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With 2,000 registrants, Midnight Fun Run spots full

The run is Wednesday night

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Gators hoping to run in next week's Midnight Fun Run may be left standing still.

Registration closed early for the eighth annual run, which is scheduled for midnight next Wednesday, due to an all-time high of 2,000 registrants.

Even though registration was supposed to stay open without a cap until the day of

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 assistant director of marketing and communications, RecSports

the event, it closed midday Wednesday.

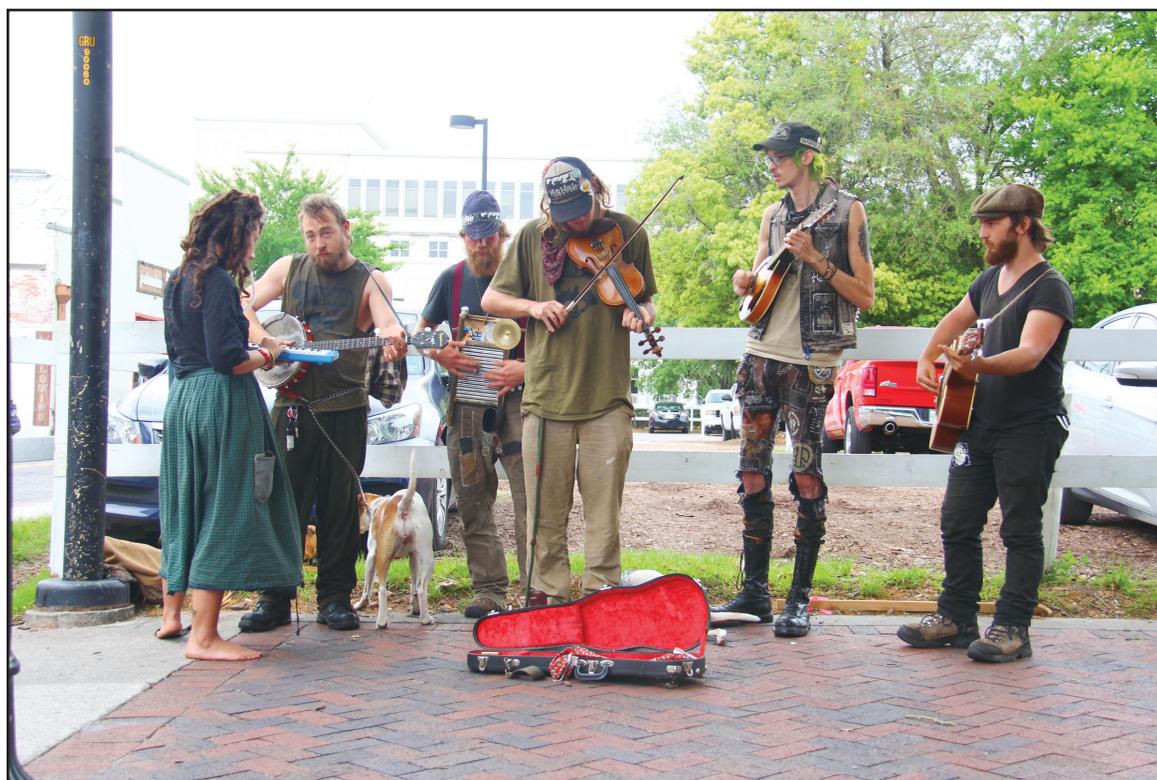
"We've been watching it since day one,

knowing that it is unprecedented growth for us," said Andy Howard, assistant director of marketing and communications for RecSports.

The goal was to reach 1,500 participants, which would beat the previous record amount of 1,300, he said.

The run attracted more than 800 people

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Makeshift Music

A local band of friends plays outside the Hippodrome State Theatre on Thursday afternoon. The musicians played using both traditional and homemade instruments.

LOCAL

Long-serving county tax collector dies

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Alachua County Tax Collector LaVaughn Fraser died Thursday morning after an extended illness.

Fraser, 76, had served as the tax collector since 2000 after spending about two decades as the assistant tax collector.

John Power, chief deputy tax collector, said Fraser, who insisted on being called "Von" by all of his colleagues, enjoyed serving the residents of Alachua County



Fraser

for the past 33 years.

"He loved people and people loved him," Power said. "He was really admired throughout the community."

Before serving in public office, Fraser served a tour of duty in the U.S. Army as a non-commissioned officer, according to a news release.

He received his degree in ac-

counting from UF in 1969 and a master's degree in public administration from the University of North Florida in 1992.

Power said Fraser's main focus when working was customer service.

"(He) enjoyed serving the public and instilled that in his staff. We miss him, but the best way we can honor him is to continue serving the public," Power said. "He had great appeal throughout the community. You mention his name, and people would have a big smile."

Moving companies ramp up for Summer

► STUDENTS HAVE SEVERAL OPTIONS.

RYAN BAUM
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As Starbucks-fueled students race toward finals and the semester's end, Gainesville moving companies prepare for a marathon of their own.

Bellhops, a national tech-based moving service, is gearing up for Gainesville's annual post-Spring exodus with its largest local team yet following a successful trial period in town.

With 75 local student employees and plans to hire up to 50 more, the Tennessee-based startup is expanding rapidly, co-founder Cameron Doody said.

The students — employed as independent contractors — receive localized mobile alerts to claim new opportunities as they become available, on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Every job is booked through the company's web application, which serves as a hub for communication prior to moving day. Doody, 28, said the web-based approach allows the brand to "scale and mobilize a large workforce more efficiently."

Although Bellhops' employment practices allow the company to accommodate high volume, the owners may be overestimating the local demand, said Wade Swikle, president of local competitor 2 Col-

lege Brothers.

"I understand wanting to accommodate more business," the 23-year-old UF alumnus said, "but it's not like we're turning customers away, even during peak times. I don't think any local moving companies face that kind of demand."

Swikle started Smarter Moving Solutions in 2012, during his senior year at UF. He acquired 2 College Brothers from its founders last October.

Like Bellhops, Swikle exclusively hires students for his moving service. But with six employees and the goal of hiring between 10 and 15 more this week, the similarities end.

Students employed by Bellhops have to pass an in-depth screening and training process before they can get a job, but Swikle said there's no substitute for consistent experience in the field.

"Jobs run more smoothly with trained employees that coordinate moves on a regular basis," he said. "They've dealt with different situations over time and gained the experience that comes with that."

Although 2 College Brothers is retaining a traditional employment structure, Swikle said he isn't afraid to mix things up.

The company is partnering with Gator Domino's this summer to bring free large-pizza vouchers to every moving job this summer.

"People always order pizza when they're moving," he said,

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Dog Easter egg hunt

Give your dog the chance to sniff out Easter eggs at Sweet Paws Bakery's doggy Easter egg hunt at 5:30 p.m. today at 5330 SW 91st Terrace. Eggs will be filled with delicious homemade dog treats and hidden around the store for dogs to find. This event is free, and open to anyone looking for an egg-cellent time. For more information, email mail@sweetpawsbakery.com.

Lavender Graduation

LGBT Affairs is hosting its annual Lavender Graduation today at 7 p.m. The ceremony acknowledges the achievements and contributions of LGBTQ and ally students at UF. The event is to recognize these students' leadership and community service experiences that have made a difference in improving the campus climate regarding LGBTQ issues. If you are graduating, please notify LGBT Affairs to be recognized and receive a Lavender Graduation certificate as well as a rainbow tassel. LGBT Affairs is also looking for candidates for Spring 2014 Community Impact Awards and Rainbow Alliance Awards for Student LGBT Service and Research.

Velo Vixen MTB Skills Clinic

The second annual Velo Vixen MTB Skills Clinic will be held Saturday at 9 a.m. at San Felasco Hammock Preserve State Park. Lunch will be provided by Harvest Thyme Cafe, and all participants will receive fabulous Vixen commemorative T-shirts. Reservations are not necessary but strongly encouraged.

Earth Day Fest needs groups, volunteers

Earth Day Fest will be Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Bo Diddley Community Plaza. The event will include solar and sustainable living demonstrations, organic gardening and beekeeping displays, a kids corner with games, egg coloring and more. Volunteers are needed. Groups interested in attending can email earthdaygainesville2014@gmail.com.

Celebrate Earth Day at the Florida Museum of Natural History

Explore the wonders of life on Earth with hands-on activities

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and a huge plant sale at the Florida Museum of Natural History. On Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., participate in Earth Day activities in the adjacent UF Natural Area Teaching Laboratory and see diverse specimens from the museum's vast collections. The museum will also host a large plant sale with more than 120 species of difficult-to-find and butterfly-friendly plants Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. where attendees can learn how to attract butterflies to their homes and which plants are proven winners. Accent, host, native and nectar plants are available for purchase with proceeds benefiting the museum's Butterfly Rainforest exhibit and other museum events. For more information, visit flmnh.ufl.edu/earthday or call 352-846-2000.

Danza Dance Company presents Extravaganza

The Spring 2014 showcase will take place Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Phillips Center for the Performing Arts. Admission is free.

Info session for GREEN Study Abroad

The Global Renewable Energy Education Network is holding an information session Monday at 3:30 p.m. in the IFIC conference room. Come learn more about studying sustainability and renewable energy in places like Iceland and Peru. Class credit is available for these "bucket list" adventures. For more information, email alex.harris@ufl.edu.

