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July 29:	July 30:	July 31:
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Flagship program under way

Delaney names nursing program as first of several nationally recognized flagships

By DAVE STRUPP
 EDITOR IN CHIEF

It was hard enough for Dean Pamela Chally of the College of Health to keep the secret. Luckily, she only had to wait a few days before the announcement was made publicly.

"I think I said, 'GO NURSING!' Chally said about her reaction to the news that the nursing program would be selected as the first flagship program at the University of North Florida.

"I knew fairly early on that nursing was leading the pack, but still didn't know until shortly before it was announced that nursing was definitely going to be the flagship," Chally said.

UNF President John Delaney made the announcement July 5 in front of a classroom full of nursing students as well as a non-traditional crowd of faculty and administrators. The nursing program is the first of several flagship programs that will be chosen over the course of the next year.

The nursing program will receive several benefits, including a slightly larger budget, in which the program will expand to receive national recognition.

"This process has been in the works for some period of time," Delaney said. In his announcement, Delaney said Chally should be especially thanked, and said she was over-

ly excited about the selection of the nursing program.

"I don't know how well she kept the secret because I told her a few weeks ago that it looked like this would be the program which we were going to select and her first words were, 'Can I tell the faculty?'" he said.

Programs must first apply for flagship

candidacy before they can be considered flagship programs. Once all applications are received for candidacy, a selection committee of faculty and administrators select the best program for the flagship role.

"What flagship also means is that the uni-

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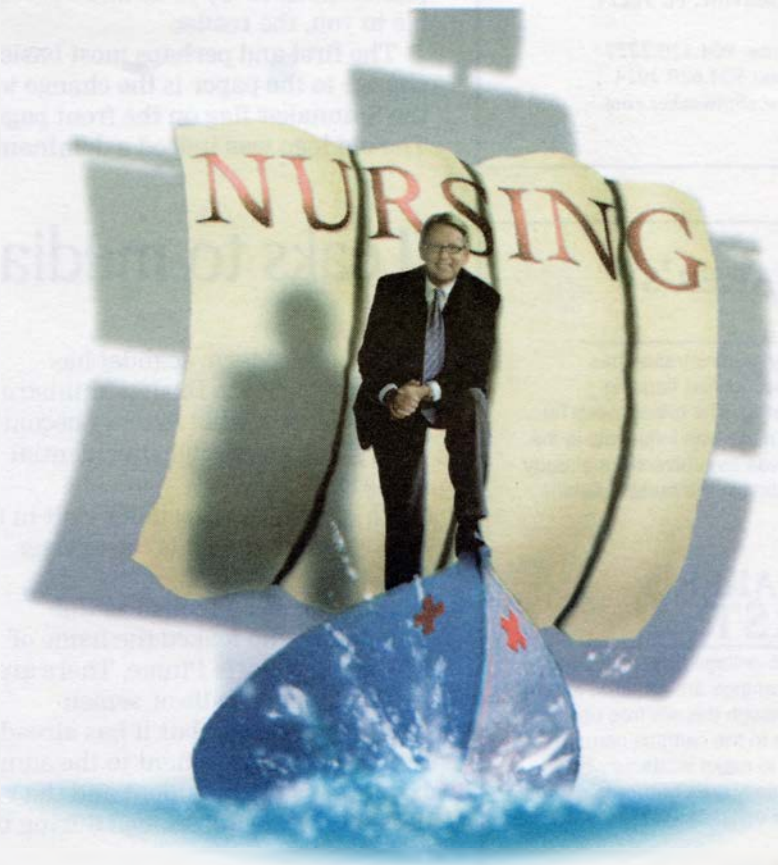


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SPINNAKER'S BEST

The university administration has officially chosen its first flagship program: nursing. The critical need for nurses in the state was influential in the decision, as was the university's already strong reputation in the nursing field.

SPINNAKER'S WORST

All first-time-in-college freshman who commute to campus are required to park in Lot 18. Although this will free up spaces closer to the campus core, it seems unfair to make students who drive to UNF daily walk farther to get to and from their vehicles.

SPINNAKER'S FIX

Perhaps the administration could look into designated parking for students who live in dorms. As they reside on campus, it seems they would be more likely to park in one spot for an extended period of time, possibly tying up spaces close to the core indefinitely.



QUOTE of the WEEK

"We can secure other people's approval, if we do right and try hard; but our own is worth a hundred of it, and no way has been found out of securing that."

-- Mark Twain

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Winds of change blow over campus paper

The approach of the new school year brings many changes across the face of the University of North Florida.

In a broad perspective, the new addition to the Carpenter Library has been constructed and is nearly fully furnished, and construction is just beginning on the new photo lab and Social Sciences Building. The university administration has decided on a new branding logo that will give the university a more modern look. The athletics department is in the process of choosing a new logo to sharpen the image of the Ospreys as UNF makes the jump to Division I in the Atlantic Sun Conference.

But perhaps the most noticeable change at the moment — for those of you who have read this newspaper before — is the new look of the Spinnaker. A giant step above the old look, this new design philosophy takes principles from a number of publications to try to be more accessible to you, the reader.

The first and perhaps most basic change to the paper is the change to the Spinnaker flag on the front page. The old logo was indeed a dominant

image, but it lacked an overall visual appeal. The new flag is tighter and more artistic. It is still the most dominant image on the front page, but it is not overwhelming and cumbersome. The sailboat behind the flag is to give the Spinnaker logo more appeal and gives an example of what a spinnaker actually is: a sail set at the front of a sailboat meant for running before the wind. I'm sure there are multiple metaphors that can be drawn between a newspaper and that windcatcher.

The new design philosophy centers on the use of white space and appealing art, especially on the front page. Previously, the front page of the Spinnaker generally favored text over accompanying art. With the redesign, however, the paper will be more prone to run bigger photographs and illustrations with a smaller portion of text on the front page. This will allow you to pick and choose what you want to look at on the front. And the new teaser bar down the left side of the cover page will have several story plugs that will refer you inside as well as an index to help you locate a specific item or section of the paper — Police Beat, for example.

The rest of the paper follows the same design as the front page, and the section headers will resemble the front-page flag. We changed the fonts for just about every piece of text we had and replaced them with type that is more appealing and less bulky. This gives the paper a more navigable and appealing look.

The Expressions section of the newspaper will have a different look each week — one far different than the rest of the Spinnaker. This section will have a magazine look to it, with heavy art and photography to make it visually appealing.

The Spinnaker has changed to serve you better. This redesign is long overdue, so we hope the readers will appreciate the new look as well as the cleaner, more-elegant appearance. We also hope for your feedback on the redesign. Please tell us what you think works or what needs changing. Nothing is final — the newspaper and the campus it serves will always be works in progress — but our redesign is a significant step toward better serving the campus community.

Send your comments to uspinnak@unf.edu.

Leaks to media political strategies, not faulty spouts

Second-term scandal has struck the Bush administration in what is sadly becoming an ignoble presidential tradition.

This time, the president isn't in the hot seat but rather his top adviser, Karl Rove.

Rove has been named as the informant who leaked the name of CIA agent Valerie Plume. There are no taped phone calls or semen-encrusted dresses, but it has already been an embarrassment to the administration as the president and the vice president were questioned during the investigation.

Rove's plight sheds light on the relationship between the media and the cutthroat world of politics.

Information is currency for journalists, and politicians know it.

Nothing is ever "leaked" to the press unintentionally. There is a political motive to every granted interview, and by not identifying their sources journalists conceal this per-

spective from their readers.

Plume's name was leaked shortly after her husband, former ambassador Joe Wilson, wrote an article claiming that the Bush administration distorted intelligence he had gathered for the CIA to push the case for war in Iraq.

Wilson's article was part of a rift between the administration and the intelligence community, with some accusing the administration of twisting the facts on Iraq and the administration countering that the intelligence was bad.

By disclosing Plume's identity, Rove may have sought to discredit Wilson.

Anonymously, Rove was asking the American public, "Why trust the words of someone who got his assignment through his wife?"

Not connecting himself with the information portrays Rove as wanting to mask his motives and protect himself from any backlash from revealing the identity of a covert

operative. When uproar over the leak began, Bush vowed to fire any member of his staff who was involved.

It has taken a year of investigations, grand juries and even jail time for one reporter, but the backlash has finally reached the Oval Office.

Bush now says he will fire anyone convicted of a crime. Of course, the laws governing the disclosure of covert agents are so specific that Rove may not have even committed a crime.

Bush may not be facing impeachment proceedings, but he is in for a troublesome time. It has yet to be determined whether he knew Rove was involved or whether Rove had lied to members of the administration.

With second-term-scandal season beginning, spectators on both sides are anxious to see what happens next.

But until the final reports are released, all there is to go on is information "leaked" to the media by whoever has the most urgent agenda.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS



John Delaney, University President

Concerns of each student come first at university

At the University of North Florida, students are our first priority. On behalf of everyone here at UNF, we welcome you. We're glad you've chosen us at this very critical stage of your life. As a university, we hope to exceed your expectations during your college career. We promise to make you and your education our first priority.

Several months ago, we began a process to examine our institution. We wanted to know what set us apart from other universities, and how we could make the University of North Florida better. We asked hundreds of students, faculty, alumni and community leaders how they felt about UNF and what they liked best. Although expressed in many different ways, everyone said UNF did an outstanding job of providing students with individualized attention. Students liked that the professors knew their names and were invested in helping them succeed. Many former students talked about experiences at UNF that had changed their perspectives, and sometimes even changed their lives.

We took what we heard from these diverse groups and developed a commitment — a commitment that is stated as a promise to you: The University of North Florida recognizes that every student is an individual with different goals, different learning styles and different needs. We are committed to offering each student an individualized educational experience made possible by an engaged faculty and dedicated staff. UNF's commitment to individualized attention includes opportunities to participate in life-changing experiences such as internships, study abroad and off-campus programs, and dynamic research projects.

Just as you are unique as an individual, the University of North Florida is a unique university. You are not like every other college student, and we are not like every other campus. There is no one like you and no place like this.

At UNF, our utmost concern is your success. And in order for you to be successful, we ask a commitment from you in return. Seek out professors as mentors; get to know them and learn all that you can from them. They are here to help. Enroll in courses you find challenging and take advantage of the different learning opportunities these courses offer. Take part in the entire university experience. Develop relationships with your peers, those like you and even more importantly, those who are different than you. These relationships may last a lifetime and the experiences they bring certainly will. Push yourself to expand your horizons. This is one of the most exciting times in your life and our dream for you is that you make the most of it, taking every chance presented to you to prepare for your future career and for your life in general.

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Corrections

Kory Sill's name was misspelled in the SG Update of the June 22 issue. In that same issue, softball player Katie Fields was misidentified in the article "No. 2-seeded Ospreys bumped from regionals."

Know what SG agencies can do for you

Greetings from your student body president and vice president, Tom Foran and Jared Callahan. We would like to extend a warm welcome to all of the new and returning Ospreys as we enter into this exciting new year.

We would like to take this opportunity to let you know how your student government representatives are working for you. As you may already know, "The Mission of the University of North Florida Student Government is to represent student concerns in all university-wide matters on a local, state and national level." So how are we able to fulfill our mission?

Student Government is excited to be responsible for allocating a \$2.6 million budget to student organizations and programs this year. Some popular Student Government-sponsored events to watch out for are Late Night Breakfasts, Movies on the Green, a multicultural-events series and concerts. SG also allocates funding for students and organizations wishing to travel to events such as pre-professional conferences. There are more than 120 clubs on campus, providing you with many unique opportunities to get involved.

The African American Student Union, Volunteer Center, Club Alliance and Osprey Productions are the executive agencies. Each is a hub of activity throughout the year, and this year prom-

EXECUTIVE OPINION



Tom Foran, Student Body President

ises to be no different.

The AASU is working hard to bring you another hilarious comedy show this fall. Osprey Productions, UNF's entertainment agency, is excited to be lining up big-name artists to perform on our campus throughout the year. Interested in volunteering? The director of the Volunteer Center is always striving to provide students with opportunities to volunteer in almost any aspect of our community. Club Alliance is gearing up for a big year packed with exciting club events for students of all interests. Please feel free to stop in any of these offices and meet the members of these organizations.

Student Government's scope of responsibility does not stop there, however. The student Senate is made up of 46 students who are charged with everything from allocating the budget to creat-

ing the internal rules that govern SG to executing fun and exciting on-campus events.

The Student Government Judiciary consists of seven justices. From those seven, a chief justice is elected annually to preside over the office of the judiciary. It is the duty of these people to interpret the Student Government Constitution and Statutes. The judiciary also settles disputes or complaints that students may have with Student Government, its agencies and SG-funded clubs. The judiciary has the final say on issues of noncompliance, judicial complaint or impeachment. Members gain important experience in the areas of due process and proper judicial procedure. They also represent the student body on the Academic Appeals Committee, Student Conduct Committee, Parking Appeals Board, and J-hold and Fee Appeal Committees.

The dawn of a new year means that student Senate elections will be upon us soon. If you are interested in possibly becoming a Senator or getting involved with Student Government in any capacity, please come visit our office upstairs in the Robinson Student Center, room 2605, or call us at (904) 620-2750.

Again, if there is anything we can do for you, do not hesitate to come by, for we want all students to be known, feel at home and be a part of something.

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Events this year promise transformation

Who coined the term "there's magic in the air"? No doubt it is attributed to the ever-famous anonymous. Nevertheless, let's go with it just by way of exclamation.

