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IFC hands fraternity probation, 28 convictions

By RACHEL WITKOWSKI NEWS EDITOR

After nearly a month-long trial, Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity was charged with 28 convictions and sentenced to probation until Dec. 31 because of a social event that occurred in January.

The InterFraternity Council approved the probation March 7 and required the fraternity to complete 1,000 community service hours and to pay court costs, and lost IFC dues for 2006.

"I felt that the sentencing here tonight set an important precedent for all students of Greek affiliation," said Keenan Webb, representative of Chi Phi Fraternity in IFC. "We can only learn and hope to improve by SAE's unfortunate occurrence."

According to SAE Chapter President Stephen Horne, the fraternity had an organized social event in Deland with food, a band and alcohol provided by a third party. Photos of the event were posted on Facebook, which led to the IFC trial Feb. 14.

The fraternity was originally charged under IFC bylaws and Student Code of Conduct for 39 counts, including three counts of underage possession of alcohol, three counts of serving alcohol to underage persons, seven counts of possession of kegs and six counts of endangering self.

The fraternity appealed the charge of possession of a keg at the Feb. 28 IFC meeting, and the charge was dropped to 28 convictions. But it did not deter the IFC's decision to enforce probation.

"I don't think we should be out on probation," Horne said, at the



Sigma Alpha Epsilon Chapter President Stephen Horne, right, spoke to the InterFraternity Council March 7.

March 7 meeting. "Especially through December 31."

Horne said SAE dealt with the issue internally by suspending six members in the organization. The national office that oversees SAE also charged the organization a \$5,000 fine for possession of a keg.

prohibited any social events and athletic events until May 31 and required 500 hours of volunteer service, according to Horne.

"In the face of adversity, Stephen Horne and the Sigma

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Online classes gain popularity among students

By Tami Livingston ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

As technology advances, so do the classes. The traditional classroom setting is taking a step toward virtual classrooms, and more are being offered every term at the University of North Florida.

Online classes have been offered at UNF since the mid-1990s, said Dr. David Jaffee, interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and member of the Distance Learning Committee. The classes were originally offered through WebCT, but in 2000, the university switched over to Blackboard, he said. They also fall under the Distance Learning title.

The classes originate with faculty who are interested in offering their courses through an online format, he said. It is the instructor's choice and responsibility to design, structure, layout and offer the course, he said.

The number and type of classes offered vary from semester to semester and college to college. The colleges within the university are not required to offer online classes but can opt to if it will benefit the students, he said.

According to Tony Turrin, UNF Online Learning

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New photo lab to be occupied in near future

By CHRISTAL BOLDEN

Construction is almost complete for the photography lab at the University of North Florida, and move-in should be any day, said Dominick Martorelli, head of the photography depart-

As the student body began to increase, the department saw a need for more space.

Everything in this photo lab was built for 15 or 20 students, and we have about 200 students taking photography," Martorelli said.

The current photò lab is about 18 years old, according to Martorelli. And not only is the photo lab too small for the number of students, but the 20-year-old equipment doesn't work properly, he said.

'We're holding it together with spit, glue and duct tape," he said.

There were five or six courses and about 50 students six years ago, and now, there are about 17 courses, Martorelli said.

The new 6,000-square-foot photo lab will provide photography students with wet labs, offices and classroom spaces. And photography students said they are ready to move into the building located behind the Fine Arts Center.

"I'm excited that we're getting a new lab," said junior photography minor Brandy Hager. There will be more stations, so students can



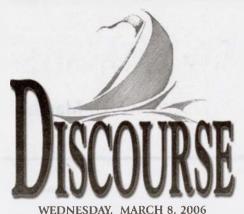
Construction is nearly complete for the new photo lab behind the Fine Arts Center. The new building will be 6,000 square-feet and will be able to handle more students than the current photo lab.

work on assignments and projects at the same time, she said.

"It's going to be great to have new classrooms and a new lab," said UNF Senior Stephanie Hawk.

According to Martorelli, UNF's photography program can now compete with other universities and "prepare students for a professional photographic career."

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SPINNAKER'S BEST

The University of North Florida has had the honor of hosting the Aoyama Gakuin University baseball team. The four-time Japanese national champions will play their last game March 9 against Flagler College at 1 p.m. at Harmon Stadium.

SPINNAKER'S WORST

At the bottom of each inning of the AGU's exhibition game against UNF, a sports marketing class's attempt to promote multiculturalism through sumo wrestling, trivia and chopstick usage, backfired, when some visiting spectators became upset.

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Although innocuous in intention, the incident highlights the need for discretion when entertaining visitors from other countries. Since such a faux pa reflects badly on the university, the administration should have a cultural advisor.



"The test of courage comes when we are in the minority. The test of tolerance comes when we are in the majority."

-- Ralph W. Stockman

Editorials

Bush's nuclear deal with India a hard sell

resident Bush returns from his trip abroad with a new item added to his political agenda.

The President has signed an agreement with the government of India that will allow the United States to sell nuclear fuel to the Asian superpower.

Congress still has to approve the proposal, and some lawmakers have already voiced their concerns about the plan.

It has yet to be seen whether the opposition's arguments are valid, but this is certainly the type of situation where caution is necessary.

Besides deviating from the current standards on nuclear proliferation, the proposed deal is also shaking up regional politics for other U.S. allies.

Stated briefly — in the deal Bush signed, India, a country that has never signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, will receive civilian nuclear technology from the United States, and in return, India will agree to allow international inspections of its civilian nuclear plants.

However, eight of India's reactors have been designated military facilities and are not subject to inspections. Also, as India continues to build reactors, the nation retains the right to designate the reactor as a military or civilian facility.

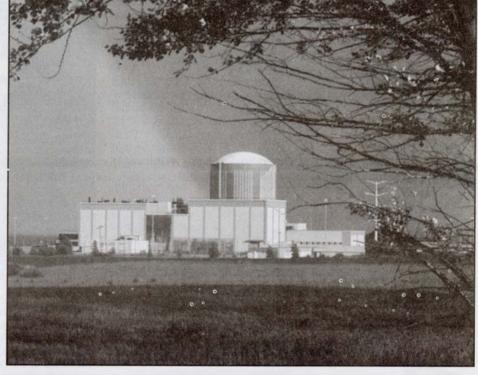
The immediate concern of most people is the change on America's stance on the spread of nuclear tech-

The United States has restricted nuclear cooperation with India since the nation conducted its first nuclear weapons test in 1976. As recently as 1993, both India and Pakistan engaged in tit-for-tat tests of their nuclear capabilities.

Some critics of the plan have argued that giving India nuclear technology sends the wrong message to other nations.

India never signed the international treaty regarding nuclear arms, it built its own nuclear weapon, and has threatened to use it on occasions, but now, the United States is poised to accept them into the "so-called" nuclear club.

This may be an incentive for other nations to balk at international standards and build their own nuclear weapons, after all, it turned



out well for India.

A second concern is the message this plan sends to Pakistan. Pakistan has been a key United States ally in the war on terrorism, and is in a similar situation as India.

India and Pakistan have been at odds for a long time, so it was sort of a slap in the face to the leaders of Pakistan when President Bush left the region after giving India a nuclear deal and giving Pakistan nothing of equal value.

President Musharraf's support of the United States already makes him unpopular with his people. Granting his enemy greater favors may cause the Pakistani president to rethink his strategic alliance with the United States.

It is important to stress, however, there are a lot of good things about this deal. Having a strong alliance with India is a good counterweight to the growing power of China in the region.

Also, India's economy is growing rapidly and thus needs a lot of energy. Helping them harness nuclear energy means there will be less demand for oil in the region, a measure that will keep oil prices from soaring as the nation continues its industry boom.

As for the aforementioned concerns over the deal, there are other factors that lessen the threats involved with the deal. One thing to

be considered, it that the Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty may not be very useful in the modern age. After all, Iran signed the NPT, and

see how well that went. It may be time to consider new ways to curb nuclear threats. In a way, this treaty may do just

that by the way President Bush handled India and Pakistan. The key difference between india

and Pakistan is a very important one: India has a spotless record on the spread of nuclear technology, while Pakistan is suspected to have been involved with the nuclear black market in the past.

So by granting India a nuclear deal, the United States would be saying that responsible handling of nuclear technology will be rewarded. It also places a carrot in front of Pakistan, letting them know that if they continue to do well in the future, there may be a nuclear deal for them one day.

With so much on the line, it will take a while before we know if the nuclear deal is the bargain of a lifetime or as valuable as round-trip tickets on the Titanic.

But right or wrong, President Bush has a hard sell ahead of him, as he should. When embarking on a bold new direction in nuclear proliferation policy, it is important to scout the path first.

Survey shows high school apathy cause for dropouts

ored, disinterested, uninspired.
A recent study found that six in 10 high school dropouts were maintaining C averages. Their reason for dropping out of school was not to hustle drugs on the street, but because they weren't challenged enough in school.

In truth, most of those surveyed regretted their dropout decision, because they know they had the aptitude for better things.

But I understand their choice completely. From my 13-year experience in the Florida public school system, I can count, on one hand, the number of teachers/classes that pedagogically inspired me.

But I don't blame the teachers (entirely), I blame the curriculum they are forced to adhere to and the dictatorial way a public school is run. Most teachers have to care about one thing — standardized test scores.

Here in Florida, it's the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test.

According to myfloridaeducation.com,



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the purpose of the FCAT is to make sure that students are learning the basic skills they are supposed to be learning in school.

This sounds admirable. A definite problem exists when students leave the system without getting the fundamentals.

But what happens when the state gives incentives to the schools and teachers whose students do well on the FCAT? The basics usurp the entire curriculum. Challenging and provocative material that engages students and gives them a desire to learn more is kicked to the

They learn to write the way the FCAT wants them to write, they learn the math and science that the FCAT thinks is important and they learn that all that matters is a number on a score sheet.

The high school student who maintains C's, goes to class regularly and generally doesn't disturb the peace, is entirely overlooked in public schools.

At my high school, most of the deans were either current or former coaches, so their affection and attention remained on athletes and troublemakers (and the girls who, gasp, violated the dress code by wearing sleeveless tops and flip-flops in August).

Accelerated, non-athletic students, like me, though unimportant to the administration, could at least look forward to some challenges in the classroom.

When Horace Mann, the first Secretary of Education in Massachusetts, endeavored to make public, secular schools a standard in American society, the majority of the U.S. population was illiterate.

His goal was to give everyone the opportunity to get a basic knowledge of reading, math and science. That was 1837. The same standard continues in

In a place where knowing the basics and blindly following orders is the way to get by, it is a small wonder that so many students leave high school.

When life consists of hours being spoon-fed a few tidbits of regulated information year after year, they think they know everything and they're ready for the real world.

Knowledge should be presented in school as a catalyst to success in life, not in test-taking.

Curiosity and inspiration needs to be instilled in the public school classroom. That is the most effective way to keep students in it.

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New incentive program for teachers fundamentally flawed

he new Effectiveness
Compensation plan, which will
base all teacher salaries on the
achievement of students, is a system that is gravely flawed. The rule, which
was unanimously approved by the Florida
Board of Education, requires that teachers
be compensated in the form of salaries
according to the scores of students on the
Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test.
Those subjects that are not included on the
FCAT would have to create specialized
assessments.

This proposal, which will be effective in the 2006-2007 academic year, not only helps determine salary but also grants a 5 percent bonus to those teachers who rank in the top 10 percent of the state in terms of increase in scores.

Although this plan has good intentions of using incentive to motivate teachers, sev-



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eral problems exist that will lead to the eventual failure of the proposal.

Different schools teach in different ways. It would be difficult for a music teacher to properly teach his or her students to the best of their abilities when they are only allowed to see those students for one hour a week. Are they to cram everything on those students at once, thus diminishing the quality of the material and the level of education? Or do they take their time, in which case not all of the material will be covered? In both instances, students would be found lacking on assessment tests, and the teachers would be found lacking in their skills. This would be reflected in their pay.

