

# Commission upholds 2 election violations

More than 20 other violations dismissed or withdrawn during nine-hour SG meeting

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 NEWS EDITOR

After an Oct. 31 hearing that lasted almost nine hours, the University of North Florida Student Government Election Commission dismissed all but two of the 24 violations filed against fall 2007 election candidates.

One of the two violations upheld was against "Smart Government" candidates Nelson Hernandez and Nelson Lady for not turning in receipts on time. The other was against every "Smart Government" candidate except Brandon Eady for not time-stamping every page of their financial statements. Because the two violations were minor, no action was taken.

Three people filed the violations against candidates from both parties. Chris Arsenault, a "Smart

Government" candidate, filed the majority of the violations. Arsenault was elected to the Senate after the election results were validated Nov. 5.

"Basically, the violations were filed not only to show how people weren't following the rules during elections, but also to show how difficult the rules are to follow," Arsenault said.

He said he filed the violations to "show SG and the student body that changes [to the election code] need to happen."

Arsenault came to the violations hearing late and said he withdrew all the violations he filed. It was unclear whether this occurred before or after the commission heard any of them, but none of his violations were ultimately upheld.

Elections Supervisor Chelsi Henry said the hearing went smoothly, and the commission took its time to

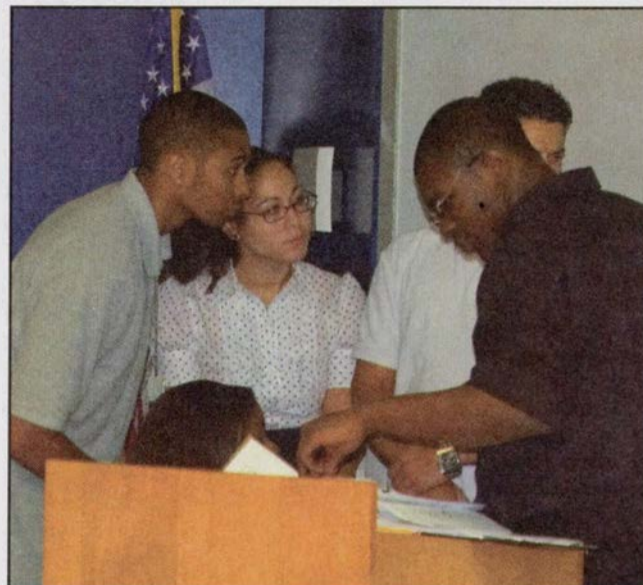
ensure all procedures were followed properly.

"As a whole, the committee deliberated and did their best to preserve the statutes and keep the will of the students in mind," Henry said.

Henry filed complaints against all candidates for failing to properly file expense documentation. Had Henry's complaint been upheld by the commission, every candidate would have been disqualified and the elections invalidated.

Sen. Christiana Patterson also filed violations but said she was unable to comment about the violations without first consulting SG Adviser Laurel Kendall.

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Members of the Student Government Elections Commission review electoral complaints and inquiries during an Oct. 31 violations hearing.

# TASERS: not welcome on campus

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In the wake of the University of Florida tasing controversy, the University of North Florida Police Department stands by its rules for dealing with insubordinate students, said Assistant Chief of Police John Dean.

UPD does not use tasers because they are not approved as lesser lethal weapons, which are described as weapons designed not to kill, said Police Chief Mark Foxworth.

UPD officers use other approved weapons like pepper spray and expandable batons, which are classified as lesser lethal weapons. They also carry .22-caliber guns in situations where more force is needed.

"It's pretty uneventful here [at UNF]," Dean said. After an incident, he says there is always a review of force used by a lieutenant, response officer, chief and assistant chief."

After these offices individually review the force that was used, they review the information together, according to Foxworth.

Each year he reviews incidents involving force to study whether there is an over usage of a certain weapon.

If death occurs as a result of

force used by campus police, Dean said the Florida Department of Law Enforcement would be called in to review the case.

If a case is reviewed and the defendant is not satisfied with the outcome, they can take the case to the FDLE for review. According to Dean this has never happened in the history of the university to his knowledge.

Foxworth said that in the past, he has only heard one complaint about the use of excessive force during a UPD-involved situation.