There is something discernably different and remarkable about the planning process for the upcoming academic year — something palpable and visceral. And it's not just in the Women's Center, it's everywhere in Student Affairs.

If pressed to define what the distinction is, I would say it feels like a sense of urgency. Now, don't get me wrong, the mission and advocacy component of the Women's Center has, for more than a decade, taken front-and-center stage in the lives of the students it serves and assists. This year is no different and yet — there it is again. A difference.

I've noticed, for example, that our calendar of events isn't even completely finalized and yet almost every event results from collaboration with a student club, department or other division. This unfolding of serendipitous planning has occurred in a natural way this year. Dare I say it is almost as though, on a most profound level, we get it, that our services, programs and events can possess transformative moments for all of us?

We hear a great deal about transformative learning on campus this year. What is it and how might it creep into our collective consciousness and grab hold? This notion that we are imbued with the capacity to redirect our lives is packed with promise. It's also what higher education, in the grandest and most noble sense, is about. It is trying out new ideas, stretching our minds and reaching for a way to be in the world that complements our talents.

STAFF OPINION



Annabel Brooks, Event Coordinator

And that's where Student Affairs comes in. Through thought-provoking guest lectures, brown-bag lunches, leadership forums and by celebrating the lives of significant women and men, we offer an opportunity to transform our talents, sharpen our skills and experience a range of experiences that we can call upon for our very own.

"OK!" you scream — that sure is a roundabout way of observing a hint of change in the air. Let's get concrete about upcoming possibilities.

Get ready while the Women's Center dazzles you with stories of women (Aug. 18 at 11 a.m.) who have promoted women's rights or have, by sheer charisma, challenged us to be smarter and savvier. Our quiz show takes the audience to pop arenas such as music, theatre and movies, and of course the ever-present political influence. Quiz show participants vie for prizes such as VIP movie passes to Women's Center and Osprey Productions movies, a distinguished seat at the head table at Women's History Month Kick-Off, special seating for the year-long event-packed lineup, Evolving Roles of Women Around the World, and many cherished takeaways.

The ominous buzzer keeps the quiz teeming with fast-paced exhilaration. And when it seems like it couldn't get any better, who can begin to guess which mystery guest will appear completely unannounced to "enliven" the festivities? Multiple rounds will give students an opportunity to shine and show their trivia repertoire while meeting new friends and participating in a fun-filled session.

Another partnership the Women's Center is involved in is with Osprey Productions. We're co-sponsoring the very first movie of the fall semester with them, none other than the Academy Award-winning movie, *Million Dollar Baby* Aug. 24 at 8 p.m. along with a brief guest appearance by a person of local prominence. Please don't miss this chance to view a movie with so many levels of meaning.

I'll stop there, lest I tell you too much. Suffice it to say, it's not what you think it is!

On Sept. 10 at 2 p.m., Romaine Patterson will visit UNF. In October 1998, Romaine lost her good friend, Mathew Shepard, to a murder inspired by anti-gay hate. This famous story was chronicled in *The Laramie Project* recently at UNF. Kirsten Walsh, who played Romaine's character, was so inspired by the nonviolent and peace-engendering posture adopted by Romaine that she became determined to bring her here. This project is co-sponsored by the Committee for Equity and Civility, PRIDE, the Women's Center and Charlotte Mabrey — at last count.

Talk about transformation. One UNF student learns of one grand gesture and a new repertoire of experience is shaped. A different way to be in the world, perhaps? Wow!

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Letter to the Editor

Former history professor a hero for world medievalists

The terrible news of Dr Paul Halsall's arrest came to me today, and I checked your publication at the University of North Florida. I was amazed to see that in your article you had no mention of the achievement for which Dr Halsall is honoured by medievalists throughout the English-speaking world. His Web site, the Internet Medieval Sourcebook, is one of the most amazing teaching aids which any historian has yet devised. I used his website for teaching my first year course for three hundred students

at the University of Reading; now I am in the National University of Ireland I am using it just as assiduously for teaching the four hundred students on my introduction to medieval history there. I could not conceive of teaching such a large course without using Dr Halsall's site; I am sure that this is true for medievalists in Europe, North America and Australia too. For many of us, he is a hero.

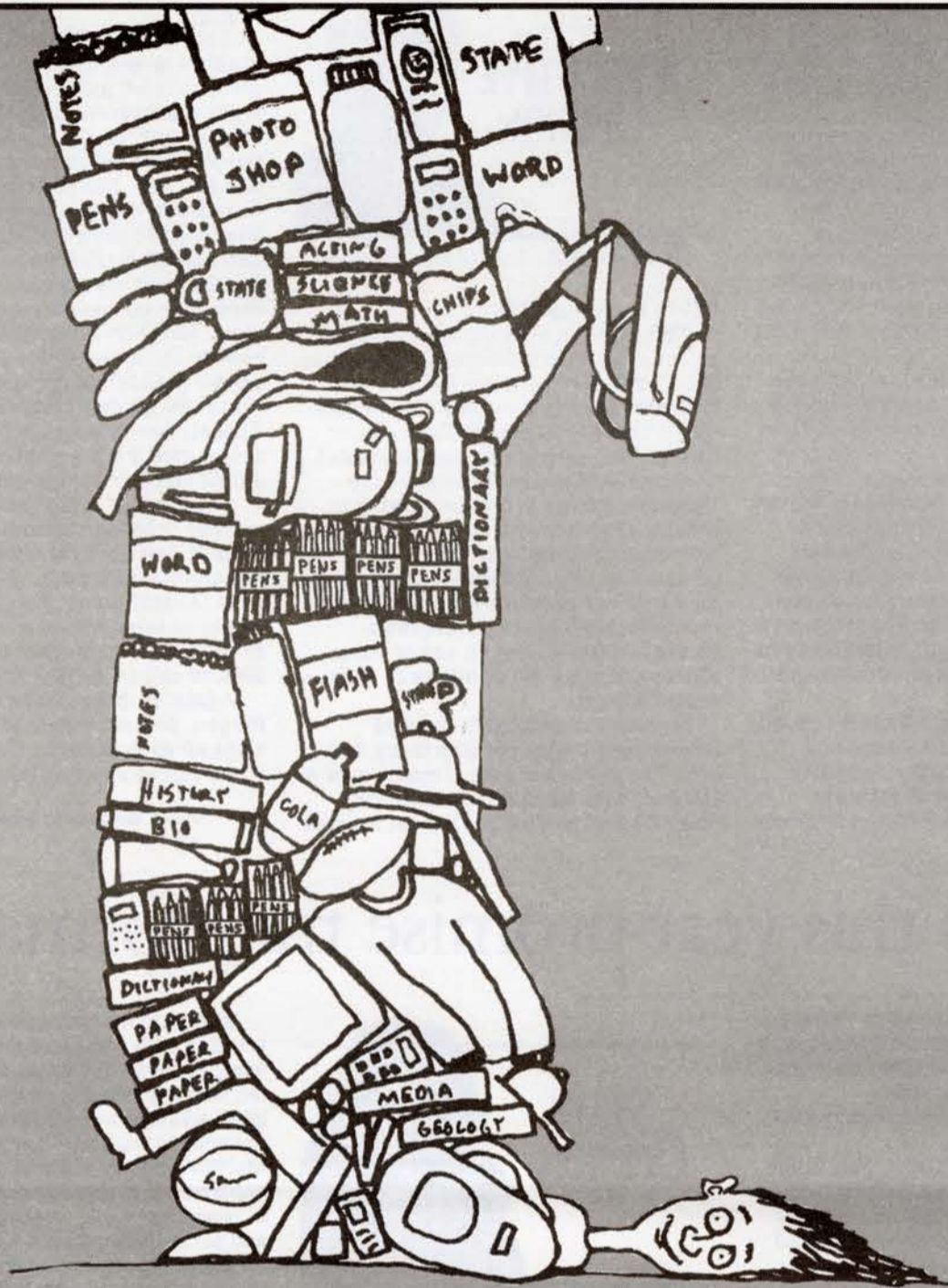
Dr. Edward James, Professor of Medieval History University College Dublin, Ireland

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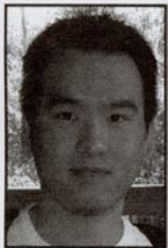
“What’s the best thing about UNF?”



ERIC CARELSON
UNDECIDED

“I like the whole campus. It’s nice and relaxing with the woods and without that city feel.”

“The professors. They are nice and helpful. And they seem competent.”



KHOA DOAN
BIOLOGY MAJOR



ANAHITA HOSSEINI
MBA GRADUATE STUDENT

“I like the professors and the organization throughout the school.”

“Being out in the trees surrounded by a nature preserve makes it relaxing walking around campus.”



BOBBY BAIGHMAN
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION MAJOR



GABRIELLE SEWELL
ART HISTORY MAJOR

“It’s a small campus. You don’t have to walk very far. It’s quiet and friendly and not chaotic.”

“That I’m leaving.”



ANGEL WARNICK
ENGLISH MAJOR

FTIC commuters sent to North Lot

By NATASHA KHAIRULLAH
NEWS EDITOR

Attention freshman: the University of North Florida likes you so much, it named a parking initiative after you.

Beginning Aug. 22, first-time-in-college students who commute to school will be required to park in Lot 18, which accesses exits to both Beach Boulevard and St. Johns Bluff Road.

The Freshman Parking Initiative will be an important contributor to the university this fall, according to Dr. Everett Malcom, associate vice president for academic affairs.

“The university as a whole will be impacted in a positive way, and I think students will find that it’s really simple,” Malcom said of the new initiative.

Previously, FTIC students living on campus or commuting were allowed to purchase general parking decals for Lot 18. Freshmen who lived on campus had a decal indicating they were residents and permitting general parking.

Now, first-timers living on campus will have resident decals permitting general parking. Commuting students will be allowed to park in Lot 18 only for their first year, excluding those who require handicapped parking. Upperclassmen and faculty

can also purchase decals for Lot 18.

According to Vince Smyth, director of auxiliary services, the parking initiative is not new to Florida.

“If students here could see the parking climate at other schools, they would see that this system is not that bad,” Smyth said.

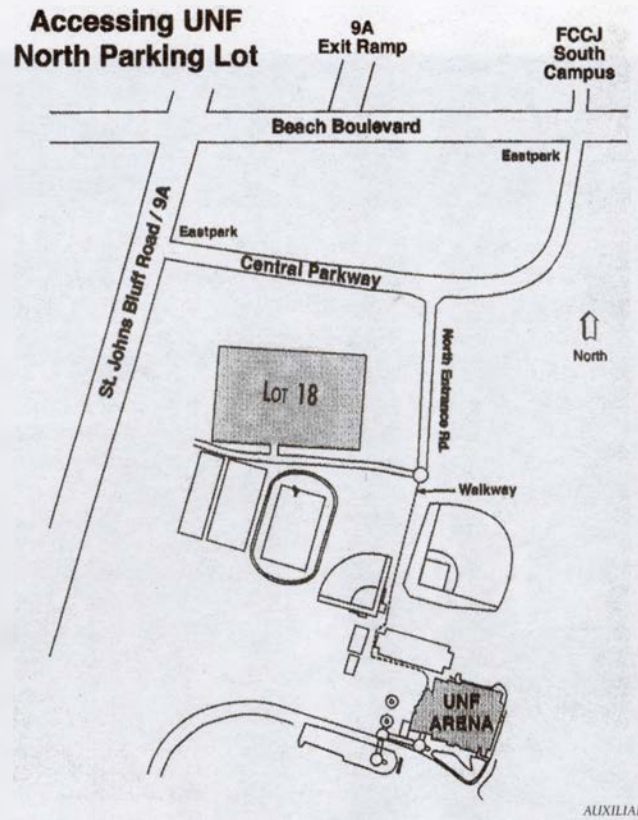
Other State University System schools such as Florida State University and University of Florida have similar parking requirements for FTIC students. At FSU, spaces are painted white throughout campus, designating freshman parking. At UF, FTIC students and sophomores are required to park in “red lots,” far from the campus core.

Malcolm said the freshman initiative will benefit UNF by decreasing stress students and faculty experience when searching for a parking spot.

“Many people spend so much time circling around for that one spot right near their class,” Malcom said. “They look forever and eventually still end up parking far away.”

Malcolm said that by requiring freshman to park in Lot 18, more spaces at the core of the campus will become available, saving students time by ensuring spots.

Shortage of spaces in Lot 18 will not be a problem, according to Physical Facilities officials.



AUXILIARY SERVICES

Last year, 900 spots went unused. This year, the number of available spaces exceeds the number of commuting FTIC scheduled to attend UNF in the fall by 200.

Lot 18 is located near the tennis courts at the north end of the campus. A typical walk to the

core of the campus takes approximately 10 minutes.

The cost for a semester decal for Lot 18 is \$41. For the year, it’s \$69.

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Faculty Spotlight: Dr. Jane MacGibbon, UNF astrophysicist

By SVETLANA SHKOLYAR
STAFF WRITER

Who has done work in NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center studying objects of the early universe, studied astronaut radiation and received nine awards for her work in astrophysics?

These achievements do not describe some world-renowned astronomer but the University of North Florida’s very own Dr. Jane MacGibbon, the newest member of physics department faculty.

From growing up under the influence of “spectacular skies” in Australia to graduating from University of Cambridge in 1989 with a thesis on black holes of the early universe, MacGibbon has come a long way in her interests in astrophysics. As an astrophysicist and planetary scientist at NASA’s Goddard and Johnson Space centers, and an assistant professor in physics and astronomy, she has had a fulfilling career in understanding the cosmos.

