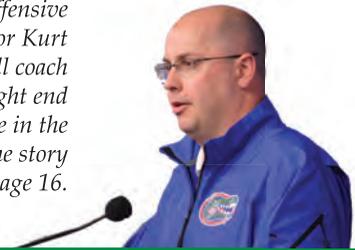


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Citizens Co-op members push to overhaul board of directors positions

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More than 60 Citizens Co-op member-owners voted Sunday to draft a compromise proposal that would appoint four interim members to the co-op's board of directors and call for two current members to step down.

The proposal will ask the current board to appoint three regular members and one worker-owner to a transitional team that the co-op's member body approves of. It will also suggest current board members Lucian Kragiel and Burt Gill resign from their positions.

This motion was passed by a majority vote cast at a member meeting held at the Civic Media Center on Mother's Day. It follows months of tension between the board and co-op members who are no longer comfortable with its leadership.

Representatives from the board, co-op staff and protesting fired workers all voiced their opinions at the meeting.

Though the proposal has no legal force or backing in the organization's bylaws, Tim La Combe said it will show the board of directors the members' opinions. Because the board didn't call the vote, the members would have to go to court to enforce the proposal, which La Combe said the members aren't willing to take the time and expense to do. And because members don't have the authority to appoint board members themselves, the positions have to be filled by the board.

"People don't often get involved unless they feel strongly that something is wrong," La Combe said, a prospective transition team member. "Through a process of consensus, we are making a compromise proposal to the board about changing the board makeup."

Members decided on this course of action after voting down the terms of Lucian Kragiel's letter of resignation, which he signed May 9. The members called the terms

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Pawing for pictures

Two 4-week-old kittens wake up from a nap at the Alachua County Animal Services building on Friday. These kittens will be available for adoption during the ASPCA Rachael Ray \$100K Challenge.

UF talks presidential search criteria

► A SEARCH COMMITTEE WAS ALSO CHOSEN

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UF's newly selected presidential search committee has begun the process of finding UF's next president.

In 2012, the university went through a research process to find a set of qualifications to use to find UF's twelfth president. The search process was derailed when Gov. Rick Scott asked UF President Bernie Machen to remain at UF.

With Machen's contract set to end in December, the search is back on and the qualifications must be updated. At a public meeting held Friday, the presidential search subcommittee of qualification and criteria made changes related to comments sent to the committee.

"The Board of Trustees had requested additional input to determine if those qualifications developed two years ago adequately reflected the University of Florida's designation as the state's foremost preeminent university," said UF spokeswoman Janine Sikes.

The subcommittee meeting was one of the first steps taken by the new presidential search committee, announced on May 1.

In an email sent to "UF family and friends," committee chairman C. David Brown II announced the 18-member panel, which includes representatives from the UF Board of Trustees, faculty, administration, alumni, donors and a student representative.

"Recruiting an exceptionally well-qualified leader to advance UF's preeminence goals and future is particularly important work in light of the university's current opportunities," Brown wrote.

LOCAL

Gator Net increases speeds, hopes for first installments

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Internet buffering may soon be a thing of the past for select Gainesville apartment communities.

Gator Net, the fiber-optic-only Internet provider already marketed as the fastest Internet in town at 50 megabits per second, recently announced it will offer speeds of up to

100 mbps and 1 gigabit per second as options.

Wayne Wishart, business manager for GRUCom, the telecommunication branch of Gainesville Regional Utilities that runs Gator Net, said with the increasing use of high-data streaming sites like Netflix, "those higher speeds will really help support everyone being able to do whatever they really want to do

"We want to continue to be the fastest in town."

Aubrey Morey

Trimark vice president of marketing and sales

online without interfering with the other person's usage."

Although none of the few dozen communities, which include The Es-

tates and Cabana Beach, using Gator Net has upgraded to the higher speeds yet, Wishart said about half of them have submitted inquiries.

Trimark Properties, which owns several of the communities that exclusively use Gator Net, is especially interested.

"We want to continue to be the fastest in town," said Aubrey Morey, vice president of marketing and

sales at Trimark. "You can't get this quality of service at other apartment complexes."

Wishart said he thinks this new "100 times faster" than average American service will encourage more communities to make the switch from AT&T or Cox. However, because individuals cannot subscribe, he said he doesn't envision it being a city wide takeover.

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43 receptions for 395 yards last season. He sat out Virginia's spring game with what were called minor injuries, but had drawn raves for his work during spring practice.

McGee will provide new offensive coordinator Kurt Roper with a versatile threat in the passing game and a seasoned veteran in the locker room.

Fla. man charged with killing girlfriend's toddler

TAMPA — A man has been charged with murder after authorities say he killed his girlfriend's 19-month old daughter while babysitting her at a Tampa apartment.

Tampa police say 31-year-old Deandre Gilmore called 911 earlier this month saying the child was unconscious. Paramedics found Mayla Pressley unresponsive on the living room couch with visible upper body trauma. The medical examiner said Mayla died from blunt force trauma.

Police have been searching

for Gilmore for the past several days. Gilmore agreed to meet one of the task force members at a parking lot Monday. He was arrested without incident and charged with first degree murder and aggravated child abuse.

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BRIEFS

Fla. Gov. signs bills triggered by Common Core fight

TALLAHASSEE — Three measures responding to complaints about Florida's move to Common Core standards have been signed into law by Gov. Rick Scott.

On Monday, Scott signed a bill (SB 864) that would allow parents to object to school textbooks. The governor also signed a bill that would bar school districts from being able to collect student data like fingerprints. The measure (SB 188) would also bar the collection of information on the political or religious affiliation of students and parents.

Florida is refusing to jettison standards based primarily on Common Core despite demands from activists and conservative groups. The bills were meant to address concerns that have been raised.

Former Virginia TE McGee transfers to Florida

GAINESVILLE — Former Virginia tight end Jake McGee has landed at Florida.

McGee, who earned his undergraduate degree last month and decided to transfer for graduate school, attended classes Monday in Gainesville and will be eligible to play for the Gators this fall.

The 6-foot-6, 250-pound McGee led the Cavaliers with

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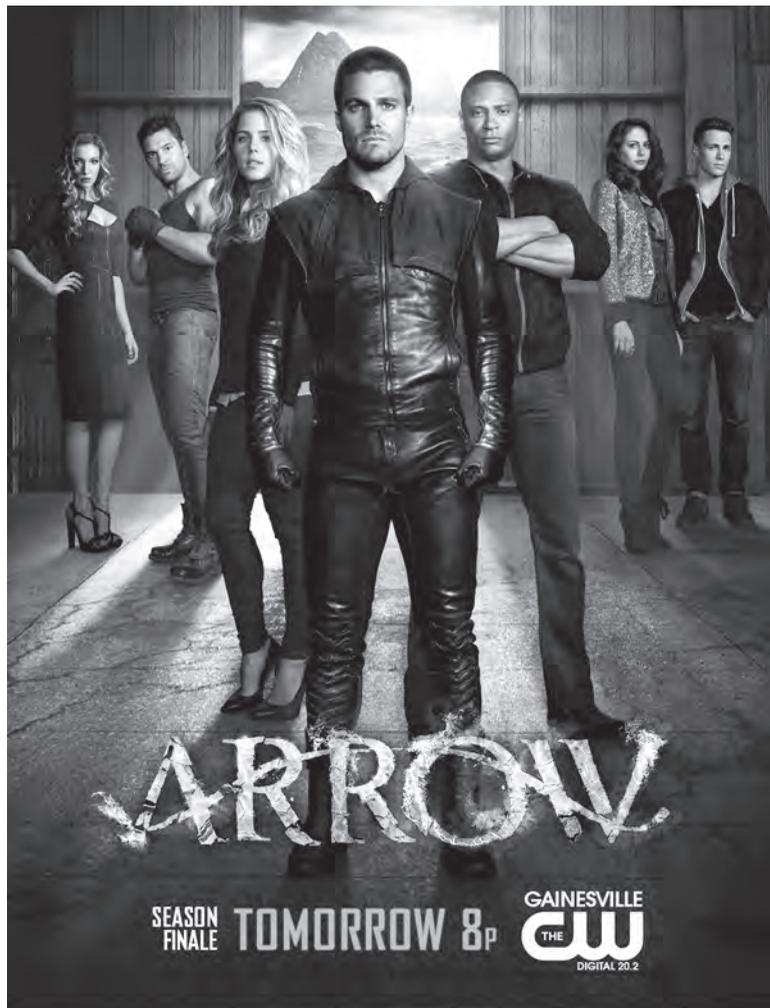

