

Jaylen Watkins will replace Marcus Maye as one of UF's starting safeties against Tennessee. Read the story on page 15.



City attorney arrested after naked break-in

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A city attorney was arrested this weekend after he broke into a woman's home while he was naked.

Gainesville Police arrested Ronald Combs, a senior assistant attorney for the City of Gainesville, early Sunday on charges of burglary, resisting officers without violence and loitering/prowling, according to a GPD arrest report.

At about 6 a.m., officers responded to a home located in the 500 block of Northeast Eighth Avenue after the caller, Marilyn Aileen Wall, told police she awoke to a noise and saw a tall, naked black man standing in her bedroom.

The man ran away as soon as he realized she was awake, according to the report.

Wall, who said she thought she may have been dreaming, went to check the back door of her home, which she remembered closing before bed. The door was open, according to the report.

She went back to bed, but soon heard more noises coming from the backyard that



Combs

sounded like acorns cracking on the deck.

Officers responded and began checking the area, according to the report. After a few minutes of searching, an officer spotted the man — presumed to be Combs — running through backyards across the street, wearing nothing but tennis shoes and a skull cap.

Officers ordered Combs to stop several times, but instead, he kept running through yards, according to the report. Police used a Taser to stop him.

City spokesman Bob Woods said city officials are aware of the incident and are still in the fact-gathering process. They will decide what to do after they have more information.

"They'll take appropriate action as the facts may indicate," Woods said.

Officers booked Combs into the Alachua County Jail at about 7 a.m., where he remained Monday evening with a \$15,000 bond.



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Chasing Cars

Santa Fe College student and GameStop employee Rebecca Harvey, 20, directs a game of Red Light, Green Light on Monday for people waiting for the Grand Theft Auto V midnight release.

LIFESTYLE

Hispanic college enrollment on the rise

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Hispanic Heritage Month began Sunday with a landmark. For the first time, a greater share of Hispanic high school graduates are enrolled in college than that of white graduates, according to the Pew Research Center.

Using U.S. Census Bureau data, the center reported 49 percent of young Hispanic high school graduates were enrolled in college in 2012 compared to 47 percent of white non-Hispanic graduates.

Despite a drop in overall college enrollment in 2012, the number of Hispanic students in college continued to rise.



Garcia

The enrollment of Hispanic and Latino students at UF for 2012-2013 was 17.36 percent, according to

Olivia Garcia, the director of the Institute of Hispanic-Latino Cultures.

Garcia said this number has increased from about 14 to 16 percent in previous years.

"I think there is a lot of self-selection bias," she said. "The term 'Hispanic' is somewhat broad in general."

Garcia said she thinks more Hispanic students are seeking higher education. She said both population growth and a change in the attitude of Hispanic and Latino cultures are

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Donation starts plans for 5,000-square-foot UF president's house

Current one would be events center

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Plans for a new UF president's house are in the works after a \$3.5 million donation to the project.

The new house will be named the Dasburg President's House, in honor of UF alumni and donors John and Mary Lou

Dasburg, and it will be built on Village Drive. The two-story house is planned to span approximately 5,000 to 6,000 square feet and will include modern energy-efficient technology, according to a news release.

UF spokesman Steve Orlando said the idea to build a new president's house was in its infancy until the Dasburgs' donation.

More than half of the required funds are now covered, but the search for the remaining money is still on. He said all the money for the project will come from private support — none from state tax dollars.

"The house itself is still in its conceptual stage. We don't even have renderings yet," he said. "But they're on the drawing board."

According to the release, the old president's house will undergo renovations and act as an event venue for the university.

"We don't even have renderings yet. But they're on the drawing board."

Steve Orlando

UF spokesman

UF President Bernie Machen has not lived in the president's house since 2006. At a Board of Trustees meeting earlier this year, governance committee members said the house's inside was dated and didn't provide much privacy.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Fall fundraiser social – Arabic Cultural Association

Join the association for its first fundraiser social of the year at Gyro Plus today from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Come out and enjoy a delicious halal Middle-Eastern dinner while helping raise money for ACA and socializing with friends. Mentor/mentee pairs will be announced then, so make sure not to miss out.

Birthright event at UF Hillel

For anyone who has been on Birthright in the past, or wants to go on Birthright this year, then come to the Hillel tonight from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Students who have already been will share stories and memories about Israel with prospective students. Free falafel will be provided for all and there will be staff to help register interested applicants. For more information, contact Avia Gridi at ufisrael@ufhillel.org.

CHISPAS' second general body meeting of the Fall semester

The meeting will take place today at 7 p.m. at the Institute of Hispanic-Latino Cultures. Come engage in an interactive skit about the Coalition of Immokalee Workers and its Campaign for Fair Food.

Toastmasters Speech Contest

Talking Gators Toastmasters Club Humorous and Evaluation Speech Contest is today at 5:45 p.m. in the Entomology Building, Room 1031, 970 Natural Area Drive. The contest is open to the public. The membership drive is now through October. For each member who renews her or his membership and for each new person who joins, the club will donate a nonperishable food item to the Bread of the Mighty Food Bank in time for Thanksgiving. Dues renewal is Oct. 1. For more information, go to www.talkinggators.toastmastersclubs.org. Talking Gators is on Facebook.

TÁNCHÁZ

Check out the dance house this week and try all kinds of Eastern European folk and modern dances. Anna Boldog and István Csiki are visiting the Center for European Studies

FORECAST

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THUNDERSTORMS 91/71	THUNDERSTORMS 88/69	THUNDERSTORMS 87/68	PARTLY CLOUDY 89/66	PARTLY CLOUDY 89/69

from Hungary. Come to Dauer, Room 215, from 7 to 9 p.m. tonight and Thursday this week and next week to join them. It's free and open to all.

Resident assistant information sessions

Come out to an RA information session this week. RAs serve as advisers to residents, build a community for their residents, enforce policies and regulations, exercise good judgment in crisis situations and plan programs. Learn about the RA position and selection process at one of these sessions. Information sessions are being held at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday in the Graham Area Gallery and at 5 p.m. Thursday in the Broward Hall Library. Visit www.housing.ufl.edu for a complete list of dates, times and locations.

UF's national security merit society

Chi Sigma IO, UF's national security merit society, will host an event on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Two representatives from U.S. Special Operations Command will visit and share their perspectives on national security, DOD, the Intelligence Community and their roles at USSOCOM. A Q&A session will follow. Location is CSE 404.

"Rape in the Fields"

"Rape in the Fields," a documentary about sexual exploitation of women farmworkers, will be screened 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in Pugh Hall, Room 170. Members of the Coalition of Immokalee Workers will be present at the screening and will be able to engage the audience in dialogue about the Campaign for Fair Food and what they can do to help.

Sukkah event at UF Hillel

Don't miss a chance to commemorate the sheltering of Israelite's underneath the handmade Sukkah with friends and some free food. From 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, come to Hillel's hut for free kosher pizza, salad and dessert. Hillel will host a candy-making event, and Rabbi Swedroe will lead an open-style discussion about the holiday.

Got something going on?

Want to see it in this space? Send an email with "What's Happening" in the subject line to sshavell@alligator.org. To ensure publication in the next day's newspaper, please submit the event before 5 p.m. Please model your submissions after above events and keep them 150 words or fewer. Improperly formatted "What's Happening" submissions may not appear in the paper. Press releases will not appear in the paper.

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LIFESTYLE

Study: One-third of food is wasted

ELIZABETH BROWN
Alligator Contributing Writer

Alex Payne said he stood shocked and upset when he saw a hardly eaten burger being thrown away at the Fresh Food Company.

The 19-year-old industrial and systems engineering freshman said that's not the only time he has seen large amounts of food go to waste at dining halls.

But the issue stretches far beyond UF's campus.

