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Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Dec. 8	Dec. 9	Dec. 10
54/32	60/41	66/47
M-Sunny	M-Sunny	M-Sunny

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The skatepark will be located on the north end of campus near the athletics complex

BY TAMI LIVINGSTON
NEWS EDITOR

Construction of the campus skate park is expected to be completed in the spring and could impact the way that many University of North Florida students commute across campus. The Safety Advisory Council is considering proposing a ban of skating in the core of campus once the skate park is completed, said council member Julie Williams, assistant director of marketing and publications. The council is considering proposing the ban because of the number of near misses involving pedestrians and skateboarders and incidents of damaged property from skateboarding, Williams said. "Our No. 1 complaint is near-misses by people walking," said council chair Dr. Cindy Nyquist-Battie, professor of public health.

According to UPD data, 79 citations relating to skating have been written since January. Williams said when skaters are confronted about their skating they don't know the university's policy. According to the policy, "skateboards, bicycles and scooters may not be operated within 10 feet of a doorway or stairway, under covered walkways, on ramps, in the garages or other property." They may also not "be operated in a manner that has the potential to cause harm to the operator of member so the University community or damage to University property or other property." "I think it [the policy] is being abused," Nyquist-Battie said. "Either by people [who] aren't aware or aren't adhering to the policy, and it really is a safety

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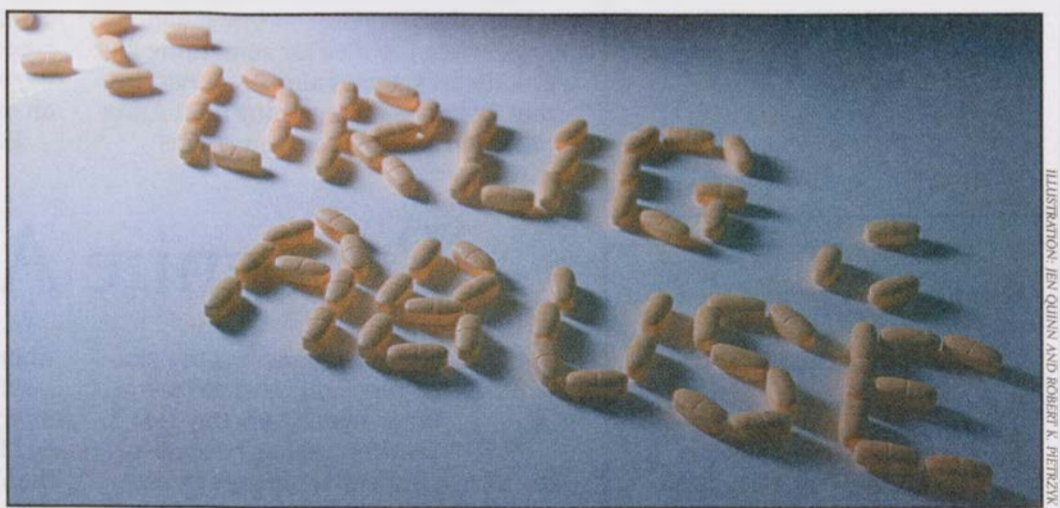
Campus-wide tech update coming in spring

By MATT COLEMAN
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Technology is in the air at the University of North Florida. Literally. The campus is currently undergoing a technological makeover that will include additional wireless Internet access points and updated equipment in classrooms. "By the Spring term, all classrooms [not in portables] will have baseline technology," said Kathy Hughes, the director of networking and user services within Information Technology Services. "What this means is that projectors, projector screens, podiums with PC access and a document camera will be available in every class."

Another facet of the university's plan to modernize campus equipment is the Model Technology Classroom Project. The program will bring advanced tools to Rooms 1102 and 1201 in the Social Sciences Building. Software programs that allow instructors to display students' workstations to their classes will be present in each room. Room 1205 will have enhanced controls built into podiums for faculty and a Classroom Response

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UPD steps up drug arrests

By MATT HUDSON
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The number of drug arrests on the University of North Florida campus was five times higher in 2005 than two years before, up from 13 in 2003 to 65 in 2005.

As of Dec. 1, UPD has responded to more than 60 drug cases including the 14 arrests made in a major bust in April, said Chief Mark Foxworth. While the numbers indicate a rise in the number of arrests, Foxworth said he does not believe they illustrate an increase in drugs on campus.

"I don't think there has been an increase of drugs on campus but an increase of awareness and an increase of people not wanting to tolerate it," Foxworth said.

The number of drug referrals sent to the Student Conduct Office has also gone up, as have the number of alcohol arrests and alcohol referrals, he said. Foxworth also attributes these increases to individuals in the campus community not tolerating drug and alcohol violations and reporting them.

While drugs are present at UNF, they are not as prevalent compared to many other universities, Foxworth said. "We have a very responsible [university] population," he said.

There were more than 10,000 drug arrests in Duval County in 2005, a number that has more than doubled since 1990, according to data from the FDLE. Florida follows California

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SPINNAKER'S BEST

Hundreds of students lined up on the Green to get tested on World AIDS Day. The disease has stricken millions of people across the world. At this point, the only way to control the disease is through prevention, and it's great to see UNF students doing their part.

SPINNAKER'S WORST

An additional 700 U.S. soldiers are being sent to Iraq during the holiday season to bolster security. There are currently 133,000 troops already in the area.

SPINNAKER'S FIX

Donate calling cards to the troops so they can call home. WAPE 95.1 FM is accepting cards, and Verizon is offering free minutes for soldiers. Visit www.wape951.com for more info.



QUOTE of the WEEK

"Be great in act, as you have been in thought."

- William Shakespeare
 English dramatist & poet (1564 - 1616)

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SG out of touch with student interests

One of the biggest and undoubtedly toughest duties for Student Government at the University of North Florida is deciding how to spend the budget. Hundreds of hours and mountains of paperwork go into selecting which campus projects and organizations receive what amount of money each year. And the results are almost guaranteed to incite consternation among some groups who inevitably didn't garner what they'd hoped for in school-sponsored funding.

That's why making responsible fiscal decisions is paramount in establishing the success of any SG administration. With limited funds and virtually unlimited demand for them, a carefully structured budget plan that's guided by an awareness of campus needs and refined by debate is one of the most crucial avenues through which SG can make an impact on school affairs.

So when the idea for something like a skate park comes along – something that demands more money than Anna Murdoch in a divorce – questions

should be asked. The logical sequence of evaluation and skepticism ought to be adopted to determine if it is, in fact, a worthwhile endeavor.

For starters, what's the price tag? Approximately \$250,000, according to former SG President Jerry Watterson's February 2005 proposal for the project. That's roughly the same amount university funding for flagship programs increased in the 2005-2006 school year. These are the programs President Delaney has said he hopes will rocket the university into the national sphere.

The next question ought to address the benefits spending will give to UNF students. While the academic utility of a skate park is at best dubitable, nobody can doubt it sounds really cool. A move like that can ensure SG would enjoy the image of a student-oriented organization for the rest of its tenure. This is especially true if one were to look at the results of an informal poll conducted by SG in January 2005 that reported 49 percent of students surveyed said they would use a skate park on campus. Those are good numbers.

But wait a minute: almost half of

UNF students reported they would hit the ramps given the opportunity? That doesn't sound right. That is, after all, almost 8,000 students by this year's numbers who said they'd line up – all the way around campus, evidently -- to get a chance in the park. It's only upon closer inspection that one comes to realize that the survey population was a mere 159 students -- that's about 1 percent of today's student body. Add to that the fact that the survey methods were questioned by a number of influential former SG members when they talked to the Spinnaker in 2005.

So the case is simple. Without further research, it must appear that a quarter of a million dollars is slated to pay for a skate park that half of 1 percent of the student body said they would use. If SG truly has the best interests of the students at heart, rather than the interest of leaving some inane and soon-obsolete legacy behind as they march off into that great big post-graduation world where credentials and accolades mean everything, they had better consider what it is the students actually want.

Recognize AIDS as world epidemic

Communities across the planet joined together to celebrate World Aids Day Dec. 1. The disease has become a brutal epidemic that plagues an estimated 40 million people. Almost 3 million have died in 2006 alone, a little more than 500,000 of which were children.

The area hit the hardest is sub-Saharan Africa, where almost 25 million are infected. Women and children make up more than half of that statistic. These nations are so poor it is nearly impossible to conduct prevention and treatment on the affected population.

And nearly 1.5 million North Americans are infected with HIV/AIDS. Eight million more are scattered throughout Asia, about 2 million in Europe and another 2 million in South America.

It was the leading cause of death from black women age 25-34 worldwide in 2004. No corner of the globe has gone untouched.

Anyone with a television has been

inundated with these statistics for the last few weeks. But it's safe to say that many think, "Wow, that's awful, too bad for those poor [fill in the blank], thank goodness that won't happen to me," and move on to a channel without a commercial.

Each and every one of these people lives with the stigma of the disease. It doesn't matter what country they're in, or the circumstances of their infection. They are sullied.

In this country, people living with HIV/AIDS are certainly ostracized. It's a gay disease, or a drug-addict disease. Normal, heterosexual people don't get HIV.

But an estimated 10,400 American women were diagnosed with the disease in 2004. About 78 percent of those women contracted the disease through heterosexual contact. So ladies, being a straight female isn't a get out of jail free card.

Granted, the majority of infected people in the United States are men, and most of those contracted the disease through homosexual sex or intra-

venous drug use. But more than 5,000 got it from sex with a woman or another, unspecified reason. The risk exists, no matter a person's race, lifestyle or sexual orientation.

Abstinence before marriage is becoming less popular among many people in this country. With so much of the population sexually active with multiple partners, it's imperative to practice safe sex. Wrap it up every time. Get tested. Be educated.

And help others. This isn't a disease that affects one group or another. It affects everyone. If the stigma about HIV is eliminated throughout the world, more infected people would have the courage to get tested and get treatment.

There are a plethora of ways to donate to HIV research and aid. Web sites such as www.avert.org and www.worldaidscampaign.info are good resources for giving and receiving support. Incurable diseases can only be quenched with prevention, and prevention can only be achieved when everyone works together.

Here's some insight into journalism jargon

As the Discourse Editor, I'm the one who edits all of the letters to the editor.

It's one of the most rewarding parts of my job, because it gives me and the rest of the staff an idea of what readers think about the content of our publication. We see our work as a service to the university community, and one of the best ways to know when we've hit or missed the mark is by getting reader feedback.

That being said, I want to clear up a few things about newspaper content. First of all, the Discourse section of the newspaper is opinion writing, which can be either in the form of editorials or columns. The editorials are always on page two and are written by members of the Spinnaker staff. They reflect our opinion on topics.



Chelsey Wacha, Discourse Editor

Editorials usually discuss important topics, either of the university community or the world in general. This means they require a certain amount of research so readers can get a full understanding of these topics and why we take a certain stance on them.

Columns appear on page three and are usually submitted by non-staffers. Columns don't necessarily require a lot of research on the part of the writer, though the most effective ones have their ducks in a row. In my time as Discourse Editor, I've been lucky enough to have very talented writers submit columns to me. They take a strong point of view and stick with it. I've yet to receive one that didn't make its point.

Because these columnists have been so opinionated, their work is usually the hottest topics for letters to the editor.

But many times the letter writers seem to have some confusion about the difference between an article and a column.

An article is an objective piece of journalism that tells a story based solely on the facts the reporter gathered.

A column is pure opinion, about what-

ever the writer chooses to spout off about. It isn't journalism, though I try to edit out any blatant fact errors.

So for all of the wonderful readers who get fired up about something they see in the Spinnaker and want to write in, now you can make your point more effectively.