The situation occurred in 2000 when an officer threw a student against a wall during an alcohol investigation in a dormitory.

The officer was issued a written warning, which is one step below suspension. The officer no longer works for the university, Foxworth said.

Dean said UPD assesses situations by using a force matrix, which is a scale of appropriate force use that helps officers determine what is appropriate.

The first level on the force matrix is the presence of an officer, and the levels increase as more intense physical force is used.

After the first level is the use of passive physical restraints that don't use

weapons, Foxworth said.

If the situation escalates, the officer will use pepper spray or an extendable baton and physically take down the suspect.

If the situation becomes more dangerous and the use of deadly force that is likely to result in death is needed, the officers then use a .22-caliber gun.

Each year officers receive training on new uses for lesser lethal weapons and train 8 hours per month on the use of force.

The police officers are given scenarios and told to react appropriately and are then graded on how they respond.

Last week, UF police dropped all charges against Andrew Meyer, the student tased during a speech by Sen. John Kerry, after he apologized to the university, the UF Police Department, and the president of the university.

There has never been a disturbance like the one at UF during a speech at UNF, according to Sharon Ashton, assistant vice president of public relations.

"If there was a disturbance, we would call the University Police Department," Ashton said.

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# UPD looks into armed robbery

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 NEWS EDITOR

University of North Florida police officers are currently investigating an alleged armed robbery in the Crossings that occurred Oct. 30.

A Crossings resident reported being robbed at gunpoint by two white males at approximately 10 p.m. The suspects reportedly approached the victim in his dorm, demanded his property, and fled the scene with it. The suspects are both described as 6 feet tall and 150 pounds, with short brown hair and clean-shaven faces.

"We are looking at several individuals," said Lt. Tammy Oliver.

Oliver said that while the investigation is still in the fact-finding stage, all indications are that this was an isolated incident, and officers believe the suspects did not come from off campus.

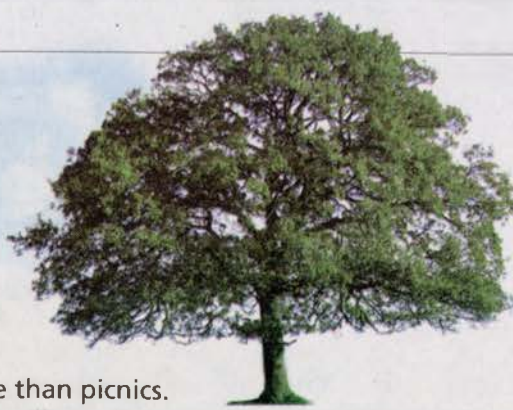
There are no other witnesses to the crime at this time, Oliver said.

Anyone with information regarding the alleged incident or the suspects is encouraged to contact UPD at 620-2366.

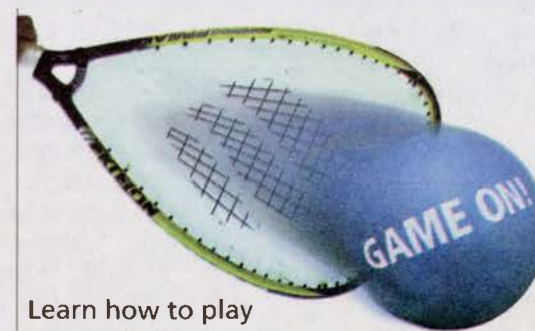
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### BEST

More students with disabilities are attending the University of North Florida to take advantage of the full-staffed Disability Resource Center than in past years.

### WORST

A resident in the Crossings reported having been robbed at gunpoint by suspects that police believe live on campus.

### FIX

Students living in dorms should be more aware of suspicious-looking people, since they are more at risk of being followed to their homes.

## ♦♦♦ Editorials ♦♦♦

# Long meetings, red tape hinder elections

Like painted campaign signs and free pizza, the violations hearing is a staple of the University of North Florida Student Government electoral process.

A candidate with enough votes can't officially be considered a senator until their paperwork is thoroughly inspected and their documents pass muster.

The Fall 2007 General Election violation hearing was a massive nine-hour undertaking that consisted of numerous minor and major charges levied against various parties and candidates.

The meeting might have been epic in length, but that was far from the most concerning aspect of the hearing.