Leadership position available: Advertising chair

The UFAI board is seeking highly motivated and enthusiastic students to join them in taking UFAI to another level of campus awareness next semester. Experience with Photoshop and Adobe are a plus, but not required — only a passion and love for human rights. If interest-

ed, please send your resume and a short paragraph (250 words or fewer) about why you would be a good fit for this position to novoa.cf@ufl.edu.

Restoring Bambooville

A group of students is working to present a formal proposal to the Lakes, Vegetation and Landscaping Committee as well as the Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee to bring back Bambooville. To help, find the Facebook page "Restore Bambooville" or contact Elliot Larkin at Larkin@ufl.edu or Nick Chrono at NChrono@ufl.edu. Also, sign the petition on Change.org.

Got something going on?

Want to see it in this space? Send an email with "What's Happening" in the subject line to kgriffis@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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Tuition equity bill hits roadblock in state Senate

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A Florida Senate bill granting in-state tuition to undocumented students was halted Thursday night, and Gainesville advocacy groups are upset.

The bill, SB1400, would have qualified undocumented students for in-state tuition if they attended a Florida high school for four years. The House bill passed in March.

Its Senate twin was one committee away from a general assembly vote, which would have meant passage of the bill, when state Sen. Joe Negron announced he would not add the bill to the agenda for the final meeting of the Senate appropriations committee.

"In-state tuition discounts should, in my view, be reserved for legal residents

of Florida," Negron told the Miami Herald.

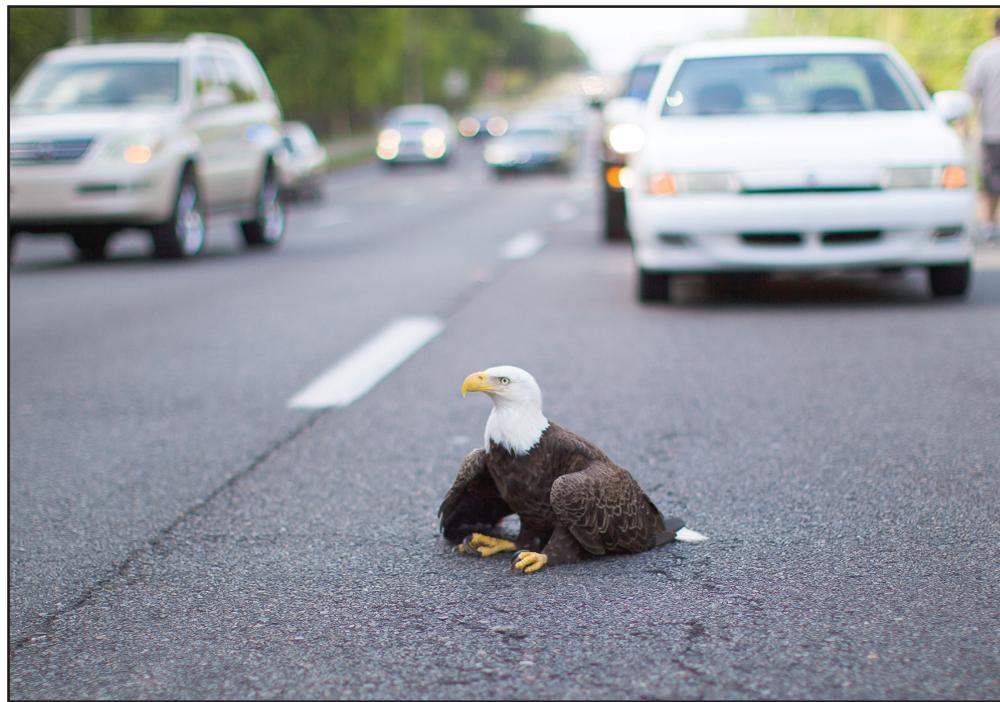
The announcement is a blow to groups who had hoped for passage. Colleen Baublitz of Gainesville's Students for a Democratic Society chapter called the decision illogical and unfounded.

"We are very dismayed," she said. "There was large support across state from universities and state legislatures. (The) bill looked like it would pass."

Joselin Padron-Rasines, a spokeswoman for the Hispanic Students Association, said it's only a delay for the bill.

"It's only going to make us fight for it harder," she said. "Legislators are not representing their constituents. Its the leadership that is in the way. We have a majority."

UF declined to comment.



Courtesy to the Alligator

Free Fallen

In this photo by Justin Simmons, a bald eagle sits on Southwest 34th Street on Thursday at about 9:30 a.m. The eagle sat for about 15 minutes before flying away.

LOCAL

Free Pizza by the Slice to those who download coupon app

CHRISTIAN PAIN

Alligator Contributing Writer

A local pizza joint is celebrating the end of the semester with free slices.

Italian Gator Pizza by the Slice will give free pizza Monday to the first 1,000 people who come with the Gift Certificates and More app downloaded.

"They show the app, and they get the free slice," said Joel Mills, owner of the restaurant, 1728 W. University Ave.

Slices will be given out between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Gift Cer-

"I go there almost every time I'm in Midtown."

Lorena Marrero
UF psychology junior

tificates and More can be downloaded for free through the App Store and Google Play Store. The app offers free gift certificates to local businesses.

Mills was excited when Gift Certificates and More creator and UF alumnus Edward Lavagnino approached him about the idea. Lavagnino said Pizza by the Slice has offered certi-

icates on the app for more than a year. He said Mills wanted to celebrate the end of the semester and give back to students.

"What better way than to give free food," Lavanigno said.

Lorena Marrero, a 21-year-old UF psychology junior, said she will definitely download the app.

"I love Pizza by the Slice," she said. "I go there almost every time I'm in Midtown."

Nicole Castellanos, a 21-year-old hospitality major at Miami Dade College, tried the restaurant while on vacation.

"That place is the best," she said. "I might just have to move here."

UF paintball team places in top 20 at national championship

► IT'S GETTING A SPONSOR.

JANA BERKOWITZ

Alligator Contributing Writer

The UF club paintball team hit its target this weekend.

The team placed 13th out of 52 teams in the National Collegiate

Paintball Association national championships this past weekend in Lakeland.

John Lowery, president of the club and a 22-year-old UF aerospace engineering senior, said the team held weekly practices to prepare for the event, and players watched YouTube videos to help improve their

individual game.

"We had a lot of new players come out to play in World Cup, and it didn't go so well," he said. "But we were practicing a lot in preparation for the competition."

Lowery said the competition was tough, but he was proud of how the new players held up.

Brian Basnight, treasurer of the club and a 20-year-old UF computer engineering sophomore, said one of the biggest obstacles the team had to overcome was lack of funding.

RecSports gives some funding, but the team still must charge students to play. It hopes to make participating in the sport more realistic

in the future.

The team is acquiring a sponsorship from Empire Paintball to help players buy gear and make practices more affordable, Lowery said.

"Everyone is on their college budget, and paintball is by far the most expensive sport I've ever played," Basnight said.

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LIFESTYLE

Study: Depression following fatherhood found in young men

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A recent study conducted by researchers at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine revealed some troubling realities for young fathers.

The study, published in *Pediatrics Digest*, followed 10,253 young men ages 24 to 32 from 1994 to 2005. By the end of the time period, 33 percent of the men were fathers. Of those men, 68 percent showed an increase in depressive symptoms.

It also suggested that main

factors causing depression were living with their children, living with a spouse suffering from a form of maternal depression and fathering a child with behavioral or emotional issues.

According to the study, depression affects between 5 and 10 percent of fathers while postpartum depression and other forms of depression affect between 10 and 15 percent of mothers.

The study also showed there are few – and, in some states, no – programs that provide services and counseling for new fathers

“Fathers are now increasingly experiencing conflicts with work and family.”

William Marsiglio

UF sociology professor

experiencing depression.

UF sociology professor William Marsiglio said the increase in paternal depression in the past decade could be related to a change in what fatherhood means.

“Fathers are now increasingly experiencing conflicts with work and family, to the extent that some

might be experiencing psychological depression,” Marsiglio said.

Marsiglio said younger fathers are also transitioning into adulthood while taking on fatherhood, which may contribute to their stress levels and put them at risk for depression.

For UF food science and human nutrition junior DJ Staub, fatherhood brought on many of these emotions and experiences.

The 21-year-old became a dad four years ago.

Staub said he had to embrace adulthood before he was ready because he knows his daughter

depends on him to succeed in school and in life.

“You are responsible for the safety and well-being of another person, which is an incredible change when you’re living the carefree life that most young people enjoy,” Staub said.

Although Staub is younger than the men in the study, he said more should be done to help fathers who suffer from depression.

“Sometimes it’s harder for men to be open and honest about their feelings, and programs designed to help depressed fathers could make a huge impact,” Staub said.

Locals question study about marijuana effects on brain

Researchers surveyed 20 people

VALENTINA SANTANA

Alligator Contributing Writer

A new study showing a relationship between marijuana use and brain abnormalities is facing scrutiny from some Gainesville experts and residents.

The study, conducted by Hans C. Breiter, included 20 users between the ages 18 to 25 and 20 nonusers who were matched by sex, age and other traits. The recreational users claimed to smoke an average of four days a week.

Jodi Gilman, co-author of the study and a

neuroscientist at Massachusetts General Hospital, said the results showed a range of abnormalities in the brain of marijuana users.