Because of the death of her adviser at NASA in 2001, along with the uncertainties of working with NASA’s changing administration and funding, she began to seek faculty positions.

“I like to get out and teach instead of being stuck in a research lab,” she said. “I get a lot of cross-pollination of students and faculty at the university and interact with people who are doing other work.”

Her Classical Mechanics student Nick Kypreos said he

thinks she makes a good addition to the UNF physics faculty team.

“She brings out an invigorating and unique twist to our physics faculty,” he said.

Another student in that class, Sarah Dekat, agreed.

“There’s always an entertaining commentary about the dark side of famous physicists,” she commented.

Even being the only female professor on the physics faculty doesn’t discourage MacGibbon. She is one of numerous female scientists including Lisa Randall (string theory) and Margaret Gellar (astrophysics) involved in these dynamic, exciting areas of cosmology and astronomy.

“We are unusual as a physics department in that we have so high a percentage of female students,” said UNF Physics Professor Dr. Jay Huebner. “I think that Dr. MacGibbon’s presence could have altered the climate for women students.”

According to the American Institute of Physics’ Web site, in 1992, 48 percent of the awarded doctorates in physics went to foreign students, the highest foreign percentage yet recorded.

“We are an aggressively growing university, so there is a lot of potential here at UNF for growth, especially since we are close to UF’s [University of Florida] good astrophysics department,” MacGibbon said.

“Astrophysics is the forefront area of theoretical physics. On the surface of earth, one would never achieve this knowledge. The universe is the ultimate laboratory in understanding the fundamentals of physics. The universe is a window towards understanding the unknowns.”

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In Brief NEWS

Students may face extra tuition charge

Freshman entering Florida community colleges and universities this year may face an extra tuition charge if they don’t graduate on time. The policy requires students who take more than 120 percent of the credit hours they need to graduate to pay a 75 percent surcharge on tuition.

If it takes place this year, students would pay \$153 more for each class they enrolled in. The legislation came from lawmakers who suggested that college students who take a long time to graduate cost taxpayers millions of dollars, based on two recent audits they received. Other states, including Texas and North Carolina, have similar policies. A spokesperson for Gov. Jeb Bush said that the governor is likely to sign the bill.

The law would apply to first-time college students who enroll in or after fall 2005. If implemented, colleges and universities must inform students of the new policy when they enroll and when they reach the required number of credits to graduate.

Golden Key honored Golden Status

Golden Key International Headquarters recognized the campus chapter of Golden Key International Honor Society with Gold Status for their active chapter management this year at UNF. The chapter was one of six in the Southeast region’s 25 chapters to receive this honor, achieving more than 19 mandated standards established for this award. UNF’s Golden Key is directed by former UNF employee Tasha Green and her husband, Tim.

Wireless areas expanding on campus

The Information Technology

Services is installing wireless fidelity, Wi-Fi, in various areas on campus. The hot spots will provide students, faculty and staff with wireless Internet mobility.

ITS recently installed Wi-Fi access in Wackadoo’s, the Coggin College of Business and the Science and Engineering Building. Additional spots will be at the library, residence halls, outdoor seating areas and indoor spaces of buildings in the core of the campus during summer and fall terms. Wi-Fi areas are designated by a “Wireless Zone” sign. For more information, visit www.unf.edu/dept/its/wireless/.

New task force seeks to change Florida Bright Futures

A new statewide task force meeting in Orlando recently proposed to change Florida Bright Futures and pre-paid tuition programs on Monday. The Higher Education Access Task Force will form a gamut of funding and policy proposals for lawmakers by the 2006 legislative session, said State Board of Education Chairman Phil Handy, the task-force leader.

The 14-member board, made mostly of higher-education officials, includes lawmakers and private educators. The meeting reviewed demographic, job and education trends. The main issue centered on exact costs in producing two- and four-year degrees in the state system. An increasing number of Florida’s 28 community colleges are vying to offer four-year degrees.

UNF denied state funding for Tech Park

The First Coast Technology Park, located close to the UNF campus, is in a “holding pattern” for at least the next year. UNF has been negotiating to buy the property for school-related purposes, but was denied state funding for the purchase. The Research and Development Authority, which oversees the 100 to 150-acre park, agreed to sell it more than a year ago.

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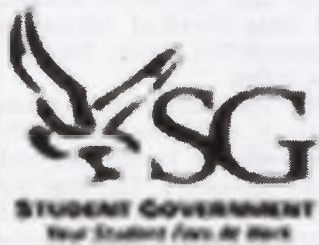
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Halsall terminated by university

By NATASHA KHAIRULLAH
NEWS EDITOR

Dr. Paul Halsall, an assistant professor of history at the University of North Florida, was terminated June 21, almost a month after being placed on administrative leave following his arrest on charges of selling illegal drugs to undercover police at a Jacksonville nightclub.

According to a letter to Halsall from Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Gerry Giordano, the termination was not determined by the outcome of the investigation but rather the activities the professor was involved in

and the light in which UNF was placed.

"Regardless of the outcome of the pending criminal proceedings, the conduct in which you have engaged is unbecoming of a university faculty member and your continued employment at UNF is viewed as jeopardizing the safety or the welfare of you, your colleagues and our students," the letter read.

Halsall was arrested at his home May 16 after a warrant was issued for his arrest on charges of selling nearly \$150 of cocaine to police at The Metro, a gay club in Riverside.

In an investigation of the

events surrounding the arrest, the university learned Halsall is accused of identifying himself as a UNF faculty member to an undercover police officer while engaging in a videotaped drug transaction. One of the substances Halsall allegedly provided an officer was later confirmed by officials to be cocaine.

Halsall's arrest followed an extensive investigation of illegal drug transactions at the club and came the same day as an interview aired on local news in which he criticized raids on the club for targeting the gay community.

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Courtwright honored with professorship

History professor given endowment for research

By NATASHA KHAIRULLAH
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History professor Dr. David Courtwright is the first recipient of the John A. Delaney Endowed Presidential Professorship.

The \$7,500 award was designed to enhance faculty research productivity. Courtwright said he planned to use the money to research a book on America's moral revolution and the origins of the culture war.



Courtwright

"I've been interested in the project, but I haven't been able to go at it systematically," Courtwright said. "I'm interested in understanding the roots of the culture wars and about people like Reagan and Carter."


Courtwright has been a faculty member since 1988 and has authored or co-authored six books, including the prize-winning *Forces of Habit: Drugs and the Making of the Modern World* and his most recent book, *Sky as Frontier: Aviation, Adventure and Empire*.

"Dr. Courtwright is known around the world as an expert on many topics," President Delaney said in a press release. "We're fortunate to have him here on campus."

Courtwright has a doctorate from Rice University and was a Mellon visiting faculty fellow at Yale University. He also has been awarded fellowships in the National Endowment for the Humanities, the American Council of Learned Societies and the College of Physicians of Philadelphia.

He has taught at the University of Hartford and has received several honors including, UNF's Distinguished Professor award, the Outstanding Faculty Scholarship and the Students' Choice Teaching Award.

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SQUAWK BOX

"If you want to be a senator, you can change."

— statement made by Sen. Chas Jordan during the July 25 Senate meeting regarding the ability of senators to change their GPA

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Man vomits on self twice, wants sleep

July 1 — Alcohol Investigation — A UPD officer was dispatched to Osprey Landing in reference to an alcohol complaint. Upon arrival, the officer made contact with two RAs, who said they observed a male suspect wandering in the courtyard area as though he were intoxicated. The RAs stated that the suspect had thrown up on himself at least two times. UPD officers determined the man was coherent and asked him if he could walk, which he was able to do without assistance. The suspect admitted to drinking earlier and informed the officers that he wanted to go to sleep. The suspect was escorted to his room. The case was referred to student conduct.

July 8 — Grand Theft — A man contacted UPD in reference to a theft of a credit card. Upon arrival, a UPD officer met with the victim who stated that he had



checked into the Aquatic Center at 2:15 pm. At 3:15pm, the victim left the pool area and returned to his locker. He stated that everything looked normal and that the lock was in place as well as his wallet. The victim stated that after returning home, he noticed that his Visa Bank of America Card and his Visa Lowes card were missing from his wallet. He stated that he kept the cards behind two other credit cards. No other cards were missing from his wallet. The cards were canceled, but the bank advised the man that \$1,337 was charged at

Staples, \$13.14 was charged at PETS MART, \$185 was charged at Target and an attempt to charge \$747 was made at Dillard's. Upon canceling the Visa Lowes card, the company advised the victim that \$8.55 was charged at Ross, \$267.48 was charged at Target and \$747 was attempted at Dillard's but was declined. Upon further investigation, the officer noticed that the stores where charges were made were in the St. Johns Town Center. The officer visited several of the locations and made contact with store employees who sold the suspect items. The officer was able to obtain a description, copies of receipts and digital video images of the man purchasing the items. The case is pending.

July 16 — Possession of Alcohol by Person Under 21 — A UPD officer was dispatched to Osprey Landing in reference to a drug investigation. Upon arrival,

the officer made contact with an RA who advised that she responded to a room in Building X in reference to a noise complaint. She stated that upon entering the room, she smelled marijuana. The officer entered the room after receiving permission from the suspect. Upon entering, the officer detected a strong odor of marijuana and observed small seeds and residue on the suspect's desk. The officer then read the suspect his Miranda rights. The seeds tested positive for marijuana. The officer also observed three empty Miller Lite cans on the suspect's desk and 13 full cans, of which the suspect admitted ownership. The suspect was ordered to pour the beer into the sink and was also issued a notice-to-appear citation for possession of marijuana under 20 grams and possession of alcohol under 21 years of age. The suspect was referred to student conduct.

July 22 — Alcohol Investigation — A UPD officer was dispatched to Osprey Landing in reference to an alcohol investigation. Upon arrival, the officer was met by and RA and her AC. The officer's investigation revealed that two unidentified friends brought a victim to her room. The victim was not responsive to her roommates, so the roommates became concerned and contacted UPD. The officer noted that the victim was obviously intoxicated and throwing up continually. The officer had Fire and Rescue respond to the scene and they proceeded to check the victim's vital signs. The victim appeared to become coherent and responsive and the rescue personnel did not recommend taking her to the hospital. The roommates advised the officer that they would monitor the victim through the evening.

Compiled by Dave Strupp

Flagship: plans for national recognition include book

from page 1

versity believes in the program and believes that what we have is unique enough that we could get recognition," said Dr. Li Loriz, director of the nursing department and associate professor. "We just fit in very nicely with what the president has as goals for the university."

Of the College of Health's three departments, the department of nursing was the only one to apply for the flagship candidacy. Chally met with all the department chairs and said she realized the nursing program was the only one with the intent to apply.

"Our college went at this process somewhat deliberately," Chally said. "I would have supported anyone who really was intent on applying, but as it turned out nursing was the only one that applied. We weren't competing against each other."

The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission visited the nursing program months before the flagship announcement and Delaney said commission members were overwhelmed with what they saw.

Along with the flagship recognition will come faculty development as well as an increase in scholarships among the nursing faculty. Much of the budgetary gain from flagship will go to those specific areas, Li said.

As far as student interests are concerned, there will be an effort made to refine what Li said is an already outstanding curriculum. Part of the national recognition will come from a book written collectively by faculty of the nursing program to describe its effectiveness.

"We will continue to do what we are doing with the students and fine tune it and refine it to make sure they're getting the most out of it and the community is getting the most out of it

"We just fit very nicely with what the president has as goals for the university."

Dr. Li Loriz,
Director, nursing program

and then we are going to publish what we are doing," Li said. "That's how we are going to achieve that national recognition."

The flagship announcement came just weeks after the Board of Trustees passed the annual legislative budget requests on to the Florida Board of Governors. Among the requests were three university initiatives focusing on the College of Education and Human Services; the College of Computing, Engineering and Construction; and the College of Health.

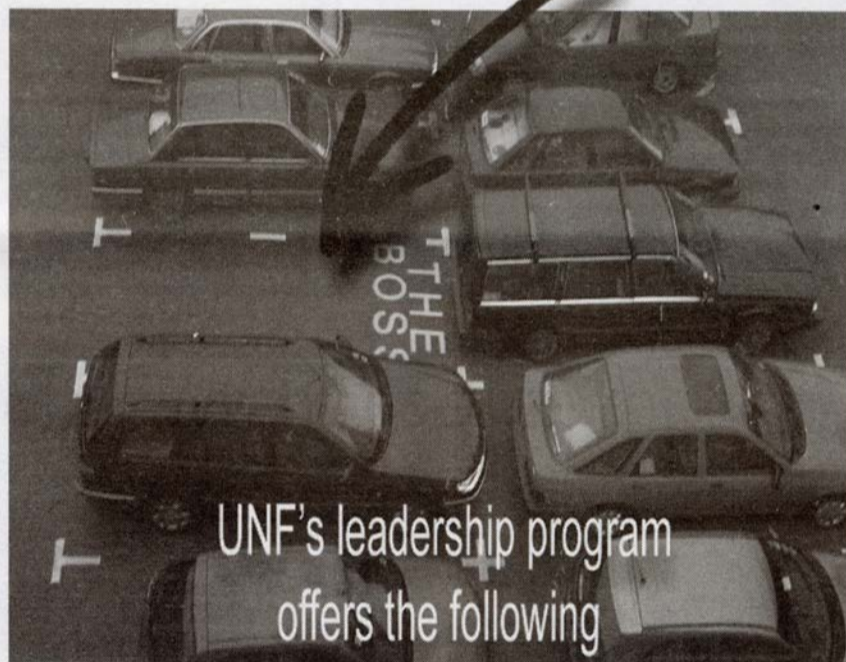
The nursing initiative for the COH called for \$1.2 million of legislative funding to be allocated to the program to increase the number of students accepted to 24.

