

Florida's baseball team is aiming for a ninth College World Series berth, but the task won't be an easy one. Read the full story on page 13.



By 2015, all Gators in residence halls will be cool

► BUCKMAN GETS AC THIS SUMMER.

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By 2015, all UF residence halls will have central air conditioning.

This summer, Oelrich Construction Inc. is installing central air conditioning in Buck-

man Hall for about \$1.3 million, and Charles Perry Partners Inc. is replacing the windows in Thomas Hall for \$1.6 million, according to an email from Sharon Blansett, assistant to the associate vice president for Student Affairs.

Next summer, central air conditioning units will be installed in Thomas Hall for \$1.7 million. Residence halls that previously didn't have central air only had wall units, or stu-

dents were allowed to bring their own cooling devices. Blansett wrote that \$4 to \$6 million is set aside each year from rent profits for residence hall renovations and repairs.

For Sara Wedemeyer, a 19-year-old UF geology sophomore, air conditioning is a welcome addition.

"Things change, and time changes," she said. "So if these dorms change, their popular-

ity would change because they wouldn't cater to today's living."

Jackie Ramos, a 20-year-old UF nutritional science senior, said although it's nice to have air conditioning, the buildings, some of the first residence halls at UF, are losing history.

"There isn't going to be anything left from the past," she said. "They'll be just like any other building at UF."

Alachua County Fire Rescue seeks volunteers

► THIS IS THE FIRST TIME.

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Alachua County Fire Rescue's Emergency Management Division is assembling a volunteer Fire Corps for the first time in its history.

The program, which began nationally in 2004, is accepting applications from volunteers to help out in nonemergency positions.

"This program would let us utilize resources that citizens have to help the office while also trying to teach the public ... about fire," said Ebbin Spellman, Alachua County Emergency Management coordinator.

Tasks of volunteers include designing websites and providing administrative assistance. Applicants must be 18 years or older and can apply online until Aug. 29.

The County Commission approved the grant for the program after about four years, Spellman said. But the only cost involved would be conducting background checks.

Rebecca Creech, a 21-year-old UF forest resources and conservation graduate student, said she's been looking for a similar program. "I would do as much as they would let me do," she said.



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Biathlon Ready

Huck Rocca, an 18-year-old Gainesville High School senior, finishes up the 5K run of the Gainesville Biathlon Challenge Saturday.

LOCAL

UK robotic company to make US debut in GNV

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Out of all the cities in the U.S., a foreign startup company chose to open its first U.S. location in Gainesville's Innovation Square, and a UF alumnus is heading the location.

Zeeko Ltd., a UK-based technology company, manufactures intelligent robotic polishers, which have been used to polish high precision optics, among other things. Most notably,

Zeeko's products were used to polish the optics on NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter.

"The research coming out of the University of Florida is what drew attention to Gainesville," wrote Arthur Graziano, director of the Zeeko's Gainesville facility and UF alumnus, in an email interview.

Graziano said Zeeko's staff is excited to work with Hitomi Yamaguchi Greenslet, an associate professor in UF's Center for Manufacturing Innovation. Greenslet is an expert in

magnetic abrasive finishing, which is technology Zeeko aims to incorporate into its existing products.

Trimark Properties has partnered up with Zeeko to develop the new 1,080-square-foot facility, wrote John Fleming, Trimark Properties managing partner, in an email.

"Our relationship with Zeeko is just beginning, as it is with Zeeko's new relationship with Gainesville and Innovation Square," Fleming said.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Two men facing long prison stays in I-95 robberies

FORT PIERCE — Two men are facing lengthy federal prison sentences after pleading guilty to committing a string of armed robberies along Interstate 95.

Yubran Alvarez Vasquez of Bluffton, South Carolina, and Matthew Emmanuel Vasquez of Savannah, Georgia, admitted last week they used a firearm in furtherance of a violent crime. That charge carries a minimum 35-year prison sentence up to a maximum of life.

Authorities said the pair targeted gas stations and hotels along I-95 from Melbourne to Jupiter. In February 2013, they went on a five-hour spree in which they robbed two gas stations and two hotels at gunpoint.

One man fired his gun during a robbery at a Holiday Inn Express in Vero Beach, but no one was injured.

Sentencing is set Aug. 27 in Fort Pierce.

—THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Florida man injured after jumping from roof into pool

FORT WALTON BEACH — Authorities said a man had to be flown to a Florida Panhandle hospital after jumping off a roof of a house into a swimming pool.

Battalion Chief Terry Kline with the Ocean City-Wright Fire Department said the man overshot the jump Sunday afternoon, hit the side of the pool and injured his leg.

Kline told the Northwest Florida Daily News that the 20-year-old man's friends pulled him out of the water.

The man was flown from the Fort Walton Beach home to a Pensacola hospital. His name and condition were not released.

—THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CORRECTIONS:

In a story that ran online Thursday, the Alligator incorrectly said that Conrad Cole, an aspiring graduate senator, was not chosen because of "conduct issues with the university." Cole was not selected because he will not be taking classes this summer.

An earlier version of a story that ran in Tuesday's paper incorrectly stated the name of a bat as New Gregorian instead of New Georgian Monkey-Faced bat. It also stated the bat was found in Papua New Guinea instead of the Solomon Islands.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

UF College of Dentistry Oral Cancer Awareness 5K

UF's College of Dentistry in conjunction with The Oral Cancer Foundation will host its Second Annual Oral Cancer Awareness 5K on Saturday at Bo Diddley Community Plaza. Throughout this event, dental students and dental professionals will provide free oral cancer screenings to the public and help educate participants on the signs and symptoms of head and neck cancer. The 5K walk or run will take place at 9 a.m., with registration beginning at 8 a.m. Preregistration online is \$20 for students, \$25 for nonstudents and \$10 for children. To preregister, visit oralcancerfoundation.com or email Shelly Taylor at staylor@dental.ufl.edu.

