Guns on campus policy to be debated

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Two members of the Florida Legislature have filed proposals that will bring back the debate about whether guns can be brought to universities and in public schools.

Senator Greg Evers, chairman of the Criminal Justice Committee, and Representative Greg Steube, both Republicans, submitted the bills for the 2016 legislative session, about a year after similar bills became stuck in their respective committees.

Senate Bill 68 would allow people with concealed weapon permits to bring their firearms onto public universities or college campuses; however, the Florida gun law does permit concealed weapons in vehicles.

Counter arguments to those that are pro-gun mainly came from school leaders and campus public safety officials.

“I would rather that statute didn’t pass,” said Alexander Casas, chief of the University’s police department.

He said more guns would only make dangerous situations even more so and create additional problems for first responders.

“In a fraction of a second they have to make a decision,” Casas said. “That’s a big ask.”

Casas said he would be more comfortable with the bill if there were a requirement that some with a concealed weapons permit had to have a certain level of training or demonstrate a certain level of proficiency with a firearm.

“You don’t even have to shoot a round,” Casas said of how easy it is to receive a concealed weapons permit. “Go to a gun show, take a class and you can walk out with a gun.”

He said an off-duty police officer would have the necessary training to help first-responders identify people.

Senate Bill 72, the other bill Evers and Steube proposed, would allow school superintendents to allow a single employee or volunteer at individual public schools to bring their licensed weapons inside the classroom as a safety precaution. The superintendent would need the approval of the school board.

The 2015 session was the last time guns on educational campuses was a topic in the Florida Legislature. Similar bills died during the 2015 legislative session, mainly because the chairs of certain Senate committees refused to call them up for a vote.

“Campus carry bills are very concerning because they really have nothing to do with the Second Amendment,” said Patti Brigham, chairwoman of the League of Women Voters of Florida’s Gun Safety Committee that was launched last year.

“This is a public safety issue. We are lucky we have a very talented video staff,” said Matthew Hagood, director of media and technology services.

A video introducing the series debuts the new Media Operations Center in the Green Library and features Robert Grillo, vice president of the division of IT and chief information officer, describing the Operations Center to address failing projectors, frozen screens, soundless microphones and other technological glitches in real time.

“If a student has taken online course capture classes before, it is good to know that there are people monitoring in real time,” said Bryan Dregi, a senior information technology major.

“This ensures that the classes that we have enrolled in do not have issues when it comes to viewing them later,” Dregi said.

The next video of the series, which is said to launch this week, will present a welcome to fall message for FIU students.

“That’ll be a much bigger blast,” said Hagood. “It will go out through email and through social media... We are going to put it in as many places as we can possibly can.”

The series will also cover Office 365, a secure application that allows the use of Microsoft Office products in the cloud and in the workstation, and the University’s partnership with Lynda.com, a website with comprehensive instructional videos that help with academic subjects.

“Some big universities have got [Lynda.com],” said Hagood. “It’s going to be an excellent tool for FIU students.”

Information about FIU Tech Minute can be found via email and social media… We are going to walk out with a gun.”
Iranians hope to fill vacuum as US lowers its Mideast profile

Iran’s agreement to curb its nuclear program in exchange for sanctions relief by world powers was welcomed at every level of society here, but nowhere were the prospects more than in the foreign policy community, which foresees a big boost for the Islamic Republic’s regional role, especially as the U.S. lowers its profile.

There is even gloating about what many expect to be the major spillover from the accord: a U.S. loss of interest in the Middle East and its many conflicts, opening the way for Iran to play a leading role in the region.

RF: News Briefs

Refugee flood means ‘the world sees Germany as a country of hope,’ Merkel says

German Chancellor Angela Merkel opened her traditional summer news conference Monday by noting that _ while the suffering is real and the stories are too often tragic _ there are positives Germans can take from the refugee crisis now engulfing her nation and all of Europe.

Her words came as other European leaders have cast refugees as a threat facing the continent.

Krisf Phoenix said she supports group therapy, but believes that if students are not placed among people who are going through the same issues, they can be misled and confused about their own issues.

“When people who have issues that are related are treated together, they can better identify and share their problems with the group,” said Phoenix, a junior social work major.

“People will feel more secure in themselves and feel like they are not alone,” said Phoenix.