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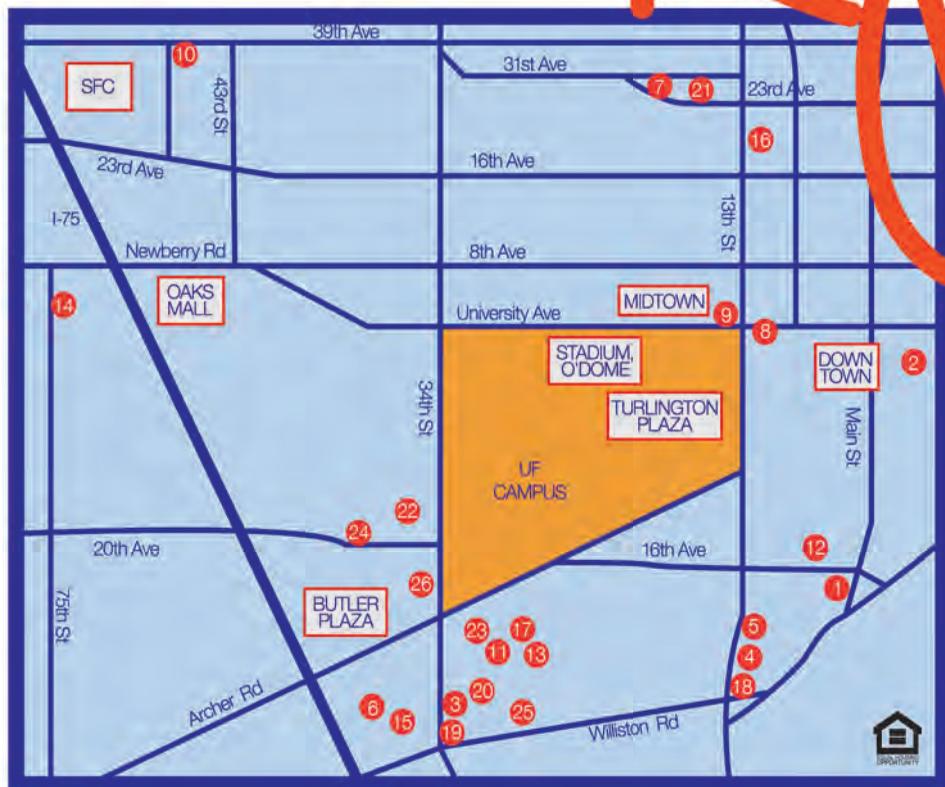
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FDA will regulate sale of electronic cigarettes

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Gainesville residents are reacting to the news that the Food and Drug Administration will begin regulating the sale of e-cigarettes.

Smoking-related illnesses are the leading cause of preventable deaths in the U.S., and as a result the FDA will start regulating the sale of unchecked tobacco production for the first time, which includes electronic cigarettes, according to the FDA website.

E-cigarettes, a smoke-free and battery-powered device that heats up nicotine, flavors and other chemicals and is then inhaled, have not been fully studied by scientists. The FDA is looking for citizen comment in the next two months about all unregulated tobacco products so they may better develop regulations.

Kathy Nichols, associate director of the UF Tobacco-Free Task Force, said that the regulation doesn't affect smoking on campus, a ban that includes e-cigarettes. The FDA regulation doesn't have to do with where people use e-cigarettes, but with the composition of the products, she said. Users may be unaware of the true amount of nicotine in e-cigarettes because the product wasn't regulated in the past.

"Even if the packaging says the products contain a certain amount, inaccurate labels even within the same brand are common," Nichols said.

However, Tico Regalato, a 20-year-old UF sociology senior who quit smoking by using e-cigarettes, said the regulation is unnecessary because the devices already serve their purpose as smoking cessation devices.

E-cigarettes work because you still have the feeling of smoking but with a healthier alternative, he said.

"It not only alleviates the use for nicotine, but fulfills the need to inhale and exhale by smoking," Regalato said.

Betty Pritchard, a 19-year-old UF chemistry junior, said she thinks regulation of e-cigarettes will be good because it will bring the devices to the same level as cigarettes and other tobacco products. But as for health benefits, she said from what she's seen, e-cigarettes just mean the user smokes more.

"The only benefit of letting people have e-cigarettes is that there will be less people throwing cigarettes on the floor," she said. "It will be better for the environment in that way."

The members' measure isn't legally binding

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"an ultimatum" and "really unworkable." The letter stated that upon canceling a vote for a transition team, supporting upcoming board elections and members committing to purchasing at least \$25 in goods per week from the co-op, he would resign.

Kragiel's resignation letter came as a compromise to members who have been calling for the entire board of directors to step down and be replaced, said secretary of the board Rob Brinkman.

Despite the members passing the motion, Brinkman said it could have no lasting effect.

"They can force a vote by submitting petitions to the board of 10 per-

cent of the membership," he said. However, Sunday's meeting did "not constitute 10 percent of the membership."

Brinkman said the meeting was a disappointment and called Kragiel's resignation a "significant compromise."

On May 4, the board passed a motion to advance the board of directors election date from September to June 24.

It also put all seven seats up for election. Members will have two weeks to cast their votes for new board members starting June 24.

Citizen Co-op general manager Lisa McNett said because the board of directors is giving up its seats in June, it allows members to have more com-

mon ground.

"I see this as a great opportunity to get the membership excited and involved," she said. "In essence, the board has chosen to leave the future of the store in the hands of the membership as a whole."

If the board doesn't respond to the proposal, some members at the meeting said they would move forward with a vote of no confidence on the current board of directors.

But based on the way things have evolved, Brinkman said he sees all of this culminating to the membership vote in June.

"The proposal will not do any good," Brinkman said. "The June 24 election will go forward, and it will be legally binding."



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"Hey Gainesville, just say no. We don't want our food to glow!" The State Agricultural Commission had to respond to this call of protest to the construction of an irradiation facility near the UF campus. The facility would zap fruit and other food with cesium-137, a water-

soluble nuclear byproduct, to kill bacteria and insects in order to slow the spoilage process. After public outcry involving a 1,400-signature petition, the commission delayed the construction in order to perform more safety studies.