If money is a determining factor in the quality of education that students receive, then educators who put forth their best effort in teaching will want to work for those schools that have better reputations — usually those located in upper-to-middle-class neighborhoods. The schools that need the most help will, in time, lose the assiduous teachers already employed to the schools that offer the best opportunity for

better pay.

Teachers are not solely responsible for the education of children; parents play a large role in their advancement, or lack thereof. If a parent does not have the time necessary to sit down with their child every night because of working two jobs or simply not showing concern, that will reflect in the education of the child, and in the test scores. It is in no way fair that this should have any authority in the salaries that teachers, already overworked and underappreciated, should receive.

Money is a powerful incentive, and people must find the means to support themselves. The plan of using money as motivation for teachers might have the best of intentions but is an idea in which all angles are not properly considered.

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Congress's stance on port deal fools Americans with faulty information

ongress has yet again succeeded in dispersing incomplete and irrelevant rhetoric to insatiable media outlets, causing Americans needless fear regarding the forthcoming baton-pass between foreign-owned companies that manage worldwide shipping operations.

Dubai Ports World, a United Arab Emirates-owned company, recently signed a contract to purchase London-based Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Co. for \$6.8 billion. Six of the 29 seaports involved in the transaction are located in New York, Miami, Philadelphia, New Orleans, Baltimore and New Jersey.

Those expounding against the takeover cite that the hijackers involved in the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attack, and the money they laundered, came from the UAE. Citizens and politicians are terrified that the new gatekeeper will provide an unvigilant thoroughfare for weapons of mass



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destruction, contraband and individuals who endorse terrorism.

But that argument is immaterial. Dubai Ports World won't have control over security at the seaports, nor will it own the ports. It will merely operate some of the terminals' logistics. The Coast Guard, port police and the Department of Homeland

Security will remain responsible for safety measures. The shipping business became global more than a decade ago, and more than 30 percent of America's ports are already controlled by foreign-based companies.

The UAE is a confirmed ally in the universal war on terrorism. They were a decisive collaborator in fighting Afghanistan. They have been a staunch advocate in the financial war against terrorism, and they provide crucial military-to-military support for the United States. Indeed, they contributed \$100 million to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The U.S. is the only country that has inappropriately questioned the integrity of the buyer.

In response, Dubai Ports World is laboring diligently to alleviate the unsubstantiated fear in Americans.

It voluntarily allowed goods shipped to the U.S. to be screened before leaving the

Dubai port. It continues to give American officials access to information on its U.S.-based workforce and it conducts background checks on employees. Their integrity is authentic.

Some administration officials admitted they should have initially briefed Congress more comprehensively regarding the deal. But if Congress had dug deeper before opening their mouths to the media, President Bush's profound commitment to win the war on terror would have resonated globally.

Instead, hasty politicians and media hotshots caused an unnecessary ruckus. A wiser modus operandi would be thinking before speaking. Doing so would boost Americans' confidence in their leaders and prevent loudmouths from having to wipe the proverbial egg off their faces - again.

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Don't try to hide ticket costs

The following editorial appeared in the Dallas Morning News March 1:

Oh, give us a break.

It's not enough that airlines employ the most byzantine pricing structure known to humankind; now some older, traditional carriers want to be able to hide part of the real cost when they advertise their fares. Say, for instance, enticing you to buy a ticket at a certain "fare" and then adding on a "fuel surcharge."

Like you're going to fly on a plane that carries no fuel, right? Isn't that a little like saying the hamburger is 99 cents, but the meat is \$2 extra?

Yes, life is tough for the older airlines, which must withstand the ever-increasing

onslaughts of the low-cost carriers. No one is eager to see more U.Ş. airlines slip into bankruptcy or go out of business. But the last time we looked, a good business model did not rest on tricking the consumer _ and, frankly, that's what this proposal smacks of.

There are reasons most Americans would rate buying a car right up there with getting a root canal. Do airlines really want their customers to feel that way about buying a ticket?

Besides, Web sites such as Expedia and Orbitz undoubtedly know how to add; they can lure even more consumers to their sites by figuring up and publishing the true, bottom-line costs. How does that benefit the airlines?

Part of the rationale for loosening the regulations is that hotels and car rental

companies are allowed to exclude some portions of the cost when advertising their prices. "Airlines should be treated like everybody else," Robin Urbanski, a spokeswoman for United Airlines, told The New York Times.

Good point. Why not make all those companies disclose the bottom line, right up front?

The decision rests in the hands of Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta. Those in the know say he's likely to OK the

Part of the department's mission is to bolster the nation's commercial transportation networks. If he thinks this is one way to do that, he's wrong. Truth in advertising isn't just good ethics. In the long run, it's good business.

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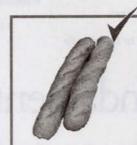
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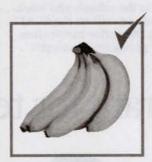
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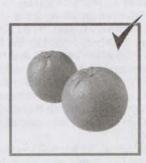
























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Safety Rangers on watch after hours

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A new program was created and implemented at the University of North Florida Police Department to tighten security on campus.

The Safety Ranger Program consists of three part-time safety rangers, who are responsible for patrolling the discounted and thus farthestaway parking Lots 14 and 18 at night, according to Lt. Tammy Oliver, detective division commander of UPD. The rangers also supplement university officers when needed, she said.

Two rangers patrol the lots on bikes from 6-10 p.m., Monday through Friday. The rangers are responsible for patrolling the lots during the nighttime, because it is when the majority of night-class students walk to the semi-secluded lots, she said.

The program was developed last fall in response to some student concerns about walking to the lots at night and because it was designated parking for commuter freshman, Oliver said.

The three rangers, Brent Schiffer, a junior political science major; Austin Potter, a freshman political science major; and Webster Skelton, a non-student, take turns patrolling the lots throughout the week. The rangers wear uniforms identifying themselves as safety rangers and are equipped with bikes, radios and foul weather gear, Oliver said.

The rangers are all CPR-certified and accredited and trained in radio communica-tion, UPD rules and regulations, and safety rules and first aid, she said. They must pass a background check, be physically fit and possess good commu-



Safety Rangers gear up to patrol the far Lots 14 and 18 at night. The program, which was created by the University Police Department, was designed to keep students taking night classes safe during the walk to the outer-perimeter

nication skills, according to

The rangers also assist UPD in any way needed, Oliver said, including directing emergency vehicles and traffic on campus. They can also escort students to their cars if requested, Oliver said.

"Especially female students. They are happy to see us there," Skelton said. "Girls stay and talk [to each other] after class because they feel secure. They don't have to sprint to their cars anymore."

Senior nursing major, Kirstin Brinkmann, who parked in Lot 14 last semester for a night class, agreed.

'Knowing that they were there just made me feel safer,"

she said.

Besides patrolling Lots 14 and 18, the rangers are responsible for inspecting and testing all 126 emergency phones on campus, Oliver said. The rangers test each phone's lights and connection to the dispatch center to verify it is working properly, she said.

UPD officers still periodically patrol Lots 14 and 18, along with the safety rangers each night, Oliver said. The rangers are an extra set of eyes and ears, and act as a deterrent, she said. And while the rangers are not officers and cannot write any tickets or citations, any time a ranger witnesses something suspicious, they call the incident in to UPD dispatch and

alert UPD officers, according to Oliver.

The rangers have dealt with campus issues, such as dead batteries, people angry about parking tickets, relocating an alligator to its pond and people smoking pot in their car, according to Schiffer.

UPD has applied for more funding and grants in order to expand the program, Oliver said. The department plans to increase the number of rangers, their hours and their pay, according to Oliver. And UPD is discussing posting a ranger outside the library as well as other areas on campus, she said.

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Gubernatorial Fellows Program recognizes student

BY NICOLE VEAL

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Michele Delafuente is no stranger to hard work. In addition to being a graduate student in the public administration program at the University of North Florida, she is one of 12 students from the state of Florida selected to participate in the Gubernatorial Fellows

Gov. Jeb Bush established the program for leadership and public service in 2004, according to the Gubernatorial Web site. The Tallahassee-based program immerses students in key areas of government, giving them first-hand and high-level job training, according to the site.

Delafuente faced a rigorous application process to become a Gubernatorial Fellow, which consisted of four essay questions and three interviews. She said it was even more difficult, because she is not from the state of Florida and was not familiar with the state's political history.

But Delafuente said her success can be attributed to her experience as an officer in the U.S. Navy, where she learned the type of motivation that she has carried into her academic life. She received her bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California with minors in biology and chem-

"This sort of diligence is rare in students, and it certainly impressed me," said Dr. J. Patrick Plumlee, associate professor of political science and public administration and advisor to Delafuente.

She is a self-starter who always read assignments carefully, asked good questions and displayed a genuine interest in class topics, Plumlee said.

Delafuente currently works for the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. She is reaching out to the Hispanic community in Miami high schools by delivering messages about seatbelt usage and drinking and driving. Motor vehicle crashes are the No. 1 killer for teenagers between the ages of 15 and 19 in the state of Florida, Delafuente said. She is working on a grant proposal to educate parents about this statistic.

'Being the voice for the voiceless has been an underlying theme in my academic and professional career," Delafuente said.

Delafuente said her experience in the gubernatorial program opened her eyes to the ways the political process works. By attending transportation committee meetings and talking with the state's top leaders, Delafuente has been able to ask questions that reveal the inner workings of the state's governmental processes, she said.

"I have the opportunity to discuss tough issues that enlighten my colleagues to the other side of the debate," Delafuente said.

She also attended events at the Governor's Mansion and has met prominent figures, such as former Secretary of State Colin Powell, former baseball player Willie Mays and former football star Emmitt Smith, she said. She will travel to Washington D.C. at the end of the

"This opportunity has opened doors that would not be opened otherwise," Delafuente said. "It is as if the light of knowledge has shined upon me."

Delafuente said she plans to stay in her current position for another one to three years. She is also studying for the Law School Admission Test, or LSAT, and will soon begin applying to various law programs.

The Gubernatorial Fellows Program is open to all undergraduate and graduate students in the state of Florida. Students can Web apply at the program's http://www.myflorida.com/fellows/. deadline to apply for next year's 2007 program is April 7.

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Adventure gets students to show natural side

By MATT COLEMAN CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Eco-Adventure, a program that allows students to reunite with their primitive side, is offering workshops and trips to become one with nature.

A group of University of North Florida students experienced first-hand what it was like to start a fire without fuel at the Feb. 25 Eco-Adventure workshop. The program also includes one-day trips to hike, fish, canoe, horse back ride and survive in nature without modern technology.

Eco-Adventure, which started fall 2005, consists of two main types of events: day-trips to various nature areas in Florida and "primitive workshops.'

Sophomore biology major Ally Suit went on a trip Nov. 4, 2005 to the Spirit of the Suwannee River Music Park in Live Oak. She said she enjoyed her time so much that she decided to return to the park for another camping excursion.

"If I wouldn't have gone on the Eco-Adventure trip, I would have never found my favorite spot to camp," she said.

The "primitive workshops" are more educational in nature,



Meyer

teaching participants outdoor skills. Events include a firemaking workshop and a wildlife observation and tracking seminar, according to Ryan

ranger for the Meyer, chief Trails and head of the Eco-

The next workshops are scheduled for March 11 and April 15, he said.

"They were very informative and interesting," said Kyle Wolfersteig, a sophomore biology major who participated in the workshops. "I'm glad they have something like this for stu-

In addition to the trips and workshops, the Eco-Adventure program rents outdoor equipment to interested students for free, according to Meyer. No fees are assessed unless the student brings back the rented items late or in bad shape, he said.

The equipment can be reserved up to two weeks in advance, and it can be rented for a total of seven days. A range of items is available, such as canoes, tents, kayaks and sleeping bags, according to Meyer.

