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UF IFAS faculty concerned by tenure proposal

► **BERNIE MACHEN ADDRESSED THEM AT A MEETING THURSDAY.**

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President Bernie Machen recently addressed the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences faculty about his proposed changes to the board that reviews tenure and promotions, causing reverberations among concerned employees.

Machen and Jack Payne, the senior vice president for agriculture and natural resources, assured those in attendance at a meeting last week that Machen's proposal keeps the faculty's best interests in mind.

The Academic Personnel Board is currently composed of six members who review more than 200 cases a year for promotions and tenure recommendations. The proposal suggests the board split into two bodies with 10 to 12 members, lessening the workload and allowing for a more in-depth review process.

But some of the faculty were hesitant to accept this proposal.

Some faculty members, such as Stephen Futch, felt dividing the APB would create a schism between extension faculty, which are UF employees stationed off campus, and nonextension faculty.

Futch, an extension agent based in Lake Alfred, Fla., said it's important to make sure that extension faculty are the same as regular employees.

Payne said all faculty are not treated the same, but extension specialists have always been on the tenure track. In the APB's current form, both groups are filtered through a single review board.

The split in the board would entail one group reviewing tenure-track faculty while the other handles extension faculty.

Payne said the issue with the current APB setup revolves around its recent increase of negative reviews throughout the last few years.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

State of Campus looks toward top 10

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Before Tuesday's Senate meeting, Student Body President Christina Bonarrigo welcomed the crowd at the 2013 State of the Campus address and praised accomplishments contributing to UF's mission to become a top-10 university.

She spoke about the upcoming debut of UF Online in January and the Aim Higher campaign.

"We want to look at higher education as an investment and not an expenditure," Bonarrigo said.

A hot topic among students for the past year, the Reitz Union expansion was one of the first points mentioned. The expansion will add 100,000 square feet of space entirely for students, she said, including a floor for student involvement.

UF's latest renovations would also include the revamping of Newell Hall into a state-of-the-art study space this Spring, if funding is provided by the state.

The new center would be open 24/7.

Bonarrigo said more study space was the No. 1 thing students asked for on the most recent Student Experience in the Research University survey.

Student Government's achievements this year include a central syllabus website, a Student Body president blog that has garnered more than 12,000 views and a movement

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UF Student Body President Christina Bonarrigo gives the 2013 State of the Campus address in the Reitz Union on Tuesday evening.

Library West gives sleepy UF students space to nap it out

De-stress week includes puppies

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UF students kicked off De-Stress Fest in West by taking a rest.

Nap Day was the first of a weeklong series of events for students, including a Super

Smash Bros. tournament sponsored by Gator Gaming, free yoga classes and visits from therapy puppies.

Samantha Duboff, a 19-year-old UF accounting freshman, said the events were something she might check out.

"I think the therapy puppies sound the

most interesting," she said.

For Nap Day, about 50 tired students caught some z's Monday night in the first-ever designated nap room in Library West.

Michele Lesure, the night and weekends circulation coordinator for the library, said the room was stocked with sleeping mats from the Outfitter, cots and 50 travel pillows handmade by the librarians. The mood was set with the sounds of rain. Hot and iced tea — as well as

ear plugs — were available for students.

"They work so hard, and we see them struggling in the library," Lesure said. "I'm eternally impressed by how great the students are and how hard they work."

The event was funded through two library funds and staffed by volunteers from the library ambassadors group. The event is unlikely to be repeated for liability reasons, Lesure said.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Taste of Tikkun Olam

Come to Turlington from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to get a snack from UF Hillel that relates to the Torah portion. This week, Joseph receives his well known Technicolor dreamcoat. What do you think the snack will be? For more information, contact Hillel's engagement associate, Melissa Kansky, at Melissa@ufhillel.org.

Wanted: Mentors for K-8 students

Interested in serving as a mentor for an elementary or middle school student next semester? The Center for Leadership and Service has a variety of opportunities available for students to get involved in local schools. After School Gators and Motiv8 are looking for responsible and committed UF students to serve as mentors and role models for local kindergarten through eighth-grade students. Mentors are paired with mentees and meet weekly, forming a lasting relationship and developing lifelong skills. Carpooling is available. Come to the information session at 6 p.m. in CSE, Room E121. Visit leadershipandservice.ufl.edu for more information.

The Entrepreneurship Club Internship fair

The TEC startup internship fair is at 6 p.m. in Stuzin Hall. Don't miss it. Gainesville startups will be in attendance, including Grooveshark, Mobiquity, Florida Works, Mindtree and more. Please RSVP at fb.com/tecu/ events.

National Association of Black Journalists hosts Fall 2013 Expansion Week

Until Friday, NABJ will host events to promote the organization and provide professional opportunities to students in the College of Journalism and Communications. E! News correspondent Alicia Quarles will host a Q-and-A session at 6:30 p.m. in Weimer Hall, Room 3032. Other events include a fundraiser Thursday at 7 p.m. at Mochi on University Avenue and a film screening with ice cream sundaes Friday at 6:30 p.m. in the Wildflower Apartments Theater. For more information, visit ufnabj.org, Twitter and Facebook.

Institute of Black Culture Presents: Bereolaesque

Award-winning author and contemporary gentleman Entinan O. Bereola II will be speaking at 6:30 p.m. in the Levin College of Law, Room 285B. Bereola will be speaking on contemporary etiquette and the do's and don'ts of dating in college. The event is free and open to all. Bereola is the author of "Bereolaesque: The Contemporary Gentleman & Etiquette Book for the Urban

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Sophisticate" — a look into making manners relevant and what it takes to become a modern-day gentleman. For more information, please contact Veleashia Smith at vees@multicultural.ufl.edu.

Tango Fire performs at Phillips Center

From Buenos Aires, Tango Fire dance company performs at 7:30 p.m. at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts. Student tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the Phillips Center Box Office, the University Box Office at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center, Gate 1, or by calling 392-2787. To view the program, visit bit.ly/18KMuvO, or visit performingarts.ufl.edu for more information.

Minority pre-vet club

If you're pre-vet, you should come out to the Minority Pre-Veterinary Club's meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Rinker Hall, Room 230. Guest speakers are current students in veterinary school representing each year. Pizza and refreshments will be provided.

Torah on Tap

Come discuss what Judaism has to say about everyday topics. Join UF Hillel from 8 to 9 p.m. on the back patio of Leonardo's by the Slice on University Avenue and 13th Street. Rabbi Swedroe will lead the discussion and provide pizza. Just bring money for the tip, and get ready to chat. For more information, check out the UF Hillel calendar at ufhillel.org/current-students/cal/, or email Rabbi Swedroe at RabbiSwedroe@ufhillel.org. This week's discussion will be about "Thanksgivukkah."

Yoga at UF Hillel

Join UF Hillel for yoga from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday in the library upstairs. This biweekly yoga class is for students to take a break and relax. Bring a mat or towel to lie on and your UFID. For more information, contact Paige at arts@ufhillel.org.

Free challah roll!

Who wants to celebrate Shabbat a little early this week? Come meet Melissa from noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursday on Turlington Plaza to get a free challah roll to "chomp" on. Contact Melissa for more information at melissa@ufhillel.org.

Starbucks with UF Hillel

Get your caffeine fix this Friday with UF Hillel. Come meet Melissa Kansky in the Starbucks at Library West from noon to 2 p.m. to talk about the Jewish resources UF Hillel has to offer. She will provide a free tall drink of your choice. For questions, contact UF Hillel's engagement associate, Melissa, at melissa@ufhillel.org.

CORRECTIONS

An article in Monday's Alligator incorrectly stated about 60 students a week go into UF's Student Health Care Center for STD screening. It should have said the SHCC sees about 60 students a week in the STI/STD Testing Clinic, a partnership with the Alachua County Health Department. Additional students get tested in meetings with their primary care teams.

Another story incorrectly stated the city commission voted to nix a University Commons plan, when in fact a motion to keep gathering information passed.

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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UF organization's Apple-4-U offers free way to thank a professor

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Dedrah Mathis wanted to thank two of her teaching assistants and show her appreciation for their work this semester, but showing appreciation as a student can be difficult in large lectures.

The 19-year-old UF sociology sopho-

more heard about Apple-4-U at the Campus Diplomat Fall Forum and decided to check it out.

From now through Friday, the Campus Diplomats want to help students send small tokens of appreciation to professors and TAs by offering notes and small gifts.

The diplomats have apple-themed erasers and pom-poms they will deliver for

free. Students can visit the Campus Diplomats table on Turlington Plaza from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily to write notes to their teachers.

Students must supply the building and room number of their teacher or TA's office, so the gifts and notes can be delivered Dec. 4.

Olivia Couret, co-chair of Apple-4-U,

said she used to thank her teachers and give them gifts in high school.

"In college, it's harder to approach teachers if you don't have that relationship with them," said Couret, a 19-year-old UF physics sophomore. "I feel like this is a great medium in which they can reach out to their teachers and give them thanks without having to worry."

New Sustainability Hut pulled by bike

► THE NEW HUT HAS SOLAR PANELS.

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Sustainable UF's new solar-powered Sustainability Hut shined at its debut on Turlington Plaza on Tuesday.

The original hut, which is used to educate students about sustainability through games and contests, was the same model as GatorWell Health Promotion Services's, made of PVC pipes and tarp with a green and yellow color scheme.

The new hut is made of reclaimed wood and locally sourced steel.

It features a folding wing design with two, 250-watt donated solar panels, and it's pulled along by a bike.

The solar panels provide enough energy to power four laptops at once, said Kevin Curry, a 26-year-old UF architecture graduate student and one of the designers of the project.

He said the mobile sustainability unit was a collaboration between UF's architecture and building construction management departments.

Curry said the departments were approached by Sustainable UF to design the unit, which he called the "most compact way to get out and share their sustainable message."

"It just doesn't shout out at you like the big yellow and green hut ... We're working on a way to amend that."

Jeremy Toms

UF environmental engineering senior and Sustainability Hut intern

The project was funded through a limited budget provided by Sustainable UF, which encouraged the design team to be more innovative with their materials, Curry said.

Jeremy Toms, a 21-year-old environmental engineering senior and Sustainability Hut intern, said the updates to the hut make it easier for volunteers to set up and move around.

However, he said the old hut offered something the new one doesn't — visibility.

"It just doesn't shout out at you like the big yellow and green hut," he said. "We're working on a way to amend that."



Megan Reeves / Alligator Staff

Paint a Pot

Assistant engineer of the Hampton Inn and Suites downtown, located at 101 SE 1st Ave., Remy Acosta, 32, repaints a trash can in front of the hotel Tuesday afternoon.

Gainesville fugitive arrested in Virginia

► POLICE SAID HE ROBBED A CHECKERS IN OCTOBER.

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Local agencies collaborated with a U.S. Marshals task force to catch a man Tuesday who had an outstanding arrest warrant in Gainesville.

U.S. Marshals caught up with Tyrone Walker in Alexandria, Va., on Tuesday morning, where of-

ficials reported they saw him doing construction work on a roof in a shopping plaza, according to a news release.

He was arrested and taken to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center in Virginia, according to the release.

Walker was wanted on charges of robbery with a firearm and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. He reportedly pulled a late-night armed robbery at a Checkers restaurant in Gainesville on Oct. 4.

Gainesville Police, the Alachua County Sheriff's Office and the U.S. Marshals Florida Regional Fugitive Task Force worked together to complete the arrest, according to the release. The agencies investigated and gathered tips that ultimately led them to Virginia.

In the release, U.S. Marshal Ed Spooner said the arrest "highlights the great cooperation" between the agencies to "track down and apprehend fugitives wanted for violent crimes."

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Free printing to expand STATE, from page 1

toward a unified clicker system with one universal physical device and software system, she said.

Bonarrigo announced that this year's annual textbook discount day saved students about \$20,000.