“We saw greater gray matter density in marijuana (users) than in control participants in the nucleus accumbens and the amygdala,” she wrote in an email. “We also saw shape abnormalities in the left nucleus accumbens and right amygdala.”

Gilman said this is the first study to show abnormalities in young adult moderate users. She said the abnormalities were dose-dependent, which means the differences were more pronounced in those who reported using

more marijuana.

But Julia Rae Varnes, a specialist at GatorWell Health Promotion Services, said the study only shows a relationship between marijuana use and brain abnormalities, but it doesn’t show a causal relationship.

“The study was cross-sectional and used participants who were self-selected marijuana users. That means we don’t know which came first — the brain abnormalities or the marijuana use,” Varnes wrote in an email.

However, Varnes said she thinks marijuana use can have downsides.

“Many drugs, including legal drugs, have the potential to negatively affect the brain,” she said. “Any drug has some potential for negative effects period.”

Daniel Gomez, a 19-year-old business management sophomore at Santa Fe College, said he doesn’t think smoking marijuana moderately would have a negative effect.

“I personally think marijuana could negatively affect you if you smoke excessively,” he said. “If you smoke like three or four times a week, and you’re still being productive, I don’t see a problem with that.”

Gilman said the next thing to study is the relationship between these structural abnormalities in the brain and functional outcomes.

“I also think it’s important to assess how structure effects relate to the addictive properties of cannabis for each individual,” she said.

New startup stores boxes in warehouse

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“because their entire kitchen is packed up in boxes.”

For those who prefer to leave their belongings in Gainesville over the summer, newcomer HaulBox offers a cheaper alternative to traditional storage options.

Born out of the Gator Lab accelerator program at Starter Space downtown, the startup is the brainchild of Luke McGurrin and the program’s team of project managers.

Students can have the company’s black and yellow plastic boxes delivered to their front door. Once the boxes are filled, the

company returns to collect them. The boxes are stored in HaulBox’s warehouse until students request them back.

“Uber changed everyone’s outlook on what business can provide on-demand,” the 23-year-old UF finance senior said. “We figured storage hadn’t changed in forever, so it deserved another look.”



Courtesy to the Alligator

Bellhops student movers Weston Wamp, right, and Jared Houghton carry a couch as part of their moving service in Chattanooga, Tenn. Bellhops is run completely via a web application.

Many learned of race via email, Facebook

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within the first 24 hours of registration.

However, soon after hitting 800, Howard and a few other race coordinators went over the logistics of the event and ultimately determined that this year it would not be wise to accept more than 2,000 people.

Their concerns included security, the service of the breakfast and the administration of check-in procedures.

Howard said that within the first week, 77 percent of the registrants were first-time participants.

“It’s exciting for us,” he said. “It’s one of our goals to always encourage people who haven’t been involved.”

The department plans to accommodate more participants in 2015 due to the increase in interest.

He said the majority of respondents said they heard about the race through email campaigns from RecSports or through Facebook.

“Every time we sent out an email campaign, we had somewhere around 500 people sign up,” Howard said.

Toward the end of the registration period, RecSports stopped sending out email campaigns, so those not able to sign up wouldn’t be upset.

The organization also began to send out messages to inform people that the event was going to have a cap.

“We didn’t wait until registration was closed to tell everybody, hoping that everyone would have a fair chance to register,” Howard said.

Eduardo Rizo, a 20-year-old UF biochemistry junior, said he was not able to sign up for the run.

He said he is disappointed because he and his friends thought it would have been a good way to finish off the semester.

“We didn’t sign up in advance because we didn’t think it was going to fill up,” Rizo said.



AP Photo

Flamin-go-around

Zoo spokesman Ron Magill holds a flamingo during a roundup of Caribbean Flamingos at Zoo Miami on Thursday. The flamingos are being moved to a new location as the zoo prepares for renovations.

LOCAL

Hostel helps visitors find Zen

CHRISTINE ALVAREZ

Alligator Contributing Writer

Tobe Terrell put a cushion on the floor, sat in the Lotus position and began the daily meeting in the meditation room. He started by reading a list of 15 things that will make your life happier if you give them up.

This is a regular 10 a.m. meeting at the Gainesville Florida Hostel, better known as the Zen Hostel.

Located at 404 SE Second St. behind the Hippodrome State Theatre, it is the only hostel in Gainesville and was opened in January 2005 by Terrell.

"This is a place where we work as a community so that we don't have to be so burdened individually."

Pirate
resident

The hostel consists of two bright-colored buildings connected by a large open patio. Terrell said he originally wanted to open just a Zen center but added the hostel to make money.

"People can get along fine without a hostel, but there's a need for a Zen center where you can advance your spiritual understanding," he said.

The hostel offers private or dorm beds, shared kitchens, bathrooms and an outdoor shower. There are no televisions, but there is free Wi-Fi.

One of the current residents, who calls himself Pirate, said he and his girlfriend were hitchhiking in Ocala when they picked up a ride to Gainesville.

The driver took them to the hostel, and they've been staying there for the past three months.

"I was so grateful for it because it's the best thing that's ever happened to me," he said.

Cindy Monaco, a manager, used to live in the St. Francis House before walking by the hostel. Back then, she had \$60 to her name, but now she helps run the house.

"It's the best place I've ever been," she said.

During the meeting, the managers and travelers kept describing the Zen Hostel as a shared home where they live, eat and work together.

"This is a place where we work as a community so that we don't have to be so burdened individually," Pirate said.

"Don't believe any of that stuff," owner Terrell joked. "It's just a place where a bunch of fools get together."

The hostel doesn't charge visitors, according to its website. Instead, it accepts gifts of usually \$20 or \$25 a night. Travelers can work for rent as well.

Every day except Wednesdays, the hostel holds a meditation session, which the visitors and managers feel is the most important aspect of the house.

"Welcome to the Zen," Pirate said. "Take off your shoes."



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Editorial

The last full week of classes passed by in a blur of taxes, blood moon Instagram pics and studying — endless studying.

For seniors, the end is in sight, and for everyone else — well, we're just excited for a break. Before you busy yourself preparing for finals, consolidating internship plans or packing your bags for one of the many music festivals coming up, stop and check out your so-long-farewell-auf-wiedersehen-goodbye edition of...

Darts & Laurels

Small-scale breweries and brewpubs are continuing to fight big-business interest as Florida Senate Bill 1714 threatens the beer-brewing community with oppressive rules and regulations that would hinder growth and profit.

"For example," the Alligator reported yesterday, "the bill mandates breweries sell bottles and cans to distributors. To sell to their own customers, they must buy the stock back. Most of the time, this includes a significant markup in price. It also prevents brewers from opening wineries or cideries."

In Gainesville, we cherish our small businesses and flourishing craft beer scene. So we're tossing an exceptionally pissed-off DART to SB 1714 for promoting sketchy mob-like regulation of Florida breweries.

On Monday, we were pleased to learn that the Tampa Bay Times, which has a handful of UF and Alligator alumni, won the 2014 Pulitzer Prize for local reporting. Staff writers Will Hobson and Michael LaForgia were recognized for their coverage of "the county's Homeless Recovery program, (which) revealed that the agency — created in 1989 to provide transitional housing for the poor — funneled millions of public dollars to slumlords and placed families in unsafe living conditions," according to the Times.

From one (much smaller) newsroom to another, we're handing off a **congrats-on-No.-10 LAUREL** to the **Tampa Bay Times**.

This week, Facebook announced that it would be rolling out a new feature on its mobile app that would answer what we're always asking: Where are my friends located right now at this very moment?

A location-sharing feature called "Nearby Friends" shows users (who have consented to use the feature and know that their location will be broadcast) where other users are hanging out on a map, according to the Times. So in case you like Facebook but wish it was more similar to Grindr and The Sims 3, this new feature is perfect for you.

No. No, it's not perfect for you. Why do you need to know where your friends are at all times? This app seems more like an enabler for codependent friendships and a potential self-esteem destroyer ("Why are seven of my friends at Salty Dog right now and I wasn't invited?") than a tool of convenience. We're tossing a DART at Facebook for being creepy as hell.

And finally, a **collective LAUREL** to all those little things that make finals studying and job searching more bearable: coffee, 24-hour fast-food drive-thrus and Facebook's temporary-deactivation function.

That's all, folks. Congratulations to all the graduating seniors, and as for everyone else — see you later!

Reader response

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Thursday's question: Should FSU have handled the Winston case differently?