May 12, 1994

A tree put a real damper on plans to start construction on a new physics building on UF's

campus. Conservationists, including some in the Student Senate, protested and debated the removal of the second-oldest and second-largest live oak tree to make room for the new addition. "It's about wanting the administration to think twice about bulldozing something over without thinking about the ramifications," Sen. Pam McNeill said.



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May 14, 2009 - UF mechanical engineering student Owen Allen smooths out the edges of a bracket that supports the gas tank in a hybrid robot at Mechanical Aerospace and Engineering Building B. The three-wheeled robot is called the "OmniGator."

NATIONAL Chipotle raises prices to help pay for non- GMO food

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On a college student's budget, Chipotle's recent price increase could mean a lot.

The chain restaurant increased the price of all of its menu items by about 15 to 50 cents on Tuesday, but 20-year-old Santa Fe College student David Bartek said he doesn't mind the jump in prices.

Bartek, an emergency medical technician student, said he already springs for double or triple meat on his burrito bowl – a meal that he orders at least four times a week.

"Paying more is worth it," he said. "Especially now that they're non-GMO."

The company recently announced that its meals are free of genetically modified foods and cited its commitment to naturally raised meat as the reason for the cost increase.

There's a high demand for naturally raised food, said Juby Mammen, employee at the Chipotle closest to campus, located at 1432 W. University Ave.

He said the company needed to increase prices "in order to get food like that."

He remembered last year when his store ran out of naturally raised steak and had to switch to meat that had been conventionally raised.

"It's delicious, it's filling ... and the way I eat, it fits my lifestyle. I'm still fine with the prices."

David Bartek

Santa Fe College student

"Supply is obviously limited because it's naturally raised," he said. "And it takes time to get."

With the added revenue, Mammen said he hopes to prevent another shortage and provide customers with the food they want.

He said he doesn't believe the price increase will turn customers away.

And in Bartek's case, it certainly hasn't.

"It's delicious, it's filling ... and the way I eat, it fits my lifestyle," he said. "I'm still fine with the prices."

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Editorial

Citizens Co-op not working as co-op should

In a perfect world, more businesses would be operated in a worker-owner co-op fashion.

"We all have childhood memories of parents, teachers and others encouraging us to work together," Stronger Together Co-op's website reads. "A co-op is what 'working together' looks like all grown up."

Instead of relying on outside investors and rewarding those outside investors with profit shares, co-ops reward its members with shares of surplus revenue. Each member's share is calculated based on how much they use the co-op. That way, the people who contribute to the day-to-day operations of the co-op directly benefit from its success.

However, Gainesville's own food co-op, Citizens Co-op, has been struggling for months to right itself after five co-op workers were fired for misusing the company's email database system to send a message to the membership's email list about the group's efforts to unionize. Protests from the member-owners and those who were fired have put pressure on the co-op's board of directors to make changes, and a meeting of co-op members on Sunday culminated in a proposal to the board to take serious action. The proposal called for the resignation of two board members and rejected the terms of one of the board member's resignation.

To say that the members and the board of directors don't see eye-to-eye is, however, an understatement. The compromised proposal drafted on Sunday has no legal force or backing in the organization's bylaws — which are not currently available online.

In short, secretary of the board Rob Brinkman told the Alligator the proposal won't accomplish anything until the June 24 board of directors election. Brinkman said the members can only force a vote by submitting a petition to the board of directors of 10 percent of the membership, and Sunday's meeting "did not constitute 10 percent."

Co-ops exist to benefit its members and the community at large, but currently, no one is benefitting from Citizens Co-op. Furthermore, it hasn't been running in the democratic fashion that co-ops require. Member-owner Davis Hart told The Gainesville Sun, "There is no leader of this beast and it has been difficult to make decisions because everybody feels very scared to stand up and say, 'This is what we are doing.'"

The board of directors budged by moving elections from September to the end of June, but the fact remains that workers are underrepresented in the board and its bylaws are outdated. The group of members who gathered on Sunday are driving a hard bargain, but they don't appear to be supported by the entire Citizens Co-op community, since they represent less than 10 percent of the membership.

It's a shame, given Gainesville's reputation as one of the nation's best small towns in which to live. A city with such a reputation should have a fairly organized food co-op that operates with the community in mind — not one mired in politics and self-interest.

Reader response

Today's question: Do you shop at the Co-op?

Friday's question: Have you ever driven while drunk?

50% YES
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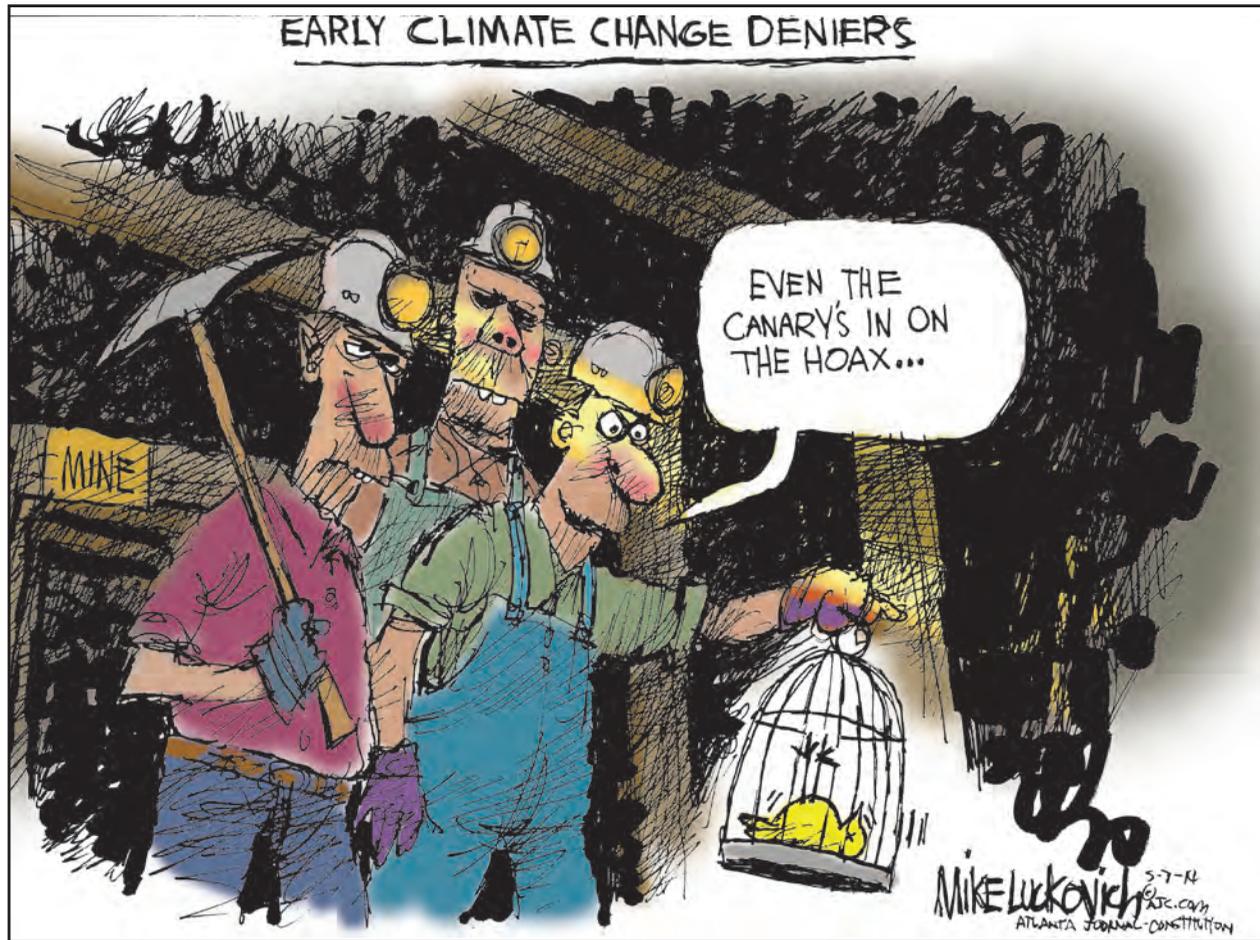
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Column

Like, just stop: good speech does matter

The "L" word. It's that four-letter word that some people hardly use, some people always use, and some people cringe when they hear it spoken out loud.

