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'Family Guy' references, teases UF in Sunday's episode The clip has gone viral on Facebook

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Alligator Writer

"Family Guy" made jokes at the Gators' expense, and not everyone is laughing.

In Sunday's episode, "Space Cadet," UF is mistaken for a "Down syndrome camp."

In its 11th season, the notoriously raunchy television show

"Family Guy" has been criticized for pushing boundaries.

Robert Porter, a 20-year-old political science junior, said he wasn't a fan of the show.

"I'm not one to make fun of the mentally handicapped, but I guess some people get a kick out of it," he said.

Although the nine-second clip

has started to go viral, Porter said he wasn't upset.

"Everyone knows this is the best school in the state," he said. "I think maybe they got us confused with Florida State."

TV and American Society professor Jessica Mahone saw the clip posted on Facebook.

She has seen almost every epi-

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political science junior

sode, and although profanity and offensiveness are gimmicks of the show, Mahone said, "Family Guy" has become more aggressive with how they perceive different types of people.

This is not the first time Down

syndrome has been used as a punchline.

"That's a group of people who already experience in their day-to-day lives more difficulty," she said.

As the older sister of a sibling who is intellectually disabled, Mahone said she thought the clip was offensive.

"It would be nice if producers, show creators and writers were more mindful of what they are say-

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Kelly Logan / Alligator Staff

Barking Around Downtown

Thurston Smith, 19, left, and Darwin Lord, 22, sit and play music downtown off Southeast First Avenue on Monday. The pair travel around the country with their Australian shepherd, Judah, to raise money to fund their travels.

LOCAL

RTS starts Spring semester service, updates campus schedules

CHRIS ALCANTARA

Alligator Staff Writer

Gainesville's Regional Transit System adopted its Spring 2013 bus service schedule for all routes running through campus and the city.

The schedule will continue normal hours until May 5, according to the RTS website.

With the new semester come several

updates to times on weekday campus bus routes.

The 121 Commuter Lot route will run every 15 minutes from 7 a.m. to 5:04 p.m. and then every 30 minutes from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The 122 UF North/South Circulator route will run every 45 minutes from 7:20 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The 125 Lakeside route will run every 10

minutes from 7 a.m. to 5:40 a.m.

The 126 UF/East/West Circulator will run every 22 to 23 minutes from 5:40 p.m. to 11 p.m. and then every 45 minutes until 2 a.m.

The 127 East Circulator route from Sorority Row will run every 12 minutes from 7:05 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. and then every 24 minutes from 5:35 p.m. to 7:40 p.m.

Routes 117, 118, 119 and 120 did not re-

ceive service changes.

RTS bus service will not run Jan. 21 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

RTS has nine routes that circulate around campus.

For more information about campus and city schedules, riders can visit the RTS website at www.go-rts.com.

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Gainesville cafes, coffee shops inspire scenes in UF student's book

Part of the proceeds will be donated, pg. 9.



News Today

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Free English classes at library

Anyone in the community who would like to practice their conversational and survival English skills is invited to come on Tuesdays from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. from today through April 16. Classes will be held at the Alachua County Public Library Millhopper Branch, 3145 NW 43rd St. Contact info@latinawomensleague.org or 352-262-6601 with any questions.

Floridance's Spring Auditions

Auditions will be at 7 p.m. today in the Stephen C. O'Connell Center dance studio, located near Gate 2. Check in is at 6:45 p.m. Styles will include ballet and contemporary.

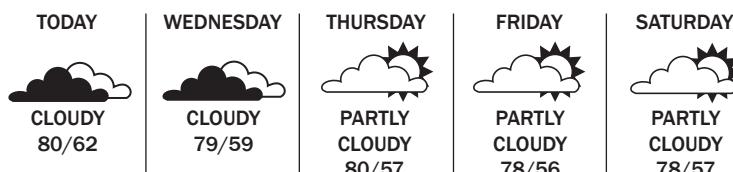
Improv Company Auditions

Auditions for a new improv group, "Much Ado about The Doris," aka "MAD about The Doris," will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday at The Doris, 716 N. Main Street. Some improv experience would be good for those auditioning, but all are welcome. The audition will consist of improv exercises and games. The company will perform around the community. For more information, call Sidney Homan at 352-378-9166, or email shakes@ufl.edu.

OAS Peer Mentor applications available

The Office of Academic Support (OAS) offers academic and personal enrichment services to UF students. It primarily serves first-generation students and students considered economically, educationally or culturally disadvantaged. OAS Peer Mentors play a key role in the goal to provide an encouraging and welcoming environment for incoming students. Peer Mentors will help incoming first generation students transition from high school to college. Applications are due Jan. 25 by 5 p.m. in Little Hall, Room 311. Visit the website to access the application and browse a detailed description of duties: www.oas.aa.ufl.edu/student-positions.aspx.

FORECAST



Latina Women's League to offer citizenship classes

The league will hold free citizenship classes from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays from Feb. 7 to March 28 at the Alachua County Public Library Millhopper Branch, 3145 NW 43rd St. This is not an English class. For more info, email info@latinawomensleague.org, or call 352-378-9787.

Oregon beer lover makes brew for dogs

BEND, Ore. — An Oregon man who loves beer and loves his dog has concocted some hooch for the pooch. Daniel Keeton works at Bend's Boneyard Brewery tasting room and calls his canine creation Dawg Grog. KTVZ reports there's no alcohol in the doggie brew. Ingredients include vegetable broth and spent grain. Bottles of Dawg Grog are on sale at the Visit Bend store, along with other local beers. Keeton says his dog, Lola Jane, usually licks her bowl clean.

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Ahoy! Israeli pirates lead surge of quirky parties

JERUSALEM — Shiver me timbers! Israel's newest political party has more than a platform — it's got a plank. The Israel Pirate Party is one of 34 lists competing in the country's Jan. 22 parliamentary election. While only a dozen or so have a realistic chance of getting elected, many Israelis fed up with existential issues like the conflict with the Palestinians and possible war with Iran are seeking sanctuary with some of the quirkiest parties. In addition to the usual battles between parties representing doves and hawks on the one

hand and secular and Orthodox Jews on the other, each election season typically offers an array of obscure and offbeat lists.

Previous offerings have included a faction calling for the establishment of a national casino and a group led by a fishmonger and puppeteer that tried to abolish bank fees. Green Leaf has made several runs for parliament looking to legalize marijuana, and in the 2009 election an offshoot of that party aligned with elderly Holocaust survivors in one of the oddest mergers in Israel's mottled political history. This time around, a castaway from the marijuana-Holocaust party has drifted even further off shore, offering a "pirate" platform that promotes a variety of personal freedoms, including the right to plagiarize and sail the high seas.

The main chance for niche parties to make a splash is just before the election, during a two-week TV ads campaign. Since all registered parties receive government advertising subsidies, even the most marginal movements can get air time.

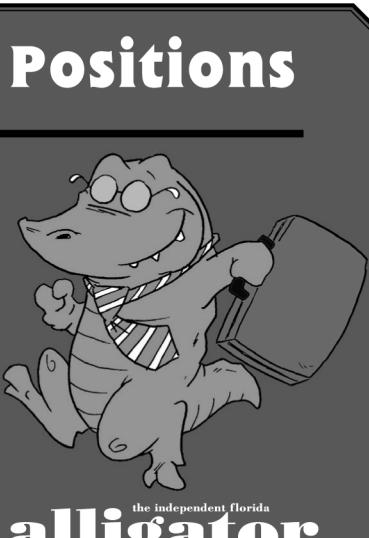
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Police arrest suspect after stealing friend's truck, fleeing scene

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CHRIS ALCANTARA

Alligator Staff Writer

A Gainesville man who allegedly stole a car and threatened his friend was arrested Sunday afternoon.

The Alachua County Sheriff's Office charged Blake Summerlin, 28, of 4323 NW 21st Place, with grand theft auto, a third-degree felony, according to an ASO arrest report.