Students receive free admission to the Florida Museum

Students with a valid Gator 1 Card now receive free admission to the Butterfly Rainforest and other fee-based exhibits year-round, sponsored by UF Student Government. The museum is located at 3215 Hull Road, just south of the Southwest Recreation Center on the UF Cultural Plaza. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

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A Gainesville man was arrested after resisting arrest when police found cocaine in his pocket.

Officers arrested 35-year-old Anthony Williams Saturday on charges of cocaine possession and resisting arrest without violence, according to a Gainesville Police report.

Just before 8 p.m., a black male was reported to be harassing customers and talking about having

“coke” at the Kangaroo Express gas station, located at 14355 W. Newberry Road, according to the report.

An officer arrived and approached Williams who said he was attempting to get a ride to Jacksonville, according to the report. After being asked if he had any drugs or weapons, Williams said he did not

have anything on him. He allowed the officer to search him.

The officer felt several objects in Williams’ right front pocket and pulled them out at the officer’s request. When the officer tried to stop Williams from repocketing a plastic wrapper, Williams pulled away.

After a few steps, Williams

turned around and raised both arms in a boxing stance. The officer used his stun gun as Williams began to flee toward the store, according to the report. Half a gram of cocaine was found in the plastic wrapper.

Williams was booked in the Alachua County Jail just after midnight. At press time, his bond is \$7,000.



Alyssa Nieves / Alligator

“A Puppet Man and Storybook Lady”

David Atherton, 64, uses puppets to illustrate stories read by his wife, Carolyn, to a room filled with parents and children at the Milhopper branch library Saturday morning. The couple has about 1,000 puppets.

.. THIS WEEK *in* GAINESVILLE ..

May 29, 1974

The Gainesville Eight, a group of anti-war protesters including members of Vietnam Veterans Against the War, filed suit in federal court alleging their civil rights were violated by prosecutors and local FBI agents. The year before, they were on trial for a conspiracy to disrupt the Republican National Convention in 1972.

May 26, 1988

The home of the Gators was overrun with alligators leaving its lakes to look for love. UF zoologist Kent Vliet called increased gator sightings on campus seasonal habits. Once young gators grow to about 3 feet, the adults chase them off to protect the even younger, smaller gators. “That’s a tough time for gators,” Vliet said. “They can’t survive in the big lakes because the males will kill them.”

May 31, 1994

“Alice’s Friends” came together to defeat plans to build student housing near Lake Alice. “You stick hundreds of people living across the street from Lake Alice,” group organizer Ary Lamme said, “and the Lake Alice experience goes down the tubes.” Besides destroying the park feeling of the area, alligators were another issue.

— KRISTAN WIGGINS

UF GRAD

UF writers find publishers, success outside their degrees

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Gators of any major hoping to enter the literary world can breathe easy — an English degree is not required.

UF alumni have published 161 books through 103 publishers,

Padgett Powell, a UF English professor, wrote in an email.

One such author recently published his first novel. Marc Weingarten graduated from UF in 1973 with a bachelor’s in political science.

“I really put that to good use,” the 62-year-old comedian and author said.

He had originally set out to be a lawyer, but after attending a semester of law school, he found that he did not enjoy it.

“I didn’t want to make money off of other people’s problems,” he said. “I wanted to make money off of my own creativity.”

Weingarten’s first novel, “Cape

Comedy,” was published April 16 after 18 years of writing.

Even though Weingarten did not enter a field using his degree from UF, he said there is no such thing as a waste of experience, which he said laid the groundwork for his book.

Nikolas Wong, another Gator author and current UF student, also

finds material from his experiences.

The 22-year-old criminology senior just had his second work, “Summertime Treasure,” published.

The short poem is based on a true story about a trip to the beach with a friend.

“The stories are like a ‘thank you’ to my friends,” he said.

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LOCAL

Local bar offers risqué trivia, sex toys as prizes

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"Dirty Mike" cleared his throat and then grunted into the microphone.

"The word 'clitoris' comes from the greek word meaning..."

"Not real!" shouted Gainesville resident F. Mark Covert, 37, from the back of the bar.

Covert and his friends sat around a small table at Dirty Bar on Northwest 43rd Street Wednesday night, arguing over answers to Kinky Quizzo, the bar's weekly adult trivia game.

They were the "Prison Sex Perverts," up against such daring competitors as "The couch pulls out, but we don't" and "My grandma can't wrestle, but you should see her box."

After three rounds of 10 questions on strange animal sex habits, X-rated films and euphemistic expressions, Covert's team finished second, beating about eight other teams.

Hidden behind The Flying Biscuit Cafe and The Fresh Market in the Thornebrook Village Shopping Center, Dirty Bar is home to post-college locals and few undergraduate students.

It is the only bar in Gainesville that hosts Kinky Quizzo, a pre-packaged adult trivia game that supplies the questions, answers and prizes to participating bars.

Twelve bars around the U.S. host the game, according to Kinky Quizzo's website, including Citie Bar in Crystal River, Florida.

"It wasn't what I expected," said 20-year-old UF chemistry junior Alaina Giacobbe, a last-minute member of the Prison Sex Perverts.

Giacobbe said she walked away empty-handed, letting her team members keep the vibrator, body paint and a 30-minute subscription to hotmovies.com they won.

"I let them have them," she said of her mid-30s teammates. "They needed them more."

"It wasn't what I expected."

Alaina Giacobbe
UF chemistry junior

Giacobbe said the trivia questions were not nearly as explicit as the table conversation.

"We went around and told our most embarrassing sex stories," she said.

Covert accidentally broke his high school girlfriend's nose during an especially claustrophobic bout in his car, he said.

On another occasion, he watched an argument lead to his TV smashing to the ground as barbecue chicken wings flew at his face amidst screaming accusations of infidelity.

"I wasn't cheating," he said.

Dirty Bar's mumbling emcee revealed the answers at the end of each round.

No, dinosaurs have not been found to have both sex organs. Yes, male spiders castrate themselves during sex to increase sperm transfer.