Don't be afraid to point out what you see as erroneous judgments in a columnist's point of view, but understand that these are stated opinions. And by all means, if we get a fact wrong in an actual article, LET US KNOW!

Thank you to all of the contributing columnists and letter writers who made this Discourse section so colorful and full of intelligent exchange.

Please keep it up! We need your input to make the paper the best it can be.

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Say 'Merry Christmas,' not 'Happy Holidays'

I've always loved Christmas time. Even as a child, I knew Christmas was coming soon when I saw candy canes and drummer boy decorations wrapped tightly around shopping-center light poles.

And I would get downright giddy when boutiques and restaurants painted "Merry Christmas" on their window sills.

But over the years, those decorations have gradually begun to decrease and "Merry Christmas" has now become "Season's Greetings" or "Happy Holidays." In some cases, it has become "Happy Kwanzaa" or "Happy Hanukkah."

Sales associates are no longer allowed to wish customers "Merry Christmas" so that the small percentage of Americans who do not celebrate the holiday will not be offended - and this is all done in the name of tolerance.

When retailers restrain from using the term, however, they are only proving that

they are not tolerant of Christians.

But this is no surprise. The Christian faith is becoming less and less accepted throughout the world.

In America, citizens boast of having freedom to practice any religion they want, but it is apparent that Christianity is not among the acceptable choices. Christians are persecuted in nearly every facet of life for believing in doctrines such as creationism and salvation.

And in today's world, Christians are considered lowly and unintelligent - especially in a college atmosphere.

Here at school, I have taken three non-religion classes where the professors have mentioned Christianity and the nonsense behind believing God created the universe and everything in it. In one class, the professor even devoted three classes to "prove" creation was false.

And ironically, all the while I was paying him to teach me about the trouble with dis-



Raquel Manning, Senior, Journalism

crimination. Go figure.

But while verbal attacks and holiday restrictions may not seem like such a big deal, I am convinced that persecution against the Christian faith will only intensify as time progresses.

In other countries, such as China, Saudi Arabia and North Korea, Christians are beaten or murdered simply for believing in

Jesus. And though the attacks in America have not become physical yet, the attempt to remove Christianity from all areas of life demonstrates the same level of intolerance and hatred.

Even at this university, I can't imagine the uproar that would occur if an 8-foot bronze statue of Jesus Christ was placed in the courtyard between Building 1 and Building 2. I do propose, however, that those who oppose it would be the same people who say that Jesus was simply a good teacher - like Mahatma Gandhi, for example. And once again, the opposition would be done in the name of tolerance.

So during this Christmas season, I challenge everyone to observe the ways Christ is being removed from the holiday that began as a celebration of His birth. Then know that it is only getting worse.

But even when it does, I will continue to wish everyone a very merry Christmas.

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Not one right answer in education

By DOROTHY RICH

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Let's start with a hard truth. When it comes to education, there is no one panacea, no magic answer for the many different teachers and students in our many different classrooms.

I attended a high level international conference on education with respected researchers reporting on their findings. What I heard is that based on the measurements they had, there is little relationship between education reform (usually considered the magic answer) and student achievement results.

I was disappointed because I would like to have a magic bullet, but I was not really surprised.

In any classroom, there are 30 different learners. The teacher is teaching a single lesson, yet it is learned in 30 different ways.

The same goes for families. Children in families, even linked by many genes, have such different experiences in the same house. Brothers and sisters are convinced they were raised by different parents.

What are some possible solutions? In school, we are told that with a master plan, with standards, goals and objectives, and a foolproof curriculum, then we'd all achieve in the same way.

All of us, including students, are different and we are different learners some slower, some faster; some more creative, endowed with talents; some encumbered with needs that one-size-

fits-all school remedies just can't handle ... or even help.

Teachers are under the gun to produce strong test results. Children as young as first grade are being given homework that third graders used to get. For what? Are we making our kids smarter, wiser, able to enjoy reading, enjoy learning? I wish it were so.

We have new education laws, no doubt meant to do good, that have students in every class tested and tested and tested. In education, we have retreated to the one right answer.

Einstein, who famously said that imagination is more important than knowledge, would not be proud of us. We are raising a bunch of test-takers from a very early age who get labeled, often stigmatized and discouraged. Learning to read used to take almost the full year of first grade. It was a slow, gentle process with time along the way for art and music.

Tests can be helpful when they are used to diagnose and then treat children's learning problems. But, when they are used as the prime source for student grades for report cards, they tend to override teacher judgment and yes, compassion.

What our youngest learners need is hope and optimism, and we just can't afford to crush these out of them.

Because children learn in different ways, let's find out how they do learn: Are they pen and pencil learners? Or can they learn reading and math on the sports fields or in activities at home. Not every body has to do, or can do, everything the same way. It looks more effi-

cient, but it doesn't work.

Because teachers teach in different ways, let's give them the chance to come up with creative ways to teach reading and math and science, so that they don't all have to follow the same curriculum day after day. This numbs teacher brains as well as students.

Our goal for really good education is to expand the possibilities for learning, not limit them. I want to see freedom in the classroom, not chaos. I want to give students the opportunity to learn as they learn best and give them the time it takes to do it. And I want to see teachers use their creativity and their knowledge to offer many ways for children to learn ... well beyond the textbook and the workbooks.

We are smarter today about what helps children learn well and teachers teach well. Let's use these smarts.

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In the story "Proposals suggest series of changes" from the Nov. 29 issue, Shari Shuman should have been titled vice president of administration and finance, and Everett Malcolm should have been referred to as associate vice president of student affairs.

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Switch grass may provide alternative energy source

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If there were such a thing as a Comeback Plant of the Year award – maybe Comeback of the Century – a top contender would have to be switch grass, a dominant part of the tallgrass prairie that once blanketed much of North America.

That vast sea of grasses, so thick and high that pioneers said it could swallow a rider on horseback, all but disappeared as sod-busters ripped it away to make room for lush and productive cropland.

What was an obstacle to progress 150 years ago is suddenly getting a fresh, hard look as a major source of fuel. Our energy-starved nation is scrambling to come up with alternatives to limited supplies of expensive oil and natural gas, and there's a growing buzz about switch grass even though most Americans would need a botanical guide to identify it.

Agribusiness giant Archer Daniels Midland Co., the world's largest producer of ethanol made from corn, in November unveiled plans to ramp up research into switch grass as another source to make ethanol and other biofuels for cars, homes and industry.

In Washington, the Democrats soon to take over as heads of the House and Senate Agriculture Committees have put development of switch grass as a fuel source high on their priority list.

This is a "natural evolution of an industry that could be massive," said Patricia Woertz, CEO of Decatur-based ADM.

Also known as tall panic grass, switch grass doesn't look much like the grasses that cover today's lawns. It is a lanky plant, with stems up to eight or nine feet high and a root system just as deep, topped with lacy seed-bearing panicles. It grows in thick, jungle-like tangles.

It also is especially good at storing energy from the sun. "A living solar battery," is what Canadian switch-grass researcher Roger Samson calls it.

The U.S. Agriculture Department calls switch grass "perhaps our most valuable native grass." Oak Ridge National Laboratory has identified it as the model plant species for fuel, better than corn, which is all the



Switch grass, a crop commonly thought to be a nuisance and an impediment to growth for the last 150 years, is enjoying a wave of new consideration as a potential source of alternative energy.

rage right now as the prime ingredient of ethanol. President Bush highlighted the energy potential of switch grass in his State of the Union address this year.

So, like a once-treasured toy rediscovered after years in the attic, switch grass is now the focus of talk about its revival – this time as a cash crop – on tens of millions of acres in the Midwest, South and Great Plains.

"This could very well be the future," said Stephen Gardner, one of dozens of southeastern Iowa farmers who for years have supplied switch grass for an electric generating experiment in Chillicothe that has shown encouraging results.

The notion of converting vegetation into fuel may seem odd in a nation that runs on oil, gas and coal. But fossil fuels themselves are the detritus of ancient plants, buried in the Earth for millions of years.

They are also a finite resource, while fuel crops can be grown again and again. "Nature figured out long ago how to store chemical energy in plants," explained Robert Brown, director of the office of bio-renewable programs at Iowa State University.

Energy can be squeezed from

most any plant, and there are a lot of them under study these days as potential fuel sources. The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is leading the way in research on giant miscanthus, a grass native to Asia. It can grow to 13 feet with bamboo-like stems ripe for burning.

The trick today is to target the plants that can be most efficiently grown and tapped for fuel. For now, the renewable fuel of choice in the U.S. is corn-based ethanol. It is essentially alcohol made from the starches in grain. Humans have been fermenting and drinking it since prehistoric times.

Corn is abundant, and it has a clout-heavy lobby of farmers and agribusiness promoting it for ethanol, which is largely blended with gasoline. But corn has limitations as a raw material for fuel. Divert a lot of corn to ethanol production and food prices are bound to rise. Corn is also a resource hog, requiring good soil and lots of water, fertilizer and herbicide, heightening environmental concerns.

One prominent researcher contends it takes more fossil energy to grow and transform corn starch into ethanol than the new fuel can yield, suggesting the

process is a waste. Other experts disagree, but if there is an energy benefit to making ethanol this way, it is not huge.

The hope for switch grass is that it may bypass a lot of those problems while providing more bang for the energy buck in an ecologically friendly and low maintenance way.

The explanation harkens back to the prairies of old. Near treeless vistas of undulating grass once stretched from the Gulf of Mexico up into Canada, providing a feasting ground for birds and other wildlife and packing the soils with nutrients. The grasses once covered 60 percent of what is now Illinois, which calls itself the Prairie State.

Ironically, the fertile soil of the prairie was also its undoing. The farmers who eventually chopped it away liked to boast that the prairie topsoil was so deep and rich it could grease the axles of their wagons.

There were lots of different grasses in the Midwest prairie, but switch grass was one of the three predominant varieties. It didn't need much water to thrive, it adapted to a wide range of latitudes and soils, and it sucked in a lot of carbon dioxide from the air as fuel to grow on.

Prairie fires burned so hot that they would create their own cyclones, a testament to the energy the grasses stored away.

Those are some of the traits that are kindling interest in switch grass as the nation scrambles to grow its way into energy self-sufficiency. David Bransby, a grasslands expert at Auburn University in Alabama suggests a few more.

Switch grass requires no herbicides and little fertilizer, can take hold on poor quality land not suitable for most crops, and it is a perennial, meaning it doesn't have to be replanted like corn after each harvest. Stands of good quality switch grass can last 10 years or more.

Switch grass also has ecological benefits, Bransby said. Its deep roots bind soil and block erosion. They also pump a lot of carbon in the ground, essentially recycling carbon-based greenhouse gases emitted when the plant is burned as fuel.

"If we really put our minds to it, we can use this to help replace the oil we import from the Middle East very easily in the next 20 years," Bransby said.

Writing recently in the journal Science, a team of researchers led by S. Raghu of the Illinois Natural History Survey warned that wholesale plantings of switch grass, miscanthus or other grasses grown for fuel could have an ecological downside.

The grasses are attracting interest as biofuel crops because they grow rapidly, need little water and appear resistant to most pests and diseases. But those are also traits that help invasive species wreak havoc on ecosystems and agriculture.

The U.S. spends more than \$100 billion annually trying to beat back the ravages of invasive species like kudzu, so Raghu and his colleagues urged caution as the pressure to develop new crops for fuel intensifies.

"We're not saying every one of these is a nightmare waiting to happen, but we've made mistakes in the past," he said. "There's no such thing as a free lunch."