“The same problems can be shared among the groups and when addressed, can bring awareness and knowledge of how to deal with certain issues in the future.”

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“Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Mississippi, Oregon, Utah, Wisconsin and Texas have passed bills allowing concealed guns on campus. Marion Hammer, the NRA’s longtime Florida lobbyist, said her organization will remain active in its support of the “guns on campus” legislation, she said. "This is a bill that needs to pass, and sooner or later it is going to pass," Hammer said. "Gun-free zones on college campuses are safe havens for criminals to commit rape and kill people. And that is wrong."
Dog ownership not for all students

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Having four family dogs of my own, I can assure you it is one of the greatest pleasures of my life. Animals are not just pets; they are part of the family and make for best friends.

However, I also strongly believe that there is a time and place in life to start having this type of responsibility, and being a student in college is not that time unless you have a support system to help you.

Having any type of animal as a pet comes with a lot of responsibility. However, I strongly believe it is one of the most rewarding and pleasurable kinds. I have always loved animals, and am a strong supporter of people wanting to have them in their lives.

Companionship is a human need and desire, though it does not always necessitate the presence of another human being. In many cases, people find comfort and companionship through having a pet.

Humans want someone or some animal to come home to. They want to avoid the feeling of being alone when no one else is home, and many want someone to depend on them and make them feel loved.

What people do not understand, especially college students, is that companionship with a pet is a two-way street. Dogs, cats and other animals also need to feel loved, cared for and have time spent with them so they do not feel alone.

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Given Miami’s subtropical location, many people here spend time engaging in aquatic activities.

Our society prefers slim, fit bodies to appear in the swimsuits inherent in those hobbies, therefore making diet and exercise fads popular among the public.

Slim teas, herbal concoctions, weight loss supplements, diet programs and exercise regimens have increased in popularity, with more and more weight loss enthusiasts cropping up.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reports that “approximately 15 percent of U.S. adults have used a weight-loss dietary supplement at some point in their lives, with more women reporting use (20.6 percent) than men (13.7 percent).”

Weight loss enthusiasts crave a quick-and-easy turnover, which turns them tofad diets to lose weight.

Enthusiasts presume that by losing weight they are improving their health, but in reality they could be compromising it.

The University of Pittsburgh Medical Center explains “a fad diet is a diet that promises quick weight loss through what is usually an unhealthy and unbalanced diet.”

In addition the UPMC states “fad diets are targeted at people who want to lose weight quickly without exercise.”

Although some diets induce weight loss, they do so unhealthily by eliminating key nutrients, so in essence the “healthy” initiative to lose weight is made pointless.

Because most fad diets incorporate meal plans that are unappealing, the UPMC adds that they can be hard to stick to for long periods of time, and that the most common problems with fad diets include poor long term weight control, decreased athletic performance and ketosis.

Dietary supplements, another of the preferred methods of quick-and-easy weight loss, come in a variety of forms. Among the most common are powdered shakes, solid pills, gel capsules or herbal teas.

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As a result, many supplement users and diet fad enthusiasts are marketed as means of attaining their healthful goals and health enthusiasts can achieve their healthful goals safely and effectively without turning to more drastic measures as means of attaining their health goals.

It is too often that weight loss programs are phony, promising unrealistic results and potentially causing severe health issues, or even death.

Maintaining a healthy weight is an important component to one’s health, but does not require a person to compromise their well being in the process.

Following a reasonable and balanced diet coupled with exercise, as well as the consultation of medical professionals, can help those who wish to improve their health set realistic and attainable goals.

With patience and knowledge weight loss and health enthusiasts can achieve their healthful goals safely and effectively without turning to more drastic measures as means of attaining their health goals.
GOOOOOOOAAAAL!

Women look to shake off rough start

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Although they have a 1-2 start, it’s too quick to judge this season so far for the women’s soccer team.

After going 8-8-2 last season Head Coach Thomas Chestnutt is ready to improve on last season and take the next step forward.

“Every team is different. This is a new team and our goal remains to challenge for a conference title. That is no different this year,” said Chestnutt.

The team kicked off the season beating the University of Dayton 2-1 but dropped the next two games against Stetson University and University of Central Florida. For the Panthers to hold the UCF Knights to just one score, losing 1-0, says a lot of this young team.

