," he said. "We're going to offer the same services through working with volunteers that have returned as faculty members or are working in town."

Sammons said negotiating the return of a recruiter would depend on how the program fares this year.

Panikowski remained wary of the decision to remove the office.

"Students knew they could walk in, whether they were freshmen, sophomores or seniors, and talk," she said. "It remains to be seen what that's going to be like in the future."

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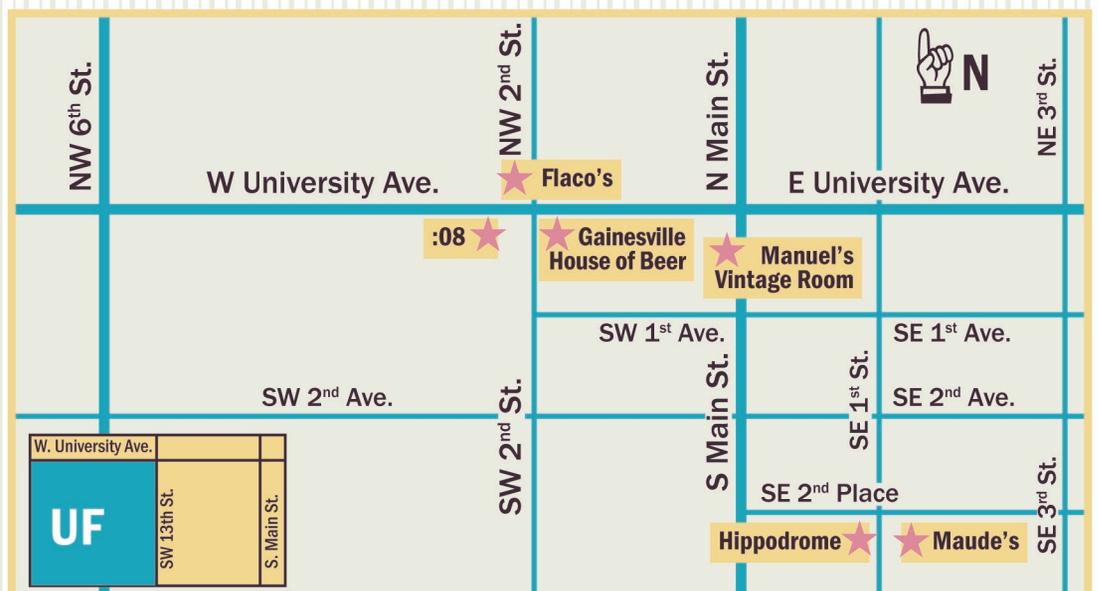
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“Women’s rights are human rights”

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side.

A handful of UF students stood among the cheering crowd, clapping for speakers, like a 26-year-old woman dressed as a pack of birth control pills.

For Stallings, coming to Tampa for a day was well worth making up work in his classes.

“Women’s rights are human rights.”

Tim D’Annecy
political science senior

And even though he’s male, he stood among the mostly female crowd with his pink T-shirt in support.

“I feel what’s good for women is good for me because I’m around them all the time,” he said. “Their health matters to me because a lot of my loved ones are women.”

Tim D’Annecy, a 21-year-old UF political science senior

and president of Vox: Voices for Planned Parenthood at UF, said he tries to bring attention to local and state legislation that affects health issues. But this event was about bringing attention to the RNC and the Republican Party’s platform.

“I don’t think, personally, that women’s health should be a partisan issue,” he said. “Women’s rights are human rights.”

He said he plans to continue to get the word out on campus about state bills that limit abortion access.

Allison Sumilang, an 18-year-old UF accounting sophomore and member of Vox, said Gainesville is fairly receptive of Planned Parenthood’s mission, but that effects of health legislation go beyond UF’s campus.

“Reproductive rights — this affects everyone,” she said.

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Brett Le Blanc / Alligator Staff

Republican vice presidential nominee Paul Ryan speaks during the Republican National Convention Wednesday night at the Tampa Bay Times Forum.

Hurricanes produce better surfing conditions

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“You want the hurricane to be a couple hundred miles off the coast, so the winds aren’t as bad,” said Addison Staples, a recreation, parks and tourism graduate student at UF. “It makes for big waves and clean conditions.”

The 29-year-old met three friends under clear skies at a busy St. Augustine beach Saturday. At 7 a.m., the waves barely reached their chests.

But as the day progressed, strengthening rain, wind and surf cleared the beach of all except about 30 surfers.

Staples and his friends weren’t deterred.

“Any conditions above your head are definitely dangerous, but I don’t get scared,” Staples said. “I think it’s the thrill of the

bigger waves that the surfers go for.”

Bacha said he doesn’t think the practice is dangerous for experienced surfers.

“Any conditions above your head are definitely dangerous, but I don’t get scared. I think it’s the thrill of the bigger waves that the surfers go for.”

Addison Staples
UF graduate student

“The only people that would get injured are the people that aren’t good at surfing,” he said. After surfing during six hurricanes in the last three years, the only thing he’s broken is his board.

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CAMPUS

UF Performing Arts tickets on sale Friday

KELCEE GRIFFIS

Alligator Contributing Writer

This Fall, \$10 can open UF students’ gateway to world-class performances. And they don’t even need to leave campus.

Students can buy tickets to UF Performing Arts events scheduled for September and October at a newly reduced rate of \$10 starting at noon Friday. Each student can buy one ticket per show.

Last season, UF Performing Arts offered three ticket pricing levels ranging from \$12 to \$20, said Todd Taylor, public relations associate at UF’s Phillips Center for the Performing Arts.

To draw more students, Taylor said management decided to reduce ticket prices to what they were two seasons ago.

“Fifteen [was] way too expensive,” said health science sophomore Ashley Goez, 19. “I could use that for a movie ticket and popcorn.”

Taylor said a Student Government subsidy is financially “bridg-

ing the gap” between public tickets — which can cost more than \$50 — and student tickets.

Three performances will not qualify for the reduced pricing: two Broadway shows and an orchestra. Students can buy \$15 tickets for these events.

“Fifteen [was] way too expensive.”

Ashley Goez
health science sophomore

There is no online ordering option. Students must present a Gator 1 card at the Phillips Center Box Office or the University Box Office at the Reitz Union. Nonstudents can buy tickets at regular price and still sit next to student-purchased seats.

The sales period that starts Friday spans the next two months. It will include performers ranging from Russian folk group Ensemble Basiani, the Tannahill Weavers from Scotland and Ragamala Dance from India.

People can accompany the Uku-

lele Orchestra of Great Britain when it comes to UF on Oct. 21. Visitors are encouraged to bring ukuleles to play along during an audience-participation segment.

Taylor said the performances for the September-October sales period will take place either in the 1,700-seat Phillips Center or historic University Auditorium.

“We actually bring in artists from all over the world,” Taylor said, adding that UF Performing Arts rarely hosts local talent.

The Sept. 21 season opener will be Gainesville rock group Sister Hazel.

“I think the performers we bring in give students the greatest opportunity to learn about the culture of the world — in Gainesville,” said Michael Blachly, director of UF’s Performing Arts.

Students can visit www.performingarts.ufl.edu to view a complete list of upcoming UF Performing Arts performances for the 2012-2013 season.

Final suspect in sledgehammer break-in arrested during traffic stop

► **HE AND THREE OTHERS ROBBED A FOOD STORE ON JULY 3.**

CHRIS ALCANTARA
Alligator Writer

A traffic stop Tuesday night led police to arrest and charge a man accused of using a sledgehammer to rob a northeast Gainesville convenience store in July.

Gainesville Police charged Dionte Detraun Rutledge, 18, of 668 NE 16th Terrace, with burglary of a

structure, property damage exceeding \$1,000, conspiracy to commit a crime and giving a false identity to police, according to a GPD arrest report.

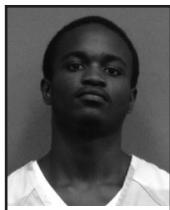
At about 8 p.m. Tuesday, GPD officer Anton Lipski pulled over a car in the 400 block of Southeast 11th Street with Rutledge a passenger.

According to the report, Lipski believed Rutledge may have been a suspect in an aggravated assault with a deadly weapon case in which he had an active felony warrant.

When Lipski asked Rutledge for his name, Rutledge gave the officer a false one. Lipski searched through

police records and found Rutledge was lying, according to the report.

Police arrested Rutledge and took him to Alachua County Jail. There, he refused to give his name, saying, “You know who I am” to officers. Jail staff used fingerprints and a photograph database



Rutledge

to identify Rutledge.

On July 2, Rutledge and three others allegedly planned to break into the 8th Avenue Food Store at

1634 NE Eighth Ave.

At about 3:30 a.m. July 3, in-store footage showed cameras shaking from sledgehammers slamming against the cement wall, according to the report.

About 45 minutes later, two men entered the building. They wore black clothing, gloves and bandanas around their faces. The men snatched cigars, money and other items before fleeing from the store.

Rutledge allegedly caused about \$1,000 in damage to the building, according to the report.

Since the July break-in, police have arrested three suspects con-

nected to the burglary, including a 16-year-old juvenile on July 12; Dacorian Williams, 18, on July 13; and Christopher Williams, 23, on July 29 following a warrant for his arrest issued July 24.

As of Wednesday night, Rutledge, Dacorian Williams and Christopher Williams remained in jail. Dacorian Williams’ and Christopher Williams’ bonds are set at \$20,100 and \$30,000, respectively.

A bond for Rutledge has not been set.

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UF freshman owns Super PAC

► HE IS THE SECOND-YOUNGEST PERSON TO DO SO.

SHELBY WEBB

Alligator Staff Writer

Some people brag about owning iPads or scooters, but UF freshman Adam Samei impresses peers with a different fact — he owns his own Super Political Action Committee.

The 18-year-old political science and international affairs student said he's the second-youngest person to own a Super PAC, a type of political organization that can raise unlimited funds to promote its agenda.