Also discussed was the expansion of free printing to five residence halls, in partnership with the Inter-Residence Hall Association.

The State of the Campus address concluded with Bonarrigo's hopeful look to the future.

"We've come a long way from last year," she said. "The question is how can we take Student Government to the next level?"

Following the address, the weekly Student Senate meeting was called to order with 81 senators.

The two first reading motions were tabled.

The first, concerning funding for the Falling Gators Skydiving Club, was postponed until the addition of a liability form for all involved students, said Allocations Committee Chairman Davis Bean.

The second, the Senator Accountability Act, was postponed for further review and correction of grammatical errors, said Judiciary Committee Chairman Austin Sherman.

All new legislation will be due Nov. 29 at noon.

There will be no Senate meeting Nov. 26 due to the upcoming Thanksgiving Break.

Also announced was a weeklong drive to collect nonfood materials for victims of the disaster in the Philippines, taking place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. every day on Turlington Plaza.

Nightlife Navigators announced it has been working more closely with University Police to encourage safety among students.

This includes an upcoming "blue video campaign" through a partnership with UPD.

The video will take a light-hearted look at common misconceptions about safety.

On Thursday from 12 to 3 p.m., the group will host a Cash Cab-like event on Plaza of the Americas inside a stationary Student Nighttime Auxiliary Patrol van.

Students will have the opportunity to win prizes like pizza, candy and rides to class on a golf cart if they correctly answer trivia questions about UF and safety.



Emily Diroma / Alligator

Cross Lit

Spiritual speaker and author Joe White hammers a nail into a wooden cross at the Afterdark Christian concert at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center on Tuesday. White acted out a skit about the man who built the cross.

Some faculty disagree with APB split

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Although only two to three faculty members were turned down previously, 27 received negative votes last year and 24 the year before that.

"You're dealing with peoples' careers in those packets," he said.

Payne said mainly extension faculty are receiving the negative votes. With the current system, board members who might not grasp the facets of an extension faculty member's job might be more likely to turn them down on review.

"We need a more fair, a more just, system. We never wanted to send the signal that we have a second-class faculty."

Jack Payne
agriculture and natural resources senior vice president

"We need a more fair, a more just, system," he said. "We never wanted to send the signal that we have a second-class faculty."

Timothy Martin, a professor of tree physiology, said in an email that during a meeting of roughly 50 School of Forest Resources and Conservation faculty members, he asked for their feedback on Machen's proposal.

The consensus of the meeting was that the split in the APB would potentially be a disruptive way to address a workload issue in the committee.

"There are likely better and less disruptive solutions to the workload problem," he said.

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LOCAL Stage 7 reopening commemorated with food truck rally, art

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Foodies and art lovers will unite Thursday when karaoke bar Stage 7 kicks off its Food Truck Rally for the Arts event.

The rally, which is also a soft

opening for the karaoke bar, begins at 5 p.m. at 4110 SW 34th St.

It will have a ribbon cutting ceremony officiated by the Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce and an art display from the students at the Gainesville Association for the Creative Arts.

About five food trucks will be at the event, including Hoggtowne Lemonade Co., Humble Pie and Sababa UF, said John Bryan, Stage 7 marketing director. He said those who attend the event should expect to experience more than a standard food truck rally.

"What we're offering is more of a food truck plus," Bryan said. "On top of having a couple of vendors, we'll possibly have some live music, some performances, and people can check out the karaoke bar itself."

Ten percent of the profits will benefit the Gainesville Association

for the Creative Arts, and Mayra Satterfield, program director for the association, said she is excited the bar is gathering support for local art.

"It's important to recognize we need each other," she said. "We can display little snippets of what our kids do throughout the year."

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Editorial

Stars at night are big and racist: UT cancels game

This week, the University of Texas at Austin chapter of Young Conservatives of Texas made headlines when news outlets picked up on a game the organization had created called Catch an Illegal Immigrant.

According to NPR, "Any UT student who catches one of these 'illegal immigrants' and brings them back to our table will receive a \$25 gift card," the group wrote on its Facebook page. "The purpose of this event is to spark a campuswide discussion about the issue of illegal immigration, and how it affects our everyday lives."

The game was swiftly canceled after UT President Bill Powers released a statement regarding Young Conservatives' plans to play on campus.

"As Americans, we should always visualize our Statue of Liberty and remember that our country was built on the strength of immigration. Our nation continues to grapple with difficult questions surrounding immigration," he wrote. "I ask YCT to be part of that discussion but to find more productive and respectful ways to do so that do not demean their fellow students."

The students of UT reacted to the club's poorly planned "awareness" campaign with outrage. One student quoted in the NPR article described it as "classless, childish and racist."

Yikes. What is it about college campuses, which are supposed to be hotbeds of progressive thought and action, that lets students believe this kind of insensitive behavior is OK? The actions of this particular chapter of Young Conservatives are even more despicable considering undocumented students are allowed to enroll at UT. Imagine you are a young man or woman who made good grades in high school and studies hard in college only to be mocked by your fellow students?

The level of ignorance displayed by YCT is truly astounding. "Catching" an "illegal immigrant" and trading them in for a gift card does nothing to raise awareness of an issue or open a rational discussion — it only alienates other students and provides a shallow, wholly unrealistic portrayal of the way immigration works in this country.

Perhaps it isn't simple ignorance, however. The game could have been a calculated effort to shame undocumented students and contribute to an exclusionary campus culture.

It's also ironic that YCT would attach themselves so publicly to a poorly planned awareness campaign on illegal immigration so close to Thanksgiving — which basically commemorates the beginning of illegal immigration in America.

What the members of YCT — and people who wear black-face makeup — don't recognize is that they have the privilege of removing the "illegal immigrant" sign once the game is over. For undocumented students who are simply trying to earn an education and a better life for their families, the unfair stigma remains, and it's hardly a game. Provocative stunts like Catch an Illegal Immigrant never open intelligent conversations. They offend hardworking students, embarrass the university and reflect badly on conservatives as a whole.

Reader response

Today's question: Do you illegally download music and/or movies?

Tuesday's question: Do you think hazing is a problem at UF? **32% YES**
68% NO
158 TOTAL VOTES

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Column

ALEC's voting bill threatens democracy

In several of my previous columns, I have made reference to the American Legislative Exchange Council. ALEC is an organization composed of corporations, interest groups and legislators at the state and federal levels.

Corporate members of ALEC include AOL, Comcast, Exxon Mobil and dozens of other large corporations. A number of prominent politicians from across the country are former members of ALEC.

In addition, more than two dozen members of the Florida Legislature have either claimed ALEC membership or attended an ALEC annual meeting since 2011.

According to its website, the organization seeks to "advance the fundamental principles of free-market enterprise, limited government, and federalism at the state level."

In practice, this means ALEC promotes state legislation like massive tax cuts for the wealthy and reduced government regulations that benefit the rich and powerful at the expense of the middle class and the poor.

ALEC has also supported voter ID laws, which require citizens to present certain types of ID in order to register to vote. In addition, its members have supported reducing early voting hours in states around the country.

These laws have the purpose of reducing voter turnout, particularly among groups that are least likely to support ALEC's agenda. These demographic groups include African-Americans, Hispanics and college students.

Now, ALEC is promoting a piece of legislation that would further restrict the ability of ordinary citizens to have their voices heard in government by undermining the 17th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Before the ratification of the 17th Amendment in 1913, U.S. senators were selected by state legislatures. The amendment altered this process and called for senators to be directly elected by the people.

Supporters of the amendment sought to ensure that senators would represent ordinary citizens rather than elite state legislators, who have historically been wealthier than their constituents.

The ALEC-supported Equal State's Enfranchisement Act would take a step toward taking this representation away from the people and putting it back in the hands of state



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legislators. The bill would allow a plurality of a state legislature to nominate a candidate for the U.S. Senate. This candidate would appear on the ballot alongside those nominated by traditional party primaries and conventions.

Karla Jones, ALEC's director of international and federal relations, claims the proposed legislation is

"a way to preserve the good parts of the 17th Amendment" and not a means of circumventing it. Jones said the Equal State's Enfranchisement Act ensures that state legislatures have "a voice in the [electoral] process, which the constitutional founders originally thought they should have."

The true motivation for ALEC's support of this bill is likely far more sinister. ALEC essentially participates in a form of legalized bribery: It sponsors all-expenses-paid, luxurious conferences for state legislators to "educate" them about ALEC's newest model legislation.

ALEC also facilitates interaction between these legislators and representatives of large corporations, many of whom provide donations to the re-election campaigns of these same politicians.

By increasing the influence of state legislatures on electing U.S. senators, ALEC hopes to bring even more supporters of its ultra-conservative, corporate-friendly agenda to the halls of Congress.

Americans largely agree that corporations and wealthy Americans already have an outsized and harmful influence on American government and public policy. A 2012 survey conducted by Bannon Communications found that a whopping 83 percent of Americans believe that "corporations and corporate CEOs have too much political power and influence." Allowing ALEC to restrict the democratic nature of American elections by weakening the 17th Amendment will only exacerbate the corruption and corporate cronyism that plagues the American political system.

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Letter to the Editor

Bullying is a pervasive problem in our society

About 160,000 students, afraid of being attacked or harassed, skip school every day. Bullying begins in elementary school, peaks in middle school and lessens in high school, but it does not stop there. It has recently moved from inside school hallways onto the football field. Though evidence is still coming to light, it's clear that a Miami Dolphin lineman, Richie Incognito, acted inappropriately toward a vulnerable teammate, Jonathan Martin. The fact

that the resulting investigation has made hundreds of headlines is no surprise: Bullying is a significant problem. The fact that many children admire NFL players makes it critical for locker room behavior to be honorable.

Although we applaud the media for giving this story so much attention, we urge a resolvable ending: A lesson needs to be learned. No one should tolerate the maltreatment of others for any reason. Incognito, Martin's teammates, coaches and fans can learn from this incident to prevent acts of harassment from happening

in the future.

How? By the use of healthy communication strategies — a solution-based approach employed by the River Phoenix Center for Peacebuilding.

So how can a person be truly heroic, not only on the field, but also off? By seeking restorative justice in all scenarios. It seems likely that the Incognito case would have ended differently and that the bullying of students would decrease if peace-building techniques were used earlier. As our country flourishes,

we not only need to recognize scandalous behavior, but offer supportive solutions! The RPCP has organized workshops, marches and compelling events to raise awareness for peace in all forms. In the near future, we hope this knowledge will continue to grow, not just in Gainesville, but around the world.

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Column

Only two options: to have or to be

There are only two options for all of us: to have or to be.

Part of my bike ride to mosque involves going through a dark alley for at least a minute. Every night as I cruise that path — escaping Gainesville's bustling nightlife for a few seconds — I look up. The ocean of darkness never fails to leave every fiber of my being quivering in awe.

The stars ceaselessly dance through the night, waiting for someone to appreciate their performance. Millions of people, those of past and forgotten generations, have served as faithful audiences for the celestial beauty. At times, I think the stars must wonder, "When will humans ever learn?"

Inside each of us is a quest for happiness — this much is obvious.

Throughout history, different cultures have tried to come up with ways to get to the elixir of joy.

The way at UF follows that of the other colleges: We wake up and go to class. Come back, eat and finish a WebAssign. Go back to sleep. Repeat five times. The routine takes a fun twist on Friday and Saturday nights. Sunday is recovery from all the sex and booze — after all, it is the Lord's day of rest.

Our college life is one of radical hedonism, to borrow Erich Fromm's words. Almost every single action is for immediate gratification.

Fromm said this is "the greatest social experiment ever made to solve the question whether pleasure ... can be a satisfactory answer to the problem of human existence." Unfortunately, the results are "in the negative."