And no, "clitoris" does not mean "not real."

It's real, and it comes from the greek root meaning "climax" or "hill."

Giacobbe said although she had a good time, she probably won't go again.

"But I would definitely say go once," she said, "it was an experience."

Police: Teen killed cabbie in rage

► THE TEEN THOUGHT HE WAS GETTING RIPPED OFF.

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SCRANTON, Pa. — A 16-year-old who believed he was being ripped off shot and killed a northeastern Pennsylvania cab driver who refused to take his shortcuts, police said.

Aazis Richardson was charged with murder Friday night, hours after police said he shot 47-year-old Vincent Darbenzio twice in the head. The cab driver's body was found in his vehicle shortly before 5 a.m. near the entrance to a Scranton housing complex.

"Richardson said he got upset because the cab driver was taking the long way and ripping him off," police wrote in a criminal complaint posted online by The Times-Tribune of Scranton. The complaint said Richardson told investigators the driver

kept taking a longer route even after being told shortcuts.

Richardson told police he became angry and shot Darbenzio after telling him to pull over, according to the complaint.

While in police custody, Richardson told reporters he had killed the driver because he wouldn't take his preferred route. Asked if being ripped off was reason to kill someone, Richardson replied, "To me, it is."

Investigators said they traced the cellphone call that requested the cab to a home next door to one Richardson frequented. Richardson was arrested after police said they found him hiding in the shared attic. A handgun was also recovered.

The woman who placed the call told police she did not know Richardson but called the cab for him because he said he did not have a phone.

It's not clear if Richardson had an attorney.

Darbenzio started working for the cab company last month.



Emily Cochrane / Alligator

Panda-monium

Erica Drayer, a 19-year-old UF cultural anthropology sophomore, pets Xixi, a giant panda Saturday at the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Pandas Breeding in Chengdu, China. Drayer is one of 28 UF students studying abroad in Chengdu for a six-week Chinese language program.

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Editorial

When can women stop living in fear?

Yet another mass shooting in the U.S. has left seven dead and the country deeply disturbed by the alleged killer's motives.

Authorities believe that on Friday, 22-year-old Elliot Rodger stabbed three people in his apartment complex, shot three women — killing two of them — and fatally shot a University of California, Santa Barbara student in a local deli.

Police have strong evidence against Rodgers. According to the Associated Press, he left YouTube videos and a 140-page manifesto detailing his plan to kill his roommates before murdering all members of a sorority, as part of a plan to incite a “war on women.”

This shooting is unique in its extra layer of complexity: Rodgers is not a man who displayed clear signs of mental illness, according to his parents and peers, and he obtained his weapons legally (neither of these, for example, applied to Sandy Hook shooter Adam Lanza). What sets this horrible incident apart from shootings we've experienced in previous years is intent. Rodgers voiced an articulate, singular desire: to hurt as many women as possible. It's the kind of sobering thought that keeps us awake at night — that somewhere, out there, a man wants to kill you simply because of your sex.

And while many women in the U.S. aren't in immediate danger of being murdered, the UCSB tragedy was a horrifying anomaly. Yet many don't realize that fear is an everyday part of life as a woman.

Indeed, fear of male violence dictates many parts of women's lives: who she talks to, where she goes and when, what kinds of pocket-sized weapons she should keep handy at all times, if that man she rejected at the bar will follow her home, if she should confront the stranger on the train who put his hand up her skirt when no one was watching.

The UCSB tragedy and other mass shootings are so terrifying because they remind us that, on some level, we are powerless to protect ourselves from blind hatred. Of course, everyone has the same fear of being hurt — of home invasions, of terrorist attacks, of car hijackers and of other random acts of violence that occur every day.

But women are uniquely impacted by fear of violence from others, and we are constantly reminded of our powerlessness. Cars full of men yelling catcalls make us wonder if they will stop to assault us. Slasher flicks depicting hot girls being carved up make us wonder who is deriving pleasure from these images. Rodger's YouTube videos make us wonder which quiet boy in the back of the classroom is harboring resentment toward women.

In addition to opening conversations about mental health-care resources and tighter gun laws, we hope that this fresh tragedy will cause everyone — not just lawmakers — to examine the way women presumably owe men sex. As Margaret Atwood put it, “Men are afraid women will laugh at them. Women are afraid men will kill them.”

Reader response

Today's question: Did you watch Elliot Rodger's YouTube video?

Friday's question: Do you watch Netflix on an Xbox?

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Column

Political correctness hinders truth seeking

The latest bout of collegiate outrage that has captured the nation's attention surprisingly does not come from an offensive themed fraternity party, or an undergraduate bellowing “Don't tase me, bro” during a political speech. No, the country is taking notice that institutions of higher education are sacrificing free speech and free expression on the grounds of political correctness.

Take the recent college commencement speech conundrums, for example.

During the past graduation cycle, many colleges have uninvited a good amount of scheduled commencement speakers because of their stances on the Iraq War, Islam and Occupy Wall Street. Those snubbed included former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, International Monetary Fund chief Christine Lagarde, women's rights activist Ayaan Hirsi Ali and former chancellor at the University of California, Berkeley Robert Birgeneau. Yeah, the Berkeley guy was dissuaded from speaking to a liberal university. In effect, colleges silenced the voices of women, minorities and a liberal administrator — a sign of troubling times in the country.

One might think, “OK, well those are the speakers' opinions. Everyone is entitled to his or her opinion.”

Not the case of these colleges. Toleration, especially in the ivy-covered bastions of liberal thought, is a one-way street. Those deemed unenlightened, those who have not progressed on select issues and those who dare to buck the public consensus face incoming traffic head-on.

The all-too-common rationale is, “I will tolerate you provided you agree with me. If you don't, I won't allow you to speak.”

As a result, students are prevented from participating in a learning experience on campus. Students, who ironically have been forcibly proselytized to by many an academic, would listen to the commencement speech and form their own opinion about the topic discussed.

