

Trey Burton's eventful college career came to an end after he suffered an injury in UF's loss to FSU. Read the story on page 18.



**CAMPUS**

# Chick-fil-A to replace Burger King near Broward

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The King has flown the coop. Construction has started on a Chick-fil-A that will replace Burger King, and it's slated to open Jan. 6. After adding Burger King to the Reitz Union, there wasn't a need for

multiple locations on campus, so the Gator Dining Services team began searching for alternatives to replace the location near Broward Hall, marketing program manager Jill Rodriguez wrote in an email.

"Chick-fil-A always ranks high on our student surveys as a favorite brand," Rodriguez said. "This made

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**Jill Rodriguez**  
 marketing program manager

the decision to move forward with a second location on main campus an easy one."

She said the Hub's Chick-fil-A has limited seating and is constantly packed, but the new location near Broward will alleviate the traffic with its ample space for customers.

She did not say how much the project will cost.

Andrew Babcock, a 20-year-old UF finance sophomore, said the res-

taurant could be a healthier alternative to Burger King's food.

"I think it's going to be beneficial to students," Babcock said. "The lines at the current Chick-fil-A are already atrocious."

He said he wishes Gator Dining would have chosen a different chain to add variety on campus.

## Shoplifting incidents lower this year so far

► SHOPPERS SHOULD BE CAREFUL WITH THEIR CARS.

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With the holidays comes a flurry of shoppers and, unavoidably, a greater risk of shoplifting and burglary.

While there hasn't been a dramatic increase in shoplifting so far, shoppers and merchants should still be aware of the heightened risk of crime, said GPD spokesman Officer Ben Tobias.

Last year, police reported about 250 retail thefts between mid-October and mid-December, about 50 more than the two previous months, Tobias said. Since Nov. 1 this year, 107 retail thefts have been recorded.

The department seasonally increases patrols around shopping areas like Butler Plaza and the Oaks Mall.

Officers are also looking out for another prominent holiday-shopping issue: car burglaries.

"While you're inside shopping, criminals are going to be outside shopping in your cars," Tobias said.

The department sends police horses to high-traffic areas to try to ward off potential thieves, Tobias said. However, he recommended shoppers don't keep purchases inside cars and added that most burglaries happen when criminals find unlocked car doors.

"More often than not, it's just a crime of opportunity," he said.



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### Stop 0m By

Students take a preemptive breather on the Plaza of the Americas on Tuesday afternoon by meditating before finals week starts. The UF Meditation Club had an area set up where anyone passing by could stop for a few minutes of tranquility.

## Massive group text app could help Greek groups

► QUAD WOULD ALLOW UP TO 500 PEOPLE ON ONE GROUP MESSAGE.

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The App Store is buzzing constantly with new mobile applications for download, but one app creator thinks he's designed something unique that will speak to college students — up to 500 at a time, to be exact.



Murphy

he said big groups needed a better way to communicate.

Matt Murphy, the founder of the company Appurdity, recently created Quad, a group-messaging app that allows up to 500 participants in a single conversation. Murphy said he designed this app with fraternities and sororities in mind because

"We challenged our development team and came up with something similar to old-school forum message boards," he said. "We took the best of that and mobilized it in real-time format on the phone."

Murphy said although other apps like GroupMe or iMessage allow users to message multiple people, they cap out at a low number. He said features of his app would appeal to big organizations by helping facilitate polls and event announcements

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### At final meeting, Senate debates Palestinian-Israeli conflict

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### Photo Story: A Little Sunshine

Daniel Ratovoson, a Gainesville High School senior with cerebral palsy, just turned 18, pg 14.



## News Today

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

## Taste of Tikkun Olam

Come to Turlington Plaza from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to get a snack from UF Hillel that relates to the Torah portion. This week, Joseph receives his well-known Technicolor Dreamcoat. For more information, contact Hillel's engagement associate, Melissa Kansky, at [melissa@ufhillel.org](mailto:melissa@ufhillel.org).

## Robotics demos at UF

The most exciting robot demo day ever at UF will be from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the New Engineering Building. It will include demonstrations of 15 robots built by students in this semester's Intelligent Machines Design Laboratory course. Several other robots from the Machine Intelligence Lab will be displayed, including previous international award-winning robots. See [mil.ufl.edu/imdl/robot\\_info\\_f13.htm](http://mil.ufl.edu/imdl/robot_info_f13.htm) for more information.

## TEC presents: Josh Greenberg, co-founder and CTO of Grooveshark

At 6:15 p.m. in Hough, Room 150, Josh Greenberg, co-founder and chief technology officer of Grooveshark, is coming to the Entrepreneurship Club. Greenberg has been recognized as Top 30 Under 30 for Music by Forbes in 2012 and 2013. Fun fact: Greenberg met his co-founders of Grooveshark for the first time at a meeting of the Entrepreneurship Club at UF. Please RSVP at [fb.com/tecuf/events](http://fb.com/tecuf/events).

## Orange sale

Come join the biggest orange sale on campus. This event is organized by the Gator Citrus Club with the support of Florida farmers. The three-day sale will be located at Fifield Hall, 2550 Hull Road, from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Friday. For more information, visit [facebook.com/groups/252519724784426/](http://facebook.com/groups/252519724784426/).

## Hanukkah party

UF Hillel is taking part in the FLC's Snow Swamp Winter Event from 6 to 9 p.m. on Weaver Beach behind Gator Corner Dining Center. Come celebrate the last night of Hanukkah while learning how other religions celebrate their winter holidays. For more information, contact Dani at [social@ufhillel.org](mailto:social@ufhillel.org).

## Free challah roll

Come meet Melissa from noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursday on Turlington Plaza to get a free challah roll to "chomp" on. Contact Melissa for more information at [melissa@ufhillel.org](mailto:melissa@ufhillel.org).

## Green Drinks

Join the Fifth Anniversary Party for Green Drinks Gainesville and help support Cinema Verde from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday at The Jam, 817 W. University Ave. It will feature food from restaurants including Blue Gill Quality Food and Emiliano's.

## FORECAST

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## Enter to win a scooter

Come to the Florida Museum of Natural History by Thursday for free admission to all exhibits and to enter to win a scooter. Party 99.5 and the museum are giving away a new scooter courtesy of Southern Scooters & ATVs. Entrants must be UF students who are 18 or older with valid Gator 1 Cards. The winner will be announced during a Party 99.5 remote broadcast at the museum from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday and must be present to claim the scooter. To register, tune in to Party 99.5, or visit the museum, 3215 Hull Road.

## Generation 17 Presents: '2 Friends 2 Furious'

Come out to the Rion Ballroom on Thursday and Saturday at 8 p.m. to see one of the funniest free sketch comedy shows Gainesville has ever seen. So, take a break from studying, and come laugh the stress away at "Generation 17: 2 Friends 2 Furious."

## Campus multi-faith cooperative progressive dinner

The annual Gator Chomp Progressive Dinner is a tradition for the Campus Multi-Faith Cooperative. A successive course is prepared and eaten at the faith community of a different host. To participate on Thursday, come to the Hillel Library at 6 p.m. It is a variant on a potluck dinner. Ice breakers and appetizers are located at one community, then salads and bread at another, followed by the main course at another community and finally dessert at the final stop on the dinner tour. For more details, visit [multicultural.ufl.edu/cmcevents\\_programs/progressive\\_dinner](http://multicultural.ufl.edu/cmcevents_programs/progressive_dinner).