If anything, we've increased in our neediness. Perhaps we assumed our tech advancements would get us somewhere. But the increasingly faster Wi-Fi connections and lighter laptops have hardly increased anyone's long-term happiness.

"Man has become a superman ... He has failed to rise to the level of superhuman reason which should match that of his superhuman strength...



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To the degree to which his power grows he becomes more and more a poor man ... a fact which had hitherto been steadfastly denied: the more the superman gains in strength, the poorer he becomes."

This is what Albert Schweitzer said when he accepted the 1952 Nobel Peace Prize.

The dancing stars above us have seen all our failures and they surely echo the words of Gandhi: "The world has enough for everyone's need, but not enough for everyone's greed." When will humans ever learn this simple concept?

These days, pundits throw different political ideologies at us. They claim if we accept a certain philosophical viewpoint, the world will be bliss. I only wish.

The ancients have always said there are only two options: "to have or to be," as Fromm put it. If we desire "to have," our years will be spent stuffing our closets with Marc Jacobs bags and our pockets with the latest iPhones.

But if we choose "to be," the world will be a different place. "To be" means to lose the "me, me and some more of me" ideology. When you ponder how the sun provides Earth with warmth and how plants grow fruits, you realize everything is in a state of giving. If you want to become your actual self, take heed from nature.

College life is ripe for introspection. When I came to UF, a friend told me something interesting: "What you are by the end of your undergrad years is what you will be for the rest of your life."

Please don't make Oscar Wilde's words — "youth is wasted on the young" — come true. Millions before, just like us, constantly found ways to satisfy their immediate temptations. But a few chose a different route: the one of loving, caring and struggling. This is the only one that is genuinely human.

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Column

Nation still has healing to do after JFK death

Fifty years ago this Friday, two bullets tore through the body and head of the president of the United States, making Nov. 22, 1963, the most infamous day in American history since Pearl Harbor.

From the moment news of President John F. Kennedy's assassination reached the world, people began to clamor for answers. As the case unfolded, the details of the assassination that emerged were either upsetting or suspicious. In response to these details, people began to doubt the official version of events, that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone and without any outside support.

Instead, these people came up with their own theories about what happened, placing the blame on the government, Cuba, disgruntled Mafia bosses and other shadowy figures. More "evidence" of at least a cover-up helped prove these conspiracy theories for some and made them plausible in the eyes of many in the American public.

The most famous detail is the murder of Oswald two days after the assassination by a nightclub owner with underworld connections, Jack Ruby, before the alleged assassin ever stood trial. The shooting was broadcast live on national television at a time when millions of Americans were staring at their sets, desperately searching for answers. The events of that week, horrifying as they were, captured our collective imagination. Every anniversary of the assassination brings up the same speculations that were made the years before, and conspiracy-



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themed movies and TV shows love to tell us who really killed Kennedy.

Government investigations concluded that Oswald killed the president alone, but the public has never been satisfied by this

answer. This is honestly understandable, especially for people who were alive at the time of the killing, a little more than a year after we almost experienced nuclear war.

Oddly, it's more comforting to believe the leader of the Free World was murdered by a dark and shadowy conspiracy of his enemies rather than believe his life was undone by one deranged man with a gun.

Half a century later, the conspiracy theories are still strongly in place. According to a poll conducted by Gallup last week, 61 percent of Americans still believe that someone other than Oswald was responsible for Kennedy's death. Although that is, surprisingly, the lowest percentage of conspiracy believers since the late 1960s, it shows that the majority of Americans still harbor suspicions of the official version of events. The first and only successful presidential assassination in the age of television, radio and photography was burned into the minds and hearts of Americans everywhere, and new generations are taught about the killing with the same media records, experiencing the event for themselves. Fifty years later, we still haven't fully healed from the trauma of Kennedy's death.

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UWire

Government deprives Americans of hard-earned trans fats

On Nov. 7, the Food and Drug Administration announced it intends to ban trans fats from the American diet.

According to FDA Commissioner Margaret A. Hamburg, "further reduction in the amount of trans fat in the American diet could prevent an additional 20,000 heart attacks and 7,000 deaths from heart disease each year." While this move by the FDA is for the good of public health, there is a looming question that is a little bothersome: why a government organization is allowed to decide what food products companies are allowed to produce and therefore, what Americans are allowed to eat.

Certainly, trans fats are unhealthy. According to the FDA, because they raise bad cholesterol and lower good cholesterol, "there is no

safe level of consumption of artificial trans fat."

However, a comparison can be drawn to the use of tobacco. Tobacco usage can lead to a multitude of scary side effects — like that picture of a gross black lung from my middle school science book. But while the tobacco industry is heavily regulated, Americans can choose to partake in the use of tobacco. One of the differences between the two is the government puts a large sum of money into education concerning tobacco use. Any schoolchild can tell you smoking is bad, but Americans are not as well-educated on what is in their food. But it is not the job of the government to make Americans healthier by banning certain ingredients.

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UWire

It seems Americans are getting an education on trans fats. The Grocery Manufacturers of America told USA Today that food manufacturers had already voluntarily lowered trans fats in their products by 73 percent since 2005. The Snack Food Association, another processed food lobby, told WebMD that 95 percent of its members have reduced trans fats in their products and a majority intend to eliminate them altogether. Furthermore, consumer intake of trans fats has decreased from 4.6 grams a day in 2003 to one gram per day in 2012.

These statistics suggest that not only is the FDA ban a little late in the game, it is not needed.

Just as food manufacturers have the option to eliminate trans fats from their products, they should also have the option to keep them, as long as they make their use of trans fats clear.

Although the FDA's proposed ban of trans fats is in the spirit of promoting good health for the American people, it is not needed and does not give individual Americans free choice of what they want to put in their bodies. If the FDA really wants to change the American diet, the best route is to help educate Americans on health and what is in their food. That way, individuals can make conscious, healthy choices for themselves and their families.

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LIFESTYLE

Students choose not to study interests

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Senior year of high school is the time to choose a college to attend and a major to study — but about a third of incoming freshmen are picking subjects they aren't really interested in, according to a recently released report from the ACT.

The report, which was based off responses given by students taking the ACT, stated 32 percent of students selected a major that was a "poor fit" with their interests.

Thirty-six percent chose a major aligned with their interests, and as the composite ACT score increased, so did the percentage of students who designated majors that were a "good fit."

Heather White, director of UF's Career Resource Center, said a number of influences can sway students from studying a subject they are truly interested in. The past decade of economic recession and parental pressure to pick a well-paying career are strong factors for any students' decision.

"What we try to emphasize at the CRC is that major does not equal career," White said.

She said students should take advantage of all the resources available to them, whether that means CRC personnel, academic advisers or older students.

"I think it's important to choose something you're interested in and you want to learn about," she said.

She said students should take into account their long-term goals, whether that is going into a field they are excited about or just making money.

Kenneth Fernandez, an 18-year-old UF freshman whose major is still undecided, said he has been playing violin for 10 years and would take a job as a musician if it paid well.

But he decided on balancing his passions with practicality and plans to major in chemical engineering.

"I wouldn't say follow your heart — that's too cliché," he said. "Just pick what you like and what works."

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| mechanical engineering: | \$63,900 |
| electrical/electronics and communications engineering: | \$62,500 |



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Tuition Talks

UF alumna Diana Moreno, 26, takes part in the Tuition Equity debate presented by the Institute of Hispanic-Latino Cultures in Little Hall on Tuesday. The debate involved equality for undocumented students in Florida.

Freshman Leadership Council spreads pre-Thanksgiving kindness

The event ends Friday

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Random acts of kindness will be taking place in Gainesville this week.

Through Friday, the Freshman Leadership Council is hosting Project Smile Week, a new event that encourages people to perform random acts of kindness, said Maria Galindo, the council's vice chair of public relations.

The 21-year-old UF journalism senior said Project Smile Week is

for everyone.

"We want to see this smile spread," Galindo said.

Mitchell Nielsen, director of special events, said his nine-person committee hosts about six events each year, but with room on the calendar, they had the opportunity to add something new.

The 19-year-old UF information systems and operations management sophomore said his committee was inspired by random acts of kindness seen on Vine, a smartphone application for six-second

videos. Nielsen said Project Smile Week is something the council has never done before, but he hopes it will become a tradition.

"If one person is inspired to make another person smile, then I think that would be successful."

Maria Galindo

Freshman Leadership Council vice chair of public relations

"We need to take a week to just kind of stop and appreciate the fact that we are here, and the people around us are really great," he said.

The committee also plans to pass

out notes with snacks — two at a time — to people around campus with the idea that the recipient will pass the second treat on, Nielsen said.

He said being involved in the smile initiative is easy, and it doesn't cost anything for students to participate.

Nielson said council members are encouraging people to post about the random acts of kindness on Twitter, Vine, Facebook and Instagram with the hashtag #smileUF.

Galindo said the council is working with other UF departments on a surprise for the person that Nielsen's committee feels really understands the idea behind the week.

"If one person is inspired to make another person smile, then I think that would be successful," she said.

U Matter, We Care, an on-campus initiative to aid those in distress in the UF community, is co-sponsoring the event.

Seth Drashinsky, an 18-year-old UF accounting freshman, said although he tries to perform random acts of kindness every day, he thinks this event might inspire others to actually go out of their way.

"If you say, like, one nice thing to a person, it could change their day," he said. "It could change their week. It could change their life. You just never know."

Peer-to-peer file sharing down, Netflix usage up

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Americans prefer using websites like Netflix and YouTube instead of peer-to-peer file sharing, according to a new study.

Peer-to-peer file sharing, or P2P, is a protocol commonly used by legal services and pirate websites. This type of file sharing allows users to share a file in pieces, BBC reported last week.

P2P file sharing accounts for less than 10 percent of the total daily traffic in North America, according to the study conducted by tech company Sandvine. Five years ago, it accounted for more than 31 percent.

The study also reported Netflix and YouTube together account for more than 50 percent of downstream traffic on fixed networks.

Shigang Chen, a UF professor in the computer and information science and engineering department, said he thinks people are moving away from P2P systems and focusing on other ways to use the Internet, such as YouTube.

"I feel like more people are actually spending the money on Netflix or other accounts because they're finding it more worthwhile."

Sarah Eden

UF marine sciences junior

He said the decline in traffic mentioned in the study is not unusual, and even though P2P file sharing appears to be declining, it still gets significant traffic.

"Ten percent of total traffic in North America — that's huge," Chen said.

Sarah Eden, a 21-year-old UF marine sciences junior, has a Netflix account she uses frequently.

She had a PC, but she said the computer crashed because of the effects of using pirate websites. She now has a Mac.

She said she thinks more students are using Netflix because of the selection of movies and TV shows available, as well as the reliability of the website.

"I feel like more people are actually spending the money on Netflix or other accounts because they're finding it more worthwhile," she said.

Jenna Ingram, a 21-year-old UF health education and behavior junior, said the convenience of P2P file sharing websites is a reason people use them.

She said on pirate websites, there aren't commercials, and a user can watch a TV episode that aired an hour earlier.

Netflix and other similar websites don't have recent episodes of popular shows that college students want to watch, Ingram said.

However, she said, the legal threat that comes with using pirate websites keeps people from using them.

"It's a little bit nerve-racking to know you're watching it illegally," Ingram said.

A stylized illustration of a red building with a grey roof and a striped awning. The building has many windows. The text 'STUDENT LIVING GUIDE' is written vertically on the side of the building. Below it, 'Fall 2013' is written. The background is a light blue sky with a sun and clouds. The sun is yellow with rays. There are several white clouds. A striped awning is at the bottom of the building. The overall style is simple and colorful.

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What is Off Campus Life?



UF's, Off Campus Life provides resources, services, education and support for the 39,000 UF students living off campus. OCL aims to provide programs and services that will help prepare you to be a great Gator neighbor, here in Gainesville or wherever the road may take you.