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations released a study last week reporting that one-third of the world's food goes to waste.

According to the study, food waste takes a toll on the economy, with annual losses of \$750 billion.

Jeffrey Brecht, a UF hor-

tical sciences professor, said portion sizes contribute to food waste, and restaurants serve more food to consumers because of competition with other businesses, particularly in the U.S.

"We have such abundant food," he said. "We can afford to throw it away."

He said people should be given smaller portions but told they can have more, and students should buy less food but shop more frequently to avoid waste.

"People need to plan better," he said. "Buy just what you need."

The study found food waste not only hurts the economy, but it also has detrimental effects on the environment. Wasted food is the third-largest source of greenhouse gas emissions.

But some familiar eating

spots are taking action.

Caitanya Long, vice president at the Krishna House, said the group does not waste any food.

"Buy just what you need."

Jeffrey Brecht
horticultural sciences professor

She said leftover food is donated to organizations such as the St. Francis House and the Salvation Army, and some food goes to feed animals.

"We're reducing waste from the start to the end," she said.

Payne said though he's not immune to letting bits of food go to the trash, he does make an effort to avoid throwing it away.

"I make sure I finish what's on my plate," he said.

SG to teach budget process

► IT'S FROM 5 TO 6 P.M. IN THE REITZ GRAND BALLROOM.

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Student Government has found a way to make its multimillion dollar budget more digestible to students.

Senate Budget and Appropriations Chairman Joseph Michaels founded "E-initiative," a three-step plan aiming to educate, elevate and empower students in the budgeting process.

The first of two town hall meetings within E-initiative is "Speed Budgeting," held in the Grand Ballroom of the Reitz Union from 5 to 6 p.m. today.

The meeting will include how to create a budget disk to get on the SG budget, read the SG financial codes and understand the 5 percent cut to the 2014-2015 fiscal year budget.

Michaels also created SG brochures and a cartoon presentation for easier understanding.

This year, SG banked an activity

and service fee budget of \$18,992,000. That money stems from the activity and service fee, which is \$17.35, for every enrolled credit hour. This money is divided among recreational sports, student activities and involvement, the Reitz Union and SG for allocation to student organizations.

Student Body Treasurer Jayce Victor saw an opportunity in collaborating with Michaels. As part of his platform when he campaigned in Spring, Victor worked to hold town hall meetings for student groups to increase transparency.

"Part of holding myself accountable is knowing where the money is going," he said.

On Sunday, the second town hall meeting, the Student Government Forum, will be held in the Rion Ballroom from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Students will be able to voice their concerns and offer feedback to SG. Student Body President Christina Bonarrigo and Senate President Lauren Verno will lead the forum.

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Newberry woman throws chips at boyfriend

► SHE WAS LATER RELEASED FROM JAIL.

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A Newberry woman was arrested early Monday after she chased her boyfriend and his ex-girlfriend to a gas station and threw food items at them.

Marqusia Antwanette Ross, 23, was arguing with Demetrice Desean Holmes, her boyfriend of two years, because he wanted to leave the house to go play cards, according to an Alachua County Sheriff's Office arrest report. He locked the door of the house, and she smashed a couple of the windows.

Holmes called his ex-girlfriend Destiny Carter to come pick him up, and the two left in a gray Nissan, according to the report.

Ross got into her green Honda and started driving after

them, and she brought her two children along. She pursued the Nissan from the La Crosse area through Alachua and onto I-75 South, according to the report.



Ross

Holmes and Carter stopped off at the Kangaroo gas station, located at 9303 NW 39th Ave., to call police. When Ross chased them inside on foot carrying one of her children, they ran behind the Subway sandwich counter, according to the report.

Ross grabbed bags of chips and a metal can opener and threw them at Holmes and Carter, according to the report. Holmes then went outside the store, and Ross followed, throwing a plastic bottle full of soda at him.

Deputies arrested her on charges of child abuse without great harm and assault with intent to commit a felony. She was taken to the Alachua County Jail, and she was later released.

CAMPUS

Former congresswoman speaks about budget

BILLY JEAN LOUIS

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Florida teachers don't get paid well, said former congresswoman Pat Schroeder. Some even qualify for food stamps.

A woman who once ran for president and spent 24 years as a U.S. representative for Colorado, Schroeder spoke to about 200 people on Monday at the Buddy & Anne MacKay Auditorium.

She said the federal government does not contribute enough money to education — it spends 6 percent of its money on education in each state.

"This is critical in our society," she said.

Schroeder, a Democrat, spent 14 years as a U.S. representative, according to Politico. She considered running for president in 1987, but withdrew from the campaign because of a lack of funds and returned to the House of Representatives for another decade, according to a biography by Joan A. Lowy.

When asked how she would handle Florida's educational programs if she were president, she said she would create more high-tech jobs.

Despite politics being a mess, Schroeder said young adults can make a change.

"Young adults have to pay attention to local, state and federal elections," her husband James said. If there is an issue

in their community, he encouraged them to act and call their state representatives instead of doing nothing.



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Former U.S. Representative Patricia Schroeder speaks to about 200 people at the Buddy & Anne MacKay Auditorium on Monday evening.

OneRepublic coming to UF Oct. 10 as part of anti-smoking tour

TeamMate will be opener

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The Student Government Productions music and entertainment board announced Friday that its first concert of the year, featuring headliner OneRepublic and opener TeamMate, will take place Oct. 10 at the Stephen C. O'Connell

Center.

This concert is a part of the truthLIVE concert tour, said Daniel Levin, a 21-year-old UF industrial and systems engineering senior and SGP chairman.

"They approached us in April because they heard about how big of a presence SGP has at UF,"

"I will probably be the first in line for those free tickets."

Nick Kaufman
marketing junior

Levin said. "UF was chosen out of only a handful of schools."

SGP is sponsoring about \$40,000 of the concert; the rest is covered by truthLIVE, Levin said.

TruthLIVE is a concert tour

sponsored by the anti-smoking campaign the truth. Tickets will be available for students with their Gator 1 Cards on Oct. 1 at the O'Connell Center from noon to 5 p.m., said Levin. He expects about 8,000 students to attend.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and opener TeamMate will play at 7:30 p.m.

Nick Kaufman, a 20-year-old marketing junior, first heard the

news at the OneRepublic concert in Orlando this summer when the lead singer announced possible plans for a UF show.

"All of my friends and I were yelling and screaming," he said. "We were so excited."

Since then, Kaufman said he has been anxiously checking online for information about the show.

"I will probably be the first in line for those free tickets," he said.

A smaller percentage of Hispanic students are earning degrees

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reasons for the increase.

Even though the number of Hispanic students at UF has increased, Garcia said it still isn't enough.

"It's not completely representational when we look at the state population," she said.

Although more Hispanic students are entering college, a smaller percentage is actually earning bachelor's degrees com-

pared to white students, according to Pew Research Center.

Solansh Hernandez, a 20-year-old business and psychology junior, has seen Hispanic students and her own family struggle to get through college.

"I have a couple of family members who couldn't keep up with the material because they couldn't fully understand English," she said.

Hernandez herself has dealt with language barriers and discrimination based on her accent. Born in Cuba, she moved

to the United States as a child to get a better education. But Hernandez still feels like a minority at a predominantly white university. She said finding a community at the Institute of Hispanic-Latino Cultures has been a key to her success at UF.

"It's been a home away from home for me," she said.

Despite increased resources for and enrollment of Hispanic students, the work isn't done for Garcia and other advocates.

"There's always room for improvement," she said. "We can always do more."

NATIONAL

US has cool summer, but Florida still hot

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Summer 2013 was the "coolest" since 2009, according to the National Climatic Data Center August 2013 Climate Report.