## Shabbat Shalom from Home

It's finals week, and UF Hillel is helping bring Shabbat to you. It will reimburse students for Shabbat dinner in their home for up to \$10 per person for up to 10 people or up to \$5 for up to 20 people. Just provide a list of who is celebrating, their emails, a picture of the fun — if this doesn't violate your Shabbat observance — along with an itemized receipt before Dec. 15. Please sign up ahead of time at [bit.ly/1chMe0l](http://bit.ly/1chMe0l). For more information, contact [rabbiswedroe@Ufhillel.org](mailto:rabbiswedroe@Ufhillel.org).

## Polar Express Holiday Train Show

Join the Matheson Museum on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. for the "Polar

Express Holiday Train Show." Experience vintage train sets that tell the story of Alachua County. Learn about the time when railroads were the lifeblood of North Central Florida. Explore the artwork and skillful engineering of these elaborate train sets. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$1 for children 12 and younger. The Matheson Museum is located at 513 E. University Ave. For more information call 352-378-2280 or email [info@mathesonmuseum.org](mailto:info@mathesonmuseum.org).

## GLAM Craft Show

Gainesville's biggest indie craft show is 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday at the Historic Mustang Hangar, 4701 NE 40th Terrace. Shop for fun and funky gifts made by 70 local artists, crafters and designers. Beer, wine and food will also be for sale. Admission is \$3 for adults. Kids 10 and younger are free. For more information, visit: [glamcraftshow.com](http://glamcraftshow.com).

## Got something going on?

Want to see it in this space? Send an email with "What's Happening" in the subject line to [sshavell@alligator.org](mailto:sshavell@alligator.org). To ensure publication in the next day's newspaper, please submit the event before 5 p.m. Please model your submissions after above events and keep them 150 words or fewer. Improperly formatted "What's Happening" submissions may not appear in the paper. Press releases will not appear in the paper.

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## Students torn on value

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that can be sent to the entire group.

"I think one of the key things for clubs to achieve their missions is that they need to be organized, and communication is key," he said. "Our mission is to empower groups. We want to be the intel inside — the communication layer — that helps groups succeed."

Darcy Brown, 19, a UF mechanical engineering junior and the incoming vice president of public relations for Delta Delta Delta, agreed the app would be useful.

"I'd personally use this app because with all the different sources of technology in use today, it is easy to forget to check Facebook or emails," she said. "I really like the poll feature this app has because

we can immediately find out how everyone stands on a situation and can assess what we are going to do with everyone's best interest in mind."

John Harrison, 22, president of Kappa Sigma fraternity and a UF accounting senior, agreed Quad would be handy.

"It would be extremely useful on spreading information to people in a quick manner," he said. "People always have their phones available, and they would receive messages immediately."

But he said there's a drawback — no one likes getting a flood of replies from a group thread. Harrison wouldn't use it because receiving so many messages could be distracting.

"It would be annoying to receive hundreds of messages a day from brothers," he said.

## LOCAL

# New Swamp Head location brewing

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A Gainesville brewery is packing up and will be moved into a new location come September 2014.

Swamp Head Brewery, which is currently located at 3140 SW 42nd Way, is moving from the back of a warehouse complex in Southwest Gainesville to a new 13,000-square-foot facility.

Brandon Nappy, tactical marketing director for Swamp Head, said as the brewery kept expanding its business, moving became a necessity.

"We're moving, but we're staying in the same area of town," Nappy said. "If it's working for us here, why change?"

Although the facility is not large, it's enough room to grow for a few years, Nappy said.

The location in Southwest Gainesville is ideal for patrons

because the original brewery is in that area, he said.

The business does not want to lose sight of its loyal customer following.

The new facility can accommodate more people in the tasting room and brew more beer, Nappy said.

The physical look and feel will be different, but business will still run in its traditional ways.

"It's a blessing in disguise," owner Luke Kemper said. "I'm excited about the idea, to have freedom to design and make a system that will work."

The new spot is a destination in itself, Kemper said.

The location will be by the interstate and convenient for travelers.

"The new location will look like it's in the woods and away from it all," Kemper said. "It's off the beaten path."

With the expansion comes

expanded ideas on packaging products, Kemper said.

A bigger space providing the means to can bottles as opposed to just kegs is an idea that will help grow the business.

"We're excited that we found a place where our patrons can come around, hang out and have a beer with us," Nappy said.

### Swamp Head year-round brews

- Wild Night: creme ale with tupelo honey
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# Opinions

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## Editorial

### 'I know myself, but that is all': Final reflections on Fall 2013

A lucky batch of seniors will graduate next week and depart into the real world of graduate schools, jobs and paid internships, international travel or mom and dad's basement. They'll have college degrees under their belts — essentially, really expensive pieces of paper to hang in their offices to remind them of the four (or three or five) years they spent at UF.

Just kidding. As anyone who's spent a complete semester at college knows, a degree is so much more than the sum of courses you took and credits you accrued. It's a social experience and an emotional roller coaster marked by boozy nights and Pop-Tarts.

One of the quintessential novels about college, "This Side of Paradise," ends with F. Scott Fitzgerald's protagonist — a Princeton man, World War I fighter and scorned lover — voicing an iconic lament: "I know myself, but that is all."

We now know that Fitzgerald basically wrote the novel to impress Zelda, his future wife, but it earned critical acclaim and ended up launching his career. Nowadays, he would've just opened a Tinder account if he wanted to get laid, but luckily, the cellular technology in 1919 wasn't what it is today.

The book tends to be overshadowed by the glamour and grit of "The Great Gatsby," but it's a beautiful story nonetheless of one man's college experience and the isolation he faces both during his education and as he tries to align himself with New York's elite.

Obviously, the college experience at UF in 2013 isn't exactly the college experience at Princeton University in the early 20th century. But multiple wars and advancements in cellular technology haven't eliminated the loneliness that follows the journey from childhood to young adulthood.

Though we interact with dozens of people daily on this sprawling campus, a university education is a solitary one. Whether you're in a fraternity or sorority, a tightly knit group of friends, a campus organization or the largest student-run newspaper in the United States, your struggles and triumphs are your own. Although a parent, close friend or mentor is around to cheer you on and act as your bridge over troubled water, no one knows you better than yourself — even when you feel as if your identity is still a work in progress.

To put it simply, as the screenplay writer of "The Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai Across the 8th Dimension," Earl Mac Rauch wrote, "No matter where you go, there you are."

To the seniors going forth, good luck: Though you may not feel it, you're stronger and smarter than you were on the first day.

And to everyone else, so long for now — we'll see you in a month.

Happy holidays from your friends at the Alligator.

## Reader response

No question today, just a sincere thank you to our readers. Enjoy the break. We'll be back Jan. 6.