A number of the violation inquiries smacked of partisan motivation and faulty reasoning.

A charge was brought against the Smart Government (green) party concerning a dog wearing a green polo shirt.

Let that idea sink in.

The Elections Commission – the group responsible for evaluating elections violations – was stuck discussing the merits of a canine in a T-shirt.

Unless the four-legged troublemaker was being used as a walking billboard to espouse party platforms, the complaint should've been disregarded.

Considering the scope of elections, deciding whether a green polo made for a dog is a "direct" or "indirect" expense shouldn't rank high on the Elections Commission's to-do list.

Elections Supervisor Chelsi Henry levied the most serious violation charge against every candidate in the election simultaneously. Henry alleged all candidates failed to submit

paperwork verifying campaign expenses.

While the violations were ultimately dismissed, the implications are frightening.

Considering every one of the candidates failed to turn in paperwork by the required deadline, there was an obvious breakdown in communication.

When elections officials realized no candidates had submitted forms, they should have acted proactively and alerted the candidates via e-mail. The Elections Commission ruled the candidates were not in violation, but the fact these charges made it to the violation hearing is indicative of a convoluted system that sets candidates up for failure.

Election officials should be supporting candidates in their pursuit of public service, not trying to derail

their hopes with inconsequential snippets of red tape.

Instead, candidates must be wary of bureaucratic pitfalls without guidance from elected officials until it's too late.

Matters like these plague the SG electoral process.

Year after year, a host of violations are brought to the commission's doorstep and resources are unnecessarily wasted in lengthy, petty debates.

An impartial commission is necessary to review the appearance of sketchy campaign practices and hold candidates to an appropriate standard.

However, forcing the commission to spend nine hours poring over documents that include canine outfits and other thinly veiled partisan attacks is counterproductive to promoting a healthy government.



# FEMA'S 'press conference' ploy a public service travesty

Since the Federal Emergency Management Agency did not respond to Hurricane Katrina effects quickly or effectively, it has been a priority of the organization over the past couple years to restore its name in the public eye.

A recent incident, however, has greatly deterred any progress toward that end.

FEMA held a "press conference" to discuss its assistance to the fire victims in Southern California.

But this press conference was missing one thing – press.

Reporters were notified of the press conference 15 minutes before it began.

FEMA explained that because of the short notice, they created an 800 number for reporters to call into to participate in the conference. But the number did not allow reporters to ask any questions, because it was a listen-only line.

One of a journalist's foremost responsibilities is to ask questions that

encourage responsible parties to give complete answers.

The opportunity to ask questions was hindered, as was the release of complete information.

Chief of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff said he could not explain FEMA's actions, but called it one of the "dumbest and most inappropriate things" he has ever seen.

The White House officially reprimanded FEMA for the fake press conference.

Vice Adm. of FEMA Harvey E. Johnson admitted the organization made an error in judgment, but said it was trying to get information out to the public as soon as possible to deal with the many questions concerning the wildfires.

One must wonder in retrospect if FEMA was concerned about getting real information out to the public, or just making themselves look good as their "reporters" – in reality FEMA employees – tossed easy questions at their boss.

Some companies have used some

terrible tactics in the past in grabs to restore public faith in them, but FEMA's broadcasting a fake press conference will go down as one of the worst public relations moves ever.

The public is interested in knowing the tough answers, not why the secretary and administrator of FEMA are traveling to California.

To one question posed by the PR people, Johnson responded, "I am very happy with FEMA's response."

FEMA apologized for the press conference, stating they would review their press procedures and make necessary changes.

It is just a shame they had to lose further public confidence before those changes were made.

In a situation where lives are being threatened, it is especially important that FEMA be thoroughly truthful to the public.

It is a reporter's responsibility to hold organizations accountable for their actions and expose the whole truth.

## CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporter's error, information about the Osprey ID cards was misreported in the Oct. 31 article "Card upgrade delayed until summer 2008." The current cards can only be used at the box office to receive student discounts. Students will be able to use the new cards to purchase tickets. Additionally, students can only add money to the Flex accounts at the Chartwells office.

The amount of money students can have on their card was misreported. Students have a \$50 limit for the vending stripe on the card, which pays for laundry, vending machines and copies. If the card is lost, this money is lost. However, students can maintain a higher balance on the meal plan part of the card and do not lose this money if the card is lost.