At about 2:40 p.m. Sunday, deputies responded to a report about a stolen car at the Scottish Inn Hotel, located in the 4000 block of Southwest 13th Street.

When deputies arrived at the scene, the victim told police that Summerlin had driven his 2005 Chevrolet Trailblazer the night before when they were out at a bar.

The next day, Summerlin picked up the victim and drove back to the hotel.

When they arrived, the two men started arguing.

The victim told Summerlin to give him the keys, but Summerlin refused, saying "I'm taking your truck and when I get back I'm going

to kill you," according to the report.

Summerlin then took the car and fled the scene.

After interviewing the victim, deputies later contacted OnStar and found the car in the Arredondo Farms mobile home park, located in the 7000 block of



Summerlin

Southwest Archer Road.

At the park, police confronted Summerlin and arrested him.

During questioning, Summerlin told deputies he stole the car so he could go to a woman's house.

Summerlin later changed his story, saying he borrowed the car with the victim's permission.

He said he wasn't aware the car was reported stolen, according to the report.

This is not Summerlin's first run-in with police.

In 2007, he was arrested on robbery charges, according to court records from the Alachua County Clerk of Court.

Police booked Summerlin into the Alachua County Jail. By Monday night, he was released.

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IN MEMORIAM

University Police officer died in Orlando car accident on Friday

KATHRYN VARN

Alligator Writer

A University Police officer who served with the department for about four years died in a traffic accident Friday in Orlando.

Officer Jean-Guy Deffense, 43, was driving west on an entrance ramp from State Road 408 onto Florida's Turnpike, according to a Florida Highway Patrol accident report.

Deffense lost control of his 2008 Dodge Ram 1500 as he drove around a curve.

The truck veered into a grass shoulder, rolled over, struck a metal pole and came to a stop on its roof, according to the report.

"Officer Deffense was a consummate law enforcement professional. An excellent example for all to emulate."

Maj. Brad Barber
UPD spokesman

Emergency officials who responded to the accident pronounced Deffense, who was wearing his seatbelt, dead at the scene.

His wife, Marcia Wolf, 45, was also in the car and did not suffer any injuries.

She was also wearing her seatbelt, according to the report.

Deffense was an active member of the UPD honor guard and a sniper rifleman in the department's Critical Incident Response Team.

UPD spokesman Maj. Brad Barber said Deffense worked as a road patrol officer.

He was off duty at the time of the accident.

A memorial service for

Deffense will be held at the Canterbury Showplace Center, located at 23100 W. Newberry Road, at noon Wednesday, according to the UPD Facebook page.

Barber described Deffense as a role model for other officers in the department.

"Officer Deffense was a

consummate law enforcement professional," he said. "An excellent example for all to emulate."

The Deffense family is asking the public for all donations to be made to the Alachua County Humane Society.

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University Police Officer Jean-Guy Deffense served with the department since August 2008. Deffense, 43, died Friday in a car crash in Orlando near an entrance ramp onto Florida's Turnpike.

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Gainesville Police still searching for motorcycle theft suspect

► GPD CONTINUES TO FOLLOW LEADS.

CHRIS ALCANTARA

Alligator Staff Writer

Gainesville Police is looking for a man wanted in connection to a string of November motorcycle thefts in southwest Gainesville.

Larry Eugene Stone, 41, of Gainesville, remains at large for allegedly stealing motorcycles along Southwest 20th Avenue, said GPD spokesman Ben Tobias on Monday.

Stone was last spotted in the Haile Plantation area and is described as a 5-foot-6-inch white male weighing 235 pounds, police said. Tobias said Stone has multiple warrants for his arrest and may possibly be armed.

In November, GPD received reports about an increase in motorcycles thefts, according to a GPD news release.

On Nov. 16, detectives located and arrested Daniel Roane, 21, as one of the suspects connected to the alleged thefts following an unrelated disturbance call.

"We're still very much looking for him."

Ben Tobias
GPD spokesman

During an interview with detectives, Roane admitted to stealing eight motorcycles with Stone, who he said planned the thefts and made arrangements to sell parts in exchange for methamphetamine.

Police learned that Stone and Roane would steal Suzuki GSX-R and Honda CBR mo-

torcycles in student apartment complexes.

Roane told detectives he looked for bikes that were not chained. If they did not have a lock, he could hot-wire the motorcycle and drive them away, according to the release.

Police charged Roane with eight counts of grand theft auto, eight counts of dealing in stolen property and eight counts of conspiracy to commit grand theft auto.

Tobias said the department will continue to follow leads.

"We're still very much looking for him," he said.

If you have any information, please contact GPD Detective Juan DeCastro at 352-393-7665 or text "GPDFL" plus your tip to 274637.

Contact Chris Alcantara at alcantara@alligator.org.



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The Wheels on the Bus

Students get on to the bus outside the Hub on Monday afternoon. With the new year, several updates will affect the run times of weekday campus bus routes.

The joke played on the stereotypes of mental illness and Floridians

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ing and recognize they are talking about people," she said.

Kristen Oliff, a 18-year-old marine science freshman, said she was shocked when she saw the clip.

"I feel like we were unrightfully targeted," she said. "I don't know what we did."

The joke played on the stereotypes of mental illness and being a Floridian, Mahone said.

She said she thinks the general association of Floridians being dumb stems from

the 2000 election vote-count fiasco and the similar situation last November.

Students should not worry about the episode tainting the university's reputation, Mahone said.

"I definitely don't think 'Family Guy' was accurate in its labeling of UF students," she said. "UF is quite difficult to get into. I couldn't have gotten in here when I was applying to undergrad, so I don't think being fodder for a 'Family Guy' joke really should be cause for concern as far as our reputation."

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DMV to close in merge with tax collector's offices

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Alligator Contributing Writer

front-counter customer service representatives handling transactions between the three offices."

The tax collector offices currently conduct about 150,000 transactions each year. Power said he expects to see a 30 percent increase in transactions once tax collector's offices become responsible for licenses.

Before the merge, residents had to go to two different agencies to conduct vehicle-related business.

"When we take it over, we'll have 35 front-counter customer service representatives handling transactions between the three offices."

John Power

Alachua County Chief Deputy

Now, residents can go to any of the three tax collector's offices to renew their car tag and renew their driver's licenses.

"We believe bringing the driver's licenses on will make us more of a one-stop shop," Power said.

Melissa Lopez, a 23-year-old zoology senior, said shutting down the DMV office is a good idea.

"I think it's more convenient for everybody," she said.

However, Leah Harding, a 20-year-old Arabic and telecommunication major, said the problem of long lines may transfer over to the tax collector's office once the switch happens.

"I know DMVs are notoriously bad for long lines, so I can see that being a problem," she said.

AAU statement criticizes media

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an open letter demanding Congress pass stricter gun control laws.

UF has not signed the list, which is made up of mostly private colleges.

Criminology and sociology professor Ronald Akers said he thought the association's requests were reasonable and supported the call.

"The passage and outcome of any policy changes will be more symbolic than actually effective in dealing with or preventing events such as at Sandy Hook elementary," Akers wrote in an email.

Stating that mental illness has played a role in mass violence in America, the association has requested more thorough examinations of the treatment of the mentally ill in the search for ways to extinguish mass violence.

The Association of American Universities has also called for a ban of assault rifles and high-capacity magazines.

Yet, Akers said higher levels of gun violence are often found in stronger gun control jurisdictions.

"Whatever failures of gun control that can be identified in such instances predict too much," Akers wrote. "The same failures are found all over the place without the same outcomes."

Linda Nhon's approval of tighter gun control by the federal government was

heightened after she left a Largo, Fla., music venue, and two gunshots were fired when a fight broke out.

"There were kids there," said the 21-year-old microbiology junior. "It makes me feel unsafe to go to public places, especially around my own peers."

Sydney Madrigal, a 19-year-old psychology freshman, is also in support of more regulations when it comes to buying a weapon.

While the association is focused on gun control and mental illness, the statement also points blame to the media, which they said is fueling crime with their "addiction to violence."