The timing of the flagship announcement and the legislative requests should help the nursing program, but Chally and Li said they are more than confident the program will thrive and that the college will benefit from its prosperity.

"Nursing has incredible relationships with all of the community organizations that hire nurses, and those are the same organizations where all of our students have opportunities for internships," Chally said. "I just see it as a filter down, where it will help our entire college to grow in excellence and recognition."

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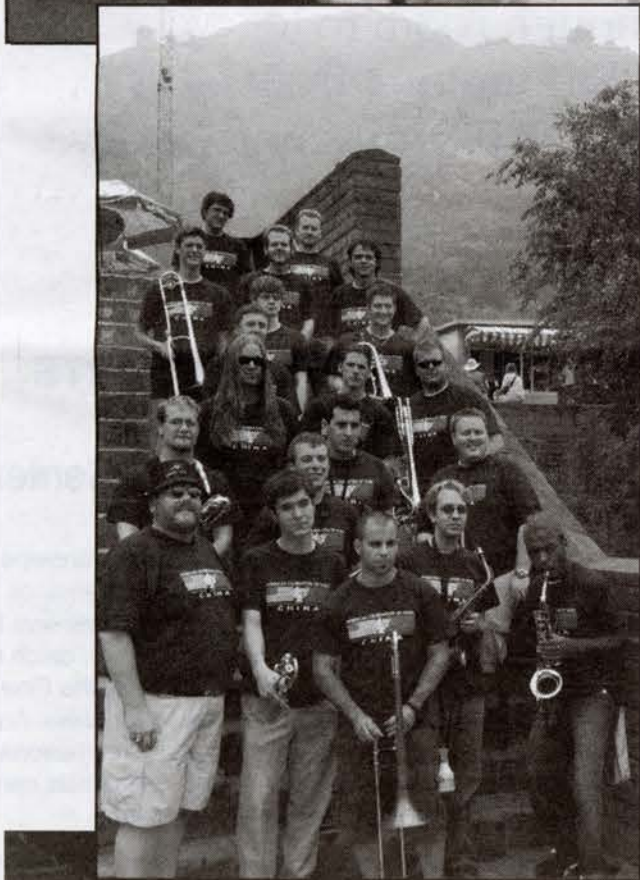
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Jazzy ospreys return from Chinese tour



PHOTOS: MICHAEL GLINSKI



DONALD POSTWAY
FEATURES EDITOR

The Chinese government loves University of North Florida jazz.

The UNF Jazz Ensemble, which has developed a global reputation for the quality of its music and the program behind it, recently returned from overseas, where it played in the American Celebration of Music in China.

After hearing a demo tape of the 19-member band performing, Chinese officials became anxious to bring the group to their country for the celebration, according to J.B. Scott, an associate professor of jazz studies at UNF.

Music Celebrations International, an Arizona concert promotion company, arranged the event.

It was the first trip to the country for Scott, photographer Michael Glinski and the members of the band, and the first time the program had toured a communist country.

All of the students had to procure visas, and bring medicines and bottled water.

"It was incredible; we didn't know what to expect," Scott said. "It was very relaxed, and the people were very gracious."

The ensemble played at three different conser-

vatories, including the oldest in China. Many of the Chinese music students had never seen a live jazz performance Scott said.

"They ate it up," he said. "There were big audiences everywhere we played."

The ensemble also performed on the Great Wall of China, marking the first time jazz was played there. American travelers who were sightseeing at the Great Wall were drawn to the performance.

The band played a variety of jazz styles during the tour. The ensemble performed songs from contemporary artists and also older styles of music, such as big band.

"They wanted to hear American jazz," Scott said. "So we gave them a good dose of what American jazz is."

As the UNF students spread American culture abroad, they were able to absorb the local culture, visiting the Terra Cotta Warriors and Tiananmen Square as well as the Great Wall.

Scott said he was pleased that his program was able to bring jazz to the people of China.

"Most people have never heard jazz live, especially at the level that our band plays at."

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**BEST PLACE TO MAKE OUT
AND NOT GET CAUGHT:
Soccer stadium**

The athletic department has spent thousands of dollars building a state-of-the-art soccer facility behind the tennis courts. The construction included new stadium seating, which houses training facilities — and is the best place to make out without being bothered. Just follow the stadium around to the entrance side to find an isolated, intimate area.

**BEST PLACE TO BUY A BOOK
YOU CAN'T SELL BACK:
UNF Bookstore**

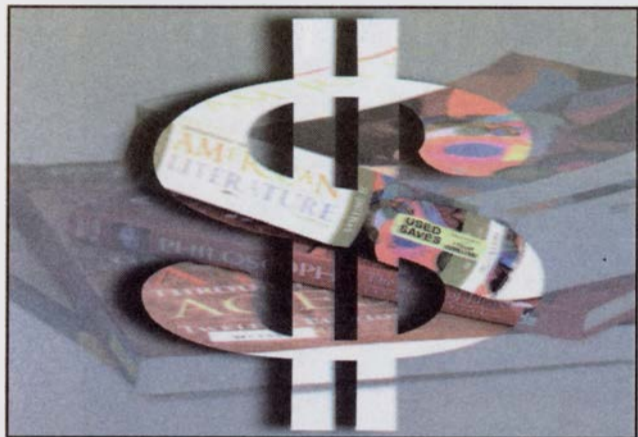


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Everyone who's been to college for more than a semester knows what it's like to spend 80 bucks on a book, only to find out it's worthless once class is over. And sure, the UNF Bookstore gets a lot of flack about not taking back texts at the end of the semester, or at best buying them back for nickels on the dollar, but the same is true for all college bookstores. If you want a deal, go online — or better yet, follow in the academic footsteps of an older sibling and you can get hand-me-down textbooks for free.

**BEST PLACE TO SEE
A FREE MOVIE:
Osprey Productions**



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Thanks to Osprey Productions, students can grab a bag of popcorn and see new DVD releases on the big screen. The movies run Wednesdays and Fridays in the Robinson Student Center, room 1700 — or sometimes OP offers them up as an outdoor Movie on the Green. OP also has free movie passes for new releases, so you can see them first and be cooler than everyone else.

**BEST PLACE TO COMMUNE
WITH NATURE:
Nature trails**

With 5 miles of trails wandering through 500 acres of land, there are plenty of places to get back to nature on the UNF campus. The three public trails near the St. Johns Bluff Road entrance are open from sunrise to sunset and include Blueberry Trail, Goldenrod Trail and Red Maple Boardwalk. Feel free to bring your camera or sketch pad to catch the natural beauty, but leave your pets and bikes at home so you don't spoil it for others. Besides, you wouldn't want to anger the ferocious wild armadillo, would you?

2005 BEST OF



For readers who aren't familiar with the University of North Florida campus — and even a few who are and just don't know better — the Spinnaker staff has compiled some highlights of what the university has to offer. There was not enough room to list every superlative that makes UNF unique from other universities, but here are a few of the most noteworthy.

**LEAST LIKELY PLACE TO FIND
STUDENT PARKING:
Behind Robinson Student Center**

You'd think a building with a name like "Robinson Student Center" would have ample parking for students right behind it, but you'd be wrong. What's worse, you'd be ticketed if you tried to park in one of the reserved parking spaces that cropped up everywhere in Lot 9 when Lot 7 was closed off this summer for construction. Don't worry; we're supposed to get some of them back once fall semester starts. If not, there's plenty of parking in the North Lot — or at the Town Center across the street, whichever is closer.

**BEST PLACE TO GET
ATTACKED BY A GOOSE:
Behind the Fine Arts Center**



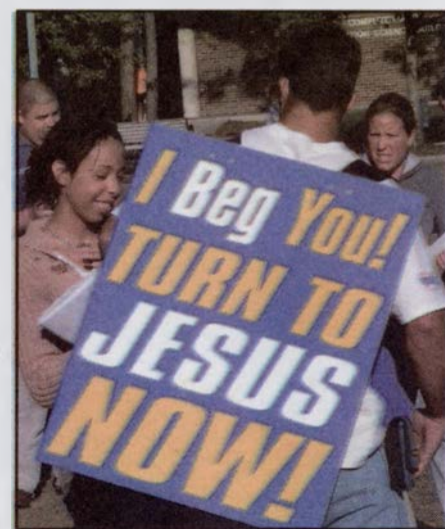
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If you decide to take a shortcut back to your room in Osprey Village and cut between the Fine Arts Center and Parking Garage 45, beware of the attack geese. They've set up a nest back there, and the mother geese can be, well . . . overzealous when it comes to defending their goslings. And it doesn't matter if you're walking, running or skateboarding when they start chasing you down — they will catch you. No one's ankles are safe.

**BEST FREE CONCERTS
ON CAMPUS:
In front of the Fine Arts Center**

Although there are a number of world-renowned artists who come to play the Lazzara Performance Hall, the price of admission may be too expensive for some students. No worries. You usually can catch an impromptu concert on the steps in front of the Fine Arts Center as music majors rehearse for class. And with the jazz department at UNF being internationally recognized for its talent, even these rehearsals can equal the quality of a Lazzara performance.

**BEST PLACE TO BE
SAVED/CONDEMNED:
Free-speech zone**



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Although the whole campus is technically a free-speech zone — as long as you don't disrupt classes or set up a table to sell obscene T-shirts — the white-bordered area next to the Robinson Theatre is still the most popular spot for zealous evangelists to preach when they're on campus. Depending on what you're wearing, what you say, who you're with and whether you make eye contact with them, the preachers may point you out as a paragon of virtue or decry you as a cautionary example.

**BEST EXCUSE
FOR BEING LATE:**
Couldn't find a parking space

Believe it or not, there is ample general parking on campus for students. It's just not in the core of campus, where all the classes are. If you don't mind a 10-minute walk, you can save money on a discount pass and park in one of the farther lots. But chances are you'll spend half an hour creeping up and down the ramps in the garages or circling the core parking lots like the rest of us, looking for an open space. On the bright side, your professors probably are, too, so they'll never notice just how late to class you are.

**SECOND-BEST EXCUSE
FOR BEING LATE:**
Elevator stuck



If you do manage to luck out and find a parking space close to the core of campus, then pray your class is on the first floor — or take the stairs. Whatever you do, don't risk the elevator. If you manage to find one that's in service, chances are the minute you step inside it won't be anymore. Although you're perfectly safe, you'll also likely be stuck until it decides to start up again. On the bright side, the university has plans to get a new elevator maintenance company — the sooner, the better.

**BEST PLACE TO GET COFFEE,
CONDOMS & CONVERSATION:**
Women's Center

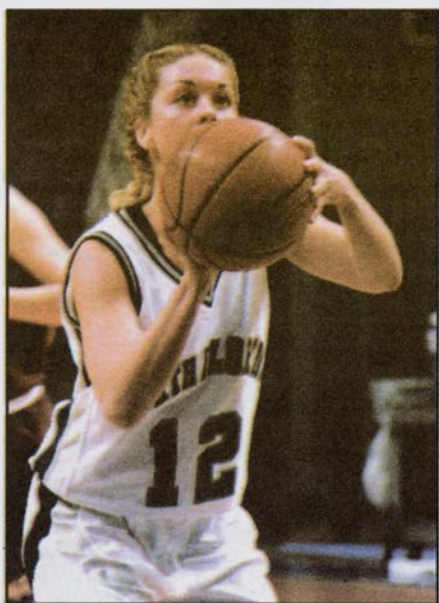


The Women's Center is not the only place to get condoms on campus — they're available through Student Medical Services and the Campus Alcohol and Drug Information Center, if you need them — but it is the only place you can get coffee and chat about the role of women in society today, as well. And you don't need an appointment to just drop in and say hello — they'll take the time to say "hi" back, even if you're a man.

**BEST PLACE TO GET
"PRICKED":**
Student Medical Services

With all the incoming students swarming campus from every part of the country — not you, of course; it's all the other students — there is a strong likelihood that a few of them are bringing some germs with them. Luckily for you, the Student Medical Services on campus has doctors and nurses available to help you with everything from the common cold to physical injuries.

BEST PLACE TO GET SPIRIT:
Basketball games



The university often throws promotional gigs at home games — which are free to students — sometimes giving away T-shirts, cups, balls, etc. to the first few people who show up. They also have half-time competitions, such as who can throw a paper airplane closest to center court, with free gifts for the winner. Oh, and there's even a basketball game to watch, too.