College educators are not only informing students what to think but also what to find offensive. Some institutions have begun using trigger warnings in order to warn readers of any subjects discussed in the text that are deemed offensive.

For example, Oberlin College warned students reading



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“Things Fall Apart” that it may “trigger readers who have experienced racism, colonialism, religious persecution, violence, suicide” and more.

I, for one, have never met a person in the waiting room of a psychiatrist who is dealing with problems caused by colonialist references in a book.

Hysterics aside, a person should be sensitive to others. But when sensitivity goes awry, the resulting political correctness becomes farcical.

National Review Online columnist Jonah Goldberg made an interesting point. He wrote, “We live in a culture in which it is considered bigotry to question whether women should join combat units — but it is also apparently outrageous to subject women of the same age to realistic books and films about war without a warning?” Farcical indeed.

It's a shame that these situations happen on college campuses. Pursuing higher education is a venerable endeavor, and professors can make a great difference in a student's life. However, when one's schooling gets in the way of one's education, a degree-seeking student is prevented from participating in the activity for which he or she is taking out loans. Some professors undoubtedly want to become the free speech arbiters of society in order to preserve their preconceived and incorrect ideals that an offense-free world is practical. In a free society, that could never happen.

A true education allows room for differing opinions. Learning should be a communal experience. If an individual desires to change another person's opinion, allow him to speak and debate him on the issues. That is an educational ideal. Anything short of that is a tyranny of thought.

A real learning experience is taking place while this calamity ensues. Students are learning that political correctness is running amuck, and college craziness isn't exclusive to Saturday night keggers.

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The views expressed here are not necessarily those of the Alligator.

Column

'Nice-guy' complex gone sour

On Friday night, a gunman killed seven people, including himself, when he opened fire on a small community near University of California, Santa Barbara. The gunman, believed to be 22-year-old Elliot Rodger, had posted a seven-minute video to YouTube the night before, detailing his plans and motives.



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In his video, Rodger, who is said to have a mental illness, said he was a virgin and that he was forced to live a lonely life because girls were never attracted to him. He said that he did not know why girls weren't attracted to him because he was the "perfect guy" and the "supreme gentleman."

His motivation for the premeditated murders? "If I can't have you, girls, I will destroy you."

Despite the familiar arguments for stricter gun laws and better mental healthcare resources, it still stands that misogyny and male entitlement are what made Rodger think in the first place that women owe him sex and should be punished for rejecting him.

The sad fact is: This is not the first time a man has killed because he felt entitled to a woman's body. In April, Maren Sanchez, a 16-year-old girl, was stabbed after she declined a classmate's "promposal." A 19-year-old girl was strangled by a relative in New Delhi a few weeks ago when she denied his marriage proposal.

So I have a message to the men of this world: Stop buying into this misogynistic way of thinking women owe you something — it's literally killing people.

If you just rolled your eyes and thought, "not all men" — stop right there. If that's all you can say to this, then you're part of the problem.

Sure, not all men think this way, but judging by the crowd reactions, many do. Comments on his video ranged from, "See girls this is what you get for treating nice guys like shit," to "And I really feel bad for him, rejection is agony."

Sure, it sucks to get rejected, but it sucks more to be killed for exercising your right to say "no." We as a society need to stop encouraging this idea that the "friend zone" exists.

Rodger took the idea to the extreme. But it only takes a quick Internet search on forums for pick-up artists or men's rights activists to show that some men think like him.

So what does it say about our culture that we are so quick to pin this incident on mental illness or gun issues rather than misogyny?

Concepts like male entitlement and the patriarchy are hard to discuss, but it's important that we realize these things lead to hate crimes and violence against women.

So stop defending Rodger. Stop saying he was misunderstood or that he only did it because he was mentally ill. Stop saying that Rodger is just one guy and that most guys don't think like that. My friend said it well when she suggested that men acknowledge that violence against women is real, and women constantly live in fear.

Women worry about walking alone at night because we've heard stories of girls getting kidnapped. We worry about wearing revealing clothing and drinking too much because we know people who have been assaulted. And now, we worry about how exactly to reject a man so that he does not kill her.

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Guest column

Settler colonialism in Israel

When you hear the words "settler colonialism," you might think of it as something that went away in the 20th century, but look no further than the often touted "only democracy in the Middle East." The state of Israel that was established 66 years ago. While this is often described as a moment of liberation for the Jewish people after facing a thousand years of European anti-Semitism, which we saw the worst of in the Shoah (Holocaust), for Palestinians 1948 represents a traumatic event that they describe as al-Nakba, or "catastrophe" in Arabic.

Rami Okasha & Eric Brown
Speaking Out

May 15 marked the commemoration of the Nakba by Palestinians around the world, except it is in Israel, where the "Nakba Law" criminalizes commemoration of this event from both Palestinian and Israeli history.

Palestinian society was forever impacted when approximately 720,000 Palestinians were forced into exile by pre-Israel Zionist militias from 1947 to 1948. In fact, the majority of those were exiled before May 15, 1948, when Israel officially declared itself as a state and the Arab-Israeli War began. It is simply immoral to frame the establishment of Israel in a liberation context in line with anti-colonial struggles of the post war period in Africa and Asia. How can it be called independence when it is gained by forcibly removing the indigenous population to create a state where the majority of the citizens are Jewish, and while this forced majority is given a higher status and more rights over the indigenous?

This is not liberation: It is colonialism.

We as Americans should recognize our own nation's history of ethnically cleans-

ing the Native Americans and attempting to normalize our erasure of them. We all live on stolen land, whether we would like to admit that or not, and we see the result of our carnage against this land's indigenous, in which Native Americans have been marginalized and forced to live in reservations. Maybe through conscious observance of this tragedy, we would be able to understand similar systems of oppression, many of which are still ongoing.