# Daylight Saving Time a government-imposed inconvenience

Many of you are probably still adjusting. I know I am. Daylight Saving Time tends to sneak up on us every year. Symptoms are minor, but essentially unavoidable.

Loss of sleep. Hysteria. Uncontrollable sneezing. The effects of "springing ahead" and "falling back" are never pretty, and can happen to anybody. Hopefully some of you have stayed healthy enough to read this.

DST is a phenomenon that never really comes into question, no matter how frustrating and disruptive it can be.

Similar to the "Shotgun" rule in regard to automobile front seat allocation, DST has become a tradition with an irrelevant history. Everybody does it, and nobody asks why.

In the name of truth and justice, I have decided to uncover the secrets of DST and the people behind it. If this article gets me arrested or killed, please see to it that my Nintendo Wii gets tossed into the St. Johns River. If I can't play it, nobody can. The

## STUDENT OPINION



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conniving minds behind DST are actually the U.S. Government. Go figure.

In fact, an entire department of the government is dedicated to DST and similar occurrences in the life of the average citizen. They're the same government group that makes individual socks go missing from every load of laundry. They are known as the Inconvenience Initiative.

To the best of my knowledge, it was 1908 when they first united. Henry Ford had just released his Model T car, and the lives of Americans were about to become extremely convenient compared to their current way of life. Life would be almost too easy.

Some unhappy government officials deemed it necessary to do something that would reverse some of this newfound joy among Americans. They needed something to interrupt the consistency and ease of life in the country, and give people something to complain about. The Inconvenience Initiative was born.

Their first project was Daylight Savings Time, or as classified documents referred to it, "Operation: Hey, let's make everybody late to work tomorrow!"

Much to the dismay of farmers, record keepers and anybody who experiences time, there would be a new institution that requires the entire population to set their clocks an hour behind on a set date.

Results of the event were not unlike those you would see today. It got brighter earlier. It got darker earlier. In fact, everything happened earlier. One hour earlier to be exact.

Nobody gained anything from it. Not even the government. Truth is, they did not create the Inconvenience Initiative to turn any kind of profit.

They just love knowing that, at any time, they can piss off the entire country.

The actions of the Inconvenience Initiative evolved pretty naturally from DST, and have since made life more and more frustrating for the average person.

You might be familiar with some of their best known work. The FCAT. Pop-up ads. The Airport Security Act. Closing Chick-Fil-A on Sundays. They truly are the masters of their craft.

Maybe they're on to something, though. It might be necessary to throw some monkey wrenches in our day-to-day gears, to keep us on our toes and help us appreciate the good things we have.

Regardless, the truth is out now. The next time you find yourself adjusting all the clocks in your house or falling victim to similar inconveniences, please do not fret. The government is simply doing its job.

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## ❖❖❖Letters to the Editor❖❖❖

### Alternative religions still exist in Halloween traditions

Dear Editor,

I agree with almost every one of the points in the Oct. 31 column titled "Don't water down longtime American Halloween tradition."

However, I take offense to the sentence that says "There is no religion left in Halloween." Yes, it is true Halloween is a strictly secular celebration today, but there are still individuals who believe in its religious purpose.

Halloween is one of the few holidays that has not been taken over by Christians.

There is no longer any religious meaning to Halloween as shown in popular culture in the United States, but in Mexico, Halloween is still observed as the Day of the Dead and is a celebration rather than a time of fear.

I have nothing against Halloween as a secular celebration.

Having said that, I believe it is essential that individuals remember where Halloween, or All Hallows' Eve, came from.

Also, there are still many pagans and wiccans who celebrate Samhain on this day, so saying there's no religion left in Halloween is not true. Samhainism is still around, as is the celebration of the harvest.

Hundreds of years ago, All Hallows' Eve was a time the spirits passed into the afterlife and children dressed up to either frighten them away or to not be "taken," and treats were given to help the spirits' passage.

This is the ancient root of Halloween, and it has nothing to do with Christianity.

Jeremy Schiffer  
Junior, Information Technology

### SG's stresses open door policy, accessibility to students

Dear Editor,

I agree with the Oct. 31 editorial titled "Failure to post meeting info unwarranted," which said, "The key to a successful student government is open communication and a constant flow of information."