The program is sponsored by Government, Meyer said he considers the program to be a great success.

'We have had a steady student turnout for all of the trips and workshops," Meyer said. "I've been surprised how well it's gone."

The Eco-Adventure main office is located in the Hayt Golf Learning Center, behind The Crossings.

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Parking employee crashes cart into guard rail

Feb. 26 — Petty Theft — A woman contacted UPD in reference to a stolen wallet. She stated she placed her wallet on her dresser and left her room at 11 a.

m. She said she is not certain if the door was locked. When she returned to her room at 6 p.m., she could not find her wallet. She stated she assumed the wallet was lost and searched for it over the next several days. She had been unable to locate the wallet, so she cancelled her cards. She said that no activity has been on her account since the wallet went missing. Her roommate was out of town during the incident. There are no suspects and no other items were reported stolen. A key audit was performed with results pend-

Feb. 27 — Petty Theft — A woman contacted UPD in reference to a theft of her medication. She stated that she last saw her medication earlier in the morning. She placed the medication on her desk in plain view in a room in the T building of Osprey Cove. She returned to her room several hours later and noticed that the medication was gone. The woman spoke with her roommate who stated that she might have left the room unlocked while she was gone. According to the victim, her roommate is on the same medication. The pill bottle contained 17 tablets worth between \$85-\$100. The victim contacted her physician for a refill, which required a police report.

Feb 28 — Petty Theft — A female complainant contacted UPD and stated her purse had been stolen. The complainant stated she went to the second floor of the Carpenter Library computer lab. She set her book bag on the



floor and her purse between two computers. She stated she was using the computer and an unknown female was sitting next to her. The subject then quickly departed the area and the complainant did not look up at the woman. The complainant then noticed her purse missing. She checked the area where she was sitting, for the subject and her purse, but with negative results. The complainant was unable to give any description of the woman. She stated there were only a few items in her purse, no money but several credit cards, her keys and a cell phone. There are no suspects or witnesses

March 2 — Criminal Mischief - A UPD officer was dispatched to Lot 11 in reference to vandalism. The officer met with a male and female complainant who stated they were walking by the female complainant's car in Lot 11 next to the V building of Osprey Cove. They saw a suspect with a white Tshirt, blue jeans and a green shirt wrapped around his hand standing next to the girl's car. The suspect punched the window with the shirt-wrapped hand and then ran toward UNF Drive and was talking on a cell phone. The male complainant then saw that all four tires on the vehicle were flat. When he turned back around, he saw a silver with black top Honda

S200 speed west thru Lot 11 and 12 then onto UNF Drive. He recognized the vehicle as belonging to the female complainant's exboyfriend. He also saw a dark blue, mid-sized pick up truck in Lot 11. The truck drove thru the area, and then stopped nearby. The man recognized the driver as a friend of the complainant's ex-boyfriend. The officer observed tool marks on the valve stems, one valve stem cut off and the left and right front tires were cut. There were no prints, and there is not a camera in the area. The complainant stated she did not see her ex-boyfriend's vehicle and could not identify the suspect who punched her window. The complainant stated that she and her ex-boyfriend were involved in an altercation off campus in September 2005. She did have a restraining order, but she believes that it has since expired.

March 2 — Petty Theft — A man contacted UPD in reference to a stolen mini-disc player. The man placed his mini-disc player in his locker in the University Center and when he went to his locker a few weeks later, he discovered the disc player missing. The officer asked if the locker was locked and the man said most of the time. He stated he has problems with the lock and at times he cannot always

March 2 — Grand Theft — A complainant contacted UPD in reference to a theft. The complainant told a UPD officer that he laid his book bag down in the pool table area of the Robinson Student Center and went into the computer hub to play a game. An hour later, he returned to the area and noticed his bag missing. The man said his friends were in the pool table area when he went into the hub, but they did not realize he left his book bag. The complainant stated the following items were in his bag: an IBM ThinkPad laptop with charger; a red notebook with class notes; an Emperor of Doom book with a Kermit the Frog book mark; a Dell USB jump drive; a PlayStation memory card; a Shadow PlayStation game Hearts II; a Nintendo 64 game Perfect Dark; a blue zip-up sweat shirt. The man stated he did not know who would have taken the bag. A search of the area came up with negative results.

March 3 — Damaged Property A UPD officer responded to a complaint of a golf cart crash. The officer met with an employee of parking services who told the officer that she was driving the golf cart north on the sidewalk of UNF Driver and Lot 10. She turned the wheel left to avoid a light pole and when she did, the golf cart nearly entered UNF Drive. She turned right, over corrected and struck the guardrail causing extensive damage to the golf cart. The complainant had small scratches on both her thighs, but refused medical attention. Parking services arranged to tow the golf cart. The officer did not observe any damage or structural defects to the sidewalk. Estimates for damage to the golf cart are not known at this

March 4 — Trespassing — A UPD officer was dispatched to the Q building of The Crossings in reference to a suspicious person. The officer noticed a man on the second floor sleeping on the couch. The officer approached the man and asked him to wake up, and the man opened his eyes and stared at the officer. The officer asked the man to stand up and performed a

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pat down for safety reasons. The officer asked what the man was doing and he stated he left his shoes in one of the rooms and was waiting for his friend, "Josh," to wake up so he could get them. The officer knocked on the room in question, and the residents stated they did not know the suspect. The suspect then stated it must have been another room, so the officer proceeded to question the residents of that room, and they stated they did not know the suspect. The officer spoke with an RA who stated he observed the suspect wandering around the Q building the night before and asked him what he was doing. The RA smelled alcohol on the suspect and asked if he was drinking. The suspect said yes, but off campus and that he was just visiting a friend. The RA asked the suspect to leave and he watched him exit the building. The suspect was wandering around The Crossings area earlier in the day and the officer saw him then. The suspect asked the officer if he had seen his black backpack.

March 5 — Criminal Mischief A UPD officer responded to the S building of The Crossings in reference to a criminal mischief complaint. The officer observed all of the chairs and tables turned upside down. The officer made contact with an RA who said three males were responsible for turning the tables and chairs upside down, and she tried to approach them but they fled out of the south exit. The RA said she does not know the students by name or their room location. The RA informed the officer that it would cost approximately \$25 per table or chair for maintenance to come in and put all the chairs and tables in



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Feminist speaks out about stereotypes, self criticism

BY TAMI LIVINGSTON
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Jacksonville resident and co-author of *I am Beautiful: A Celebration of Women*, Woody Winfree, spoke in the University of North Florida's Fine Arts Center Recital Hall March 2 as part of Women's History Month.

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Winfree's "I am Beautiful" presentation focused on educating and motivating women to stop criticizing themselves and to combat media stereotypes. During her presentation, Winfree asked her audience to explore their feelings about themselves — why they feel that way — and to search for their own unique beauty.

Winfree criticized the common views and perceptions that the mass media perpetuate about women and how they should look. She said that there are five main truths about women: They are judged and valued for their looks, not for their efforts or accomplishments; they are expected to be thin, well endowed and flawless; 99 percent of women don't look the way the media dictate they should; they spend billions of hours and dollars trying to make themselves look like that; and most women fail to fit that model.

"You are not the problem," Winfree said. "The culture is the problem."

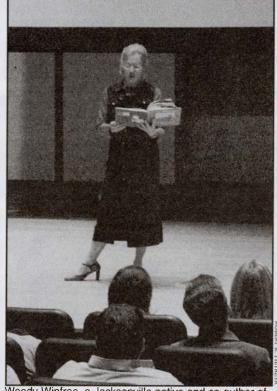
Magazines, TV shows, celebrities and music videos all contribute to self-criticism, according to Winfree.

"These images tell us we need to look this way to feel beautiful," she said.

Winfree said popular culture is teaching both young girls and guys that they must be of a certain body type to be considered attractive and to be included.

"We're in a rather shallow place as a culture right now," she said. "When we look outside ourselves to celebrities to be our role models, instead of inside ourselves, it's called beautifulpeople syndrome."

To help individuals combat the stereotypes, Winfree and co-worker Dana Carpenter placed ads in newspapers across the country, asking women to write in with their definitions of beauty and why they thought they were beautiful.



Woody Winfree, a Jacksonville native and co-author of the book, I Am Beautiful: A Celebration of Women, spoke at the Fine Arts Recital Hall March 2 as part of Women's History Month.

The result was *I am Beautiful*, a book that was featured on the Lifetime Television network and the Oprah Winfrey Show, according to a UNF press release. After its publication, Winfree began touring the country, promoting the book's message of individual beauty and self-acceptance.

We are Beautiful: Teens Shout Out About Inner-beauty and Self-Confidence is another book by Winfree, which is scheduled to be released in the fall.

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Three-time ambassador discusses Chinese growth

BY ACE STRYKER
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J. Stapleton Roy, a career ambassador in the United States Foreign Service, will speak at the University of North Florida March 15 about "China: The Emerging Giant."

Roy said he hopes the lecture will "provide a framework for thinking about China." He said he doubts that Americans, particularly college-age students, know enough about China.

"Do we know enough about the world so that we can use our power wisely?" Roy asked.

Roy was a three-time ambassador, serving as the top U.S. Envoy to Singapore, Indonesia and the People's Republic of China, according to ConocoPhillips Web site, an international integrated energy company where Roy is managing director.

A 45-year veteran of the U.S. Department of State, Roy retired from public service in 2001. He received the Foreign Service's highest honor, Career Ambassador, in 1996, and in 1999, he was promoted to Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research where he continued to work until transferring to the private sector, according to sourcewatch.org.

Roy named several potential consequences of China's expanding influence in the world, including changes in its relationships with other nations, which will be discussed in the lecture. "China's role in world affairs as it gains in power and influence," he said. "Is it a threat to us or just growing stronger?"

Roy said the relationship between the United States and other growing powers in the world today is a concern and another intended focus for his lecture. The situation in Iraq was an illustration of the possible struggles that erupt from geopolitical differences in international relations, he said.

Roy's visit is a great opportunity for students who are interested in knowing more about China and its growing role in world politics, said Pierre Allaire, vice president of institutional advancement at UNF.

"He has extraordinary knowledge about what's going on in China," Allaire said.

Roy's last visit to UNF "really opened my eyes about what was going on in China five years ago," Allaire said. Roy will address a wide spectrum of issues, including China's economic growth, its influence in international politics and its relationships with neighbors Russia and India, Allaire said.

"From a student perspective, it will offer great insights into China," Allaire said. "It will be a useful look at where they might go in the future."

Roy currently serves in several different capacities in the private sector; including, managing director of Kissinger Associates Inc. and member of the board of Freeport McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc., according to ConocoPhillips.

Roy said he's looking forward to his visit on campus.

"The advantage of giving talks is the feedback you get from the people who are present," he said. "I learn a lot from the nature of the questions and from the discussion that results."

The lecture will be in the University Center at 7:30 p.m. and will be co-hosted by UNF and the World Affairs Council. The event is free and open to the public. Tickets are available at UNF's Web site, www.unf.edu.