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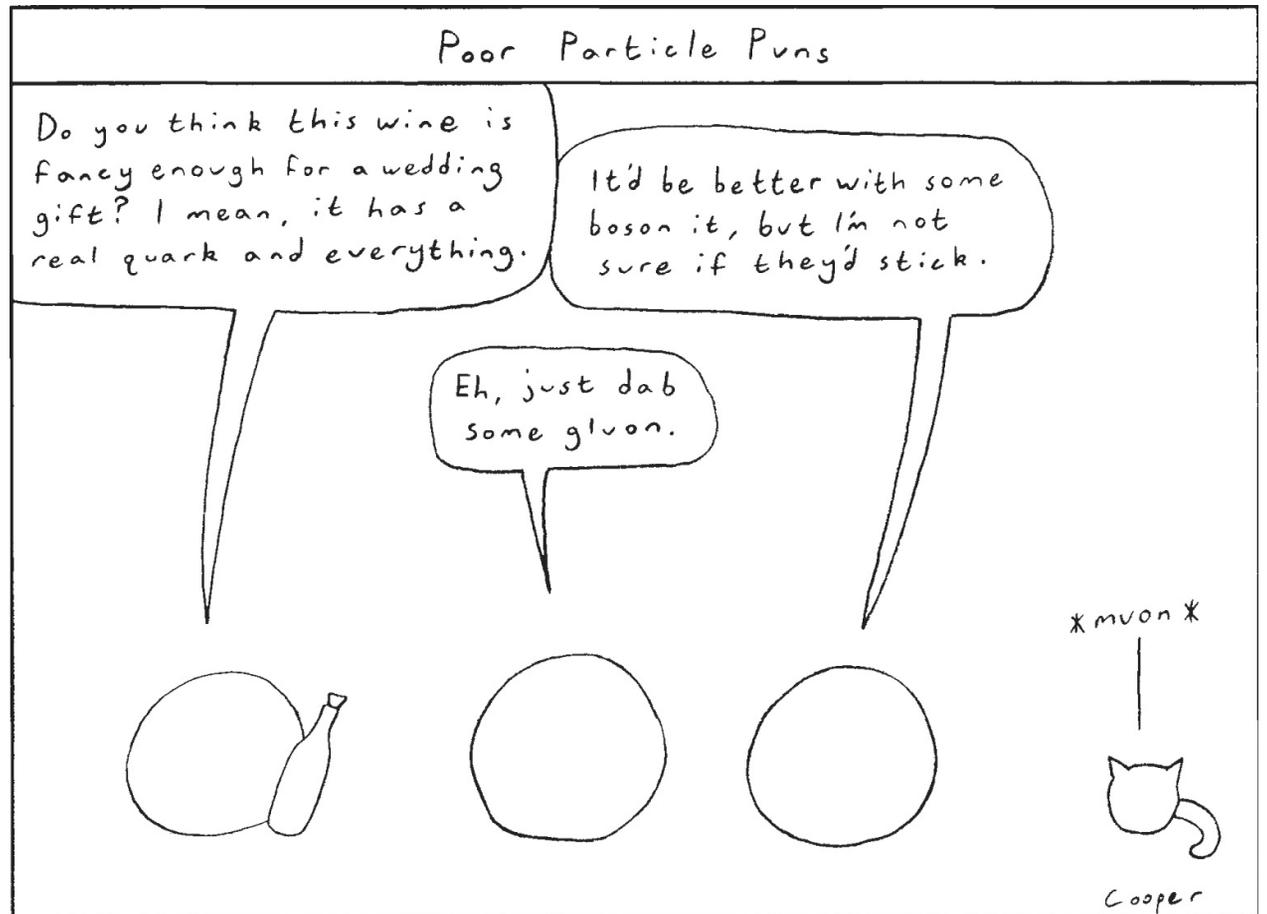
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Column

Summer is coming: Don't be dumb

A lot of people did a lot of dumb things this week. It's easier than ever to land yourself in the public spotlight, what, with everybody in the world walking about with the entirety of the Internet in their pockets. And, as it seems, very few of us can handle that kind of power.

If you've been having a rough day, be grateful you didn't pull a stunt like the one Sarah, a 14-year-old girl from Holland, did on Sunday when she tweeted at American Airlines' account: "hello my name's Ibrahim and I'm from Afghanistan. I'm part of Al Qaida and on June 1st I'm gonna do something really big bye."

Which turned out to be a very dumb thing to do, because American Airlines was like "um, you really f**ed up" and then gave her information to the FBI. Despite Sarah's best attempt at using the "I'm just a 14-year-old white girl I'm not a terrorist pls" defense, she was arrested by police in Rotterdam, Netherlands. For some reason, more people started tweeting fake bomb threats to American Airlines, including a guy who wanted to know if he's allowed to fly even though his friends call him "the bomb."

The difficult week for airlines on Twitter wasn't over yet, though. Some disgruntled customer sent US Airways a snarky complaint, and it told her to visit its customer relations team. But instead of a link to the page, its reply contained a rather lewd photo of a woman with a model airplane that had apparently crashed into her vagina.

This spectacular public relations blunder got more attention than the Pulitzer Prizes and inspired a lot of off-color MH370 jokes. Miraculously, US Airways has said the employee who sent the tweet will not be getting fired. Whether it was an unfortunate mishap or some over-worked social media strategist's final straw being had remains to be seen, but the airplane-related social media idiocy between airlines and their customers was definitely balanced.



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But by far the dumbest and most inflammatory thing that anyone did was cause a ruckus at the ceremony marking the first anniversary of the Boston Marathon bombings. Some guy left a rice cooker full of confetti in a backpack near the site of the bombings, which was in poor

taste because the actual bombs used were pressure cookers, filled with nails and explosives, hidden in backpacks. Once it was found, the backpack was "disrupted for precautionary reasons," i.e. preemptively blown up by the Boston Police Department.

The guy who put it there was found running around in a silly hat, yelling "Boston Strong!" and looking absolutely ridiculous. He was promptly arrested and is now facing charges of disturbing the peace.

Sources are divided as to whether the suspect, who is an art student, was doing a work of performance art, being a crazy person or some combination of those two things.

Even though we've gotten along pretty well as a species, every now and things like those come up as really convenient examples of how easy it is to do something really stupid.

Summer is coming, and everybody and their mother is about to let loose. Many of them will be doing so on airplanes. Letting go is something we all deserve to do: After a long year, a break from reality is needed. And whatever that ends up being, just, for the love of God, keep in mind the potential unintended consequences of whatever you're doing. Getting taken into custody by the FBI is up there with some of the best ways to ruin your summer.

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Column

No post-graduation plans for this senior yet, but it's OK

With graduation right around the corner, there's one thing everyone you come into contact with is dying to know: "What are your post-undergrad plans?"

And I tend to tailor my response to whoever is asking.

It's not that I don't have a plan — but I don't exactly have a plan, either. But I'm not panicking.

I can just feel the judgment coming my way after that confession, but judge away, friends.

I may not have exact post-graduation plans, but that doesn't mean my growth as a functioning member of society is stunted. And you shouldn't feel bad if you don't have exact plans yet, either.

Let me give you the rundown on how I ended up at UF. In retrospect, it all seems kind of funny.

During my senior year of high school, I applied to one college: The U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. When I decided it wasn't for me, my only other options were to take time off or go to community college.

I chose the latter because even though I wasn't sure what career I wanted to pursue, I knew I wanted to be in school.

I enrolled in Miami-Dade College, and I took classes every semester from August 2009 to July 2011. I dabbled in everything from geology to film photography, creative writing, acting and trigonometry (who did I think I was?) all while working. When I'd earned my associates degree, it was time to apply for colleges again.

I started the process the way I do most things: by making a list. This particular list was of colleges with journalism programs I was interested in. Originally, UF was not on it.

I'd sworn off state schools long ago, a high-hat move for a Hispanic girl who grew up in a single-parent home with four siblings, but Florida was my least favorite place. I hated the thought of having to stay here if I could help it.

I decided to apply to UF because it was my then-boyfriend's top choice, and I wanted to give our two-year relationship a chance (I don't believe in long distance).

I don't remember how much time passed between when I submitted my application and when I heard back, but I'd



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forgotten I even applied.

My ex had accepted an offer from Rutgers, and I was planning on moving to New York to be close enough to Newark to be with this guy while establishing residency to qualify for in-state tuition at an art school in the city.

In my 19-year-old head, it made so much sense. My relationship was important to me, and since I'd moved away from New York during my elementary school years, it'd been my dream to move back.

Then one Saturday afternoon, I checked an email account I'd gone a little too long without checking (a habit I've since corrected because journalism) and saw an email from UF. I'd been admitted.

That very Saturday, I was in a fight with the significant other I'd been planning to move away with, and I took UF's acceptance letter as a sign.

I didn't share it with anyone at the time because I didn't realize it right away, but my mind was made up.

At the end of summer, I moved from Miami to Gainesville into an apartment

with three strangers, and two days after that, I started at UF.

I was an hour early for my first class, international relations in Anderson Hall, and I remember tweeting at 7:30 a.m., "This place is straight out of 'Dead Poets Society.'"

Fast forward three years, and I'm preparing to graduate.

During my time at UF, I've learned so much. Despite any frustrations I may voice now and then, I know I've received some of the best journalism training in the country.

From having taken reporting three times to having paid about \$700 for a financial accounting class I mistakenly ended up enrolled in, I wouldn't take any of it back. OK, maybe that \$700.

Regardless, to say I've had a blast is an understatement. If there's one thing about journalism I'll always love it's the constant change, so to have a lack of set plans post-graduation isn't an affliction: It's an adventure.

After all, plans don't always work out the way you imagine.

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Guest column

Gun regulation is impotent

Cody Wilson is not your typical second-amendment activist. The former University of Texas law student has gained international notoriety by being the first to manufacture a gun with a 3-D printer and to make public the information necessary to allow anyone with access to a 3-D printer to do the same — actions that earned him the No. 14 spot on Wired.com's list of "The 15 Most Dangerous People in the World."

But Wilson is not exceptionally "dangerous," at least no more dangerous than anyone else with a 3-D printer.