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In Brief
NEWS

Staff member lands extra role in 'Bobby'

By **LAUREN DARM**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The executive secretary in the University of North Florida's International Center landed a role as an extra in the movie "Bobby."

Jennie Jarvis, 27, appeared in the film, written and directed by Emilio Estevez, about the June 6, 1968 assassination of Bobby Kennedy. Specifically she was in the scenes at the Democratic National Convention. Jarvis said she participated in a cocktail reception before Kennedy's speech, listened during the speech, and then reacted with the crowd after the assassination took place.

Through this film, Jarvis got to work on the set with actors Elijah Wood, Sharon Stone, Helen Hunt, Martin Sheen, Joshua Jackson and Lindsay Lohan. She can be seen next to Stone, Wood and Lohan in the movie trailer, and she said audiences may also be able to see Jackson push against her in the crowd and Wood lean back on her as he is separated from Lohan.

According to Jarvis, the best thing about her experience as an extra in "Bobby" was how passionate everyone was about the film.

"It's a great story where people really cared what it was about," she said.

Jarvis was cast in "Bobby" through a large extra agency in California called Central Casting. She said she registered herself for its database and for a booking service, which calls different productions to help find roles for extras in movie and television productions.

Besides her role in "Bobby," this company helped Jarvis land

extra roles in other films including this year's "Accepted." Jarvis said working on the film was a lot of fun as well, and she loved the improvisation and humorous lines in the movie, especially from the main character Justin Long. There, she acted in a rock concert with actors Long and Blake Lively, and she is directly visible in the film during those scenes.

Jarvis described being an extra as a fun but difficult and stressful job.

"The thing about being an extra is that it's a lot of sitting around and doing nothing," she said.

Although Jarvis had a lot of experiences as an extra in Los Angeles, she said acting was not her main goal. She was an independent film director, but she also became an extra to make some additional money.

While in Los Angeles, Jarvis started her own production company. She specialized in family-friendly short films, and she also taught seminars on acting, directing, screen writing and general movie making.

She's directed over a dozen short films, and sent one to a film festival. She said it is being shown online in the United States and the United Kingdom, and her most recent film is now in the editing process.

She still has her hands in theater in this area as well. Jarvis works with the Atlantic Beach Experimental Theater, and she said she also wanted to get involved with other groups like Players by the Sea.

"I still want to do something in the arts, but for now I'm happy to be in Jacksonville."

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TECH: \$475,000 for new lab under consideration

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System.

Professors in the Fine Arts Center will see an addition to their teaching repertoires with technology that will enable them to instantly capture and stream student presentations.

The equipment, which will be used predominantly in speech classes, will replace the use of VHS tapes in documenting presentations.

The university is also seeking to expand wireless capabilities on campus with the Model Technology Classroom Project. Two rooms in Building 39, 2045 and 2047, will be given an increased number of wireless access points, Hughes said.

The university is also looking to enhance wireless access in other areas with high concentrations of laptop-users so students can log onto the Internet and use Library Database collections.

"When more people are getting online wirelessly in a certain area, it takes longer to access the Internet," Hughes said. "With more access points, more students that need wireless service for classes will be able to use the Internet."

In addition to promoting technological advances in the classroom, UNF has decided to update its existing e-mail service for students and faculty. The school is transitioning from Horde to WebAccess, a more accessible e-mail account.

"WebAccess is a more full-featured e-mail and file-service environment than Horde,"

Hughes said. "We are actively encouraging students to make the move to WebAccess as soon as possible."

The change to WebAccess started early this fall as the university alerted students to the impending change.

Students and faculty still using Horde by Dec. 20 will have their incoming e-mail forwarded to their new WebAccess accounts, Hughes said. Horde webmail will be officially terminated Jan. 20.

Corey Trent, a junior finance major and the chief justice of the Student Government, said the reason behind the technological advances is the university is trying to increase student participation in the classroom.

"UNF is striving to update technology and implement this new technology to promote student and teacher interaction," Trent said.

During a recent meeting of the University Technology Committee, the possibility of a proctored test lab being brought to campus was discussed, Trent said. A fiscal request of \$475,000 was presented for the construction of the lab and technology updates.

"The proctored test lab was presented as a designated area for teachers to administer online tests," Trent said. "As professors move away from normal paper tests, it's going to become necessary for a lab like this to exist."

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SG sponsors 'Finals Frenzy' events

The Student Government of the University of North Florida is sponsoring Finals Frenzy starting Dec. 8. SG has partnered with the bookstore to provide a Test Express lane to expedite buying exam supplies. The Academic Center for Excellence and SG have joined forces to increase tutoring and provide food for participants. Scantrons, blue books and pencils will be available for students in the SG office all week. In addition, the library will provide 24-hour access to students during finals week thanks in part to SG.

Reception scheduled for business graduates

A reception for all Coggin College of Business graduates is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Dec. 15 in the Winn-Dixie Lobby on the first floor of Building 42. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served. More information is available by calling 620-2590.

Poems to be read in front of Fine Arts Center

Students from the Writing Program's Fall 2006 Poetry Workshop will recite poems at noon Dec. 6 on the steps of the Fine Arts Center. The event is free and open to the public. More information is available by contacting Michele Leavitt at 620-4427 or mleavitt@unf.edu.

Fraternity to collect donations for children

Kappa Sigma will be collecting donations for the Toys For Tots Foundation Dec. 6 through Dec. 8. A table will be set up in Alumni Square from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Toys and monetary donations will be accepted. Santa Clause will be on the Green Dec. 7 for picture-taking opportunities. The culmination of the events is a holiday party and tree-decorating contest on the Green at 4 p.m. Dec. 8.

Open discussion of shuttle system scheduled

A transit consultant will discuss a potential shuttle system at UNF during an open presentation. The presentation is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Dec. 7 in the President's Conference Room on the second floor of Building 1. Students and faculty are encouraged to attend.

Final exam schedules available online

Student final exam schedules can be found online at www.unf.edu/registrar/finals.html.

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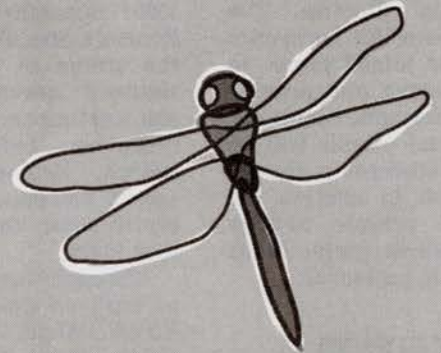
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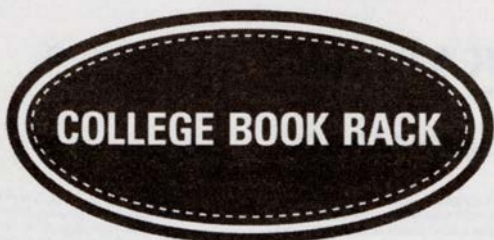
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Product chemicals showing up in humans

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They're found in floor waxes and shampoos, fast-food wrappers and microwave popcorn bags. They coat pizza boxes, carpets and frying pans.

And they're in people.

They're perfluorochemicals. While you may not recognize the word, you probably know the brand names: Teflon, Stainmaster, Gore-Tex.

You are exposed to these compounds every day, and there is mounting concern they may cause a variety of health problems. A panel of scientists selected by the Environmental Protection Agency concluded this year that a perfluorochemical used in nonstick cookware is a likely cancer-causing agent.

As is the case with many of the 82,000 chemicals in commercial use today, health officials aren't sure what levels of perfluorochemicals in the body can cause health problems. Researchers aren't even sure of the main source of human exposure: household products, manufacturing plants or both.

They know only that perfluorochemicals remain in the environment and the body for a long time.

"These compounds are used in an unbelievable number of products that we come in contact with every day," said Kurunthachalam Kannan, a scientist at the New York State Department of Health, in Albany, who has extensively researched the compounds.

Researchers have found that U.S. residents have the world's highest levels of perfluorochemicals in their bodies. Kannan says it takes the body at least eight years to rid itself of the chemicals.

That's one reason 3M agreed six years ago to stop making and using perfluorooctane sulfonate, or PFOS, to make Scotchgard. The company's own research found that the compound was showing up in low doses in people and wildlife worldwide.

Today, a different chemical is used in the popular stain and water repellent.

"We didn't want to be a contributing source of these materials in the environment," said Bill Nelson, a 3M spokesman. He said the company's decision does not mean there is evidence that the chemicals cause harm.

In January, DuPont and other companies volunteered to phase out perfluorooctanoic acid, or PFOA, used in Teflon nonstick cookware and some microwave popcorn bags.

But there's evidence that neither compound breaks down in the environment. That means people could be exposed for an untold amount of time.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram tested the blood of 12 people for the presence of PFOS and PFOA, along with dozens of other toxic chemicals. The study found PFOS in all 12 participants and PFOA in six.

The concentrations were tiny — parts per billion. One part per billion is equivalent to one kernel of corn in a 45-foot silo filled to the brim. Yet one study published last year in the peer-reviewed journal "Toxicological Sciences" found that PFOA hurt the livers of laboratory rats at low levels.

The highest level of PFOA found in any of the Star-Telegram study participants was five parts per billion.

The chemical that makes nonstick cookware slick is in the national spotlight now.

DuPont, based in Wilmington, Del., is North America's only producer of PFOA and faces numerous lawsuits tied to the compound.

In 2004, DuPont agreed to pay up to \$343 million to settle a class-action suit filed by Ohio and West Virginia residents who said their water supplies had been contaminated with PFOA from DuPont's plant in Parkersburg, W.Va.

A similar federal lawsuit was filed in April by New Jersey residents who contend a DuPont plant in Salem County, N.J., contaminated drinking water supplies, and the company knew of the contamination for years. The PFOA levels in those cases are much higher than what would be expected from products.

DuPont faces a federal class-action lawsuit brought by residents in 20 states and the District of Columbia, who say the company failed to make public the possible health risks associated with use of its nonstick pots and pans. The lawsuit, filed in May in Iowa, alleges that DuPont knew its Teflon cookware releases toxic gases when heated.

DuPont denies the allegations.

Last year, the EPA fined DuPont \$10.25 million — the largest civil penalty in the agency's 36-year history — for failing to report it had learned as early as 1981 that PFOA could pass from a woman's blood to her fetus.

Researchers at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore said in February that blood samples from the umbilical cords of 298 newborns had trace levels of the compound.

"We're not only looking at the levels, but we're also trying to understand whether there are potential health effects or biological markers, biological changes that might be indicative of a biological effect," said Dr. Lynn Goldman, a researcher at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health who helped lead the study.

Dr. Leo Trasande, a pediatrician and environmental health specialist at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York, said, "We know relatively little about PFOA. But what we know raises strong concerns about their human health effects, especially their effects on children."

Under mounting public pressure, DuPont and seven other companies worldwide agreed in January to stop manufacturing and using PFOA by 2015.

How you are exposed

Many items found in the home can be sources of exposure to potentially harmful chemicals. Not every brand of every product included in this example necessarily contains these chemicals, but many do.

Computer

Flame retardants coat wiring and plastic casing

Mattress

Flame retardants in stuffing

Clothes

Can contain perfluorochemicals

Teddy bear

Some stuffed animals made overseas contain flame retardants and/or pesticides

TV

Wiring and plastic casing contain flame retardants

Pizza box

Box coating contains perfluorochemicals

Sofa

Foam padding contains flame retardants and perfluorochemicals

Carpet

Padding and carpet fibers contain flame retardants and perfluorochemicals and pesticides

Steak

Fat contains dioxins

Frying pan

Nonstick coating contains perfluorochemicals

Milk

Fat contains dioxins and flame retardants

Fruit

Imported fruit contains pesticides banned in the U.S.