Tuesday's question: Do you use periods at the end of your texts?  
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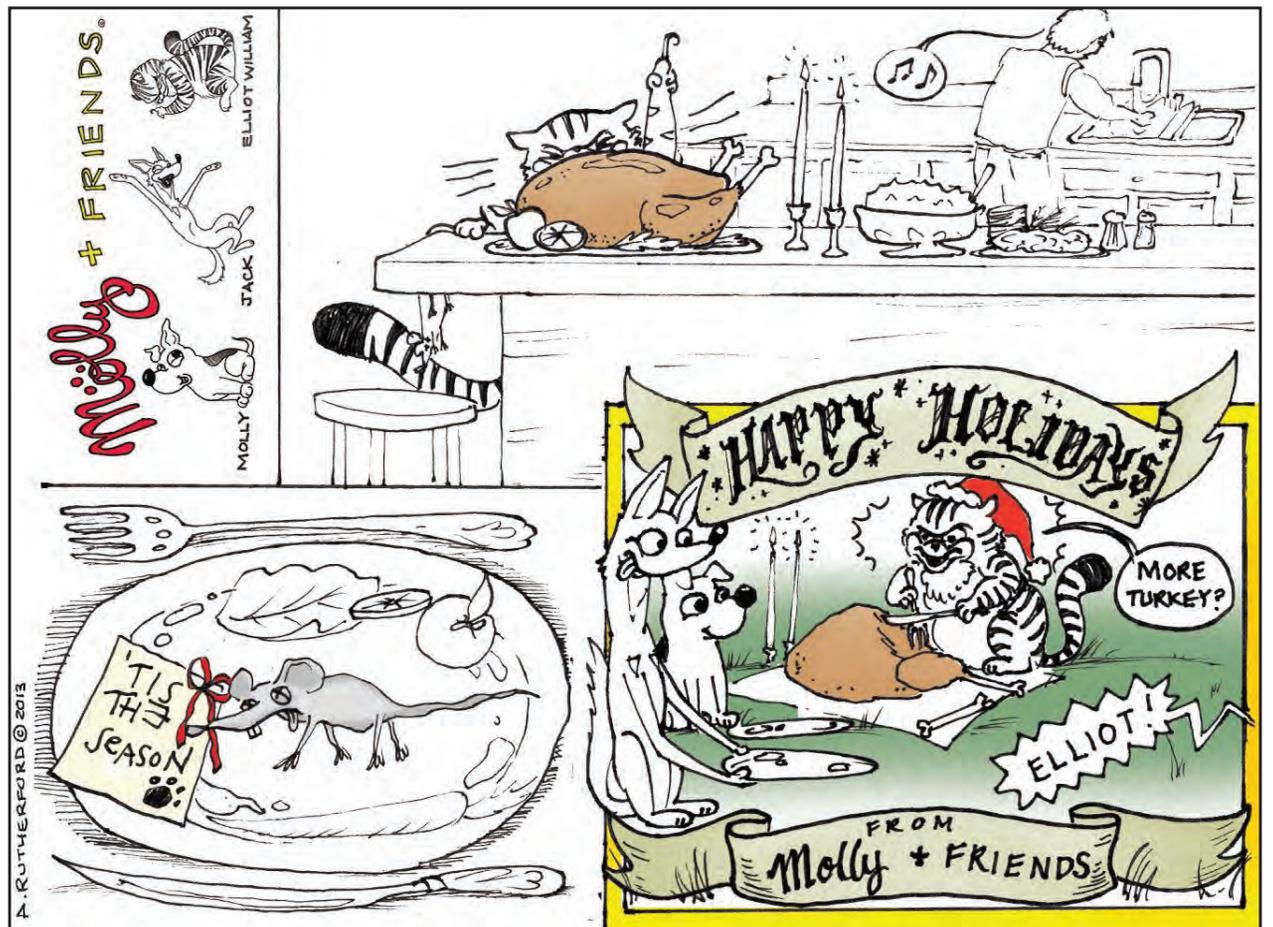
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## Column

### Goodbye, and here's to you, faithful readers

At a Student Senate meeting I was covering for the Alligator a few semesters ago, a student journalist went rogue. He was covering his last meeting for the Gainesville Sun and decided to break one of the most important rules of journalism — he gave his opinion.

During public debate, he stood behind the lectern and told everyone what he really thought of Student Government. He said he hated all the senators and that he wasted hours listening to them argue about petty and trivial things.

When I went back to the Alligator office that night, I asked my editors when I would be able to give my true feelings about SG. And they said in my goodbye column.

So I patiently waited for the time when I could unleash the semesters of pent-up emotion and frustration I had from covering SG.

But now that the time is here, I decided not to — much to your dismay, I'm sure.

Instead, I will be talking about the labor of love that caused me so much grief in the first place: the Alligator.

During my tenure at the paper, I have witnessed newspapers being thrown away, the almost-removal of several Alligator racks from campus, four SG elections and some great pieces of journalism. Like my colleagues, I have been yelled at by sources, berated by readers and lost precious hours of sleep because I was slaving away countless hours at the office.

But as readers, you don't see that. You don't see the process that goes into making the paper. You see the final product.

You pick up an Alligator every day and see a story that might interest or intrigue you. Some see a liberal rag that should be lit on fire. Others see errors that need correcting. Whatever you see, I guarantee you don't see



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the blood, sweat and tears that are put into the paper each day. Because my colleagues and I do put our blood, sweat and tears into making this paper.

This column, for example, has been read and edited by at least seven people before it went to print. Not to mention

the few hours it took me to write it.

So why do I do it? Why do I spend eight hours a night working in a building that has flickering lights, semi-broken furniture and extremely fickle air conditioning?

Because of you: the reader.

Yes, the Alligator looks great on my resume. And yes, I have gotten some great stories published. But what is a story if no one will read it?

Every story the Alligator puts on its pages is one it thinks you, the readers, should know about. At times, you don't agree. And that's OK.

But please don't insult the content inside its pages. Having someone read something you wrote is terrifying. I had two stories published this semester, and each night before they went to print, I worried they were filled with errors. As a writer, it's the worst feeling to have someone insult something you spent days perfecting.

But for those of you out there who read the Alligator and appreciate the time we spend creating content for you, I want to thank you. And for those of you who take the time to send feedback — whether good or bad — I want to thank you, too.

You are the reason I work every night to make deadline. Well, you and the bleak paycheck I get every two weeks.

Samantha Shavell is the Alligator's managing editor.

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UWire

## Cheaters seek government jobs

A study has uncovered that college students who cheat are more likely to be interested in obtaining a government job after graduation. So does political power corrupt people, or is it actually that people who are morally corrupt seek power?

The study, produced by Harvard University and the University of Pennsylvania, focused on hundreds of college students in Bangalore, India.

Students were allowed to roll a die privately and were promised more pay for more high numbers rolled. Of course, it's impossible to say which students actually lied, but it's safe to guess based on the averages likely to come up in random rolling. The students with suspiciously high numbers of fives or sixes were about 6 percent more likely to want a government job.

Though the dice test isn't a perfect predictor of who is honest and who isn't, the correlation is real and extremely telling. Corruption in government is so rampant not because of the nature of government, but the nature of those who take interest in it.

It stands to reason that these people who cheated did so because they felt entitled, smarter than those around them and as though they can get away with doing the wrong thing.

People like this seek positions of power because they feel they deserve it and that it is rightly theirs. This is exactly the problem because government's focus must remain on helping the public. Unfortunately, more

**Katie Wian**  
UWire

people who are out to help themselves are wanting these jobs and taking them from those who are truly altruistic and just.

According to Emily Reyes of the Los Angeles Times, the results suggest "that one of the contributing forces behind government corruption could be who gets into government work in the first place. For instance, 'if people have the view that jobs in government are corrupt, people who are honest might not want to get into that system,'" said Rema Hanna, an associate professor at Harvard. So not only are dishonest people seeking power, but they may also be discouraging trustworthy people from entering the system and making much-needed changes that are in the best interest of constituents.

Transparency International conducts a worldwide ranking of governmental corruption each year. Countries are ranked from 1 to 100, with 100 being perfectly clean and 1 being totally corrupt. In 2012, India, the focus of this study, earned a dreadful 36, so clearly this is a particular problem for them. The U.S. received a respectable 73, so while we're certainly not the worst, we're also far from the best.

The only way the U.S. can improve upon national transparency and, by extension, become a better place to live for its citizens is to recruit good people to run the country and oust those leaders who are undeserving of their power.

*Katie Wian is a writer for The Daily Cougar. A version of this column originally appeared on UWire.*

UWire

## Why 'Fat Shaming Week' is hateful and unnecessary

Fat shaming. It is a term, or at least a concept, that most people have run into once in their lives. It is the idea that belittling, teasing or bullying an individual about his or her weight will lead a person to feel so bad about himself or herself, the only option is to lose weight.