"The exposure to media portrayals of violence in American society is very widespread, so there should be very large, even massive numbers of such incidents," Akers said. "Yet there are relatively few, so few that when they occur they attract enormous attention."

Akers said the policy changes that stem from traumatic events can reach a level of moral panic that produces strong public fear.

"Once the policy changes are made we tend to think we have fixed the problem, but the evidence and the probability that any of the recommended actions will have real, meaningful and consequential outcomes is pretty low," he said.

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LOCAL

Local task force urges county commission to consider wage theft law at meeting today

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Alligator Staff Writer

A group of Gainesville residents will give a presentation to the Alachua County Commission at 5 p.m. today pushing for a law to reduce wage theft crimes across the county.

Wage theft is a crime that affects employers and workers nationwide and across Florida, said Diana Moreno, spokeswoman for the Alachua County Wage Theft Task Force.

Moreno, 25, said wage theft happens when workers are not paid what they're owed by their employers, such as not being paid for overtime work.

"After a month, it could add up to hours that you're working for free," she said.

A 2011 study by the Research Institute on Social and Economic Policy Center for Labor Research and Studies from Florida International University found 3,036 wage violations reported to the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division in Florida.

More than \$28 million of unpaid wages have been recovered by the U.S. Department of Labor, according to the study.

Wage theft can also occur when workers do not receive their final paycheck after quitting or getting fired from a job.

This means having to go through a difficult le-

gal process, she said.

"There are a lot of occasions where people just give up and don't get paid at all," Moreno said.

The presentation will discuss wage theft from a small business perspective.

"They understand they would rather compete in an even playing field with their competitors."

Diana Moreno
spokeswoman for the Alachua County Wage Theft Task Force

Several local businesses, including Satchel's Pizza, The Lunch Box and Big Lou's Pizza, have endorsed the task force's ordinance.

"They understand they would rather compete in an even playing field with their competitors," Moreno said.

Moreno said if the ordinance passes through the county commission, it will help prevent future wage theft incidents from happening between workers and employers.

"We want to use this ordinance not only to recover wages from workers, but to identify small businesses who may be struggling to update their payroll system and offer them services through the county that can help them succeed," she said.

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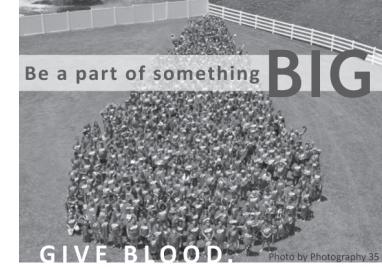
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Ob-eats-ity: Be more aware of your health

Know yourself, know your body.

It's the only one you have, so please at least try to treat it with respect and awareness. On the other hand, it's your body, so you're going to do whatever you want with it no matter what anybody tells you.

Just know the risks.

A recent survey found that "many Americans know about heart disease and diabetes as major health risks from obesity, but few realize other conditions including cancer, arthritis, sleep apnea and infertility are tied to having excess weight," according to a CBS News article.

It's like no one knows what can happen due to obesity. The effects are more than just heart disease and diabetes.

"Heart disease is the nation's leading killer, and diabetes and obesity are twin epidemics, as rates of both have climbed in recent years," according to the article.

Because obesity is a growing epidemic in this country, it's time to realize what it can do to us.

By the way, shout out to the Supreme "Pizza" Court for probably helping the childhood obesity problem get worse. Way to go, guys, for making something that is barely nutritious become a vegetable on a technicality.

If your government wants to tax unhealthy foods or reduce the size of soft drinks sold, you should probably let them.

In the survey's responses, people barely mentioned cancer, infertility, joint pain, high blood pressure, high cholesterol and strokes as other possible effects from obesity. Not to mention some respiratory problems could also stem from it.

We think it's important to take care of yourself. When we're here at college, potentially hours from where we call home, it can be really easy to let some things go.

Are you more likely to eat fast food here than you are back home? Maybe it's difficult to get to a grocery store or to buy the right food. Do you consider yourself to be a stress-eater, or someone who eats more when they're under more stress here at school? That's an added worry that may not exist back home, either.

We're on our own.

Luckily, and somehow, we're not on our own all alone. All of us are here to survive by our own tenacity. Attack this new year and new semester by arming yourself with knowledge.

Most of the classes you're taking are to get you through graduation, but you also need to take this time to learn things that are important for life beyond campus.

"Knowing more about the myriad ways obesity affects health could help motivate people to get more active and eat better before full-blown disease strikes," said Jennifer Dimitriou, a dietitian at New York's Montefiore Medical Center, in the article.

We have to be responsible adults now, whether we like it or not. So, suck it up, folks. You're in charge now. You're calling all the shots in your life. Have all the fun you care to have.

Just remember that the buck, and the risk, stops with you.

Congratulations! Don't be like the rest of America because our country is full of dumb-dumbs. Be better, be smarter.

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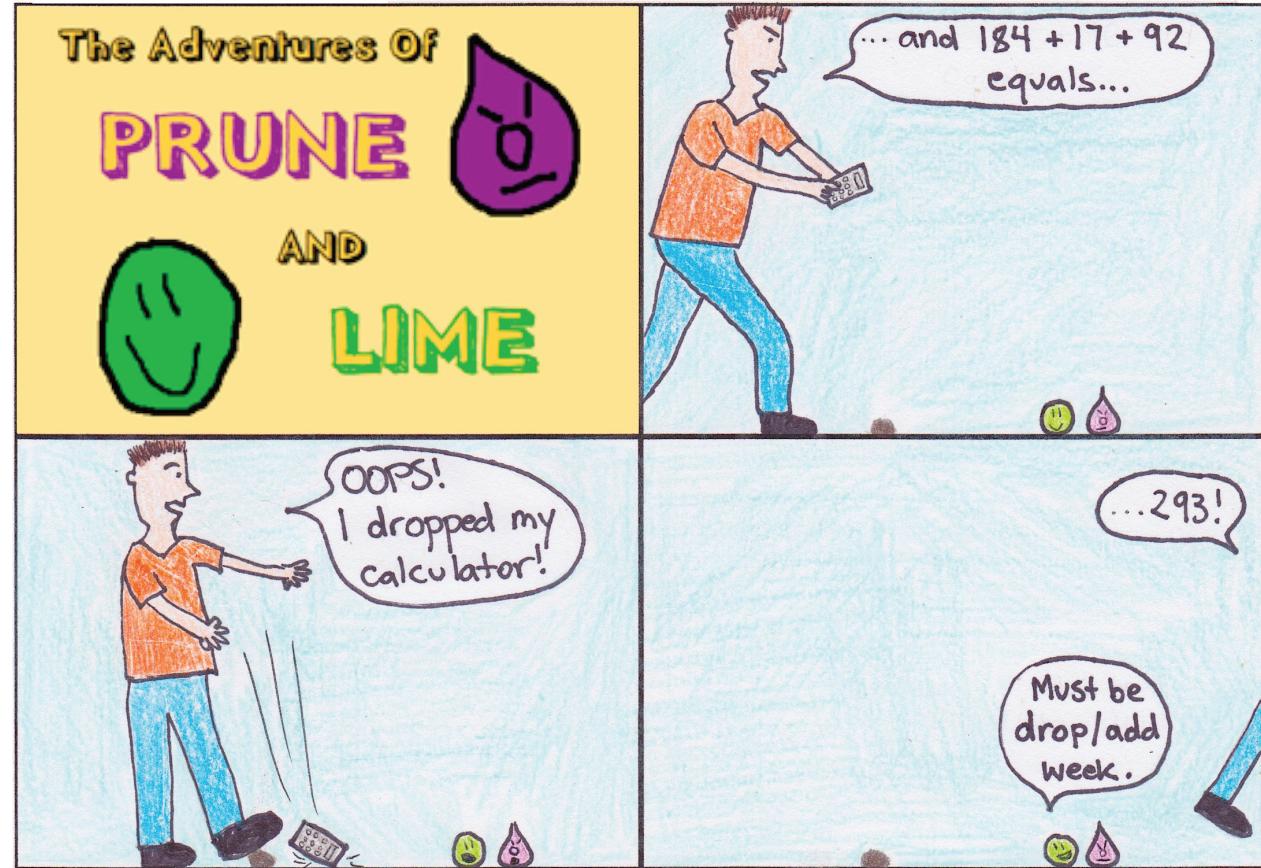
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Column

New Delhi rape is America's wake-up

Across India, people are holding protests in outrage over the brutal gang rape and murder of a 23-year-old woman that occurred in New Delhi last month.