Nail polish

Contains perfluorochemicals

Shampoo

Contains perfluorochemicals to add shine

Desktop

Household dust contains flame retardants

Popcorn bag

Coating on bag contains perfluorochemicals

Tile floor

Nonstick coating contains perfluorochemicals and pesticides

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"The fact that it's out there in the blood of the population raises questions that need to be answered," said David Boothe, global business manager for DuPont Fluoroproducts.

But the company vigorously defends the use of the chemical and products that contain it, saying it is "not toxic by the yardsticks that the government usually measures these things."

A number of independent health studies dispute that.

The EPA's science advisory board that recommended PFOA be considered a likely carcinogen has also proposed the agency study PFOA's potential to cause liver, testicular, pancreatic and breast cancers and whether it affects the hormones or nervous or immune systems.

DuPont rejects the panel's review because it is based primarily on animal testing.

"We think the weight of evidence and science says, look, the things that are happening in rats don't happen in people," Boothe said.

He also said the EPA has ignored company studies that did not find health problems in workers "exposed to thousands of times higher levels than in the general population."

"So DuPont's position on this is, to date, there are no known health effects from exposure to PFOA," Boothe said.

But the company's worker studies "have many limitations, such that definitive conclusions about PFOA cannot be made at this time," Charles Auer, director of the EPA's Office of Pollution Prevention & Toxics, wrote in an e-mail response to written questions.

There's nothing wrong with using animal studies to gauge health effects of chemicals, said Linda Birnbaum, an EPA toxicologist.

"People are animals," she said. "If you find a similar kind of response in a couple of species of animals or if you find that a chemical is targeting multiple kinds of tissues, why would we think that humans would be completely resistant or different?"

Researchers know that PFOA is widespread in the environment, but how did it get there?

DuPont has spent millions of dollars on studies it says show that the compound is not coming off nonstick pots and pans.

Independent researchers say small levels do come off the pans but not enough to explain the widespread exposures that have been measured.

Today, the focus has shifted to food wrappers, carpet and other household products. Kannan believes that perfluorochemicals are released as a gas off those items.

"They are constantly leaching from the surfaces they are applied to," he said. "The indoor air is filled with these compounds."

They can also be released from manufacturing plants. That's one reason that the EPA pledged in January to add PFOA to a program that tracks industrial emissions of toxic chemicals.

The voluntary withdrawal will help slow the spread of PFOA. But the deadline is not until 2015, which the EPA has classified as an "aspirational goal," not a mandate.

That concerns some researchers who want to see regulatory action taken now, even if a lot more research is needed to determine precise human health effects.

"I think you want to take regulatory action at a point before there are effects in humans," said Goldman, of Johns Hopkins. "The point is to try and prevent that."



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SKATING: Building to begin within 10 days

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issue."

The University Police Department is trying to enforce the policy with education more than with citations, said UPD Chief Mark Foxworth.

"Two or three people a week contact me personally about skating issues," he said.

During the peak hours of 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., some UPD officers are specifically assigned to regulate skating on campus, Foxworth said. They contact 25 to 30 skaters every day, he said.

"We don't dislike skateboarders," Foxworth said. "We just wish people would be more careful and respectful."

Construction on the 10,000 square foot skate park is scheduled to begin within the next 10 days, said Everett Malcolm, associate vice president of student affairs. It is scheduled to be completed in March, he said.

The park will be open to the campus community only, during

the daylight hours, Malcolm said. It will be fenced and closed during the nights because there will be no lighting, he said.

Other details such as a possible attendant and specific hours of operation are still under discussion, Malcolm said.

Student Government provided \$250,000 in funding for the construction of the park, said student body president Justin Damiano, a senior business economics major. The university provided \$170,000 in funding as well, said Shari Shuman, vice president of administration and finance, bringing the total to approximately \$420,000.

"The skate park represents two things," Damiano said. "One, that student have the power to make change happen on campus, and that our university takes the voice of students seriously. Two, that commitments from administration are valuable."

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DRUGS: Trends suggest marijuana, prescription drug use

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with the highest number of drug abuse violations in the nation, according to the FBI's Crime in the United States 2005 Report.

Excluding miscellaneous arrests, drugs accounted for 31 percent of arrests in Jacksonville last year, according to FDLE data.

"Anyone in their right mind is going to tell you there's a drug problem in the nation, and unfortunately, that's no different for Jacksonville," said Susan Pelter, spokeswoman for Mayor John Peyton's office.

"For a city this size, you're always going to have drug problems," said Ken Jefferson, the public information officer for the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office.

There were 195 cocaine-related deaths in Jacksonville last year, more than triple the number of such deaths from 1991, according to Florida Medical Examiners. Crack, a derivative of cocaine, is being trafficked throughout the city as well. Ecstasy is particularly popular in the city, especially among teenagers and young adults, according to the Drug Enforcement Agency's State Fact Sheet for Florida.

"What's on the horizon is crystal meth," according to Jefferson. Crystal meth users are able to manufacture the drug in their own homes, using hazardous chemicals.

"The drugs in Jacksonville don't mirror the drugs on campus," Foxworth said.

While cocaine and other drugs are a problem in Jacksonville, marijuana and prescription drugs such as



Foxworth

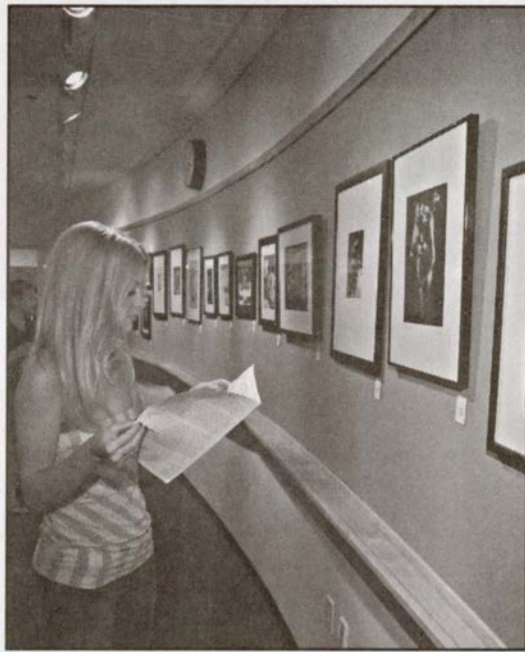
Xanax are most often found on campus, Foxworth said. Jefferson believes there is a serious social cost paid by all residents,

not just the drug-abusers.

"There's a cost to everybody. No one wants to move into a house in a community where there are drugs," Jefferson said.

JSO reported drugs as the direct cause of nearly 20 percent of Jacksonville's murders from 2000 to 2005.

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Photo exhibit showcases 97 student works

"Through the Lens," a University of North Florida photo arts exhibition, displayed more than 300 images, including four large mural prints, produced by school faculty, staff and students Dec. 1 in the Fine Art Photography facility. Ninety-seven student works were included in the art on display for visitors at the open house. Approximately 200 visitors attended, including UNF President John Delaney.

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Still contemplating an MP3 player? Start jamming with Apple's new eight gigabyte Nano. It holds 2000 songs or every photo in your entire collection. www.apple.com

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Gifts for the holidays

BY SARAH HOUSTON AND ZAN GONANO
FEATURES STAFF

Dreidel, dreidel, dreidel I made you out of soap, well not really. Actually, they are matzo ball shaped soaps in an herbal-fresh scent. www.urbanoutfitters.com




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Nothing says winter like snuggling up by the fire. If you don't have a fireplace, American Eagle's slipper socks should do the trick. The cableknit socks come in three colors, with suede bottoms for comfort. www.americanagle.com



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Taj returns to school

BY ROGER MOORE
MCCLATCHY TRIBUNE

Van Wilder turns milder in "Van Wilder 2: The Rise of Taj." That's mainly because Ryan Reynolds has aged out of the sneering grad student demographic and isn't in the sequel.

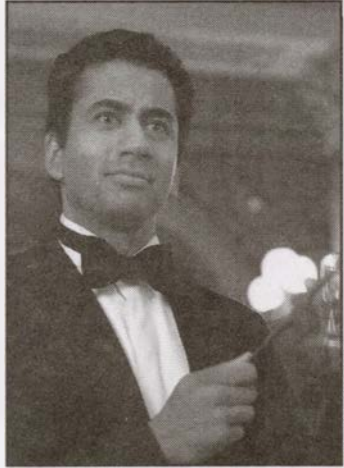
But at least it has breasts, and lots of them. English lovelies show us their "lovelies." That's all the review some people need.

"Van Wilder 2" takes Taj, the Indian-American turned into a man by Reynolds in "Van Wilder," to England for grad school. And while Taj may be just "a curry-breathing cretin" to the local snobs, he's determined to make his teaching assistant/resident adviser gigs pay off in lots of choose-your-own-euphemism-for-sex-here and perhaps the reformation of a dorm full of "losers," who remind him of himself, back in the day.

Taj enrolls at Camford, an Oxford knock-off, where the effete elite mock him and see to it that he's put in charge of others they mock. The inhabitants of "The Barn" include a cockney tart (Holly Davidson), a science geek (Anthony Cozens), an Irish rugby thug (Glen Barry) and a silent dweeb (Steven Rathman) who has hidden assets that we won't divulge here.

There's a campus-wide contest for a trophy, a contest involving athletic, mental and social (beer drinking) skills. Taj resolves to make the kids in The Barn (he dubs them the Cock and Bulls fraternity) winners by taking that cup.

And if he can snatch the winsome Charlotte (the gorgeous Lauren Cohan) from the prickly,



Taj returns, this time to school in England, sans his mentor.

"double-breasted blue-blooded snot" Pip (Daniel Percival) in the bargain, so much the better.

Aside from ripping off every "contest" comedy in history, "Van Wilder 2" is to be embraced for its grasp of British, American and Anglo-Indian slang. Every nickname you've ever heard for male and female genitalia is tossed off, at some point.

A few jokes work. Taj resolves to be an unconventional teaching assistant. He wants the kids to tear up their stodgy textbooks.

"C'mon, you've seen 'Dead Poets' Society,' rip out page 32."

But even at its best (the "lovelies"), "The Rise of Taj" never rises to the level of time-killer. Kal Penn needs to do "Harold & Kumar 2," before he Ryan Reynoldses his way out of being young, snarky and over-sexed, too.

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Lesem: Revolutionary in his own right

BY STACIE LIWEN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Joe Lesem is a man who is passionate about teaching, painting and people. He teaches a number of classes at the University of North Florida, including TV Production, Law and Ethics in Communication and Broadcast Management.

Lesem has been teaching for over 20 years, 14 of which have been here in Jacksonville.

Before joining UNF's faculty, he taught for five years in West Virginia and two years at Louisiana State University.

Something about our school has kept him here this long.

"The atmosphere, and when I first started there were only about 5000 students. I like that small college feel," Lesem said.

Over the years, he has been able to watch the school change and the student population grow.

Lesem graduated from the University of Missouri School of Journalism, becoming a member of what is commonly known as the Missouri Mafia.

From there, he pursued a career in photojournalism, working as a photographer for a magazine. He then returned to school to study filmmaking. His career has taken him to Miami, Memphis, New Orleans and Baton Rouge.

As much as he enjoys teaching, Lesem always looks forward to breaks.

"They're just enough time to get a project going," he said.

But by the time the break is over, he is always ready to come back to teaching.