The average temperature in the U.S. from June to August was 72.6 degrees Fahrenheit, making it the mildest summer in the past four years, according to the data.

Florida bucked the national cooldown trend in 2013, surpassing last summer's average temperature by 0.3 degrees. This year's 81.2 degrees Fahrenheit was still cooler than summer 2010 and 2011, which hold the record for the hottest Florida summers since 1998.

Jeff Huffman, WRUF-TV Meteorologist, wrote in an email that the summer 2013 temperature in Gainesville was one degree cooler than Gainesville's average summer temperature over the past 30 years. Huffman said the cooler temperature can be attributed to Gainesville's above-average rainfall. July 2013 was Gainesville's rainiest ever.

Florida had a total of 29.95 total inches of rain this summer.

On a national level, the weather is cooler due to a blocking pattern in the north Atlantic, Huffman said. It forces the jet stream, a river of air that steers weather systems, unusually far to the south. Without the jet stream to protect it, cold fronts can surge deep into the U.S. for much of the summer season, Huffman said.

Huffman said the cooler summer is unlikely to foreshadow cooler weather in fall or winter.

"Weather patterns, such as what caused the cooler summer in the Eastern U.S., are always changing," he said. "It's often difficult to predict their influences on a large scale or over a longer time period."

Alize Trinquet, a 20-year-old UF criminology and anthropology junior, said she had no idea it was even cooler outside.

"The summer felt just as hot and miserable as ever," she said.

CAMPUS

Disability-friendly housing by Fall 2015

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Last week, Florida's Board of Governors approved a \$25 million bond package request for a disability-friendly residence hall.

The request for the bond package was previously given the go-ahead from UF's Board of Trustees.

All that remains is the decision from the governor's office, which

will be announced in October.

In addition to the bonds, the hall will be funded with profits from rent, Sharon Blansett, assistant to the associate vice president for student affairs, wrote in an email.

The residence hall is set to be built by Fall 2015, she said.

There are already more than 70 residence hall spaces in campus housing that are in compliance with American with Disabilities Act specifications.

"The new hall will have 255 spaces," Blansett said. "Thirty-five of these spaces can be converted to support students with higher levels of mobility needs."

Alex Amaro, a 22-year-old UF economics junior, thinks the idea of a disability-friendly dorm is great.

"I think it's progressive," he said. "They're opening doors for all kinds of students, and I think that's a good idea."

>> **Number of student bed spaces:** 255

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Krishna Lunch switches back to paper plates to save money

► KRISHNA HOUSE PAID FIVE NON-MEMBERS TO WASH PLATES.

NIKO PIFFERETTI

Alligator Contributing Writer

Reusable metal or plastic utensils can be a cheaper alternative to disposable ones, in theory. But Krishna House learned that it wasn't the case when it introduced metal dishes and utensils to Krishna Lunch.

It now serves its vegan meals only on paper plates.

Responding to rising food prices, the nonprofit organization calculated that metal plates would be cheaper than paper plates, all else being equal, said Caitanya Long, a Hare Krishna devotee.

All else was not equal, however.

"The amount of money we had to pay people to clean the thousand plates was way over budget," said Long, who has been serving Krishna Lunch on the Plaza of the Americas for four years.

The 30 devotees who live in Krishna House at 214 NW 14th St. prepare, serve and clean up after Krishna Lunch in exchange for living in the house, Long said.

This year, about 75 percent of the live-in devotees are students

busy with studying, which cuts down on the house's dishwashing manpower.

To get the metal plates clean in time for the next day's lunch service, Krishna House had to pay five non-members to wash them.

Krishna House had also negotiated a discount on trash collection fees with UF administration, but it was significantly less than expected, Long said.

"It wasn't a personal thing," she said of UF's offer. "UF loves us. The present administration is very favorable and have gone out of their way to make a really nice space for us here in the Plaza."

Long said they thought using metal plates would be cheaper in the long run, but some ended up in the trash rather than the dishwasher.

People who didn't finish their meals before the lunch ended at 1:30 p.m. would throw the plates in the trash or walk away with them, Long said.

Replacing lost dishes, cups and cutlery might cost more than they're worth, Marie Urmano, 19, said.

"It seems like sustainability and the economy are always at odds," the UF digital arts and sciences freshman said.

Not so, said Leslie Paul Thiele, director of sustainability studies

in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

"Sustainability is said to be

built on a three-legged stool," he said. "One is environmental health, one is social welfare and

one is economic viability. For something to be sustainable, it has to be economically viable."



Nathalie Dortonne / Alligator

International studies freshman Kelly Collin, 18, and environmental science freshman Avalon Hoek Spaans, 18, eat Krishna Lunch on paper plates Wednesday. Krishna switched from reusable plates to paper ones.

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Editorial

UF needs to educate students on consent

To be clear, a number of resources are available to victims of sexual assault at UF. According to the University of Florida Policy on Sexual Assault, victims are encouraged to report to the University Police Department's Special Investigation Unit, the Gainesville Police or the Alachua County Sheriff's Office, all of which are staffed with professionals trained to assist victims.

The UF Office of Victim Services provides civilian support through the Victim Advocate Program, a confidential service that ensures victims know their rights and are treated with respect and fairness. The UF Counseling & Wellness Center offers confidential individual or group counseling for anyone dealing with "any form of sexual exploitation." The services are available to students at no cost.

Alachua County also has a Victim Services and Rape Crisis Center, which provides 24/7 phone support to victims of rape and sexual assault. The hotline number is 352-264-6760.

While it's commendable both UF and Alachua County offer victim services, current campus-rape statistics and the stories of female students who have been raped or sexually assaulted suggest a need for a more proactive approach to stopping rape. It's simply not enough to offer women BlueLight apps and tailored self-defense courses, especially since the National Institute of Justice reported that about 85 to 90 percent of college women who report sexual assault know their assailants.

According to Psychology Today, college rapists are not strangers in the night, as the most common rape myth stipulates. One study on personality traits of college rapists revealed that assailants are repeat offenders who see nothing wrong with their behavior and often aren't caught.

Statistics on Vassar College's Sexual Assault Violence Prevention page presented more unsettling information: 84 percent of college men who committed rape said what they did wasn't rape.

The most commonly suggested proactive approach to ending rape culture is implementing consent education.

If UF simply added a sexual-consent workshop during Preview and mandated that fraternities educate their members on sexual consent, perhaps we could see lower rates of rape and sexual assault on and around campus.

Rhiannon Holder, a youth worker for Brook, a sexual-health charity in the United Kingdom, told The Guardian that society needs to better clarify what informed sexual consent entails.

"Too often [consent] is viewed as a simple yes or no, and it's much more complex than that," says Holder. "I don't think many young people are offered the opportunity to explore all of the factors involved in giving consent: peer pressure, alcohol and drugs, self-esteem, coercion, gender issues."

Experts have weighed in, and data doesn't lie: Moving forward, colleges — including UF — need to engage college men by making sure they know that if a woman is intoxicated, she can't consent. If a woman is asleep, she can't consent. And if she doesn't explicitly say "yes," she's not consenting.

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Column

Dating? 'Nah, man, we're just talking'

The college-dating scene seems to be a culture of not-quite-caring — an awkward landscape pocked with holes and valleys that trip us up on the way to understanding our relationships. Try drafting one text to the dime from last weekend. The metaphor will crystallize pretty quickly when you find yourself eight drafts deep and still unsure of what to say.

Dating as we knew it is dead. Experts call our version of dating the "hookup culture," characterized by flippancy and insincerity. Although they're not certain what caused the change, they believe technology could be the culprit.

We never put all our cards on the table, and we never make a real emotional investment. The disconnect introduced by technology is manifesting now as a disconnect in feeling.