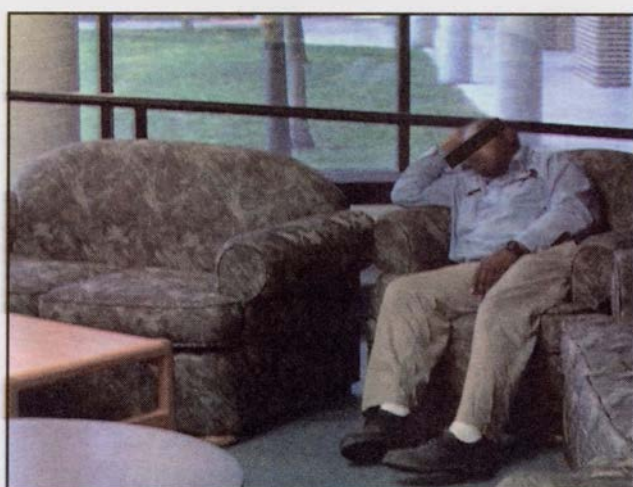
**MOSTLY LIKELY DORM TO
APPEAR IN POLICE BEAT:**
The Crossings

It's not that The Crossings is more prone to instances of crime than other dorms at UNF. It's just that The Crossings is so far away from the core of campus that perhaps its residents feel a little more likely to get away with the occasional loud party or all-night revelry. Of course, once the University Police Department shows up halfway through the shenanigans, those living in the dorm realize just how efficient UNF security officers can be.

**BEST PLACE TO ROLL DOWN
MULTICOLORED HALLWAYS:**
Science and Engineering Building

Although we've never gone chair-surfing down the well-waxed halls of the new Science and Engineering Building ourselves, of course, we can just imagine the exhilaration we would feel as we careened down the causeways, spinning out of control off the red, blue and green walls. But certainly we would never condone students doing more than just imagining the feeling for themselves.

**BEST PLACE TO NAP
WHEN YOU SHOULDN'T:**
TV lounge

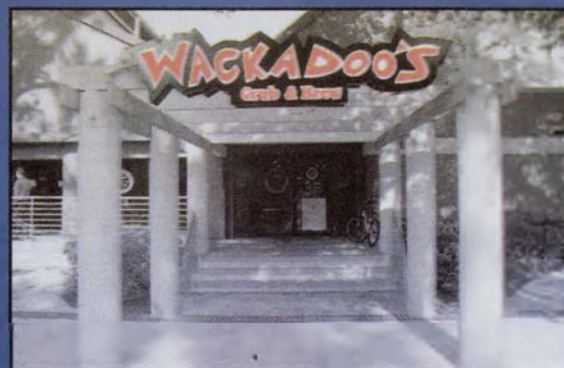


When you know you should be in the library studying for class — or in class listening to your professor — but you just can't keep your eyes open, hit the TV lounge in front of the Gameroom in the Robinson Student Center. It's also the perfect place to catch some z's if your roommates won't stop blaring their Bon Jovi albums. Or if you work on campus, it's the perfect place to get some R&R without getting caught.

**BEST OF
LUNCHBOX**

A quick breakdown of where to eat on campus — or whether it's better to brown-bag it.

BEST PLACE TO GET A BIGGIN':
Wackadoo's



Although Wackadoo's is known for being the "Home of the Fat Ass Burger," here at UNF it was decided that those eating at the restaurant would be better off with a Biggin' than a Fat Ass.

**BEST PLACE TO GET A
SUSHI-FLAVORED SMOOTHIE:**
Freshens

It may sound like a weird combination, but it does make a sort of skewed sense: the eatery is called "Freshens" and it does offer fresh sushi and fresh smoothies, so there you are. Whether you mix the two is totally your call.

**BEST PLACE TO GET
SMACKED BY A DOOR:**
Sbarro

A favorite in the food court of every mall, Sbarro offers a cornerstone of college students' diets: pizza. Unfortunately, the Sbarro on campus also offers a quick-closing pneumatic door, so you'd better be quick once you get your slice or you're likely to get snagged on the way out.

BEST PLACE TO GET A PEPSI:
OutTakes

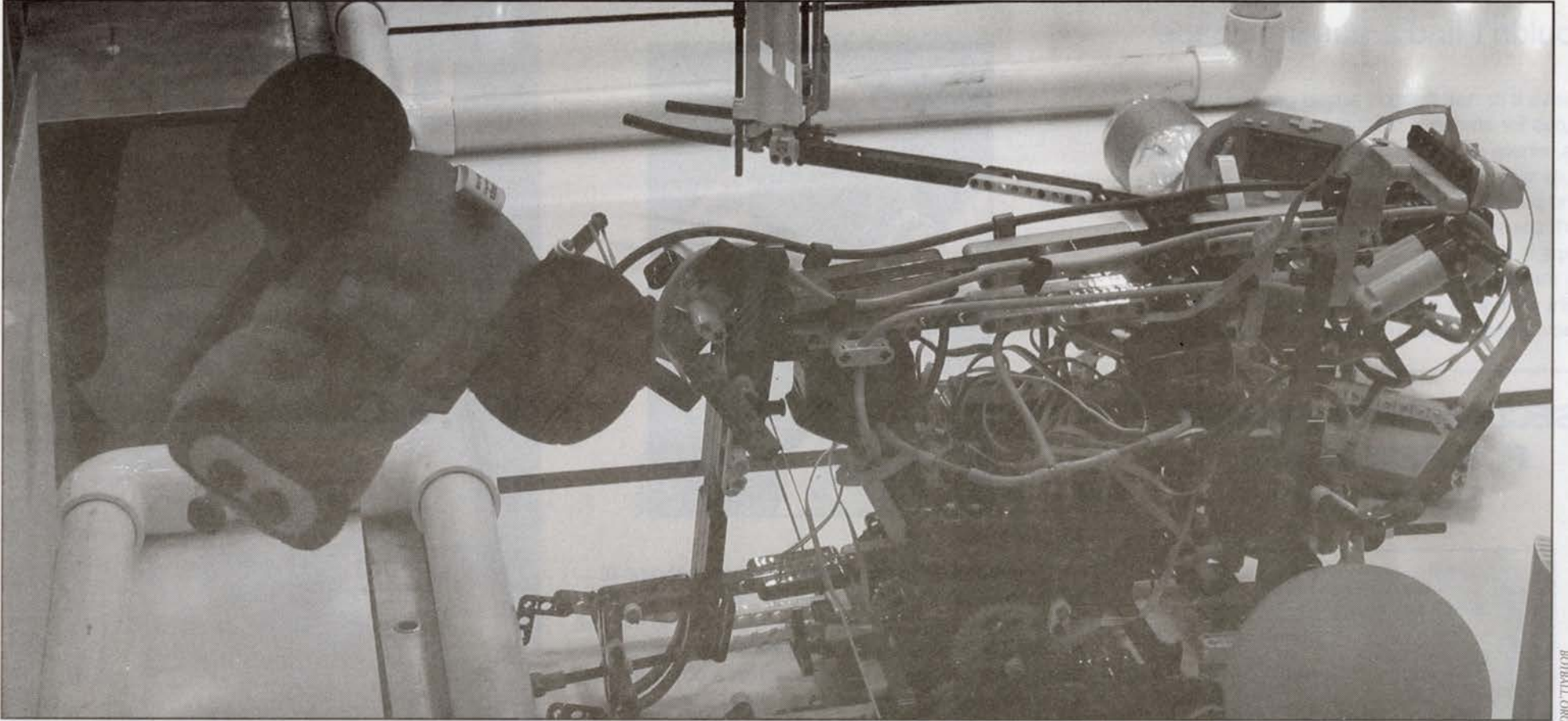
This pseudo-convenience store is the best place on campus to get Pepsi products because, thanks to a \$3.1 million near-exclusivity contract between UNF and Coca-Cola, OutTakes is almost the only place on campus to get Pepsi.

**BEST PLACE TO BE
IN BETWEEN MEALS:**
Osprey Cafe

Formerly the Gray and Blue Cafe, this cafeteria-like venue has an all-you-can-eat buffet during breakfast, lunch and dinner hours, which makes it the most convenient place to gorge yourself if you can only afford one meal that day.

BEST SOURCE OF FREE FOOD:
Student Government elections

Sure, we live in America, home of democracy. But though we are Americans, we're also starving college students, so what better way to support the government than to partake of the free pizza and doughnuts offered during every student election campaign.



More than 50 teams from high schools and middle schools from across the globe descended on the University of North Florida to compete in the annual International Botball Tournament. Students were challenged to show their ability to produce robots with practical purposes.

Battle of the bots returns to university

By DONALD POSTWAY
FEATURES EDITOR

C-3PO, Cmdr. Data, Rosie the Robot Maid and R2D2 have something in common. They were not participants in the 2005 Botball Tournament at the University of North Florida.

The Botball tournament is a contest among high school and middle school students from across the world. More than 50 teams, including four teams from Jacksonville, competed in fast-paced, non-destructive challenges.

Student-designed robots were placed on a 4-by-8 game board, and the creators stepped away. The robots were judged on their ability to stop, start and play the game without being guided by humans.

A UNF professor played a role in starting the 8-year-old tradition. In 1997, communication and information science professor Charles Winston helped to expand the Botball program to middle school and high school students.

"At the time, we had no idea what the students would be able to accomplish, but we were astounded by the sophistication they demonstrated at the inaugural tournament," Winston said in a press release. "The technology has substantially improved over time, so we are seeing even greater complexity today."

Jacksonville's Fletcher High School and Bishop Kenny High School won Judges' Choice awards for design/reliability and sportsmanship, respectively. Fletcher High School's team was among the 13 finalists, but not one of

the final tournament winners. The first-place winner was the team from Norman High School.

The tournament is sponsored by the KISS Institute for Practical Robots, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting robot development. The institute is sponsored by NASA, Honda, the Naval Research Center and the Fairfax Educational Foundation.

The program gives students experience in many areas such as design, C-programming and project management skills.

KISS provided each school's team with a specialized kit containing supplies used by major universities. It included sensors, software, motors, customized robot computers and certain Lego-Technic pieces.

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On the Bench: Sharks, Ben Folds, pirates

By ERIN TRAUTH
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It's summer, and due my campaign to only leave the beach for emergencies, this is a beach version of *On the Bench*. This time it's Danielle Shaw, senior marketing major at the University of North Florida, interviewed on a bench in Neptune Beach.

Spinnaker: What's your favorite summer activity?

Danielle Shaw: Surfing.

S: Are you going anywhere for vacation?

DS: I'm going to Las Vegas soon to see Ben Folds play.

S: Where else have you traveled?

DS: Jamaica, Grand Cayman, Mexico, Canada and Cozumel.

S: If you were an animal, what kind would you be?

DS: A shark. So I could bite stupid people.

S: What is the one thing you would not do



Marketing senior Danielle Shaw represents while on the bench. Shaw would be a shark but never lick a spider.

for \$1 million?

DS: I would never lick a spider.

S: Who would you take with you to a desert-

ed island?

DS: Can I say Ben Folds?

S: What's your favorite food?

DS: Definitely pineapple. And ranch dressing.

S: What else do you have planned for this summer?

DS: I'm getting a tattoo. Probably of a pirate-hooker.

S: If you were a sandwich, what kind would you be?

DS: Crunchy peanut butter and mayo.

S: What do you want to do after graduation?

DS: I was going to maybe take a job with Capitol Records, but I'm not really sure yet.

S: What is your favorite quote?

DS: "Go back to whore island, you pirate-hooker."

S: If you had one piece of advice for readers, what would it be?

DS: Don't hit semi-trucks with your car. Oh, and F-line, represent!

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'Balance 007' compilation 3 discs of uninspiring mixes

By DONALD POSTWAY
FEATURES EDITOR

A new three-disc techno album titled *Balance 007* may seem like more bass for your buck, but once heard, it seems more like a case of quantity over quality.

Balance 007 is the seventh album in the *Balance* series and features Floridian Disc Jockey Chris Frontier.

Frontier, an Orlando native, spins hour after hour of techno medleys combining house, trance, bass and electronic music. His talents have taken him around the world. He has played in dance clubs in the United Kingdom, Hungary, New Zealand and Jacksonville.

Given the talents of its DJ, *Balance 007* is of surprisingly mediocre quality,

falling into many of the trappings of techno music.

Frontier takes tracks from across the globe, but the overall pace of the album is homogeneous. There is little variation between its highs and lows. Without the help of the CD player display, it would be difficult to tell when one track ends and another begins. People new to the genre may assume the type of music is called "trance" because it bores the listener to the point of unconsciousness.

Many of the tracks go on far too long and change within the track. So those who like the middle two minutes of an eight-minute track are forced to sit through five minutes of redundant beats and riffs.

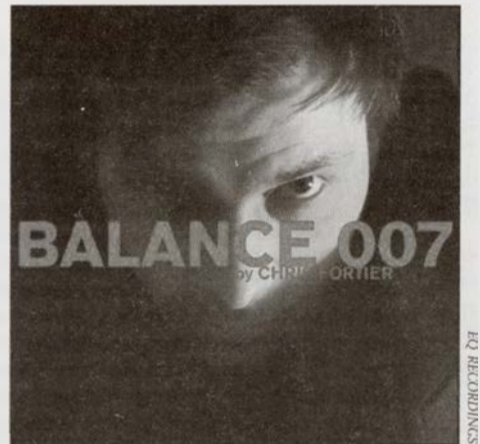
Not that *Balance 007* is without

charms. With 42 tracks to go through, there are some gems such as "It Hits My Hair" and "Four Rooms."

For other artists, *Balance 007* is an excellent source for material. Frontier mixes the music of established artists such as Rabbit in the Moon, Hardfloor, Bent, Slam and Carl Craig. In addition, he finds sets from obscure, electronic cuts from the darkest parts of the techno world.

But on the whole, *Balance 007* doesn't deliver. For a CD called "Balance", this album is a little heavy on the boring. But for those who are willing to sift through it, it has some diamonds in the rough.