Of course, I'm talking about "like."

Bet you thought I was going to say "love." Or, for those who only read the first three words and didn't read anything else, "lesbian."

No, I'm referring to the absolutely overused sentence filler that we as the millennial generation have come to know and love. Don't be mistaken: Women are not the only culprits of this offense. Men are just as guilty.

Luckily, I am here to appeal to the UF Student Body: Like, it has to stop.

Now, don't get me wrong. The word "like" has many practical applications. It is useful when comparing one thing to another.

For example, "The Lakers are playing like garbage." An example of how NOT to use the word "like" would be, "And I just don't, like, understand anything that he teaches. Like, it's not fair!"

Askmen.com, well, asked men what they thought the 10 most overused words were, and "like" topped the list. Zoë Triska, associate books editor for the Huffington Post, admitted that as a native Californian, she is guilty of using the "overused, filler word" over and over again, yet acknowledges that it makes her sound stupid.

If you're thinking about hiring Sarah McLachlan to make a sad commercial about the abuse of "like," and how if you donate only 25 cents per day, you could help someone who suffers from the abuse of "like." Just call now. Your donation matters.

But Gators, in all seriousness, not only are we perpetuating this image of intellectual insecurity to each other, but we are communicating to our younger generations that this is an acceptable way to speak.



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In the not-so-distant future, we will be the ones sitting behind the big desks in the corner office.

We will be the ones conducting interviews and asking some young candidate questions about their work ethic, education and credentials, and when they start vomiting up the word

"like," will you be thinking about inviting them to the next networking meeting?

They could be very qualified and very well-read, but if they are not well-spoken, would any of it matter?

So, how can we stop this? Some speech pathologists recommend that the "like" user record himself or herself while telling a story to a friend, perhaps when on the phone. When the person goes back and listens to the recording, they should count the amount of times they said "like."

Afterward, he or she would repeat the story without saying "like." With gradual repetition of this process with different stories, speech pathologists believe that one will come to rely less on the word as a filler in conversation.

We are UF students. We are intelligent and worthy academics, but this verbal fluff must come to an end. We are no Paris Hiltons or Kim Kardashians.

Make sure you represent yourself and your ideas properly and intelligently. Our professional lives are just starting, and we will encounter countless meetings, interviews, presentations and conferences where proper language use is essential to success.

Essentially, just be conscious of the word and how often you rely on it because you never know who might, like, be listening.

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Column

For students, action must follow idealism for future vocation

Most of us will never have a great career.

Good, I have your attention now.

For the moment, let's entertain this contrarian and presumably unpopular opinion. And yes, it is a bit cruel to bring this up weeks after graduation, but it is the unfortunate truth.

For years, our peers and teachers have forced and implanted in our brains the grand delusions of illustrious careers. Add our youthful pretense for invincibility, and you have the stereotypical college mindset: I will be the next great leader/business mogul/author/tech company co-founder/whatever if I think hard enough and believe that I can do it.

Unfortunately, one can see that this mindset leaves a lot to be desired, especially the submitting-to-reality part.

Idealism is not the problem. I am of the strong belief that society needs the starry-eyed idealists who can envision what the world should be instead of what the world

actually is. Idealism in itself is not the issue, but the starry-eyed idealism is not enough to guarantee a great career. We have to act on our convictions and passions. And that's when the uphill battle begins. Few of us, however, are willing to embark on the truly difficult road that career path requires. Oh yes, the road is hard and soul-crushing. The perky idealism we once had does not quite fit in with this daunting road ahead.

Why though? What's stopping us from achieving it?

The oh-so-obvious answer is perfectly clear: ourselves. We want but are unwilling to act. We fail to dedicate ourselves to the consequences of having a great career — the long hours, the sleepless nights, the missed birthdays and perhaps the postponement of starting a family. We fear the known uncertainties. We make excuses. We realize that we didn't want the great career enough. More importantly, we fail



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to go all in to pursuing our passions.

This article is not meant to ward people off from thinking grandly or to induce post-graduation stress. This article is meant to empower the future leaders of the world that we could be.

We are capable of so many things in our modern age. Realize all of the resources and information at our fingertips. Appreciate the great education that was granted to you for the past few years. But America does have its perks and hopes.

The belief that we can achieve great and amazing things is still alive and well, but the fear to chase after these passions gets the best of us. But it does not have to be this way. There's still a chance to have a great career.

Economist Larry Smith of TedxUW echoes the fact that most people will inevitably fail to pursue their passions and fail to have a great career. The talk is blunt

and rightfully so. Despite the harshness of his message, Smith ends on an empowering and uplifting note.

After offering a litany of excuses the average person makes about pursuing his or her passions, Smith concludes with certainty, "Those are the reasons why you will fail to have a great career." But then he pauses, looks up at the dimly lit audience and utters the word "unless" before nodding his head and ends the speech.

There is hope in his words. All is not lost. You can postpone those graduation nerves for the moment. We do have the ability to pursue our passions because of that "unless."

Most people do fail to have a great career, but it doesn't have to be this way. Failing to achieve our passions is not predetermined. You can beat the odds and have a truly great career. In order to do that you have to ask yourself, "What is my 'unless'?"

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LOCAL

Antique store offers unusual wares, like vampire slaying kit

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For those in need of a vampire-slaying kit, it'll run about \$300 at the Comanche Moon Curios near McIntosh, Fla.

The antique shop owner, Jason Miller, said he determined the price based on the quality and value of the items inside. For example, kits with only a mallet and a spike inside cost about \$50. Miller's kit has

a hammer, spike, communion kit, goggles, bible, candles, and coffin nails.

"All good vampire kits have coffin nails," he said.

He found all the items himself and assembled the kit. Everything in it, save for the Bible and candles, are from the late 1800s and the turn of the 20th century.

He likes things from that era, he said. His store, located at 17990 NW 77th Ave., right off of Interstate 75, is a representation of that interest. Like the vampire kit, he has put together "exhibits" of related items throughout his store.

Miller, 59, is a retired paramedic and firefighter from Sarasota. He said he's always had an interest in theater, arts, history, weapons and the early 20th century. When he retired, he decided to turn his love of the period into his new career.

Comanche Moon has been open a little more than a year, and Miller has lived in McIntosh for about six years.

Miller started by hunting for specific items for people, including vintage Coca-Cola paraphernalia, firearms, antiques and vintage advertising.

It became fun doing the research, being historically accurate, fitting needs and finding the right things, and that is how his collection and his antique business got started. He said he finds things everywhere

— at yard sales, thrift shops and through internet research. He started collecting old military items, Victorian-period exorcism kits, embalming kits and blacksmith materials.

"It's a museum where you can take it home," Miller said.