Sophomore Nevena Stojakovic kept UCF scoreless while she was goalie. This season there will be a platoon situation at the goalie position, as Junior Sophia Trujillo will partner up with Stojakovic.

The offense has struggled to score so far as the Panthers have only scored once in the first three games.

“You don’t know who’s going to be reliable, who’s going to be a go-to player, all those things come out in games. Some players rise to the occasion and some people shrivel up come game time. Maybe we relied on Chelsea and Ashley to score us the goals but now we have a team ready to take the opportunity,” said Chestnutt.

Players still remain optimistic even with the slow start, especially fifth-year senior and team captain Nikki Rios. “As long as we’re all working together and gaining that chemistry, we’re going to be killing it this year.”

There is a long way to go this season but Rios’ plan is for everyone to be on the same page. “Now that there’s no pressure on one person, we’re all at the same level and we all push for that top spot. I came to win and I’m not leaving without another ring.”

CONFERENCE USA WOMEN’S SOCCER STANDINGS

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Top women to watch this season

LYRIK FRYER Defender FR
Looking like a young Weinhardt, she got the first assist of the season with a beautiful pass to Jacqueline Byers. But she’s not just on here for one pass. She’s got a knack for pushing the ball to the opponent’s side and some great speed.

ALYSSA ROBINSON Midfielder JR
Getting the game winning goal in overtime during FIU’s opening game against the University of Dayton was just a taste of what she can do. She has a knack for getting open and doesn’t let fear stop her from taking the shot. With improvement, she’ll bolster a scary offense.

SOPHIA TRUJILLO Goalkeeper JR
Her opening game was flawless. She made three diving saves in a matter of 15 seconds! She seems to have a force field in front of the net.

MADDLEN WEINHARDT Midfielder SR
She knows how to find people in open space and put them in a good position to score. With a couple more assists she can get a hold the school record.

NEVENA STOJAKOVIC Goalkeeper SO
Splitting time with Trujillo at goalkeeper, she doesn’t miss a beat. Definitely a fun position battle between these two to keep an eye on.
Men aim to avenge 2-6 conference record

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A shaky and weak offense coupled with a strong defense makes a winning record difficult. That’s precisely why the 2015-2016 men’s soccer season will be interesting to watch; on defense, continuity is abundant, and on offense, the entire picture has been shaken up.

Head Coach Scott Calabrese enters his second year with the task of bridging these two groups together and bringing his promising class of freshmen into the fold. Overall, the Panthers will look to create continuity on the pitch this season as they chase a bid in the conference tournament.

“I think the focus is that everyone has to chip in. We lose a single player who was the focal point of our attack and what we need is four or five other players to make up the seven goals through their improvement, whether they be players that have been here for the last two years or they’re incoming players, we need them to rise to the occasion and for them to make up that difference,” said Calabrese.

Meanwhile, the defense, one of the best in Conference USA, holds its place as the backbone of the team. Goalkeepers Robin Spiegel and Arthur Clapot both return with experience and serve as leaders on the team. Defender Marvin Hezel, recently named to C-USA’s all-conference preseason list, could be the anchor for the back line.

Junior Thibault Civalier and senior A.J. Sibio are also returning defenders. Joining them in the backfield is freshman defender Steffen Bohm, and sophomore Paul Marte.

Although Hazel is excited to be returning, he believes that the entire team must be on the same page in order to be competitive.

Junior defender Marvin Hezel fights for control of the ball during a game in the 2014 season against FAU. Hezel could be the anchor of the backline this 2015 season.

“To me, it’s not about the back line or the front line, it’s the whole system that has to function. For us as a back line, we don’t do anything if the guys up front don’t prepare to play well. If they don’t do anything, it’s hard for us to defend. In the end, we are the last people who can defend the goal, but we can make things easier for the guys up the field as well. It’s really about the whole system and how the guys on the field work together,” said Hazel.

While last year’s 2-6 conference record speaks for itself, the Panthers were all but mathematically eliminated from the tournament halfway through the season last year, and C-USA doesn’t look to be any easier this year either. The first two games of the season didn’t offer the Panthers an easy transition into the regular season. In an away game against No. 5 North Carolina University on Friday, Aug. 28 the Panthers suffered a 0-1 loss, which was followed up by a 2-3 loss at Wake Forest University on Sunday, Aug. 30.