Any person with a conscience must uphold United Nations Resolution 194 and the Geneva Convention that guarantees Palestinians their right of return. The largest refugee population in the world, 6.5 million, consists of Palestinians who were exiled in 1948 and their descendants, and that only accounts for those registered by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency. The right of return should not be seen as a barrier to peace but a necessity to provide true rehabilitation to those who suffer in some of the most horrible conditions in UN camps. Furthermore, the struggle against settler colonialism and apartheid didn't end with South Africa. The same policies of separation exist in the occupied territories and even in what is deemed as Israel proper today in the form of segregated roads and schools, home demolitions and various other state policies meant for erasure, both of Palestinian people and their history.

This summer as we reflect on tragedies facing the global community, let us not forget to remember Palestinians and the Nakba that is still ongoing.

Rami Okasha and Eric Brown are members of UF Students for Justice in Palestine.

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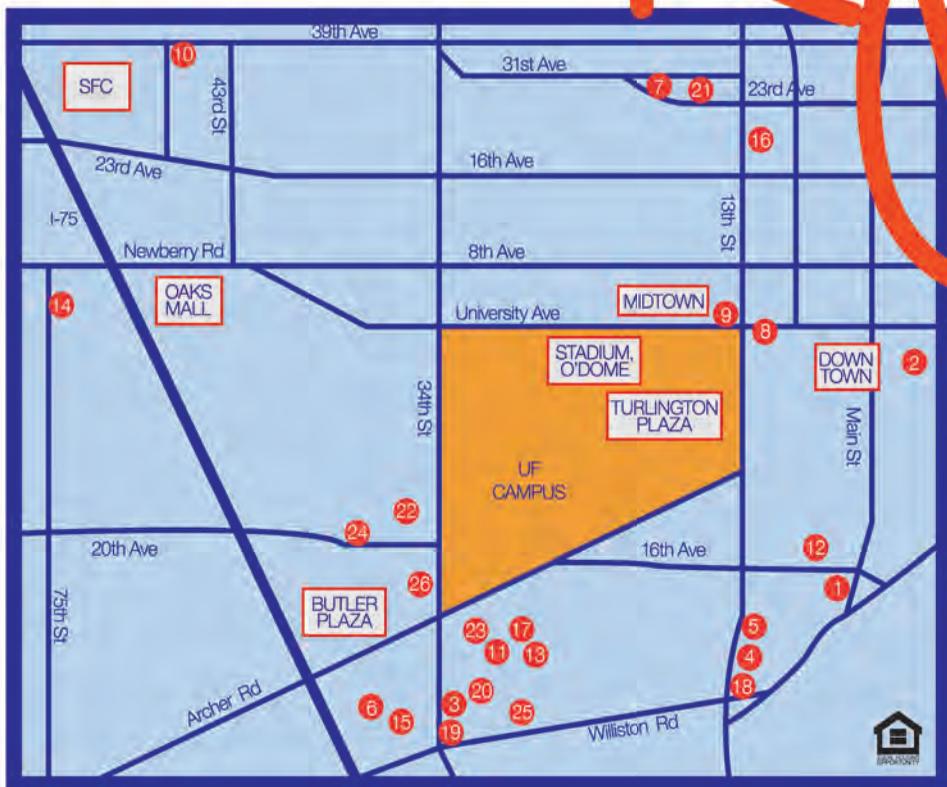
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Gainesville Police arrested a Lake City man for stealing shoes, pants and other items totaling \$361.50.

Officers arrested 41-year-old Robert Abbott Sunday on the charge of grand theft from the J.C. Penney in the Oaks Mall, according to a police report.

At about 4 p.m., Abbott took seven pieces of clothing and a wallet totaling \$202.53 from the store and went into a fitting room with the items, according to the report. He then returned the same items as if they were already purchased.

Abbott used the gift card he received from the previous return of the eight stolen items to purchase five pairs of shoes totaling \$158.97, according to the report.

Abbott was approached by GPD and escorted to the loss prevention office where the 13 items totaling \$361.50 were recovered from Abbott's store bag by a loss prevention witness before the arrival of GPD, according to the report.

After questioning, Abbott said he only took two pairs of pants without paying for them.

Officers booked Abbott into the Alachua County Jail about 6 p.m. on Sunday. He was released Monday at about 12:30 p.m. He was released on his own recognizance.



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Memorial Mile

Vietnam War veteran Abney William, 67, pays his respects to fallen soldiers. The organization Veterans for Peace laid 6,782 memorial tombstones on Northwest 8th Avenue.

NATIONAL

Experts say mass murderers are hard to pinpoint, predict

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GOLETA, Calif. — Colorado movie theater shooter James Holmes. Sandy Hook school attacker Adam Lanza. And now Elliot Rodger.

All were young loners with no criminal history who went on shooting sprees, leaving devastated families in their wake.

Mass murderers tend to have a history of pent-up frustration and failures, are socially isolated and vengeful, blaming others for their unhappiness, experts say.

"They all display deluded thinking and a lot of rage about feeling so marginalized," James Garbarino, a professor of psychology at Loyola University Chicago, said in an email.

Since mass killings are extremely

rare, scholars say there's no way to predict who has deadly intentions, let alone who will reach a breaking point and take action.

Past violence is a clue, but in Rodger's case, police did not see him as a threat to himself or others during a welfare check weeks before Friday night's rampage near the University of California, Santa Barbara that left six victims dead and 13 injured.

Rodger died of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head after a shootout with deputies, ending a night of terror in this tight-knit seaside campus community as the semester drew to a close.

Pinpointing a mass killer "is not an exact science. We don't have a foolproof way of predicting" who will turn violent, said Risdon Slate, a professor of criminology at Florida Southern College.

Before Rodger stabbed three male UCSB students in his apartment and cruised around in his black BMW firing at sorority girls and strangers, he left a trail of YouTube videos and a 140-page manifesto ranting against women and couples and lamenting his lack of a sex life.

"I'm sexually attracted to girls. But girls are not sexually attracted to me."

Elliot Rodger

Alleged killer of seven people

In his postings, Rodger, a 22-year-old community college student and son of a Hollywood director, said he was a lonely and frustrated virgin.