Although his jobs in teaching and broadcast have taken him many places and consumed a



Joe Lesem is a renaissance man. He has been a photojournalist and currently teaches and paints revolutionary icons in his spare time.

great deal of his life, a life-long passion of Lesem's has been painting. He taught himself, sketching illustrations out of Life magazine at the age of 15. Real life, specifically revolutionary figures, inspire him.

"They are lone individuals who are willing to fight the whole organization or government for something they believe in. I find it hard to understand how someone can be that committed to a cause," he said.

Lesem said one of his favorite artists is Norman Rockwell. He said he loves how Rockwell told stories with his illustrations like those on the cover of the Saturday Evening Post.

Lesem said he is also intrigued by Vincent Van Gogh, who is believed to have only

sold one painting before he died.

Unlike Van Gogh, Lesem has sold a number of paintings. He said many of his paintings are done on commission.

Some of his work has been sold for book cover illustrations. Paintings of Martin Luther King, Jr., Fidel Castro, George Washington, Lawrence of Arabia and Ho Chi Min cover the walls of his office on campus.

If you have not met Joe Lesem, there is nothing stopping you. Sign up for one of his classes. You could even swing by his office and check out some of his artwork.

Lesem's office is in the Fine Arts Center, room 1611.

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Scholars Word sticks to reggae roots with release of sixth album, 'How Long'

BY ZAN GONANO
FEATURES EDITOR

The boys from Scholars Word return with their sixth album, *How Long*. The album follows up the band's 2004 release *Tribal Roots* and is a solid mix of what true reggae should sound like.

The album mixes different styles of reggae, at times sounding very rootsy and then at times mixing elements of dance hall and more mellow, melodic reggae sounds to arrive at a unique finished product, although the band never strays from the heavy bass and riding drum lines that keep the music grounded in its roots.

Scholars Word consists of Bryce Creighton on lead vocals, guitar and keys, Michael Stauch on bass, Marcos Ickes on drums, Chris Kearnes on sax and Steve Gallatin on keys.

The album also features guest singer Zally who jumps in on "How Long," "Feelin It" and "H.I.M. God" with the band.

Creighton and Stauch have been the nucleus of the band and the founding members have stuck together since the band's first album in 1999.

How Long is a more politically charged, current event-type album, with the cover art containing glaring images of death, destruction and the trouble that has become so common in the world.

The first song of the album is the title track and encompasses this theme, and with the Steel Pulse-esque opening, sets the tone for the remainder of

the CD.

Listening to the music, the influence of Steel Pulse seems apparent, with the fourth track *Runnin* also featuring a Pulse style intro with a guitar solo to bring in the song.

Aside from "How Long," standout tracks on the album include "Actions," with its car shaking bass, "We Built It," with a smooth saxophone intro and "Double Life."

The album concludes with "Proton Dub," a very cool song

with far out effects and keyboard riffs.

Overall, *How Long* is a solid effort by Scholars Word. The band has released original reggae music for the past seven years and continues to keep the reggae flame burning for Florida. Check them out at www.scholarsword.com for more info and upcoming live events.

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Dec. 6 - Free Movie: Pirates of the Caribbean - 14/1700 - 8 p.m.

Dec. 7 - Crystal Gayle: A Country Christmas - Lazzara Hall - 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 11 - Finals Week Begins

Dec. 11 - Education Job Fair - U. Center - 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Dec. 12 - Food for Thought- 14/1601 - 6 p.m.

Dec. 15 - CCB Graduation Reception - 42/1020 - 5:30 p.m.

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ZAN ON THE STREET

By ZAN GONANO
FEATURES EDITOR

Well, this is it the very last time you will ever read a "Zan on the Street." My time here in college has come to an end, which is kind of weird. It has been awesome to have been given the chance to write for you guys.

I want to thank everyone out there who has read this column or anything else I have ever written, and definitely a big thank you to the people that gave me positive feedback or respect over the course of the last year.

Keep hitting the scene up here and who knows, you may run into me out and about some time. I know, enough with the mushiness, let me wipe away the tears and get on to the music.

At Freebird Live for the month of December, because this is the last Spinnaker for the semester, Johnny Winter and Pat Ramsey play Dec. 9. Tickets for the event are \$20 and doors open at 8 p.m.

On Dec. 28, The Wailers play with Aerial Tribe. The Wailers always put on a good show and are the closest thing you will ever see to what it was like to witness Bob Marley live. Tickets are \$18 before the show and \$23 the day of the show and again doors open at 8 p.m.

Downtown, check out Disturbed at Veteran's

Memorial Arena, Dec. 6. The show starts at 7 p.m. and tickets range from \$25.50 to \$35.50.

On Dec. 11, Comedic genius George Carlin comes to town at the Times-Union Center. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are \$29 to \$75.

Crooner Tony Bennett will perform at Florida Theatre Dec. 12. Tickets are a bit steep, ranging from \$57.50 to \$127.50. The man has got to pay for his prescriptions, I guess.

Also, UNFers The Explicits bring its punk rock melodies to Jack Rabbits Dec. 10. The show starts at 11 p.m., and tickets can be purchased at the door.

That is about it around town for the next couple weeks.

Mofro is playing a bunch of shows at Freebird at the end of December, including on New Years Eve, when tickets cost \$30.









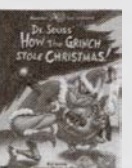






Good luck on exams, enjoy your holidays, have a Happy New Year (try not to get too drunk) and have a great spring semester.

Oh yea, one last thing, big thanks to my boy Grant for coming up with the name for this column.

Once again, it's been great. Take it easy, and good luck with the remainder of your education.

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The staff's favorite holiday movies

	<i>It's a Wonderful Life</i> JENNA STROM, EDITOR IN CHIEF		<i>Home Alone</i> HOLLI WELCH, SPORTS EDITOR
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By MIKE PINGREE
MCCLATCHY TRIBUNE

I'M OFF MONDAYS, WHY DO YOU ASK?

A teenager robbed the bank in Spencer, Mass., where his grandmother works, but waited until her day off before he pulled the heist. Granny saw videotape of the robbery and noticed physical similarities between the robber and her grandson. Further adding to her suspicions was the fact that the lad had been asking her about her work schedule.

NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM IN A WHILE

Police responding to a report of water coming through the ceiling at an apartment building in Framingham, Mass., went to the unit upstairs where they found a heavily intoxicated young man who claimed to be the nephew of Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist. He told the cops that his uncle would be upset with them, saying, "Officer, you are all done."

The policemen do not believe that the man is related to Rehnquist as he was apparently unaware that he has been dead for more than a year.

YOU SEE THE BEAUTY OF NATURE, I SEE LUNCH

Birdwatchers in the United Kingdom were excited to find that a red-rumped swallow, normally seen only around the Mediterranean Sea, had taken up residence on the east coast of Scotland. Word spread fast and dozens of birders gathered to see the swallow flying over the beach, when a sparrowhawk swooped down on it and killed it instantly.

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT, THE COPS ARE RIGHT BEHIND US!

Four teenagers robbed a Pizza Hut in Richmond, Va., and fled in a car they had rented for their getaway. The car was equipped with a Global Positioning System tracking device, so when witnesses wrote down the license plate number, the cops had no trouble finding them.

UH, GOD, PERHAPS WE DIDN'T MAKE OURSELVES CLEAR

After church leaders in Australia launched a national day of prayer for rain, the nation was hit with hailstones the size of baseballs, an icy blast of air that sent temperatures plummeting, and bolts of lightning that set off a wave of wildfires.

PARDONNEZ MOI, I JUST NEED ONE MORE THEENG

A man broke into a house in Mussidan, France, and stole a television set. While the owner was reporting it to police, the burglar came back for the remote control.

OH! I PUT IT ON VIBRATE ... OH YESSSSSS!

Because cell phones have been banned in New York public schools, teenage girls have been sneaking them into the buildings in their panties.

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Germ freaks revel in innovations

By JULIE DEARDORFF
MCLATCHY TRIBUNE

It's a comforting time to be a germ freak. In addition to anti-bacterial hand soaps and shampoos, the microbe-averse can buy bacteria-fighting clothes, toys, towels, sheets, sponges, mops and even pens.

Never mind that trillions of bacteria happily reside on our skins and noses and in our mouths and intestines. Or that some exposure to germs helps develop a healthy immune system.

In 2004, Americans spent more than \$540 million on anti-bacterial soaps, hand cleaners and detergents that contain chemicals such as triclosan to kill germs, though a Food and Drug Administration panel found they are no better than soap and water. People in health-care settings may see benefits, but not in the general population.

The issue isn't just that, for most of us, products impregnated with germ-fighting chemicals are a waste of money. It's not even that they could promote the growth of antibiotic-resistant bacteria, something the Soap and Detergent Association maintains happens in the lab but not in the real world.

The association says people confuse anti-bacterial with antibiotic. If there were a link, the organization says, it likely would have been seen in settings such as hospitals, and it also says the rampant overuse of antibiotics by doctors to treat infection likely plays a far greater role in the rise of super-resistant bugs.

More disturbing is that the germ-fighting chemicals found in anti-bacterials, namely tri-

closoan and triclocarban, are turning up in fish, breast milk and wastewater. Then they are released into the environment through municipal sludge, which is recycled and spread on agricultural fields.

Although this has been going on for the last 50 years, scientists only recently looked into what happens once the chemicals are flushed down the drain. This all concerns researchers such as Rolf Halden, assistant professor at the Center for Water and Health at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

The United States Geological Survey has shown that triclosan, which mimics the thyroid hormone and is commonly added to soaps, toothpaste, deodorant, dog shampoo, cutting boards, clothing, toys and other anti-bacterial products, is present in 60 percent of U.S. waterways investigated.

Halden's studies showed a similar dispersal of triclocarban, triclosan's chemical brother, which is found mostly in deodorant bar soaps.

Both chemicals are known by several other names, and annually more than 1 million pounds of each are used in the U.S. alone.

Though the amounts turning up are minute, a recent study has shown it's enough to disrupt thyroid function in frogs. Equivalent data on humans isn't yet available.

As ingredients in products, the chemicals aren't necessarily harmful to humans, scientists say. But evidence is mounting that "these chemicals are remarkably persistent and possibly bioaccumulating, not only through products (applied to the



Americans continue to spend money on anti-bacteria remedies in hopes of stopping germs in their tracks.

skin) but environmentally through drinking water and potentially contaminated crops," said Halden, a member of the FDA panel that looked at the benefits and hazards of antiseptic hand soaps.

Now he and other scientists are asking: Do the potential benefits of anti-microbial products outweigh their possible environmental human health risks?

"Plain old soap and water also removes and kills micro-organisms and has done so for thousands of years," Halden said.

Also, anti-bacterial soaps don't prevent colds or flu, which are caused by viruses, not bacteria. And most experts say that unless you're in a hospital environment, using products with triclosan a biocide that can destroy biological structures at random is like using a jackhammer to kill an ant.

The American Medical Association has opposed routine

use of anti-bacterial soaps since 2002. This year, the Canadian Pediatric Society asked parents to stop buying anti-bacterial products and instead use soap and water to wash toys, hands and household items.

Allison Janse, co-author of the indispensable manual "The Germ Freak's Guide to Outwitting Colds and Flu" (Health Communications, \$11.95 paper), points out that when you buy an anti-bacterial cutting board and put raw chicken on it, you've just contaminated it. Buying these products, she said, "may give some people a false sense of security."

There is a place for anti-bacterial products: a hospital. Think twice about using them in your home for everyday use, especially when soap and water are just as effective. And much cheaper.