Sounds logical, right? Let me be the first to tell you — fat shaming is wrong, but this type of cyber and cultural bullying runs rampant, be it in the national PETA Save the Whales campaign or the Georgia-based Strong4Life ads, which directly shame overweight children, or in a variety of posts on the Internet.

One group in particular thought the Internet and the rest of society was not doing enough to shame the overweight public into submission, and as a result, Return of Kings, a "men's rights" website, decided to take it upon themselves to create Fat Shaming Week. This Twitter campaign was designed to let the general public tweet its frustrations, rude comments and "advice" directly at overweight women to "promote a culture of fat shaming." Its defense was, "Mocking someone for lazy and slothful behavior is one of the best ways to motivate them to change and appear more pleasing."

Fat shaming isn't an effective way to

**Brittany Miles**  
UWire

make others lose weight. A 2013 study from the Public Library of Science found that overweight or obese individuals who reported being

victims of weight discrimination, or fat shaming, in 2006 were more than two to three times as likely to become obese or remain obese by a 2010 check-in. In short, fat shaming makes the general public gain weight, not lose it. So why, then, is fat shaming socially acceptable?

As Madelyn Fernstrom, the NBC News health and diet editor, puts it, "It's almost like obesity is the last of the acceptable groups to be teasing. Being biased about the overweight or obese is still very socially acceptable."

If fat shaming does not lead to weight loss, what do the products of fat shaming look like? Fat shaming looks like 69 percent of elementary school girls saying that the images in magazines influence their concept of the ideal body shape, and 47 percent saying the pictures make them want to lose weight, according to a 2010 study.

Fat shaming benefits no one, except for maybe those who are so ignorant as to believe that health is defined by the size of your jeans.

*Brittany Miles is a writer for the Technique. A version of this column originally appeared on UWire.*

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**LOCAL**

# Artist hopes Kickstarter campaign, project will take off

**KAYLA MARCUS**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

A Gainesville artist has a high-flying vision, and she's turning to Kickstarter for help.

UF alumna Leslie Tharp said her ambition is to make a steel sculpture of hot air balloons to display at a large art exhibition in Arizona.

Tharp's metalwork is already on display in front of UF's Small Animal Hospital. She works out of her

metal studio on U.S. Route 441 and will begin creating the hot air balloon project for the Scottsdale Public Art program next week.

*"I've put myself out there, and the support and response has been huge."*

**Leslie Tharp**  
UF alumna

The Scottsdale Public Art Program is sponsoring Tharp by cover-

ing the materials for the sculpture, transportation and installation of the piece, but she is using Kickstarter.com, an online fundraising platform, to generate funds to keep her studio open while she completes the project.

Tharp has received pledges for more than \$4,000 of the \$6,700 she wants to collect. She launched the 29-day campaign on Nov. 12.

If the goal is met, Kickstarter will add 5 percent of the total funds. But

if she doesn't raise the entire amount by Dec. 11, she won't receive any of the funding.

"I've put myself out there, and the support and response has been huge," she said. "I'm confident that it will all work out."

She said she chose hot air balloons because they are symbolic of potential and are part of Scottsdale's culture.

Tharp will drive her pieces across the country in February and set

them up in Scottsdale, where they will stay until June when she plans to transport them to another city.

Janalyn Peppel, the owner of metalworking shop Powder Coating of Gainesville, said Tharp is getting a lot of recognition for her work as one of few female metalworkers.

"She has mastered the art of creating elegance through comprehensive, detailed metal working," Peppel said. "She's a special person and artist."

# Flies have needs, too: Sexual frustration could shorten life

► **FRUSTRATION CAN LEAD TO STRESS AND OTHER HEALTH ISSUES.**

**EMILY BEHRENS**  
Alligator Contributing Writer

A frustrating sex life could lead to a shorter lifespan, a new study says.

The University of Michigan tested fruit flies and found that aging and health prob-

lems are affected by how the brain reacts to sexual expectations.

The study revealed male flies that anticipated sexual activity but were denied the opportunity to mate experienced more stress, a decrease in fat stores and resistance to starvation.

The sexually frustrated male fruit flies had shorter lives than those that mated. The results indicated that sensory perception and psychological state are in a part of

the brain that affects long-term health.

Though UF students are a bit more complex than fruit flies, the results might have implications for students' lives. Frustration is related to not getting something you are expecting and is linked to a higher level of stress, said Samantha Evans, sexual health educator at GatorWell Health Promotion Services.

In order to be less disappointed over expectations, partners should communi-

cate what they hope to get out of the relationship, Evans said.

Zee Krstic, an 18-year-old UF journalism freshman, said he does simple things to relax.

"When I was little, my sister used to show me these little tricks to calm me down," Krstic said. "Just little practices like pushing my hands together and taking deep breaths and pausing for a couple seconds."

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# At final meeting, Senate debates Palestinian-Israeli conflict



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Tesneem Shraiteh speaks at the Student Senate meeting Tuesday evening against the proposed Senate resolution condemning the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Movement.

► SEVERAL SENATORS MOTIONED TO TABLE THE RESOLUTION UNTIL THE JAN. 7 MEETING.

## COLLEEN WRIGHT

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World politics were introduced to the chambers at the final Student Senate meeting of the semester.

The Senate's holiday tradition of wearing tacky sweaters on the last meeting before Winter Break was set aside for a more serious matter Tuesday night.

A controversial resolution condemning the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Movement was added to the agenda on the floor. It was eventually tabled for discussion after Winter Break.

According to the Palestinian BDS National Committee's website, the movement calls for the end of all financial partnerships with the State of Israel because of Israel's human rights violations against Palestinians.

Fully supporting the movement means UF would have to terminate 20 study-abroad programs, six Hebrew classes and its partnership with PepsiCo, a partner of Israeli food manufacturer Strauss Group, according to the resolution.

As such, the resolution states Senate does not support legislation that would further the movement.

A resolution is a nonbinding piece of legislation that represents the opinion of the Senate.

Students from Gators for Israel, Students for Justice in Palestine and Students for a Democratic Society overflowed into the aisles.

"BDS targets institutions and corporations, not study-abroad programs," said Farah Khan, vice president of Students for Justice in Palestine.

Vice President of UF's Jewish Student Union Corey Flayman encouraged senators to oppose the BDS movement because of UF's large Jewish student population and the U.S.'s strong relationship with Israel.

Because many senators were unfamiliar with the issue, several senators motioned to table the legislation until the Senate reconvenes Jan. 7.

"This is about potentially marginalizing students on either side," said Sen. Paul O'Quinn.

The vote was close: 40 senators for tabling and 35 opposed. So the emotionally charged issue will continue into the new year.

"This is probably the least black-and-white issue on earth," Sen. Joshua Goldsmith said.

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**ALEX HARRIS**

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Gators can put a little extra emphasis on the green in this season's color palette by taking advantage of the Gator-themed e-cards released by the university.

Jim Harrison, director of Creative Services for UF, said the holiday cards are a part of the university's Think Before You Ink campaign, which aims to reduce paper consumption on campus.

The designs include a cheerful Gator snowman, the glowing Century Tower and snowflakes made out of alligators. All of the cards are available to download at [bit.ly/1beZ8xP](http://bit.ly/1beZ8xP),

and some can be chosen with or without accompanying text.

Sharon Eyman, publications coordinator for UF Creative Services, said the office receives several calls every year asking when the e-cards will be ready. This is about the fifth year the cards have been available.

"We just explored some ideas of what people might want to send in an e-card: some serious ones, some photography ones, some fun ones," she said.

Al Kirby, a web professional for UF Creative Services, said there have been about 500 page views for the cards since they were made available about two weeks ago, but there is no count of how often the cards have been downloaded.