“I think one of the things that was really clear in our first season was that we surrendered a lot of points against C-USA opponents in set pieces. C-USA is a physical league with a lot of exceptional athletes, so the game can’t be so idealistic. We have to be able to match the physicality of teams that we play against, but we also have to impose the way we play on the game,” said Calabrese.

“If we get to play our way, then the physicality and the set pieces won’t hurt us,” said Calabrese.

Top men to look out for in 2015

Luis Betancur Forward JR

Scoring machine Quentin Albrecht’s departure leaves Betancur with a heavy weight to carry. The junior appeared in 11 games last year and while he didn’t score, he wasn’t afraid to shoot (four shots on goal). He’ll need to help FIU stay competitive by converting some of those opportunities this season.

Daniel Gonzalez Midfielder SR

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Named to the preseason all-conference team, the Germany native returns as the team’s top defender and will serve as the anchor of the back line.
Nearly one in three women have an abortion in their lifetime. In an effort to “end the stigma and shame women are made to feel about abortion,” the 1 in 3 Campaign was created, giving a voice to these women.

“Our story: Abortion: Stories from the 1 in 3 Campaign,” a play written from the stories of women who have had abortions, is making its small stage debut in November, thanks to The National Organization for Women and Voices for Planned Parenthood at FIU.

FIU N.O.W., an affiliation of Students of FIU, is seeking committed students to audition for the “Out of Silence” play that is at times funny yet honest. Those interested are encouraged to email nowatfiu@gmail.com for information on video submissions or live auditions as the organization plans to have the full cast by mid-September.

“It’s time that we as women speak out about the things that involve and affect us socially and politically,” said Aradanas.

Snacking healthy while on the go

Not to mention, eating out every day adds up and can leave your wallet feeling a little lighter. The good news is that with a little preparation and the right ingredients, snack time can be healthy, tasty, and hassle-free.

Dried Fruit

As we all know, fruit doesn’t really travel well. It’s not like you can stick a fruit salad in your bag and eat it three hours later, especially not in the South Florida heat.

But that doesn’t mean you can’t enjoy your fruit on the go. You can buy dried fruit at a supermarket or you can make your own and stock up for the week. Tasteofhome.com has a great detailed recipe on how to make your own dried fruit. It’s delicious, healthy and non-perishable.

Nuts and Seeds

Nuts are full of protein and keep you full. Cashews, pecans, pistachios, peanuts, almonds, walnuts, macadamia nuts and soy nuts are all healthful options, as are peanut butter, almond butter, soy nut butter and cashew butter.

Seeds are also tasty and great for snacking. Pumpkin seeds, and sunflower seeds are just a few among the many types of seeds. Limit nuts and seeds to few ounces per serving to keep your calories in check.

Granola Bars

Granola bars are tasty and convenient, there is something for everyone and so many choices. But some granola bars, like many other prepackaged snacks are not as healthy as they seem.

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The idea is simple, though the execution becomes complex: it: a person, typically a comedian or comic writer, versed in a historical event, points to a pot of serious inebriation and then tells the story; an edited recording of that performance becomes the soundtrack _ both the narration and dialogue _ for a full-on, costumed, lip-synced performance. Three of these are packaged thematically into a two-hour to make an episode.

Derek Waters is the series’ creator and host - its alcoholic-spirit guide, if you will - and also a director and a member of its stock company, which is supplemented regularly by well-known names from comedy, acting, and beyond. The series is produced by the Citizens Brigade, with Francis, engineering center director and a member of the Central. 

Waters told me recently in his unpretentious office that he’s not sure where he stands in the potted way, real. Likewise, the point of the drinking is not so much that it adds mayhem _ it is tender to the drunks and it is supple to the show’s imagination.

That moment of inspiration eventually produced the first “Drunk History” short, made to show at the Upright Citizens Brigade, a venue to Johnson as Aaron Burr and Michael Cera as Alexander Hamilton. Mark Galgardi, who had been at Second City with Waters, provided the narration; Jeremy Konner, who still directs most episodes, ran the camera; Waters “held the laptop to hit the audio over and over again” while the actors perfected their timing. Konner will himself be a drunken narrator this season, for a segment on the Florida Aquarium, with Tenacious D partners Jack Black and Kyle Gass as William Mulholland, who built it, and Frederick Eaton, who had the idea.