"It's pretty cool to have one," he said. "I think it will help me get more involved in the political scene."

Super PACs were born out of a controversial 2010 Supreme Court

decision. They can collect unrestrained amounts of money, endorse a specific candidate and, in some instances, not disclose their donors. Super PACs can also accept contributions from corporations and unions.

Prior to the ruling, organizations were not allowed to officially endorse candidates and had to limit the contributions they received from each identified donor.

"The idea was that campaign finance was going to be regulated," said David Hedge, a UF professor of American politics. "Super PACs skirt those limits."

Samei said he was motivated to make his Super PAC, named United Americans for a Brighter Future, after his father showed him a newspaper article profiling the youngest Super PAC owner. It turned out that Samei knew the 18-year-old, Alexander Iannacio. Samei felt compelled to one-up him.

"If I got the acceptance letter on my birthday, I could have been the youngest," Samei lamented.

To complete the Super PAC creation process, he had to give himself a crash course in political organizations.

Samei had no idea what to expect when he visited the Federal Election Commission's website, but he said he was surprised by how easy the process was.

"There was a link to about four or five pages of paperwork," Samei said. "And then I hit submit."

He found a treasurer, his sister, and a temporary vice president, his dad.

Now, Samei's priority is advertising and fundraising. He hopes to begin projects in September. One of his first tasks is creating a list for voters detailing different local, state and national candidates' stances on important issues.

"People need to be aware of who they're voting for," he said.

One of his other main goals, though, is still rooted in his rivalry with Iannacio.

"Now, the goal is to raise more money than he does," Samei said.

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Javier Edwards / Alligator

Adam Samei, 18, started a Super PAC to learn more about political organizations and to one-up an acquaintance.

Study shows gay slurs have long-term effects

KELLY PRICE

Alligator Contributing Writer

When Emily Conwell walks on Turlington Plaza, she slips on a pair of earphones. She doesn't want to hear the passing students say "that's so gay" or "no homo."

Phrases like those get the 21-year-old psychology senior worked up because she said they hurt members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community. According to a recent University of Michigan study, the phrase "that's so gay" actually causes long-term negative effects on these students.

"Unfortunately, it's a part of the conversation because it's part of our vernacular today," Conwell said. "It equates part of your identity that you can't control with being stupid or ridiculous."

The study was conducted via an online survey. About 100 people said they had heard "that's so gay" at least once in the last year, and roughly half said they had heard it more than 10 times in the same time period. Only 13 percent said they hadn't heard the phrase at all.

The study's lead author, Michael Woodford, said students exposed to the phrase experienced frequent headaches, stomach issues and stress. They also reported feeling unwelcome on campus. The study examined 114 students ages 18 to 25 at an undisclosed public university.

Woodford, an assistant pro-

fessor in University of Michigan's School of Social Work, emphasized the importance of researching everyday interactions rather than examining only rare violent cases of discrimination like hate crimes.

"We need to start looking at these more subtle cases of discrimination, which are actually more pervasive on campus," he said.

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Michael Woodford
author

LB Hannahs, director of LGBT affairs at UF, agreed. She said derogatory terms embedded in everyday conversations are harder to combat because they've become socially acceptable.

Hannahs said she isn't surprised encountering the phrase "that's so gay" hurts students.

"Hearing these things every day creates a heightened sense of awareness that can take place of focusing on things like school, friends and sleep," she said.

She compared frequent exposure to that kind of language to a constant poking as opposed to a one-time punch in the face.

"Micro-aggressions don't make you flip the first time — or even the 50th time," Hannahs said. "But as they build up over your whole life, it becomes a problem."

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Editorial

Republican't Check Ann's facts first

You know how Shark Week feels like it lasts for at least a month?

Well, Tuesday night was only the first night of the Republican National Convention.

Since this is kind of the biggest party of the Republican Party for every election cycle, the convention planners scheduled Mitt Romney's wife, Ann, and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie to speak.

The whole point of having those two give speeches on the opening night of the convention, when the public would probably be paying the most attention, was to add human flesh to the robot skeleton that is Mitt Romney.

And that's fine, right? That's what his campaign needed, we'd say. After all, when a presidential nominee says things like "I stand by what I said, whatever it was," the campaign could use any boost it can get.

Ann Romney took to describing her and Mitt Romney's humble beginnings as a young couple.

"We got married and moved into a basement apartment," Ann Romney said. "We walked to class together, shared the housekeeping and ate a lot of pasta and tuna fish."

That sounds like almost everyone here at UF.

What she didn't mention in her speech, however, is the fact that they were living off of stock options.

"Neither one of us had a job, because Mitt had enough of an investment from stock that we could sell off a little at a time," she said in a 1994 interview with Jack Thomas of The Boston Globe, when Mittens was running for a Senate seat.

Huh. All right.

During Tuesday evening's speech, she also said that "Mitt Romney was never handed success."

But in her 1994 interview, she said that the house they bought together in Boston for \$42,000, thanks to a loan from Mitt's father, cost less to pay the mortgage for than it did to rent. They sold it for \$90,000 seven years later.

"So we not only stayed for free, we made money," Ann Romney said to Thomas. "We had no income except the stock we were chipping away at. We were living on the edge, not entertaining."

At the RNC, she said their "desk was a door propped up on sawhorses" and their "dining room table was a fold down ironing board in the kitchen."

That statement matches what she said in 1994, but she said then "the funny thing is that I never expected help." She never had to expect help, because they had plenty of investment money to live off of instead of scrambling to find employment.

Listen up, guys, because this is actually important.

By now, we've all been on this planet long enough to smell when something's fishy.

Does the story of the young lovebirds, Mitt and Ann Romney, sound humble? Living off of stock options does not a struggling young couple make.

Her speech sounds plausible — until you check the facts.

Reader response

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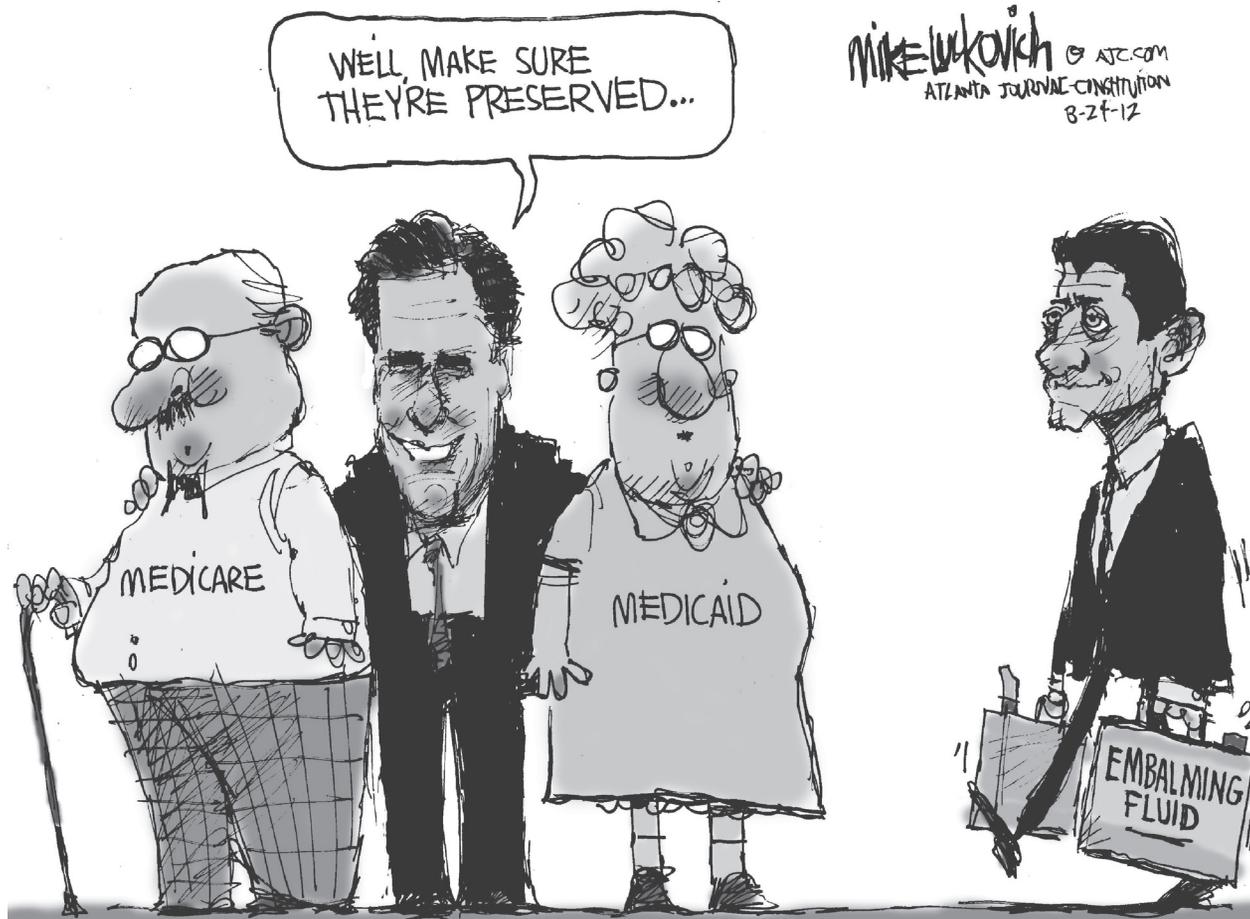
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Column

Fresh start leads to hunt for passion

New sights, new people and new places to explore — such is the life of a freshman.

Yet, I am excited to be one of them. This year will be whatever I make it, and I plan to make it the best year of my life.

However, this may be a little difficult, considering I suddenly have a new room, campus and city to get adjusted to. Not to mention the challenging courses, push to get involved in student organizations and stress of making lifelong friendships.

Whew, that's a lot on my plate.

Little things, like suddenly noticing the overflowing pile of dirty laundry in the closet and needing to venture to the laundry room hidden in the stuffy basement or realizing just how far the bathroom at the end of the hallway is and that it does not allow for getting ready last-minute, suddenly become the real challenges.