Every detail that emerged on the story is more horrifying than the last — how the five men attacked the woman and her friend with a metal rod and knocked the friend unconscious, then proceeded to beat the woman with the rod while the men took turns raping her. The men even used the rusted L-shaped metal rod to sexually assault the woman, using it with such force that it ripped out intestines, before they dumped the naked woman and man out of the back of the moving bus.

My first reaction to this horrible event was to fall to that age-old assurance that something so terrible wouldn't happen in America. It had to have taken place in another country. That was the only logical reason why passersby stared and pointed from their cars and bikes and then sped off without calling police when both victims lay under the overpass naked, bleeding and pleading for help. That had to be the reason why it took both victims almost two hours to reach a hospital.

But to be honest, nothing prevents an incident like that from occurring in the U.S. Terrible people will still cause terrible events, regardless of their location. But, what us Americans can take away from this event is that a country's attitude toward rape tends to be shown in how that country creates laws to protect its victims. In India, rape is still considered so shameful that many women do not come forward to report it. Protesters in India right now are angry that police and politicians often downplay the seriousness of the situation instead of investigating cases and creating new laws.

But that's just India, right? Surely our government is more progressive, and we don't need to worry about something that tragic.

In the same weeks that the brutal rape of the woman from New Delhi was covered, the U.S. Congress killed the renewal for a bill called the Violence Against Women Act.

The bill supported organizations that served domes-



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tic abuse victims and had been passed into law in 1994 and reauthorized again in 2000 and 2005, but this time there was a hitch. People wanted to include three new groups of women in the bill: LGBT individuals, Native Americans living on reservations and illegal immigrants.

If there was a sound in the House of Representatives when this crazy new idea was announced, it was the collective sound of Republicans' teeth grinding as they thought of gay and illegal immigrant women getting anything out of the government.

OK, that got a little dark, but in all seriousness, the House Republican leaders made it a point to not put the bill up for a vote, so it was not reinstated into law. Talk about a move purely for ideologies' sake that wasn't made in the best interests of the women at all.

Sometimes Americans tend to believe if something isn't talked about, it isn't a problem.

A consequence of life, perhaps, but not a problem.

Legislation may get passed when times get tough, but a few years down the road, a new group of politicians and Americans will challenge its value by saying that it's no longer needed.

My point is American citizens should stay vigilant on how our government handles protection for women because, if all of the laws fall away, it will make a very real difference in everyone's day-to-day life.

We have a responsibility to get angry and let our voices be heard when our government fails to do enough; just like protesters in India have been doing. In that regard, our situations are truly the same.

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UWire

More than a tragedy – the community around Sandy Hook Elementary School

Meagan Kelly

UWire

I don't know much about Columbine, Col., or Aurora, Col., or Oak Creek, Wisc., or Tuscon, Ariz., or even the Virginia Tech community. All I know about these places are the images and the numbers: the 12 students in that high school, the 12 people in the movie theater, the six members of the Sikh temple in their place of worship, the six constituents and their miraculously recovered congresswoman in a Safeway parking lot and the 32 college students on their beloved campus. I saw the images of horror, of panic, from mothers, fathers, friends and loved ones. I saw the pictures of the vigils and the intensified police and media responses. I heard the extended news stories from CNN and Fox. And when I hear the names of these communities, that is what I see. I see these tragedies and I think of the victims.

But I know Newtown, Conn. It's my home. It's where I grew up and attended elementary and middle school. And I know that it's more than this tragedy. It's more than the images you're going to see on TV and on the front page of The Washington Post or The New York Times. Newtown is more than the aerial views of Sandy Hook Elementary School you'll continue to see. It's more than the SWAT teams that lined our streets on Friday. It's more than what Brian Williams will tell you on NBC Nightly News. Newtown is more than the ultra-politicized and sensationalized news stories you'll continue to hear.

Newtown is a place where Father Bob would surprise every class in my grade school with a trip across the street to The Ice Cream Shop. It's a place where Eunice from Bagel Man would tell you not to worry about that last 50 cents or dollar you were missing on your order of bagels. It's a place where the Paproski family would spend months designing and creating a gigantic corn maze at their family's farm so that, every fall, children could come and get lost for hours with their friends. Newtown is a place where, every Halloween, the historic homes on Main Street decorate their porches with cob webs and scarecrows for the trick-or-treaters. Newtown is a place where, every summer, St. Rose of Lima Parish pulls together an entire community effort to host the Summer Carnival in the parking lot and field. And Newtown is a place where our parents, teachers, priests, ministers and rabbis love our children so passionately that there would be no keeping them from the sidelines of our soccer or lacrosse games or from being our volunteer coaches or field trip leaders.

If I could meet anyone from Columbine, Aurora, Oak Creek, Tuscon or Virginia Tech, I'd ask them about their communities. I'd want to hear stories like this. I'd want to know what they love most about home. Because we are

more than this.

It saddens me so deeply to know that my family, my best friends from grade school and my whole community are not the only ones who know this grief. Within the past 10 years, we've watched as this epidemic of violence has spread through our country. We've watched as young kids of my own generation have become subjected to a culture where plastic guns are acceptable toys and you only win video games if you've killed enough of "the enemy." And we've watched as mental and social disorders have left people so isolated they are essentially alone.

The problem is deep. It's cultural, it's social and it will take generations to fix. But the change needs to start right now. And while beginning this change will make our schools, malls, temples and movie theaters safer places for my generation's, or the next generation's, children to be, it will not save the town that this may happen in tomorrow, or next week, or next month.

We need to take action right now.

Our "right to bear arms" was something given to us by a generation who fought revolutions in their backyards. We don't have that war anymore. We have a different kind of war now, a war where arming ourselves will only spread the fear and the violence.

It hurts me to know that these pleas and demands for change get slowed down by lobbyists, politics and legislation because this isn't about what party is dominant in the House or Senate: This is about our lives and our children's lives.

To me, there is an easy solution in front of us. We take away the violence and we take away the guns. But Washington won't hear these pleas until we can all put our politics — or who we voted for in November — aside and realize that, every day, we are losing children, mothers and fathers.

We are losing our communities.

When you hear "Newtown, Connecticut," please do think of those 20 children and seven adults who lost their lives on Dec. 14.

Please do remember the images you saw on the news and the pictures of grief that spread across the country. Don't forget about what happened.

But please, also remember that Newtown is a home that will not stop growing.

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UWire

New Year's resolutions need to be realistic

At the dawn of each new year, most of us select one goal to achieve in the next 365 days. New Year's resolutions are a tradition we have a hard time dismissing.

As hard as it may be to conjure up ideas for resolutions, by far the most difficult part is sticking to them.

The problem with New Year's Eve promises is that they are often entirely unachievable.

Let's say you have a typical college student dependency on caffeine and you vow, as the ball drops in New York City, to stop drinking coffee forever — cold turkey.

You're going to reach a critical point. There will be a moment when you cross central campus on your way to class after pulling an all-nighter, and you start eyeballing the Caribou Coffee.

You'll probably be able to smell the rich cafe scent, and, pretty soon, all you can think about is getting that glorious caffeine in your body.

The "cold turkey" method of quitting or changing anything works for very few people. Instead, if you truly want your resolutions to last through the year (or several years), you must make your objectives quantifiable. If you, like the person in the earlier scenario, are

too dependent on coffee, limit yourself to a specific allotment of caffeinated drinks per week or even day.