"I'm sexually attracted to girls. But girls are not sexually attracted to me. And there's a major problem with that — a major problem. That's

a problem that I intend to rectify. I in all my magnificence and power, I will not let this fly. It's an injustice that needs to be dealt with," Rodger said in one of the videos.

Before the killings, Rodger's mother became alarmed about bizarre videos he posted and alerted authorities in April. But Rodger was able to convince deputies that he was not a risk to himself or others — conditions that would have allowed them to take him into custody under California law.

In his writings, Rodger said he had seen several therapists throughout his life, but it's unclear what he was being treated for.

Experts say people with mental illness generally are not more violent than the rest of the population.

On Sunday, several security guards stood watch outside the

apartment building where Rodger lived.

Memorials sprung up there, outside the sorority house where two coeds were shot nearby and at a deli where a male student was shot.

The university planned a memorial Tuesday afternoon at Harder Stadium on the 21,685-student campus to mourn and remember the six who were killed. The day's classes were canceled.

Garrett Schneider, a 22-year-old student studying physical anthropology and linguistics, was touched by the tragedy, but he said he won't view fellow students with more suspicion because of it.

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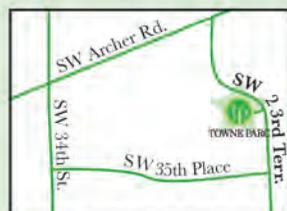
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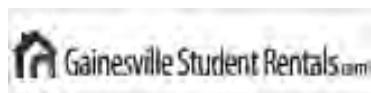
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BASEBALL

Gainesville regional historically hard for Gators according to RPI

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So you probably think Florida's NCAA baseball regional is a bit difficult for a two-seed, and if that's the case, you're most certainly right.

Adjusted RPI is one of the many factors the NCAA selection committee takes into account when it puts teams in the field of 64, but it is an unbiased and weighted factor.

For instance, instead of 1.0 for a road victory, a road win will be valued at 1.3. A home win is 0.7 instead of 1.0, and a neutral site win is 1.0. A home loss counts 1.3 against, and a road loss counts 0.7 against in the adjusted RPI. This adjustment system replaces the prior one that gave teams bonuses for beating higher-ranked teams, and it went into effect in 2013.

The committee is often criticized for relying too heavily on RPI, and the weighting was recently altered to its current format to appease northern schools that play many of their early-season games on the road because of poor weather.

This weekend, the Gators will host College of Charleston, North Carolina and Long Beach State in the Gainesville regional, respectively the adjusted RPI rankings of those teams are 53, 41 and 29 giving Florida's regional an average adjusted RPI ranking of 40.7.

That gives Florida the hardest regional of any of the national seeds — barely edging out the LSU-hosted Baton Rouge regional's average adjusted RPI of 42.7 — even though the Gators are the No. 2 national seed and the Tigers hold the No. 8 seed. Besides LSU, Florida and third-seeded Virginia (average regional RPI: 57.3), none of the other national seeds are hosting a regional in which its guests have an average adjusted RPI of less than 82.3.

UF only hosts one top-40 adjusted RPI team

while Louisiana-Lafayette, TCU and Virginia each host two, but Florida does have a North Carolina team that checks in at No. 41 in the RPI rankings, and College of Charleston, who is the fourth seed in the region but ranked No. 52 in adjusted RPI.

Florida's four-seed is the strongest by a long shot out of any of the eight national seeds, and that's what boosts its regional's average adjusted RPI. Other than LSU's four-seed Southeastern Louisiana (No. 73) no other national seed has a four-seed in its region better than 111th in the adjusted RPI rankings.

Part of the issue the selection committee has is pairing teams within a reasonable proximity of the national seeds. That explains why No. 4 seed Indiana is hosting Indiana State and Youngstown State among its three guests; those teams have respective RPI rankings of 22 and 270. But Florida State, UF's blood-rival just a two-hour drive northwest is hosting a regional with an average adjusted RPI of 82.3 and only one school in the adjusted RPI top-50.

For comparative purposes, alligatorSports went back to the year 2000 and looked up the adjusted RPI of each team in every two-seed's regional in the NCAA baseball tournament.

Besides 2001 and 2000, all RPI rankings were representative of the time that the NCAA tournament selections were made in that particular year. The 2001 and 2000 RPI data is from after those years' college world series were made.

Florida is the No. 2 seed with the hardest regional in average adjusted RPI by a wide margin over those years with the exception of Vanderbilt's 2013 Nashville regional (49.3).

In five different years, the regional guest average adjusted RPI was in the 50s, 2011's Gainesville regional (56.3), 2009's Fullerton re-

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FOOTBALL

Former Florida wideout catches another charge

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Editor's Note: A version of this story ran online on May 15.

On May 13, former Florida wide receiver Reche Caldwell ran into trouble with the law yet again. This time, he was busted for possession of the drug MDMA, commonly known as "Molly," with the intent to distribute.

The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office made the arrest at 12:46 p.m. May 13, at Lodge of Lakecrest Apartments located at 10420 N. McKinley Dr. in Tampa.



Caldwell

Per an arrest report obtained by alligatorSports, Caldwell was having the drug shipped in large quantities direct from China to the apartment he was arrested at near the Temple Terrace part of Tampa.

On the day of Caldwell's arrest, an agent of the United States Border and Customs Patrol intercepted a package mailed to the McKinly Dr. address at the Tampa Main

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Women's golf team falls short of par during season

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The UF women's golf team had a rollercoaster of a season.

Florida started off its season in early September on a high note, placing first out of 20 teams at the Cougar Classic in Charleston, S.C. The Gators' final score was five-under-par, junior Anna Young won the individual portion of the tour-

namment and freshmen Karolina Vlckova and Maria Torres finished in the top 15.

That performance would prove to be one of UF's highest points of the season.

After the first round of Florida's only home tournament, the SunTrust Gator Invitational at the Mark Bostick Golf Course, UF sat in 11th place out of the

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The Florida softball team is headed back to Oklahoma City, Okla. Read about it on page 16.