Honestly, I am still too afraid to set foot on a bus. With many routes crisscrossing every which way across campus, who knows where I will end up if I get on one?

I have a plan — or at least I like to think that I have it all figured out. In my head, I have neat days filled with academics and socialization. My planner can agree with this, as every moment of my life is mapped out in advance.

My obsessive attention to detail is finally coming in handy as the various meetings and functions that I am interested in happen one after another, usually at opposite ends of campus. I've never been much of a speed walker, but lately I have had to kick it into high gear. Even if I pump my arms and turn my feet over quickly, upperclassmen who have many more semesters of experience than I do seem to saunter by me.

I am considering investing in a bike, but that may be a safety hazard to the entire community. Since my training wheel days, I have only been the occasional



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beach bike rider. With cars, scooters and pedestrians lining the roads and sidewalks, Lance Armstrong-ing my way to class may not be the safest mode of travel.

In Gainesville, there is always something that needs to be done, new people to meet and a new site to explore.

I'm living day-to-day, trying to make sense of the commotion around me. Learning new things is wonderful, but having hundreds of them hurled at my head constantly is reason enough for a migraine.

I will need to learn the bus system just to replenish my supply of Advil and Diet Coke. I am ecstatic to be a Gator, but that doesn't mean I am obligated to become a Pepsi fan.

On the upside, the classification of "freshman" basically equates to a year of trial and error. There is no shame in having a full-scale meal plan, walking around with a map or getting locked out of the dorm room in just a towel. If nothing else, these adventures will make for great stories in the years to come.

Without majors set in stone, freshmen can take classes and join clubs based on their interests, not what is required of them. Every new student needs to be involved; the opportunities that this campus has to offer are unlimited. But some of the best-kept opportunities require a little digging.

I've always been a goal-setter, but I occasionally lose sight of what I'm really after. This year, I don't want to become lost in what's going on around me.

My freshman goal is to find my passion and fully commit to it.

Status: In progress.

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The views expressed here are not necessarily those of the Alligator.

UWire

Presidential election is past vs. future

With only two months to go until the 2012 election, President Obama has an average lead in the polls by only a few percentage points, according to realclearpolitics.com.

In essence, the race is tied.

With the numbers so close, it's really anyone's guess whether President Obama will win a second term in office. It is often said that in politics, two weeks is a long time, and two months is an eternity.

A lot can still happen before Election Day.

But some of the biggest determinants of the fall elections are largely out of the control of either candidate. For instance, neither has much say whether Greece chooses to exit — or gets thrown out of — the Euro Zone, which could substantially impact the American economy and thus the elections.

There is still great potential for both presidential campaigns to shift the 2012 election in a whole new direction.

Contrary to the glee that many of my fellow Democrats felt when Rep. Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) was announced as Romney's vice presidential nominee, I actually believe it was quite a shrewd choice.

As scores of Republican commentators have argued, the Ryan pick brought economic issues to the forefront. The national unemployment rate is 8.2 percent, and millions more Americans have simply chosen to leave the workforce.

It may not always be justified, but voters tend to blame the incumbent for economic problems.

Moreover, while the adjective "wonkish" is often used to describe Ryan, he is in some ways equally passionate about social issues.

While many GOP voters are both fiscal and social conservatives, a substantial number of Republicans subscribe to only one of the aforementioned realms of conservatism, and it is important for Republicans to work to appeal to both major constituencies.

As in 2010, the Tea Party is making it difficult for the Republican Party to appeal to more moderate voters. One needs only to look at headlines and the scandal surrounding Rep. Todd Akin's (R-Mo.) inflammatory remarks regarding rape.

In 2010, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) was able to win a fifth term in large part because he had the good fortune of facing Tea Party member Sharon Angle. Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-Mo.) may also be able

to pull off re-election due to her opponent Akin's lack of sensibility.

Consequently, the Democrats in this race have increasingly made this election about cultural modernity and the GOP's opposition to many facets of it.

The fact that the Obama campaign has decided to use the slogan "Forward" indicates that Democrats have worked to present themselves as the party of the future.

In some ways, this is a dangerous path to follow.

Placing so much emphasis on representing the future leaves room for Republicans to portray Democrats as not being the party of the present.

The reality is that the United States is changing economically, socially and demographically at a rapid pace.

These changes have caused increased social alienation, as evidenced by the Occupy Wall Street movement and the Tea Party.

That is the main challenge for Democrats: How do you present yourself as the party of the future when it is the future and the accompanying changes that scare so many voters?

Scott Stirrett

UWire

Americans are uncertain about their futures. They're witnessing the rise of countries like India and China as the United States' global dominance seems to disintegrate.

At home, they see a stagnating economy. And many older Americans see a country that is being transformed in a way that would have been hard to forecast half a century ago.

That is why the GOP has rather unapologetically run as the party of the nation's past.

One needs only to listen to a few minutes of Romney's stump speech before hearing lines about "restoring America" to its former glory.

The 2012 elections have come down to a debate between one vision that looks hopefully to the future and another that looks fondly to the past.

Who will win at this point is anyone's guess, but much of the result will hinge on each party's ability to present the aforementioned narratives effectively.

Scott Stirrett is a columnist for The Hoya at Georgetown University.

Column

Experiences in college solidify belief in equality

In my hometown, we didn't know any gay people. There was one openly gay student at my rural high school. The nickname students gave him was "Quinn the Queer," and a lot of us think he transferred schools because of the teasing.

As returning Gators know — and freshmen are soon to discover — UF is probably a much more open and safe environment for the LGBT community than the environment they experienced in high school.

Living, working and studying alongside gay people will no doubt lead many to evolve their stance on social issues to be more in favor of equal rights.

I can certainly say that my experience as a Gator has broadened my understanding of sexual orientations and helped develop my political involvement.

When I was in my first semester at UF four years ago, I hopped in a van with an unusual assortment of LGBT students, leftists and an Alligator reporter to attend the National Equality March in Washington, D.C.

Cleve Jones, a gay rights activist and protégé of politician Harvey Milk, started the march. Milk, who was the first openly gay man elected to public office in California, was assassinated in 1978. The purpose of the march was to call for equal rights for the LGBT community — a message that I was receptive to.

The National Equality March came in the wake of California's Proposition 8 passage, which eliminated the rite of gay marriage in the state.

For an adventurous and wide-eyed freshman who wanted to better understand the world around him, the trip was life-changing.

Marching to the Capitol alongside activists, politicians, celebrities like Lady Gaga and tons of regular folk was overwhelming. The aspect of the trip that left the biggest impact on me was the people I met.

From the Episcopalian church that gave us shelter for the night, to the members of our caravan, the collective atmosphere was one of the warmest and most accepting environments I have ever encountered.

I looked up to the gay men and women I met because they held their heads high and treated others fairly, despite the fact that society had often not dealt them the same courtesies. I met lovers who could not marry, youth who had run away or been kicked out of their homes, and people who had been severely bullied by individuals and ostracized by our institutions.

The most solemn moment was when a gay man from the Gainesville community whom I befriended admitted to me that he had once attempted suicide because there was a point in his life when the rejection and loneliness he faced became too great.

A lot has changed since then.

I went on to become the vice president of the UF College Democrats and later the president of the Students Party, a student government party dedicated to fiscal responsibility and equal opportunity for all students. I am finishing my term. Along the way, I met many more LGBT Gators with both inspiring and heart-wrenching stories of their own.

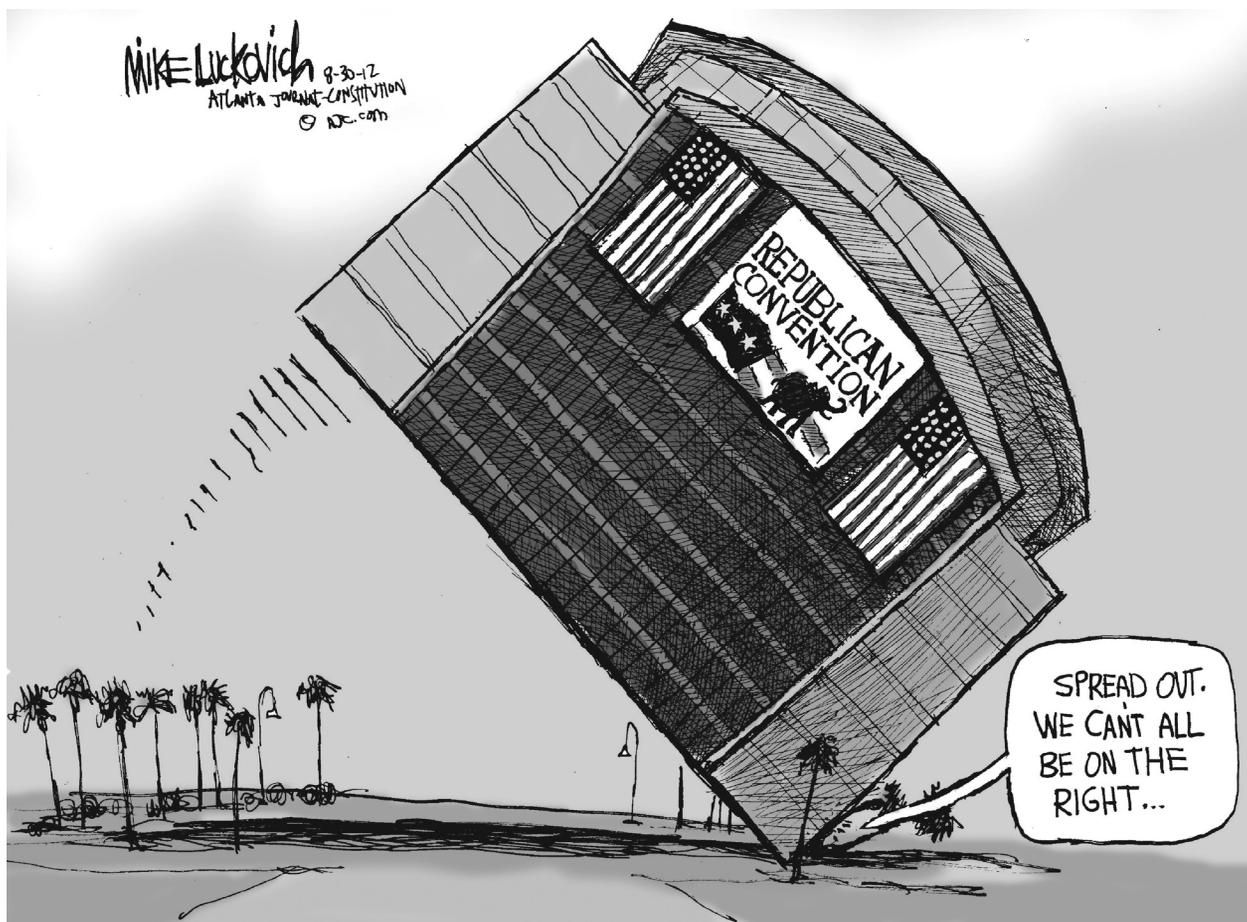
I didn't want to introduce my views in the debut of this column with a lecture or the demonization of differing opinions. Sometimes, the best way to convince others is to tell a story.