Off Campus Life, which is part of UF's Division of Student Affairs, has been providing support services and resources to UF students living off campus since 2004. OCL's support services and resources include:

➔ **Free Online Housing Locator Service:** Students can find off-campus housing, subleases, roommates, and information like rent, room size, location, etc. at this free online site. Go to <http://housing.offcampus.ufl.edu> to use this resource.

➔ **Gator Guide to Off Campus Life:** A free publication that provides tips and resources for finding the right apartment, budgeting info, safety tips, keeping your electric costs low, a map of the city and much more. To get a copy of the Gator Guide, visit OCL's office at 311 Peabody Hall or visit the OCL website at www.offcampus.ufl.edu.

➔ **Monthly Newsletter:** OCL sends a monthly electronic newsletter to all off campus

students. Topics include safety information, monthly specific resources and opportunities, fun stuff and much more. If you would like to receive the OCL newsletter, visit the OCL website www.offcampus.ufl.edu and click on the newsletter link.

➔ **Off Campus Ambassadors student organization:** The purpose of the Off Campus Ambassadors is to create a connection between University of Florida students, both on campus and in the Gainesville community. The OCA's assist Off Campus Life with our events and outreach efforts. To learn more, visit the OCA webpage. http://www.offcampus.ufl.edu/off_campus_ambassadors/.

➔ **Discover Gainesville:** Off Campus Life's newest event series, Discover Gainesville, allows you to visit local hotspots. Spring events include a UF gymnastics meet, the Gainesville Rock Gym, hiking at Paynes Prairie and a Florida baseball game. To learn more about Discover Gainesville, follow our event on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/UFOffCampusLife> or visit the OCL website <http://www.offcampus.ufl.edu/events>.

➔ **Learn More:** Visit our website www.offcampus.ufl.edu for information about Off Campus Life's resources and services. Also, follow and like UF Off Campus Life on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram and Pinterest for daily updates and reminders of OCL events, tips and fun things going on in the community.

Getting Started

Gainesville has an abundance of off campus housing options including apartments, condos, houses and rooms for rent, so take your time and be sure to visit 5-6 properties in person before signing a lease. Follow the steps and tips below for finding the right place for you:

➔ Use UF's Off Campus Housing Locator Service at <http://housing.offcampus.ufl.edu>.

➔ Know your budget and choose a property that allows you to live within your means.

➔ Create a priority list. What do you care about most in a living space? Room size, rent, type of lease, type of community (large undergraduate population, graduate students, local residents, etc.), location, proximity to campus or bus route...all these things are factors to consider when choosing a place to live. Devise a list of ideal charac-

teristics you want in your future living space and keep these criteria in mind when selecting a location.

➔ Choose a well-suited roommate or choose to live alone. Know what kind of person would best complement your personality and choose accordingly.

➔ Drive around and visit the property and neighborhood you are looking to live in.

➔ Take a tour of the complexes or houses that interest you, ask questions,

and get to know the complex management or rental house landlord.

➔ Ask your friends for advice on where to live. Which properties worked well for them? Which didn't?

➔ Visit the Gainesville Police Department website www.gainesvillepd.org and click on the Crime Reports link to view crime statistics before signing a lease. Enter the address you're interested in and all reported crime incidents will appear on the map.

➔ Go back to the property at night and make some observations. Is it well lit, do you see the security guard that management promised,

is the security gate working, is it quiet enough to study, how close is the bus stop or parking to the complex or house, etc.?

➔ Once you've narrowed down your search, make an appointment with UF's Student Legal Services by going to their website www.studentlegalservices.ufl.edu and completing the Client Intake Form. SLS can help you in reviewing the lease BEFORE you sign it. This is a great way to know what your legal responsibilities will be under that lease.

➔ Gainesville is a GREAT place to rent and live so have fun with your search.

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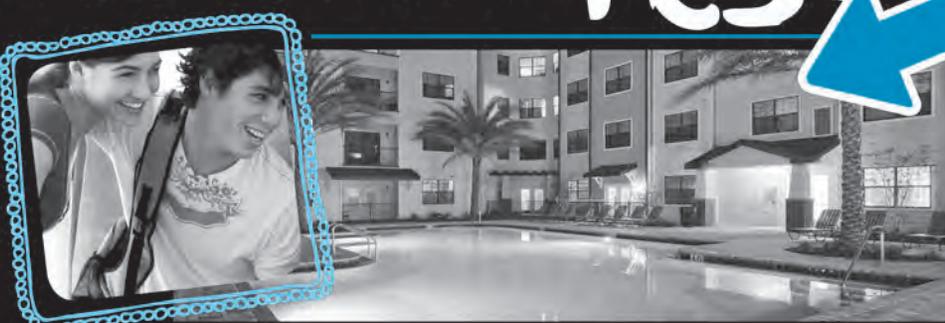


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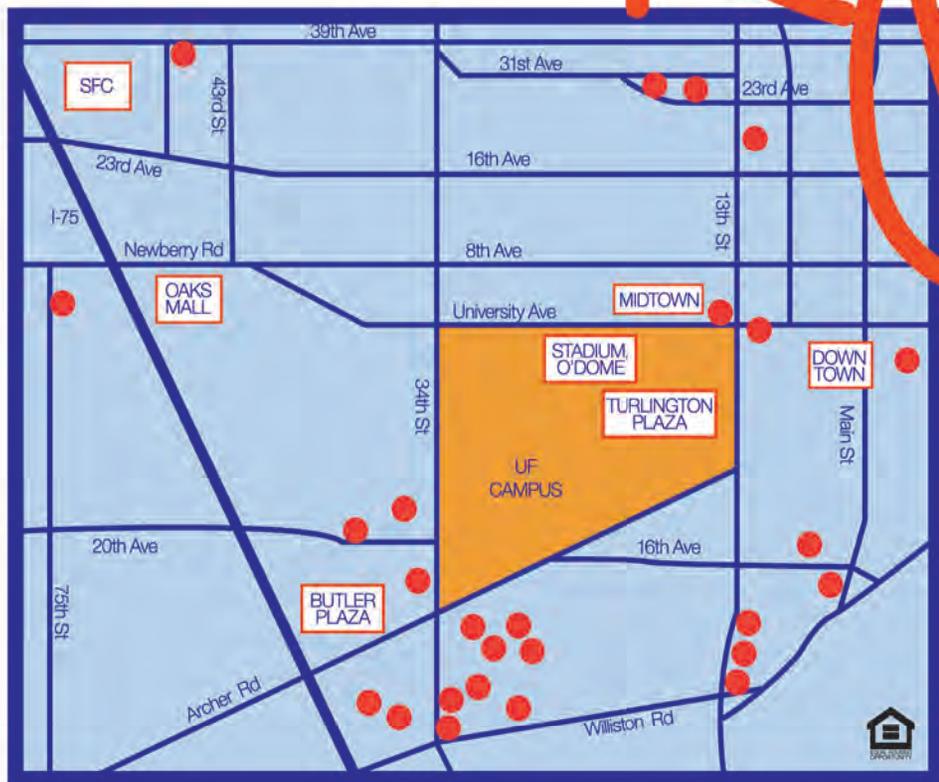


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Joint Leases

All roommates are held responsible for the lease. If one person breaks the lease, the other roommates are held responsible for paying the total rent. This tends to be the lease more prominent when renting a house or single family dwelling.

Individual Leases

Each person is held responsible for his or her own actions. For instance, if one roommate breaks the lease, that person is still responsible for paying their own rent. For most college students, individual leases are the best choice. Each person in the lease is responsible for his or her own actions and not the actions of a roommate.



Clauses to LOOK FOR in a lease:

- ➔ Dates of occupancy
- ➔ Amount of monthly rent and the date it is due each month
- ➔ Amount of Application Fees, Security Deposit, Redecoration Fees and any other fees charged
- ➔ Responsibility for payment of utilities
- ➔ Responsibility for general maintenance and repairs
- ➔ Sublease: If you sign a 12 month lease, but think you may need the dwelling for a shorter period of time, make sure the lease allows you to sublease (rent your dwelling to another person who will assume the remainder of your lease)
- ➔ Pet policy
- ➔ Automatic renewal clause
- ➔ Type of lease: Joint vs. Individual

Clauses to AVOID in a lease:

- ➔ At management's discretion, the tenant may be asked to leave within three days
- ➔ Tenant waives all defects in the building
- ➔ Landlord shall not be responsible for injury to person, including tenant and guests, as a result of any cause
- ➔ Tenant is responsible for all repairs to premises
- ➔ Landlord may enter dwelling without notice
- ➔ Landlord has a lien (a legal claim on the property of another as security for the payment of a debt) on all personal property of tenant

A great University of Florida resource available to full-time students is Student Legal Services. For any questions on your lease, visit the Student Legal Services website www.studentlegalservices.ufl.edu and set up an appointment with a lawyer to help review it BEFORE you sign it.

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Roommates



➡ Communication is key. Talk about your budget for housing, expectations for safety, expectations for guests and what your housing needs are before you even begin your search. Being on the same page as your roommates will make your cohabitation experience much better and reduce the possibility of conflict.

➡ Start with a friend or sibling. These are often good options for roommates since you already know them.

➡ Before moving in, establish an agreement about

who will get which bedroom and bathroom along with which cabinets/storage space each person can use.

➡ Discuss how payment of rent and bills will take place. Is each person responsible for their own bills or will someone be in charge of collecting payment from each roommate?

➡ Don't have someone you want to live with? Some apartment complexes offer "Roommate Matching" or "Roommate Placement."

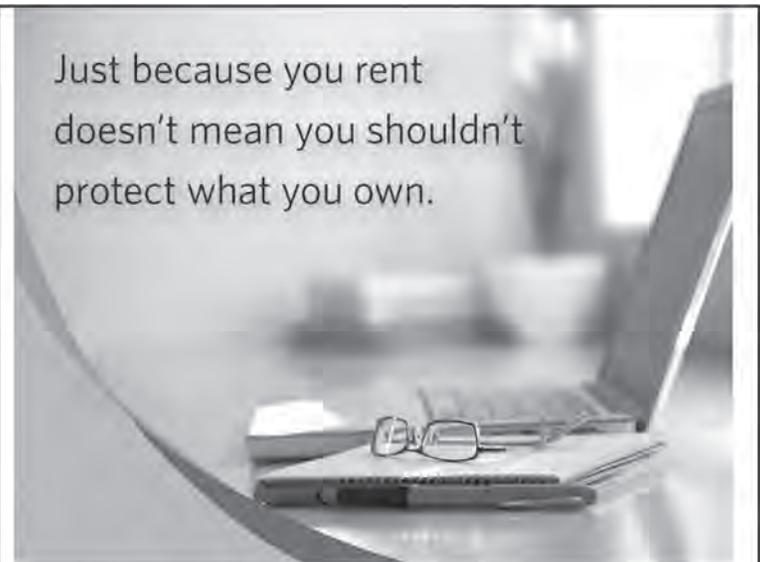
➡ Roommate Matching: You fill out a survey and management attempts to match you with like roommates based on the information you provide them

➡ Roommate Placement: Apartment management places you in any open space they have available

➡ Make sure you can change apartments if management places you with roommates you are not compatible with.

➡ Off Campus Life's Housing Locator <http://housing.offcampus.ufl.edu> has a NEW roommate finder feature where you can search for roommates.

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Safety Tips

Both personal and property safety is important as you search for off-campus housing. Before signing a lease, Off Campus Life recommends you check the crime stats of an area before moving there. A free service called Crime Reports is available on the Gainesville Police Department's website. Crime Reports allows you to see all reported crime in a certain area. Go to www.gainesvillepd.org, click "Crime Reports" on the right-hand side, and enter the address of interest to see local incident data.