Dating no longer means dinner and a movie. Instead, it's a cycle of Facebook messages, texts and Snapchat exchanges that require multiple friends to decode. What started with "let's not label it" has become a full-fledged and seemingly permanent change in dating culture.

Today's "dates" are "one step below a date, and one step above a high-five," said Shani Silver to The New York Times.

Instead of trying a new restaurant together, we fire off texts on our way out the door with a nonchalant, "Hey, I'm going out if you want to meet up."

The walls start with the vocabulary. The romantic lexicon of our age group consists of irritating phrases like "We're just talking" and "We're hanging out." While these things may be true, we talk to and hang out with a myriad of people every day.

The way we discuss the people we're attracted to sets them on a plane of equal importance with the majority when, ideally, we'd like to think we make one another feel a little more special.

Instead, we create confusion about where we stand with one another — as if we need help with the insecurity.

The advent of texting, Facebook messaging and the



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rest has made it somehow taboo to call each other. Now Snapchat has been added to the mix. Bless this hilarious, wonderful app for allowing routine ugly picture exchanges, but damn it for adding to the haze.

So why is it not cool to care? People can openly and unabashedly obsess over a Netflix series,

but enter an interesting human being and suddenly the raving, obsessive TV fans seem completely ambivalent.

This is not to say we should all declare our burning love for one another on the first date. That will never not be weird. But if we can shout our love of "Game of Thrones" from the rooftops, there is no reason we should be unable to say "I like someone." Dating someone, which used to be the No. 1 sign of coolness, has instead become a liability to that coolness.

A study commissioned by eHarmony reports that since 1995, typical venues for meeting others in person like work, church and social gatherings are on the decline, while the Internet's role as a meeting place has expanded significantly. UF students are lucky to attend such a large university, which is one of the last arenas to meet others in person on a regular basis.

Going to college for an MRS isn't the point — that's as outdated as quitting school to work harvest season on the family farm. Instead of shrugging off our attractions and playing cool, let's put down the smartphones and go play miniature golf or something. Stop wasting time with Emojis and try actually emoting instead.

Dating customs, like chivalry, change over time like any other social construct. While chivalry may be dead, it should be our common goal not to let sincerity of emotion follow suit.

Katie McPherson is a UF English junior. Her column runs on Tuesdays.

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Column

On Constitution Day, we must remember that America is still pretty exceptional

Letters to the Editor

Voice your opinion with the Swamp Party

After a rigorous three-day selection process, Swamp Party is proud to present a full slate of 50 Senate candidates after a record-breaking number of students interviewed to become student representatives.

Among the 674 students that interviewed to become candidates, 82 percent chose to interview with the Swamp Party.

With a record turnout of more than 550 interviewees, the party had an 11 percent candidate acceptance rate, ensuring that the party put forth the most well qualified, experienced and diverse group of student representatives possible.

Swamp Party successfully completed its first day of platform generation yesterday as well.

As a party that directly generates a platform for the students by the students, Swamp Party spent the day in Turlington and the Reitz Union asking students what they want their representatives to accomplish in the following year.

Tomorrow you can find our candidates out there again! We encourage you to voice your opinion and influence our party's decisions!

Thank you for your continued support and Go Gators!

Vivan Ngyuen
Swamp Party President
Joseph Michaels
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Special thanks to UF's Indian Students Association

I am a 2005 graduate of UF and a proud Gator. As a former member of the Student Senate, a former officer of the Indian Students Association, an honors ambassador and a member of Savant UF, I recall organizing and participating in many activities on and off campus to raise awareness of issues we believed needed attention.

Today, I'm pleased to see how UF student organizations continue to contribute to solve issues of importance.

Specifically, I'm referring to the exceptional commitment of the UF ISA Organization to solve an issue, which I believe deserves public recognition. They pledged to increase the number of potential bone marrow donors of Indian descent. This mission has personal significance for me because my uncle, Himanshu, was recently diagnosed with a condition that requires a bone marrow transplant.

Among the approximately 3.1 million people of Indian descent living in the U.S., his potential donor would have to be between the ages of 18 and 44, in good health and be compatible with his marrow type.

Unfortunately, the discouragingly low numbers of South Asians registered as potential donors limit the probability of finding a donor.

The admirable efforts of Riffat Bhimani and Neha Swaroop, president and external affairs vice president of ISA, along with Mauricio Murillo of the Icla da Silva Foundation, led to a donor drive to coincide with the first ISA general body meeting of the fall term.

Their efforts and leadership resulted in registering more than 75 donors! This is one of the most successful donation drives sponsored on behalf of my uncle, and my family couldn't be more grateful and honored by not only the students' willingness to help organize the event, but also by their eagerness to register with the national database to solve a specific issue that touches so many families. It is truly a humbling feeling.

While I haven't been able to come back to Gainesville as often as I would like, I'm pleased to see that our students remain exceptional.

Go Gators!

Neel Patel
UF alumnus

On Sept. 17, 1787 the Constitution of the United States was signed by 38 delegates during the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia.

This document outlined how the new country would form its federal government after the Articles of the Confederation failed.

The framers set up the Constitution so that each branch would have its own functions and its own power.

Through checks and balances, the branches engage in political fights that ensure the freedom of the individual citizen.

As the country changes, the Constitution also changes. The framers knew that the law of the land must change with the country.

The amendments reflect the different causes and struggles many Americans have fought for.

The original intention of the document still remains the same — the government must protect the rights of the people.

The framers believed our rights came from God, and our freedom comes from the Constitution.

More than 200 years later, our country still stands.

It has endured two world wars, a crippling civil war and countless events that tested the will and resolve of the American people.

I am of the belief that America is an exceptional country. Yes, we have the strongest military and the most powerful economy — but that is not what makes this country special.

Freedom is what makes this country great.

It is far too easy as a nation to get on our high horse and look down our noses at other countries and cultures.

There is no doubt our country is the strongest power in the world, but that does not mean we are an invincible nation.

We must not take our rights and liberty for granted.

The words of Thomas Jefferson still ring true today: "The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants."

The things we take for granted continue to be paid with the sacrifice of many.

On Constitution Day, it is important to remember the members of our armed forces who have taken the pledge



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to support and defend the Constitution of the United States. That is one of the reasons why we should not take our liberty lightly.

The country's power comes from its propensity and capacity to change.

It is unbelievable to think how different we are as a nation now

from 200 years ago.

In the past, we fought for independence, civil rights and the other problems gripping our nation. We still have more problems to solve, but we know that we have the ability to solve them together.

Our country is the most diverse and stable democracy in the world. For that reason we should be proud.

However, we should not be completely satisfied, either.

Our freedoms and constitutionally granted powers ensure that the fight for a better America can be fought, and the battle for freedoms can be won.

We are a special group of people, and we participate in this grand democratic experiment.

Despite the fact that our ancestors came from different and diverse faraway countries, we still collectively call ourselves "Americans."

This bond inspires hope. In times of trouble we come together as a nation.

In times of great distress — the Challenger disaster, the Oklahoma City bombings and 9/11, to name a few — our exceptionalism shines.