Gator football player finds foot in mouth

Former Gator Channing Crowder has often been a lightning rod for controversy and over the weekend he apogized for calling Cleveland, OH., among other things "the anus of America."

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"Just had a customer say to me 'they say I look like diCaprio but I'm fierce like Michelle Obama.'"

Darcy Messina
UF Lacrosse Player

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Young corps looks to build for next year

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Unlike many of Florida's previous tennis teams, this season had no highly acclaimed All-Americans and no trophies to hoist at the end of May.

But also unlike previous years, the future never looked more promising.

Florida's three seniors — Alexandra Cercone, Sofie Oyen and Olivia Janowicz — are rightly credited with a majority of this season's success. The trio led the Gators to a 23-6 season and went undefeated on their home courts at the Ring Tennis Complex.

But the largest takeaway from this past season is not Florida's oldest players, but the youngest.

And their numbers speak volumes. Kourtney Keegan developed into one of the nation's brightest and youngest doubles players, finishing with a team-high 32 doubles wins — nine victories ahead of second-place Janowicz.

Belinda Woolcock also proved her worth in doubles, pairing with senior Oyen and advancing to the Round of 16 in the NCAA Doubles Champion-

ships.

And lastly, despite limited playing time, Stefani Stojic managed to end the season with a perfect 8-0 record in dual match singles.

Does this give hope to next season, when Florida will be without graduating seniors Janowicz, Cercone and Oyen?

"Absolutely," coach Roland Thornqvist said after UF's loss to UCLA in the NCAA semifinals on May 19. "It was clearly a learning thing for (the freshmen), even for Brianna (Morgan). Brianna played (Court) 4 last year when we were here and today she was on the show court."

Aside from Keegan's development in doubles, Morgan's jump up to Court 1 in singles could prove to be a big determinant to Florida's success next season. She will inherit the leadership reins from UF's senior trio as she becomes the team's oldest player.

Thornqvist thinks the experience the sophomore gained this season, while winning 29 of her 37 singles matches, will come in handy.

Florida's coach also hasn't shied

away from praising Morgan's skill, athleticism and poise throughout the season.

"Look, when she trains for an extended period of time, she could be one of the top 3 or 4 players in the country, no question about it," Thornqvist said. "Brianna has beaten the best players in America ... so I know it's in there."

The sophomore backed up her coach's words when she faced Georgia's Lauren Herring in the NCAA quarterfinals, beating the nation's No. 6 singles player on her own court.

Morgan insists that it doesn't matter where she plays, only how she plays — and that's why she's been so successful.

"I really haven't found any differences," Morgan said. "I try to do the same thing I do whether I'm playing on Court 2, 1, whatever. Just try and stick to the same thing."

The Gators hope the same thing will be good enough next year, as they will undoubtedly rely on Morgan and its three rising sophomores to build on the success of this past season.



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Sofie Oyen returns a ball during Florida's 7-0 win against Florida State on Feb. 18 at the Ring Tennis Complex.

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O'Sullivan happy with SEC tourney

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gional (55.3), 2005's Atlanta regional (59.7), 2004's Columbia regional (53.3) and 2002's Clemson regional (59.3).

Every other two-seed had an average adjusted RPI of 70 or more among its participants.

Despite its competition, Florida is expected to advance out of the regional stage, they wouldn't be so highly seeded if they weren't, but the numbers show its road is tougher to hoe than most.

Coach Kevin O'Sullivan told reporters Monday

he's very excited with where his team is after a run to the SEC tournament finals last weekend.

He was most impressed by the way his team responded to being tired, and not having much to play for Sunday, calling UF's play "crisp" in the loss to LSU.

"Right now the only thing I'm worried about is our regional to be honest with you," O'Sullivan said. "There's no easy road (to the College World Series). You've gotta play good teams."

Even if there was an easy road, thanks to its regional draw, Florida certainly wouldn't be taking it.



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No. 12, Richie Martin rounds the bases in the February 14 season-opening game against Maryland. The Terripans also reached their conference tournament championship game, falling Georgia Tech.

At least \$217,724 worth of Molly intercepted en route from China

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Post Office. The agent opened the package to find 4.8 pounds of a "white rocky substance," which after being field tested was identified as MDMA.

An inspector then assumed an undercover role and hand-delivered the package to Caldwell, who signed for it and took custody of it. An unnamed witness in the report told police that this was not the first package Caldwell had received from China, and said

she had sent money in exchange for Molly in the past.

Molly is similar to the drug ecstasy — both are technically MDMA — but Ecstasy is its pill form while Molly is usually a powder or crystal-like substance and is sold for about \$100 to \$130 a gram.

Caldwell was released at 8:31 p.m. May 14, on \$2,000 bond, and was arraigned five days later when he entered a plea of not guilty.

In early January, Caldwell was one of eight men arrested in an illegal gambling operation

by Tampa police. He was charged with running an illegal gambling house and bookmaking at the time.

In 2009, he was involved in a domestic violence case and in 2011, he was booked for possession of marijuana as well as driving with a suspended license.

On May 14, he became involved as a co-defendant in a foreclosure case with his wife Sherron on a property in New Tampa.

His 141 receptions as a Gator was good for sixth best all-time when he chose to forgo his

redshirt senior season to enter the 2002 NFL draft. He had a streak of 10 consecutive games with a touchdown and his eight career games with 100 or more receiving yards was tied for third in UF history at that time. He was drafted 48th overall by the San Diego Chargers and played seven seasons for two other teams — the Washington Redskins and New England Patriots.

His younger brother Bubba also played for UF and set a school record for receptions in a career in 2007 with 185.

Team placed higher than third only once

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14-team field. The Gators shot 25-over-par on the course they were most familiar with and practiced on multiple times a week. "Everyone who plays golf knows that it can be a humbling game," second-year coach Emily Glaser had said.

That performance would prove to be one of UF's lowest points of the season.