Below are five tips to use when looking at safety during your apartment search:

1 Go back to the complex at night. How do you feel? Is the place well-lit and populated or dark and isolated?

2 Does the property have working security gates and/or guards?

3 Check for dead bolts on the outside door, locks for individual doors, alarm systems, etc. and ask lots of questions about the security. Is there an extra charge for a security system?

4 Has there been crime in the area recently? What actions have been done to prevent crime from happening?

5 Don't forget about purchasing some Renter's Insurance to protect you and your stuff from the unexpected.

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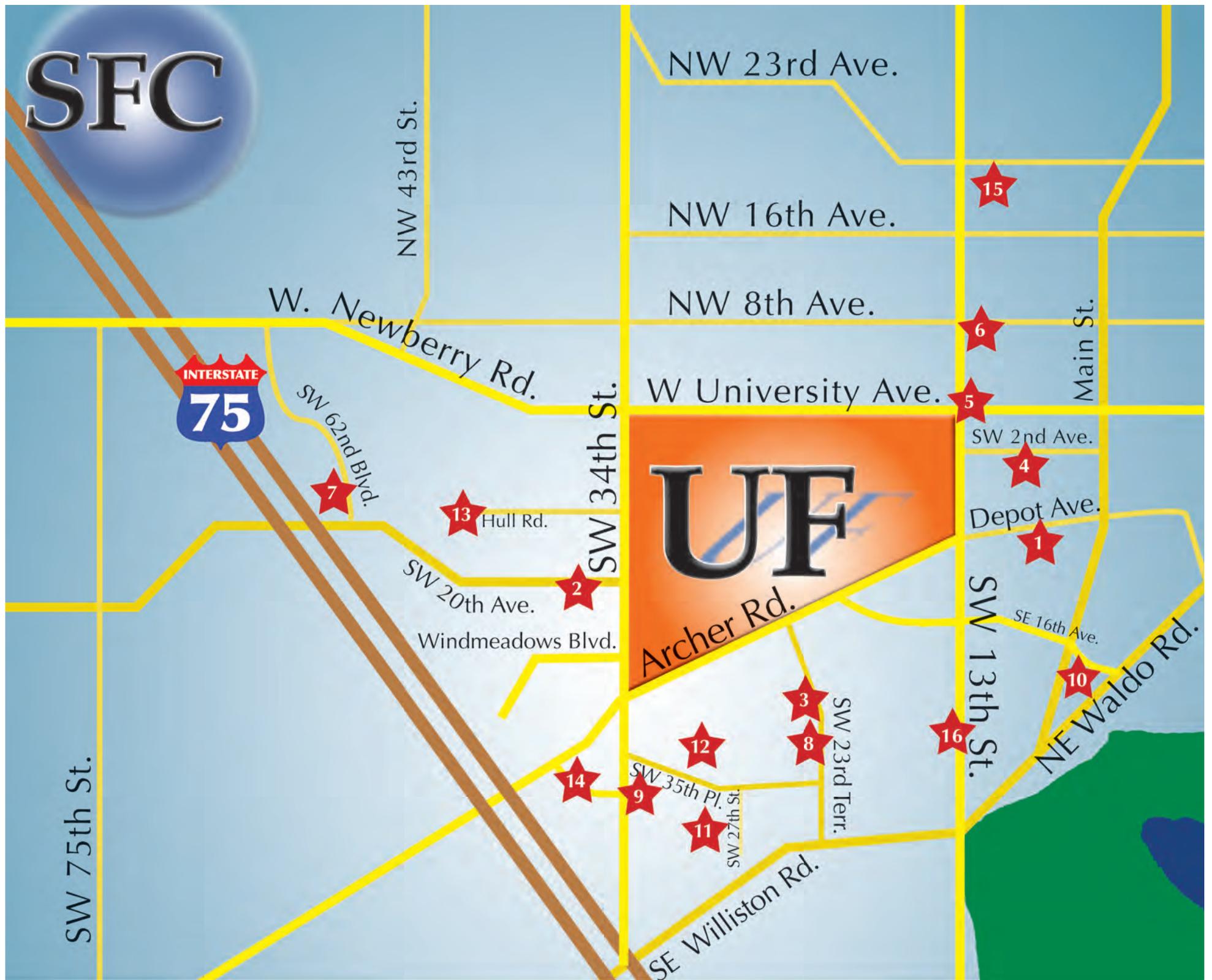


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Renter's Insurance

➔ Talk with your parents before getting your own renter's policy. If you are still financially dependent on your parents or a family member and they own a home, they might be able to cover you under their homeowner's policy. Some homeowner policies will cover a dependent's rental property while in college.

➔ There are several types of Residential Insurance policies. Read your policy information carefully and ensure you have full coverage. Policies should include the following items:

- Fire or lightning
- Windstorm or hail
- Explosion
- Aircraft
- Vehicles
- Smoke
- Vandalism or malicious mischief
- Theft
- Damage by glass or safety-glazing material that is part of a building
- Falling objects
- Water-related damage from home utilities
- Electrical surge damage

Floods, earthquakes, and hurricanes aren't on the list. If you live in an area prone to one or more of the three, you'll need to buy a separate policy or a rider. In areas where hurricanes can pose a threat, you might also need to buy a separate rider to cover wind damage. Ask your insurance agent about this extra coverage. Gainesville is prone to hurricanes and some areas flood.



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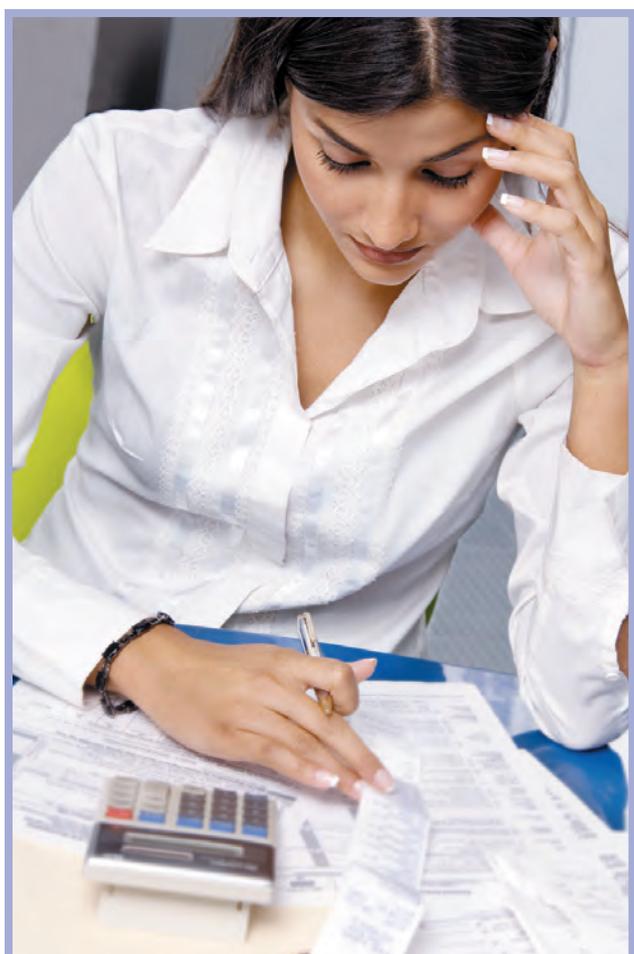
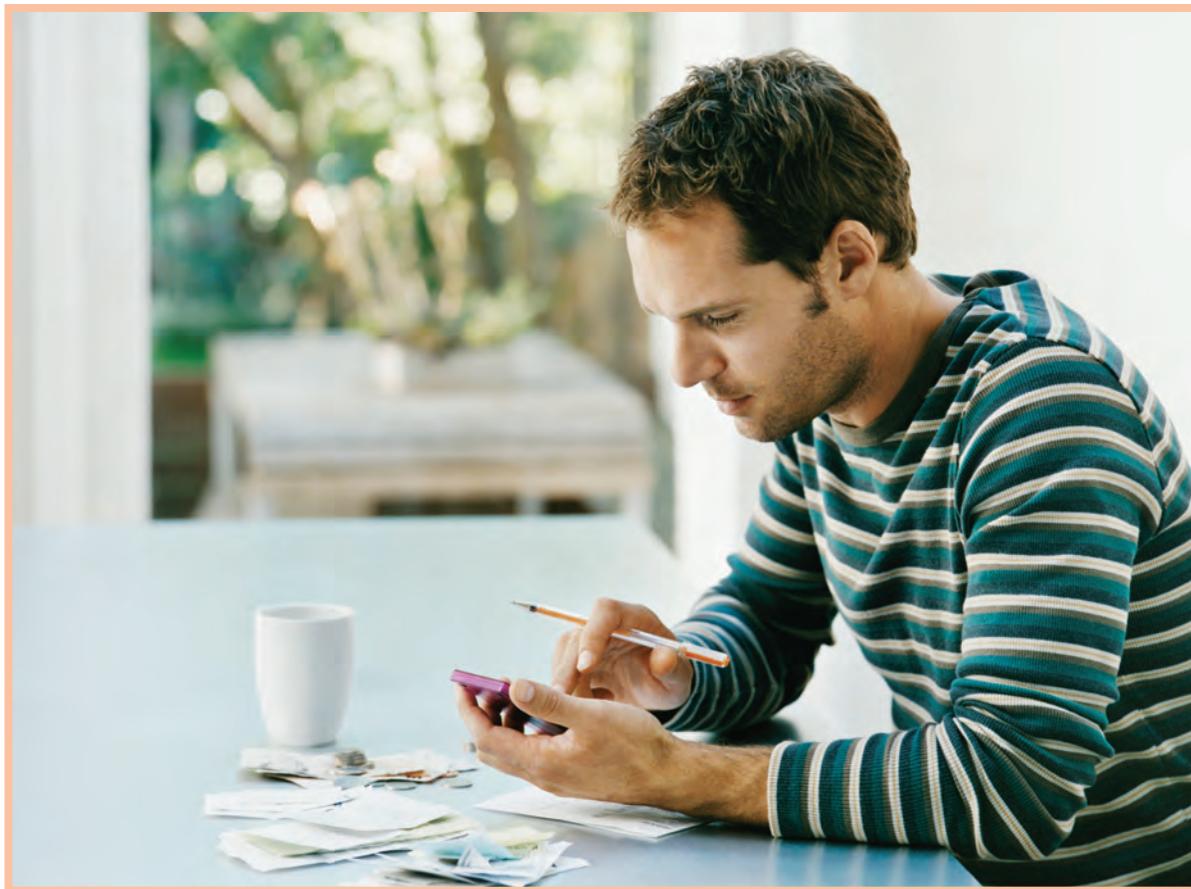
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Budgets

You can't find the right place to live until you know how much you are able to spend. Here are some budget questions you should think about while touring a property:

- 1 What is the monthly rent?
- 2 What's included in that rent? Utilities, gas, water, cable, Internet?
- 3 What's not included in rent? What is the average monthly cost for gas, electric, water, garbage disposal? If management doesn't know, contact GRU at www.gru.com and they can give you average costs of utilities for the previous year.
- 4 Want to have a pet? Factor in the deposit and monthly cost for food, medical and grooming care.
- 5 Don't forget the insurance. Before you sign your lease, call your insurance company and see how much it will cost monthly to insure your apartment or house.
- 6 Are you going to need fuel for your vehicle or are you going to use the bus? Factor transportation/car maintenance costs into your budget.
- 7 How much will you spend monthly on groceries or on a meal plan?
- 8 Have some fun! Don't spend so much on rent that you don't have money for fun stuff.
- 9 What do you spend on clothing, shoes and accessories?
- 10 How much money can you save every month? It's really good to save some money every month to cover unexpected emergency expenses. Even \$20 a month saved is good. Every little bit counts.



To help you with your budget, OCL has a budget spreadsheet in the Gator Guide to Off Campus Life (page 7) and online at http://www.offcampus.ufl.edu/gator_guide.