There are two primary goals motivating Wilson and his company, Defense Distributed. For one, according to Wilson, providing people with the means of producing a gun is a literal attack on the government's monopoly on violence. And two, it is a symbolic gesture indicating that the gun can never be eradicated from the earth. The general question underlying his project is simple: What is to be done when society's laws and values cannot be reconciled with the norms of our behavior?

Wilson has specific cultural norms and values in mind. This month, while speaking at the Oxford Union, Wilson said, "The language of an open society was ripe for abuse ... It was ripe for a co-option."

The progressive ideal can no longer be consistent when it comes to gun control. In simpler terms, the standard progressive agenda in the

Andrew Pentland
Speaking Out

U.S. is ridden with contradictions. Do you value freedom of expression, freedom to create and use new technologies, freedom to communicate privately? If so, it will become increasingly hard, if it is not already impossible, to defend an anti-gun or pro-gun regulation stance. The standard abstract questions about guns and society are no longer relevant: Are guns good? Should they be regulated? Is gun ownership a right? A different kind of question must be asked: Namely, what role will guns play in our political future?

This is a question that must be asked by the nonviolent left, a group to which Wilson does not belong. His Nietzschean rhetoric reveals that violence and chaos are not necessarily undesirable, and although in one sense printing guns is a symbolic gesture, the guns are meant to be used. This is the point that must be contested.

Wilson fancies himself a philosopher — or, at least, a student of philosophy — and his proclivity for postmodern jargon can easily obfuscate the indisputable political force of his actions. His philosophizing (the supposedly dangerous part) is subpar to say the least and shouldn't be taken too seriously. However, the act of printing a 3-D gun should be taken very seriously. It stands on its own as a concrete revolutionary act and demonstration of the inadequacies of the prevailing neoliberal ideology.

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UWire

Changes coming with 'Late Show'

I am a huge Stephen Colbert fan. Just a few weeks ago, I wrote an article defending his satirical show, "The Colbert Report," in light of a hasty tweet that was made through his show's Twitter account. The hashtag #CancelColbert floated around Twitter, demanding the end to the eight-year nightly news show on the basis of a "racist" tweet.

Ironically, the people who backed this idea will get what they wanted. Just last week, Colbert was announced to take over "The Late Show with David Letterman."

Although "The Late Show" was an innovative competitor to Jay Leno when it first premiered, it has become a source of awkward, aged humor. Letterman's jokes are a lot like his show's set: They appear not to have changed much since the show began in 1993.

I've been saying and hoping that Letterman would retire soon, so when he announced it last week, I was ecstatic. It was the same joy I felt with Leno's retirement. I was excited to see what could be brought to the table that was new and innovative.

It's not every day someone steps down from a gig that's lasted more than 20 years, especially not one that was neck-and-neck with "The Tonight Show" for a very long time.

Somehow, in the midst of all of the talk about replacements, Colbert's name came up multiple times. However, the idea seemed strange every single time. One would wonder why a man who has an incredible thing going for him would give it all up.

For the past nine years, "The Colbert Report" has crafted something absolutely magical, something many had never seen created so masterfully. It's the perfect combination of humor and intelligence. It pushes the limits. It makes me think about what could be different about myself, my elected officials and even my next-door neighbor. Somehow, giving that up for something as blah as "The Late Show" seems ridiculous.

Carolina Trevino
UWire

Colbert is just as much a part of "The Colbert Report" as the "Report" is part of him. He has become one with his satirical character, so much that it is hard to know what he sounds like when he's not pretending to be a crazy, conservative news show host. This seems to be one of the biggest issues when it comes to Colbert's "Late Show" takeover. If Colbert drops the act, there may not be much left of him.

When Colbert finally does take the reins in 2015, I am unsure whether his audience will accept him. The Comedy Central audience that does follow him to CBS will likely be disappointed, as they'll miss the tongue-in-cheek humor and his lovable-jerk attitude.

They'll miss the edgy jokes that targeted conservatives, the ridiculous impromptu Daft Punk sequences and maybe even the traditional segments like "Yahweh or No Way" or "Cheating Death with Dr. Stephen T. Colbert, D.F.A."

CBS chose Colbert because he was already a popular host with many fans and followers. However, for Colbert and CBS, this move seems almost like a cheap move — they're both losing some major opportunities.

For Colbert, he's not only giving up an incredible show, but he's giving up a character that many have grown to love. For CBS, it's missing the opportunity to put someone truly innovative in Letterman's spot.

In a world where a guy named Jimmy is more likely to get a late-show gig than a person of color or a woman, it would be sweet to give someone other than a white guy a chance. For example, Tina Fey could definitely pull her own weight on a late show.

Hopefully it all works out for Colbert because he's one of the best comedians out there. If not, Comedy Central will surely keep his 11:30 p.m. slot nice and warm, ready for him to come on back home.

Carolina Trevino is a writer for *The Daily Cougar*. A version of this column appeared on UWire.

6-year-old son of Shands nurse slowly recovers after cardiac arrest

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As a nurse, Lauren Furgason has seen her fair share of cardiac arrests. But she didn't expect it to happen to her 6-year-old son.

Todd Miller loves to play baseball, soccer and tennis. He spends his days riding his scooter and playing with his pets — two dogs, Hooper and Brody, and a cat, Lexie. He watches "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" and plays Xbox Kinect when it rains.

Now, Todd lies in a hospital bed. Last month, he collapsed at an after-school program at O2B Kids, 6680 W. Newberry Road. He was taken to North Florida Regional Medical Center, where he was resuscitated and transferred to UF Health Shands Children's Hospital, Furgason said.

Furgason, 24, was at work at the Shands Trauma Intensive Care Unit when she got the call from her fiancé, Brian Fryburg.

"It never crossed my mind that it could have been his heart," she said.

Fryburg, 25, who had been home napping, arrived first.

Several O2B staff members and the hospital chaplain greeted him.

"When the hospital chaplain came over was sort of my 'What happened to Todd?' moment," said Fryburg, a UF College of Veterinary Medicine graduate student.

Furgason said Todd's biological

father suffers from a heart condition called restrictive hypertrophic cardiomyopathy — which causes the walls of the heart to be rigid and restricts blood flow. Todd has been monitored his entire life by a cardiologist, but he never showed signs of having the condition.

His last appointment was in October.

"He never complained of being tired," Furgason said. "He never complained about not being able to keep up."

The doctors believe Todd suffers from the same condition as his father. He has been on medication for his heart rhythm since the day he collapsed and remains in a half-conscious state.

"He'll open his eyes, but it doesn't always look like he's looking at you," Furgason said. "It looks like he's looking through you."

This week, he had surgery to place an automatic implantable cardioverter defibrillator in his torso, which will shock his heart in the case of failure.

Todd will need rehabilitation

therapy for brain damage he suffered in the 25 minutes between when he collapsed and when his heart started again, Furgason said. His brain was deprived of oxygen, leaving him with neurological deficits to his motor functions.

"We're not sure how much he'll recover from those," she said. "That's more of a wait-and-see game that we're still playing."

Furgason and Fryburg have been sleeping at the hospital frequently while neighbors and friends watch their pets.

"I've gone home for maybe four hours total, maybe five," Fryburg said. "If Todd has a good day, I have a good day. If Todd has a bad day, I have a bad day."

Michael Weber, 33, facility manager at O2B Kids, said Todd's collapse was the first life-threatening situation he has dealt with in his 12-year career.

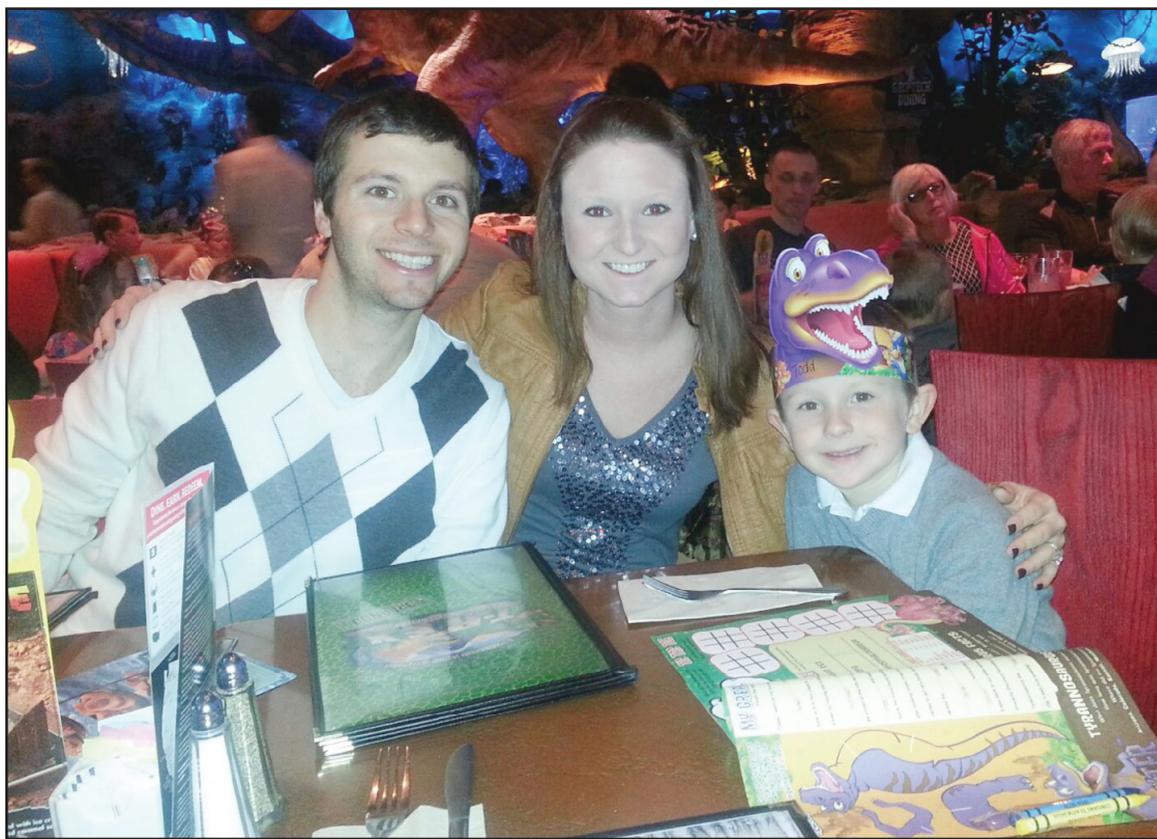
The after-school program made and signed a banner that hangs in Todd's hospital room. Weber said Todd, who was about to play kickball when he collapsed, was always smiling.