Miller's love of all things from the late 1800s to the 1920s comes from his belief that things were "made to last" in that time. There is a real, functioning blacksmith's forge in his shop, as well as metal hooks and anvils, some of which Miller made.

He said the most popular items he sells are the vintage signs. His favorite reads, "Local Escort Service, \$39.95."

Some of his signs are authentic finds, and some are hand-painted by Miller's wife, Jennifer. He calls her "Xerox" because she can paint any logo.

Jennifer works a full-time job in Ocala, but she helps her husband on weekends by painting, repairing and restoring damaged and broken things.

She spends a lot of her free time at the store, and although she knows better not to let her husband in a thrift shop if they're in a hurry, supports her husband and his philosophy behind his business.

"If you're looking for dishes and vases, we aren't it," she said.



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A vampire-slaying kit sits among similarly weird items at Comanche Moon Curios, a store for eclectic items near McIntosh, Fla.

Alachua County animal shelter giving away free animals

THE GOAL IS 2,500 PETS

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Block was rescued by Alachua County Animal Services after being chained outside by his owner and incurring injuries.

A golden brown pit bull with piercing bronze eyes, Block watched as families came by the shelter looking for a new friend. They passed on him because of the scars on his face and tongue.

He was there for six months before he was adopted, said shelter supervisor Jane Grantman. She tries to find the animals homes within a

couple of weeks.

Since then, Block's owner updates Grantman with pictures of the two together, telling her how much joy he has brought her.

It's those kinds of happy-ending stories that Grantman enjoys most about her job, and starting June 1, she's hoping to hear many more.

Alachua County Animal Services was recently selected to take part in the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Rachael Ray \$100K Challenge. Throughout June, July and August, ACAS will compete with 49 other shelters across the U.S. to break their own records of adoptions during the same months in 2013. This summer, ACAS

hopes to almost double its adoptions by setting a goal of 2,500.

All its dogs and cats will be free for adoption to people older than 18 with a valid ID. The animals also come with a package of free services: a microchip, vaccinations, a medical exam, flea and tick treatment, spay or neuter, a license, and one office visit to a supporting veterinary clinic.

"It's an awesome deal," Grantman said.

At the shelter, adopting a dog usually runs about \$30, and it's around \$25 for a cat. ACAS senior office assistant Janet Braden said she hopes this money saver will be an incentive for the community to

support the shelter's initiative and help it take home the \$100,000 grand prize.

"I'm so psyched about this I can't stand myself," Braden said.

An additional \$25,000 grant will be awarded to the shelter that shows the most community involvement on its social media sites. So throughout the summer challenge, animal service workers are encouraging Alachua County residents to take photos of their adoptions and post them on ACAS's wall. They can also mention the ACAS on Twitter or Facebook using the hashtag #100KChallenge.

Adoption coordinator Dory Rosati said the shelter is aiming for 19

adoptions per day, which is about 16 more adoptions than it gets on an average day. And to do that, she needs all the help she can get. Rosati is asking the community to volunteer and support the cause.

"We're planning to host one or two off-site adoptions per week," Rosati said, "at different locations across Alachua County."

Braden said shelters are not required to give away the animals for free. That's just something ACAS is doing to get an edge on the competition. But in the end, the competition is simply a big motivator to help animals in need.

"You're saving a life, and they're rescuing yours," she said.

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GPD dog bites child during search demo

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An 8-year-old Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Elementary student was bitten by a Gainesville Police dog during a Friday afternoon demonstration on the school's playground.

The animal, Roo, and his handler officer, Jeff Kerkau, were performing a search demonstration inside a fenced-in area of the playground when the excited child on the other side opened the gate, according to a press release from GPD spokesman Officer Ben Tobias.

Roo ran toward the gate

and bit the child on his upper-right thigh. Officer Kerkau ran after Roo and pulled it off the child. After the incident, the child had puncture wounds on his thigh, but it didn't appear severe enough to require stitches, Tobias said.

"We regret that this incident occurred and sincerely hope that this child has a speedy recovery from his injuries," he said.

Alachua County School Board spokeswoman Jackie Johnson said the county won't cancel future demonstrations, but will work with GPD to make changes in how they are presented.

"We've had these presentations in schools and never had an incident that I'm aware of," She said.

New high-tech GPD building opens

► It COST \$11 MILLION

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After being homeless for more than a year, Gainesville Police officers now have a solid foundation to work with newer technologies and enhance patrol and surveillance of the city.

The Gainesville Police Department opened the doors to its headquarters building, located at 413 NW Eighth Ave., to the public earlier this month, allowing all to see the two-story, \$11-million facility for the first time.

It was paid for through various funds, bonds and contraband forfeiture, which is money seized from criminal activities.

In 2010, the decision was made to move department members out of the old building, scattering them to different locations across town, while renovations were being made.

However, due to weak building

structure, continuing the project was impractical. The decision was made to demolish the old building and to construct a more modern headquarter, according to GPD's website.

The building is outfitted with newer technologies such as key cards and remotes that work in all rooms.

"It's a very secure facility."

Ben Tobias

GPD spokesman

"The technology is simplistic and amazing," GPD spokesman Officer Ben Tobias said. "It's a very secure facility."

Areas in the facility are locked to the public and are only accessible with a key card. Even with a key card, only certain areas can be opened with the area's respective members. This line of security extends to Police Chief Tony Jones, in that he would need a special key card to get into the evidence room. Rooms throughout the building

are named after key people from the department.

The patrol room, named after Atkins Warren, is dedicated to Gainesville's first black police chief who instituted key policies and pushed peace between the department and the community. Warren was the chief of GPD from 1980 to 1984.

The chief conference room, also known as the Command Center, is dedicated to GPD's longest tenured chief, William D. Joiner, who joined the department in 1936. Joiner also instituted official forms for applicants seeking a police officer position in the department. Prior to Joiner, there was no paperwork required for a position in the GPD, according to Smathers Library archives.

However, the department is going through some minor growing pains.

"We experience a few different things like 'Why is this access panel on the left rather than the right?'" Tobias said.



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by Linda Thistle

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14 Help Wanted

PT cleaner needed- you must OWN a RELIABLE car w/ VALID license, paying \$8/hr and additional \$10ea day for gas. Please contact Caleitha 352-214-0868 text is ok as well. 5-27-5-14

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19 Connections

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS
1 Carve in stone
5 "Nana" novelist
9 Diagnostic aids
14 Scott of "Happy Days"
15 Red-wrapped cheese
16 One of the archangels
17 State secrets?
18 Disreputable guy
19 Capone cohort
20 Agreement in a Massachusetts city?
23 "That's awesome!"
24 Charlemagne's realm: Abbr.
25 Highland refusal
26 Adobe dwelling in a Colorado city?
32 Wanted poster abbr.
33 Go right or left
34 Do figure-eights, say
38 Likely to mouth off
40 Slap a sale price on
43 Go bonkers
44 Gelatin garnish
46 Attention-calling type: Abbr.
48 See 60-Down
49 Hanging sculpture in an Alabama city?
53 1977 Steely Dan album
56 "Scream" director
57 Noise detector
58 Bovine in a New York city?
64 Take up a hem, say
65 _ fide
66 NATO alphabet ender
68 Pasture
69 Baldwin or Guinness
70 Earns with difficulty, with "out"
71 Bakery pastries
72 Thorny bloom
73 Light-tube gas