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'Chocolate Factory' a sweet treat

Depp shows his sweet side; Burton puts his talents to the colorful world of Wonka

By DONALD POSTWAY
FEATURES EDITOR

Tim Burton delivers the goods with his version of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, mixing his unique style with the works of Roald Dahl to make a film that is enjoyable to viewers young and old.

Johnny Depp gives a believable, though unremarkable, performance as eccentric candy maker Willy Wonka. Depp's portrayal, however, toes the line between quirky and creepy.

A cast of competent child actors accompanies Depp. None of the children have distinguished resumes, but they give strong performances that fit the style of the film.

Screenwriter John August provides an intriguing narrative for *Chocolate Factory*. August's screenplay is fairly faithful to the original story, but there is a new subplot involving Wonka's father, who happens to be a dentist.

Chocolate Factory spends a lot of time developing its characters. The movie explores the origins of Willy Wonka's love for candy, Grandpa Joe's connection to Willy Wonka, and why Charlie's family is so poor.

But, all of the characters seemed one-dimensional. This is probably to keep the movie simple for children, but it makes the dialogue somewhat predictable.



Director Tim Burton takes another stab at family films with his new adaptation of the Roald Dahl classic, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.

Willy Wonka seems completely incapable of rational actions. Charlie never displays a selfish thought, and everything he says reinforces he thinks like Willy Wonka.

Charlie's fellow golden-ticket winners fare no better. The children only say things to reinforce their characters' flaws. Portly Augustus Gloop eats much and says little. He barely has time to insult Charlie before he's sucked into a pipe.

Where *Chocolate Factory* stands out is with its visual presentation. Burton tones down his usual mastery of the macabre and gives the colorful

world of Wonka only a slight touch of darkness.

The use of imagery accentuates the craziness that the film is trying to convey. The attentive *Simpsons* fan may notice that one Wonka creation is a literal "Fudge Mahal" or that Charlie's paltry home is a "Slanty Shanty."

The visual elements seem to drag on after a while and at some point become redundant. But on the whole, the film seems to be even paced.

Parts of the dialogue seem to suggest that the meandering pace of the movie is intentional. While flying through a flashy

area filled with colorful fireworks and canons, Mike Teavee asks, "Why is everything here so pointless?"

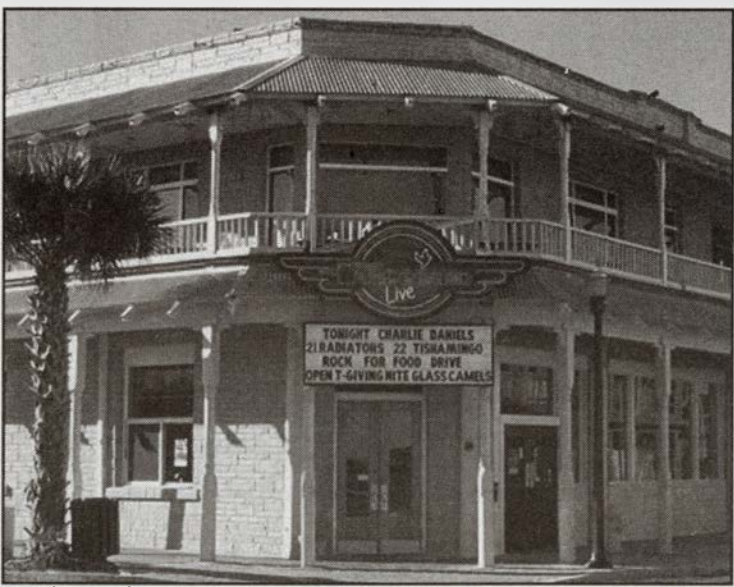
Charlie responds, "Candy doesn't have to have a point. That's why it's candy."

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory is a delicious remake of the classic children's novel. The film is a must-see for fans of the book or the 1971 movie.

This new version retains the feel of the source material, but adds a quirkiness that gives the movie a life of its own.

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Meanwhile, in another part of town: Freebird Live



For those who may want to leave campus sometime over the next four years, consider Freebird Live on the beach.

By DONALD POSTWAY
FEATURES EDITOR

There are many places to catch a good rock show in Jacksonville, but Freebird Live is one of the best.

The venue is located steps from Jacksonville Beach on First Street.

It is a two-story establishment, and viewers can watch shows near the stage or look down from the balcony.

Freebird Live is fun for all ages. Even though it has bars for the drinking crowd, those who

are 18 and older get unescorted admittance. And for any teenie boppers wanting to attend a show, those younger than 18 are admitted with a parent.

On July 31, the 17-year-old blues-rock quartet Blues Traveler will play at Freebird Live. Tickets are \$30.

Freebird Live is also a good place to hear local music. A Jacksonville band called Beautiful Mess will have a release party Aug. 13 for its first album.

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disc covered

Star Trek Enterprise: The Complete Second Season (DVD) — Nerds, go buy some sodas and a box of corn dogs. You know you're not going anywhere for at least a month.

The Brady Bunch: The Complete Second Season (DVD) — For those who've lived in a box for the past few decades, it's the story of a lovely lady and man named Brady who lived in a time when stepfamilies were functional and without sexual tension. This show is so sweet you might get diabetes.

XXX: State of the Union (DVD) — People rarely flock to the theaters to see an Ice Cube movie, especially when it's a role that Vin Diesel decided to pass up on. If

you didn't see it in theatres, go and get the DVD so you can be reminded why.

Jagged Little Pill Acoustic (CD) — Alanis Morissette celebrates 10 years of hairy underarms by rereleasing her multi-platinum first album. Now you can hear the sexually explicit lyrics of "You Oughta Know" sung slow to the sounds of the guitar.

Makai Kingdom (PS2) — A character learns a disturbing fact from an oracle and, through his efforts, causes the calamity he sought to prevent. It's like *Oedipus Rex* but with more magic and less incest.

Flatout (PS2/Xbox/PC) — Do game makers think that a video game devoted almost entirely to crashing cars and intentionally trying to throw the driver out the car will help young people become better drivers? I do.

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WOSP Top 5

1. SUFJAN STEVENS- Illinois
2. SKELETONS AND THE GIRLS-FACED GIRLS- Git
3. WOLF PARADE- Wolf Parade
4. TEGEN AND SARA- 5 Songs From The Phoenix
5. BOYRACER- Insults And Insights

OSPREY diversions

July 27 - Aug. 2

Wednesday, July 27

- Racing Stripes, 6 p.m., Robinson Student Center room 1700
- African American Student Union barbecue, 1 p.m., Quad

Thursday, July 28

- Grand Buffet, 8 p.m., Jack Rabbits

Friday, July 29

- *Pooh's Heffalump Movie*, 6 p.m., RSC room 1700
- CPR Class, 9 a.m., RSC room 1601

Saturday, July 30

- Summer Comedy Jam, 8 p.m., Times-Union Center, \$30.75
- Suicide Clutch, 7 p.m., Jack Rabbits

Sunday, July 31

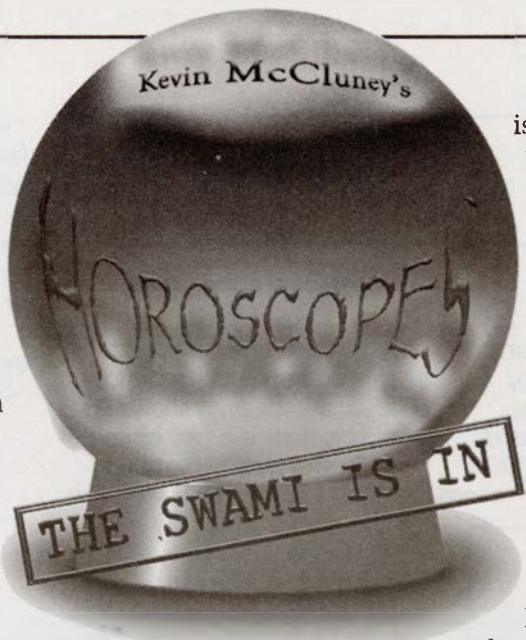
- Blues Traveler, 8 p.m., Freebird Live, \$30

Monday, August 1

- Vans Warped Tour Battle of the Bands- round five, 6 p.m., Jack Rabbits

Tuesday, August 2

- Where's the Money? Business Financing, 6 p.m., University Center, \$30



ARIES (March 21-April 20)
 Your summer vacation will lead you to the Blue Plains of Ambivala, where you will hunt the giant frackenbeast alongside your trusty Dulunarian fish-hound. Beware when treading through the azure grasses, however. The toe-eating langdorf makes its home there and loves to make meals out of unsuspecting travelers' toes.

TAURUS (April 21-May 20)
 If a cruise tickles your fancy this summer, the stars recommend that you pack lightly — very lightly. Your best bet is to swim under the stern of a cruise liner and create a makeshift hammock out of fishing net in the air pocket ahead of the rudder. Be sure to bring enough Pringles to last the journey. Once you reach your destination, jump out and swim ashore. You've just saved thousands of dollars! Spend your savings on the best local wine and beer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
 If something goes wrong with your car this week, do not attempt to repair it yourself. Used to be, you could fix anything in a car with a decent ratchet set, but now you need a computer and a host of weird probes and doodads just to jump start them. You have no choice but to play the game on their terms: Take the car to a shop and let someone else worry about it. On your own, you will only exacerbate the problem.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
 If your summer destination requires flying, take the time to look at the wing of the airplane as you gaze out the window. It has lots of control surfaces, including ailerons, flaps, spoilers, slats and maybe even some vortex generators

to keep the high-speed air from messing up the airflow too much. With all that gadgetry, it's a wonder not more goes wrong. Yep, the only thing keeping you in the air is just some strips of metal and the air flowing over them... don't worry, though. Mishaps only happen to other people.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 The Macintosh/PC rivalry reaches new levels this week when as open riots break out in local software establishments. As you buy your games, you might get attacked by a hardware-wielding thug. The store-dwelling denizens arm themselves with computer parts, swinging mice like spiked flails and using keyboards for shields. Your best bet is to use the CDs you got for your birthday as combat discs, thrown ninja-style.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 When you are flying your X-wing through Imperial-controlled space this week, be wary of TIE fighter ambushers lurking behind asteroids. If you get jumped, remember that while the TIE is more agile than your X-wing, you have the advantage in speed and weaponry.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
 While you may be of the opinion that SPF 15 is sufficient for a couple of hours in the sun, this

is folly. In this climate you need at least SPF 30 if you are going to be out for more than 15 minutes. That SPF 15 stuff is only useful for short excursions between buildings.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
 The idea that cell phones cause tumors is totally ludicrous. They do, however, carry a secret device inside that, when triggered by your Cingular masters, will inject a mind control unit into your ear. Don't worry, the strange compulsions and erratic behavior you exhibit will all seem like your idea.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)
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AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)
 While you drift aimlessly on the open seas this summer, think about all the other vacation plans you could have gone with. Instead, you landed right in the middle of an unforgiving sea. Yep, the only thing that put you here as opposed to, say, Cancun, was a fickle whim. Too bad. Just don't drink the seawater. It will only worsen your thirst.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
 Wooden furniture is really weird. I mean it's made from the skeleton of a living thing! Creepy. In fact, just about everything you interact with was once alive at some point, from the plastic of your keyboard to the paper this is printed on. How morbid. Don't you just feel tainted by death at every turn now? One thing about it: It's an unlimited resource.

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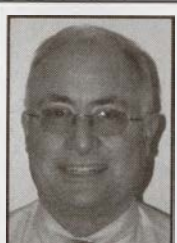
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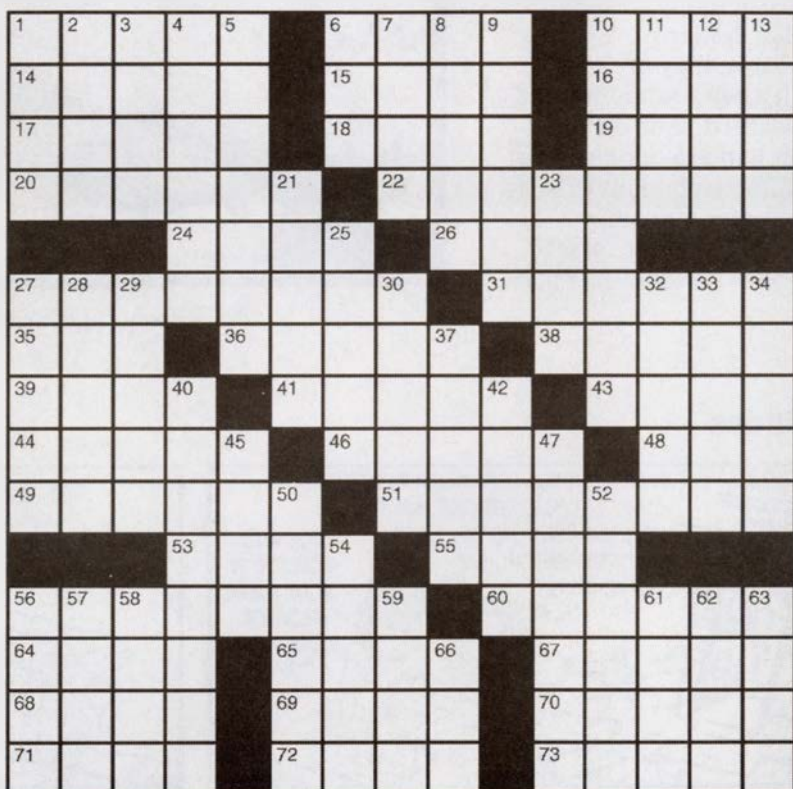
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- 6 News piece
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- 16 Qatar leader
- 17 Raccoon's cousin
- 18 Has a bite
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- 20 Nape
- 22 Fated
- 24 Mob melee
- 26 Part of pants
- 27 Foul weather protection
- 31 Indian instruments
- 35 ___ Arbor, MI
- 36 Ford's folly?
- 38 Permitted
- 39 Arcturus, e.g.
- 41 Stand one in good ___
- 43 Brent Spiner's android
- 44 Ached
- 46 Turn out
- 48 Great weight
- 49 Act parts
- 51 Delta deposit
- 53 Astronaut Slayton
- 55 Withered
- 56 Looming (over)
- 60 Open shoe
- 64 Banned pesticide
- 65 Slip-on slipper
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- 69 H.S. dance
- 70 Merits
- 71 Mary ___ Lincoln
- 72 Poisonous evergreens
- 73 Frozen precipitation



