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## Hannibal Buress brings stand-up Downunder

One of 'Rolling Stone's' '50 Funniest People' stops for laughs in Tallahassee

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Recently named the 23rd funniest person on *Rolling Stone's* list of the '50 Funniest People' is Hannibal Buress, a stand-up comedian and television writer in New York.

The 30-year-old Chicago native has been featured on multiple late-night television shows, such as the *Late Show with David Letterman*, the *Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson*, *Late Night with Jimmy Fallon*, *Conan*, *Lopez Tonight* and *Jimmy Kimmel Live!*, as well as primetime shows *Louie* and *30 Rock*. Buress also co-stars alongside Eric Andre on *The Eric Andre Show* on Adult Swim, and was featured in *The Awkward Comedy Show* on Comedy Central.

In the midst of his many television appearances, Buress is most known for his stand-up, and spends most of his time on tour. He dedicates every Sunday to *The Knitting Factory* in New York, where he performs his comedy free to the public. Buress will stop at Club Downunder on Friday, Feb. 15, to perform his recent act.

"I definitely have to see him live," junior Willie Payne said. "I like that a lot of his jokes aren't predictable like some other comedians. They have variety and he delivers them really well. That's what makes comedy: the delivery of the comedy."

Making his first stand-up appearance in 2007, Buress' comedy career has been going strong ever since. His first album, *My Name is Hannibal*, was released in July of 2010, and later followed by *Animal Furnace* in 2012.

"I personally like him because his jokes are really original and he carries himself in this certain way that's just hilarious," junior Cameron Nathan said.

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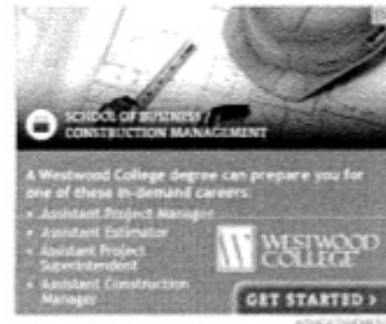
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Buress' jokes range from the best use for pickle juice to the suspense left at the end of popular rap videos.

Payne explains the originality of Buress' humor through the comedian's swordfish market joke that relies heavily on economics. Buress attempts to buy a swordfish at market price and ultimately goes broke because the fish's price heavily fluctuates. Had Buress stuck with salmon, he would have been kinder to his pocket, as the salmon market is more static.

"I actually found his swordfish market joke pretty funny because I'm majoring in economics," said Payne.

In addition to stand-up, Buress also showcases his comedic ability through television writing. He spent two years writing for Saturday Night Live, and then began writing for the fifth season of NBC's 30 Rock in September of 2010. That year, he was named one of the "Ten Comics to Watch in 2010" by Variety magazine.



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