DOWN
1 Recede
2 Bath powder mineral
3 Italian "Toodle-oo!"
4 Rub elbows (with)
5 Moment of attack
6 Sign to take out the trash
7 Praise highly
8 Don of "Cocoon"
9 Roads under rivers
10 Songwriter
11 Clapton
12 Use, as a chair
13 Lose traction
21 Stable youngster
22 Sun or moon, to a poet
26 Dada
27 They're played at luau
28 Wyatt of the Wild West
29 Post-opposite
30 Up to
31 Signs off on
35 Not a supporter
36 Cow's fly swatter
37 Swordplay sword

39 Boy in "A Christmas Carol"
41 Devoured
42 Competitive look
45 Fraidy-cats
47 Rye buy
50 Ger. neighbor
51 Atmospheric pressure line
52 Impudent
53 Sternward
54 Roberts of "Pretty Woman"
55 On the trail of
59 Traditional Stetson material
60 With 48-Across, Western neckwear
61 Quelques_: a few, in French
62 Gospel writer
63 Butter look-alike
67 Org. with SEALs

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Easley goes in first round of NFL draft

JORDAN MCPHERSON

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Thirty-five cornerbacks were selected between Thursday and Saturday in the 256-pick NFL draft — Marcus Roberson and Loucheiz Purifoy were not on that list.

After going unselected in the 2014 NFL Draft, the two former Florida corners finally found their new homes Monday.

Roberson signed an undrafted free agent deal with the St. Louis Rams and Purifoy inked a deal with the Indianapolis Colts according to reports.

The duo played a combined 67 games during their three years at Florida, and both were considered top-ten defensive back prospects when they declared for the draft. Heading into draft day, ESPN analyst Todd McShay had Roberson and Purifoy ranked as his No. 101 and 184 draft prospects, respectively.

But not everyone from UF had to wait as long as the duo of early entrants.

Led by first-round selection Dominique Easley, UF saw four of its former players drafted to three different NFL teams during the three-day event.

The New England Patriots selected Easley with the 29th pick

of the draft, making him the 11th Florida player drafted in the first round since 2007.

In 32 games with Florida, the defensive lineman logged 72 tackles — 18 of which were for loss — and 5.5 sacks.

Easley played in three games in his final season with the Gators before suffering a torn right ACL in practice on Sept. 26, 2013. The Staten Island, N.Y., native recorded five tackles in those contests.

Excluding 2012, Florida has had at least one player selected in the first round of the NFL Draft every year since 2007. Two UF players — defensive tackle Sharrif Floyd and safety Matt Elam — were drafted in the first round of the draft in 2013.

After no one from Florida was selected in Rounds 2 or 3 on Friday, three heard their names called on the third and final day of the draft.

Jaylen Watkins was the first player taken off the board on Saturday, with the Philadelphia Eagles selecting the defensive back with pick No. 101 — the highest pick Philadelphia used on a UF player since selecting cornerback Lito Sheppard with the 26th pick in 2002.

Watkins was the first Gator selected. **SEE DRAFT, PAGE 15**



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Dominique Easley (center) fights through two Appalachian State blockers on Nov. 20, 2010. Easley was drafted by the New England Patriots as the 29th pick in the first round of the NFL Draft on Thursday.

Florida to host FAMU in NCAA Regional Round

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Coach Tim Walton was not worried about Florida's postseason future after exiting the Southeastern Conference tournament on Thursday after one game.

UF Softball "This game has nothing to do with the next step," Walton said following UF's 2-0 loss to eventual tournament champion UGA. "I mean, when you're playing the SEC teams, it doesn't have anything to do with the regional approach. We're just going to go about our business and take this as a midweek loss and

get ready for the next step."

Walton's words rang true, as the Gators earned the No. 5 seed in the NCAA Softball Tournament on Sunday, marking the seventh straight year that UF has been named a top-five seed in the tournament.

Florida (45-11, 15-9 SEC) will host Florida A&M (24-27, 9-6 MEAC), UCF (41-16, 15-3 American Athletic Conference) and Stetson (38-12, 17-8 Atlantic Sun) in regionals. The Gators begin postseason action against the MEAC tournament champion Rattlers on Friday at 6 p.m. at Katie Seashole Pressly Stadium.

"We're really excited to host,"

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ZOO P'S SCOOP

Busy summer in UF athletics

If you've ever watched ESPN during the summer, you know that the guys up in Bristol scrape the bottom of the content barrel to fill their one-hour SportsCenter shows every day.

Yeah, summer means baseball season, but ESPN really only cares about New York, Boston and Los Angeles. If you aren't one of them, you can wait until the postseason to get some coverage.

So after the Heat unfortunately run the table in the NBA postseason and after the NHL crowns a new Stanley Cup champion, ESPN will resort to airing rehashed clips of Johnny Manziel casually throwing footballs during training camp, footage of Jameis Winston stealing those crab legs (for the love of God, I hope it comes out) and those mind-numbingly dumb remixes by DJ Steve Porter.

To ESPN, summer basically serves as the graveyard shift for sports.

But here at alligatorSports, that couldn't be further from the truth. Summer in Gainesville



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means sports, sports and more sports.

OK, so football and basketball are in their offseasons. So what? Take a look at the sports schedule for this summer and tell me there's nothing going on in Florida athletics.

Baseball, softball, lacrosse, tennis, track and golf all enter their postseasons in either May or June. And if you're one of those Gators fans that only stay tuned when Will Muschamp or Billy Donovan are involved, then I urge you to stay updated with alligatorSports' coverage of Florida sports throughout the summer.

The women's tennis team, which owns a UF-record seven national titles, will face Southeastern Conference rival Vanderbilt in the NCAA Tournament Round of 16 on Thursday.

Our own Ian Cohen will keep you updated on the Gators' quest for an eighth championship.

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Kurt Roper will have a new offensive weapon this season in transfer Jake McGee. Read story on page 16.

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Jon Halapio on being drafted by Patriots with Dominique Easley

Walton selected by USA Softball

Florida coach Tim Walton was selected as one of 25 coaches for the 2015-2016 USA Softball Women's National Team Coaching Pool on Monday.

LACROSSE

Florida's defense denies Denver, faces familiar challenge next

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Teams aren't ranked in the top five if they have a subpar defense. It's not possible. And it's why Florida (18-2) is No. 4 according to NCAA rankings.

Coach Amanda O'Leary's defense came out with power in its punch not once, not twice, but three times Sunday afternoon.

While the Gators' defense has proven its strengths throughout the season, the team has consistently

grown with each game.

This time, Denver (19-2) was at the receiving end of Florida's 19-9 rampage against the Pioneers.

Between UF's 26 fouls and seven forced turnovers, Denver had few opportunities to regroup and hold control over its offensive possession.

"Defensively I think we stepped up a little better," O'Leary said. "We were show-sliding more. Sliding on the double teams more quickly than we were in the beginning. I was really, really pleased with our defense."

After the Gators allowed back-to-back goals, the Pioneers gained momentum late in the first half. Florida then responded with a change in its gameplan.

When O'Leary saw her defense start to falter, she chose to move freshman defender Caroline Fitzgerald to the crease to provide relief for sophomore goalkeeper Mary-Sean Wilcox.

"We made some personnel adjustments that I think worked for us," O'Leary said. "We stuck Caroline (Fitzgerald) on a new player



O'Leary

and I think she did a really nice job with shutting her down. You know, along with some personnel changes, I think they adapted really well."

Florida's defense will have to continue to grow stronger in the coming weeks if it hopes to continue its journey through the NCAA Finals.