I sincerely hope each of you feels you can approach any member of SG and inquire about the issues that

concern you and what we are working on at any time.

I believe we have made every effort to go above and beyond making information about our work available to you. In fact, we will soon complete the new SG Student Concerns pamphlet, which will be made available for you to fill out and return to SG.

Other efforts to maximize our accessibility to students thus far have included the SG updates we e-mail bi-monthly, SG bulletin boards, flyers and our newly improved Web site, sg.unf.edu, which I hope all of you have visited!

One of the duties I have, along with other members of SG, is to serve on the various university committees. These committees make recommendations to President Delaney on matters that impact your college experience. We consider it an honor to serve you in this regard.

Please never hesitate to contact us if there is an issue important to you, a question you have, or something you would like to know about.

As always, I am not content unless I know I'm serving you, and remember, my door is always open to each of you.

Rachael Tutwiler  
Student Body President

### SG has little or no control over campus improvements

Dear Editor,

Please refer to the Sept. 19 article titled "SG taking early strides toward meeting goals," where the current administration outlines its plans for a new Osprey Card with debit features, and compare it with the Oct. 31 article titled "Card upgrade delayed until summer 2008," where it was announced there will be a delay in the process of this "promise."

The end result is that the new card is not happening as planned, and there was no comment from university administration. Why do you think this is?

The truth about many promises made by SG representatives is that they have little or no control over the outcomes. These issues are discussed among the Board of Trustees and include ideas that are initiated by the university staff, not SG members.

Don't blame your SG representatives for the delay, because it was

never in their hands to begin with. Some promises have nothing to do with SG. It just so happens that SG hears about them before everyone else and banks off of the University's strides to gain political prestige.

The positive attributes of SG are not as visible as the negative, but they do exist. SG funds all of the clubs on campus.

This is the silent benefit to the students. Supplemental funding is also allocated to recreation, the gym, the game room and other amenities, which all students can use.

Next time you see a SG Senator or member from the Executive or Judicial branches, I encourage you to ask them, "Where is this promise?" And, "What happened to that idea?" If you pressure your representatives, you might get what they try to sell at the polls.

Be an intelligent constituent and question your representatives. Make them answer your hard questions, make them work for their title, and get the maximum benefit you can from SG.

Joe Huskey  
Junior, Political Science  
SG Senator

### FAC pledges to alert students when ticket sales reopen

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to an Oct. 24 column titled "Refusal to sell student tickets to Cole event cost school money."

The Fine Arts Center did indeed sell \$10 student tickets, although we

had to limit the amount we could sell due to the performer's fee, something we have done only one other time in our 5-year history.

The average student ticket sales for last season were 80 tickets per show, but we decided to allow additional student tickets for this performance because we thought she would be popular among the students.

When the concert did not sell out a few days before the performance, we allotted even more student tickets for this event.

In the future, we will ask the Ticket Box Office to keep a list of students who request tickets so that if a performance does not sell out, we can offer more student tickets.

Also in the future, we will place an announcement in Student Update letting students know of the availability of additional tickets.

The University never expected to make money on the Natalie Cole concert. We hoped to sell a minimum of 1200 tickets so we could at least cover her fee and also provide an affordable ticket price to the faculty, staff and community. Even with a sellout, we would not cover the cost of advertising, technical needs and other expenses.

The Fine Arts Center is dedicated to providing the highest quality entertainment for our students, faculty, staff and for the community, and we look forward to continuing to do so in the future.

Dani Deyton  
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UNF Fine Arts Center

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## Question of the Week "What does Veterans Day mean to you?"



**ANDREA  
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"A day in history that we support our troops."



**ANGELA  
WILLIAMS**  
POST  
BACCALAUREATE,  
PRE-MED

"Another day to sit back and sleep and watch T.V."



**NIKHIR  
SINGH**  
FRESHMAN  
PRE-MED

"A day to respect all the soldiers that went to war."



**MONICA  
KARCSMAR**  
FRESHMAN  
UNDECIDED

"I don't know. I haven't had anyone in my family participate in a war."



**CHRIS  
WILLIAMS**  
SENIOR,  
ENGLISH

"Nothing."