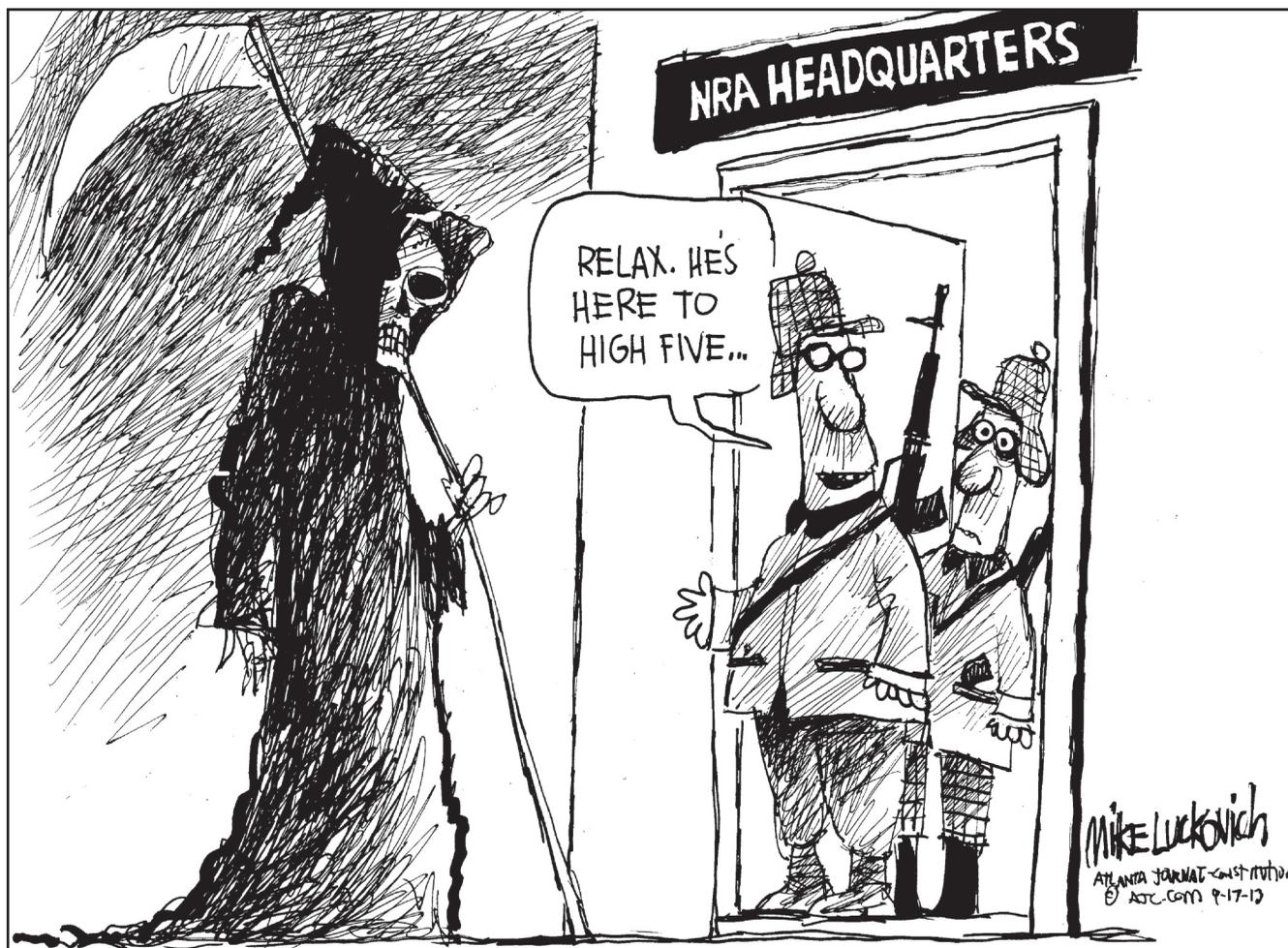
People of different faiths, creeds and colors always come together and make sure that the country becomes stronger than ever.

On this day, it is important to realize how fortunate we are to live in a country where we have inalienable rights and freedom.

Despite all the problems we have yet to face, I believe we are still "A City upon a Hill." I am still and forever will be proud to call myself an American.

The Constitution makes our country strong. Our freedom makes us exceptional. We make the world hope.

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LIFESTYLE

Supplement looks to replace illegal study aid drugs

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A new supplement set to hit college campuses is being marketed as a legal replacement for illegal prescription drug use.

Described as a "brain supplement," Cerebral Success advertises six hours of naturally enhanced cognitive function — an alternative to the prescription stimulants students often take in an attempt to study.

"Cerebral Success gives you focus and energy, but in addition, it gives you heightened memory and health benefits in the form of Omega-3 DHA and antioxidants," said CEO Trevor Hiltbrand.

In a recent survey conducted by UF and Washington University in St. Louis, two-thirds of people surveyed reported they believed the use of prescription stimulants is a moderate-to-large problem among young adults.

The report found nearly 12 percent of the surveyed group had diverted medication either by supplying others with stimulants or by taking someone else's medications.

UF epidemiology Ph.D. student Sonam Lasopa co-authored the study.

"These drugs are to be used under supervision of a medical professional and are intended for use in those with [attention] problems," Lasopa wrote in an email.

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, the unauthorized use of prescrip-

tion stimulants including Adderall, Ritalin and Concerta can lead to an increase in blood pressure and heart rate as well as a decrease in sleep and appetite. Repeated use can lead to cardiovascular concerns and addiction.

But 19-year-old UF public relations sophomore Josh Ferrari understands the lingering attraction to stimulants.

"Students put a lot on the line to have a successful run in college, so I don't doubt that a lot of people use them to help them focus," Ferrari said. "If there was a legal alternative, I would probably want to try it."

Hiltbrand, who graduated from Brigham Young University in 2011, began developing the alternative supplement for himself while in college.

"I always struggled to focus on studying, so I started trying to mix different natural supplements. People started to notice and would come knocking on my door asking for some," Hiltbrand said. "That was when I knew I had a product."

Hiltbrand recently began raising funds through Indiegogo to take the product, which can now be found online, to physical east-coast university towns.

The amount of money raised will determine how soon UF students see Cerebral Success in stores near campus.

Hiltbrand also recommends that when taking his product, students stay hydrated and maintain recommended levels of nutrients.

Remarriage rates down nationally

► RATES DROPPED BY 40 PERCENT.

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Remarriages are down, and shacking up could go up across the U.S. A recent analysis of federal data conducted by the National Center For Family & Marriage Research showed that between 1990 and 2011, remarriage rates dropped by 40 percent. Remarriage by divorced or widowed people now occurs at a rate of about 2.9 percent, down from 5 percent.

This change could be due to couples feeling less pressure to marry, said UF sociology professor Tanya Korepeckyj-Cox. She said the data shift shows how the country has changed in terms of values and stigmas.

"There are more options for

people, so it's become easier and more straightforward for people to live on their own," she said. "So, there isn't a pressure to get remarried. And depending on their prior experience, they may be hesitant to get into another marriage."

Younger age groups had the most dramatic change, with the rate dropping about 54 percent in the last two decades.

For divorced or widowed people who have found a new partner, Korepeckyj-Cox said many may be choosing to take the commitment just as far as living together. In the past, this wasn't the case with a more religious culture deeming cohabitation as "living in sin."

"Not only is it not a stigma, but it's become pretty widely accepted that people can live with a partner without getting married," she said.

Korepeckyj-Cox said living together is usually a step toward marriage, though for a small group,

it will be the only step toward life-long commitment.

For Kyle Smierciak, a 28-year-old Santa Fe accounting sophomore who lives with his fiancée, the choice to move in together was a no-brainer.

"You need to figure out what works best for both of you so you both feel comfortable," he said. "When you're married, there's no getting out unless you go through divorce."

Involving children can complicate the marriage situation, said Korepeckyj-Cox.

Danielle Boykin, a married 20-year-old Santa Fe psychology sophomore, agreed.

She and Smierciak said their marriage values were influenced by their parents' relationships.

"I didn't want to get married multiple times," Boykin said, "So I feel like I considered it very heavily."



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UF journalism alumnus Cody Jones, 25, holds hands with his wife, Lacey, a 23-year-old UF public relations alumna. A recent study suggests remarriage rates are declining as couples choose to live together.

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Over-congestion causing collisions at major intersection

Construction could make it worse

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Car collision rates are increasing at Northwest 39th Avenue and Northwest 34th Street, and although some residents say traffic signals are to blame, city officials are citing other reasons for the problem.