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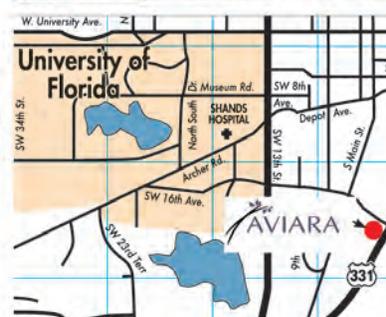
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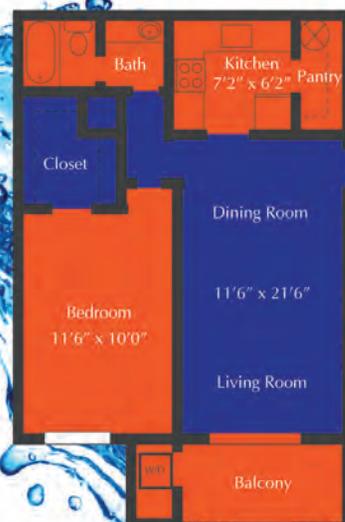
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Can I Be Evicted If I Pay “My” Rent and My Roommates Don’t?

Usually. Most leases provide that the tenants are jointly and severally liable for the entire rent. This means the landlord can evict you unless the full rent is paid.

It is possible for you to sue your roommates in small claims court to collect their share of the rent and utilities. A written roommate agreement will be helpful in proving your case in court.

Given the difficulty of collecting money on a judgment quickly, the best thing you can do is obtain new roommates.



So What If I Get Sued? I Have No Money!

Any judgment for money damages is enforceable for at least 20 years and earns interest. A judgment may be enforced by seizing your wages, bank accounts, or your personal property. A judgment will also adversely affect your credit rating.

What Should I Look For In An Apartment?

Application Deposits: Never put down a deposit to hold an apartment unless you have a written agreement indicating whether it is refundable.

Model Apartments: Never sign a lease based upon a model. Insist on seeing your actual apartment.

Cost: Can you afford it? Even if your roommates leave?

Safety: Inspect the locks on the doors and windows – is there a deadbolt on the front door?

Do sliding glass doors have adequate locks to deter forced entry? Are the hallways and parking lots well lit? Make sure tree limbs and shrubs in front of the apartment are well trimmed.

You can contact the Alachua County Sheriff's Office or the Gainesville Police Department for information on crime in the area.

Function: At move-in, check all plumbing and appliances. Run water in sinks, showers and tubs, flush toilets, and check air conditioning and heating.

Inventory: Note all defects on the inventory sheet or check-in list signed by the landlord or an impartial witness. Photograph or videotape the apartment at move-in.

Appearance: Is it clean? Do the carpets look worn or smell bad? Has the apartment been painted recently? Do the walls have nail holes?

In some Gainesville neighborhoods, only three unrelated persons may live together. Check with the city if you plan on having more than two roommates.

Retain a copy of the lease and all attachments or addendums to the lease for your records. Have all promised repairs and improvements written into the lease and signed by the landlord.

Get clear written permission for any pets.

What Can Happen If I Don't Pay Rent?

Failure to pay rent is the quickest way to be evicted! The landlord will serve a notice demanding payment of rent or possession of the apartment. If you fail to comply with the demand within three days, excluding weekends and holidays, eviction proceedings may be started. Neither surrender of the apartment or eviction ends your liability for rent! You should contact an attorney immediately upon receipt of a three-day notice.



Can I use My Security Deposit for the Last Month's Rent?

No. Landlords can legally evict you for non-payment of rent even when your “security deposit” is equal to your last month's rent. The purpose of the security deposit is to protect the landlord against damages to the apartment.

What Should I Do Before I Sign a Lease?

DO

- ➔ Read the lease and make sure you understand it.
- ➔ Review a copy of the lease with an attorney prior to signing it.
- ➔ Expect to pay full rent, not just your share. This is what “joint and several” liability means, a term included or implied in nearly all leases.
- ➔ Obtain a copy of the lease and all attachments or addendums to the lease, and put everything with your personal records.
- ➔ Have all promised repairs and improvements written into the lease and signed by the landlord.
- ➔ Insist on seeing your actual unit.
- ➔ Get clear written permission for any pets.
- ➔ Check for maintenance responsibilities when renting a house or duplex.

DON'T

- ➔ Do not sign a 12-month lease unless you are willing to pay rent for 12 months.
- ➔ Do not sign a 12-month lease with roommates unless all roommates are willing to rent for 12 months.
- ➔ Do not have your parents sign the lease or a parental guarantee agreeing to be responsible for rent, if possible. See if the landlord will accept an additional security deposit instead.
- ➔ Do not sign a lease with automatic renewal clause.
- ➔ Do not sign a lease that gives the landlord unlimited access to the apartment without notice or consent.
- ➔ Do not sign a lease based upon a model apartment.
- ➔ Do not sign a lease before visiting the neighborhood at various times during the day, at night and on weekends.
- ➔ Do not sign a lease until all agreements negotiated with the landlord are in writing.

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If you are a resident-relative of your parents, your personal property may be insured through their homeowner's policy. Have your parents confirm the coverage in writing with their insurance agent.

If coverage is not available through your parents' homeowner's policy, you may be able to purchase renter's insurance. Even with insurance, there are certain precautions you should always take. Always lock your apartment securely even if you are only going next door. Never leave jewelry, cameras, cash, checkbooks, credit cards, electronics, or other valuables in plain view.

Getting Along

My Landlord Refuses to Make Repairs, What Can I Do?

You MAY be able either to withhold your rent or terminate your lease if the problem constitutes a material breach of the lease or the Act. You must follow the exact requirements of the Act.

You must give the landlord a written notice demanding the repairs be made in seven days. The notice must indicate an intent to terminate the lease or withhold rent if the repairs are not made.

This is a complicated process and the legal consequences are very serious. Do not attempt to terminate your lease or withhold rent without first obtaining legal advice.

Can I Deduct Repair Costs From My Rent?

No.

The Act does not authorize you to make repairs or to recover the cost of such repairs. In fact, most apartment leases prohibit repairs by tenants. When the landlord refuses to make repairs, the Act gives you a qualified right to terminate the lease or withhold rent. As previously indicated, you should consult an attorney before attempting to terminate the lease or withhold rent.

Getting Evicted

What Exactly Is An Eviction?

An eviction is the formal end to your right to occupy the apartment. It does not end your duty to pay rent.

An eviction starts with a Summons. You must file an Answer within 5 days. Contact an attorney immediately.

If the court rules against you, a judgment for possession of the apartment, unpaid rent, late fees, interest, court costs and attorney's fees will be entered for the landlord. The sheriff will post a notice at the apartment that requires you to vacate within 24 hours. If you do not vacate within 24 hours, the sheriff will remove you and your personal property from the apartment.

Can I Be Evicted For Any Other Reason?

Yes! Your lease can be terminated if you violate any lease terms, rules and regulations, or the Act. If your lease is terminated and you do not vacate the apartment, the landlord may file for your eviction immediately.

Termination begins with a 7-day notice. Your options depend on whether the violations are classified as "curable" or "noncurable".

If you receive either type of notice, you should contact an attorney. Neither termination of your lease, nor your eviction from the apartment ends your liability for rent!

Curable Violations:

You will be given seven days to correct a curable violation. Curable violations include unauthorized pets, guests, parking, or the failure to keep the apartment clean and sanitary. If you repeat the violation within 12 months, you will not be given another chance.

Noncurable Violations:

The landlord may terminate your lease with a 7-day notice without giving you a chance to correct a noncurable violation. Noncurable violations include deliberate destruction or misuse of the landlord's property or a continued, unreasonable disturbance.

What Are My Duties As A Tenant?

- ➔ First, last and always, PAY RENT!
- ➔ Comply with all other lease terms.
- ➔ Comply with all rules and regulations.
- ➔ Comply with housing and health codes.
- ➔ Comply with all zoning restrictions.
- ➔ Keep the apartment clean and sanitary.
- ➔ Keep plumbing fixtures sanitary.
- ➔ Do not damage the apartment.
- ➔ Do not disturb your neighbors.

How Do I Find A Good Roommate?

Check the Off-Campus Life website at <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/offcampus>. Check bulletin boards around campus and classified ads as additional sources.

Discuss with potential roommates preferences in food, music, personal habits, sleeping and study hours, friends and finances. An open and frank appraisal of each other's likes, dislikes, and expectations will increase the chances of an enjoyable shared living experience. A written roommate agreement is advisable.

Does the Law Require Interest Payments on Security Deposits?

Landlords must hold security deposits in one of three methods. Two methods of holding the deposits require interest to be paid. The method which does not require interest payment is the one most landlords use. The landlord is required to inform you in writing how your deposit is being held, where it is held, and whether you will receive interest.

What Steps Can I Take To Protect My Security Deposit?

When you take occupancy of the apartment, complete a thorough written inventory of the apartment's condition and have the landlord or an impartial witness sign the inventory. Make sure you keep a copy of the inventory. This helps protect you from the landlord claiming you caused pre-existing damage.

When you move out, clean the apartment completely and thoroughly. Some landlords provide a checklist outlining the cleaning they expect you to do. Keep all your receipts for cleaning supplies and professional carpet cleaning as evidence.

Before you leave, ask the landlord to inspect the apartment with you. Complete a move-out checklist and make sure the landlord signs and dates it. Use an impartial witness if the landlord is not available or refuses your request. Move-in and move-out photographs or videotape are strongly recommended in case there is a dispute.

Getting Out

Can I Break My Lease Because...

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| I am graduating? | No! |
| My roommate left? | No! |
| I cannot afford the rent? | No! |
| I need to work this summer? | No! |
| The neighborhood is unsafe? | No! |

Under the Act, you can only terminate the lease if the landlord is materially violating your lease or the Act. You should obtain legal advice before attempting to terminate your lease. In many cases, the best thing you can do is find replacement tenants.

Can I Sublet My Apartment?

Usually, the landlord cannot unreasonably withhold consent to an assignment or sublease. The landlord may require potential replacement tenants to submit an application including a credit check. The landlord may also charge a reasonable sublet fee even when you provide the replacement tenants. Normally you remain liable under your lease if the replacement tenants do not pay rent or damage the apartment. Some landlords will release you from the obligations of your lease. If you are being released, get it in writing.

How Soon Must I Renew My Lease?

There is no time period established by the Act. You should not sign a lease that provides for automatic renewals or requires you to give the landlord a notice of nonrenewal. If you do sign such a lease, you must strictly comply with the notice requirements imposed by the lease. There are some limits to the enforceability of these clauses. Contact an attorney if you have any questions.

If the lease does not specify otherwise, renewals are a matter of general contract law. The landlord cannot force you to renew prior to the end of your lease. However, if you do not renew by the landlord's "deadline," the landlord may rent your apartment to someone else.

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Celebrating UF's International Education Week, a series of events are being featured on campus to broaden UF's global footprint.

The theme of the week surrounds international engagement and includes musical performances, international film screenings, educational lectures and a chance drawing through Friday.

David Sammons, dean of the international center, said the week is a national program celebrated at universities all over the U.S.

Sammons said UF has more than 6,000 international students from 137 countries.

"The University of Florida claims to be a world-class institution, and we are," Sammons said. "I think that being world-class means being globally engaged and connected."

Sammons said celebrating international education is one path to achieving top-10 status as a university.

"It's really meant to raise up the importance of international education as a component of modern education and to recognize that well-educated people understand the rest of the world and how it works," Sammons said.

"International Education Week opens a window to the world for many people."

Mabel Cardec

UF international center
outreach coordinator

Mabel Cardec, outreach coordinator in the international center, said one major draw of the activities of the week is to give students a taste of different cultures. A martial arts performance by Cuong Nhu will be held today, and lessons in Hebrew writing style by Michal Katz will be given every day.