There were also other high and low moments. Among them, Florida failed to finish above third place in any tournament following the Cougar Classic.

But in one of its third-place finishes, the Gators bounced back after a disappointing performance in a Palos Verdes, Calif., competition.

The then-No. 16 Gators recorded their lowest tournament score of the season, 858 (-6), at the Allstate Sugar Bowl Intercollegiate Championship. This number marked the fifth-lowest tournament total in the history of UF's women's golf program.

Most recently, senior Elcin Ulu shot a career-low, 18-hole round of 66 (-4) in the final day of the NCAA Women's Golf Championship, sending her out on a good note in her last year competing as a Gator.

Staying with the NCAA Championship, Florida fin-

ished tied for 18th place in the field of 24 teams, which was respectable considering that three players in the five-man lineup — junior transfer Sarah Schober and freshmen Vlckova and Torres — were playing on the big stage for the first time.

"The experience they gained from this week was invaluable," Glaser said after the conclusion of the tournament.

Although Florida struggled through a rough-and-tumble season, the future is bright for the young Gators. The team is graduating only one senior, Ulu. Every player on the roster who is expected to return for next season has at least some tournament experience, and some have enjoyed standout moments this year.

UF will continue to be led by the up-and-coming Glaser. Over her two years as the head coach at Florida, the Gators improved their finish in the SEC Championship from 13th to a tie for 10th and stayed in the thick of things with NCAA regional and championship play.

When Glaser was hired in 2012, she described herself as a "grinder" and said she always tries to "find a way to get it done."

Florida women's golf will continue to do so, too, no matter how rough the ride may be.

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SOFTBALL

Walton's women win wet one, advance to World Series

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Kirsti Merritt just wanted to finish it.

After No. 5 seed Florida took a 9-0 win on Saturday against 12th-seeded Washington in the Gainesville Super Regional, the Gators needed

just one win on Sunday to advance to its sixth Women's College World Series in seven years.

More than 11 hours after the first pitch of the day, UF punched its ticket to Oklahoma City.

Washington won the first game of the day 4-3 at Katie Seashole Pressly

Stadium to even the series and force a third-game tiebreaker.

Three innings into the deciding matchup, Mother Nature decided to play along, as well.

Two rain delays that totaled five hours and 52 minutes caused a game that started at 3:12 p.m. to not end

until 11:03 p.m.

But when the game finally ended, Florida was on top with Merritt sending the final blow.

The sophomore center fielder — all 5-foot-4 of her — belted her 11th home run of the season in the bottom of the fifth to cap the 8-0, run-rule victory for the Gators.

"The way I swing, yeah I guess I was trying to end it, but not in my head," Merritt said. "I always swing pretty big for being such a small person."

Hannah Rogers pitched the complete-game shutout for Florida, allowing just one hit while striking out six batters in the process. The Lake Wales, Fla., senior is now tied with Stephanie Brombacher for second in program history with 38 career solo shutouts.

The Gators (50-12) wasted no time taking a lead on the Huskies (37-15). After leadoff hitter Kelsey Stewart singled to Washington shortstop Ali Aguilar to open up the bottom of the first, junior Briana Little drove her home three at-bats later to give Florida an early 1-0 lead.

The next two innings were scoreless, with each team getting just one runner on base in the third by way of a two-out walk.

Enter rain delay No. 1. Play halted for three hours and 17 minutes before the fourth inning commenced.

Rogers returned to form when play resumed, striking out two batters in the top of the fourth.

Washington pitcher Bryana

Walker — who had not given up a hit since Little's RBI single in the first — did not.

The Huskies No. 2 pitcher walked Taylor Schwarz and allowed a Kathryn Medina two-out single before Stewart blasted a three-run home run to right field to extend Florida's lead to 4-0.

Enter rain delay No. 2. Following Stewart's home run — her seventh of the season — lightning lit up the sky and forced another two hour and 35 minute wait.

But when play restarted for the third time, it proved to be the charm for Florida.

Stephanie Tofft grounded out to end the fourth inning. It was the last out by a UF batter.

In the bottom of the fifth, Walker walked Haeger and Little to open the frame. Freshman right fielder Justine McLean — stepping into the batter's box for the first time in the weekend — hit an infield RBI single to score pinch runner Jessica Damico, extending UF's lead to 5-0.

Merritt sealed the game two pitches later, sending the ball over the left-field fence to end Game 3 more than seven and a half hours after it started.

Heading into the series against Washington, Florida was 10-0 in the five Super Regionals it's hosted since Walton took helm of the program.

"Unfortunately, the win streak is over for Super Regionals, but it didn't have any bearing on this team," Walton said. "It's about the two W's to move on."



Alligator File Photo

Kirsti Merritt bats during UF's 17-1 win against USF on April 23 at Katie Seashole Pressly Stadium. Merritt hit a walk-off home run to clinch Florida's sixth Women's College World Series berth in seven years.

Keeping in mind those preparing to serve on Memorial Day

RICHARD JOHNSON

Johnson's Journal @RagJUF

It's my show this week at alligatorSports because our main editor Jonathan Czupryn is at his brother's graduation.

I'll admit, it didn't seem like a good excuse when he told me where he was going to be for the first time. I'm sure he could watch it online



or look at the pictures on Facebook — let's be honest, graduations are boring.

But as I sit writing this on Memorial Day, his excuse for throwing me into the editorial fire couldn't be more worthwhile.

His brother Nick will graduate from Army, and he may one day be

deployed into combat and defend the freedoms we all hold dear. The most important one to my current situation? Freedom of the press, or in other words: the very reason you're able to read these words, and the very reason I'm able to write them without fear of government censorship.

Nick and his graduating class are the next wave of men and women that need to be celebrated every chance we get, not just

yesterday when we made barbeque and hung out with family.

I write about games, and wins and losses, but the moment he walks across the stage, Nick Czupryn will be a champion.

So as Jonathan sits in New York, I'll be here holding down the fort in the office this week running around like a chicken with my head cut off — and I couldn't be happier about it.

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