A resident filed a complaint with the City Manager's Office at the end of August claiming the traffic light on Northwest 39th Avenue remained green for too long, resulting in cars on Northwest 34th Street running red lights and causing collisions.

Though the Public Works Department dispatched a technician to check the signal and found it was working properly, they still adjusted the detector to ensure all cars were being detected as they approached the light.

Despite the change, collisions are still occurring.

Traffic Operations Manager Matt Weisman said the accidents are due to over-congestion in the area, and changing the length of traffic signals won't help solve the problem.

"The only thing we can do as far as traffic signals is operate it the best we can," he said. "But at this point when there's more traffic

than the intersection can handle, there's not much more that can be done on our end."

The intersection is overseen by the Florida Department of Transportation. However, it subcontracts the City of Gainesville to operate the intersection.

City Commissioner Thomas Hawkins said the city maintains all the traffic signals in the county and is motivated to remedy the issue because it's responsible for providing emergency medical services as a result of the collisions.

"We're the primary source for public safety, so we care from that perspective because we are the first responders," he said.

Weisman suggested alternative solutions to the crash issue, such as utilizing the bus system and widening the roads.

However, some residents think the city should come up with a different solution to solve the problem.

Tara Richardson, owner of Weecycle, located at 5110 NW 34th Blvd., said in the 12 years she has been operating the consignment shop at the location, she has seen at least one serious collision a month at the intersection.

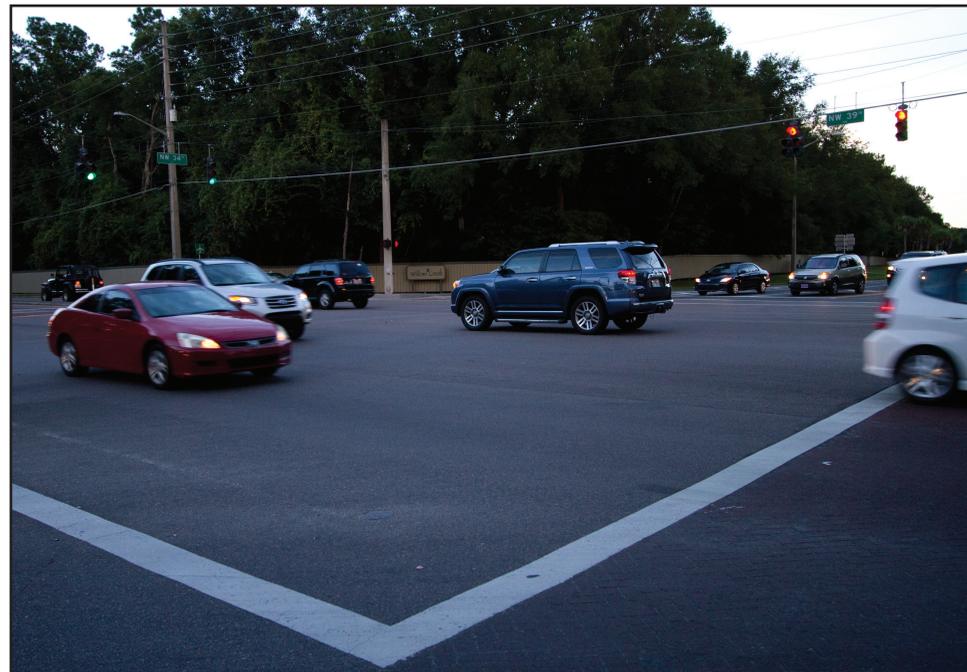
"When I say major, I mean cars are flipped over," she said. "Two months ago,

there was a double accident on that road, one going north and one going south."

Richardson said while changing traffic patterns could help, widening the roads and doing other construction could possi-

bly make the accidents worse.

"It's already two lanes both directions," she said. "I think construction will cause more problems than what's already happening."



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The intersection at Northwest 39th Avenue and Northwest 34th Street experiences traffic Monday. The City Commission received a complaint about accidents there.

UF to celebrate the Constitution

► STUDENTS CAN GET GIFT CARDS FOR ANSWERING QUESTIONS.

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The George A. Smathers Libraries' Government Documents department will be hosting its fourth annual Celebration of the Constitution today from noon to 1 p.m. on the Plaza of the Americas.

The celebration will include a public forum where students and staff members can share a reading of the Constitution, said UF librarian Chelsea Dinsmore.

"Our founding documents are freely available for everyone to read, which isn't the case in many countries," she said.

The library will also distribute 1,000 pocket-sized Constitutions on campus, she said. Cards offering Constitution apps will be distributed on Tuesday as well.

The Celebration of the Constitution is a national event, and all schools that receive federal funding are required to participate, Dinsmore said.

In addition to the Constitution reading on the Plaza

of the Americas, the Bob Graham Center for Public Service will record a video segment called "Preambling with Dr. Emma Humphries." Humphries, the Bob Graham Center's assistant in citizenship, plans to meander through campus asking random students questions about the Constitution. The idea came from a spin-off of Jay Leno's late-night segment "Jaywalking".

"When it comes to knowing the framework of our government, we don't really teach it," Humphries said. "I have a hunch that the majority of UF students won't know the answers."

The importance of this event is to learn about why the Constitution matters and why the day is meaningful, Humphries said.

Students can earn \$5 Starbucks gift cards for each question they answer correctly, and they can earn up to three gift cards.

The final version of the video will be available soon after Constitution Day at www.youtube.com/bob-grahamcenter.

The University of Florida Levin College of Law will hold a simultaneous reading in UF Law's Martin Levin Advocacy Center, according to a press release.

LIFESTYLE

Disney classics team up with iPad

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This past weekend, "The Little Mermaid" hit the big — and now the little — screen.

The 1989 classic was re-released as "Disney Second Screen Live: The Little Mermaid" in some theaters bundled with an interactive iPad app.

Playing nautical games, competing with other audience members and participating in a group singalong on the Apple product provide interaction between big screen and moviegoers.

Bruce Floyd, UF's social media specialist, said customers may accept the concept if they come in expecting bright lights.

"I think that with the multiplexes that we have, and the summer winding down, theaters are looking for any opportunity they can to bring in customers."

Bruce Floyd

UF's social media specialist

"A movie theater, in a general sense, should not be a place for glowing phones and other devices' screens," he said. "But a unique experience like this where people are informed of technology being used and they choose to go there ... there's no problem with it."

Michael Condra, a 23-year-old UF history junior, said he would never like to sit in for an interactive thematic

experience.

"I think it would be a distraction," he said. "When someone receives a text or a call and their screen lights up in a regular movie showing I get annoyed."

Lyndsey Peck, a 21-year-old UF political science senior, felt similarly.

"This is depriving kids of the ability to enjoy movies the way my generation did," she said. "The movies should be a family event."

Floyd said he expects the concept to take off.

"I think that with the multiplexes that we have, and the summer winding down, theaters are looking for any opportunity they can to bring in customers," he said.

Olive Garden tailoring menu for millennials

► TAPAS ARE ABOUT \$4.

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The home of never-ending soup and salad is aiming to attract more millennial customers with tapas.

Olive Garden wants to bring in more millennial customers, said Tara Gray, a media relations worker for the restaurant. This is a change of pace for the mega-chain, which usually caters to diners looking for large portions at low prices.

"During our tests, we've seen millennial guests enjoying a combination of small plates as a new meal occasion between lunch and dinner," she wrote in an email. "We've also seen families ordering a variety of small plates with dinner as a way to explore and share new tastes together."

Some of the new dishes include parmesan-roasted asparagus, crispy risotto bites and grilled chicken spiedini. Prices for each are about \$4, Gray said. Three more dishes will debut in December.