During the short was posted online, and in due course, under the flag of Funny or Die, became a Web series, which became a TV series. And here we are, at the dawn of Season 3, which will be the longest season yet, with 13 episodes _ that means 39 stories to tell, and 39 nights on the titles.

At first glance and maybe a few subsequent glances as well, there is something about the whole enterprise that feels less than benign, as when a pledge is forced to drink to excess to join a fraternity, where he may drink then drink to excess of his own free will.

The aim of the show, Waters said, is neither to make a comedy show; it’s a whole day that high-priced, highly detailed Hollywood period blockbusters often fail to do. Waters is also the person the narrator narrates to, and, though he is usually a few drinks behind the speaker, he follows them dutifully into inebriation, one or two sheets to the wind, to their three.

“It sounds like a bad idea, says my doctor. But it allows them to be free and comfortable, like, ‘Hey, we’re doing this together.’ And especially when it’s someone who hasn’t done it before, if they’re struggling with the story, or they’re not drunk and they’re just telling a story and it’s boring, then I have to be like, ‘Let’s do a shot together.’ It’s a lot easier for that to go well than you should get more drunk.”

And because it’s beginning, middle and end to make the story again, and let’s tell the story again, and just keep going to get to the point where you’re not trying to be funny, you’re now trying to tell history in the condition that you’re in.

What about the morning after? “The next day is all apology emails,” Waters said. “Like, ‘I’m sorry, I got drunk for your show.’ That’s what you’re supposed to do. ‘I didn’t tell the story.’ ‘No, you did tell the story or we would still be filming, I promise.’ But there’s never been anyone telling me. ‘Never do that to me again.’ So I’m proud of that.”

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Bob Ross, the late host of the PBS show “The Joy of Painting,” died Wednesday, a day after he turned 80. The show was popular in the 1970s, offering a cheerful and soothing contrast to the dour feel of the times. Ross believed that everyone could turn the simplest of objects into a work of art, and his lessons often included personal anecdotes.

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SeaWorld: Always two sides to a story

At first, I believed I was right to have doubted them. 35 years ago, SeaWorld captured whales in the wild. What I learned however is that at the same time, 35 years ago is the last time SeaWorld has committed such a terrible act. My opinion about this has many different angles. For centuries, people of different races have hated each other, committing acts much worse than SeaWorld. In one-way or another though, we have learned to forgive each other for those acts. Why is it then, that we cannot forgive SeaWorld for the acts they have committed? I believe that if a person, or in this case a company, changes it’s ways and transforms their image into respectable and kind, they should be forgiven.

In terms of “Blackfish,” there were many misleading ideas, and the majority of the “staff” that were interviewed on the film, had not even worked there in almost twenty years. Most people also don’t know that SeaWorld has a 24/7 on call animal rescue team, with many rehabilitation buildings and pools. I was able to personally see this area of SeaWorld, and it is truly amazing the care they provide for animals that are then sent back into the wild. Here is where I think captivity is an okay idea. If an animal is injured or orphaned and SeaWorld is able to restore their health enough to be set free, then that is what should and does happen. However, if the animal is unable to survive in the wild, then I believe that it is in the animal’s best interest to be cared for by humans. This situation alone is the only time I feel it is okay to keep animals in captivity.

That being said, I feel that the creators of SeaWorld should have taken a different approach. I think that the rehabilitation center should have been made first, to bring back animals to care for them, instead of capturing healthy animals to create a park for profit, and then build in the rescue center. The past is in the past, and I feel that we need to make the best of what has happened, and use the park as a place to teach adults and children how to love and respect animals. Love of animals is an amazing thing. Seeing a beluga whale or bottlenose dolphin up close and in person makes the love and passion a child has for that animal even stronger.

The motivation they gain to respect and learn to love and care for that animals also becomes even stronger, which is exactly what these animals need in the wild in order to survive.

One of the most inspiring activities I did while working at SeaWorld, was teaching young children about using reusable bags. They went home understanding how plastic bags can end up in the ocean, and how this can harm or even cause death to an animal. At the end of the day, I feel this is all you can ask for. A system where you take something terrible, and turn it into not only a place where animals can heal and be set free again, but a place where younger generations can go to explore the world beneath the sea, and leave wanting to protect it.

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