Though we are individuals, at the end of the day we are also Gators who are united by our common story at UF. Being a part of this university will help students begin to see past our differences and embrace each other as people with similar concerns, hopes and dreams.

It is hard to say whether our world will ever triumph over prejudice, but I am confident that the open-mindedness fostered within this university will be a step in that direction.

Together this generation of Gators can help create a better world than the one we inherited.

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Student creates UFmobile iPhone app as campus resource

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VONECIA CARSWELL

Avenue Writer

Bryan Dubno overheard more than sandwich orders while standing in the Reitz Union Subway line Sunday. He stood between two UF students who were talking about one of his cherished inventions: the UFmobile iPhone app.

"It's cool to see people actually using it," said Dubno, a 22-year-old UF computer science and engineering senior.

On Aug. 22, the first day of the Fall semester, UFmobile was used about 64,000 times. Since Dubno created the free iPhone app in 2009, it has had 29,000 downloads.

His first app, Nutrifacts on the Go, received about nine downloads in its lifetime. It was a project for the science fair his sophomore year at Spanish River Community High School, and it gave users nutritional information on fast food restaurants.

Despite its imperfections, the young developer was proud that he was able to create the app without formal training.

"It was on my own learning," he said. "It gave me a sense of independence."

Dubno enrolled at UF in 2008 as an exploratory engineering major, but after taking a beginning Java course his freshman year, he discovered his passion for computer science and engineering.

"I had a great professor, and that's what got me into it," he said.

But the self-starter always had a curiosity for how things worked.

He said that as a child, he would take apart little things, like a car set, to try to figure them out.

He also took advantage of online resources and books at a young age, which helped set the path for nomtasticapps.com, which displays the other four apps he created: Translate FREE and StudySets for Spanish, Psychology and French,

trumping the UFmobile app with about 300,000 downloads.

His latest additions to UFmobile — dining hall, library and tutoring hours and enhancements in the Wall feature (unread message notifications, the ability to copy posts and select chat bubble and crowd moderation) — were released in the spring.

"I've gotten a lot of positive feedback," Dubno said. "The reviews are heartwarming."

Last August, he released the app's redesigned version 2.2, which includes an augmented reality camera that allows users to easily pinpoint their classes' locations, a UF news feed, an event calendar, the ability

to import course schedules from the Integrated Student Information System, RTS route information, a UF directory and a live feed from Southwest Recreation Center cameras that allows users to see if the gym is busy before heading over.

The app is popular among UF students and faculty and has been used in places such as Australia, China and Europe.

"It's used all over the world for some strange reason. I guess the Gator nation is really everywhere," Dubno said, chuckling.

Corey Flayman, Dubno's 19-year-old marketing intern, can somewhat account for that. Flayman's uncle, a UF alumnus, introduced him to UFmobile while he was in high school, and he downloaded it before he was admitted to UF last year.

"I was surprised when I realized a student created it," he said. "It was so effective. I thought it was a UF professional's work."

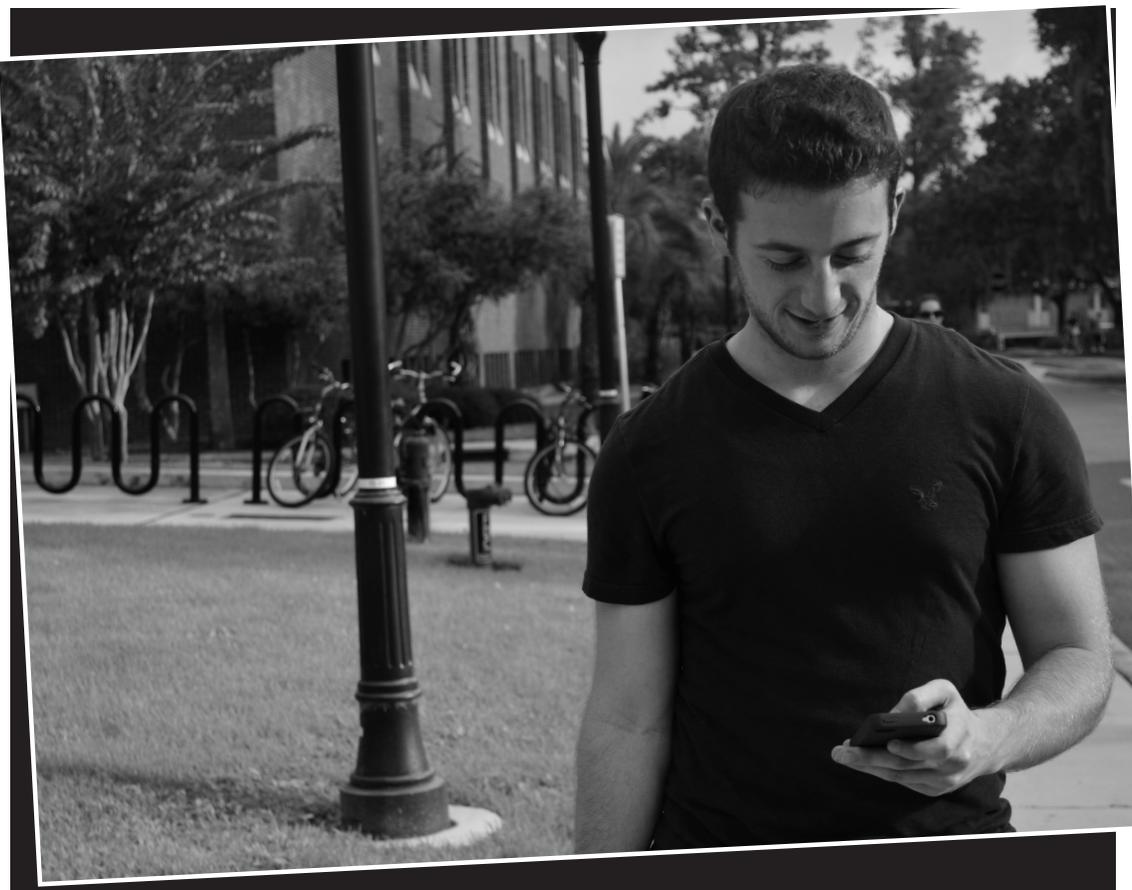
The telecommunication sophomore has been interning with Dubno since the spring. Although they communicate primarily via email, they are a cohesive team.

"It's a nice relationship," Dubno said. "It's not like I'm his boss."

Flayman said he likes that Dubno gives him the ability to develop his own ideas. It's his job to promote the app on social media and get people to download it on a day-to-day basis.

"It would be nice if the university picked it up," Dubno said. "A lot of people still don't know about it."

As for now, word-of-mouth conversations in restaurant lines have proven worthy.



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UF computer science and engineering senior Bryan Dubno, 22, the creator of UFmobile, uses the free iPhone app on campus. The app includes an interactive campus map to help students find their classes.

music 🎵

DayGlow tour rescheduled, ticket refund deadline is today

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Avenue Contributing Writer

This fall, the Alachua County Fairgrounds will see more paint than it ever has.

DayGlow, a traveling paint party, will stop in Gainesville Sept. 21 with dubstep duo Adventure Club.

The event originally was scheduled to take place Labor Day weekend but was moved due to a mandate by the Alachua County Sheriff's Office for security reasons, according to a statement made on Facebook by event host

The Dynasty Group.

The deadline for refund requests for all tickets is today.

Tickets purchased online for the original DayGlow date will be accepted at the event. Hard-copy tickets may be exchanged at the original point of purchase.

Original headliner Porter Robinson will kick off his new tour with Zedd at The Vault Nightclub on Sept. 25.

Those who chose to exchange rather than refund their tickets will be given added perks from The Dynasty Group, according to

Facebook.

Original ticket owners will be granted free admission before 11 p.m. or reduced admission all night to The Dynasty Group's foam party event, "Get Wet," on Sept. 2 at The Valut Nightclub and Stereo.

Previous ticket holders will also be able to purchase tickets to Porter Robinson with Zedd before they go on sale to the public.

General admission tickets to DayGlow are \$32. V.I.P. tickets are \$65. Doors open at 9 p.m.

How to refund or exchange your tickets to DayGlow:

If you purchased a ticket for DayGlow on its original date, here are your options:

- Request a refund by today. For tickets purchased online, call Ticketfly at 877-435-9849 during normal business hours. For hard-copy tickets, contact your original point of purchase.
- Use tickets purchased online for the original show on the new date: Sept. 21.
- Exchange hard-copy tickets for the new date at your original point of purchase.