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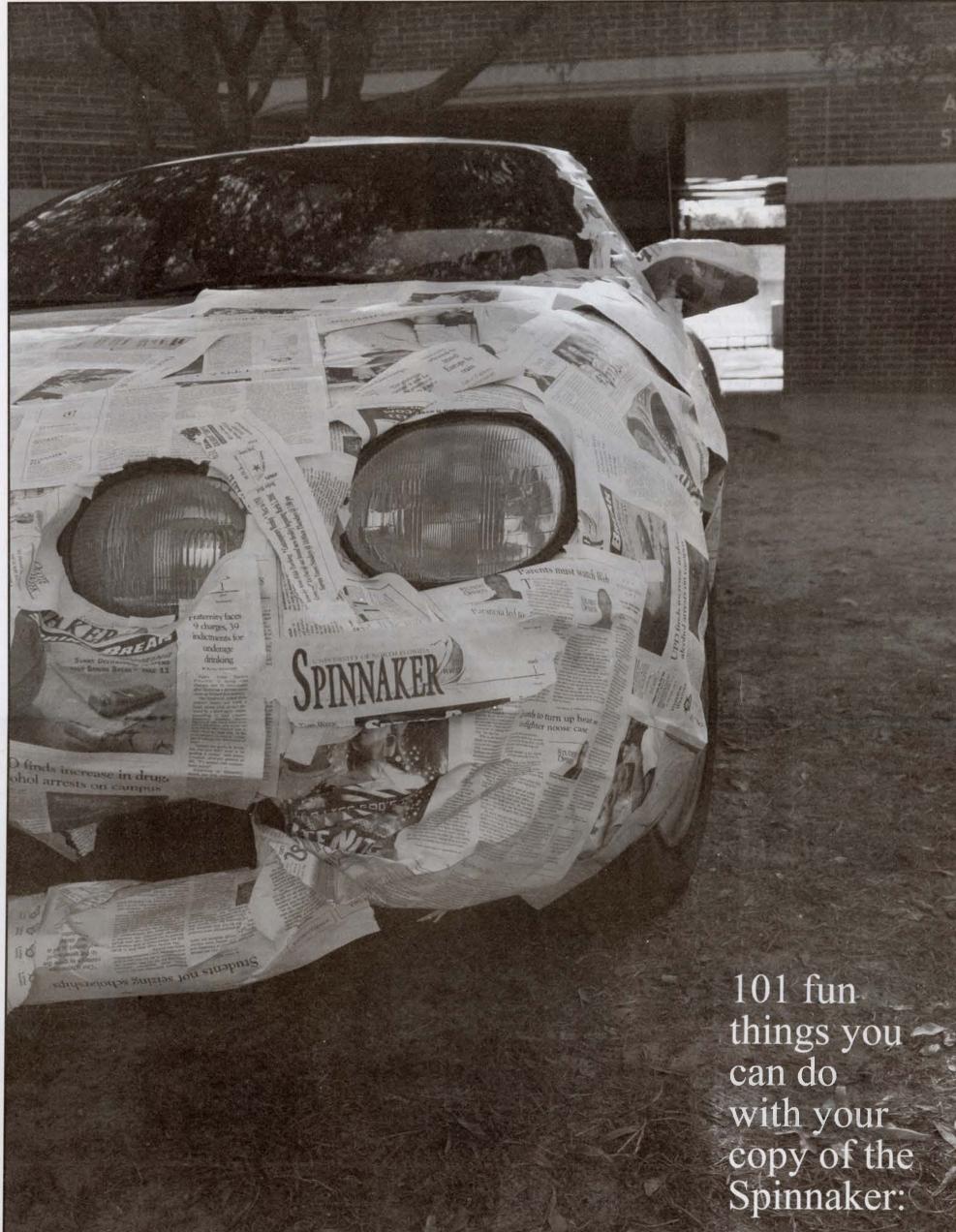
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SAE: Fraternity allowed to have chapter meetings

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Alpha Epsilon Fraternity handled themselves as complete gentlemen," said Robert Monda, president of Kapa Alpha Order. "I'm glad that as an IFC body, this matter is finally over and now we can all get back to our regularly scheduled business."

Though SAE was put on probation, IFC changed the original rulings to allow the fraternity to have chapter meetings, recruitment and philanthropy in the fall with at least a month's notice and pledge programs after Spring 2006 class. The organization is prohibited from participating in socials, parties under FIPG standards, voting rights during

IFC meetings, Greek awards, Greek athletics and IFC officers until the end of 2006.

"I'm pleased our fraternity still has the opportunity to grow," Horne said. "While at the same time, I'm disappointed for the guys that enjoy the events such as Greek athletics and social events."

According to Dan Chwalisz, president of the IFC, it is the first internal trial since the bylaws were rewritten.

"If anything, this made us stronger, because we have a system that works," Chwalisz said. "It clarified a lot of issues that you can and can't do."

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Student cleared of having TB

The student suspected of having TB has been cleared by the Duval County Health Department,

therefore, on-campus screening tests scheduled for this week by the department have been cancelled. For more information, contact Sharon Ashton at 620-2115.

Compiled by Tami Livingston

ONLINE: hybrid classes popular

from page I

Technology coordinator, all online courses offered at theuniversity run on Blackboard, and as of this semester, there are over 1,000 active course sites on Blackboard. Each site is not for an individual course though, according to Turrin. A professor may have an individual site for each course section, or one site for all the courses, he said. In addition, some sites contain extra material and information that instructors make available to the students, even if the class is not based online, Turrin said.

But not all online classes are designed the same, Jaffee said. Some are completely online, meaning that there is never any face-to-face contact between the instructor and their students. Other classes may be blended, or hybridized, he said. Meaning, a class can meet in a classroom some of the time, and the rest of the class can be on Blackboard. And some instructors use Blackboard to supplement teaching in the classroom by requiring students to use Blackboard occasionally, Jaffee said.

One example of a hybridized class is ENC 1101, offered by the writing program in the department of English. The writing program launched an online version of ENC 1101 last semester, according to Michele Leavitt, a writing program instructor. The class met a few times last semester, in order for its students to perform oral presentations, and the rest of the class was online, she said.

"They [online classes] definitely take a good degree of self-motivation," Leavitt said. "Because you don't have to get up and go to class, you have to make yourself do it."

Jeff Tartarkin, freshman business management major, took the hybridized ENC 1101 class last semester. He said he enjoyed taking it online and is taking another online course this semester.

"[They] fit better in my schedule," Tartarkin said. "I just wake up and get it done and then not worry about it."

According to the Office of Institutional

Research, as of fall 2005, UNF had a student population of 15,420 students. Out of the total student population, 804 students were enrolled in online courses in fall 2005, and 1,027 students are currently enrolled in online courses. Institutional Research also reported that more than 80 faculty members have taught an online course.

Dr. Cathryn Cavanaugh, assistant professor of instructional technology and member of the distance learning committee, said the goal of the committee is to support online learning by promoting faculty and their skills for high quality, online learning and to provide information for the faculty interested in developing online classes. A faculty member from each college at the university serves on the committee, she said.

Online classes have been designed to serve unique needs of different programs and those of students, Cavanaugh said. The College of Education and Human Services offers some graduate level online courses as well as the College of Computing, Engineering and Construction, she said.

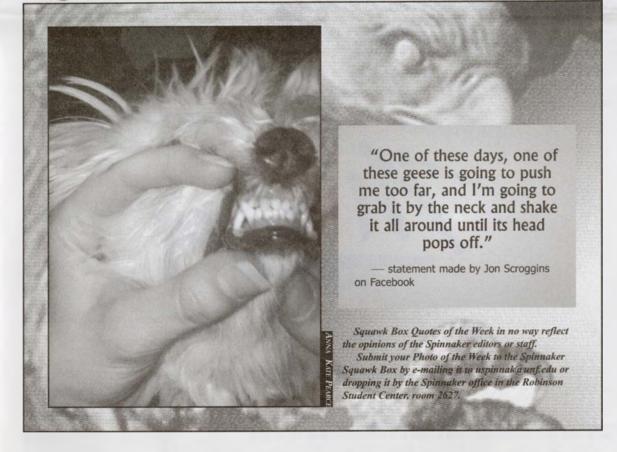
Jaffee said that some people might think online classes are not as effective in teaching, because students lose interaction with their instructors. But "there is not reason to assume that it would be any less effective than a classroom course," he said.

Online courses can be beneficial and encourage more interaction between instructors and students because students have more time to think about and complete assignments, Jaffee said. Students don't have to worry about speaking up in front of other students because they can speak only to the instructor, he said.

Online courses also allow greater freedom and are more convenient for students who work during the day, according to Jaffee. But Jaffee said of the future of online classes at UNF, "there are still opportunities for us to develop things that would benefit students."

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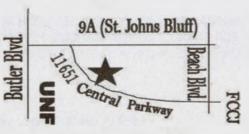
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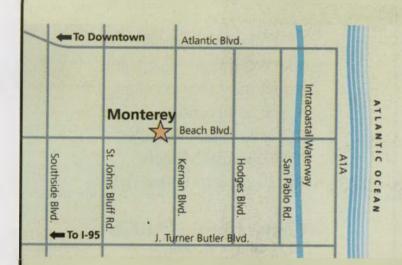


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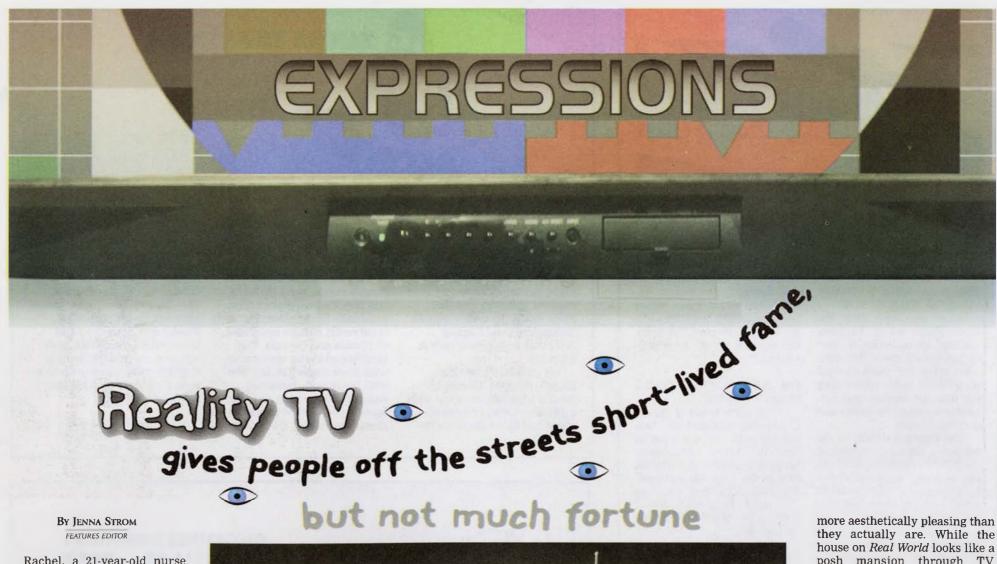
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Rachel, a 21-year-old nurse who served for the U.S. Army in Iraq hadn't had any desire to work on a reality TV show. But when she heard about a casting call in her area, she signed up for an interview and was eventually picked to work on the set of MTV's Real World.

In the four months the show was filmed, Rachel lived in a house with six other people. She said the situation forced her to intermingle with people different from her childhood friends and Navy shipmates.

Syrus, a reality TV caster who conducted a casting call at UNF March 1, said reality TV shows look for people who have extreme personalities. He said interviewers group people with diverse personalities. Then producers who are looking for someone with a particular trait call Syrus, and he sends them information on a group of people who fit into a particular personality

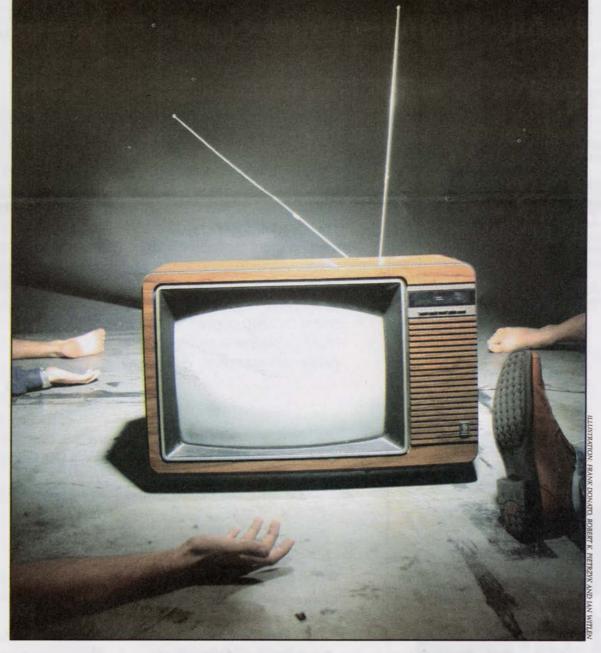
"They always tell us it's like putting together a puzzle," said Rachel, who visited UNF Feb. 22 "I guess I just got lucky that I fit into the puzzle."