"We just try to keep them fresh and new to give faculty, staff and students an interesting way to express themselves," Harrison said.

**STATE**

# Artist builds mechanical alligator for Art Basel

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MIAMI — A Miami artist is building a giant mechanical alligator to raise awareness about the Florida Everglades, with plans to float it in Biscayne Bay during the city's well-known Art Basel festival.

Part of Lloyd Goradesky's "Gator in the Bay" floated last year, but this time, the project will be much larger — the length of a football field.

On Tuesday, 140 floating tiles arrived. They will create the alligator's "tail" once they are put together and towed by the motorized alligator head.

"I think if anyone was given an opportunity to save the world, I think they would probably take the time to do that," Goradesky said. "And I was more anxious

to recognize the importance of the Everglades, being from Miami."

Each tile is actually a photomosaic of wildlife images from the Everglades. When seen from a distance, they create the illusion of an alligator's torso behind the motorized head that itself features a mechanical jaw.

Goradesky says photomosaic art is not new — but he thinks the scale of his project is.

"I decided to take that concept and raise the bar. I wanted to create illusion. That's what my art is all about."

The tiles are expected to be towed Saturday, with an aerial shot showing the fully-deployed alligator. Goradesky then plans to sell the tiles to cover the costs of his project.

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The organizers' goal: Collect 1,000 donated toys. Toy donations go to the UF Health Shands Children's Hospital.

The shows are held across North Central Florida. Two will be in Gainesville.

**1) Friday: Dirty Bar, 2441 NW 43rd St., Suite 26B**  
**2) Dec. 14: Backstage Lounge, 1315 S. Main St.**

\*Tour headliner: David Ball. Other artists will be local and regional acts.

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## CRIME

# Ice cream shop robber found

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Gainesville Police arrested a local man Tuesday who has been wanted on charges of robbing a local ice cream restaurant in late October.

Officers arrested 23-year-old John Gaddy on charges of armed robbery, kidnapping and possession of a weapon by a convicted felon, among other charges, according to Alachua County Jail records.

U.S. Marshals Florida Regional Fugitive Task Force officers found Gaddy in an apartment at 1053 SE 10th Place, said GPD

spokesman Officer Ben Tobias.

On Oct. 27, Gaddy entered the Eastside Sweet Dreams Homemade Ice Cream of Gainesville, 1040 E. University Ave., according to Alligator archives. He forced the female clerk into the bathroom at gunpoint and then took money from the register.

A little more than a week after the incident, officers issued a warrant for his arrest.

According to court records, Gaddy has previously been arrested for battery, robbery and criminal mischief. He was booked into jail at about 5 p.m. Tuesday, where he remained in lieu of an \$800,000 bond.

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# A Little Sunshine

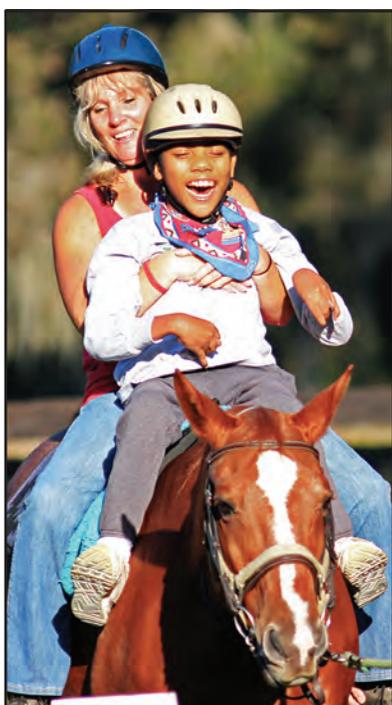
Daniel Ratovoson was born at just 26 weeks old. He suffers from cerebral palsy, a brain disorder that affects muscle tone, movement and motor skills. The journey has not been easy for him or his family. He needs constant daily monitoring and care — anywhere from feeding to bathing. But together they persevere.

Ratovoson is a senior at Gainesville High School and a member of the Noah's Endeavor program. On Nov. 10, Ratovoson turned 18 — an age that is typically a "rite of passage" for adolescents in which they seek independence from family and start lives of their own. But for Ratovoson, that is a transition only dreamt of in books read to

him by caretakers and family members.

Despite his disorder, Ratovoson participates in a multitude of activities, including baseball, swimming, soccer and bowling on a weekly basis. "I have been trying, as his mom, to find the best way for Daniel to be like any other kids," said Charlotte Ravel, his mother.

Photos by Adam Harrington



Top left: Daniel Ratovoson smiles while going for a walk with his older brother on Oct. 13.

Top right: Daniel Ratovoson attempts to stand on his own during a physical therapy session on Oct. 14.

Middle left: Daniel Ratovoson rides a horse on Oct. 16 at Stirrups 'n' Strides, a therapeutic horseback riding center in Citra, Fla.

Middle right: Daniel Ratovoson, or "Little Sunshine" as he's nicknamed, celebrates his 18th birthday on Nov. 10 with his mother, and his older brother and caretaker, Joel Ratovoson, 26.



Bottom left: Joel Ratovoson reads a bedtime story to Daniel Ratovoson on Nov. 27.

Bottom right: Daniel Ratovoson goes for a walk with Joel Ratovoson on Oct. 13.



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9 Omits	5 "Thick and Rich" chocolate syrup	38 Classic Fords	52 Medicare section
14 Chowhound's request	6 Rescue pro	40 Last year's frosh	53 Informal byes
15 Sharif who played Zhivago	7 Ones on the payroll	41 1956 Mideast dispute area	54 Dollar dispensers, for short
16 World Court site, with "The"	8 Freddie Jr. of "Scooby-Doo" films	43 J. Alfred Prufrock creator	55 Hit a Target?
17 Shepard in space	9 Ship reference	47 Straw-strewn shelter	56 Head of Paris?
18 Plate ump's purview	10 Musical buzzer	48 Santa winds	59 Close by
20 Brand for heartburn	11 Composer Stravinsky		61 Getting on in years
22 Providence-to-Boston dir.	12 Fourth-down play		62 Big one on the set, perhaps
23 Scraps for Rover	13 Dates		
24 Unit of work	19 Property border warning		
25 Soda for dieters	21 The Red Sox' Jon Lester, e.g.		
28 French season	26 1980s Chrysler product		
30 Thin pancake	27 Altered mtge.		
31 Violinist's gift	29 Social cupfuls		
34 Move very slowly	31 This crossword, literally for some, phonetically for all		
36 Suffers from	32 "Please don't yell"		
37 In recent times	33 Oboe, e.g.		
39 Mechanic, at times	34 Eye rudely		
41 "That works!"			
42 4-Down collector			
43 Boy king			
44 Made a hue turn?			
45 Suffix for records			
46 Oater group bent on justice			
48 Nile biter			
49 Blush wine, for short			
51 Short market lines?			
54 Piedmont wine region			
57 Erie Canal mule			
58 Pipeline, Oahu surfing attraction			
60 "She's Not There" rock group			
63 "Ripostes" poet Pound			
64 Overnight refuge			
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## Wilbekin out indefinitely with high ankle sprain Gators now down both point guards

**LONDON WATNICK**

Alligator Staff Writer @LandonWatnick

When it comes to the injury bug, Florida has not had any luck this year.

Scottie Wilbekin's ankle injury Monday night during No. 15 Florida's 65-64 loss to No. 12 UConn was a high right ankle sprain, the team announced Tuesday afternoon.

X-rays conducted Tuesday

were negative for any breaks and tears.

No timetable for the point guard's return has been set at this time, UF added.