Compiled by Ashley Beland.

## Swimsuit calendar sales banned

BY KIE RELYEA  
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

Turns out sex doesn't sell at Western Washington University in Bellingham. Not for now, anyway.

Creators and fans of a swimsuit calendar featuring female WWU students will appeal the school's decision to forbid its sale on vendor's row, a prominent sales area on campus, after the school says it received complaints that the calendar objectifies women.

WWU graduate and calendar creator Jason La Baw said he sold the 2007-08 Women of Western calendar on campus during the spring quarter but was told this month he could no longer sell at the school after only a few days of business.

"I asked why and they said it doesn't fit within university's mission statement," La Baw said, noting that the choice came during the national banned book week. "My response to that was, 'How does selling hot dogs fit within the university mission statement?'"

Jim Schuster, director of Viking Union facilities, oversees vendors in the area. Schuster said several people verbally complained about the calendar to his office and to the office of the Vice President of Student Affairs, both this quarter and last. He said no written complaints were filed, and he could not recall how many people complained.

"Last year we (administrators) determined we did not wish this image to represent Western, when it appears Western is sponsoring or approving this," Schuster said. "We're not."

Schuster said La Baw was allowed to sell the product this quarter on Oct. 3 and 4 because of a new employee's oversight.

Sherry Mallory, special assistant to the vice president, said her office received verbal complaints about the calendar. The choice to remove it from campus, she said, lay primarily with Schuster and was based on the school's "Sale of Goods and Services" policy.

The policy, which is open to interpretation by Viking Union administration, states that goods and services sold on campus "shall be consistent with the aims of the University, shall enhance the campus environment, and shall not interfere with the University's normal

### THE WOMEN OF WESTERN WASHINGTON CALENDAR

- Printed: 1,000
- Sold: About 200 so far
- Cost: \$10

operation."

"We realized that this really doesn't tie into enhancing the campus environment (like the food services do)," Mallory said.

Schuster said he seldom denies vendors but has done so in the past for those selling smoking paraphernalia or future services like credit cards and cellular phones.

La Baw said complaints that the calendar demeans women are misdirected.

"We showed the women as more than just being pretty," he said, noting that a biography of each woman lists her major and interests. "We're showing beautiful women as being smart, intelligent, doing the things they do in real life."

La Baw said 300 people have joined an online Facebook group in support of the calendar, and he will circulate a petition to persuade Schuster to reconsider.

Kendra Lee Timm, a 20-year-old psychology and child development double major with a music minor, said she saw the calendar as empowering, not demeaning.

"I think of Western as a lot of very open-minded, intelligent people, and I think that we would represent Western in a good way," said Timm, who appeared on the calendar's cover and for the month of January. "Who wouldn't want to be represented by cute, intelligent women? There could be a lot worse things to be represented by."

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## Women's Center to celebrate 20 years of serving female Ospreys

BY JESSICA MEDINA  
STAFF WRITER

The University of North Florida Women's Center will host a celebration Nov. 8 to celebrate its 20th anniversary and honor its accomplishments and one of its founders, Shirley Webb, who is now director of the Jacksonville Women's Center.

"Some people from the founding are coming back to give perspective," said DeeAnne Crookham, event coordinator. "There will also be a collection of scrapbooks of what we've done in the last 20 years."

The Women's Center began as a volunteer office with two students. In 1987, the center opened its doors, and since then the center has brought guests such as Maya Angelou and Nora Roberts to campus.

"We started from an idea and built it to be stable, solid and have an impact on campus," Crookham said.

The center now offers services such as rape awareness education, financial assistance programs, and victim advocacy programs. In the coming years, plans for the center include making services more accessible and expanding its programming to reach more students on campus, Crookham said.

"We host a lot of events, so it's not just victim advocacy stuff," said Jennifer Citterio, a junior art history major involved with the center. "We also host events with other departments."

Citterio has worked for the Women's Center for two years, where, she said, a lot of students rely on loan and scholarship programs the center provides.

The anniversary gala will take place at the University Center Nov. 8 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

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## SG Update

The following is a summary of the business conducted during an emergency University of North Florida Student Government Senate meeting Nov. 5 at 6 p.m.