"Todd is missed here," he said.

There are two online fundraisers on Rally.org and GiveForward.com to help pay for Todd's medical bills as well as the family's normal monthly bills, since Furgason has taken temporary leave from work.

Furgason and Fryburg said they're overwhelmed by the community's support. Fryburg said the family is staying positive.

"In the end, no matter how much time it takes, we'll have Todd back," he said.



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Bedrooms for rent in updated 3/2 condo. Clean, quiet, on bus route. Washer/dryer in unit, pool, workout room, tennis courts. Master bedroom \$425/mo, other \$375/mo. (727)455-4204 4-22-14-5-4

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M-F, 8am - 4pm
By E-mail: classifieds@alligator.org
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5 Real Estate

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LOANS FOR LANDLORDS!
We Finance From 5-500 Units As Low As 5.5%. 1-4 Fam, Townhome, Condos OK. Contact B2R: 1-855-940-0227 www.B2RFinance.com 4-18-1-5

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Brand new in plastic w/warranty. Retail \$1800. Sacrifice \$700. Call 352-377-9846 4-23-72-6

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Network specialists
We buy computers and laptops
Working and Non-working
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Call John @ Just PC's
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10 For Sale

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FOR SALE
Charlie - 352-278-1925 4-23-72-10

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12 Autos

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12 Autos

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99 Infiniti \$799
01 Ford Taurus \$1900
97 Dodge Van \$900
352-338-1999 4-23-72-12

97 Blazer \$2999
00 Jeep Cherokee \$1999
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
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TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

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 FREE TOWING & SAME DAY PICK-UP
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13 Wanted

UF GRAD PAYS MORE
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St. Francis House is a homeless shelter and soup kitchen located in downtown Gainesville, and we are looking for help from volunteers like you.

St. Francis House depends on monetary support from individual donors and community businesses in order to help feed the homeless and the hungry.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Candice Jones

at (352) 378-9079 or sfhcoor@stfrancis.fcocoxmail.com

To make a donation by mail, please send checks payable to St. Francis House P.O. Box 12491 Gainesville, FL 32604

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13 Wanted

The American Cancer Society
 Road to Recovery Volunteers Needed!
VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED
 to transport cancer patients to treatment.
 Flexible schedule.
 Training and liability insurance provided.
 Please call
 352-240-5062 if interested.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
 I AM BLIND & WOULD LIKE HELP WITH:
 ●Rides to church: Mass at Queen of Peace.
 ●Learning to rake knit hats to send to Haiti & other places. Call 352-219-6948
 5-13-14-72-13

The Alachua County Crisis Center is seeking volunteers to become Crisis Line Counselors. 60 hours of in-depth training are provided. This is an opportunity to impact the lives of fellow community members and to gain life-enhancing communication skills. The next training class begins Saturday, May 17th, 2014. Please contact Jan Greene at 352-264-6782 or visit <http://www.alachua-county.us/Depts/CSS/CrisisCenter/Pages/Volunteer.aspx> for more information. 4-23-19-13

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Summer Jobs
 - \$2400 for 8 weeks
 - Co-ed camp
 - Room and Board included
 Get Paid to Play!
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BEST PART-TIME JOB IN GATOR NATION 3 Miles from Campus
\$11.25/ Hr to Start | \$12-\$15 After Training
Flexible Schedule | Ideal for Students
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 Experience needed working with young children. Please call 352-373-2985 M-F from 9-3
 4-21-14-10-14

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 Evening shifts. Students preferred.
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 Skilled high production construction carpenter. CONSTRUCTION ASST
 Assist with planning and working with sub-contractors on the rebuilding of 30,000 sq.ft. of office space off of I-75. Order materials. Provide clerical support. Full or part time. Please apply online at www.gleim.com/employment. 4-23-14-10-14

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 8-15 hours per week evenings and weekends. Team player, reliable, tech savvy, organized, physically fit, non-smoker.
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WORSHIP
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Sunday: Worship 8:30 + 11:00
 Bible Study 9:30
 Wednesday: Dinner 5:30
 Bible Study + Activities 6:30
 14105 NW 39th Ave.
 3 miles West of I-75
www.fbcgainesville.net

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 Sunday Worship 11am & 6pm
 9420 North County Road 225
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 For rides please call:
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Friday Night 7:30 pm
 Services & Dinner
 Reform Conservative Orthodox
 Across from The Stadium
www.ufhillel.org

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St. Augustine Church

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 Sat. 5:30 pm
 Sun: 9am, 11:30, 1:30
 (Spanish) 5:30pm, 7:30pm
 Daily: M-F Noon, 5:30pm
 Confession: M-F 4:30 pm-5:20pm
www.catholicgators.org

METHODIST

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New Modern Worship - 11am
 Contemporary - Wed at 6:35pm
 Coffee Talk for college age + young adults on Sundays at noon
 Additional services:
 Sundays at 8:15, 9:40 + 11am

Gator Wesley Center United Methodist Campus Min.

www.gatorwesley.com
 Worship- Sundays @ 11am
 Free Lunch @ 12:15pm
 Bible Study-Wednesday @ 7pm
 1350 W. University Ave.

LUTHERAN

Zion Ev. Lutheran Church

1700 NW 34th St.
 Gainesville, FL 32653
 Phone: 352-376-9940
 Worship: Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
 You are always welcome!

EPISCOPAL

Chapel of the Incarnation

The EpiscoGators Welcome You!
 Communion: 5:30pm Sun. followed by a free home cooked meal for students 1552 W University Ave across from Library West.

PRESBYTERIAN

First Presbyterian Church

Trajectory
 College Bible Study
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 College Café
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colleget@lstpc.org

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15 Services

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Weekly SUDOKU

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15 Services

NURSING CAREERS begin here - Get trained in months, not years. Small classes, no waiting list. Financial aid for qualified students. Apply now at Centura Institute Orlando (888)220-3219 4-18-1-16

16 Health Services

HIV ANTIBODY TESTING
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1. Man
5. Group of soldiers
6. Belief, principle
7. Without restriction

ANSWER

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CLUE DOWN

1. _____ shower
2. Motor _____
3. Tract of open land
4. Watcher

ANSWER

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20 Diners Club competitor
21 Binding promise
22 Tool that's not for crosscuts
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27 Title stuffed bear in a 2012 film
28 Valley where Hercules slew a lion
29 Site of the Alaska Purchase transfer ceremony
33 Blues home: Abbr.
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37 Leaving the jurisdiction, perhaps
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42 Of Mice and _____
43 Hall of Fame umpire Conlan
44 App writer
46 "... against a _____ of troubles": Hamlet
48 1982 Joan Jett & the Blackhearts hit
54 Luxury watch
55 Bailed-out insurance co.
56 Mislead
58 "The Prague Cemetery" novelist
59 Literary orphan ... and what 17-, 24-, 37- and 48-Across each contains?
62 It may be fresh or stale
63 Milk source
64 Sculled
65 House and Howser
66 Bygone monarchs
67 Winemaking tool

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1 Mineral found in sheets
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5 Faulkner's "Lay Dying" _____
6 Did lawn work
7 Proofer's find
8 Thai native
9 Last words in a drink recipe, perhaps
10 "Total patient" treatment
11 Like one expected to deliver?
12 Fabric fold
13 Slants
18 Revolting
23 _____ Rico
25 Angled ltrs.
26 Not misled by
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30 "Are you going?" response
31 French and Italian flags
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Gators finding team identity entering series versus Bulldogs

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Hitting coach Brad Weitzel tossed baseballs about 45 feet from home plate to a group of Gators that included Casey Turgeon, Justin Shafer and Richie Martin. The three players played through a sub-.500 season in 2013 that had Florida and coach Kevin O'Sullivan on the fringe of missing postseason play.

They were laughing on Thursday as they practiced bunting, which made for an appropriate scene for the No. 9 Gators (24-13, 9-6 Southeastern Conference), who have turned their season around and developed a new identity.