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Holiday happenings around town

Dec. 6:
Luminary Night in St. Augustine, 6 p.m., free

Dec. 8-9:
Community Nutcracker; 8 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, The Florida Theatre. Student tickets: \$20, \$26, \$30

Dec. 9-11:
Jacksonville Symphony First Coast Nutcracker Ballet, 8 p.m. Dec. 8-10, 2 p.m. Dec. 10-11, Moran Theater

Dec. 17:
Riverside Avondale Luminary, special programs throughout Riverside and Avondale, free

Dec. 15-17:
Home for the Holidays, Jacksonville Symphony Pops Series, 8 p.m. Dec. 15-16, 3 p.m. Dec. 16 at the Jacoby Symphony Hall

Dec. 24:
Christmas Carole at the Alhambra Dinner Theatre, \$39-46

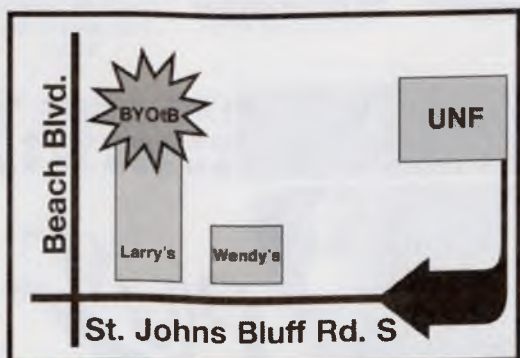
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♈ Over the next four days, minor disagreements may steadily escalate. Romantic partners and close relatives may this week offer strong opinions or boldly challenge established social roles. In the coming weeks, however, much of this may work to your advantage: use this time to clearly state long-term family goals, revise living arrangements and resolve lingering fears or hidden romantic doubts. Stay focused and don't hold back: concrete decisions will soon improve relationships.

♉ A close colleague or trusted business partner may this week reveal unexpected career goals or revised financial plans. Watch for a rare job announcement to trigger a short-term controversy. Co-workers may challenge authority and avoid group responsibility: take time to explain all comments and suggestions. Romantic attractions intensify: remain cautious concerning new flirtations and, if possible, avoid mildly unethical social invitations.

♊ Family relationships may this week begin a delicate phase of emotional negotiations. Expect roommates or relatives to openly challenge past ideas, time schedules or home expectations. Probe for answers or added social information and expect minor revelations to soon inspire clarity or renewed agreements. A financial or business miscalculation from several months ago may reappear and demand fast decisions. Don't delay.

♋ An annoying business mistake or power struggle between colleagues may this week derail a vital project. Refuse to adopt a negative outlook. Key officials will rely heavily on your abilities to engender group trust. Home relationships may require new sensitivity: remain diplomatic but ask loved ones for concrete decisions. Pamper the body and enjoy private family activities: friends and relatives need to witness your devotion.

♌ Short-term contracts and special workplace instructions may create tensions between co-workers. Experienced colleagues will soon take a leadership role. Remain diplomatic and allow difficult business differences to be resolved through predictable methods. Close friend or relative may request a detailed explanation of past events. Social triangles, repeated patterns, traditional family roles and complex decisions may be at issue.

♍ A controversial invitation, inappropriate flirtation or unexpected workplace attraction may trigger speculation or group debate. A cautious approach is best. New love affairs, although positive, will temporarily strain business or family relations: if possible, remain quietly detached. A powerful wave of social nostalgia arrives. Some Leos, especially those born early in August, will soon rekindle past friendships. Go slow: passions may be high.

♎ A unique workplace encounter or fast financial proposal may this week usher in a surprising opportunity. Many Virgos will soon opt to bring significant change to their public reputation, workplace skills or long-term educational commitments. A recent phase of isolation or fading ambition will no longer derail new proposals: expect meaningful change. A friend may demand access to family decisions. Wait for clarity before taking risks.

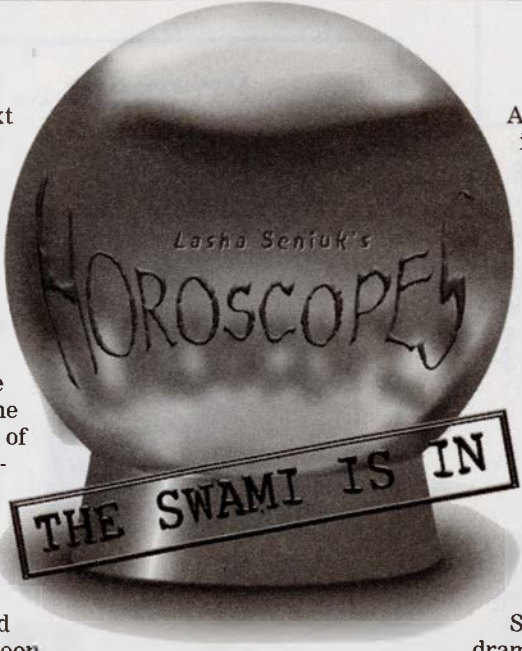
♏ Loved ones may wish to expand their daily social commitments, hobbies or team activities. Join in and explore new options: shared goals or creative suggestions will soon improve intimacy and long-term trust between friends. Avoid acting as business mediator, instructor or private advisor to co-workers. Financial miscalculations, disputed workplace standards and costly legal errors will not be easily resolved: remain quietly cautious.

♐ Close friends and relatives are now strongly motivated to bring added security into their daily lives. Career accomplishment and long-term financial goals may be a private source of tension. Although the desire for change is deeply felt, stay focused on immediate or short-term goals: over the next few

♑ A romantic introduction, improved friendship or unexpected job proposal may this week challenge established routines or daily business goals. Monday through Thursday is a strong time for social expansion and renewed career ambition. Take time to fully explore all potential partnerships: you won't be disappointed. Some Scorpios may experience a dramatic improvement in home finances or living arrangements. Check paperwork thoroughly for errors or omissions.

♒ A rare romantic proposal or passionate invitation may this week demand response. Someone close may now wish to expand the public commitment of a key relationship. Family obligations, renewed social confidence and long-term home plans may all be at issue. Refuse to feel pressured into bold decisions: your goals and needs are also important. Ask older relatives for business or financial advice: prior experience will offer a meaningful perspective.

♓ Deadlines, business routines or financial regulations may be unexpectedly complicated. Respond quickly to the public instructions of authority figures but privately wait for experienced managers to provide accurate facts or reliable procedures. This is not the right time to challenge authority or act independently in the workplace. A recently shy friend or lover may propose unique travel plans.



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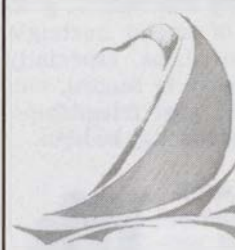
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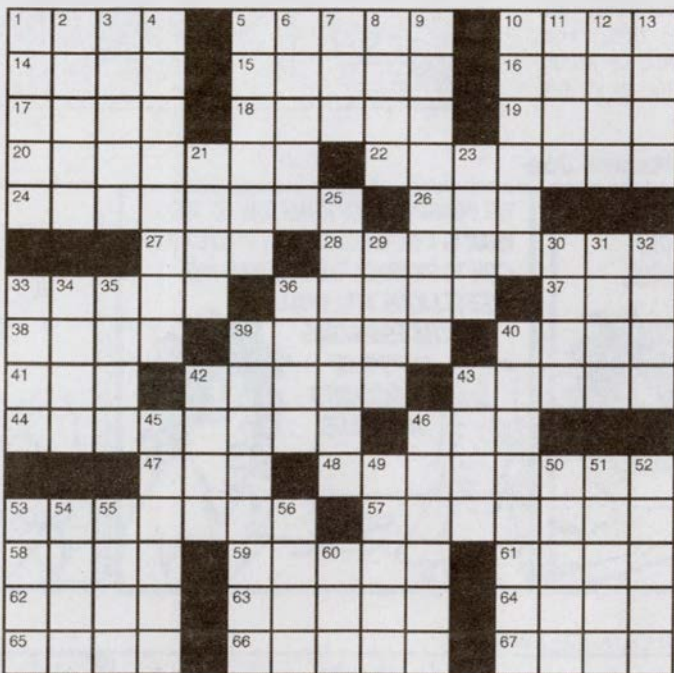
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ACROSS

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- 5 Forays
- 10 Ann or May
- 14 Hebrew month
- 15 Singer Fisher
- 16 ___-Ude, Russia
- 17 Start of a motive?
- 18 Rides air currents
- 19 Raven or robin
- 20 Helper in wrongdoing
- 22 Landed properties
- 24 Preordains
- 26 Actor McKellen
- 27 Tolkien creature
- 28 Cabana site
- 33 On the qui vive
- 36 Carried along
- 37 Atlantic food fish
- 38 Escapes
- 39 Loudness units
- 40 Part of LP
- 41 Kimono holder
- 42 Males only affairs
- 43 Showy bloom
- 44 Body shop quote
- 46 Male heir
- 47 Instant lawn
- 48 Chosen one
- 53 Peach State
- 57 Side-to-side
- 58 Mystique
- 59 Metropolitan
- 61 Dieter's word
- 62 Emancipated
- 63 Intended
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- 65 "What Kind of Am I?"
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- 67 Bivouac shelter



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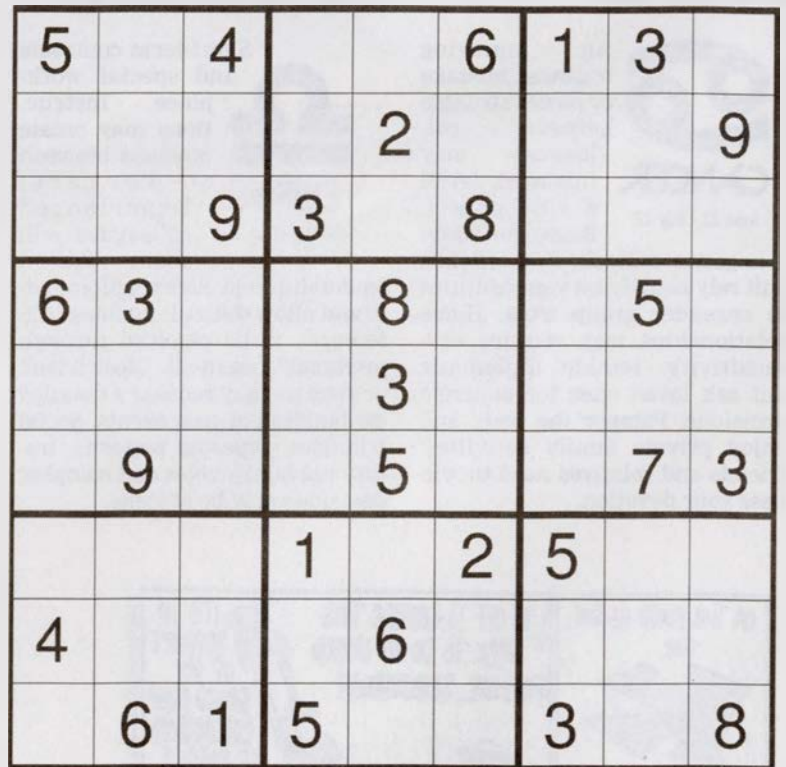
SOLUTIONS TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- 9 Activity periods
- 10 Havana natives
- 11 Came to roost
- 12 Remove a peel
- 13 Conclusions
- 21 Delicate color
- 23 "The ___ of Genji"
- 25 Moochers
- 29 Underground assets
- 30 God's reproduction
- 31 Puts on
- 32 Tense
- 33 Burn ointment
- 34 Scientists' offices
- 35 Send out
- 36 Gravy server
- 39 Football milieus
- 40 Round Table knight
- 42 Polluted fog
- 43 Wordsworth or Tennyson
- 45 Middle Eastern country
- 46 Inclines
- 49 Large African antelope
- 50 Nonsense
- 51 Consumed
- 52 Vote for
- 53 Fish-landing tool
- 54 Currency introduced in 1999
- 55 Cookie treat
- 56 Kind of rug
- 60 Prohibit

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The objective of the game is to fill all the blank squares in a game with the correct numbers. There are three very simple constraints to follow. In a 9 by 9 square Sudoku game: every row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order. Every column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order. Every 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9.