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Upcoming events:

Aug. 30: Heavy Pets / Greenhouse Lounge, \$10 at High Dive
Aug. 31: Theatre Strike Force, free at Orange and Brew
Aug. 31 and Sept. 1: Less Than Jake, \$15 in advance at High Dive

Tweet of the week: Less Than Jake

@LessThanJake: @AlligatorAvenue Great to be back home from the UK tour, Now we plan our conquest to drink this town dry over Friday and Saturday.

drinking game

Craigslist > missed connections

JESSICA KEGU
Avenue Writer

w4w

If there is a w4w posting you have hit a rare gem of a personal ad. The elusive w4w posting is rare because lesbians don't care nearly as much about the Internet as straight guys do (for porn), straight women do (for Pinterest) or gay guys do (for porn and Craigslist missed connections). Now take a shot like a man.

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Depending on your own grammatical skill level, take a sip for bad punctuation, take two sips if there is an improper use of "their" that they're using. Take a shot for every spelling error, whether it is "Mickdonald's," or "goodby" or an uncommonly misspelled four-letter word.

The Clichés

We're trying to get drunk here, so if you see any of the following, you drink:

"I'd really like to get to know you better."

No they don't. They want to rape you with hugs or maybe rape you for real. Either way, it's probably not your personality they want to familiarize themselves with.

"I think there was sexual tension between us."

Yes, there probably was tension but it was not sexual, just regular tension — the awkward kind.

"We kept making eye contact."

Of course you made eye contact. The poster of this ad was staring you down for, like, an hour from across the library, hoping they wouldn't have to resort to the Internet to find

true love.

"I never do this but..."

But you ARE doing this. ZING.

"You were weighing two melons in the produce section..."

If the missed connection occurred at a supermarket, you drink. I don't know what it is about brightly lit spaces where people buy anything from cucumbers to turkey basters, but it seems to get everyone horny, because there is an inordinate amount of missed connections that take place here.

"Missin' you"

Drink if the title of the ad has anything to do with missing somebody, but DO NOT READ IT. They are sappy, pathetic and awful, and because you should be drunk by now, you might cry. We can't have that now.

health

Alternatives for late night snacking

CRISTINA PANEQUE
Avenue Writer

After you've been out for the night with your friends, Five Star Pizza just seems to call your name.

Eating cures boredom, but eating late at night is one of the worst things you can do to your body.

Weight loss is total calories consumed compared to amount of energy burned, said Dr. Donald Hensrud, associate professor of preventative medicine and nutrition at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., as interviewed by ABC News. Late-night snacking increases calorie intake, making the sides unbalanced.

Despite the setback in weight loss, there are ways to get around it. Resist dialing Midnight Cookies when you're up late studying, and try some of these healthier alternatives to keep off the extra pounds:

Frozen blueberries, raspberries or strawberries

— They are filled with antioxidants that can help you feel more energized.

Multigrain pretzels or crackers — About a handful (one ounce) is a great alternative to chips and is about 100 calories.

Cheese quesadilla — Use low-fat cheese and a high-fiber tortilla with no meat (meat takes longer for the body to break down).

Greek yogurt — It is high in protein, low in sugar and it's filling. If one serving doesn't fill you up, add some fruit.

Dark chocolate — The darker, the better. Dark chocolate contains more cacao and less processed fat.

Avocado — It contains plenty of fiber, which helps it pass through your system quickly.

Green tea — It isn't exactly food, but it'll help you get your mind off how hungry you are and fill you up with plenty of nutrients.

The freshman's guide to going out

JESSICA KEGU
Avenue Writer

If you're a freshman, the weekday grind of repetitive conversation, handshaking and awkward smiling has left your face, hands and brain a little numb. Then the weekend arrives. You have a glorious Saturday or Sunday ahead of you filled with sleeping, Internet surfing and movie watching on a Netflix account that you probably don't pay for. However, the problem then arises that you don't know anything about anything because you're a freshman — duh. You will probably find yourself weighing one of these general options and, if so, here are some tips to go along with them:

Your best friend's older brother's buddy's roommate is having a kegger, and you got a text invitation. Score.

You should believe most of what movies have taught you about house parties, and remember that the respect you earn from a 30-second keg stand will be tarnished by the pity you receive from the best friend patiently stroking your back an hour later. Most important, fruit punch is to grain alcohol as an invisibility cloak is to Harry Potter, so sip on that hunch punch slowly and cautiously.

You paid \$150 for a fake New Hampshire ID, and you're ready to break it in.

Give it up now. That guy from Miami who promised it would scan, blacklight and pass a lie-detector test is probably ly-

ing. Gainesville is not fake-ID-friendly, and, frankly, it's just not worth it. If you are caught with a fake ID in Florida, it is a felony. If you are caught using somebody's real ID, it is a misdemeanor charge. Both offenses include a hefty fine.

The majority of the people who go out in Gainesville are college-age and from Florida, not New Hampshire, Arizona or Wisconsin, and the bouncers, though thick of body, are not thick of mind.



Girls' night

The ladies just called, and they have a bottle of Pinnacle waiting for you and a tip from a guy in their sociology class that this club in midtown is chill-as-you-know-what, and it's free cover for girls until midnight. Basically, if your skirt is short and your heels are high, don't be alarmed and appalled by the groping — and please don't fall down.

The Frat Party

Everyone should go once, maybe twice. If you hit thrice, you should probably just rush.

Most important, try to remember that it gets easier.

Plans will fall into place on their own, and you will find your niche in Gainesville as long as you seek it. Sooner than you think, you'll find yourself watching bad TV with good friends on a Friday night, and it won't feel lame — it will feel just right.

Mediocre Advice

This column is provided by Ariel Barnes, a 21-year-old majoring in international studies. Would you like to get some Mediocre Advice? Visit <http://mediocreadvicigators.tumblr.com/ask>



Ariel Barnes

Dear Mediocre Advice,

The guy I'm hooking up with keeps saying how he enjoys my friendship, but never talks to me outside of the one night I come over a week. Do you think he's just saying what he thinks I want to hear? And how do I tell him I need sex more than once a week?

Dear perfect friend,

He is friends-with-benefits zoning you! I have no idea why you would want to hear how good of a friend you are when all your clothes are on the floor. He probably doesn't want anything serious which is why he is limiting your stay to one night per week. If you must have sex with only him tell him you have a very demanding body. If he doesn't want to put in more hours banging, find someone new. You deserve someone who is going to give it to you daily.

Dear Mediocre Advice,

I've been told by many men that most girls can just walk up to any guy, start a conversation and land them in the sack no problem. What is your take on this? Do you think it's really that easy?

Dear Friend,

Probably. I think the chances of this happening are higher if it's dark and both parties are drunk. Why say no to a semi-OK looking girl who wants to bone you? The work you would have had to put in is done. She is eliminating the part during which you have to walk up to at least five chicks, look like an ass and be rejected while wasting at least \$20 on drinks. At least one of those girls will lead you on and maybe give you a boner while you're sitting down, which will take time out of moving to the next girl who may or may not be interested. It's work. So if some girl is ready to go and a guy is willing, fornicating is the most likely result.

Dear mediocre Advice, I hate it when little kids get in the pool at my apartment complex. Their parents don't care how disturbing they are being. Should I say something?

Dear Friend,

No. Parents have it tough enough as it is. Ignore them and don't fall for the trap and enter their pool. Yes, it's their pool the moment they cannonball into it. Like a dog, they mark their territory. Each child has marked the pool with at least one gallon of pee (and the occasional floating Baby Ruth).

REVIVE by Victoria: UF student turns crafty creations into business

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Avenue Contributing Writer

Victoria Miller combines second-hand doilies and entrepreneurship to create a unique result. Miller, a 21-year-old art history senior at UF, makes dreamcatchers and sells them online at the popular handmade goods marketplace, Etsy.

Dreamcatchers originated from Native American tribes in the mid-20th century. Many people believe a dreamcatcher will filter out evil spirits while they sleep when it is hung in a window or above their beds. Miller offers a modern, yet vintage twist to these traditional talismans.

"Most people think that I make the traditional Native American kind," Miller said, "but mine are more vintage."

Miller's inspiration to start making dreamcatchers began online last winter break. She came across a blog on Fossil.com that featured a dreamcatcher with a crocheted doily in the center instead of the usual webbing.

"It was kind of hard to understand how to do it, so I just turned it into my own thing," Miller said.

After getting doilies from her

grandmother and thrift stores, Miller started making dreamcatchers. She tried different sizes, patterns and materials. After a while, she realized that she could not fill her whole house with dreamcatchers.

"I knew about Etsy and how it was all handmade and vintage, so I knew it was the perfect place to sell," Miller said.

Opening the store was not as simple as she first thought. She had to write store policies, figure out prices and pick shipping methods. She finally opened the store "REVIVE by Victoria" on May 23.



"I wanted the name to be something to do with recycling — re-using old materials and making

them into something new," Miller said.

Since she opened the store, Miller has sold about a dozen dreamcatchers, the largest dreamcatcher selling for \$65.

"I was surprised at how much someone will pay for a dream-



Rachel Crosby / Alligator

Victoria Miller, a 21-year-old art history senior, makes and sells dreamcatchers out of vintage doilies on the popular handmade goods marketplace, Etsy.com, under the name "REVIVE by Victoria."

catcher," Miller said. "I try to be reasonable, thinking about what I would charge my friends versus strangers."

Miller received what, to her, was the biggest compliment of all when she was invited to enter an art show during the Florida Surfing Championships in Jacksonville, Fla.

"I was so excited. Someone had seen my stuff and thought it was good enough to show other people," Miller said.

With school, the about \$150 booth-rental cost and the time it would take to make enough dreamcatchers, Miller decided to not do the art show. However, she is looking into some local shows and markets at which she could present.

Miller also sells United States rearview mirror decorations she makes from hangers that she twists into shape. She admittedly loves arts and crafts and said she always seems to be make things

out of the unexpected.

"I recently brought home a box of my art stuff — just random objects — but I know I am going to make something out of it," Miller said.