"International Education Week opens a window to the world for many people," she said. "Many students come to UF and just dedicate themselves to their studies and don't think about the rest of the

world."

Cardec said the Florida Museum of Natural History is making a special offer to UF staff and faculty for the week. This week, admission to the Butterfly Rainforest will be \$6 with a valid Gator 1 Card.

Broward Dining Hall is also serving dishes each day this week from countries such as India, Vietnam and China.

Sahar Basaria, president of Belly Gators, and her belly dancing group performed four songs at the kickoff of the week on Monday, including a contemporary performance of Lorde's "Royals."

Basaria, a 20-year-old UF criminology and psychology junior, said she believes it's important to celebrate global awareness in order to promote tolerance and bring together different cultures.

"All cultures are individually in and of themselves beautiful, and it's important to understand and respect and cooperate with other cultures instead of being focused on the culture you were raised in," she said.

With Zimmerman, dueling 911 calls raise questions

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When George Zimmerman and his girlfriend called 911 in the heat of a domestic dispute, they almost certainly knew they were not just talking to the emergency dispatcher. In the age of Twitter and the 24-hour news cycle, experts say a call to central dispatch can quickly become public and is often manipulated to spin a story or even lay the groundwork for a criminal defense.



Zimmerman

"There really has been what I would call a multi-year training program in place, frankly," to use 911 calls strategically, says former Massachusetts prosecutor Wendy Murphy. "And folks, especially people who understand high-profile crimes and the nature of evidence and the rules of evidence and domestic abuse generally, they (know) the power of a 911 call to change not only the trajectory of the case, but to change public opinion and to affect the jury pool."

On Monday, 27-year-old Samantha Scheibe called Seminole County dispatchers and accused Zimmerman, the former neighborhood watchman, of pointing a shotgun at her, smashing a table and pushing her. Around the same time, the Sanford man made a 911 call of his own, stating that he did not threaten Scheibe, and it was she who had broken the table.

When defense attorney Frank Rubino heard the Zimmerman recording on television, his gut reaction was: This sounds staged.

"Didn't Zimmerman sound way too calm?" says the Miami

lawyer who represented former Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega. "He knows well — and everybody else knows — that those tapes are admissible in court, and it's a way for him to make a positive statement on a very bad situation."

This is the third time since Zimmerman's shooting of a black teenager in February 2012 that 911 calls have played a major role in the man's future. Not long after his July acquittal in the killing of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin, Shellie Zimmerman initially told a dispatcher her estranged husband had smashed the iPad on which she was recording him, and was threatening her and her father with a gun.

Murphy said victims began to think "strategically" about using 911 calls as a way to have their accusations entered into the record without necessarily having to testify, says Murphy, now an adjunct professor in Boston.

Rubino says it behooved Zimmerman to come across as unexcited as possible.

"It's like he was trying to be really calm and saying, 'My crazy girlfriend is doing all this stuff,'" Rubino says. "I think he was trying to create a defense."

In the September incident, Shellie Zimmerman later acknowledged she did not see a gun, and no charges were filed. This time, Zimmerman, 30, faces a felony charge of aggravated assault, as well as misdemeanor counts of battery and criminal mischief.

Murphy says the unwritten rule in such cases has been "whoever calls first wins." But because the police know people can be crafty, she says, "they don't weigh that factor as much as they used to in determining which of two people is the real victim."



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| 1 Food at a bar | 1 Popular food fish | 44 Frequent schoolroom activity | 57 Fairy queen of English legend |
| 6 54-Across vaccine developer | 2 Ristorante request | 47 Weapon for Han Solo | 60 1/16 of a cup: Abbr. |
| 10 "My stars!" | 3 The "L" in URL | 48 Touchdown site | 61 Site of the Ko'olau range |
| 14 Run off, in a way | 4 Org. for shrinks | 49 Bucharest's country | 63 Tampa NFLers |
| 15 Help in solving | 5 Showroom model | 51 Difficult | 67 Lowlife |
| 16 Age-old stories | 6 Sacred beetle | 52 Club on the diamond | 68 With 23-Down, what an accused thug may beat |
| 17 Series of "Got milk?" spots, e.g. | 7 Sacha Baron Cohen's "Da ___ G Show" | | |
| 19 Suffragist | 8 Galoots | | |
| 20 Emmy-winning | 9 Reporter known for ducking into phone booths | | |
| 21 "___ Gang" | 10 New York city near the Pennsylvania border | | |
| 22 Tolstoy work subtitled "The Story of a Horse" | 11 "Well played!" | | |
| 24 Queen's subjects | 12 Sister of Apollo | | |
| 26 Dismissive cry | 13 Take away (from) | | |
| 28 Kitchen attraction | 18 Watering hole | | |
| 29 Ran off with | 23 See 68-Down | | |
| 31 Multi-institutional financial crisis | 25 Fries alternative | | |
| 34 Mexican cover-up | 27 Antepenultimate fairy tale word | | |
| 36 JFK Library architect I.M. | 30 Prefix with center | | |
| 37 Connecticut hrs. | 32 Not paleo- | | |
| 38 It's used to break a habit | 33 New Zealander | | |
| 42 That girl! | 35 Actress Sommer | | |
| 45 Garden pond fish | 39 Typed chuckle | | |
| 46 Weather map line | 40 Seer's claim | | |
| 50 American bacon source | 41 Sleigh's parking spot | | |
| 54 See 6-Across | 42 Vivacity | | |
| 55 Whirlpool subsidiary | | | |
| 56 Sweet tuber | | | |
| 58 MacDonald's home | | | |
| 59 Ristorante dish | | | |
| 62 Apprehend | | | |
| 64 Place for some me-time | | | |
| 65 Make a muffler, perhaps | | | |
| 66 Browser feature, or what the ends of 17-, 31-, 38- or 50-Across can have | | | |
| 69 Clothing fluff | | | |
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Hill injury problematic

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It was supposed to be a regular move in Kasey Hill's repertoire.

After Florida forced a turnover about two minutes into the second half, Hill drove down the right side of the lane through two Southern defenders and drew a foul.

The freshman point guard had been thriving in transition all Monday night, with eight points on three layups and a floater coming before the play.

But during this layup attempt, Hill's left foot planted awkwardly, and his ankle twisted inward. The McDonald's All-American then let out a howl that was heard throughout the O'Connell Center.

Hill suffered a high left ankle sprain under the same basket that former Kentucky big man Nerlens Noel's season ended last February when he suffered a torn ACL.

"We definitely need him."

Billy Donovan

UF coach

Florida coach Billy Donovan said after the No. 16 Gators' 67-53 win against the Jaguars that Hill will miss at least a month of action. X-rays on Hill's ankle came back negative Tuesday with no broken bones or torn ligaments.

Without their floor general, the Gators are in a predicament.

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Kasey Hill attempts a shot during Florida's 67-53 victory against Southern on Monday in the O'Connell Center. Hill suffered a high ankle sprain in the game.

FOOTBALL

Redshirt junior quarterback relishing sudden promotion

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Meet Christian Provanca. Never heard of him? That's not surprising; the closest Provanca has ever gotten to a college football field is the sideline.

But with starting quarterback Jeff Driskel (leg) out for the season and second-string signal-caller Tyler Murphy (shoulder) questionable after missing Florida's 19-14 loss to South Carolina on Saturday, Provanca is as close to playing as he will likely ever be.

Before the Gators' loss to the Gamecocks, Florida's coaching staff moved Provanca to second on the depth chart behind redshirt freshman Skyler Mornhinweg, who was making his first career start.

One missed block or one determined linebacker could knock Mornhinweg out, and the 6-foot-6 Provanca would take the reins.

"Everyone hopes to be in this situation where you have the opportunity to contribute, but not like this," Provanca said. "You want to work your way up the ladder with skill. We've been plagued by injury and stuff, but I was just really happy to be able to show that I'm there for the team."

Until recently, the redshirt junior's job has been to signal plays to the quarterback — a literal signal caller.

"We've been plagued by injury and stuff, but I was just really happy to be able to show that I'm there for the team."

Christian Provanca

UF quarterback

He has served ancillary roles, such as manning the scout team and imitating other team's quarterbacks without much chance to show off his own skills.

"I've done [former Tennessee quarterback Tyler Bray] in

the past," Provanca said. "I mean any tall, white quarterbacks out there."

But coaches moved other players into the scout-team role so they could develop at the position.

Even now, Provanca is only the second-string quarterback because the Florida staff does not want to burn freshman Max Staver's redshirt.

"Not at this stage," offensive coordinator Brent Pease said of Staver playing.

So, while Murphy continues to recover from his shoulder injury, the second-string job belongs to Provanca.

"It was a little nerve-wracking," Provanca said. "Being a [redshirt junior], I'm supposed to be able to handle it."

Provanca did not come to Florida for its athletics. Like so many other UF students, he came to the school for academics and because a family member already attended the

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Orr offers versatility for Gators

DEFENSIVE TACKLE PLAYED TIGHT END IN HIGH SCHOOL.

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Standing on their last leg, the Gators turned to Leon Orr.

Down 16-14 against South Carolina with 4:45 remaining in the game, Trey Burton lofted a fourth-and-13 pass out of a punt formation to a double-covered Orr, who got his hands on the football.

But the ball dropped to the turf, quickly followed by a frustrated Orr's fists. The Gamecocks used the turnover on downs to burn more time off the clock and tack on a final field goal to increase their lead to five in a 19-14 victory.

"I wouldn't necessarily say I'm mad at myself, but I'm disappointed I didn't come up with it," Orr said. "It was a big play and we needed it, so I'm pretty disappointed I didn't come up with the catch."

Throwing to a defensive tackle with the game on the line appeared to be an odd decision, but coach Will Muschamp trusted Orr's hands. The New Port Richey native played

tight end during his days at Gulf High.

Although the try ended in failure, Orr was happy to receive a chance to make a play.

"It's been a long time since I've been out there and jumped up there and tried to make a catch like that so it was very exciting," Orr said. "I really think it was something I really needed to do just to let people know I am athletic and I can do those things."

On the defensive side of the ball, Orr delivered for Florida. He recorded two tackles for a loss on Saturday night, including a sack of Gamecocks quarterback Connor Shaw.

In the absence of injured defensive tackle Dominique Easley, Orr is enjoying his best statistical season. His effort at Williams-Brice Stadium helped him take the lead among Gators defensive tackles with 20 tackles, 4.5 tackles for a loss and 2.5 sacks this season.

Orr said Easley's continuing support and friendship have served as motivation in 2013.

"[Easley] told me to just go out there and play with heart, you know what I'm saying? You know the next play could be your last play, so you've got to go out there and give your all," Orr said.

"That's why I never stop. I'm trying to be as excited and ready to go as possible because

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Carlos Miranda is coming on strong for the Florida cross country team. Read the story on page 14.



Quotable

"He might call me provolone ... but yes, he knows who I am."

Christian Provanca, UF quarterback
on relationship with former UF DT Dominique Easley

Runner honored

Florida cross country senior Mark Parrish was named the 2013 USTFCCA South Region Men's Athlete of the Year on Tuesday.

CROSS COUNTRY

Freshman making unexpected contributions

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When the season started, Carlos Miranda did not expect to be a contributor on Florida's cross country team.

"Honestly, I didn't even know I was going to be able to be on the varsity team coming in," Miranda said. "I wasn't that confident because all the guys were really good here."

But as the season progressed, the Naples freshman became a valuable asset

for the Gators.

He is Florida's only runner to score in all six meets this season.

"With freshmen coming in, consistency can be tough because the training is such a higher level than their used to," coach Paul Spangler said.

"It's just a matter of how their body is going to adapt, and he's just been consistent all year."

Miranda's times have improved in every meet this year.