Syrus spent the day bombarded by students who were interested in working on a reality TV show. Leigh Liebmann, a sophomore majoring in community health, said she wants to work on a reality TV show so she can improve other people's lives, change the system and do something different. Lindsay Santoro, a sophomore majoring in elementary education, wants to work on the set of Real World so she can participate in the Gauntlet competition.

Some people are more interested in the fame involved with working on television. When Rachel went back to work in a rehab clinic, she was more interested in concentrating on her nursing than in taking pictures with fans. So she decided not to participate in the show's conclusion for the year.

Next fall, Rachel will attend the University of Albany as a junior and will major in pre-med. She plans to attend medical school after she graduates and wants to live a normal life. The only part of her Real World life she still visits is the occasional appearance on college campuses or in bars.

"Don't do it thinking you're going to become a star," said columnist Nancy McAlister. "American Idol is the only show for that.'



Except for Elizabeth Hasselbeck, a participant on the second edition of Survivor: The Australian Outback who was selected to co-host ABC's The View, most people don't find TV careers out of reality TV show appearances, McAlister said.

McAlister has written a syndicated TV column for 18 years. She said working on a reality TV show is most beneficial for people who want to do it for new experiences. Shows like Survivor give contestants the means to travel and see various parts of the world they may not see otherwise, McAlister said

But working on a reality TV show might not always be beneficial for contestants, she said.

'In some reality TV shows, contestants are humiliated, like in Fear Factor.

In Rachel's case, she was forced to take a year off from her nursing job in the army, which is something that she said makes her feel like she's making a difference in someone's life and gives her a major purpose.

"I kind of went through a period of time where I was like, 'there's no purpose to my life,' she said, speaking of her time on Real World. "I'm just living here and drinking every night, because that's all there is to do; drink and read books for five hours out of the day."

Rachel said she and her cast mates were not permitted to watch television or listen to music during the filming of the show. The cast was not permitted to talk after the mikes were removed, and directors had to turn on the lights when they woke up in the morn-

ing. She said they couldn't go to movies, plays or museums, because these venues usually would not allow cameras. And the cast had to give producers a tenminute warning before leaving their house so cameramen could prepare for the next scene.

The reality of working on a reality TV show is they usually don't turn people into movie stars, and the actors don't walk away substantially richer than when the started.

"We got \$200 a week from our little job," Rachel said. "If I go up to a bar and people are like, 'I would offer to buy you a drink, but you should be offering to buy me a drink, you're the one who's rich and famous,' I'm like, 'Not at all, sir.' It was a pay cut from being a nurse."

Producers also make sets look

house on Real World looks like a posh mansion through TV, Rachel said the brightness of the paint on the wall is overwhelming in real life.

"The house was crazy bright; it was a big open warehouse so there were no doors anywhere, just curtains," she said. Coming back from the bar with a little buzz, we would walk into the house and be like, 'whoa, I'm drunk,' because there would be these bright, neon colors painted across the first wall."

Reality shows are cost-effective for producers, and the revolution from scripted sitcoms to reality TV shows has sent some scriptwriters looking for jobs elsewhere over the years, McAlister said.

She said Survivor producer Mark Brunett is often credited with creating the success of reality TV.

"He's the master at packaging a narrative with a beginning, middle and end," she said. "With built-in tensions, interpersonal dynamics and unexpected twists and turns, Survivor caught on." She cites American Idol, a

nationally televised show in which contestants vie for a chance to produce a record, as the most-watched show on televi-

Producers aired a special Thursday edition of American Idol on ABC the same night the culmination of the women's figure-skating competition of the Olympics aired on NBC. While 23.1 million people tuned to Idol, 17.7 million tuned to the Olympics, an event that happens once every four years. And 14.8 million each watched Survivor and Dancing With the Stars, according to a preliminary study taken by Nielsen Media Research and published by the Associated

The 14.8 million who watched Survivor during the run of the Olympics, however, represent the smallest audience ever for an original episode of the long-running show, Nielsen told the Associated Press.

McAlister said the reality TV cycle that started years ago with Survivor is coming back to air more scripted dramas and other sitcoms on television. But that doesn't mean the reality TV craze will fizzle out, she said. Even though these shows are returning to air, reality TV is a phenomenon that is here to stay.

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BY MIKE PINGREE
KNIGHT RIDDER TRIBUNE

YES, WE HAD A WONDER-FUL STAY, THANK YOU

After checking into the Black Horse Inn in Taunton, England, an enormously overweight couple spent the afternoon in the bar, and then went up to their room where they got into the shower and proceeded to make love loudly and enthusiastically.

The vigorous activity by the couple, whose combined weight was estimated at about 500 pounds, apparently dislodged a pipe, causing water to come gushing down into the bar they had just exited.

They checked out the next morning, and, shortly after they left, the waterlogged ceiling collapsed.

ARE YOU BEING HONEST WITH US ... "ROBERT"?

Police in Columbus, Ind., pulled a man over for driving erratically and, when they asked him his name, knew immediately that he was lying. He said his name was Robert, but his real name, Cecil, was tattooed on his neck.

ARE WE NOT HONORABLE MEN?!

After a long-simmering feud, two men in Aspen, Colo., agreed to meet in a parking lot and fight it out "one-on-one." But, in a flagrant violation of the agreement, one of them brought two other guys with him

Strictly speaking, the other man wasn't playing by the rules either. He brought along a bucket of paint thinner, which he threw at his three adversaries, then tried to set them on fire.

GIVE ME THAT OLD TIME ROCK AND ROLL ... AIEEEE!

A teenager attending college in Singapore was playing "air guitar" while jumping up and down on the bed in his third-floor dorm room, when he accidentally bounced right out an open window. The coroner ruled it "death by misadventure."

ON NEGLECTING ONE'S MANLY DUTIES ...

After a few hours of trying to coax her husband into having sex with her, a woman in Buenos Aires, Argentina, became frustrated and stabbed him in the back. He survived. She told police that she "had the right to punish him," because he "failed to fulfill his obligations."

UH, I WAS JUST PASSING THROUGH, OFFICER

A 16-year-old boy, vandalizing a cemetery in Roodhouse, Ill., became trapped at the scene of the crime, when a 600-pound gravestone he tipped over landed on his leg. He was arrested.

GREAT, NOT MUCH TRAF-FIC TODAY

A woman in League City, Fla., did not realize it was Saturday and dropped her 6-year-old daughter off at her elementary school. A passer-by spotted the girl a few hours later. The mother was charged with endangering a child.

HELLO? I THINK WE'VE BEEN CUT OFF

A woman lost her arm when she flipped her vehicle on a highway in Lexington, Ky. Police got a quick clue as to the cause of the accident when they found her cell phone still clutched in the hand of the severed limb.

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By Zan Gonano
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Well guys, this week I was going to focus on Steel Pulse since the band was slated to play Freebird Live on Friday night, but breaking news I have received indicates that the Pulse has postponed its stop in Jacksonville and Slightly Stoopid is taking their spot at Freebird.

My pick of the week is Slightly Stoopid. The SoCal band is a bit Sublimey, but with a different twist. Frontmen Miles and Kyle take turns on bass and guitar and trade off singing duties as well. Tickets for the event are around \$20. If you bought tickets for the Plush show they will be honored at Freebird.

Thursday night, South
Florida reggae band No Ka Oi
will play Twisted Sisters. The
band hails from Stuart, Fla. and
is currently doing a small tour
of Florida and Georgia. The
band is making an appearance
with guest singer DA Jay, who
with his smooth Jamaican
style, is sure to bring an extra
flare to what should be a solid
show. The concert is 21 and up

and there is a \$2 cover at the door. Drink specials for the evening include \$1 drafts and \$3 Xlerators (energy drink and vodka).

Elsewhere around town, Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals will play Florida Theatre Thursday night. Also G Love and Special Sauce hit Freebird on Saturday night. From what I can collect, both concerts are sold out, but you might be able to procure a ticket on Ebay or from some random dude out front.

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Blaring tunes not music to ears

By Kellie Conboy CONTRIBUTING WRITER

After spending hours at a nightclub or bar, surrounded by blaring music, the ringing in one's ears isn't just annoying, it's a sign of hearing damage.

Tinnitus, which is characterized by ringing, pulsing or other subjective noises, is most common in people over the age of 40 but is becoming more prevalent in young people, according to the American Tinnitus Association.

Jacksonville audiologist Heather Turner said tinnitus could be an indicator of high frequency hearing loss, built up fluid in the ears or impacted wax. Aspirin, caffeine and alcohol can further irritate the condition.

Why are so many young people experiencing a condition that is typically found in older adults?

"Number one would be the level of noise in their vehicles," Turner said. "If it vibrates the glass in their cars, it is above 80 decibels. And the noise exposure at a younger age puts [people] at a higher risk.

Exposure to noise at a younger age, the popularity of portable CD and MP3 players and the noise levels at concerts and clubs cause hearing damage to occur at younger ages. A survey conducted



on MTV.com of nearly 10,000 people averaging 19 years old revealed that three out of five respondents had experienced some degree of tinnitus as a result of a concert. But only 14 percent ever wore

to regulate their volume, to prevent hearing damage, music should be played no louder than 80 decibels. Music at concerts has registered as high as 150 decibels — almost twice the recommended

Loss of hearing caused by loud music at concerts is becoming an increasing issue for both the musicians performing and the people

can be purchased for fewer than two dollars, and they still allow wearers to hear music. Standing away from the speak-

chased at Walgreens. Both types

ers or in the back of the venue can also help. Because prolonged exposure to loud sounds increases the chance for hearing loss, the less time spent at clubs more effectively reduces the degree to which the damage may occur.

The apathy young people have toward ear protection parallels that of the '80s generation regarding sun and skin protection. Now that most people are educated about the risks of skin cancer, more of them wear sunscreen. If people become more educated about protecting their ears, hearing loss could potentially be avoid-

"It's funny; we base our lives around playing music," said Gaskin. "Yet we're risking not being able to play music at all."

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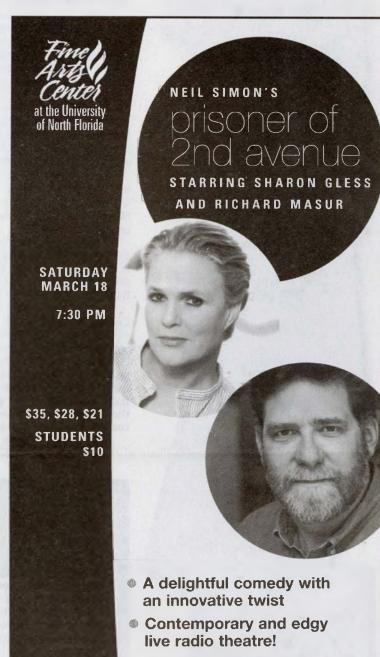
While venues are not required

sophomore who hasn't chosen a major, plays in a band and attends concerts. He chooses not to protect his ears when attending shows.

"It started out I didn't think about it," said Gaskin. "But afterward, I always had this ringing in my ears. But I decided not to taken any precautions."

While avoiding concerts and nightclubs may be a good way to prevent tinnitus, there are other ways to protect ears. Turner suggests wearing earplugs in any place where there is noise level over 80 decibels.

Foam earplugs designed for sports shooting can be found at Wal Mart and silicone earplugs designed for concerts can be pur-



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Subways soar to success in new album

By JEREMIE CANTON CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The mystery in Young For Eternity is the reason the Subways produced it.