Likewise, if your resolution is to drop a few pounds, you probably won't get anywhere by swearing to eat only salad for months and run five miles a day. Instead, maybe try counting calories and lessening how many you intake by a measurable amount each day.

As well as being measurable, your goals for your New Year's resolution need to be amendable. The best way to do it is to start with a small but extremely achievable objective. If you can manage to pull that off for a month or two, make your goals more strict and exact.

If you are cutting calories, perhaps take 200 off your daily diet for a month. During the next month, cut back another 200. If you feel that your fun weekend life is seeping into your education and damaging your schoolwork, have one drink less or stay at home studying one night more. It may seem like these adjustments are too small, but they are manageable and will, over time, make a difference.

Similarly, if the goals that you have set for yourself are way out of reach, change them instead of giving them up entirely.

But think for a moment about how you want 2013 to turn out and what you can do to make it happen. It could be just another normal year, but it could also be much more than that.

Whether you are trying to be more daring, or happier, or learn a new language, you have the ability to make 2013 very exciting.

Change isn't easy for anyone, but with a new year comes endless potential for a new, or at least slightly different, life.

But maybe you really don't think there is a resolution you can stick to.

Or maybe you really don't need to change.

In any case, I've found that the easiest way to not break any resolutions is to not make them at all.

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CAMPUS

Dance Marathon helps former patient live out his hip-hop dream

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Alligator Writer

Nine years ago, Calvin Lee lay in a hospital bed awaiting a kidney transplant from his mother. But last summer, the 20-year-old found himself living his dream — rapping about his hometown in a recording studio.

Lee was born with acute renal failure, a disease that affected his kidneys. Although he received a

donor transplant at birth, Lee was admitted into Shands Hospital for Children at UF at age 11 in need of another transplant.

He is one of 12 former Shands patients involved in the Milestone Campaign, a program by Dance Marathon at UF. The campaign, which began in summer 2012, aims to give these children the opportunity to live out their dream.

"It's so nice to see the kids so happy," said Dance Marathon

Family Relations Overall Chair Sam Burd.

After his transplant, Lee began to pursue his dream of being a rapper.

Burd reached out to Gainesville's Skylab Recording Studios owner, Gerry King, to land a recording session for Lee.

"[King] really wanted to make it the best day of Calvin's life," said the 22-year old occupational therapy grad student.

King met with Lee in July to discuss the song and began recording "Swamp Life" about his favorite team, the Gators, and his hometown, Gainesville, in August.

King gave Lee a free seven-hour recording session, which would have cost about \$1,000.

"This was something we did out of our hearts and for Calvin," King said.

Now, Lee is taking a break from

Santa Fe College and is thinking about enrolling in barber school. He also plans to perform at Dance Marathon this year.

Lee said he was thankful to Dance Marathon for helping him live out his dream of being a rapper.

"It put a smile on my face," Lee said. "It just motivated me more."

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Card, board games coming soon to Reitz Union game room

► STUDENT GOVERNMENT WILL FUND THE PROJECT.

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Alligator Writer

The Student Senate unanimously passed funding for tabletop gaming last month.

Student Government will provide Delta Nu Delta, a gaming organization, with \$1,133. The measure approved funds for

advertising, including banner and Facebook ads, fliers and cards and games.

Delta Nu Delta President David Wasserman and treasurer Josh Cruz presented their plan at the meeting.

"The game room has been in need for revitalization for a while, in my opinion," said Wasserman, a 22-year-old sustainability senior.

He said the games would have a shelf life of two years, and parts of the games, instead of the whole games, could be re-

"You try them out. Some you like and some you don't. It should be fun for everyone."

Josh Cruz*Delta Nu Delta treasurer*

placed. The games will be stored in the Reitz Union game room.

The organization is starting with 10 tabletop games, including Munchkin and Ticket to Ride, and plans to build up its collection.

They also plan to order classic games like Monopoly and Risk.

Cruz, a 19-year-old finance sophomore, said they plan to order the games within the next two months.

"Personally, I'm excited because we have games that all students can play," Cruz said. "You try them out. Some you like and some you don't. It should be fun for everyone."

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STUDY

Inflation increasing textbook prices, new study shows

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Chemistry freshman Josue Romero piled his books and supplies high in his arms while waiting for the register at the UF Bookstore.

He said his theater appreciation books, biology bundle and paper supplies will cost him about \$250.

The 18-year-old said he noticed the steep price of textbooks last semester when he spent \$300 on books alone.

UF Bookstore director Lynne Vaughan, who has been working at the bookstore for about 12 years, said although the price of textbooks has gone up, everything else has also due to inflation.

A recent report found that textbook prices have increased 812 percent since 1978, which is faster than the rate of the consumer price index, which has increased 250 percent, according to the American Enterprise Institute.

Vaughan said publishers set the price of their books to make a profit and release new editions with better photography and paper.

According to the U.S. Public Interest Group, editions are released on average every four years.

"That quality doesn't come free," she said.

Vaughan said the university tries to keep costs down for students by offering more options, such as used books, textbook rentals and textbook deferment.

Vaughan said the most expensive books are the bundles with CDs and online components since students cannot resell them as they can only be used once. She said the best deal is to rent or buy used books.

She estimated that students spend \$400 to \$500 on average for books per semester.

Romero said he tries to keep books affordable by paying for them with textbook deferment and reselling them after the semester is over to make a profit.

"UF has a little black market when it comes to textbook exchange," he said.

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UF senior recounts White House internship

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After her first day of her Fall internship, UF senior Shelley Greenspan got to experience what most people only see on TV.

The 22-year-old political science and public relations student got a tour of the West Wing.

"While to many working there it becomes norm to casually stroll through the historic halls, I was taken aback," she wrote in an email. "Embarrassingly, I started to cry, because I was so overwhelmed at the moment."

Greenspan was one of about 100 people who interned at the White House during Fall 2012. As an intern, she was in the Department of Presidential Personnel on the National Security team. She conducted records checks and legal research for presidential and political appointees at the departments of State, Defense, Homeland Security and Veteran's Affairs, among others.

As part of the internship, Greenspan got to listen to Vice President Joe Biden. She said she was blown away by his "humility and candor."

"I remember he said 'I know what it's like to look someone in the eye who isn't able to provide for their family ... and that's why we're in this,'" she wrote. "And yes, he's as funny and charismatic in person as he seems on TV."

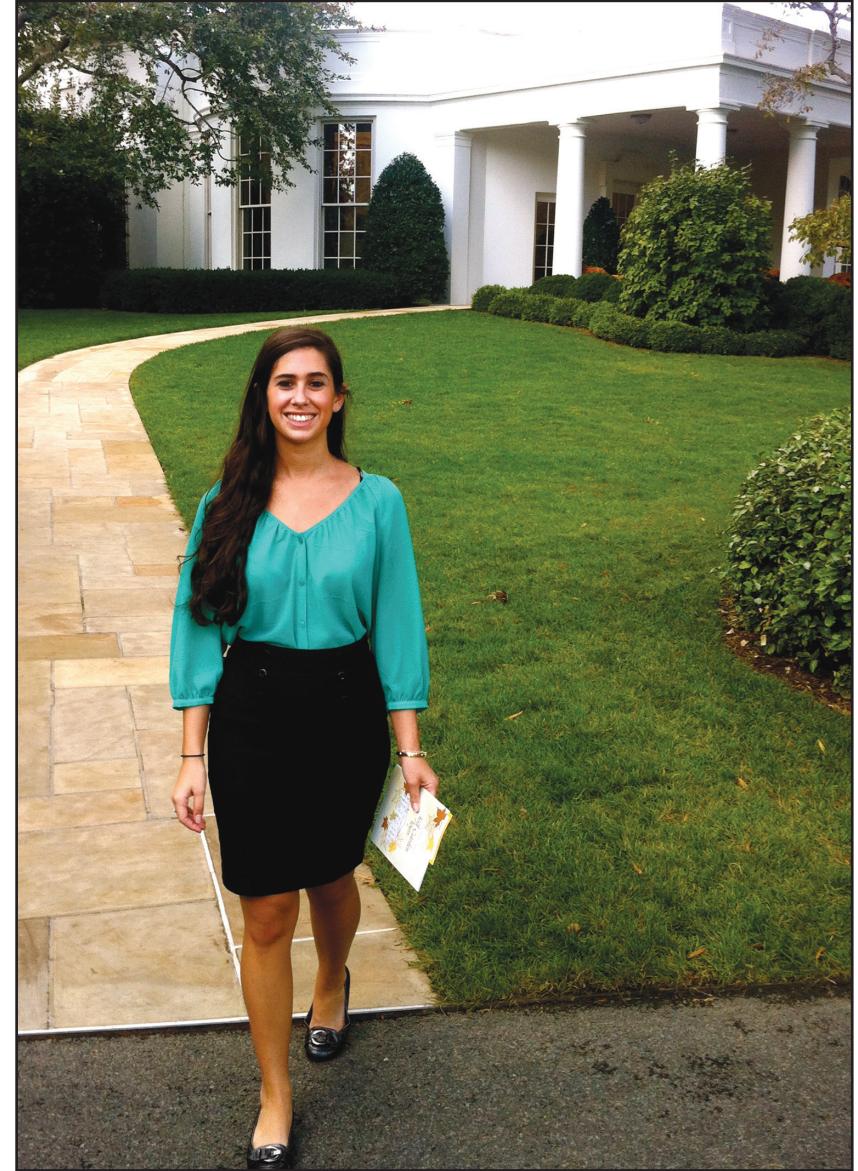
This wasn't Greenspan's first internship in D.C. During Summer 2010, she interned for Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz.