SOLUTIONS TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



Sports

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2006

...There is
no place for home
this holiday

By HOLLI WELCH
SPORTS EDITOR

While most students are preparing to head home as finals conclude, the athletes on the University of North Florida basketball teams have daily practices and scheduled games to look forward to instead.

The men's and women's basketball teams have 12 games scheduled over the holiday break including conference and non-conference games. This, according to the men's head coach, Matt Kilcullen, is normal during the transition into Division I.

"Unfortunately, in transition we can't dictate the schedule," he said. "We have to take what we get. That is just the way it goes."

The team plays seven straight games at home during December and January.

The women's head coach, Mary Tappmeyer, also explained the tight scheduling as a result of finals week.

"We can't do anything as a team during the week of finals. That's a whole week to lose for scheduling," she said.

The teams will continue to practice daily through December. Once the players return back from their mere five-day break, two-a-day practices will begin.

The women's basketball team plays Hofstra University Dec. 29 at home, which according to Tappmeyer should be one of the best games over the break. The Ospreys also face off against the University of Central Florida and Georgia State University in the UCF tournament Dec. 18 and 19.

"The tournament in Orlando will be a good challenge for us," Tappmeyer said.

For the men, Kilcullen is simply looking forward to improvement.

"I am looking at each and every game for us to get better," he said. "We can't look ahead at anyone. We have to take games one at a time and try to get better."

The team will get their chance throughout the scheduled break. With only five days away from the team, there will be lots of time to work on their game.

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THE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Men's Basketball

Dec. 16: Edward Waters College, 2 p.m.
Dec. 18: Binghamton University, 7 p.m.
Dec. 20: Florida A&M University, 7 p.m.
Dec. 28: Skidmore College, 7 p.m.
Jan. 2: Campbell University, 4 p.m.
Jan. 4: Gardner Webb University, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 9: Jacksonville University, 7 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Dec. 18: University of Central Florida, 7 p.m.
Dec. 19: Georgia State University, 3 p.m.
Dec. 29: Hofstra University, 2 p.m.
Jan. 4: Campbell University, 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 6: Gardner Webb University, 2 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Team captures first conference win

By JEREMIE CANTON
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The University of North Florida women's basketball team lost 76-48 to the Atlantic Sun Conference defending champions, Belmont University, in its first A-Sun game Nov. 30. The team followed however, with its first A-Sun win against Lipscomb University 53-44 Dec. 2.

The Ospreys were outscored early by the Bruins and trailed 9-0 with 17:07 to go in the first half.

Sophomore forward Jennifer Guldager made the first two points for UNF and Cecilia Woolfolk followed with a free throw and a jump shot.

The score was 14-5 when Belmont started to pull away. They led by as many as 19 points.

In the second half, Belmont increased its lead and finished the game 76-48 over North Florida.

Sophomore forward Antoinette Reames scored a career high 14 points against the Belmont Bruins.

Reames played consistently on both ends of the floor with 14 points, five rebounds, five blocks and two steals. She outscored her 11-point career high in the Ospreys' previous game versus Villanova.

Along with Reames, Belmont center Jessica Bobbit also scored a game high 14 points. Teammates Alysha Clark and Angela Roof followed with 10 points each.

Senior point guard Denisia Andrews, senior guard Tamara Hubbard and sophomore guard Jennifer Bowen each scored six points for the Ospreys.

Bowen led the team in rebounding with nine boards, sharing the game high with Bobbit.

The loss gave UNF its fourth consecutive loss overall and its first in the A-Sun.

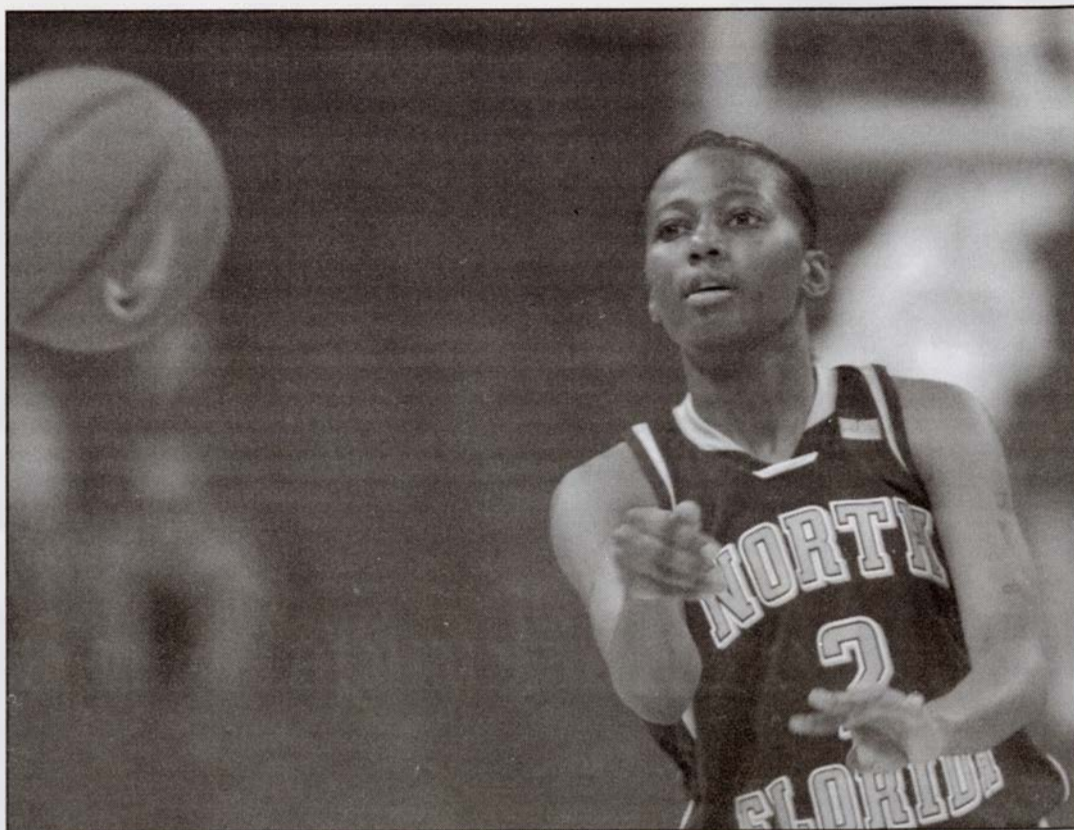
North Florida broke the routine with its victory over Lipscomb, as three UNF guards finished with double-figure points.

Bowen led the Ospreys to victory with a career high 16 points while freshman guard Shandrea Moore contributed 12 points and five assists. Hubbard added 11 points.

Along with offense, the team played effectively on the defensive end. Moore grabbed three steals while Bowen and Hubbard each had four.

"This win was a needed one," Hubbard said. "The game today was a different game than Thursday [against Belmont]. We played aggressive and picked up our defense. We were more in sync tonight."

North Florida's Guldager played aggressively on the defensive end with seven defensive boards. The sophomore forward led all players in rebounding with 12 while Reames grabbed five rebounds to go with her three blocks.



Freshman point guard Shandrea Moore contributed to UNF's first conference win against Lipscomb Dec. 2. The Ospreys opened the weekend with a loss to Belmont but ended 1-1 for the conference.

Reames blocked eight shots in total on the two-game road trip.

Lipscomb's Miriam McAllister finished second in rebounding with 10 boards. She also had a team high of nine points.

The competitive game left both teams tied at 21 at half time. It continued to be close in the second half.

The Ospreys built on this momentum and gained a 40-31 advantage with 12:16 to go in the game. They ended the game with an 11-point advantage.

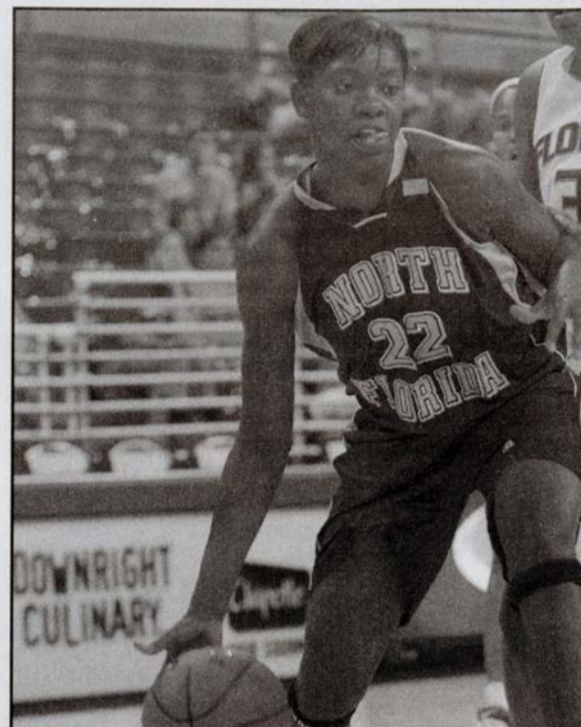
Head Coach Mary Tappmeyer was pleased with the Ospreys' performance.

"I thought we played a great defensive game. We forced 30 turnovers," she said. "I'm really proud of them because it's really tough to get wins on the road in the Atlantic Sun Conference."

The victory brought North Florida's record to 2-5 overall and 1-1 in the Atlantic Sun Conference.

North Florida will suit up again to compete against Bethune-Cookman University Saturday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m.

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Sophomore forward Antoinette Reames scored her career high, 14 points, against Belmont.

BY THE NUMBERS

55-44 Winning score against Lipscomb University

14 Leading score for the Ospreys by senior Antoinette Reames.

30 Number of turnovers forced by the Ospreys

OSPREY SCOREBOARD

Nov. 30

Women's basketball 48, Belmont University 76

Men's basketball 32, Belmont University 87

Dec. 2

Women's basketball 53, Lipscomb University 44

Men's basketball 54, Lipscomb University 68

FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Nov. 8

Men's basketball at College of William and Mary, 7 p.m.

Nov. 9

Women's swimming vs. Florida Southern College, 1 p.m.

Women's basketball at Bethune-Cookman College, 2 p.m.

In Brief SPORTS

Ospreys bring new assistant coach to tennis staff

Rodrigo Puebla joined the University of North Florida tennis coaching staff Dec. 4.

Puebla has been coaching for five years and worked at University of Texas El Paso this previous season.

Puebla also worked as a head coach for the women's tennis team at Pikeville College, leading them to a No. 7 finish.

As a head coach he was named NAIA Region XII and Mid-South Conference coach of the year in 2003.

Intramural 7-on-7 flag football concludes season

The University of North Florida 7-on-7 flag football came to an end for most teams Dec. 3.

The championship game for the women, Greek, and co-ed teams were held.

Balls Deep, the Pi Kappa Phi's A-team, won the Greek league. The women's league was taken by the Souljas, while FNU won the gray men's league. Our Girls Are Hot took first place in the co-ed category.

The blue men's league finishes with the tournament Dec. 7 on the intramural fields.

Osprey athletics hit the big screen

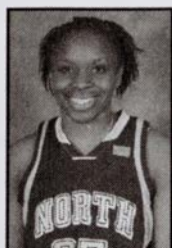
The University of North Florida men's and women's basketball teams will meet the cameras in January.