Wilbekin suffered the injury late in Monday's contest and did not play the final 3:01 against the Huskies. Coming down from a rebound attempt, he landed awkwardly on UConn guard Ryan Boatright's foot. Wilbekin

fell to the ground holding his right ankle before play stopped and trainers escorted him to the locker room.

Without Wilbekin during the final stretch of the game, Florida moved the ball well and kept the game close until UConn guard Shabazz Napier sunk a buzzer-beater to win it for the Huskies.

Before exiting to the locker

room, Wilbekin had 15 points on 6-of-14 shooting and two assists against three turnovers.

Wilbekin's exit is a quick one after only playing in Florida's past three games. He missed the first five games of the regular season due to suspension for violating team rules.

High ankle sprains typically take about 4-6 weeks to heal. Without Wilbekin, No. 15 Florida could be heading into its home matchup against No. 6 Kansas on Dec. 10 with no true point guards and only six scholarship players.

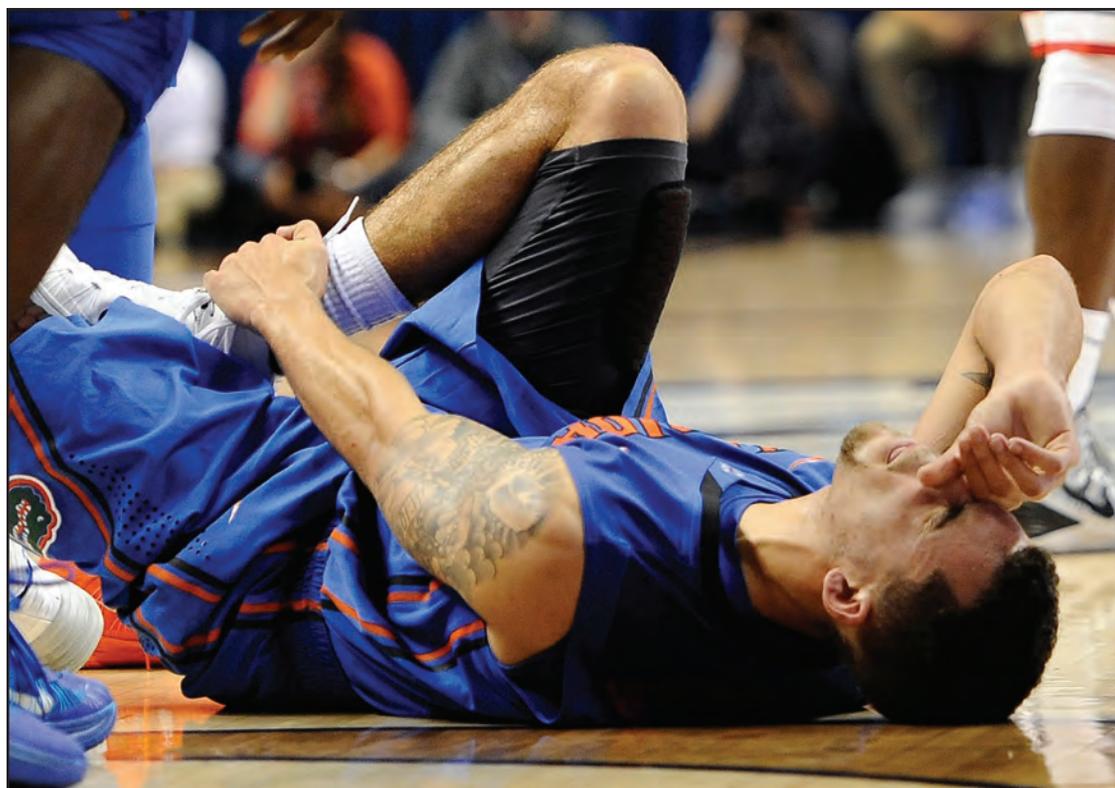
Freshman point guard Kasey Hill also suffered a high ankle sprain during Florida's win against Southern on Nov. 18. His original timetable for recovery was set for at least a month.

Hill seems to be making progress from his injury, as he has been cleared to walk without a protective boot, but he has not been active in UF's past four contests.

With Florida having limited options, sophomore shooting guard Michael Frazier II and forward Dorian Finney-Smith will likely have to assume point guard duties against the Jayhawks.

Swingman DeVon Walker (mid-foot sprain) played minimal minutes against UConn but should be in better health when facing the Jayhawks, barring any setbacks.

Combo guard Eli Carter, who has yet to regain full strength after suffering a broken leg in February, is opting for a medical redshirt and will not be available. Sophomore guard Dillon Graham (bone spurs in hips) is out for the season.



AP Photo

Scottie Wilbekin lies on the floor injured during the second half of No. 15 Florida's 65-64 loss to No. 12 Connecticut on Monday in Storrs, Conn. Wilbekin is out indefinitely with a high right ankle sprain.

### FOOTBALL

## Burton ends controversial Florida career

**ADAM LICHTENSTEIN**

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No player who has run through the south end zone tunnel in the last four years has generated as much love, hate, hope and dread as No. 8.

Trey Burton has delivered cheers and moans alike, but his career ended about two hours before he expected.

The senior wide receiver suffered a left shoulder injury in the first quarter of Florida's season-finale loss to Florida State on Saturday, ending a career that has been nothing if not eventful.

"Obviously you don't want to go out like that," he said. "I felt like I let my team down a

little bit. But it's obviously not something I can control."

When he suffered the injury, Burton was on the verge of perhaps his finest hour.



Burton

With quarterback Tyler Murphy out for the third straight game due to a sprained shoulder and third-stringer Skyler Mornhinweg struggling to fill the void, Burton was going to see as much action as he had in any other game in his career.

Coach Will Muschamp and former offensive coordinator Brent Pease planned to hand the keys of the offense over to Burton, lining him up at quarterback for more

than 30 snaps.

"We had a counter coming back, we had a trap, we had a couple of passes off of [the package]," Muschamp said. "There were just some things we felt good about that Trey had repped all week. We had a lot of confidence in him. Every time he's been in those situations he's performed very well."

Added Burton: "We had a bunch of [plays] ... I was excited for the opportunity and I was going to try to make the most of it. It got cut a little short."

For a moment, it looked like the strategy might work.

Burton rushed for 50 yards on the first play

**SEE BURTON, PAGE 20**

## Picks Column



**SITE:** Your Couch (cap. 4)  
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Another year has come and gone for the alligatorSports Brand Picks Column, and we're in a nostalgic mood.

In our last edition of this fall semester, we would like to thank you for reading this column each and every week.

In the spirit of nostalgia and reflection, we would like to look back at the year that was. Although, Florida stumbled to a 4-8 record in 2013, we feel we performed much better.

As you've come to expect, we here at the alligatorSports Brand Picks Column have a lot of pride and even more bravado.

So, to reflect that, we've decided to do a "Best Of" when it comes to this week's insults of our pickers. But first, alligatorSports columnist Adam Lichtenstein will debate the Atlantic Coast Conference title game between Duke and Florida State with a special "guest."

**Florida State (-29.5) will leave Duke longing for 2013 because...**

Jameis Winston is the best player in the nation. End of story. The kid is a beast.

-Adam Lichtenstein

**The Blue Devils (+29.5) will sing "Auld Lang Syne" to the Seminoles because...**

Go Blue Devils!

-David Cutcliffe

*Now onto the picks!*

Leading the pack at 69-38-5 is alligatorSports Assistant Editor Adam "D-II, here I come!" Lichtenstein, who declared he could crack the roster of a Division II basketball team. Sorry, bud. Most teams are probably looking for guys who can actually score.

In second place with a record of 64-43-5 is alligatorSports Staff Writer Joe "WE DON'T NEED TEBOW, OK?" Morgan, who continues to root for the most hopeless team in the NFL. No

**SEE PICKS, PAGE 21**



Lily Svete has brought her Indiana basketball roots to the Florida women's basketball team. *Read the story on page 22.*

### Poll Results

What most contributed to the Florida football team's dismal season?