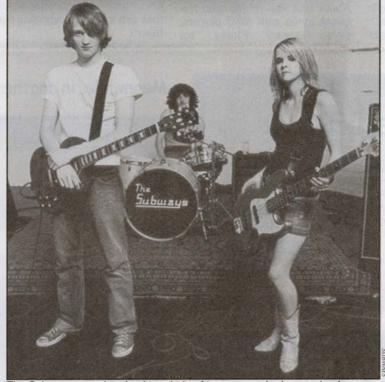
The British-Indie rock band from England presented its debut album March 21, 2005. The album's Oh Yeah single was ranked 25 on the UK Music Chart during its first week of distribu-

The rock beats throughout the album hold a quick beat and are paced with the continuing sounds of instruments. Lead singer Billy Lunn handles the guitar, his fiancee Charlotte Cooper handles the vocals plus some bass, and Josh Morgan plays the drums.

The upbeat songs in the album are combined with slower paced songs with calmer vocals. Tracks such as She Sun insert a decelerated approach to the recording.

The band's mode of alternative, pop rock pervades the album. The Subways set Jan. 15 record for second in settling at No.1 on PMC Top 10 with their song IWant To Hear What You Got To Say. This soundtrack has caused the U.S., as well as the U.K., to hear what The Subways have 'got to sav.'

With all their success, there



The Subways are a London-based trio of teenagers who have gained popularity overseas with their pop- and punk-infused music.

are still some weaknesses they need to refine. The songwriting didn't really make sense when paired with the title. It would have

been more understandable for listeners if The Subways explained this headline more clearly.

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Fitness buffs groove with iPods

By Liz Doup SOUTH FLORIDA SUN-SENTINEL

Personal trainer Mike Causadias runs nonstop, working with clients across southern

Causadias recently But learned how to extend his reach. Now, fitness buffs all over the country, and the world, can work out with him.

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WhatIWantPodcasting.com. Count his fitness-focused podcast among hundreds available to anyone looking for free advice and a little motivation. It's the latest twist in the growing world of podcasting, which has mushroomed with the soaring sales of MP3 players.

Sure, you can get fitness tips from magazines, books and TV. But podcasts are mobile, available any time and usually free.

At her Sunrise, Fla., home and nearby parks, Tracy Gittens, 24, and twin sister, Nadiah, listen to Causadias to get them moving.

"People need someone to help motivate them and here he says Tracy, a clothing designer. "Anytime you want to listen, he's right there.'

That's exactly Causadias had in mind.

"A lot of people don't find it convenient to get to a gym," says Causadias, 28, who started his podcast two months ago. "I've made it simple. People can do these exercises at the park, in the kitchen, wherever. People strate everything from tummy tightening to building up your lower body. Physical therapists give tips on injury prevention. And personal trainers help you build bigger biceps. Veteran runners tell you how to train.

Hosts post podcasts regularly, say, once a week. Others, only when the host gets around to it. Some podcasters, are polished; others stumble and stammer.

But listeners don't appear to care. Some are even drawn to the non-intimidating, unpolished tone.

"It's almost like you're eavesdropping on someone's conversation," said Doug Kelsey, an Austin, Texas, physical therapist who does a podcast and listens to others. "It feels more authentic. Not so corporate. People are hungry for that."

You can listen to a podcast on your computer or on the go with your iPod or other MP3 player. When you subscribe to a podcast, it's automatically downloaded to your computer. Then you transfer the podcast to your MP3 player.

The podcast features interviews with fitness professionals, including nutritionists and strength coaches. It's done by Jason White, a New York City fitness trainer.

"For me to get my hands on all that information — that's priceless," Kavanaugh said. "Once I've downloaded it, I can listen to what they say again and again."

Fitness professionals aren't surprised that podcasts are growing at a sprinter's pace. About half the people who frequent gyms own MP3 players, says Gregory Florez, an



Podcasts containing strength-building exercise and workout tips are available any time and are usually free for consumers to download.

American Council on Exercise spokesman. So they already have the equipment.

If podcasts help people stick with a program, they serve a purpose, he said.

'More than 70 percent of people who start an exercise program quit within six months," Florez said. "If listening to a podcast keeps them exercising, that's something.'

Nonetheless, people need to listen with critical ears. Hosts talking about special diets or exercise programs don't necessarily have any expertise. Some are pushing products that could harm your health or offer advice that can cause or aggravate an

"It's buyer beware," Florez

said. "I've heard everything from certified fitness professionals offering valid advice to people pushing things based on no scientific information whatsoever."

Indeed, anyone can jump into the podcasting pool, and they do. Physical therapists. Personal trainers. Recreational athletes. Professional entertainers.

They're all doing podcasts for reasons ranging from marketing to having fun. Most podcasts are free, but some hosts look for sponsors to defray costs. Some hope eventually to charge for subscriptions.

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Meanwhile, in another part of town...



By Zan Gonano ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

If you're trying to find a tasty alternative to Taco Bell, look no further than Tijuana Flats. At Tijuana, you can find a menu with a variety of burritos, tacos, quesadillas and chimichangas that will fill your south-of-the-border hunger.

Tijuana Flats serves chicken, beef and bean burritos and offers several sizes, the largest being the Megajuana. It also offers multiple appetizers, including chips and salsa and chips and queso, as well as salads and nachos. Burrito prices range from \$4-\$7.50, and other menu items, including appetizers, salads and entrees, range from about \$3-\$7.

Tijuana Flats is unique, because it features a hot sauce bar where customers can choose from any type of sauce imaginable. All the sauces are made from different peppers and ingredients and range from a mild sweet taco sauce to a sauce called "Smack my ass and call me Sally," which is a bit on the tangy side. For those who'd like a little food with their spice, then this is the place for you.

Aside from food, Tijuana Flats has beer specials nightly with both drafts and imports. For people who don't drink the hard stuff, the restaurant has flaky, shaved ice for soft drinks perfect

Tijuana Flats' two restaurants can be found at 725-1 Atlantic Blvd in Atlantic Beach and at the junction of Baymeadows and

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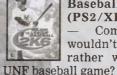


Juvenile (CD) - This is Juvenile's first album

Records. Apparently, besides a reality check, he's getting a pretty hefty pay check, too.



The Flintstones: The Complete Fifth Season (DVD) - The Flintstones paved



Major League Baseball 2K6 (PS2/XB/PSP) Come on, wouldn't vou rather watch a

the way for The Simpsons, and for that, we are forever in their debt.



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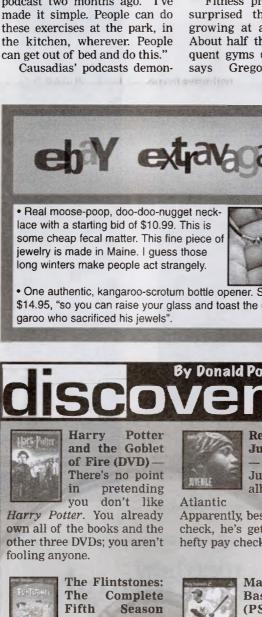
house to watch this movie, be ready to let him down easy; these kind of movies give guys ideas (usually wrong ideas.)



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Dragonball Shin Budokai (PSP) — Finally, you can take the pointless, childish and stupid vio-

lence of the anime series with you wherever you go, and personally, I couldn't be happier.



Workplace dynamics are highly politi-cal over the next two days: Monday, after expect previ-ARJES ously silent March 21 - April 20 colleagues to voice abrupt opinions or opt for increased group responsibilities. Avoid complex social discussions, if possible: new business information will prove misleading or unreliable. Solitary duties will ensure predictable results. Later this week, a romantic decision may require deep thought. Traditional roles and

theme: stay alert. Family finances will this week require careful planand ning open debate. Before midweek. someone close may wish to make large pur-April 21 - May 20 chases or invest

family celebrations may be a key

in a risky business project. Offer encouragement but advocate longterm research. Home expansion. legal agreements and new career ventures will eventually prove rewarding. After Thursday, subtle insights and rare intuitions are accented. Social or romantic power struggles may soon demand new rules: remain open.

Authority figures | are this week privately evaluating the talents, habits or attitudes of fellow workers. Remain quietly detached, if possible, and

May 21 - June 21 wait for obvious

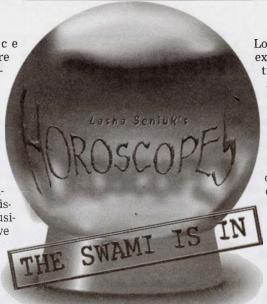
signals. Revised job roles may soon trigger minor resentments. Refuse to be drawn into public debate: at present, business relationships may be strained. Low confidence may be a central issue: offer gentle advice.

Over the next four

June 22 - July 22

days, social introductions are extremely promising. Some Cancerians will this week encounter unique business

opportunities in a group setting. Ask probing questions and follow all unexpected leads: partnership agreements, financial proposals, new romance or creative career options will soon bring a powerful desire for lasting change. Later this week, a friend or relative may reveal private social doubts. Family roles need to evolve.



Money may decisions prove difficult over the next two days: at present, family planning, social priorities and pub-LEO lic image require quiet July 23 - Aug. 22

diplomacy. Opt for new purchases, fast improvements and rekindled confidence. Financial restrictions will soon be eased. After Thursday, loved ones may be briefly critical but will eventually offer approval. Don't hold back. Friday through Sunday, a new friend may reveal unusual ideas or challenge daily traditions.

close friend asks for special consideration. Recent romantic triangles or family disputes are not easily resolved this week. Key cancelled events,

issues involve Aug. 23 - Sept. 22 broken promises or misplaced home

trust. Renewed agreements will take time: provide encouragement but also emphasize the need for complex decisions. Wednesday through Saturday, family dynamics may be briefly strained by competing financial needs. Remain patient: someone close needs your guidance.

Health, vitality and social optimism are now on the rise. Over the next 12 days, many Librans will bring

new emotional Sept. 23 - Oct. 23 rules into their lives. Romantic freedom and creative expression may this week be a key concern. Allow unproductive friendships to fade: unwarranted criticism and negativity now need to be dismissed. After Thursday, carefully plan new financial strate-

gies. Large purchases, fast investments or revised budgets may

prove troublesome: go slow.

Love affairs or exotic flirtations are appealing this week, but temporary. Enjoy

SCORPIO refreshing social and Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

romantic overtures but expect past emotions or nostalgic sentiments to vie for your attention. Before next week, potential lovers may be quickly drawn back into repeated patterns. Wait for obvious signs of progress before offering new commitments. After Thursday, loved

ones may press for family revisions or sudden home improvements.

phase of misin-

Roommates or close relatives will this week expect increased dedication to the home. A recent

formation

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

between family members now needs to be actively resolved. Plan familiar activities and cozy moments of comfort: loved ones will appreciate your sensitivity and devotion. Wednesday through Sunday highlight sudden glimpses of insight and unique intuitions. A complex relationship will soon be revealed as a simple power struggle: remain diplomatic.

CAPRICORN

may this week arrive unlikely from sources. Social introductions, group events or family gatherings may soon

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Two Dudes

pathways to success. Listen closely to the ideas of friends and relatives: at present, others may reveal unusual financial options or rare partnerships proposals. Don't avoid risk.

Lucrative rewards will soon emerge. Late Friday, a friend requests private romantic advice.

Practical or financial decisions will this week help clarify family Tuesday roles. through Friday, loved ones may Jan. 21 - Feb. 19 require more

direction than anticipated. Areas affected are traditional duties or overwhelming daily responsibilities. Discuss all long-term goals or continuing expectations: before next week, someone close may relinquish control of an important home project.

Employment regulations or legal rights are now a continuing source controversy. Early this week. check contracts and documents for accurate numbers. Older offi-



Feb. 20 - March 20

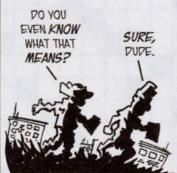
cials may provide only limited information: if possible, avoid bold public decisions. Thursday through Sunday, romantic attractions and new flirtations escalate. Respond honestly to complex proposals or seductive invitations: at present. new relationships, although promising, may require careful planning.