"[O'Sullivan] said we're finding our identity. I think he's right about that," Martin said. "We all know who we are, what we need to do to win. Everyone is coming together."

It's one thing to use cliché after cliché, but it's another thing to back it up. Florida won five of eight road games against Kentucky, Florida State, South Carolina and Florida Gulf Coast. It finds itself in line to host a regional after ranking first in strength of schedule and RPI.

"We all know who we are, what we need to do to win. Everyone is coming together."

Richie Martin
UF shortstop

Life's good for the Gators, who will start freshman Logan Shore (3-2, 1.67) on Friday night at 7:30 and Aaron Rhodes (3-2, 2.63) on Saturday night at 7 against Georgia (21-15, 7-7-1 SEC) to begin its eight-game home stand. Florida sits a game up on No. 11 South Carolina in the division. But the race is close — UF and last-place Missouri are separated by just three games.

"Any given weekend (the standings) can be turned upside down again. It's tight. I kind of figured it was going to be like this," O'Sullivan said. "It's probably going to come down to the last series of the year."

When it does, Florida will be prepared when it gets tight. It has 10 one-run wins, good for three more than it had last season. Rhodes emerging as a long reliever and Shore providing stability to the rotation has given the Gators much-needed versatility among its pitching staff. O'Sullivan has a trove of pitchers, right- and left-handed, who he can depend on in any situation.

UF's 2.76 walks per nine innings rank 29th in the country. By comparison, Florida finished 2013 at 3.15. Last year, catcher Taylor Gushue struggled, but now he leads Florida in nearly every offensive category, including sacrifice flies with eight.

Execution on offense and defense has been the difference. "It's just confidence. We go up there knowing that we're

going to get the job done, and if we don't then the next guy behind us is going to get it done," Gushue said. "We really didn't have a lot of that last year, but we've definitely turned it around."

Gushue, Martin, O'Sullivan and John Sternagel all used the word "gritty" when describing this year's squad. They aren't wrong.

Rhodes would be a candidate for comeback player of the year if there were such an award in college baseball. He pitched 18.1 innings as a side-armer who lowered his arm slot to compensate for a season-ending elbow injury a year before. He's already doubled that mark and is second on the team with 37.2 innings pitched and has earned a spot in the rotation.

Shore didn't let not making the rotation on opening weekend deter him from anchoring the staff. Now he has entrenched himself as the Friday starter.

At third base, Sternagel didn't make his first start until March 25 against Florida State. He has started 11 of the last 12 contests there. Sternagel would spend his Monday off days practicing at McKethan Stadium. As with the rest of his team, the extra work has paid off.

"I feel like we do a lot of the small things right. I noticed some schools maybe have trouble bunting, or moving a guy over and what not," Sternagel said.

"I feel like we do and take pride in doing the small things right, because we know our defense and our pitchers are outstanding."



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Florida celebrates after an inning during its 4-0 win against Maryland on Feb. 14 at McKethan Stadium. The Gators finished off an eight-game road trip in which they went 5-3. UF opens its series against UGA tonight at 7.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Florida opens SEC Tournament against five-seed Texas A&M

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The first round of the Southeastern Conference tournament in Columbia, Mo., kicked off on Wednesday, but UF will play its first match of the tournament later today.

No. 4 Florida (19-4, 11-2 SEC), which is also the tournament's fourth seed, will play fifth-seeded Texas A&M today at 6 p.m.

"We're preparing for a pretty grueling tournament coming up," coach Roland



Thornqvist

Thornqvist said. "The SEC this year is just wickedly tough."

This year's tournament boasts five teams ranked in the top 15 nationally, including No. 3 Alabama, No. 6 Georgia, No. 8 Texas A&M and No. 11 Vanderbilt. Florida is 2-2 in matches against those four teams and 9-0 against the rest of the

field.

Because they earned a top-four seed, the Gators received a two-round bye. UF is happy with the opportunity to enter today's match with fresh legs against a team that has already begun competition.

"We [didn't] want to play on Thursday. The more you play, the more wear and tear you'll have on your bodies," Thornqvist said. "But Friday is going to be tough."

"We're playing a top-10 team probably,

right off the bat."

If Florida wins today, it will play the winner of the top-seeded Alabama and No. 8 seed South Carolina matchup.

But the Gators refuse to focus on anything besides today's match.

"I'm going to take the old cliché — one at a time," Thornqvist said. "We can't really look past Friday in any way, shape or form."

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Elcin Ulu and the UF women's golf team begin postseason play today. Read the story online at alligatorSports.org.

Easley holds pro day

Former Gators defensive lineman Dominique Easley held a workout for NFL scouts in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium on Thursday. More than a dozen NFL scouts attended, according to a UF press release.

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Graduation Day: Caquatto chases dream of repeat title, teaching

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Mackenzie Caquatto, known to her friends, teammates and coaches as "Macko," is one of 13 gymnasts on Florida's 2014 roster. But sometimes the 22-year-old feels like she's the only one.

At least one day a week, Caquatto is practicing alone, and most days she gets a late start, which forces her to stay after everyone else has finished.

"Everyone is usually finishing up by that time, so I'm usually by myself on Thursdays," Caquatto said. "But I come in and try to get my stuff done as efficiently and as fast as possible."

"It's a tough schedule, but the coaches are really great and they've worked with me and they've allowed me to come in later and they stay with me. I feel like I'm treated like any other member on the team when I come in late."

Caquatto makes this sacrifice for her other passion: teaching.

"I've wanted to be a teacher ever since I was younger and I actually never changed my mind, which kind of scared me coming into college because everyone is like, 'I'm doing this, no I'm doing this,' and they're changing all the time," Caquatto said.

In December, Caquatto will cross the stage in the arena that has been her playing field for the past four years, graduating with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. In December 2015, she will repeat the process, graduating with a master's in elementary and special education.

Currently, Caquatto is in the second year of UF's three-year Pro-Teach program. In her final year

of the program, Caquatto will be placed in a full-time internship in a local classroom where she will put the practical skills she learned in class to use.

"It's been a crazy schedule ever since I started this program, but even the team, they've been there for me," Caquatto said. "Some of the girls will stay after if they have time and cheer for me and keep me motivated in the gym, which is really awesome too because it's not always easy working out by yourself."

Caquatto is already working with students every Tuesday at Williston Elementary School. When she and her lead teacher dismiss their fourth-grade students at 2:15 p.m. Caquatto rushes over to the O'Connell Center to catch the tail end of her team's practice, which starts at 1:30 p.m.

"I think her becoming a teacher is actually like the cutest thing ever," Bridgette Caquatto said of her older sister. "Because she is a small little girl herself and she is crazy; she's a kid at heart."

Caquatto said she didn't tell her students she's a Florida gymnast, but one day when she was not in class, a few students recognized her on a UF gymnastics team promotional poster. Since then, a few of her students have made a point of attending her meets to cheer her on.

"Sometimes I'm like, 'Ah, they saw me in a leotard on Friday and now I'm here teaching them.' That's a little bit weird," Caquatto said. "But I mean that's just how the sport is."

Balancing her two passions hasn't been an easy task.

"Macko has, for the last two years, really carried on a very grueling schedule," coach Rhonda Faehn said. "She would often come running into the gym at 4 or 4:30 p.m. when the team is finishing up and

just knowing she's starting to warm up and train."

Added Caquatto: "It's hard when you're tired and you're having a rough day and you don't have the motivation from the girls to keep you going or to push you through that practice. That's the only time I've found it to be really, really difficult."

Caquatto's 2014 season has been unlike any other. She's competed in all-around for the Gators at five of 12 meets so far this season — an impressive feat considering she sprained both her ankles during her sophomore year.

"Anybody really could have just said, 'My body's done, I just can't do gymnastics anymore,' and she has refused to give in and she's refused to give up," Faehn said.

After that, Caquatto's contributions were limited. In her junior year, she competed on bars, beam and vault but did not compete as an all-arounder. That same year, Caquatto scored a perfect 10 on uneven bars. She was the only Gator to score a 10 in 2013. Florida's last perfect 10 before Caquatto's had been scored by Melanie Sinclair in 2009 — also on uneven bars.

"It's really cool to think that you've actually achieved perfection because ever since you were five or six, when you compete, that's what you work for," Caquatto said.

In her sophomore year, her first season competing after her injuries, Caquatto competed on only bars. During her freshman year, Caquatto competed in all-around three times. But the Illinois native, who said she considers herself an all-around competitor, almost always competed bars, beam and vault when she wasn't on the all-around lineup.

When Caquatto takes to the floor with the top-seeded Gators to compete in tonight's session II Semifinal of the 2014 NCAA Championships

in Birmingham, Ala., she could be saying goodbye to one of her two passions.

But she's not giving gymnastics up cold turkey.

In the fall, Caquatto plans on volunteering as a student coach, much

like former Gator Marissa King has done this season.

"Gymnastics has been a part of my life since I was two years old," Caquatto said. "So I really don't know much outside of it, or life without gymnastics."



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Mackenzie Caquatto performs a balance beam routine during Florida's win against Arkansas on Feb. 14 in the O'Connell Center.

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Florida snags four-star 2015 defensive back recruit

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UF picked up its sixth commitment for the 2015 recruiting class Thursday afternoon when Marcus Lewis, a defensive back out of Washington (D.C.) Gonzaga College High, verbally committed to Florida, as first reported by Rivals.com.