"Greenspan's passion for politics and enthusiasm to learn is infectious to anyone around her and reflects tremendously in the work she performs," said Gator alumna Stacy Eichner, 22.

Greenspan said this experience restored her faith in the government.

"I'm sure many of us became discouraged from things we saw on TV during the election, and this internship really just confirmed my decision to pursue a career in public service," she said.

But she will always remember the moment she spent with the First Dog. When she was giving a tour of the East Wing, Bo came running and brushed up beside her.



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UF student Shelley Greenspan interned at the White House. She worked in the Department of Presidential Personnel on the National Security team.

Gainesville coffee shops inspire scenes in UF student's book

Part of the proceeds will be donated

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Conversations in coffee shops have gone on to inspire a book that in part will raise money for the American Cancer Society.

Nikolas Wong, a 21-year-old UF criminology junior, has published a series of 10 short satire stories titled "The Coffee House." Each story within the book looks at different people's conversations over coffee. Many of the coffee shops are inspired by local places, such as the Starbucks on Archer Road or Karma Cream, Wong said. A Starbucks in Miami was also an influence.

The book is dedicated to his Aunt May, who is currently battling cancer and was diagnosed in 2007. Her personality inspired him to write the books. She has a dark sense of humor that is reflected in the nature of the stories.

"Her good sense of humor keeps her spirits high," Wong said. "It's the best healing method."

Because of Aunt May, he is donating a portion of the profits from the book to the American Cancer Society. He sells paperbacks on Amazon for \$10, and digital copies will soon be available for download, he said. Wong said he's not in it for personal money, but instead because he wants to make a difference. He's been in contact with the American Cancer Society, and they plan to work together.

Wong's friends were also inspiration for the book. He said that during high school, his friends would join him to get coffee and

ended up having immature but heartwarming conversations.

When he transferred to UF last Fall, he didn't know many people. Wong relied on the familiarity of coffee shops to help him ease into life in Gainesville. When he joined UF's Sparks Magazine, he was inspired to compile many of his experiences into a book.

Wong said he has always wanted to write. This year, he became a registered author with the Library

of Congress.

He used an independent publisher, www.createspace.com, to print his book. By doing that, he said, it was easier to donate money. Most of the book was sponsored through donations.

He drew his own illustrations and a friend, a UF fine arts student, did the cover art.

One of Wong's favorite stories in the book is the second to last: a conversation that takes place on

Mother's Day between a son and his mother. The tale is told from the point of view of the son and explores his embarrassment while his mother discusses the pains of his birth in a place as public as a Starbucks.

Wong said one of his funniest stories is the true account of a conversation he had with his friend, in which his friend discussed aspects of his risqué lifestyle. He said all of the stories in the book are based on true conversations and most of the names are the same. His friends' reactions have

been positive — most of them are excited to see their names printed in the book.

"One of my favorite reactions would happen during the editing process, when my friends would see my typos and laugh," Wong said. "But I loved to see when they would open the book and smile."

Perhaps one of Wong's most touching stories is his last short story, a one page account that he wrote for a girl. In it, he uses Karma Cream as a backdrop while he discusses making contact with a girl he admires.

Wong has plans for at least two more books and has already started the second book, which might have a subtitle of "Decaf." He says hints of a second book can be seen in the first.

Jane Yun, 17, a senior at Oak Hall High School; Grace Lee, 17, a senior at Eastside High School; and Katie Lee, 18, also a senior at Eastside High School; said they would be interested in reading Wong's book. They were studying Monday afternoon in another familiar coffee destination: Panera.

"It would be interesting to read a book based on where you lived," Yun said. "And it would be funny to know that you've been there."

"It would be even funnier if you knew the people," Grace Lee added.

Wong said he hopes the book becomes popular.

"I just want to share it with other UF students because I think they'll enjoy it," he said. "Plus, many of my friends who inspired me to write the book go to UF, so I want to give them more credit. There is really a lot of UF embedded in the book."



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UF criminology junior Nikolas Wong, 21, sits in Starbucks on 3443 SW Archer Road, where he wrote some of his book containing 10 short satire stories. "The Coffee House" can be purchased on Amazon.com for \$10. A portion of the profits from the book will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

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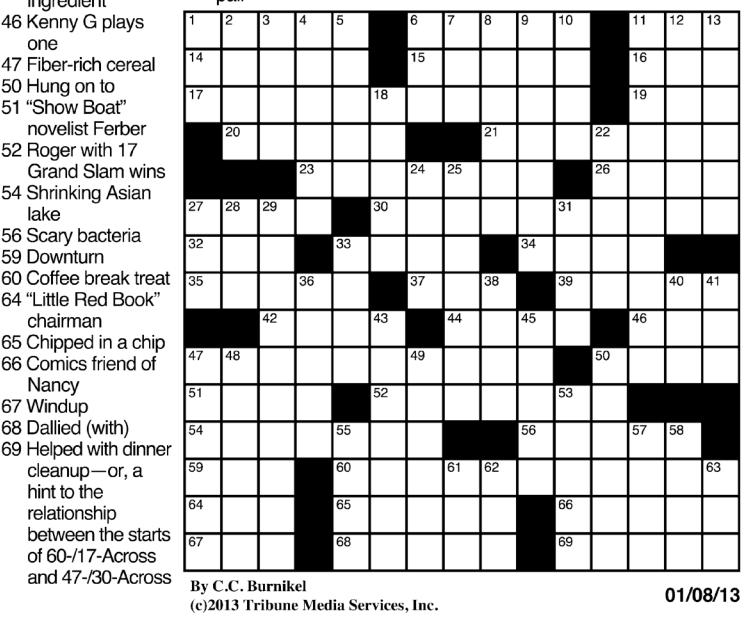
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 6 Behind the times
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 47 Fiber-rich cereal
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 51 "Show Boat" novelist Ferber
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 54 Shrinking Asian lake
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 60 Coffee break treat
 64 "Little Red Book" chairman
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 67 Windup
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 11 Sets free
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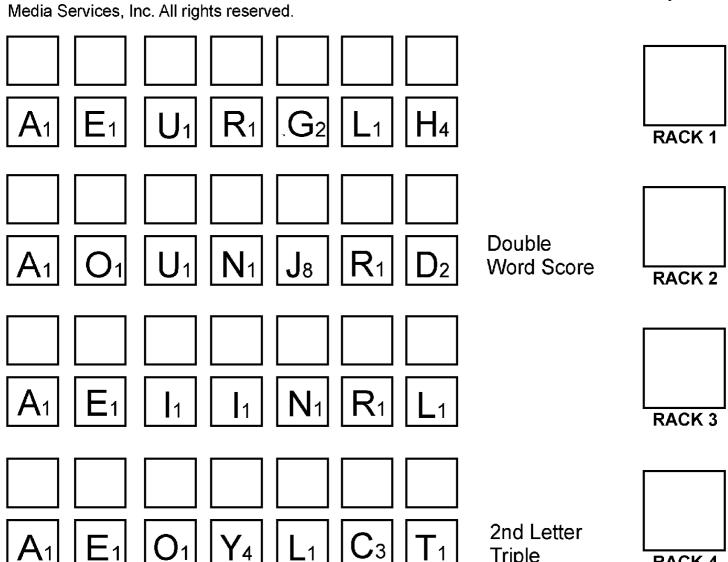
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Sports