Although Miller does not necessarily believe in the power supposedly stored in dreamcatchers, she knows others believe in it or at least like their artistic value. It seems that popularity will continue to drive Miller's sales and pay her bills.

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The fictitious timeline of Labor Day

IAN ROWE
AVENUE WRITER

1882: Gender-neutral historical figure Toni Labor sought to free the American worker from the shackles of the American work-week that, at its inception, continued for 365 days in a row. Tasks included, but were not limited to, beating rocks together and collecting goat and human sacrifices as offerings to the evil dragon who oversaw production atop Mt. Drudgery. Americans referred to the dragon as "Grover." Toni Labor succeeded in slaying the dragon with a cardboard sign that read: "Seriously Grover, my feet are killing me," and Americans celebrated by cooking the dragon over a fire. The Labor Day barbeque tradition was born.

1894: Labor Day became a federal holiday in honor of Toni Labor. When asked how he intended to spend the holiday, Toni replied: "I'm going to get drunk." The getting drunk on Labor Day tradition is born.

1900: Dragon hunting became national Labor Day sport. Americans invited friends and family to their homes to share the spoils of dragon meat. A feeling of community ensued.

1911: Deforestation and over-hunting led to dragon extinction.

"I don't believe in Global Warm-

ing," 69-year-old Toni Labor said, "but hamburgers are still pretty good." Skepticism of empirical facts about the environment is born (not restricted to solely Labor Day).

1914: The Labor family met a tragic end during a family camping trip, in what is believed to have been a dragon-free forest. One of the last known dragons appeared on the campsite and alternated between eating and breathing fire on the family. A national funeral was hosted in honor of the Labors. Mourners wore white, not black, as "that's the way Toni would have wanted it."

"I don't believe in Global Warming, but hamburgers are still pretty good."

Toni Labor
Founder of Labor Day

1917: President Woodrow Wilson passed a law making it illegal to wear white after Labor Day. When asked to comment, Wilson famously replied, "I miss Toni Labor just as much as the next guy, but all these people keep wearing white clothes at the White House. Dude, come on. I'm going colorblind."

1923: In honor of Toni Labor, workers everywhere took on the byname "laborer," seeking to honor

those who made their workplaces dragon-free.

1951: President Harry Truman legalized wearing white after labor day. He scanned the law quickly and assumed it was about ghosts.

1953: It became unfashionable for high society to wear white after Labor Day due to an effort to send a clear message to the ghosts: You are unwelcome in our homes. Popular belief stated ghosts invaded homes during winter because "they were cold."

1955: After realizing ghosts aren't real, wearing white after Labor Day was deemed unfashionable in an attempt to make clouds feel bad about themselves.

1956: After learning clouds were inanimate, people stopped wearing white after Labor Day because it's freezing, and only an idiot wears reflective colors during winter.

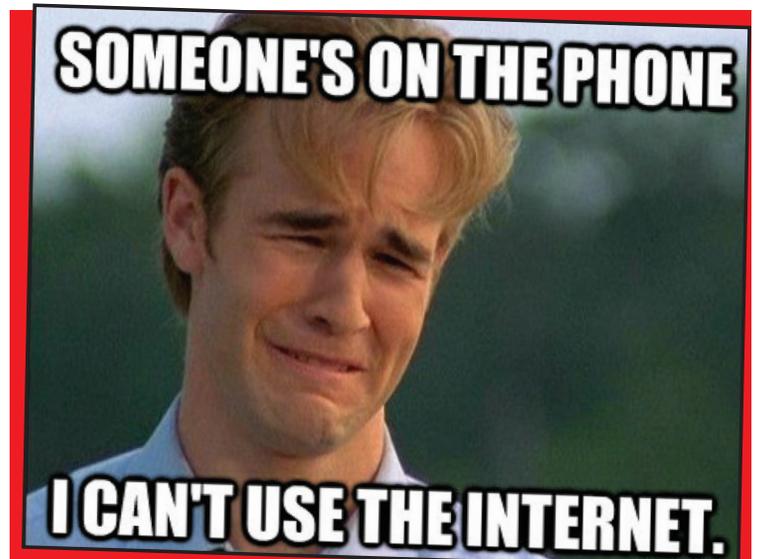
1970: Everything became super righteous. The ubiquity of psychedelic drugs caused Americans to forget about the existence of dragons. Museums found bones, called them "Dinosaurs."

Present Day: College students and Americans alike spend the day drinking beer and eating hotdogs. They have relatively no idea what's going on. Happy Labor Day, everybody!

Meme of the Week



Internet memes have become elements of cultural behavior that are passed from one individual to another. They are all over the Web and are usually giggle-provoking. The Avenue will accept submissions of your favorite memes and print them all semester. Tweet your memes to @AlligatorAvenue or email them to avenue@alligator.org.

**1990s Problems:**

An Internet meme featuring the iconic screenshot of James Van Der Beek crying on a dock in "Dawson's Creek." The meme highlights the struggles of youth in the 90s. Some of the meme's highlights include sayings like, "Ordered a McDonald's Happy Meal, but I already have that Beanie Baby," and "My TV Guide didn't come this month, so I don't know what's on TV right now."

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Asian

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Rockeys Dueling Piano Bar to host series of comedy nights

MICHELLE PROVENZANO

Avenue Writer

Pushing the pianos aside and bringing out the microphone, Gainesville's Rockeys Dueling Piano Bar is set to host comedy Wednesdays at 9 p.m. during September.

Rockeys, located at 112 S Main St., will showcase two professional comedians in addition to a local Gainesville comedian that hosts the show.

Comedy fans who are 18 and older can enjoy the show for a \$3 cover charge, an entertaining alternative to midtown bars and downtown clubs during the week.

"I'm excited for a different scene, away from the typical party nights," said psychology senior Katie Edson. "My roommates and I wanted a place where we can talk and chill out during the week. So these comedy nights are definitely a nice change to everything else in town and allow us to have bonding time together."

Audiences can enjoy quick-witted comedians Roy Haber, J.B. Ball, J. Bliss, Ken Garr, Rene Bray, Johnny Oz, Darryl Rhoades and Carmen Morales throughout September.

Rockeys hopes to keep the comedy nights going past September as long as people are willing to come out and watch, said Zach Givens,

general manager of Rockeys.

"All of us here are huge stand-up comedy fans, and I feel like we put out some of the best touring comics out there," Givens said. "I find myself having a hard time focusing on work sometimes, because these guys really know how to hold your attention."

For people who missed the August comedy night lineups, comedian David Nickerson, from Howard Stern's Killers of Comedy Tour, and Florida comedian Chris Matson took the stage for the Aug. 22 show and interacted with the audience for many of their joke setups.

"Comedy is a release, so it's definitely good to have college students come out and feed off the comedy," Matson said. "I started writing jokes in college, and I've somehow transcended that feel over the years for this type of demographic."

For the older-than-21 crowd, attendees can enjoy \$4 Jameson, \$3 wells and \$2 domestic draft drink specials Wednesdays. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis, so Rockeys recommends attendees arrive early.

"If you want to go out with some friends, Rockeys is a great place to go out, have a good time and lift your spirits up," Givens said. "We offer

the best comedians out there that you can get for this kind of setting, so we hope no one misses out."

For more information on the weekly comedy nights, or to reserve seating

for large parties, call 352-505-0042 or visit rockeysduelingpianos.com.



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Rockeys Dueling Piano Bar, will host a weekly comedy series on Wednesday nights throughout the month of September. The bar is located downtown at 112 S Main St.

Nickelback: The most hated band for a reason

KATHRYN VARN

Avenue Writer

I liked Nickelback once.

In fact, I liked it enough to attend one of its concerts in seventh grade.

Then, just like the moment I discovered I was actually delivered through my mother's bajingo and not delivered by a majestic stork, I learned the world can be a dark place.

The concert consisted of Breaking Benjamin, Three Days Grace and Nickelback, certainly a trifecta from the eighth circle of Hell. A Jumbotron played a montage of women flashing their breasts in between each band, and I was drenched in beer from the gothic-redneck audience surrounding me after the first half hour.

By the time Nickelback came out, lead singer Chad Kroeger was less of a 13-year-old crush and more of a Nicolas Cage look-alike whose "gravelly" voice could be mistaken for his "I'm taking a massive crap" voice.

This was my transition from fan to hater. This is when I realized that a band cannot possibly be good if the lyrics, "If they could love like you and me/Imagine what the world could be," and, "No doubt that we

were heading south/I guess nobody ever taught her not to speak with a full mouth," could be in songs on the same album.

Look Nickelback, I'm all about going "all in, balls out," as you sing in "Burn It To The Ground," but zip up your pants and leave something to the imagination.

Let's take a look at Nos. 1, 2 and 3 in a list of the top 10 Nickelback songs from voices.yahoo.com for an idea of the band's inconsistency.

No 3 is "Photograph," an example of the Nickelback that's dripping with fake love and poignancy. "Rockstar" takes second, with its alcoholic, pro-drug, disrespect-to-women lyrics.



The No. 1 spot goes to "How You Remind Me," which actually has some depth and authenticity. It was also released in 2001. If your No. 1 song is

from 11 years ago, it's time to stop. So please, Chad, go marry Avril Lavigne, star in a reality TV show about sellout pop couples, or maybe start a family of Ramen-haired children. I don't care. Just stop making my ears bleed.

More listen, less livid: Why Nickelback is pretty decent

ALYSSA HOLCOMB

Avenue Writer

I could very easily play devil's advocate when it comes to Nickelback and all of the unequivocal hatred surrounding its members. However, after constantly hearing a particularly poignant list of "reasons" for the band's supposed amount of suck, I find myself more leveled with defending what is, without a doubt, one of the decade's most successful acts.