"We believe 'Tastes of Italy' small plates will create new dining occasions and reach new guests," Gray said.

UF student Nick Gomez, a 19-year-old mechanical engineering sophomore, said he's excited about the idea because it works with his busy schedule.

"We believe 'Tastes of Italy' small plates will create new dining occasions and reach new guests."

Tara Gray

media relations

"I know I don't really eat three big meals a day anymore," he said. "I like to space it out with little meals along the day because I'm on the go."

Gomez said although he and his friends don't particularly enjoy Olive Garden, the idea of new menu offerings could be enough to reel him in.

"As long as they keep their old stuff along with the new stuff, they could definitely get more customers," he added. "Especially because it's cheaper, which college kids love."

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Matt Jones (24) reaches for the ball on a play-action pass from quarterback Jeff Driskel (6) during Florida's 21-16 loss against Miami on Sept. 7 in Sun Life Stadium.

Jones ready to carry load

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Matt Jones has not felt this good in months.

After suffering a serious viral infection in July, which caused him to miss all of fall camp and Florida's season opener against Toledo on Aug. 31, Jones said Monday he is as close to being fully healthy as he has been since spring.

"It was this bye week, starting Monday," Jones said of when he started to feel normal. "I went through practice feeling good, making the right cuts, making one cut that I usually make. Monday through Friday was the best practice I've had so far."

Said coach Will Muschamp: "He had a really good off week. I think he worked extremely hard. ... Coming off for him, the issues he had medically, I feel good about where he is right now."

Jones returned against Miami on Sept. 7 but was limited throughout the Gators' 21-16 loss to the Hurricanes in Sun Life Stadium.

The sophomore tailback carried

the ball 18 times, grinding out 47 yards and fumbling on the opening drive of the game.

"I was thinking I wasn't ready to come back. I was thinking I wasn't going to be back. My coaches just told me to calm down and trust yourself. Through the third or fourth quarter, I started feeling comfortable."

Matt Jones

UF running back

In addition to not feeling great physically, Jones wondered internally if he had returned too soon.

"I was thinking I wasn't ready to come back," Jones said. "I was thinking I wasn't going to be back. My coaches just told me to calm down and trust yourself. Through the third or fourth quarter, I started feeling comfortable."

Despite having a debut to forget, Jones said he was glad to have gone through a full game prior to the start of Southeastern Conference play.

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Junior midfielder showing timely touch for Florida

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Havana Solaun is no stranger to comebacks.

When the Gators are down, Solaun often finds a way to get UF back in the game.

She scored the game-winning goal in Florida's 2-1 overtime victory against Arkansas in 2011.

She was the playmaker on an equalizer in last season's 3-2 win against New Mexico and was just shy of finding the back of the net in a scoreless double-overtime match against North Carolina in 2012.

Solaun found the right touch to halt a South Florida win on Sunday.

The junior midfielder posted a 74th-minute equalizer in a 1-1 double overtime draw against USF.

The Bulls led 1-0 through about 68 minutes of playing time after Sharla Passariello opened the scoring in the 7th minute.

Solaun's goal was her fourth this season and the 17th in her career.

"[Defender Claire Falknor] did a great job working it down the line," Solaun said.

"Everyone already in the box pretty much set it up for me.

"There was run near post, which drew all their defenders. The ball went straight across the goal.

"Caroline (Triglia) said 'I thought about hitting it, but I stopped and let it go through my legs.' Had she not have done that, we wouldn't have scored."

Despite missing on an opportunity with 30 seconds left to escape Tampa with a win, Solaun's efforts on the field gave the No. 9 Gators (6-1-1) their first draw of the season.

Coach Becky Burleigh said Solaun's goal was due in part to the

UF Soccer

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FOOTBALL

Defensive tackle preparing for final matchup with Tennessee

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It may have nine stanzas, but the good 'ole song from Rocky Top has a catchy ring to it. In Knoxville, Tenn., it's a touching rendition to the simple life in the foothills. In many other places, "Rocky Top," is an annoying battle cry that people would rather do without.

Gators senior defensive tackle Dominique Easley has an interesting way to deal with Tennessee's theme song: He sings it himself.

"They hear me," Easley said. "I don't know if they consider it a taunt, but I just do it for my own enjoyment."

Easley does not shy away from having fun on the football field. For him and nine other seniors, Saturday marks the last matchup in their careers against the Volunteers (2-1). No. 19 Florida (1-1) attempts its ninth-straight victory in the series at 3:30 p.m. in The Swamp.

In his three previous Tennessee-Florida games, Easley recorded three tackles, two of which went for a loss, and two quarterback hurries. Florida defeated Tennessee 37-20 last season at Neyland Stadium on the heels

of an 80-yard touchdown run from Trey Burton and a 75-yard touchdown catch by Frankie Hammond Jr.

Florida quieted the band with 24 unanswered points. Senior defensive back Jaylen Watkins picked up a tackle in the 2012 victory. He won't miss the tune of "Rocky Top," either.



Driskel

"It's bittersweet," Watkins said. "Obviously, I've enjoyed my time here, but all of us hate the Rocky Top. It'll be good to not hear it anymore."

Driskel ready despite

sprained knee: A knee injury was the last thing on Jeff Driskel's mind. The quarterback and his team were on the ropes in a raucous away atmosphere at Miami. Florida, down 14-6 at halftime, never recovered.

Driskel, meanwhile, had perhaps his worst game as a starter, committing three turnovers — two of which were interceptions thrown in the red zone. All of this happened on a sprained left knee. The school an-

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The Florida volleyball team faces in-state rival Florida State tonight at 6. Read the story on page 16.



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Dominique Easley
UF defensive tackle

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SWIMMING

UF boasts deep roster heading into 2013

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Entering the 2013-14 season, coach Gregg Troy has one of the most impressive Florida teams to date.

UF lost just two scoring swimmers from last year's NCAA Championships, making for an easy transition.

Florida returns 11 All-Americans on the men's team, including Olympians Marcin Cieslak and Sebastien Rousseau, senior Brad deBorde and juniors Dan Wallace and Eduardo Solache-Gomez.



Troy

With so much returning talent, the Gators are not only thinking about a repeat performance as Southeastern Conference champions — a feat Florida men's swimming had not accomplished in 20 years prior to last season — but success at the NCAA Championships as well.

"They took big pride in winning that last year. I think that we may have a target on us at the moment," Troy said.

"We fell a little short. We thought we should have been third at the NCAA meet last year."

Troy reiterated those feelings for the women's team, which duplicated the men's sixth-place finish at the NCAA Championships in 2013.

The women's team has firepower in two-time Olympian and All-American senior Elizabeth Beisel.

"[She] can swim everything," Troy said. "She's real easygoing, so she's intense about her racing, but she's kind of fun to be around at practice. She makes other people better."

The women's team is not as top heavy as the men's. The women sport a strong sophomore class comprised of 12 swimmers, including five All-Americans.

"They improved tremendously and had good summer," Troy said. "Natalie Hinds (and) Sinead Russell were fantastic."

Troy also said senior Alicia Mathieu had a breakout summer.

The freshmen for both squads sport talent as well.

"We've got a freshmen class — six women and six men — that

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Gators nearing start of SEC play, host Alabama on Friday

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Bulls' defense targeting freshman forward Savannah Jordan.

"We're a tough matchup for a lot of teams," Burleigh said.

"For us, it is kind of a separate season because what we've done up to this point is only preparation for the SEC. Starting Friday, everyone's starting over again."

Becky Burleigh
UF coach

"The reason is we have some diversity in our attack and we also have some play-makers. It's hard to focus on one player. USF did that a little bit [Sunday], really trying to double team Savannah a lot and that left an opening for Havana to get a goal."