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David Carr / Alligator Staff

Jelani Jenkins stands on the sidelines and watches Florida's 33-23 loss against Louisville in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 2 in New Orleans. Jenkins will forego his senior season and declare for the NFL Draft.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Forward doubtful for SEC opener

KATIE AGOSTIN
Alligator Staff Writer

When No. 11 Florida traveled to New Haven, Conn., to face Yale, the game was going to be a homecoming of sorts for senior Erik Murphy. The South Kingstown, R.I., native planned on having family and friends make the hour long trip to watch him play Sunday night.

But the trip didn't work out as expected.

Family and friends watched as the Gators defeated the Bulldogs 79-58 with Murphy sidelined. The 6-foot-10 forward missed his first game since a 72-68 loss at Syracuse on Dec. 2, 2011, after fracturing one of his ribs during Friday's practice.

"I had broken two (ribs) in college and it was probably a good four to six weeks before I was pain free," coach Billy Donovan said. "When it is a bruise, it is probably going to be a week to 10 days."

Murphy first experienced discomfort on Dec. 29, during Florida's 78-61 victory against Air Force in Sunrise.

Despite taking a hit, Murphy continued to play. The senior stayed on the court for

29 minutes, led the Gators with 21 points on 8-of-10 shooting and tallied seven rebounds, four assists and three blocks in the win.

After returning from the game, Murphy participated in the next three practices without a problem. But after making contact with a teammate during Friday's practice, Murphy was ruled out for Sunday's game.

"[The injury is] in a really, really bad spot," Donovan said. "So anytime he raises his arms up, or lifts his arm or reaches his arms up, there's a significant amount of pain."

"I had broken two (ribs) in college and it was probably a good four to six weeks before I was pain free."

Billy Donovan
UF coach

Donovan briefly included Murphy in the team shootaround before Florida faced Yale, but the pain was too much for the senior to play.

Murphy didn't practice on Monday, and Donovan doesn't anticipate that he will practice on Tuesday either. He is doubtful

SEE HOOPS, PAGE 14



Bridget Sloan is one of the UF gymnastics team's four freshmen, who look to capitalize on past experience. See story, page 14.

Poll Question

Which junior departing for the NFL Draft will the Gators miss the most in 2013? Vote online at alligatorSports.org.

Wambach honored

Former Gator Abby Wambach was named the 2012 FIFA Player of the Year on Monday. She scored five goals and helped the U.S. win gold at the 2012 London Olympics.

Jenkins declares for NFL Draft, Easley staying at UF

►FOUR FLORIDA JUNIORS HAVE DECIDED TO GO PRO.

JOE MORGAN
Alligator Staff Writer

The Gators' list of early departures continues to grow.

Weakside linebacker Jelani Jenkins announced on Monday his decision to declare for the NFL Draft via a UF release. Jenkins is the fourth UF junior who has decided to go pro.

"Jelani informed me that he wishes to pursue his dream of playing in the NFL," coach Will Muschamp said in a statement. "We wish him the best of luck and encourage him to return to Florida and complete his degree."

Jenkins follows safety Matt Elam, defensive tackle Sharrif Floyd and tight end Jordan Reed in forgoing his final year of eligibility to play in the NFL next season.

Defensive end Dominique Easley will remain at UF. He announced his decision on Monday night in a post from his Twitter account (@MRChUcKiE_2).

Jenkins' final season in Gainesville was an injury-riddled campaign.

Thumb, hamstring and foot inju-

ries sidelined Jenkins for four games, including Florida's 33-23 loss to Louisville in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 2. In limited action, Jenkins recorded 29 tackles, five tackles for a loss, two sacks, two quarterback hurries and an interception.

Perhaps Jenkins' most memorable play from his final season at UF came in a 27-20 win against Louisiana on Nov. 10 in The Swamp. With the score tied 20-20, cornerback Loucheiz Purifoy blocked a Ragin' Cajuns punt. Jenkins caught the deflection on the fly and ran it back 36 yards for the go-ahead touchdown to help the Gators avoid the biggest upset in school history.

Freshman Antonio Morrison will step up in Jenkins' absence next season much like he did throughout 2012. Morrison led all UF freshmen with 34 tackles. He also recorded two tackles for loss, a sack and a quarterback hurry.

Morrison changed the momentum in Florida's 37-26 win against Florida State on Nov. 24 with a key play early in the fourth quarter. With the Gators trailing 20-16, Morrison sacked EJ Manuel, forcing a fumble recovered by Easley.

On the next play, UF took the lead

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Guard leading youthful team

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In a contentious Southeastern Conference, every game is a battle for a youthful Florida squad. That's when the Gators turn to their floor general, Jaterra Bonds.

The junior point guard has become Florida's leader. Coping with numerous injuries and an inexperienced roster, but the Gators rely on Bonds to bring a high level of intensity into each game.

"It's really tough to question her fire as a teammate or as a coach because she goes so hard all the time," coach Amanda Butler said. "It's not just what you see on the game floor. That's on the practice floor every single day."

Bonds barks out orders during the game like a general on the battlefield. She positions her troops accordingly.

In a 77-72 victory against LSU on Sunday, Bonds was especially vocal.

With 4:22 remaining in the first half

B u t t e r ,
who stresses
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al.

"I think our younger players, in particular, are very responsive and want to be right there with [Bonds], side by side, shoulder to shoulder, in the thick of the battle," Butler said.

If the floor is Bonds' battlefield, the paint is her trenches.

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Morrison replacing Jenkins in 2013

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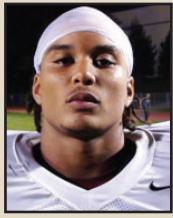
for good on a 37-yard Mike Gillislee touchdown run.

In Wednesday's loss to the Cardinals, Morrison recorded three tackles while starting in place of Jenkins, who was recovering from surgery on Nov. 26 to repair a broken bone in his right foot.

Florida defensive coordinator Dan Quinn, who has consistently praised the play of the Bolingbrook, Ill., native since fall camp, is optimistic that switching from Jenkins to Morrison at weakside linebacker will be a seamless transition.

"Morrison is one that's really caught my attention," Quinn said on Dec. 29, 2012. "He's a physical guy who came in as a true freshman, enrolled early, was able to get the system down. And he's one that had to step up for us. ... The future's bright how he goes."

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Bonds scoring 20 points per SEC game

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Unlike most players, she gravitates toward contact. Her dogged



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Point guard Jaterra Bonds (10) runs the floor during Florida's 77-72 against LSU on Sunday in the O'Connell Center.

GYMNASTICS

Experienced freshmen providing depth

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Florida freshman Bridget Sloan wasn't awestruck by the O'Connell Center lights during Friday's season opener against Ball State. She has been on a bigger stage before.

Instead of falling victim to the pressure of her college debut, Sloan, the Gators only competing freshman against the Cardinals, set the tone from the get-go.

The former Olympian stuck her first exercise at Florida, earning a 9.925 on vault to share the night's event title with All-American Ashanee Dickerson.