The women's game against Campbell University will be taped 5 p.m. Jan. 4 on CSS, channel 51.

The men's Rumble game against Jacksonville University at 7 p.m. Jan. 9. will also be televised on channel 51.

Both games will be held in the UNF arena.

OSPREY HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK



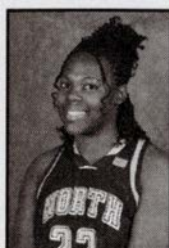
Tiffany Williams
Women's Basketball

"We won our first conference game of the year."



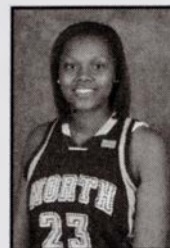
Coach Matt Kilcullen
Men's Basketball

"That we're home. We're home for 4-5 days before we have to go back out on the road again."



Willonda Windham
Women's Basketball

"We came out 1-1 in our conference and got our first road win after losing to Belmont."



Shennette Sheffield
Women's Basketball

"We beat Lipscomb. It was a very exciting game because we killed them defensively."

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Ospreys lose road games to top-ranked conference foes

By NATALIE NGUYEN
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The University of North Florida men's basketball team lost to Belmont University 76-48 and to Lipscomb University 68-54 during its weekend road trip to Nashville, Tenn.

The double loss dropped the Ospreys record 0-2 in the Atlantic Sun Conference and 1-7 overall. The losses to the Lipscomb Bisons and to the Belmont Bruins continued the Ospreys road woes with an active 24 road game losing streak.

The Ospreys' first Atlantic Sun game of the season was against the Bruins, who had more than six different players scoring at least nine points. The Bruins outscored the Ospreys 34-11 taking a 45-18 lead at the half. The Bruins also out-rebounded the Ospreys 46-28 while the Ospreys had 18 turnovers compared to the Bruins' 12. Junior forward Gallo Cham led the Ospreys with six rebounds.

The game against the Bruins held an Osprey offense scoreless for seven minutes to start the second half. Sophomore guard Ian Gibson finished the game with three steals for UNF.

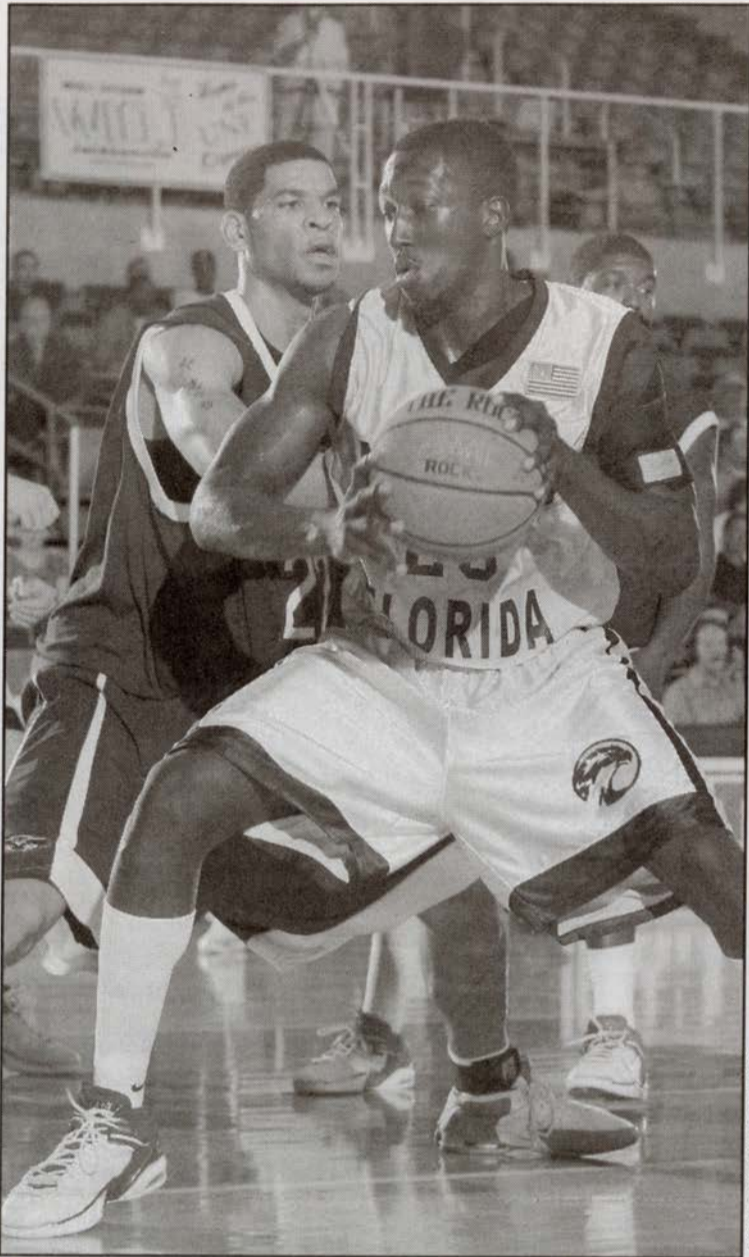
Belmont is currently tied for first place in the Atlantic Sun Conference with Lipscomb and East Tennessee State Universities.

"We learned that we can play well on the road," Coach Matt Kilcullen said. "We have to learn how to 'close the door' so to speak and finish games."

The Ospreys shot 29 percent from the field and did not have any players scoring in double figures. Freshman guard Germaine Sparks led the Ospreys with seven points including two 3-point shots. Junior center James Grimball also scored seven points. Gibson and senior forward Rashad Williams had six points each.

North Florida took Lipscomb during its second conference game of the season. Three Ospreys scored in double figures including Williams, Grimball, and junior point guard Chris Timberlake.

Timberlake had three assists during the game to surpass Bobby Patton (1993-95) in career



Senior forward Rashad Williams scored six points against Belmont University in UNF's first Atlantic Sun Conference game. Williams also scored 13 points and grabbed five rebounds against Lipscomb University.

assists. Timberlake currently has 233 assists in only his junior year at UNF.

The Ospreys trailed 11-7 to begin the first half of the game before slowly starting a comeback of their own. The Ospreys led the game by two points to end the half with 61 percent shooting. They held Lipscomb to 24 percent shooting.

Williams brought the Ospreys into the second half with a jumper, giving the Ospreys a 39-37 lead. Lipscomb then ended the game with a 14-8 scoring run.

Cham led the Ospreys with

seven rebounds. The Ospreys out-rebounded the Bisons 32-30.

With these games, Osprey fans can look for a team with more game experience, according to Kilcullen.

"Hopefully we have a lot more chemistry," Kilcullen said. "We're playing better as a team, and we're going to be playing more consistently."

The Ospreys return to action at the College of William and Mary at 7 p.m. Dec. 8.

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FROM THE CHEAP SEATS

Get ready to rumble

This semester is rapidly coming to an end. Thanksgiving is behind us, Christmas is right around the corner, and then ... it's the best sports month of the year.

That's right. January is, by far, my favorite month to enjoy sporting events. Your viewing options include: bowl games (the real ones, not the Independence Dot Com Home Depot Holiday Bowl that pits two schools you've never cared to watch), NFL playoffs, NBA and NHL in mid-season form, as well as MLB rumors and trades. The PGA tour also begins its season, and of course there's college basketball. I love college basketball.

But on a local level, there's no game bigger on campus than the basketball game against cross-town rival Jacksonville University on Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. in the Arena.

It's the second year of the SunTrust River City Rumble, and we're in a good position to win the Old Wooden Barrel this year.

OK, so the basketball team is off to a slow start, but you know the guys will be up for this one.

To recap, last year's crowd of more than 3,000 was the largest in Arena history for the University of North Florida basketball. Most of those were students in enough of a frenzied state to storm the court after the Ospreys won 90-78.

It was the first meeting of the two teams at our house, and the first time we ever beat them.

With the win, we also jumped them in the conference standings. What an explosive way to start the tradition.

Now it's chapter two.

Being the second night back after winter break, the event is being hyped as the Welcome Back Bash party of the year. The Ospreys need you to be on your A+ game, as they depend on the sixth man in the stands.

Dress Code: wigs or jester hat, wear white (or body paint), and comfortable shoes, since



Elliot Darkatsh

Director, Marketing and Promotions

It's the second year of the SunTrust River City Rumble, and we're in a good position to win the Old Wooden Barrel this year.

you'll be standing and jumping most of the night.

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It will be televised on CSS and replayed a bunch, so you might even catch yourself on the tube.

Student Government Association will be holding its Late Night breakfast immediately following the game in front of the Arena.

It's time to make a difference, and to differentiate ourselves in this city. Let's set another attendance record. Be loud, be proud. Swoop it up and kick some Dolphin tail. Go Ospreys.

Disclaimer: The opinions offered here do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the university or its Athletics Dept.

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University not likely to follow in local football footsteps

By LEOPOLD CLARKE
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For many people, college football season is the best time of the year. Fans are celebrating their favorite teams' victories and are agonizing during their teams' defeats.

Many students at the University of North Florida want a football team so they can show school spirit and share the game day experience. But according to Athletic Director Richard Gropper, a football team for UNF is not in the immediate future.

It would take an estimated \$3 million to start a football program at UNF. However, the university does not have the money at this time to start a team and upgrade the facilities to host it.

"I think having a football team would be great for the university," Gropper said. "I think it would attract more students around the country to attend

this school."

Although UNF received a donation from George and Kernan Hodges for \$2 million, he said it would still be a major step for the university to upgrade the soccer stadium.

"George and Kernan Hodges have been loyal and generous friends to UNF for many years," Gropper said. "Their recent donation will help the athletic program to take a significant step forward in its development of maintaining a Division I program."

Despite the prohibitive cost of starting a team now, Gropper said he is a huge college football fan and hopes that in the future, the school will raise enough money to get a football team.

There are many students at UNF who agree.

"I think it would be great if we can get a football team," junior history major Darragh Ramoutar said. "The students

can enjoy that game day experience, and it will bring a lot of excitement to this university."

There are other colleges and universities that have established football programs in Jacksonville.

Jacksonville University has had a football program since 1998, and it has given the school national publicity.

According to JU Assistant Media Relations Director Josh Ellis, the university has its own radio show on ESPN 1460 AM, a weekly column in the Florida Times-Union, and has several of its football games televised on Comcast Sports Net.

"Since the school has gained a football team, atmosphere at JU has changed," said Joel Lamp, the assistant athletic director of media relations.

He said the students celebrate in a big way on game day during the football season. Especially on homecoming week, JU students

know how to show a lot of school spirit.

"We had a high school recruit visit our university during homecoming week," Lamp said. "He liked the students' passion so much that he chose our school on signing day."

Edward Waters College established a football program in 2001, but the process began in 1998.

First, the college had to start a strategic plan, and then find support from people in the community. Next, a financial campaign was put in place to raise money to fund program expenses.

Other expenses included game day equipment for 60 players, a Division II coaching staff, a medical training staff, an equipment manager and an equipment staff. EWC also had to fund practice equipment, scholarships and money for travel fees during away games.

The final bill to put together the football program at EWC was

an estimated \$2.5 million.

In addition, EWC had to seek out many places to get publicity for the school.

"We had to beg and campaign for local media exposure," Henry Smith, the assistant athletic director at EWC, said. "I had to go to many newspaper companies in south Florida to ask them to cover our team."

Although UNF does not have a football team like other schools around the country, students anticipate that one day they can have the privilege to share in the experience of cheering on their own team.

"I hope that UNF can receive a football team," Kathy Foote, senior advertising major at UNF, said. "It would help bring more students to this university, and we can represent our team with pride."

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