Burleigh also noted that the fouls UF

accumulated during the contest hindered the team's rhythm.

Florida and South Florida combined to rack up 39 fouls in the match's 110 minutes.

With a 2013 schedule that showcases new opponents from across the country, Burleigh said the diverse styles of play that UF has gone up against has helped the Gators prepare for when Southeastern Conference play opens up this weekend.

Florida hosts Alabama on Friday night at 7 at James G. Pressly Stadium.

With the 20 shots Florida took on USF's goal Sunday and only getting one to the back of the net, executing finishes will be on the team's mind for Friday's matchup.

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"Starting Friday, everyone's starting over again."



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Savannah Jordan battles for the ball during Florida's 2-0 win against Minnesota on Friday in James G. Pressly Stadium. Jordan has three multi-goal matches this season.

Watkins now starting at safety

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nounced the injury via Twitter on Sept. 9.

"A lot of adrenaline going during the game," the junior said Monday. "I felt it, but not as much as I did after the game. I don't think it affected me at all."

A bye week could not have come at a better time for UF. When Florida kicks off against Tennessee, it will be 13 days since he last played a football game. The injury occurred during one of his nine rushing attempts.

"It was in the second quarter. It got high-locked, (and) got stuck in the ground a little bit," he said. "It could have been a lot worse, so that's the good news. It's feeling a lot better now and I'll be ready to go."

Gators update depth chart: Despite having the nation's third-ranked defense, coach Will Muschamp wasn't pleased with the performance against Miami. The Gators held a potent Hurricanes offense to 1.8 yards per rush and 162 yards passing.

Receiver Phillip Dorsett beat starting strong safety Marcus Maye on a 52-yard touchdown catch in the first quarter for the game's lone big play.

The redshirt freshman defensive back was listed behind Watkins in the latest depth chart released by Florida on Monday.

"You just can't give up big plays. We

can't afford that to happen," Muschamp said.

"You've got to tackle better. Marcus knows that. Jaylen's played well at safety for us. He will still play some corner, but he's a guy that covers well. This will be mostly a sub game in nickel and dime personnel, so we need to be in some situations where we get our best cover people on the field."

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Jeff Driskel
UF quarterback

Maye is listed as the first-team dime defensive back. Middle linebacker Antonio Morrison moves into the starting spot after backing up Michael Taylor in Week 2. Defensive back Loucheiz Purifoy will return kicks with Solomon Patton on the kickoff unit.

Right guard Jon Halapio makes his first start after missing the first two games with a pectoral injury.

Right tackle Tyler Moore remains the starter despite suffering a right ankle injury in Miami. Muschamp said Moore would've been the only player not able to go if Florida played last week.



Ryan Jones / Alligator

Jaylen Watkins runs down the field during Florida's 21-16 loss against Miami on Sept. 7 in Sun Life Stadium. Watkins is now starting at safety for the Gators.

Gators averaging 192 rushing yards per game this season

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No. 19 Florida (1-1) faces Tennessee (2-1) on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.

"It was a good thing for me to come back against Miami," Jones said. "Getting used to the game. I needed to feel hits and how the speed of the game changed and stuff like that."

Returning to full speed proved more

challenging than even Jones expected it to be when he first became ill in July. The Seffner native spent "seven or eight days" in the hospital and lost "10-12 pounds" throughout the process.

Headaches and nausea continued to delay and frustrate Jones, who expected to enter the season as Florida's workhorse. Jones enjoyed a successful freshman season that saw him carry the ball 52 times for 275 yards and three touchdowns while backing up Mike Gillislee

in 2012.

"It was definitely hard. I put all that work in," Jones said. "That's the thing with football — sometimes you can have a downfall. You don't know when you can get hurt. It's how you overcome it and how you come back."

Jones is still not back at his normal playing weight of 226 pounds.

He said he currently weighs 224 pounds but is confident he will finally be able to shoulder the full load asked

of him.

For a Florida offense that has averaged only 192 rushing yards through two games — the third-lowest clip in the SEC — a healthy Jones will be an important addition.

"I definitely have big expectations," Jones said.

"I want to take the team on my back now that I'm back and I feel I know how the game feels now. I have big expectations going into this game."

Gators seeking redemption against Seminoles

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When Florida played its annual match against Florida State last season, the Gators suffered one of only three sweeps of the season. The other two came against reigning national champion Texas.

UF had been swept only once since 2010 — an NCAA Regionals to Purdue — and twice in the regular season since 2008. But the Seminoles took care of business in straight sets.

“Last year we went to Tallahassee and Florida State, with their experience, they really, really played well,” coach Mary Wise said.

“They were flawless in so many parts of the game and deserved the win.”

Tonight’s matchup at 6 will not only be an opportunity for No. 4 Florida (8-1) to avenge its loss to No. 17 Florida State (6-3), but an opportunity to see what kind of progress the program has made since last year’s match.

Florida State will be carrying momentum from its five-set comeback win against No. 7 Michigan on Saturday.

“They did have to graduate a couple players that gave us trouble in the past, but it’s still Florida State running a similar offense, similar defense,” Wise said.

“Great talent. I could see them winning their league again, being in the NCAA tournament and making a long run — great opportunity tomorrow night.”

The most difficult challenge for Florida will be trying to avoid Florida State’s blocking. The Seminoles are tied for 34th in the nation with 2.7 blocks per game.

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Mary Wise
UF coach

FSU’s height advantage could give it a chance to slow down UF’s quick-hitting offense.

The Seminoles front line includes 6-foot-1 outside hitter Olivera Medic, 6-foot-5 right-side hitter Elise Walch, 6-foot-2 outside hitter Nicole Walch and 6-foot-3 middle blocker Ashley Neff.

“[The Walch sisters] are going to pose a threat to everyone they play,” Wise said.

“The other day, they had 44 kills amongst the two of them. They’ve got great arms. So, good DNA in terms of just how fast and hard they hit the ball.”

Middle blockers Simone Antwi, Chloe Mann and outside hitter Gabby Mallette — each standing at 6-foot-2 — are UF’s tallest players.

Freshman right-side hitter Alex Holston, who set a career high against Iona with 13 kills, a .667 hitting percentage and 13.5 points scored Saturday, could also play a critical role in the match.

Wise expects Holston to per-

form well in her first taste of the Gators-Seminole rivalry.

“The great thing about the freshmen is they don’t know what they don’t know yet,” Wise said.

“In Alex’s case, it’s just a

match in the O’Connell Center.

“Watching how steady she was this whole year leads me to think the difference for her is going to be the great outside hitters that she’s playing against.”



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Gabby Mallette reaches to hit the ball during Florida’s four-set win against Western Michigan on Saturday in the O’Connell Center.

UF opens season on Sept. 27 in Gainesville

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come in that we feel like can contribute right away,” Troy said.

Troy is excited about Andrea (Mitch) D’Arrigo, who he believes can come in and make an immediate impact.

“I feel like he can play,” Troy said.

Troy mentioned that as an international swimmer from Italy, D’Arrigo’s speed will have to translate from long-course meters to short-course yards, which Troy called “a little different animal.”

“There’s a lot of room to make up for mistakes in a 50-meter pool,” Troy said. “In a 25-yard pool, there’s a little less room for error.”

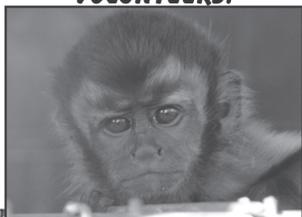
“So he’s going to have to improve in some of those areas, but certainly has the tools.”

Troy is looking forward to the first meet of the year, a three-day Pinch A Penny All Florida Invitational beginning on Sept. 27, but there is ultimately one thing on his mind.

“In our sport, the end of the year is what we’re looking at,” Troy said.

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