Coach Rhonda Faehn said Sloan's collected debut embodies the attitude of the No. 3 Gators' current crop of freshmen.

"Last year's freshmen were a little bit more what we'd say 'deer in the headlights,'" Faehn said.

"But this group of freshmen, I think because they've competed at such a high level and have been under so many pressurized situations, they re-

ally don't seem like they have trouble adjusting to this environment."

Sloan competed on vault at the 2008 Beijing Olympics to help the U.S. earn a team silver medal. She is no stranger to high-level competition. Neither are the other freshman athletes.

"Our other freshmen are definitely getting closer to being ready for competition."

Rhonda Faehn
UF coach

Florida's Bridgette Caquatto competed as a member of the U.S. Senior National Team in 2012. Bianca Dancose-Giambattisto has actively participated as a member of the Canadian National team. Morgan Frazier won all-around, vault and balance beam at the 2012 Florida Level 10 Championships.

Caquatto, Dancose-Giambattisto and Frazier are set to make their college debuts soon according to Faehn.

Florida's talented freshmen provide depth, which will help keep the

Gators healthy and rested for later competition.

"Our other freshmen are definitely getting closer to being ready for competition," Faehn said. "The [freshmen] are coming along real well."

Faehn added that Caquatto is on the verge of becoming an all-around competitor, while Dancose-Giambattisto may perform exclusively on bars in the upcoming events.

Faehn also said that Frazier appears ready to go on vault and may see exhibition or lineup time this Friday against No. 8 LSU.

However it plays out, Faehn is confident in the readiness of the freshman class to assume lineup spots if needed and to pick up where others may leave off.

"We just want every athlete to push one another, so that anytime we put someone out on the competition floor, they should be able to score really well no matter if they're normally in the lineup or whether they feel it's the first time they've been in it for a while," Faehn said.

"That's our goal."

Murphy out since Jan. 4

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for Florida's Southeastern Conference opener against Georgia on Wednesday night at 7 in the O'Connell Center.

"He is cleared to play right now, but it is all up to him, (and) how much pain he can tolerate," Donovan said. "He is not going to significantly hurt himself anymore because he's going to be padded up. And it's not going to be a problem, but what happens is if he gets hit there or reaches and stretches, it becomes so uncomfortable."

In Murphy's absence, Kenny Boynton and Will Yeguete both stepped up against the Bulldogs.

Boynton tied a career-high 28 points while adding two assists and two rebounds. Yeguete followed suit by scoring 14 points on 6-of-8 shooting and had a team-high nine rebounds.

"Getting Will Yeguete back

where he played [Sunday] with the level of intensity and passion, the things he's capable of doing, really helped our team," Donovan said.

Murphy has been a key part of the Gators' offense, ranking second with 12.1 points per game.

But even with Murphy doubtful for Wednesday, shuffling the starting lineup is nothing new for Florida. The Gators have already played four games with a shorthanded lineup due to Scottie Wilbekin's suspension and Casey Prather's multiple concussions.

Previously playing without its full roster gives Florida confidence as they face the possibility of losing Murphy for multiple games.

"We missed [Murphy] a lot," Yeguete said. "But we're going to find another way to play without him."

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Forward Erik Murphy battles for the ball against during Florida's 78-61 win against Air Force on Dec. 29 in the BB&T Center in Sunrise.

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THE RALLY

Which departing player will Florida miss the most in 2013?

Josh: It's no secret the Florida offense was the team's weakness throughout the 2012 season. Some might think it was detrimental to the Gators' 2013 campaign that leading receiver Jordan Reed declared for the NFL Draft last weekend.

However, the defense will be crippled by losing defensive tackle Sharrif Floyd to the pros.

He consistently closed running lanes and drew double teams to create opportunities for the rest of the defense.

Reed didn't have the same effect on his teammates with his blocking, which never caught up to the rest of his game, or his receiving. He might have drawn some coverage away from his teammates, but it wasn't enough as the team's second-leading receiver, Quinton Dunbar, had just 36 catches.

Adam: Dude, Josh. C'mon, man. Yes, Sharrif Floyd dominated on the defensive line and looked like the scariest person on the field — sorry, Dominique Easley. You don't mess with No. 73. But the Gators have defensive talent coming back.

Dante Fowler Jr. and Jonathan Bullard had impressive freshman seasons, which earned them both All-Southeastern Conference honors. A healthy Ronald Powell, the return of Easley and those two freshmen will make up a solid Florida defensive line next season.

The real loss comes at tight end with Reed. He led the No. 118 pass offense in receiving yards and receptions.

Florida heads into the offseason with unproven playmaking ability on the outside reminiscent of your ability to pick up girls during a night out in Gainesville. It isn't there.

Josh: Florida's incoming recruits soften the blow of Reed's departure.

After Monday's commitment from Rivals.com's No. 5 wide receiver, Demarcus Robinson, the Gators now have five receivers in the fold for the class of 2013.

Between them and returning tight ends Kent Taylor and Collin Thompson, it's not much of a stretch to assume Florida can get enough production out of them to rank at least 118th in passing offense again.

We do agree on one thing, though: Fowler and Bullard showed promise this season. But they, along with Easley, play primarily on the outside. Floyd's 13 tackles for a loss this season were 7.5 more than any returning interior lineman.

Losing that much production, the Gators could very well end up more lost on defense next year than you were on Bourbon Street.

Adam: I was not lost. I knew exactly where I was going. Florida got away with lacking a consistent passing attack in every game except two — Georgia and Louisville.

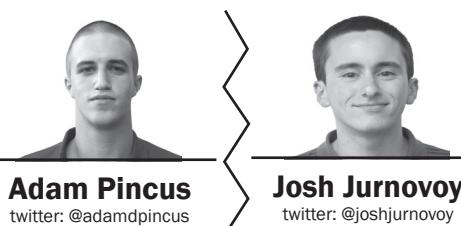
Against Georgia, linebacker Jarvis Jones had a full serving of gator tail for breakfast, lunch and dinner. In the Sugar Bowl, the Gators were too slow against the Cardinals.

The defense let the team down for the first time all season, and yet Floyd had two sacks and a blocked kick. Reed, dealing with pain in his left knee, caught one pass for 7 yards.

It's unreasonable to think the Gators defense can bail out the offense consistently. They need help every now and then.

The defense's lone pass-catching help is gone with Reed going pro.

Reed caught 28.9 percent of Jeff Driskel's completions this past season, and if you want to play the "leaving game," Florida loses four



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of its top six pass catchers.

You honestly think an offense ranked 104th will have an easier job replacing its top weapon in the passing game than the fifth-ranked defense with more talent returning replacing its top defensive tackle? In other words, $1+1=2$, Josh.

Josh: You might not have been lost, but your 4 a.m. text messages to me sounded like a little boy who had lost track of his mommy at the mall. The "leaving game" certainly does apply to both sides of the ball.

In Debose and Dunbar, you mentioned two returning pass catchers who have done something of significance. The situation is similar at defensive tackle with Damien Jacobs and Leon Orr being the only two returning players with any experience. We saw flashes from each, but neither has proven they can contribute on a consistent basis.

It's easier to make an impact as a freshman from the wide receiver position than it is from defensive tackle. That's why I'm banking on one of the young guys to step up. The physical transition from high school is tougher to make when playing right on the line of scrimmage. That's why Floyd's absence will be felt in 2013.

Adam: You can't be serious about Debose and Dunbar. What games have you been watching? You must be on Facebook too much in

the press box, and quite frankly, you are diverting attention from the question at hand: Who will the Gators miss more — Reed or Floyd?

Florida won 11 games in spite of an anemic passing attack. Reed, the lone bright spot, is gone.

The tackles for loss,

sacks and blocked kicks from Floyd can be substituted by a number of defensive playmakers on the current roster. Tell me who can emerge as a vertical threat to replace Reed? Without him, banking on this offense to stretch the field is quite a stretch.

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Defensive tackle Sharrif Floyd points to a teammate during Florida's 33-23 loss to Louisville in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 2 in New Orleans.

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