His time in 5K races improved from

15:32.14 at the Western Carolina Invitational on Aug. 30 to a 15:17.60 at the FLRunners.com Invitational four weeks later.

The first-year runner has also broken the 25-minute barrier in an 8K race twice this season, with his fastest time coming at the Southeastern Conference Championships on Nov. 1.

On UF's Mark Bostick Golf Course, Miranda ran a 24:55.40 en route to earning a spot on the SEC All-Freshman team.

"I was pretty happy to break 25 on our course," the three-time SEC Freshman of the Week said.

"I wanted to run somewhere close to the 24:30s, but I'll take a sub-25 on our course any day."

At the NCAA South Regional Championships on Friday, Miranda ran his first 10K race as a Gator in 30:50.05, good enough for a 29th overall finish out of 173 runners.

"For Carlos to run that well, that's a really good thing for the program," Mark Parrish said.

"Being a senior, I like to see some of the younger guys run fast and perform well. The 10K, that's a hard distance for a freshman to run, so to be able to see that there is some young talent on the team is exciting."

With the NCAA Championships approaching, Miranda doesn't plan to slow down any time soon.

"I felt unstoppable and felt like I could have kept on going," he said about running at the regional race. "I definitely want to help out, at least try and crack the 200 spot, maybe help the team get a top-20 finish (or) top-10 finish would be nice."

Added Parrish: "I think Carlos has a couple more seconds that he can cut off his time. It was his first 10K, so obviously it was a learning experience for him."

Fulwood eyes increased role for Florida

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you never know when it's going to be your last play."

Fulwood emerging: Ahmad Fulwood has not wasted any time making his mark in Gainesville.

The Jacksonville native has tallied 11 receptions for 92 yards and a touchdown in limited action this season, nearly outperforming every other UF freshman wideout since 2008 combined.

Robert Clark in 2010, Latroy Pittman in 2012 and Demarcus Robinson this season have a combined 14 receptions for 98 yards.

"Ahmad has come on and put himself in the rotation and done a good job," offensive coordinator Brent Pease said. "You know he's, what I see from him, he's finally catching up to the speed of the game and gotten more consistent catching."

Meanwhile, Robinson has yet to make the impact expected following his stand-out performance during fall camp.

Rivals.com's fifth-ranked wide receiver in the Class of 2013 has only five catches for 23 yards this season.

"Demarcus is inconsistent," Pease said. "It's just a situation where he's got to continue to improve and get comfortable and understand what he's being taught fundamentally."

Gainesville native Chris Thompson has yet to make an impact, but he has caught the attention of Pease. He came out of Gainesville High as a three-star prospect.

"(I'm) happy with what Chris is doing," Pease said.

"He's catching the ball well. He's running well, playing fast and you can see some explosiveness."



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Carlos Miranda races during the Southeastern Conference Championships on Nov. 1 in Gainesville. Miranda placed 29th, as the Gators finished second in the meet.

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UF now lacking true point guard

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"It's a part of the game," Donovan said. "We'll have to find some different ways to compensate for his absence."

For the time being, Florida will have to do so without a natural point guard on its shorthanded roster. Its best options to fill in at point guard are either injured or unavailable.

Senior Scottie Wilbekin, last year's starter at point guard, is still suspended indefinitely and will miss UF's matchup against Middle Tennessee on Thursday.

Donovan also revealed after the game that guard Dillon Graham (bone spurs) will undergo surgery on his hips next week and miss the remainder of the season.

Eli Carter (leg), who has played sparingly because he has not yet reached full strength, is mulling a medical redshirt.

"We definitely need him, but not at the expense of burning his year," Donovan said of Carter. "That's a real, real hard one for me to swallow as a coach when a guy's playing on one leg. He's probably going to see how much more he can do, but I had him at the point out there."

"He was out there at half-court. He almost lost the ball like three times. It looked like he couldn't even plant and push off, and he looked

hobbled. So I feel bad for him. Selfishly, could we just use his body for five, six minutes to buy some time? Yes, but ... I think we owe him the opportunity to get himself fully healthy and play again."

Without those players to provide effective minutes at point guard, sophomores Michael Frazier II and DeVon Walker — who has committed eight turnovers in four games — will likely handle the task.

Frazier thrives in catch-and-shoot situations on the wings and corners but will likely have to run the floor as the starting point guard Thursday night.

"I think I could do fine with it," Frazier said. "I played a little bit of point guard in high school. I played it in a couple games, so I'm pretty comfortable with it."

Donovan also said he might experiment with Dorian Finney-Smith playing at the point, although the redshirt sophomore forward has not practiced much at that position this year.

"We're going to probably have to do some different things," Donovan said. "We're going to have to make some lineup adjustments, changes. ... We're going to probably have to have multiple guys handle the ball. I think we've got to be able to flow on offense, function, once we get into half court."

| Gators Facing Issues | | |
|-----------------------|--|--|
| Player | Issue | Status |
| Kasey Hill, PG | High left ankle sprain | Out at least a month |
| Scottie Wilbekin, PG | Suspended; practicing with team | Out indefinitely; reportedly nearing return |
| Damontre Harris, C | Suspended; practicing away from team | Out indefinitely |
| Dillon Graham, SG | Bone spurs in hips | Out for season; opting for redshirt |
| Eli Carter, G | Recovering from broken leg; yet to regain full strength and conditioning | Playing sparingly; likely candidate for medical redshirt |
| Will Yeguete, F | Recovering from right knee surgery | Active; started all four games, averaging 5.3 points and 4.5 rebounds |
| Michael Frazier II, G | Playing despite suffering from mononucleosis prior to season | Active; played in all four games, averaging 13.5 points and 4.3 rebounds |
| Billy Donovan, G | Playing with torn labrum | Active; has played in three games this year |
| Chris Walker, F | Settling academic ineligibility issues | Not yet enrolled at UF; aiming to enroll in spring |

Provancha was rated No. 167 quarterback in Class of 2010

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school.

Provancha's brother, Ian, went to Florida and is currently looking to enroll in UF's medical school.

For Provancha, athletics come second to academics — a rarity in today's college-football atmosphere that values on-field production over grade-point averages.

"As long as I was here for academics, I would have been hap-

py," he said.

Provancha did not have many schools vying for his services on the football field.

He said he had a scholarship offer from Florida A&M, but other schools did not show much interest.

ESPN ranked Provancha as a one-star prospect — the 167th best quarterback in his class.

"I think ESPN had me at 'deceptively athletic,'" he said. "So, I'll throw in a spin move every now and then."

"I've got a little more speed than people give me credit and a little more moves than people give me credit."

Christian Provancha
UF quarterback

"I've got a little more speed than people give me credit and a little more moves than people give me credit."

His athleticism allowed for a brief move to wide receiver last

season — a change Provancha was not thrilled with.

"I came here as a quarterback, was a quarterback three years," he said.

"We were low on receivers, and I showed them what I got, so they put me at wide receiver."

"I guess I scared some people with the roster, a [6-foot-6] receiver. But I'm still pretty slow."

Unlike most players, Provancha does not expect to play.

Second string is already beyond what he expected to reach

during his career.

Florida has produced quarterbacks such as Danny Wuerffel, Rex Grossman and Tim Tebow. Why would a walk-on get a shot?

"Hopefully, the only situation that would happen is if we're up by a decent amount of points," he said, "and I don't know if that's a possibility."

"Hopefully, that's the way it happens, if it does. Other than that, before last week Skyler had as many snaps as me, so he's got to get his reps, too."

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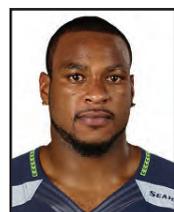
GATORS IN THE NFL Harvin enjoys successful debut with Seattle against former team

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With Week 11 of the NFL season in the books, here are a few former Gators who made the most tangible impact for their respective teams.

Percy Harvin, wide receiver: After waiting 10 games to make his debut with the Seattle Seahawks, Percy Harvin (hip) finally saw the field Sunday.



Harvin

And in a limited role, he was explosive.

Although he caught only one pass for 17 yards on his sole target of the afternoon, Harvin returned a kick 58 yards during the Seahawks' 41-20 win against the Minnesota Vikings — Harvin's

former team.

His sole catch was an acrobatic grab over Vikings cornerback Chris Cook. The former Gators receiver reeled in the ball with his right hand, juggled it and eventually secured it with his left arm.

Harvin revealed after the game that in addition to having hip surgery during the off-season, he also underwent an appendectomy late last year. During the procedure, doctors discovered that Harvin had a benign tumor on his appendix.

"I've been through a lot besides the hip surgery," Harvin told ESPN. "So it was an enjoyable feeling to get back out there. I wanted to

see where I was at. Today was the test everyone wanted to see. I don't see any more setbacks. I'm looking to take off from here."

Joe Haden, cornerback: The Cleveland Browns suffered their sixth loss of the season in a 41-20 defeat to the Cincinnati Bengals Sunday, but Joe Haden had a game to remember.

During the loss, Haden had two interceptions in the first quarter. The first, which he returned for 15 yards to the Cincinnati 14-yard line, came on a first and 10 and resulted in a Browns field goal on the ensuing drive.

Fewer than two minutes later, Haden scored the first touchdown of the game when he picked off a pass from Bengals quarterback Andy Dalton and returned it 29 yards into the end zone to put the Browns ahead 13-0. Dalton's pass was intended for A.J. Green, but Haden made the read and ran down the left sideline untouched into the end zone.

Notes: During the Chicago Bears' 23-20 overtime victory against the Baltimore Ravens, linebacker Jon Bostic picked off a pass from Ravens signal caller Joe Flacco at the 50-yard line. The Bears tacked on a field goal on their next drive to reduce their deficit to 17-13 at halftime.

During his team's 24-16 loss to the Philadelphia Eagles, Washington Redskins tight end Jordan Reed suffered a concussion. He is questionable for Monday's matchup against the San Francisco 49ers. Reed had one catch for 12 yards in the game.

Florida adds top recruit

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Caeleb Dressel is being hailed as one of the best sprint prospects ever despite having never suited up for a college team.

Dressel, from Clay High and the Bolles swim club in Jacksonville, committed to Florida on Tuesday after visiting Gainesville during the weekend.

The high school senior is one of the top recruits in the 2014 class and owns the national high school 50-yard freestyle record at 19.29 seconds — just .17 seconds slower than senior Brad deBorde's school-record time. Dressel also swims the 100-yard free in 43.29 seconds, making him a more than adequate replacement for deBorde after he graduates.

At the Junior World Championships over the summer, Dressel placed third in the 50-yard free and took first in the 100-yard free while setting a new championship record.

He will be a second-generation Gator, following in his father's footsteps, assuming he stays true to his commitment.

The high school senior has not signed his national letter of intent.

Divers surging: Florida's swimming and diving teams have been among the top teams in the nation during the fall season.

The men's team is currently sitting at the No. 1 spot, and the women are

at No. 3, and it isn't just the swimmers propelling them to those high rankings.

A bright spot for the Gators this year has been in women's diving. They have totaled six event wins and 88 total points through the first four dual meets, compared to no wins and 42 total points after four dual meets last year.

Sophomore Kahlia Warner, who transferred to UF in the spring, accounts for a big part of that improvement. She has contributed five wins and 58 points this season.

UF Swimming

Men's diving has improved after a rough opening in the first two dual meets. A slow start that saw only one win through the first two dual meets was followed by three wins and 37 points in the other two meets this fall.

Redshirt sophomore Zach Hernandez has been a key player in Florida's success. He picked up three wins and totaled 31 points in the last two meets against Alabama and Georgia.

But the men are without redshirt senior Chris Jones, who is still recovering from shoulder surgery.

Jones had the best performance of his career at NCAA Zone Diving on the platform, finishing in eighth place in the finals. Diving coach Donnie Craine said he is hopeful to have Jones back by SECs in February.

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