**44% Injuries**

**42% Coaching**

**14% Talent**

79 total votes

### Senior Bowl

Jon Halapio announced via Twitter on Tuesday that he has been invited to participate in the Senior Bowl in January.

# Rutgers transfer Carter to earn medical redshirt this season

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Rather than play limited minutes for the Gators on a hobbled right leg, guard Eli Carter will sit out the remainder of the season and earn a medical redshirt, according to SNY.tv.

The junior suffered a broken leg while playing for Rutgers on Feb. 16 against DePaul.

Although he has returned to the court in a limited capacity this season, he is still not fully healthy.

Carter did not see any action on the court in Monday's loss to Connecticut and

has averaged fewer than eight minutes in seven games.

Walk-ons Billy Donovan and Lexx Edwards are the only other healthy players to have averaged less time on the court than Carter.

*"We owe it to him to get him fully healthy and healed and ready to play."*

**Billy Donovan**  
UF coach

The transfer from Rutgers, who earned a NCAA waiver to play for the Gators this season rather than being forced to sit out a year, was not efficient when he did see playing time.

Carter scored only three points for Florida on 1-of-14 shooting, including 1 of 9 from three-point range. He recorded as many turnovers as he did points.

Coach Billy Donovan did not confirm Carter's medical redshirt, but on Sunday he hinted at the idea.

"That's probably something that's going to happen," Donovan said.

"But right now, I think he's just trying to see — can he get better? But as I said before, we're not going to waste a year just to have him be a guy that's going to spot somebody to give him a breather. I think he's done too much in his career. We owe it to him to get him fully healthy and healed and ready to play."

**Turbulent Gators:** Delta Airlines is conducting an internal investigation after its partner, ExpressJet, swapped the Florida basketball team's mechanically dysfunctional charter plane for the commercial

Delta flight 5059 aircraft in order for the Gators to make their Monday night game against UConn.

While Billy Donovan and his team left on time, the unscheduled engine maintenance on the remaining aircraft forced Delta to cancel flight 5059, which left 50 customers stuck in Gainesville.

In a statement, Delta announced it expected the work on the aircraft to be completed quickly, which is why it swapped the planes.

Passengers were forced to find other flights out of Tampa, Orlando or Jacksonville because of the inconvenience, according to the Gainesville Sun.

One person missed a funeral as a result.

**Bahamas Bound:** The Battle 4 Atlantis tournament announced Florida would be one of the eight teams participating in its 2014 Thanksgiving weekend tournament in Paradise Island, Bahamas.

The lineup also includes heavyweights North Carolina, UCLA, Georgetown, Wisconsin, Butler, Oklahoma and Alabama-Birmingham.

Mike Hill, UF's executive associate athletic director for external affairs, said he jumped at the chance to join the tournament when the opportunity arose.

"The organizers of the event approached us a couple years ago to gauge our interest and obviously it was a pretty short discussion, especially when we heard about the other participants," Hill said. "That's a big-time field and we felt like we needed to be a part of that."



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Eli Carter dribbles the ball during Florida's 77-69 win against North Florida on Nov. 1 in the O'Connell Center. Carter plans to receive a medical redshirt this season.

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# Senior injured in final game

**BURTON**, from page 18

out of the much-maligned Wildcat package, and the Gators were threatening to take a quick lead against the heavily favored Seminoles.

But after one more Wildcat snap, Burton left the game due to the injury, and his season ended in as much disappointment as Florida's did.

"It was definitely a blow, but we had to regroup there and be able to execute without him," Mornhinweg said. "He was a key component to our offense."

Burton made a name for himself almost immediately after arriving at Florida. He completed 12 of 18 passes for a touchdown and ran for 128 yards and two more scores in the 2010 spring game. He made an immediate impact that season.

As a freshman, Burton scored 12 touchdowns — six of which came in a record outburst at home against Kentucky — and took part in the Gators' rotating quarterback system.

However, he was a runner first, throwing

only six passes all season while rushing 75 times.

The next two seasons, Burton moved around the field, even contemplating a move to defense, as he struggled to move the ball. Although he had bright moments, including a two-touchdown performance against a Tennessee in 2012, he often strained to make even modest gains.

However, Burton quietly succeeded in his final college season, providing a security blanket to Florida's again-rotating door of quarterbacks. The senior found his home in the lineup as the Gators' slot receiver, notching 445 yards on 38 receptions — third on the team in both categories.

Burton will look to stick at receiver in the future. He said he plans to enter May's NFL Draft as a wideout. He said after the loss to FSU that he had not thought much about his future after college, but he was happy with the way his career unfolded.

"I obviously wanted it to go a different way," he said, "but I'm extremely thankful for the four years I had here."



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Trey Burton reaches to catch a punt during Florida's 30-10 victory against Arkansas on Oct. 5 in Ben Hill Griffin Stadium. Burton finished the season with one touchdown.

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ugly uniform combination or washed-up quarterback will ever save that franchise.

Coming in at third place at 60-47-5 is alligatorSports Editor Phillip "Holier Than Thou" Heilman, who recently decided to impart some life lessons while playing Madden on Xbox Live. Listen, bud. When you follow up some sage advice by eating a potato chip off your bare chest, it's hard to take you seriously.

Leading the non-alligator-Sports division and in fourth place overall with a record of 57-50-5 is the Orlando Sentinel's Edgar

"OMG! Im so sry u guys 4 real!" Thompson, who sent a mass email to fellow beat writers following a relatively minor shared transcription snafu. Good Lord, Edgar. Why were you so apologetic? You act like we're your only friends or something. Oh...

Up next in fifth place is FightinGators.com's Cody "MIA" Jones, who we don't even remember seeing at the Georgia Southern game. Sad thing is, we just now realized he wasn't there. Or maybe he was. Oh, well.

Tied for sixth at 56-51-5 is InsidetheGators.com's Bryan "3-6-9!" Holt, who expressed his affection for the Lil Jon banger "Get Low" this week. Holt knows

a thing or two about getting low, if you know what we mean (He's short).

Also tied for sixth is 247sports.com's Thomas "Bueller? Bueller?" Goldkamp, who decided to cut class on Wednesday while the rest of us were enlightened by Professor Durkin. Whether or not he crashed an expensive sports car, we don't know.

And in dead-ass last place with a piss-poor record of 55-52-5 is Staff Writer Adam "Road trip nightmare" Pincus, who sweat profusely throughout the trip to Kentucky and stepped on a poor, innocent butterfly while stumbling out of the car at a gas station.

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# Senior forward brings basketball roots to Gainesville

**GORDON STREISAND**

Alligator Writer @GordonStreisand

James Naismith, basketball's creator, said in 1936, "Basketball really had its beginnings in Indiana, which remains today the center of the sport."

Those words still ring true. The sport may have been born in Massachusetts, but it came of age in Indiana — basketball's breadbasket.

The Gators have an Indiana connection. Redshirt senior Lily Svete hails from the South Bend, Ind.

Growing up so close to Notre Dame — her father, Lee, is the Associate Vice President for the school's Division of Student Affairs — she was naturally drawn to the Fighting Irish and their basketball teams at a young age.

"We went (to basketball games) all the time," Svete said. "All the time. I went to so many guys games and girls games."

Naturally, Lily and her little brother, Leo,

had a hoop in their driveway. "We've played since we were little," Svete said. "My dad had us in the gym since we were like 2 years old. We were always busy shooting on Saturday mornings."



Svete

Basketball's presence in Indiana is palpable. Hoops adorn driveways, trees, barn doors and silos. The state is home to some of basketball's most prominent figures.