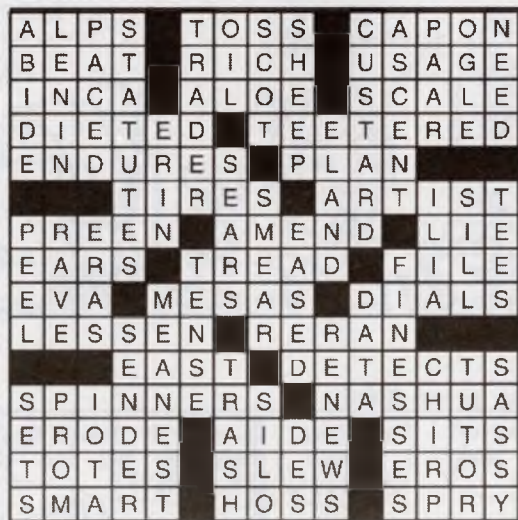
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- 4 Come back
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- 6 Rage
- 7 Tailless amphibian
- 8 Sen. Kefauver
- 9 Roman Catholic services
- 10 Overhauled
- 11 Muscat's country
- 12 Soggy ground
- 13 Nudge
- 21 Sushi and salami
- 23 Caudal appendage
- 25 Gustatory sensation
- 27 Coarse files
- 28 Playful prank
- 29 Silly
- 30 Adolescents
- 32 Playing marble
- 33 Boca __, FL
- 34 Angle
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- 40 Depicted
- 42 Ranch visitors
- 45 Forest denizen
- 47 Pittsburgh players

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- 50 Meager
- 52 Servile
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- 58 Magic stick
- 59 Shine brightly
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- 62 English composer
- 63 Rear position
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August 21

Women's soccer
vs. Armstrong
Atlantic (exhib.),
2 p.m.

Men's soccer at
Rollins College
(exhib.), 7 p.m.

August 23

Men's soccer open
tryouts, 6 p.m.

August 26

Women's soccer
vs. McNeese State
(beginning of regu-
lar season), 5 p.m.

Volleyball vs. Troy
(at Trojan Classic),
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August 27

Volleyball vs.
Samford (at Trojan
Classic), 1 p.m CT

Men's soccer vs.
Embry Riddle
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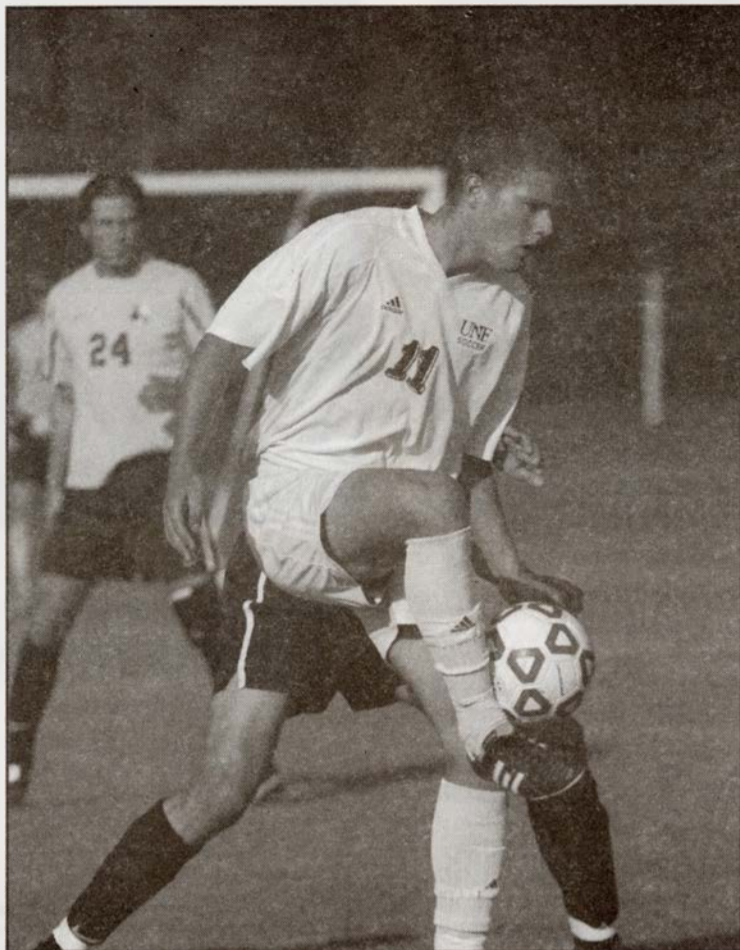
August 28

Women's soccer at
Georgia Southern,
2 p.m.

August 30

Men's soccer vs.
Webber
International
(exhib.), 7 p.m.

Soccer gears up for debut in A-Sun



Sophomore Martin Pettersson collects the ball during a matchup Oct. 23, 2004, against the University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

Men ready to attack host of strong competition in Division I

MANDY PARKER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The 2005 University of North Florida men's soccer team will make its Division I debut facing a host of strong competition that includes Duke University and the University of Central Florida.

Head coach Ray Bunch said the team's challenging schedule will give it a sense of what is ahead.

"That is one of the reasons we are playing such a tough schedule," he said. "We might as well use this year to evaluate what we are up against, but at least then we know what we have to do over the next two years to compete with that sort of level."

The Ospreys, who are not be eligible for NCAA post-season play in 2005, will use the first year in Division I to prepare for future seasons, Bunch said.

Along with Duke, which finished in the top four in the country last season, UNF will play a handful of strong teams early in its campaign, such as Loyola Marymount and UC Irvine, which it will meet at the UC Irvine Kickoff Tournament in California in September.

"Loyola Marymount is very, very strong," Bunch said. "California soccer is very good. And they are one of the top teams there."

This year's group is made up of five freshman and seven returnees, including sophomore forward Martin Pettersson, who was named to the NCAA Division II Southeast Region Second Team; senior forward Terry Peak; and junior defender Mats Elmstar.

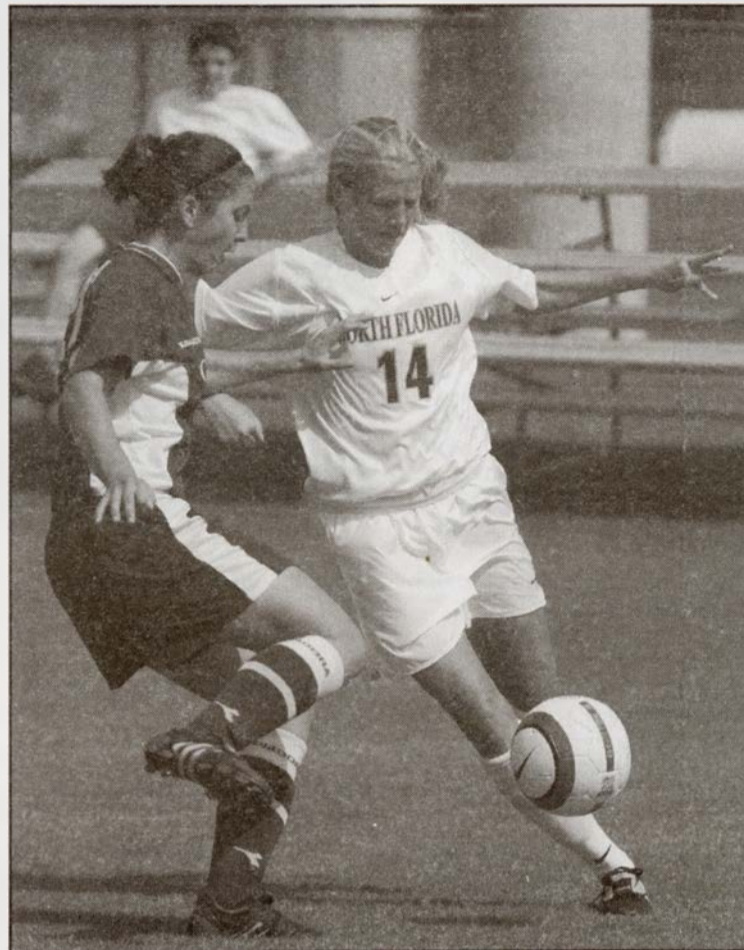
"The one fear we do have over Pettersson is that sophomore slump," Bunch said. "But he's clearly focused, and the good thing is no one knows about him in Division I."

Bunch is still looking to add a few players to the squad. For the first time in eight years, the team will hold open tryouts Aug. 23 at 6 p.m. at the UNF track.

"We've had so much interest this year, and it would be nice to add at least two or three players," he said. "We know that they won't be able to get cleared by the NCAA in time for the practice, but we'd like for them to go ahead and get the ball rolling."

The season begins with an exhibition match Aug. 21 at 4 p.m. at the new UNF soccer stadium against Rollins College.

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Junior forward Courtney Forson shoots the ball during last season's 3-0 win Oct. 6 against Georgia College.

Women's soccer hopes, prepares for transition year into Division I

NICOLE BUTLER
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The University of North Florida women's soccer team will make its Division I debut with high hopes that hard work will help it meet the challenge of elite competition.

North Florida head coach Mike Munch said that, though his team is ready to compete at the Division I level, this season will be one of adjustment.

"We are playing a tough schedule, and the biggest obstacle we're going to face is the fact that we really aren't playing for the title that the other teams are playing for," Munch said. "We're going out there to play and get a feel for Division I."

He said members of the team did not stray much from their habits of previous years in preparing for its inaugural Division I season, the success of which will largely depend on returning players.

Nine starters are back, including last season's leading scorer junior forward Courtney Forson, and last season's assist leader, senior defender Lauren Winn. Both players were chosen as 2004 National Soccer Coaches Association of America Division II Second-Team All-Americans.

Eight freshmen joining the team this fall will be thrown straight into Division I play.

Munch said some of the toughest games will be played here in Florida.

"We don't ever worry about one team more than the other, but the teams in Florida are who I believe to be some of the toughest competitors, like Florida International, Florida Atlantic Stetson and South Florida," he said.

The Osprey's begin with exhibition games Aug. 14 and 21 at home against Rollins College and Armstrong Atlantic State University, respectively. Regular-season play begins Aug. 26 at the new soccer facility against McNeese State at 5 p.m. followed by the team's first road game against Georgia Southern University Aug. 28.

"This season will be tougher than the last," Munch said. "But I have confidence that we can compete and succeed in Division I."

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Taking a look at past, future decades for Ospreys



ATHLETIC OPINION

Dr. Richard Gropper,
Athletic Director

It has been more than 10 years since my first press conference at the University of North Florida in November 1994.

Ten years since my first visit to Jacksonville and UNF. Ten years since being named the athletic director of the young Osprey program.

The success of the UNF athletics program is a credit to the hundreds of student-athletes, coaches and staff who remain as passionate today as when I arrived. That passion has produced outstanding performances both athletically

and academically. UNF has demonstrated year after year that there really can be a successful marriage between the two in intercollegiate athletics.

In my time at UNF, we have won five consecutive Peach Belt Conference Commissioner's Cups and more than 30 conference titles and have seen most of our 17 sports regularly move on to NCAA postseason competition.

Now the time has come to take the next step. The move to NCAA Division I status represents another landmark occurrence in the relatively brief history of the uni-

versity. The challenges before us are formidable. But our people have never failed to respond positively when we've raised the bar to a higher standard.

The stage is set. The finances are in place; the facilities have been built; the student-athletes have been assembled; the community is poised to respond and the Atlantic Sun Conference is waiting.

The next 10 years will be exciting, but as I look back I can only say, "What a decade!"

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Beneath the feathers: Ozzie and Harriet Osprey

JENNA STROM
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

With the establishment of the University of North Florida in 1972, teachers and students set out to work on 1,000 acres of green vastness set aside by the city of Jacksonville and area landowners. Sports and athletics were nothing but dreams. There were no nature trails, housing or young freshman blood.

In 1978, the war of the mascots began at UNF. The vicious battle between the prominent armadillo and manatee and the lesser sharks, mariners, tadpoles, coots, pinecones and flashers lasted a grueling two years.

In 1979, the seagull became a promising figure, along with the manatee and the armadillo, and was placed on the UNF Student Government Association voting ballot.

In the final moments of strife and desperation, Dr. Ray Bowman, head of the department of natural sciences, pulled out the idea of the Osprey, shocking the confederacy.

The idea spread like butter on bread, and in 1980 the Osprey became the official mascot of UNF.

In August 2005, 17 men's and women's athletic teams at UNF will begin the transition to Division I NCAA.