With the win Sunday, UF ad-

vances to face No. 5 Northwestern for the third time this season.

Although the Gators won the first two contests against the Wildcats, Northwestern will be prepared for what the Gators' stacked offense and aggressive defense can dish out.

"Playing a team three times in one season is really difficult," junior Shannon Gilroy said. "But I think with a week to prepare and playing them on our home field, I think it's going to be something we will remember."

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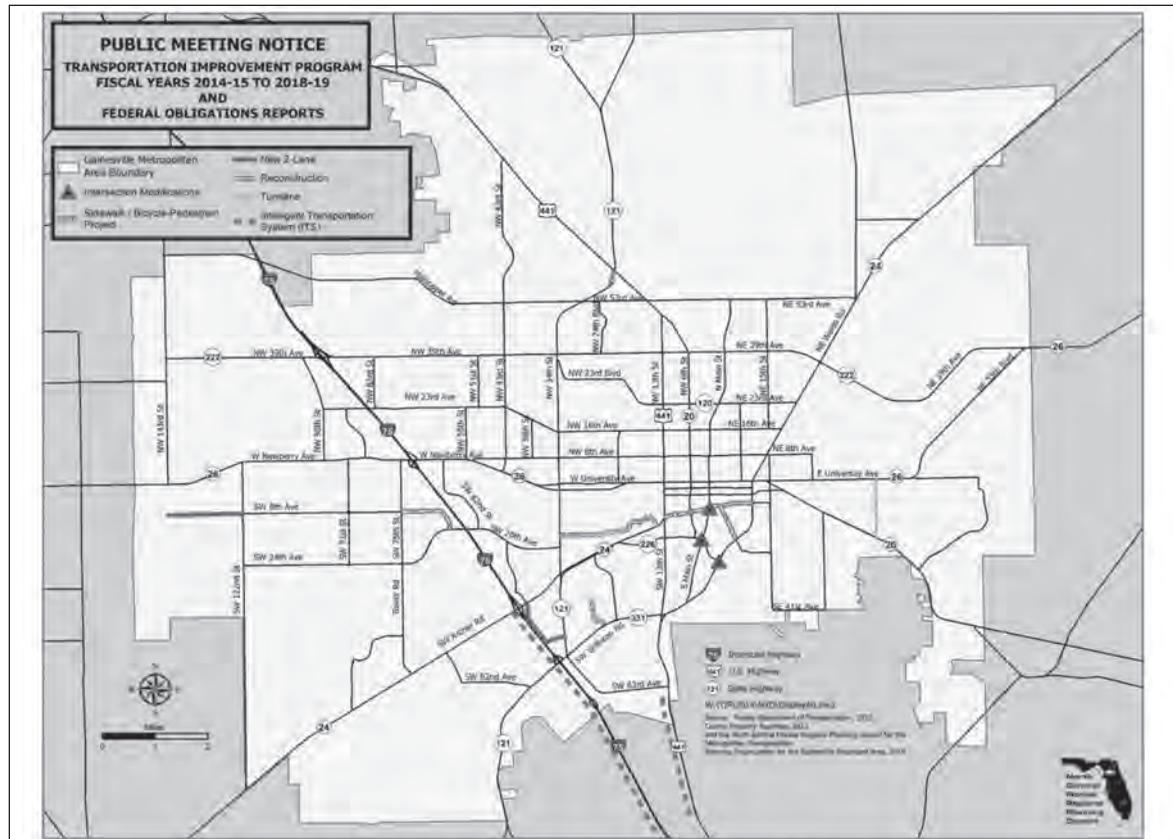
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COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION MEETING

June 2, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Jack Durrance Auditorium, County Administration Building,
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PURPOSE: The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area has scheduled a public meeting to receive input concerning the proposed Transportation Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2014-15 to 2018-19. The Transportation Improvement Program is a staged implementation program of transportation projects consistent, to the maximum extent feasible, with the Alachua County and City of Gainesville comprehensive plans.

Projects in the proposed Transportation Improvement Program are also consistent with the Gainesville Metropolitan Area Year 2035 Transportation Plan- The Livable Community Reinvestment Plan. This plan identifies transportation system modifications expected to be needed to serve projected volumes and patterns of traffic through the Year 2035. A final decision regarding all projects contained in the Transportation Improvement Program will be forwarded to the Florida Department of Transportation by the adoption of this Transportation Improvement Program document.

The Federal Obligations Reports are included in Appendix B of the Transportation Improvement Program. These Reports show the expenditure of federal funds within the Gainesville Metropolitan Area from October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013.

This map only shows some of the transportation projects scheduled during the next five years. The proposed Transportation Improvement Program includes transportation projects such as: bicycle; pedestrian; project development and environmental studies; resurfacing/repaving; school safety concern; transportation enhancement; and transit projects, including transportation disadvantaged projects.

THE MEETING ROOM WILL BE OPEN AT 4:30 PM FOR THE PUBLIC TO REVIEW THE PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND STAFF WILL BE PRESENT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

Copies of the meeting agenda and more detailed information concerning the Federal Obligations Report and proposed Transportation Improvement Program can be obtained by writing to the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area, c/o North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 2009 NW 67th Place, Gainesville, Florida 32653, by appearing in person at the above address during business hours, at the www.ncfrpc.org/mtpo website, or by calling 352.955.2200. All persons are advised that, if they decide to contest any decision made at this public meeting, they will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which it is to be based. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, religious status, disability, familial status or gender identity. Persons who require special accommodations under the American with Disabilities Act, or persons who require translation services (free of charge), should contact Mr. Marlie Sanderson at 352.955.2200, extension 103, at least seven (7) days before the public meeting.

The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area consists of the Gainesville City Commission, the Alachua County Commission and nonvoting advisors of the University of Florida, the Florida Department of Transportation and the Alachua County League of Cities. The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area is responsible for the continuing, comprehensive and cooperative urban transportation planning program for the Gainesville Metropolitan Area. This planning program is required in order to receive federal and state funds for transportation projects.

Roberson, Purifoy sign undrafted deal

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lected by the Eagles since 2010, when Philadelphia selected wide receiver Riley Cooper with the 159th pick.

In his four years at Florida, Watkins started 28 contests, registering 133 tackles, 21 pass breakups and three interceptions. The Cape Coral, Fla., native was third on the team with 52 tackles and second with seven pass breakups in his senior campaign.

The New Orleans Saints drafted Ronald Powell in the fifth round, taking the linebacker with the 169th overall selection. Powell was the first Gators player picked by the Saints since 1998.

Powell notched 84 tackles and 11 sacks in 36 games for the Gators. He led Florida with four sacks in 2013 while also recording 26 tackles, including seven behind the line of scrimmage for a loss of 46 yards.

After drafting Easley on Day 1, the Patriots took another Gator on Saturday when they selected Jon Halapio in the sixth round.

The 6-foot-3 guard, taken with the 179th pick, started 43 contests at right guard for UF and can help bolster a New

England offensive line that surrendered 40 sacks in 2013 — the most the Patriots gave up since allowing 48 in 2008.

In addition to Roberson and Purifoy, six other former UF players have an opportunity to make teams as undrafted free agents.

Trey Burton, who played at least one game at every offensive skill position during his campaign with UF, will join Watkins in Philadelphia after signing with the Eagles. Burton accumulated 1,696 yards and 20 touchdowns in 50 career games during his tenure at Florida.