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Ospreys go 3-3 at Frost Classic

By VALERIE MARTIN

SPORTS EDITOR

The University of North Florida's softball team traveled to Chattanooga, Tenn. March 3-5 to participate in the Frost Classic, where the Ospreys added three wins and three losses to their 8-4 record before going one and one to North Carolina State University in a doubleheader March 7.

After falling behind to both the University of Tennessee-Martin and Bradley University in day one of the Frost Classic, UNF came back with an 8-7 win against Tennessee-Martin and a 6-5 win over Bradley.

North Florida scored five runs in the bottom of the fourth and brought home one run in the eighth inning. Junior outfielder Christina Evans threw a Sky Hawk runner out with a throw from centerfield to keep the score tied at 5-5 in the top of the seventh.

Evans hit an infield single to bring home sophomore pitcher Jessica Sexton in the bottom of the ninth. Senior first baseman Alisha Phillips had the game-winning hit, with the bases loaded, scoring Evans. Junior catcher Kelli Rutenbar and Evans each hit 3-for-3 against Tennessee-Martin.

North Florida rallied four solo home runs in the top of the sixth inning to answer to a Braves home run in the bottom of the first.

The four runs were scored from Rutenbar and sophomore shortstop Ashley Parenteau hitting homers, and Phillips and sophomore outfielder Caitlin Miller hitting back-to-back infield home runs.

Sophomore pitcher Tori Ahern pitched the complete game, only allowing five runs and striking out eight Braves.

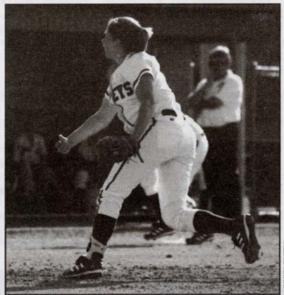
Day two of play consisted of a 7-5 win over Middle Tennessee State University and a 2-3 loss to Indiana University. After a 3-3 tie in the top of the fifth inning against Middle Tennessee, Rutenbar and Phillips started a three-run rally, both hitting back-to-back doubles. Junior third baseman Randalyn Rogers and sophomore second baseman Gwen Williams followed driving home runs to give UNF a 6-3 lead.

Miller added a run in the sixth inning with an RBI single. Phillips, with three hits, two runs and an RBI, led the UNF offense, while Rogers contributed two runs as well. Junior pitcher Katie Brosky allowed five runs, six hits and struck out five Blue Raiders.

The Ospreys took the lead over the Indiana Hoosiers, before they scored three home runs over the first two innings of play. Senior pitcher Kelli Pitts allowed four hits — three from the home runs and one after. Miller singled in the top of the sixth to score Rutenbar after Hoosier centerfielder Heather Hohs committed her second error of the game.

Ending the Frost Classic on day three, the Ospreys lost to both Tennessee Tech University and the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga.

Scoring one run on day three after scoring a total



Sophomore pitcher Jessica Sexton was plated by junior center fielder Christina Evans during Frost Classic play against University of Tennessee-Martin.

of 24 runs in the first four games, UNF suffered a 1-6 loss to Tennessee Tech and a 0-1 loss against Tennessee-Chattanooga. Ahern struck out three batters and allowed five hits and one run after pitching into the seventh inning. Brosky pitched a no-hitter against Tennessee Tech before giving up a total of a five runs in the fifth and sixth innings.

The Ospreys had a total of eight hits — two from Williams — and Higgs led the offense with three.

North Florida lost game one 5-2 against North Carolina before the Ospreys ended their week with a final 3-0 win in the second game of the doubleheader.

Ahern suffered the loss in game one before Brosky pitched a complete-game shutout in game two, allowing only four hits, striking out six batters and walking one. Parernteau led the Osprey offense, while Brosky hit a two-out base hit in the bottom of the fourth to bring home freshman catcher Lauren Pulling and Evans. Evans, Williams, Pulling and Phillips each collected one hit off of the Wolfpack's pitcher. The victory of the second game gave the Ospreys the biggest win of the season, breaking a four-game losing streak from the Frost Classic and the first game against the Wolfpack.

Williams hit a home run in both games played against North Carolina, while Williams, Parenteau and Higgs each collected two runs apiece.

North Florida will travel to Georgia Southern University March 8 before heading to the Florida State University Tournament March 10.

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Baseball falls to fourtime national champions

Travis Martin hits first career two-run homerun

By VALERIE MARTIN
SPORTS EDITOR

It's not everyday that an athlete gets the opportunity to challenge a four-time, All-Japan University Champion on their own turf, but the University of North Florida's baseball team had the chance to take on Aoyama-Guakin University March 2. The Ospreys also played a threegame series against Stetson University.

Leading Aoyama-Guakin to a 9-3 win over North Florida, Yokohawa Kohdai had four RBIs while Tsuburaya Hidetoshi and Tamamine Yusuke each had three hits.

Junior right fielder Jon Dandridge led the Ospreys with two hits, one a solo home run.

Senior catcher Jonathan Hodach and Dandridge each scored a run for the Ospreys.

Sophomore pitcher Travis Martin led the nine-man pitching team with four strikeouts in 1.1 innings.

Before holding Aoyama-Guakin scoreless till the ninth inning where the Eagles scored their final run, the Ospreys scored two runs to Aoyama-Guakin's eight in the first two innings of play.

Game one of Atlantic Sun Conference play against Stetson resulted in a 5-13 loss March 3.

Senior pitcher Jacob Dixon allowed 10 hits, including eight runs in his 2.1 innings on the mound.

Scoring a pair of runs, senior shortstop Matt Oxendine also led the Osprey offense hitting 3-for-3 at bat.

With North Florida committing two errors in the bottom of the first inning, Stetson scored four runs, taking a 4-0 lead over the

Ospreys.
Senior outfielder Brennan
Grogan singled in the top of
the fourth before moving to
third base on an Oxendine
double. Sophomore infielder
Jimmy Glanville grounded to
the left side of the infield to
give North Florida its first
run of the game.

In the top of the sixth, the Ospreys scored two more runs off an Oxendine single, a double by Glanville and a single from junior catcher Brandon Diaz to give North Florida a seven-run deficit under the Hatters.

North Florida ended game one with a final two runs in the eighth inning and is ready for a rematch on day two.

Winning its first A-Sun Conference game, North Florida's Martin hit a two-run home run, his first of his career, in the top of the ninth, making the final score 3-2 against the Hatters.

Junior Jeremy Papelbon pitched 6.1 innings, while allowing three hits, one run and striking out five batters.

Following Papelbon, senior

Jared Incinelli pitched a nohitter for 1.2 innings, striking out three batters and walking one Hatter.

Closing for the Ospreys, junior Josh Papelbon pitched his third save of North Florida's Division I season, allowing three hits and one

Grogan hit 2-for-3 to lead the Osprey offense, followed by senior infielder Grant Rogers, Glanville and Dandridge each collecting hits for the Ospreys.

Ending the three-game series with a 2-1 record over Stetson, North Florida beat its instate rival, 9-4 during game three.

Each of the nine North Florida starters ended the game with at least one hit, while Oxendine and junior second baseman Andrew Chapman led the Osprey offense.

Oxendine drove in three runs and hit a single and a double, while Chapman scored a run for himself before driving in two other runs and hitting a single and a double.

Pitching for 5.2 innings, senior Ryan Amason struck out three batters and allowed only nine hits.

Grogan scored the first run of the game before Glanville was plated from a junior left fielder Damon Olinto double in the first inning of play.

Junior catcher James Belyea doubled in the top of the second to score after a Chapman double. Oxendine then plated Chapman to give North Florida a 4-0 lead over Stetson.

The Ospreys ended game three in the eighth inning after scoring three runs assisted by Olinto, Rogers, Oxendine, Dandridge and Grogan, making the final score 9-1.

After lasting 10 innings, North Florida lost to Austin-Peay 2-3 at Harmon Stadium, breaking their two-game winning streak.

Hitting 3-for-4, Glanville led North Florida's offense, followed by Oxendine hitting a pair of singles. Olinto hit the Osprey's only RBI for the night

Josh Papelbon pitched 2.2 innings and allowed one hit, one run and two walks and struck out three batters. Pitching his first game of his career, sophomore John Railford pitched 6.1 innings, giving up five hits and one

In the bottom of the seventh, Oxendine moved around the bases before being plated by hits from freshman center fielder Brian Wilson, Chapman and Olinto.

The Ospreys tied the game in the bottom of the ninth inning 2-2 before Glanville brought home Oxendine to win the game with a final score of 3-2.

North Florida will continue its two game series against Austin-Peay March 8 at the Harmon Stadium at 1 p.m.

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Tennis takes fifth consecutive win, earns Atlantic Sun Conference Honors

By Holli Welch

ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

With another lively week, the University of North Florida tennis team advanced their Atlantic Sun Conference record with the women's defeat over Mercer and Kennesaw State, 7-0, and the men's 7-0 victory against Mercer.

The men also improved to 8-4 overall, after taking Ferris State 6-1 and falling 5-2 to the University of Mississippi Rebels. The women's 7-5 D-I record improved after their fifth consecutive win against Eastern Michigan University, 5-2.

Vanessa Sanchez led the Ospreys in the No. 1 position, winning all three matches. Sanchez was followed with equally strong performances by Catalina Castillo (No. 2), Florencia Torres (No. 3), Katja Brandt (No. 4) and Lauren Cockbill (No. 5).

"I like how the team is reacting to the pressure of competition," assistant coach Julie Stoppelli told recent press. "Regardless of the opponent, the kids are confident of the season.

themselves and of their team."

This confident reaction led to the Ospreys' current 5-1 record at home this season.

North Florida faced tests in the doubles play but were able to prevail as Brandt and Cockbill defeated Mercer's pair, 9-7, followed by Castillo and Torres' win over Kennesaw State, 8-6.

"Everyone took care of business," head coach Igal Buberman said.

For the men, the match against Ole Miss proved just how strong the Ospreys are in the new division

North Florida fell to the Rebels after a close 9-7 doubles match between Jose Terrera and Matias Sigal and Bram ten Berge and Jakob Klaeson.

Terrera was able to defeat ten Berg in the singles point, however, taking the match 6-3,6-3. Lad Gabay grabbed the other UNF win after defeating Robbye Poole at the No. 5 spot, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

Against Mercer, the Ospreys captured their second shut out of

Terrera successfully battled to the end, taking the singles match to three long sets 3-6, 6-3, 10-8. Matias Sigal (No.1), German Escallon (No.3), Gabay (No.4), Leonardo Gomes (No. 5) and Glen Marshall (No. 6) grabbed their matches with ease.

The same performance was seen March 6 against Ferris State, when the Ospreys captured the doubles point right off. Five consecutive singles points followed, leaving UNF with the 6-1 win.

Terrera and Sanchez were also named A-Sun players of the week after their performances over the weekend.

Sanchez won her fifth straight match in singles play over the last two weeks.

North Florida will return to the court March 9 as the women take on Belmont at the UNF Tennis Complex, to finish off their A-Sun season. The men will head down to Daytona to play Indiana University March 13.

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David Rosenblum, Senior, Journalism

Sam Terry wants to make an impact. He wants to give children in Jacksonville the best opportunities they can get.

Not just random children, though.

Terry wants to help those in need, from hospital beds to foster homes

As a child, Terry, with his brother Charles Rowan, grew up in a Jacksonville foster home.

The opportunities for family outings just weren't there.

Terry knows what these kids are going through, and he wants to change all that.

So, who is Terry, and how is he going to go about this?

He's the general manager of Jacksonville's newest professional team, the Jacksonville Stallions.

The Stallions will become a member of the National Indoor Football League, starting in the 2007 season.

Most Jacksonville residents will laugh when they hear of the new team and its expectations to stick around, knowing that Jacksonville is the Bermuda Triangle for minor league sports.