Statistically, Nickelback accounts for a huge part of the successful music in the 2000s. Based on Billboard chart success, here are the facts:

- Ranked seventh top artist of the last decade
- More than 50 million albums sold worldwide
- "All the Right Reasons" was certified eight times platinum
- Nineteen Hot 100 singles

As for the many proclaiming that the band's music is "unoriginal," or that the band uses the same chord progressions (have you LISTENED to anything on Top 40 radio?), the exact same can be said about practically any artist on the Hot 100 today. Nickelback may not be in the same realm as Ke\$ha or Usher, but all three have a major commonality: They use a formula. A formula for

success, which after all, has them on the charts for a reason. But a big difference between Nickelback and the other Top 40 artists is that the band has co-written or solely written every one of its songs, including each of its 19 hit singles. This is a feat the majority of today's acts has not accomplished.



This repetitious style has kept acts on the top charts for ages. But the hatred toward Nickelback can get out of hand and is borderline ridiculous. I mean, a petition to prevent the band from performing at the NFL half-time show on Thanksgiving 2011 in Detroit? Again, this is not abnormal. But why waste time trashing a moderately acceptable act when there are legions more waiting for your well-deserved ridicule?

Admit it: Just about everyone has sung "Rockstar," "Photograph" or "How You Remind Me" without a care. The cool thing about Nickelback is that it is at least a bit likeable to most. I'm not saying it is everyone's style, but it has made sing-along anthems that have stuck around. Sure, the band may be lackluster to many, but Nickelback set the proverbial stage for its contemporaries in style and success.

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5023 or Shahrouz.ebadian@gmail.com
9-6-12-5-2

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12-7-3

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10-4

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6 Furnishings

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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| Chess | Lock | School | Task |
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS**
- Word in discount store names
 - Hand-holding dance
 - Reveal all?
 - Set right, in a way
 - His voice is heard after "Live, from New York ..."
 - Rewards cardholder's benefit
 - Brazilian novelist Jorge
 - Horace's "Poetica"
 - Roulette option
 - Computer-generated visual media
 - Athlete dubbed "O Rei do Futebol"
 - One known for great service
 - Limerick fifth
 - Environmentalist Sigurd
 - Show of strength?
 - Baseball div.
 - Time for laundry and such
 - Bright
 - Yale grads
 - Tiffany collectibles
 - Key not used by itself
 - Curved molding
 - Road maneuvers, briefly
 - Salad dressing ingredient
 - Rhinitis doc
 - Dads
 - Infomercial kitchen brand
 - Starting a project ... and what the letters between each pair of circles are doing?
 - Bizarre
 - Audience member
 - Does some yard work
 - Solomonic
 - Hosp. areas
- DOWN**
- Tetley competitor
 - Infinesimal
 - Long sail
 - Spartan serf
 - Time and again, in verse
 - "The Natural" protagonist Hobbs
 - Surrealist Jean
 - Hunting or fishing
 - IDs on a carousel
 - Grade sch. basics
 - "My thought is ..."
 - Thick-skinned citrus fruit
 - Zenith's opposite
 - In short supply
 - Unfavorable impression?
 - Calm
 - Bank claim
 - "The handmaiden of creativity": Eliot
 - Guilty, for example
 - Bygone GM division
 - Marshy lowlands
 - Nimble
 - Got real?
 - They may be sealed
 - Workers' rights org.
 - Risqué
 - Illusory hope
 - Mozart's "___ fan tutte"
 - Pungent bulb
 - Reveal all?
 - Former Disney chief
 - Ducks
 - "Land ___ alive!"
 - Concur
 - Cowpoke's pal
 - Côte d'Azur
 - season
 - "I'm thinkin' not"
 - Sporty VW
 - Sporty cars

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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| O | N | C | E | W | R | I | T | I | N | G | O | N | A | | | |
| O | A | K | I | C | E | A | O | K | | | | | | | | |
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by David L. Hoyt 8-30-12

- ACROSS**
- CLUE**
- Grumble
 - Perch
 - Puts up a struggle
 - Connective tissue
- ANSWER**
- M T T R U E
S R O T O
B C S K U
E D N N T O

- DOWN**
- CLUE**
- Emphasized
 - Problem
 - Persuaded
 - Anglican cleric
- ANSWER**
- E M K A R D
B U O E T L R
D E T N E I C
N O R S A P

CLUE: A vehicle that would be very difficult to get a ride in.

BONUS ○○○○○○ ○○○○○○

How to play Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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Defensive line making life easier for Gators linebackers



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Defensive tackle Sharrif Floyd (left) runs off the field with strength and conditioning coach Jeff Dillman after open practice on Aug. 18 at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.

►UF RANKED NO. 8 IN NCAA IN TOTAL DEFENSE LAST SEASON.

ADAM PINCUS
Alligator Staff Writer

Coaches expect a Florida defense that ranked eighth in the country in 2011 to be even better this fall.

After a lack of depth forced Sharif Floyd to play defensive end last season, the 6-foot-3, 303-pound junior moved back to his natural position — defensive tackle.

Floyd will team up with defensive tackle Omar Hunter in 2012. At a combined 616 pounds, the duo is expected to free space for the UF linebackers.

"You see more leg strength from him," defensive coordinator Dan Quinn said of Hunter. "You see a stronger man when he sheds blocks. To me the work ethic from Omar has always been there. He's a hard worker. Every day in and out and then now you're kind of seeing a more strong and powerful man inside and that's showing up in practice by the way he can take on blocks and get off blocks."

Floyd, Hunter and junior defensive end Dominique Easley combined for 16.5 tackles for a loss last season but have been paving the way

for UF's linebackers in practice.

"We've been getting a lot of penetration," starting Buck linebacker Lerentee McCray said. "One of them has to get a double team, they can't just single block everybody. So it's definitely helping the linebackers with guards trying to get to the second level. ... It's definitely helping the linebackers out a lot."

After Ronald Powell suffered an ACL tear in the spring game, McCray, a redshirt senior, stepped into the Buck linebacker position.

Although coaches are asking him to fill the shoes of last season's sacks leader, McCray doesn't expect a drop off from UF's 28-sack performance, which ranked No. 38 nationally last season.

"I feel like we are going to be the same thing," he said. "We got a lot of guys able to get after the quarterback. Our pass rush has gotten better since camp."

A group of newcomers will back up Easley, Floyd and Hunter on the line. Freshmen Dante Fowler Jr. and Jonathan Bullard are the second-string ends, while JUCO transfer Damien Jacobs is the primary backup at defensive tackle.

"We got a lot of young guys coming in," McCray said. "We are fresh

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Still no starter at QB

GREG LUCA
Alligator Staff Writer

The kickoff to the 2012 season is only three days away, but coach Will Muschamp is still mum on the identity of Florida's starting quarterback.

Jacoby Brissett and Jeff Driskel will each play a quarter on Saturday, although Muschamp hasn't announced who will take the season's first snap.

"I have not made that decision at this time," Muschamp said Wednesday. "Both guys deserve the right to start, deserve the right to play."

Muschamp said that Wednesday's and today's practices would be a part of the evaluation process. Rather than make the decision just prior to kickoff, Muschamp plans to

give the starter enough notice to mentally prepare.

"We'll give them some time," Muschamp said. "We're going to give them both a quarter to see how we sort this thing out, and we'll move from there."

"Both guys deserve the right to start, deserve the right to play."

Will Muschamp
UF coach

Position switches: Coaches are evaluating freshman Jafar Mann at guard, defensive coordinator Dan Quinn said on Monday.

Mann came to UF as a three-star defensive tackle, but Florida's coaches saw potential for

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JURNY DUTY

UF air attack will struggle in 2012

Anyone who is expecting big things from the Gators this season is either falling victim to blind optimism or foolishly taking the team at its word.

At quarterback, many expect the winner of the battle between Jacoby Brissett and Jeff Driskel to take significant steps forward from last season, when both struggled.

They played only a limited number of snaps in 2011 and have had to learn a whole new offense since the season ended. We haven't been able to watch practices, so how can we be sure that the reason the competition between the two is so close is because they have both played so well, not because they have both played poorly? Because that is what they tell us? That is hardly convincing.



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Even if you want to believe that the winner of the starting quarterback job will be

OK, it is laughable to expect big-time production from either option given the weapons around them.

While the quarterbacks have a relatively clean slate because they saw limited playing time in 2011, the wide receiving corps that struggled as much as any unit on the team last year remains largely the same.

The Gators' four returning wideouts with receptions are Frankie Hammond Jr., Quinton Dunbar, Solomon Patton and Andre Debose. That group combined

to catch 48 passes for 864 yards and six touchdowns in 2011.

Sixty wide receivers in the NCAA last year had more receiving yards than that group, more than 100 receivers had more receptions and 88 caught more touchdowns.

Debose led all of the returning wideouts with 16 receptions last year. That total would have made him a top-four pass catcher on just one other Southeastern Conference team — LSU.

Some think the formula for the UF offense this season is simple: Run the ball and don't ask the quarterbacks to do too much.

But the running backs haven't accomplished enough to prove they can hold up their half of that equation. Mike Gillislee's 5.9 yards-per-carry average is nice, but very little of his production

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Erika Tymrak received multiple weekly awards after scoring the game-winning goal against No. 2 Duke on Sunday. See story, page 19.

Florida Golf Teams Enter 2012 Season in Top 15

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UF mulling two-way options

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him to play both sides of the ball, as he did in high school.

"We wanted to put him over at offensive line for a couple weeks and get the evaluation there," Quinn said. "We took our time looking at him on defense. We're going to do the same thing on offense. After this week or next, we'll make a final determination."

Quinn said the Gators are also flirting with the idea of using defensive back Jabari Gorman on both offense and defense. Gorman is listed as the second-string free safety on UF's depth chart. He also played wideout in high school.

Valdez Showers, the second-string strong safety, impressed coaches in his time at running back on the scout team, but Quinn "fought for him to stay at safety."

"He's really settled in at safety," Quinn said. "We are counting on him to do that."

Quinn said the roster was otherwise settled and no further positional switches are planned barring injury situations.

Pittman progressing: In spring, football was easier for Latroy Pittman.

Sure, the freshman had to learn a new playbook for a new team, but the coaches kept it simple.