Wide receiver Solomon Patton — who led UF in receptions (44), receiving yards (556) and touchdowns (six) in 2013 — signed with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Offensive lineman Damien Jacobs and linebacker Darrin Kitchens inked undrafted free agent deals with the Buffalo Bills. Center Jon Harrison will join Purifoy in Indianapolis, as announced by the Institute for Athletes, a firm that represents him, on Saturday.

Offensive lineman Kyle Koehne, while not signed, announced via his Twitter (@KingKone64) on Saturday that he will be trying out for the Atlanta Falcons.

Gators host regional 12 straight years

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Walton said. "This is my ninth year here and we've hosted all nine years. There hasn't been one year where it's been easy."

UF is 2-0 against its regional field this season — topping UCF 10-6 in Orlando on March 26 and defeating FAMU 9-0 in five innings on April 11. Florida has not played Stetson since 2009, when the Gators blanked the Hatters 8-0 at home.

"We're really excited to host. This is my ninth year here and we've hosted all nine years. There hasn't been one year where it's been easy."

Tim Walton
Coach

The winner of the double-elimination regional will face the winner of the Seattle Regional — which consists of No. 12 seed and host Washington, Iona College, Northwestern and BYU — in the NCAA Super Regionals.

The tournament as a whole features a plethora of familiar faces for Florida. UF is one of 11 SEC teams in the tournament and has faced 15 of the teams selected for the tournament.

Florida is 20-10 this season against those 15 teams but holds just a 5-9 record against teams in the top 16.

But instead of dwelling on the past, Walton is looking at what's ahead.

"This is a new season," he said. "We're 0-0. Everybody's batting 1.000. All of our pitchers are 0-0. ... Everything we've accomplished to this point in the season is really irrelevant. Now it's time to play postseason softball."



Alligator File Photo

Tim Walton instructs his team during a game on Feb. 17, 2007. Walton and Florida squad will begin the NCAA Tournament on Friday.

Softball, lacrosse and more look to continue success in postseason

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The softball squad will host its 12th straight NCAA Regional when Florida faces off against Florida A&M on Friday night. That's not a typo people. I said 12 straight years of hosting the first round of the NCAA

Tournament.

Check the Gators out at Katie Seashole Pressly Stadium this weekend and get all the analysis from Jordan McPherson afterward.

Oh yeah, and there's that lacrosse program that lost 13 members of its 2010 inaugural class to graduation before the season but still found its way to another Elite Eight

appearance.

When Florida takes the field at Donald R. Dizney Stadium on Saturday against Northwestern, Eden Otero will be there to cover the Gators and you should be there to witness the school's youngest athletic program continue its run of historic success.

Space limits me from mentioning all of

our other great writers, but you'll see their bylines throughout the next few months too.

Richard Johnson, the newest alligator-Sports assistant editor, and I will do our best to make sure you don't miss a second of this summer's busy sports schedule. Now do your part: Turn off ESPN, support your Gators and stay tuned for one crazy summer.

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McGee makes move, transfers from Cavaliers to Gators

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The tight end position at Florida has been virtually nonexistent since the end of the 2012-2013 season when Jordan Reed declared for the NFL Draft.

Last year, tight ends Clay Burton and Tevin Westbrook combined for just four catches for 42 yards. But a transfer, who announced his decision Friday afternoon, may give the Gators the playmaker they desperately need at the position.

Enter former University of Virginia tight end Jake McGee. The 6-foot-5, 250-pound redshirt senior announced via Twitter on Friday that he would transfer to UF. The NCAA normally forces regular transfer students to sit out a year before joining their new team, but McGee is eligible this upcoming season because he is pursuing a graduate degree that is not offered at UVA and therefore is covered in the "one-time transfer exception" detailed in NCAA bylaw 14.1.8.1.

McGee plans to get a master's degree in Sports Management. He started classes at UF on Monday.

"It's something that I'm pretty excited about, and it's been sort of a quick process but something that I feel really strong about and I'm excited to get to Gainesville," McGee said in a phone interview Saturday.

He was the Cavalier's leading receiver last season, racking up 395 yards and two touchdowns in 11 games. The Richmond, Va. native came through in the clutch as well with 14 of his 43 total catches coming on third down — including both his scores.

The Gators' receiving statistics on a whole last year were nothing short of deplorable — UF finished the season ranked 116th in the nation in yards per reception.

But moving to a new up-tempo, spread offensive scheme means offensive coordinator Kurt Roper will be utilizing tight ends often with the

goal of having them make plays in space.

"He's a really smart offensive coordinator, and (he) puts the guys in the best situations to succeed," McGee said. "From everything I've heard, there's a lot of talent on this offense, and I think he'll be able to make the most out of everyone."

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Jake McGee
UF tight end

Roper, who was Duke's offensive coordinator from 2008 to 2013, helped lead a Blue Devils' offense to capture their first 10-win season in school history.

More importantly for McGee, Duke's second leading receiver was tight end Braxton Deaver, who finished the year with 46 catches for 600 yards.

McGee said that Florida presented the best opportunity to have a successful fifth year of eligibility when he was weighing his options following the 2013-2014 season with UVA. He was granted his scholarship release from Virginia on April 25.

"It's exciting to find a fit that I think is really good for me and to have an opportunity to have a good last season and play with a bunch of guys who have the same goal of winning and winning championships," McGee said.

McGee is all too familiar with Roper's offense — Virginia suffered a 35-22 loss to Duke on October 19. Deaver, playing at tight end for the Blue Devils, was Duke's leading receiver in the game with two of his team's three passing touchdowns.

McGee recorded four receptions for 32 yards, but the 6-foot-5 target

was held without a score.

During his time at Virginia, he was used as more of a hybrid tight end/wide receiver within the Cavaliers' offense. He said that as a versatile tight end he will be able to give more looks offensively for the Gators, and Roper will be able to find a good fit for him in the system.

"I move around a lot just as the type of player I am, whether it's in the backfield, on the line or in the slot," McGee said, "And coach Roper's offense does a great job of putting the tight end position in a chance to succeed whether it's on the line, off the ball or really anywhere on the field."

Florida quarterback Jeff Driskel will be responsible for getting McGee the ball to make those much needed plays on offense. McGee said that meeting Driskel in person

during his visit to UF him more excited to play with the redshirt junior this fall.

"I got to know him on my visit last weekend," McGee said. "He's a great guy, and I'm excited to get to start working with him and get some chemistry. He has a great arm and everything I've heard he's a great leader on the team."

While McGee didn't get a chance to personally meet some of Florida's tight ends and receivers, he said he has seen positive things from them in the film room.

"I haven't met many of them yet," he said. "I've seen some tape on them, and there are some guys that know them but once I get to know them I hope they take me in with open arms and sort of get to build a connection with them too."

You may be wondering why

McGee — an obviously talented playmaker — chose to come to UF, which is coming off a 4-8 season. But he said there is going to be criticism in every aspect of college sports and it's his job to not let that affect his decisions.

"You have negative in everything that you do especially in college sports," McGee said. "There are people that support you, people that don't. But I don't really look at or listen to that type of talk—and I just try to stay with the positive and what's best for me."

He added that Florida may surprise some people this season — something that every Gators fan wants to hear.

"From everything I've heard and everything I've seen, I think a good season is in store for next year and I'm excited to be a part of it."



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Offensive coordinator Kurt Roper addresses the media during his introductory press conference on Jan. 13. Roper will coach transfer Jake McGee, who decided to attend Florida as a graduate student.

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