With the exception of the Suns, minor league teams surviving in Jacksonville is as likely as a winning Powerball ticket.

Yet, Terry's as confident about his 10-year business plan as President Bush is about capturing bin Laden — a good idea but highly unlikely.

Terry's game plan is different from most other teams.

While most teams go for topdollar talent, high-ranking thugs and low quality minds, Terry wants the exact opposite.

Community service, accessibility, and military promotions are all in his game plan.

Hiring the best athletes, winning championships and role models that act like Reggie Williams are not on the agenda.

"We will be very involved with the community," Terry said. "All the players will be involved in community service."

So former criminals released on parole get sentenced to a Jacksonville indoor football team? Not so fast.

"Players that do drugs or get DUIs, they have no place on this team," Terry said. "I don't care how good a player you are. Our players are going to be role models."

Partnerships with Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Guardian ad Litem connect the Stallions with area children, the ones Terry wants to impact the most.

Even Terry himself is a Guardian ad Litem. Tickets to Stallions games will be given to foster homes.

Kids will be able to meet players on any given day, receive lessons and have a new set of role models they can look up to and depend on.

If Terry's plan can impact the lives of these kids, then his job was well done.

If that special lasting impression was left in their minds, then the Stallions just might turn out to be the most successful team in Jacksonville's weak minor league sports history.

Women's basketball ends season in disappointment

By Valerie Martin SPORTS EDITOR

After coming off of a twogame winning streak, the University of North Florida women's basketball team (11-17, 9-11 A-Sun) ended its season with losses to both Stetson University and Mercer University.

Freshman guard Anna Haberlein contributed a career high 17 points March 2 in an Osprey loss against Stetson.

Helping North Florida to gain its first lead of the game, senior forward Jackie Beik had 13 shots during play, while freshman point guard Jennifer Bowen had eight

By holding on with no more than a five-point deficit, the Ospreys led the first half of play by one point.

Senior guard Kayla Sheldon shot a three-pointer to open the second half, but it wasn't enough for North Florida to continue holding on to the lead.

With the Hatters scoring six free throws in the last few seconds of play, the Ospreys lost the lead, ending the game 60-66.

Hoping to end its season with a .500 record in the Atlantic Sun Conference, North Florida traveled to Macon, Ga. to take on Mercer.

The Bears led the first half, giving the Ospreys a nine-point deficit going into halftime.

Coming out of the locker room, North Florida managed to cut the Mercer lead to two points before the Bears had a 5-0 rally



Senior forward Jackie Beik played her last game as an Osprey, leading the team with 13 points.

against the Ospreys.

North Florida had a 20 percent shooting rate after scoring 22 points in the second half of A-Sun play, but out-rebounded Mercer 44-42 with each team having 19 turnovers giving Mercer a 41-49 win over UNF.

Ending their first Division I season together, the Ospreys walked away saying their goodbyes to seniors Sheldon, Beik, Alana Mountfield and Karli Knudsen.

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Baseball meet Japanese on and off the field

BY HOLLI WELCH
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Welcome, Konnichiwa. The University of North Florida's baseball team welcomed the Aoyama Gakuin University Baseball Club to the United States March 2 as the Japanese began their week-long game schedule against local colleges.

The two teams met at a nearby Carraba's Italian Grill, where UNF International Affairs hosted a luncheon for the players, management and local supporting businesses

The meal was primarily a cultural exchange, as the players and coaches interspersed and tried to communicate with little knowledge of each other's language. Though as it worked out in many cases, where simple words failed, baseball language and signs always broke the ice.

Other commonalities included McDonald's, driver's licenses and Disney World.

Osprey senior outfielder

Brandon Grogan ate with two members from the Japanese team. "I have never met anyone from Japan, but we just used a lot of key phrases like 'Dance Dance Revolution,'" he said.

At the luncheon, guest speaker Dr. Maurichiou Gonzalez, the vice president of Student and International Affairs, spoke on the vision that brought the Aoyama Baseball Club to North Florida.

"To look around and see the faces of two different cultures is to realize a dream of Coach Dusty Rhodes and former UNF player Kazu Nagai," he said. "I am delighted at the doorway that was opened today between the two countries, and our desire is to make the exchange even stronger."

This dream of Osprey head coach Dusty Rhodes began a number of years ago when he encountered the Japanese players while coaching an Olympic team. "I have had a fortunate baseball career to play against Japanese baseball," Rhodes commented. "I know the quality and ability of the Japanese

teams."

The Aoyama Gakuin University Baseball Club, founded in 1883, is one of the oldest programs in Japan.

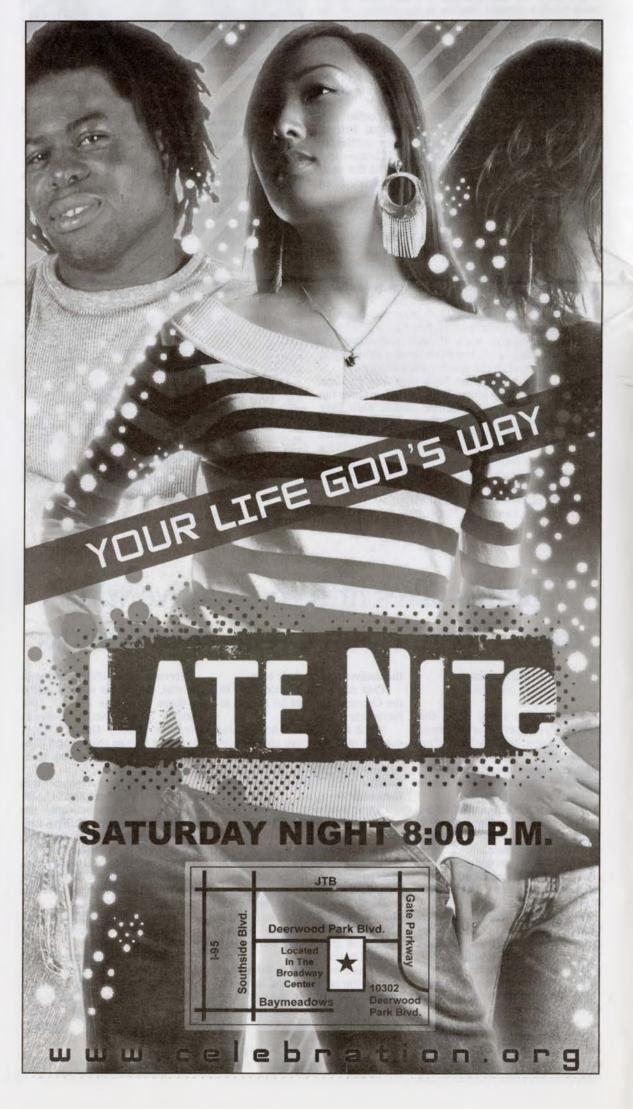
Under head coach Masao Kawarai, the team has won the Tohto University Baseball League championship eight times, including four of the last six.

"It is truly an honor for our team to compete against one of the best teams and best coaches," Rhodes announced. "We hope we will be a worthy opponent for the great Japanese team."

The University presented Aoyama Gakuin with a plaque, while Coach Kawarai gave the Ospreys baseball caps embroidered with the two University

"It is a real enjoyment to be here," Kawarai proclaimed. "The weather is nice, and because you treat us so good, we might let you score a couple of runs."

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March 2

Women's tennis 5, Eastern Michigan University 2

Women's basketball 60, Stetson University 66

Baseball 9, Aoyama-Guakin University 3

March 3

Softball 8, University of Tennessee-Martin 7

Softball 6, Bradley University 5

Baseball 5, Stetson University 13

March 4

Softball 7, Middle Tennessee State University 5

Women's basketball 41, Mercer University 49

Men's tennis 7, Mercer University 0

Women's tennis 7, Mercer University 0

Softball 2, Indiana University 3

Baseball 3, Stetson University 2

March 5

Women's tennis 7, Kennesaw State University 0

Softball 1, Tennessee Tech University 6

Baseball 9, Stetson University 1

Softball 0, University of Tennessee-Chattanooga 1

Golf finishes in 5th place

March 6

Men's tennis 6, Ferris State University 1

Golf finishes in 6th place

March 7

Softball 5, North Carolina State University 2

Softball 3, North Carolina State University 0

Baseball 2, Austin-Peay State University 3

Golf finishes in 7th place



Co-rec softball team sign-ups are March 9 at the Intramural table outside the bookstore from 12-4 p.m.

For more information, contact Brian Johnson at 620-4626.

In Brief

Oxendine receives **Atlantic Sun Honor**

Senior shortstop Matt Oxendine earned A-Sun Player of the Week for the week of March 6.

The league honored Oxendine March 6 for his performance in UNF's first conference series wins of

Oxendine went for 5-for-10 (.500) with a pair of doubles and three RBIs during the Stetson victory. He also posted a pair of runs in the series opener, while ending the weekend with three RBIs and 2-for-4 effort.

Head coach Dusty Roads agreed with the leagues decision. Roads explained that Oxendine is one of the most experienced players on the team and definitely a key asset to the Ospreys.

Oxendine not only raised the bar on the diamond, but excelled on the plate as well.

By the end of the weekend Oxendine raised his batting average by 55 points and nearly tripled his RBI total for the season.

He joins the team March 10 to play Campbell University.

Compiled by Holli Welch

Track runs into two first place finishes at Snowbird Invite

Women take first place in distance medley

> By Holli Welch ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The University of North Florida track and field teams participated in another performance in their premier D-I season at the Snowbird Invitational March 4-5.

The meet was held at the Florida State University complex, which is considered to be one of the best outdoor facilities in the south, and began the outdoor portion of the season for North Florida.

The women finished with five top-five finishes, including two first-place victories, while the men flew away with two.

Out on the track, senior Kelly Hunter led the Ospreys with her first-place finish in the 3,000meter steeplechase (12:20:91 minutes).

The competition of the distance medley ended with a firstplace win for North Florida by the team of juniors Amber Smith and Golden Creavy, freshman Evelyn Moore, and sophomore Kaitlyn Granger, running the victory time of 12:55.88.

The pace continued in the 400m hurdles as freshman Lauren DelBovo finished in fifth followed by Moore, who took ninth.

Another ninth place finish for the Ospreys was taken by freshman Wendy Livingston in the 3,000m after running a time of 11:31.07, while teammate junior Sarah Coghlan led the Ospreys in the 1,500m run with an eighth place finish and a time of 4:55.48.

On the field, the Ospreys rose to the height of 1.65m with junior Emily Kohler's second-place finish in the high jump, followed by her fourth-place win in the long jump.

Sophomore Bryan Gering led the way for the men with a second-place finish in the 3,000m steeplechase, running a 10:07.58.

Gering, along with sophomores Ken Magee, Marvin Moore and Dane Simmons, also captured a third-place win for North Florida in the distance medley.

Simmons grabbed 15th in the 1,500m, running a time of 4:09.23, while Magee took 35th in the 5,000m, coming behind UNF's Goran Kosic in 33rd.

The Ospreys captured four personal bests in the 5,000m event last season at the same

North Florida continues their season March 10-11 at the South Florida Invitational. Both the men and women will be in attendance, with running shoes on, ready to go.

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March 8

Baseball vs. Austin Peay State University, 1 p.m.

Softball at Georgia Southern University, 3 p.m. (DH)

March 9

Women's tennis vs. Belmont University, 2 p.m.

March 10

Softball at Florida State **University Tournament**

Baseball vs. Campbell University, 7 p.m.

Track at University of South Florida Invite (Outdoor)

March 11

Softball at Florida State University Tournament

Baseball vs. Campbell University, 1 p.m.

Track at University of South Florida Invite (Outdoor)

March 12

Golf at Coastal Carolina Classic

March 13

Men's tennis vs. Indiana University (Daytona), 9:30 a.m.

Golf at Coastal Carolina Classic

March 14

Baseball at Bethune-Cookman University, 6 p.m.



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