Great shooters are aplenty in Indiana. Look no further than Larry "The Hick from French Lick" Bird and Oscar "The Big O" Robertson, who averaged 24.3 and 25.7 points per game throughout their careers, respectively.

"Everything up in Indiana is so fundamental," Svete said. "It's all about your shooting form. If you don't have perfect shooting form, people don't respect you as

a shooter. "Everybody can shoot. It's just the culture up there."

The lore of high school basketball in Indiana is unrivaled.

The state has 12 of the nation's 13 largest high school gymnasiums, according to the New York Times. New Castle Fieldhouse is the largest high school basketball gym in the world, boasting a capacity of 9,325.

In 36 years, Indiana has produced 41 McDonald's All-Americans — more than Florida, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Georgia, and trailing only Illinois, New York and California.

Svete excelled at Mishawaka Penn (Ind.) High. However, if a player in Indiana wants full recognition, playing AAU is a must.

"High school was serious, but AAU was always bigger," Svete said.

"I went (to Penn High) with my point guard that I always played AAU with, Kelsey Reynolds. She plays at DePaul now."

Svete and Reynolds bucked the trend at Penn by making the varsity team as freshmen — a rare feat at the school.

"We were really the first freshmen to play varsity," Svete said. "We started, which was kind of a big deal."

Being the basketball hotbed that Indiana is, Svete played against phenomenal talent.

Skylar Diggins, the third overall selection in the 2013 WNBA draft and the all-time leading scorer at Notre Dame, was one of Svete's regular opponents.

Diggins played for Washington (Ind.) High.

"[Diggins] was in my conference," Svete said. "We never got out of the sectional because we always played her team and got beat ... Like, we would go 19-2 and the two losses would be to Washington."

In her senior season at Penn, Svete made the Indiana All-Star team.

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## LANDON PUNCHES *Film study: UF hoops photo finish*

If you're a Florida fan and you're reading this right now, you probably hate Shabazz Napier's guts.



**Landon Watnick**  
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After what he did to your team Monday night, it's understandable. Napier scored 26 points — including No. 12 Connecticut's final six — to beat No. 15 Florida 65-64 on Monday night in Storrs, Conn.

Late in the game, the senior guard made two keys shots — a buzzer-beater on a second-chance opportunity and a four-point play on the previous possession.

But if you analyze the tape, you'll realize luck — and officiating — did not go in UF's favor late in the game on those two plays.

**The Buzzer-Beater:** The final possession of the game was a frantic mess that saw many small breaks work in the Huskies' favor.

With 17.7 seconds left in the game and his team down by a point, Napier took up the ball and then proceeded to use a pick from forward DeAndre Daniels. But Florida doubled on the pick-and-roll with Patric Young and Casey Prather to trap Napier.

The elusive Napier split the double team, losing his handle on the ball but regaining it after about half of a second. He then forced an off-balance jumper from the right elbow that clanked off the backboard.

Before any Gator could jump for the rebound, Daniels back-tapped the ball — intentionally or accidentally — and Napier somehow found himself with the ball in his hands at the free-throw line for one more shot.

Even with the 6-foot-6 Prather running toward Napier, sticking a hand in the Connecticut guard's face, Napier released the shot with only 0.4 seconds to spare and sunk it.

All five Gators should not have converged down low for the rebound. Florida should have stuck a man on a player as dangerous as Napier at all times. On the rebound attempt, UF left him unattended.

But Florida coach Billy Donovan made a good point after the game. If the ball were tipped anywhere else, the Gators would have won the game. It was a fluky play.

**The Four-Point Play:** After the game, Donovan said the refs made a mistake calling a foul on Dorian Finney-Smith during Napier's three-point shot on the right wing.

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**FIRE JOE MORGAN**

# Columnist thankful for lessons learned through mistakes

Former alligatorSports Editor Matt Watts looked at my computer screen and laughed.

"Try again," he said.  
 "You're kidding me, right?"  
 "Try again."  
 "Seriously?"  
 "Try again."  
 That was the fourth time Watts rejected my story. It was Spring 2012.

"Your lede sucks. Try again."  
 It took me six tries before I finally turned in a lede to his liking.

Now that I think about it, Watts was probably messing with me. Knowing Watts, he would definitely screw with me like that for his own entertainment, but I digress.

I don't remember that story's subject, whom I quoted in it or even that damn lede. But I remember the process, one that defined my time at the Alligator.

The people who know me would never tell you this because they're way too nice, but I stumble often. Few things ever go right the first time, but I prefer it that way.

I learn from the bruises.  
 The first time I applied for a job at the Alligator, I came in confident. Just like everyone else who applies to join our section, I was the sports editor at my high school paper.

I wrote stories about concussions, extreme weight loss in wrestling and Michael Vick's return to the NFL after spending time in prison on dog fighting charges.

Damn, I was hot stuff.  
 But the Alligator disagreed.  
 They rejected me.

I was so mad I didn't pick up that damn newspaper for two months.

But instead of giving up, I immersed myself in blogging, writing about Gators sports like a madman.



**Joe Morgan**  
 Twitter: @joe\_morgan

Sure, I was mediocre, but the guys at the Alligator must have appreciated my work ethic or determination or something, so they hired me when I re-applied four months later.

But I wasn't done stumbling.  
 When I began writing this column in May 2012, I didn't know

what I was getting into.  
 I still struggle with the words I write here because of the platform this paper gives me. I have been extremely fortunate to work with incredibly talented people at the largest student-run college newspaper in the country.

Thanks to the work of much better reporters and columnists before me, I have this space to give my opinions — and the occasional #HotSportsTake — to a wide audience.

For that, and for you, I'm thankful.  
 I'm always thankful for the nice emails and the retweets, but I'm even more thankful for the times y'all let me have it. It's happened a lot, and y'all know who you are.

Some of the feedback was funny simply because of how ridiculous it was. But I am more appreciative of the times — and there were many — when you called me out for a dumb column or respectfully disagreed with my other more salient opinions.

At times, I stumbled, but I have learned how to get back up.

I appreciate you either kicking me while I was down or, more often, lifting me up. Without you, this column and the experience of a lifetime would not be possible.

I have written 348 stories and nearly every alligatorSports Brand Picks Column from the past two years, but as Will Muschamp says, "It's not add water, instant playwrighter."

I have a support system to thank.  
 To Caroline, thank you for being so amazing and staying up late at night to talk to me after I got off from work. I know I've cost you hours and hours of sleep.

To my parents and sisters, thanks for your love and support.  
 To Adam, thanks for taking a chance on a mediocre blogger.

To Watts, thanks for the tough love.  
 To Luca, thank you for your guidance and dealing with my insanity. Without you, this job would have probably destroyed me.

To Phillip, thanks for being a friend, building me up and being a terrific colleague since we were both bright-eyed amateurs covering women's basketball.

To Edgar and Joe, thanks for your wisdom and your experience.

To Brooksie, Sean, John and Dan, thanks for being great SID's.  
 To Boothe, Tom, Holt, Jett and Katie, thank you for being awesome co-workers and making the office an amazing environment.

To Jurnovoy, Pincus, Adam, Riva and Rachel, thank you for not killing us in car accidents. Y'all made those football road trips bearable.

To Corey, Fink, the other Jurnovoy and Jordan, thanks for cleaning up my messes.

And to those of you I haven't named or forgotten, I'm sorry. There are simply too many people to count.

I've gone on too long here, so I'll leave you with this.  
 Muschamp likes to describe his toughest players as guys who "stick their face in the fan."

Every time I wrote this column, I stuck my face in the fan. The blades nicked me every now and then, but there was nothing like that cool breeze.

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