The center of spirit blooms from beneath the feathers of a most enthusiastic Mr. Ozzie Osprey and Ms. Harriet Osprey.

For five years, Ozzie has led thousands of cheers and lifted hearts and spirits at UNF athletic events. More recently, Harriet has joined him in lifting skirts, jerseys and smiles to entertain students in times of glory and times of distress.

The two noble individuals hold a steady flame of school pride under their feathers that burns without recognition. They sweat blue and gray for hours in the sweltering outdoors to add camaraderie to your university.

Today, the Spinnaker salutes the UNF Osprey, and is forever thankful our cheers are not lead by armadillos.



Harriet flashes a clown for some beads while on location.

What is your favorite piece of meat?

Ozzie: A JU Dolphin.

Who is your favorite coach at UNF?

Both: Dusty Rhodes.

What is the best moment in your career?

Ozzie: Working at the Division II World Series last summer, where we set a record. We were the first mascots to ever attend and represent a Division II school at the World Series. It was a great way to fly into Division I athletics.

What is the most annoying thing at UNF?

Ozzie: Apathy.

Harriet: One of our goals this year is to create more team spirit and to boost attendance at UNF athletic events.

Who is the most terrifying coach at UNF?

Both: Dusty Rhodes.

What is the best thing about your job?

Harriet: You can do anything you want, and anything the fans can't do, and not get in trouble

for it.

What was the scariest moment of your career?

Harriet: When I first started, I accidentally kicked over a baseball player's drink. He got so mad; he got in my face and started yelling through my beak. I felt horrible; he thought I did it on purpose. I called my parents after the game, crying.

Who is your all time least favorite player?

Harriet: A minor league Japanese baseball player, who after several attempts, finally succeeded in knocking out an Osprey with his ball at a baseball game two years ago.

What is the craziest rumor ever to circulate at UNF?

Ozzie: It was going around for a while that Ozzie had died. It was very upsetting for me.

What is the relationship between Harriet and Ozzie?

Ozzie: We're really good friends that like to mess around (when I can get away with it!)

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Controversy rises over eligibility of FTIC student-athletes to play

Policy makes it harder
for student-athletes to
compete freshman year

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To some, athletics is the easiest way to get into college.

If you play your sport well enough, a major university might recruit you, offer you a scholarship and quite possibly, make you famous. The belief is that if you focus all your time on your sport rather than your education, you will have a better chance of playing for the school of your choice. After all, you are going to college to play sports — not to learn stuff.

Well, that is not the case here at the University of North Florida.

Most students and faculty have never heard of the Herbert Rule, which makes it harder for student-athletes to be admitted to the university while retaining athletic eligibility. The rule was implemented in 1992 by then President Dr. Adam Herbert to stress the importance of academics over athletics.

The rule includes regular admissions criteria that first-time-in-college freshmen must meet to comply with the state of Florida and UNF.

According to the athletic department's policy, however, an FTIC athlete placed in the summer Academic Potential Program is, by university law, no longer "eligible to compete [in their sport] until the student has completed 30 semester hours at UNF with at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA in an approved program of study."

The consequences for non-athletes in the APP: None.

Non-athletes are still eligible to pledge to fraternities or sororities, run for student office or join campus clubs without having to wait until they have completed 30 credits. They are also able to earn scholarships from those clubs or organizations.

But student-athletes in the APP are not allowed to receive athletic scholarships until the requirements of the Herbert Rule are met. They are, however, allowed to receive other forms of financial aid available to all students.

The question has been raised:

Is the Herbert Rule fair, or does it target athletes?

Some think athletes should be held to higher standards because they are the epitome of school spirit. If we allow athletes to falter in their academics, then we might as well let the general student body slip up with no consequences. By having the Herbert Rule in place, athletes wanting to attend UNF are aware of the importance of academics over athletics.

On the flip side, there are those who think the rule is unjustly applied to athletes.

Why should they have special consequences for being accepted into the APP when the other students do not? Athletes already have to adhere to strict rules to retain NCAA eligibility. The decision on whether they should play because of their academics should be left up to the coaching staff or athletics department. Also, athletes shouldn't have scholarship money taken away for something that happens to other students.

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TRIVIA

Throughout the fall semester the Spinnaker will be hosting 'Sports Trivia' with the help of UNF sports promotions. The first person to submit all the correct answers wins a prize pack. Good Luck!

1) Name three freshmen from the 2004 women's soccer team and their positions.

2) Between the two of them, how many times were volleyball players Jackie Struck and Valerie Martinez named Peach Belt Conference Player/Specialist of the week in their UNF careers?

3) Cross Country coach Mark VanAlstyne holds the school record in the marathon with a time of what?

4) What men's soccer player was elected as a member of the Canadian U-21 National team?

June 22 Answers:

1) Georgetown, in Washington, D.C.

2) Larry Brown

3) Robert Calvin Hubbard

4) Rick Barry

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Although the University of North Florida voted a year ago to move to Division I, students seem to know very little about the A-Sun.

The southeastern conference was founded in 1978, competing as the Trans America Athletic Conference for 23 years. Over the past seven years, the A-Sun has had several teams compete and produce wins in the NCAA ranks. For the second straight season in 2004, the A-Sun had multiple teams participate in the NCAA men's golf championship. In men's basketball, four teams finished the season with 20 or more wins, with three teams advancing to the postseason. Women's track had a record five teams advance to the NCAA Championship.

LIPSCOMB

The Bisons are one of three private Christian universities in the Atlantic Sun. Lipscomb officially joined the A-Sun in 2003 and was the newest member until the initiation of East Tennessee State University, Kennesaw State University and UNF in the fall of 2005. Eight Bison teams made it into the Atlantic Sun tournament, all falling short of the championship last season, while cross country runners Matt McWhirter and Eric Brown were selected to compete individually in the NCAA tournament.

GARDNER-WEBB

The Bulldogs of Boiling Springs, N.C., are a relatively new program, joining the Atlantic Sun in 2002. The men's basketball team enjoyed a promising season, finishing the regular season as champions before falling short in the championship game to UCF. Toward the conclusion of the game, junior Brian Bender became the third player in school history to score 1,000 points. Three other men's programs and three women's teams earned bids to the A-Sun championship tournament last year.

EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

East Tennessee State University is the only school joining the Atlantic Sun in 2005 that has already established itself at the Division I level. The Buccaneers join the A-Sun after 27 years in the Southern Conference. During their time in the Southern Conference, the Bucs sent their football and basketball teams to the NCAA tournament several times and played host to the first NCAA riflery championships in 1980.

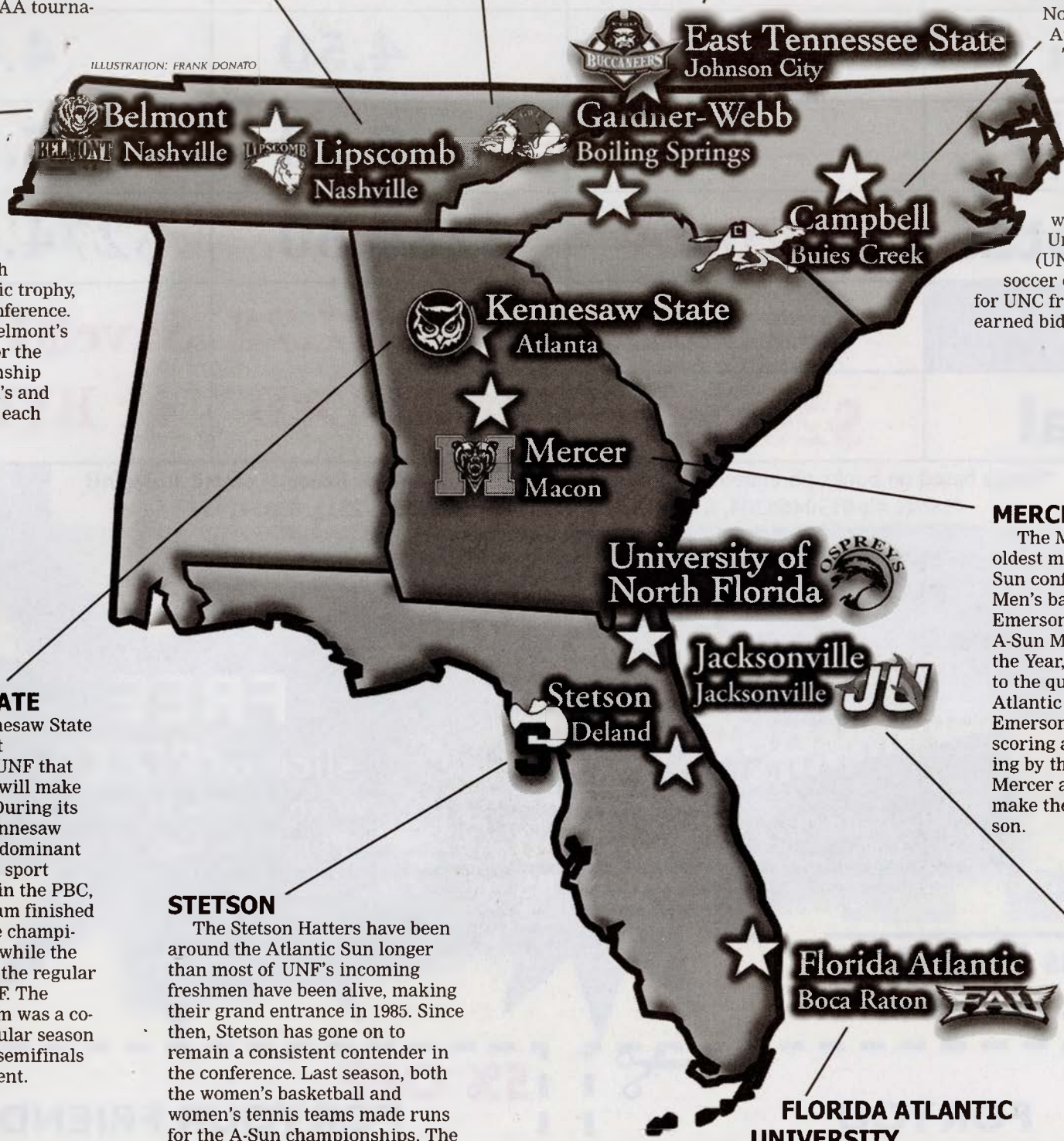
CAMPBELL

Campbell, the "safest campus in North Carolina," joined the Atlantic Sun conference in 1994. The Camel's women's soccer team won the A-Sun championship on penalty kicks, defeating the University of Central Florida. Campbell advanced to the NCAA tournament, where it fell 6-0 in the opening round to women's soccer powerhouse, the University of North Carolina. (UNF's new assistant women's soccer coach, Carmen Watley, played for UNC from 2000-2003). Six other teams earned bids into the A-Sun tournament.

BELMONT

Belmont joined the A-Sun in 2001 and has quickly jumped atop the standings not only athletically but academically. In 2005, the Bruins won their fourth straight A-Sun academic trophy, which is tops in the conference. Last season, eight of Belmont's 15 teams earned bids for the Atlantic Sun Championship Tournament, with men's and women's cross country each winning titles.

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KENNESAW STATE

The Owls of Kennesaw State are an old Peach Belt Conference rival of UNF that won't go away. They will make their debut in 2005. During its reign in the PBC, Kennesaw was one of the most dominant universities in every sport offered. Last season in the PBC, the Owls baseball team finished second to UNF in the championship tournament, while the softball team shared the regular season title with UNF. The men's basketball team was a co-champion of the regular season before falling in the semifinals of the PBC tournament.

STETSON

The Stetson Hatters have been around the Atlantic Sun longer than most of UNF's incoming freshmen have been alive, making their grand entrance in 1985. Since then, Stetson has gone on to remain a consistent contender in the conference. Last season, both the women's basketball and women's tennis teams made runs for the A-Sun championships. The tennis team fell short in the finals to Florida Atlantic University, while the basketball team won the title and moved on to play Louisiana State University in the first round of the NCAA tournament. Women's basketball player Kristy Brown was named the A-Sun Female Student Athlete of the Year, and eight other teams earned chances in the A-Sun tournament.

MERCER

The Mercer Bears are the oldest members of the Atlantic Sun conference, joining in 1978. Men's basketball player Will Emerson was selected the 2005 A-Sun Male Student Athlete of the Year, while helping his team to the quarterfinals of the Atlantic Sun tournament. Emerson was ranked third in scoring and fourth in rebounding by the A-Sun last season. Mercer also had six other sports make the tournament last season.

JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY

Cross-town rival Jacksonville University became Atlantic Sun material in 1997. JU earned its first Atlantic Sun volleyball championship last season and its first NCAA bid as a Division I institution. Eight other Dolphin teams made postseason appearances.

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

Boca Raton's own Florida Atlantic University became Atlantic Sun members in 1993 and has remained a consistent threat to opposing teams. The Owls baseball team and women's tennis team both advanced to the NCAA tournament, each falling short in the first round. The women's volleyball team won the A-Sun regular season championship before losing to the eventual A-Sun champions, Jacksonville University. Six other teams advanced to the A-Sun tournament.

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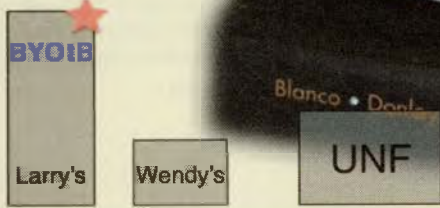
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