As the calendar turned to fall, the coaches began to ask more of him, and, like most freshmen, he hit a wall.

"At the end of training camp, he might have hit that a little bit," Muschamp said.

"He's come back through it, and we've narrowed some things down as we continue to game plan through this week."

Pittman was a four-star prospect who enrolled early and shined in Florida's spring game, hauling in catches of 8 and 43 yards. Given Florida's struggles at the wide receiver position in 2011, the team hopes Pittman can provide a boost.

"[We're] excited about his progress," Muschamp said.

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Pittman

Floyd happy to be back at tackle

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going into the game, because we have so much depth. We don't have to take a lot of reps in camp."

Bullard and Fowler, who came to UF as five-star recruits, received praise from coach Will Muschamp during camp. Bullard has been working at defensive end, while Fowler has been working at Buck linebacker.

"It helps a lot being able to rotate two

people at a position," McCray said. "We can rotate series."

While players labored through the grind of training camp, at least one enjoyed taking repetitions at a familiar spot.

"It feels like winning the lottery," Floyd said about moving to defensive tackle. "I mean I love what I do. I love what I can do for the team."

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came in meaningful situations. His backups have accomplished even less.

To assume the Gators can win by leaning on the run game is misguided. They have to get something out of their wide receivers, but the wideouts on the roster have nothing to offer.

Maybe a freshman skill position player steps up, perhaps Kent Taylor or Latroy Pittman. But relying on freshmen is risky.

The last freshman to catch 20 passes for the Gators was Trey Burton in 2010, and he averaged just 6.6 yards per catch.

A freshman wide receiver hasn't caught 20 passes for Florida since Percy Harvin caught 34 in 2006.

The defense will be as dominant as everyone expects, but unless the Gators find an unexpected source of offense, banking on more than seven wins is simply unrealistic.

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UF SWIMMING

Accomplished Beisel awed by unexpected Olympic success

KATIE AGOSTIN

Alligator Staff Writer

Although she had already won five Southeastern Conference titles, an NCAA title and a world title, junior Elizabeth Beisel was shocked when she won two Olympic medals in London.

"It definitely was a surprise; I wasn't really expecting to get two," Beisel said. "Coming out of London and coming home with two is so cool. It was really like a dream come true."

The nine time All-American won a bronze medal in the 200-meter backstroke and a silver in the 400 individual medley, an event in which she was skeptical of even making the semifinals.

Beisel made her first Olympic appearance when she was just 15 years old, as the youngest member of Team USA in the 2008 Beijing Olympics. There she finished fourth in the 400 IM and fifth in the 200 back.

In addition to medaling in 2012, another difference between the two Olympics for Beisel was having Florida coach Gregg Troy on hand.

Troy coached the U.S. men's team in London.

"He's one of my favorite people in the entire world, so to have him in London with me really made me comfortable with the situation I was

in," Beisel said. "Four years ago, I didn't have my personal coach with me, so it was coach Troy who took me under his wing. So for me to actually have him there again this time around was really nice."

Beisel credited her Olympic success to her experience from the trials, where she swam a lengthy program consisting of nine total events.

"It's a very tolling meet just emotionally and physically; emotionally even more so just because there is so much pressure you put on yourself and you have from other people to try to make the team," Beisel said. "It was hard, but it definitely paid off in the long run. It was such an easier meet in London because of what I did in Omaha."

Beisel added that having her teammates with her during the trials and in London helped her remain calm, which is something she's been learning to do since becoming a Gator in 2010.

Even Troy noticed a difference in her mentality this summer.

"She's always had a little bit of trouble handling some of the pressure," Troy said. "She gets real nervous in her desire to do well, and it's kind of held her back. She went into the trials this time and handled it entirely differently. She was very relaxed going into the meet."

Now that the Olympics are over,

Beisel hopes to use her experiences from London to help her excel as the Gators' captain this season.

"It's different types of pressure

between the NCAA and the Olympics," Beisel said. "The Olympics is much more individual with winning a medal for yourself, but NCAA is

winning points for the team. It'll help me deal with being able to win for myself, but also translate that over to winning for the team."



Tim Casey / UF Communications

UF junior Elizabeth Beisel earned a bronze medal in the 200-meter backstroke and a silver in the 400 individual medley at the 2012 London Olympics. Beisel will serve as Florida's team captain this year.

Tymrak racks up weekly awards after netting critical goal

ADAM LICHTENSTEIN

Alligator Writer

Gators midfielder Erika Tymrak has a knack for clutch plays.

In more than three years at Florida, the 2011 NSCAA second-team All-American has seven game-winning goals. Last year, she scored the tying goal and assisted on the game-winning goal in the Southeastern Conference

Tournament semifinal.

UF Soccer

Tymrak picked up several awards this week after providing Florida with the most important goal of the young season in Sunday's 3-2 win over Duke.

She was named SEC Offensive Soccer Player of the Week, Soccer America Player of the Week, CollegeSoccer360.com Prime-time Player and Disney Soccer/NSCAA Player of the Week.

The last Gator to win NSCAA Player of the Week was senior McKenzie Barney, who received the honor in 2010 after scoring a game-winning goal against Florida State.

"It feels awesome," Tymrak said about the SEC award. "I'm just happy that we could get such a good weekend. ... The fact that I got the honor on top of that is just incredible."

Tymrak was recognized for her offensive production in Florida's upset of Duke. Tymrak scored the game-winning goal

in the 93rd minute of the Gators' second straight overtime match, finishing a give-and-go from Barney inside the box.

"When it went in, I kind of turned and looked at [Barney] and she started screaming, and it hit me that we just won," Tymrak

said.

She also set up Florida's second goal of the match when her cross into the box deflected off a Duke defender for an own goal.

Tymrak said the game-winner stands as the greatest goal she has scored for UF. In a career

filled with clutch goals, that is no easy decision.

As a sophomore in 2010, Tymrak registered both of the Gators' goals in a 2-1 overtime victory against Georgia.

In a 2011 match against Texas Tech, she scored two goals and

assisted on a third in the Gators' 3-0 win.

She was named SEC Offensive Player of the Week after both matches.

"She likes to do the spectacular," coach Becky Burleigh said. "She likes to entertain the crowd."

This season, Tymrak has certainly done that, even when she hasn't scored.

Halfway through the second overtime against North Carolina, Tymrak received a pass on Florida's side of the field, outran one Tar Heel and dribbled past three more to create an opportunity inside the penalty box.

Tymrak was pulled down as she took the shot and the ball deflected off a defender, but the preceding run and maneuvering demonstrated Tymrak's explosiveness and playmaking ability.

"What you do notice is her flair and creativity," Burleigh said.

In addition to creating plays and scoring on her own, she also has one of Florida's three assists this season, setting up Claire Falknor's goal against Miami on Aug. 17.

"What she's really, really put a lot of work into is being more disciplined and trying to be more organized," Burleigh said.

"That's not in her normal personality, so to do that is a big sacrifice that she's making and I think it's really paying off for us."

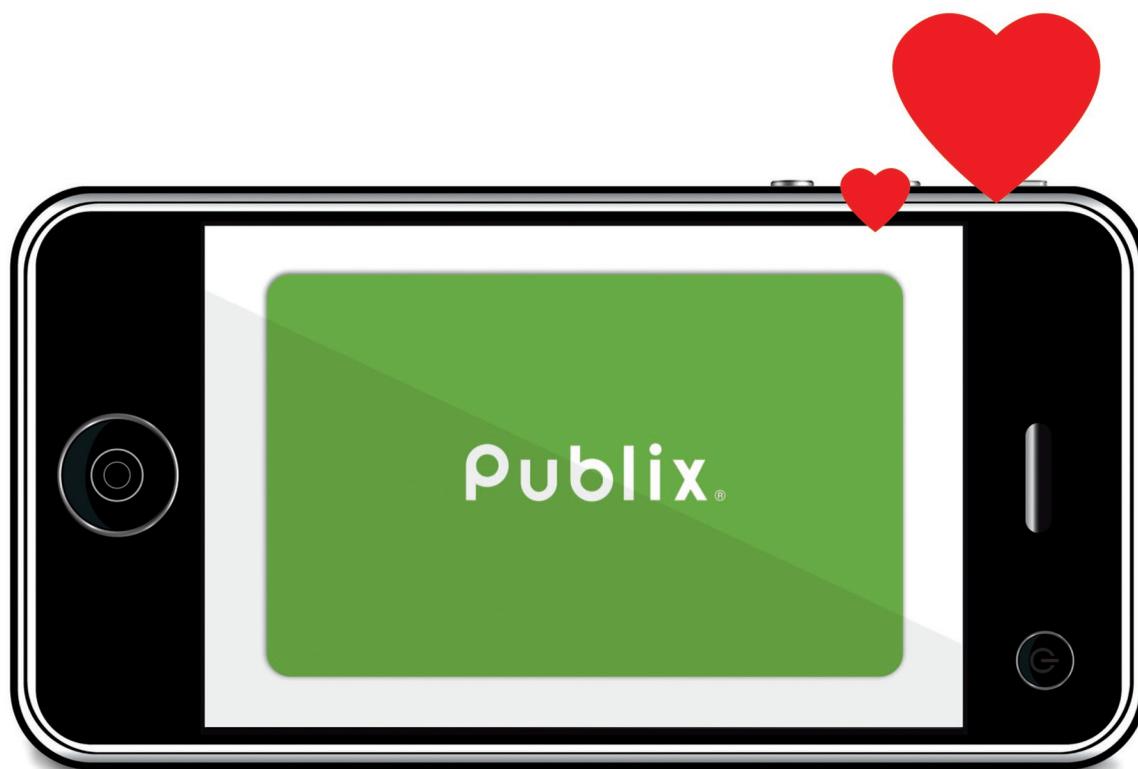


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Erika Tymrak continued to be a clutch performer on Sunday, scoring the game-winning goal as UF topped No. 2 Duke. The score helped Tymrak earn multiple national and Southeastern Conference awards.

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