"IM 100 %COMMITTED TO THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA!!!!!!!!!!!!!! #Gator-

Nation!!!! #FloridaFamily!!!!" Lewis posted Thursday on his Twitter account (@THE_NUMERO_UNO).

Lewis' high school is located in Washington D.C. — fewer than four miles away from defensive back and early enrollee Jalen Tabor's alma mater, Friendship Collegiate Academy.

In an interview with Rivals.com, Lewis said his relationship with Tabor influenced



Lewis

his decision.

The 6-foot-1, 180-pound Lewis helped Washington Gonzaga College High win 14 games in his last two seasons and is currently listed as the No. 8 player in the nation at his position. He is

the No. 76 player in the class, according to

Rivals.com

He is the second defensive back to join UF's 2015 class along with Jacksonville Trinity Christian's Deontai Williams, who committed back in January. The Gators' current 2015 recruiting class also features three-star wide receiver Deondre Farrier, three-star offensive lineman Tyler Jordan, linebacker Camrin Knight and wide receiver Tristan Payton.

First baseman surging during Gators' six-game win streak

► **SCHWARZ WENT 4 FOR 7 IN LAST THREE GAMES.**

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Taylor Schwarz is on a hot streak.

The sophomore first baseman, who had a .263 batting average heading into Florida's rematch against Florida State on April 9, went 4 for 7 at the plate and logged four RBIs in UF's last three contests.

"Typically, when you look at pull hitters, traditionally they will hit lower by average than the hitters who spray the ball down the field," coach Tim Walton said.

"Last week, I think she was a little more committed to hitting the ball to all fields and has really been working hard on that. I think that's the key to all hitters: you can't just be one-dimensional where you hit the ball. You have to spread it around."

Schwarz attributes her recent success to putting in extra practice with her swing and making some minor adjustments with her stance.

"I feel like I've just been staying with my plan since the beginning of the season," the Palm Beach Gardens native said. "Obviously, you

get into some slumps in the season, but I think just really staying positive, working with coach before

practice, hitting early every single day has really helped me stay focused on the field."

Schwarz hopes to continue her success when No. 5 Florida (37-8, 8-7 Southeastern Conference) starts

its three-game series against No. 21 Texas A&M (29-14, 9-9 SEC) tonight at 8 in College Station, Texas.

"The main thing is we've got our stride back," Walton said. "We've got our confidence back and when you win, good things happen for you for sure."

"We'll be hungry again to get back out on the road, at a tough place to play in College Station against a team that, as of late, has really played some good softball."

Seniors Emily Albus and Nicole Morgan lead the Aggies on offense.

Albus is fourth in the SEC with a .438 batting average, which includes a .379 clip against conference opponents. Morgan holds a .723 slugging percentage — the seventh-highest mark in the conference — and has 44 RBIs on the year.

After posting a combined .349 clip at the plate in its past three wins, UF looks to continue its success against TAMU.

"Typically, when you get some hits, you get a lot of hits and when you get very few hits, you don't get many hits at all because of the way things are contagiously," Walton said.

"I think that's the nature of the game that we play. It's not as easy to get hits as it looks sometimes."



Jordan McPherson / Alligator Staff

Taylor Schwarz bats during Florida's 8-0 win against Indiana on Feb. 22 at Katie Seashole Pressly Stadium. Schwarz is batting .281 and has six home runs in 45 games this season.

Morgan providing consistency for tournament-bound UF

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UF's seniors, who will be trying to capture their fourth SEC tournament championship in as many years, know the ins and outs of the postseason as well as any players in the nation. All three will try to impart as much wisdom on Florida's three freshmen as possible during their match play.

"The most important thing for [the freshmen] is just to be ready physically, because it's going to be tough," senior Sofie Oyen said. "It's going to be three or four days in a row, hopefully, if we do well."

Florida will be relying on its younger players, especially standout freshman Kourtney Keegan and sophomore Brianna Morgan, more so than in years past.

"Our freshmen are certainly playing better than they have all year, and Brianna is really starting to hit the ball well too," Thornqvist said.

"Obviously, that helps the team a lot because then you really know what you're going to get from your seniors. They've given

it to us for four years, so I know exactly that I can count on them."

The seniors have yet to lose a SEC Tournament match in their three years at Florida and have played consistently over the course of the season. As long as the seniors continue to perform to their standards, Thornqvist said their matches could come down to how well Keegan plays.

"Kourtney has had a tendency ... to try to hit her way out of trouble. And that's cost her," Thornqvist said.

"As a player, with the talent and the power that she has, it's really easy to try to go to that. But she's settling down and [starting] to try to play her way out of trouble, and that's going to be a big step for the Gators come postseason."

Besides Keegan, Morgan must hold down the show court and the Gators will have to step up their doubles play if they have any hopes of advancing to the championship.

"If all those other little pieces in the puzzle [are] going in the right direction," Thornqvist said, "then we're going to be tough to beat."



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Brianna Morgan returns a ball during Florida's 4-0 win against Harvard on Jan. 26 at the Ring Tennis Complex. Morgan has taken a larger role as a sophomore this season.

TRACK AND FIELD

Freshmen lead the Gators into final home meet of 2014

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When it comes to freshmen, all people think about are young, naïve and green rookies who need to learn the ropes, but that isn't the case for Rebekah Greene and Andres Arroyo.

Their youth is what allows the two athletes on the top-ranked men's and No. 2 women's track teams to stand out. They'll both get a chance to shine at the Gators' final home event of the season, the Tom Jones Memorial Invite on Saturday at the Percy Beard Track.

Both Greene and Arroyo have done what most freshmen haven't done — compete immediately on

the first and second teams for the Gators during the indoor and outdoor seasons.

For Greene, being recruited out of her home country of New Zealand created a different type of experience.

"I lived about five hours away from my coach in New Zealand, so I didn't see her much," Greene said. "My training group was five hours away as well, and I just trained by myself a lot. What I found here (UF) the biggest thing is training with people, it's helped me a lot to train properly."

In a similar case, Arroyo has his own freshman journey.

Competing alongside senior

mid-distance runner Sean Obinwa has helped Arroyo mature out of his high school habits quickly.

"I'm not in high school anymore; I have to focus on growing instead of trying to compare myself to anybody because I'm in the learning stage again."

Andres Arroyo
UF runner

"We pretty much learn every little thing from Sean. He teaches us the basics. We pick up all these things, so we use him to gain that knowledge," Arroyo said. "I'm not in high school anymore; I have to fo-

cus on growing instead of trying to compare myself to anybody because I'm in the learning stage again."

Arroyo have competed at one of the biggest stages of their careers already as just freshmen.

Greene competed in the distance medley relay during NCAA Indoors in Albuquerque, N.M., and Arroyo in the 4x800-meter relay.

Adding to their experience, both freshmen phenoms competed at their first Florida Relays. They both notched top finishes.

Greene, along with her teammates Cory McGee, Agata Strausa and Lannie Whittaker, dominated the field in the distance medley relay with a first place finish.

In addition, Arroyo, Obinwa, Ryan Schnulle, and Donnie Lee Jr. finished second place in the 4x800.

The Orlando native also finished fourth in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:47.57, which was a personal record and good for a 10th-place tie on the UF all-time list.

What both athletes also have in common is their role as the opening leg for their team in their respective events.

Both runners have earned large roles already and look to utilize what they've already learned going into their second home meet of the season.

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Alford, Diep pave the way for Florida entering SEC Tournament



Jordan McPherson / Alligator Staff

Mike Alford returns a ball during Florida's 4-2 win against North Florida on Jan. 22 at the Ring Tennis Complex.

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With their last days in Gator uniforms quickly approaching, seniors Mike Alford and Florent Diep hope to meet the high expectations their teammates and coach have set for them.

In Alford's first three years in Gainesville, he has gone 36-19 in tournament singles matches. Younger players like Elliot Orkin and Maxx Lipmann go to Alford for help with issues on and off the court.

"Mike is the All-American guy" coach Bryan Shelton said. "We talk about our core values, talk about passion, excellence, teamwork, commitment and all the things that make special student-athletes."

"And, this guy, he's got it all. And that's rare; it's rare for a guy to bring all of them to the table, but he does. I appreciate what Mike brings to this team."

Diep has a 49-32 record in singles the past two seasons. The experienced senior has led the way for his team this season.

"When I came in, we wanted to try to set the standard here at the University of Florida to be the program that is the model program for all

other programs," Shelton said. "That's one of the things we are shooting for here."

"We're not there yet, but we're working at it, and Flo is helping us get there because he sets a standard. He sets the standard for doing the little things that it takes to have real success — success that will last. Not just a week, not just a season but a lifetime."

After a four-day break from competition, the Gators will play in their first match of the Southeastern Conference Tournament against No. 13 seed LSU at Brownlee O. Currey Jr. Tennis Center tonight at 7.

"Our guys earned the first-round byes; going 8-4 in the SEC is not easy," Shelton said. "One of our goals this season was to win the SEC Tournament. So, for us, we're excited to go into the tournament."

Florida defeated LSU in Baton Rouge, La., 4-0 on March 30. Diep won his match in straight sets that day, while Alford's match went unfinished.

"The conference is always tough" Shelton added, "but at the same time, we feel like we can beat anyone in the conference."

UF Men's Tennis

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