- Jason Trent withdrew from elections

**SB-07F-2174**: Elections Validation  
The following candidates were validated and will now serve as senators:

- Jessica Sexton
- Ashley Adams
- Nina Guerriero
- Danielle Barringer
- Tom Blanchard
- Jimmy Mansfield
- Angela Green
- Anthony Mack
- Yvette Kibwika
- Greg Curry
- Chris Hovel
- Amanda Brunson
- Tony Miles
- Cherie Michaud
- Matt Pagan
- Redner Salonga
- Chris Arsenault
- Michael Saathoff
- Mary Elizabeth Hines
- Brandon Eady

The following is a summary of the business conducted during the regularly scheduled Senate meeting conducted Nov. 5 at 6:30 p.m.

- Josh Baker resigned from senate.

**SB-07F-2177**: Intercultural Center for Peace budget increase  
• \$7,025.00 will be budgeted to the ICP.  
• Presented by Sen. Yvette Kibwika.  
• Passed 36-0-0.

**SB-07F-2178**: Recreational Sports Request for Bleachers  
• \$15,177 will be used to purchase three portable bleachers.  
• Presented by Sen. Joseph Huskey.  
• Passed: 36-0-0.

**SB-07F-2172**: Addition to 601.5 - Roles and Duties of the Election Commissioner  
• The elections commissioner might seek interpretation of the SG elections code from the student government attorney general effective immediately.  
• Presented by Sen. Chelsi Henry.  
• Passed by unanimous consent.

**SB-07F-2173**: Addition 601.3 duties of the Elections Selections and Appointments Committee Vice-Chairperson.

- The elections commissioner may seek interpretation of the student government elections code from the student government attorney general effective immediately.
- Presented by Sen. Chelsi Henry.
- Passed by unanimous consent.

**SB-07F-2175**: Senate officer elections statute  
• Semi-annual and yearlong positions will be voted on during the fall and spring elections.  
• Presented by Sen. Joseph Huskey.  
• Passed 26-10-0.

**New Committee Chairs**  
• The budget and allocations committee chair is Brandon Eady.  
• The student advocacy committee chair is Michael Gottlieb.  
• The elections, selections and appointments committee chair is Christiana Patterson.  
• The Parliamentarian is Christopher Hovel.

Compiled by Jessica Medina.

# Florida college vows job-savvy graduates

BY ERIKA BERAS  
MCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

Hoping to better prepare its graduates for the world, Miami Dade College has come up with 10 guiding principles.

Their students enroll in classes, attend college and earn degrees.

But are they really learning skills that will make them productive employees?

A 10-point covenant signed at Miami Dade College's Freedom Tower Oct. 19 attempted to guarantee that the two-year graduates the public college sends into the community don't just have book smarts.

The 10 goals – agreed to by students, faculty and administrators – include ensuring that graduates can demonstrate knowledge of ethical thinking and providing them with the skills to use computer and emerging technologies effectively.

The list of 10 was two years in the making.

At the ceremony at the Freedom Tower, students and faculty signed the covenant in front of about 300 of their peers, Barry Johnson of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce and U.S. Under Secretary of Education Sara Martinez Tucker.

"I think this is really important for us," said Student Government Association President Felipe Matos. "The only way an institution can move forward is by making long and short goals."

Martinez Tucker was at the college's Wolfson Campus downtown as part of a national tour to explore college issues.

"You're holding yourself

**"The only way an institution can move forward is by making long and short goals."**

**Felipe Matos,**  
SGA President, Miami Dade College

accountable for the work that you do and the community that you serve," Martinez-Tucker told the crowd.

The covenant is the first of its kind signed anywhere in the country, officials said.

In writing the covenant, the college spent two years taking a hard look at its performance. It surveyed hundreds of business owners, asking what skills they seek in prospective employees.

Among the answers: "They have to think on their feet," said Norma Martin Goonen, provost for academic and student affairs. "They have to communicate effectively, write a business memo that makes sense. They have to be able to apply technology and have a sense of ethics. And they need to know math."

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## INTERNATIONAL FLAIR



Dean of Students Tom VanSchoor (left) served food to students, faculty and staff at the latest International dinner Nov. 1. The dinner is sponsored each month by the Interfaith Center. Student Life participated, hosting a Mexican-themed night.

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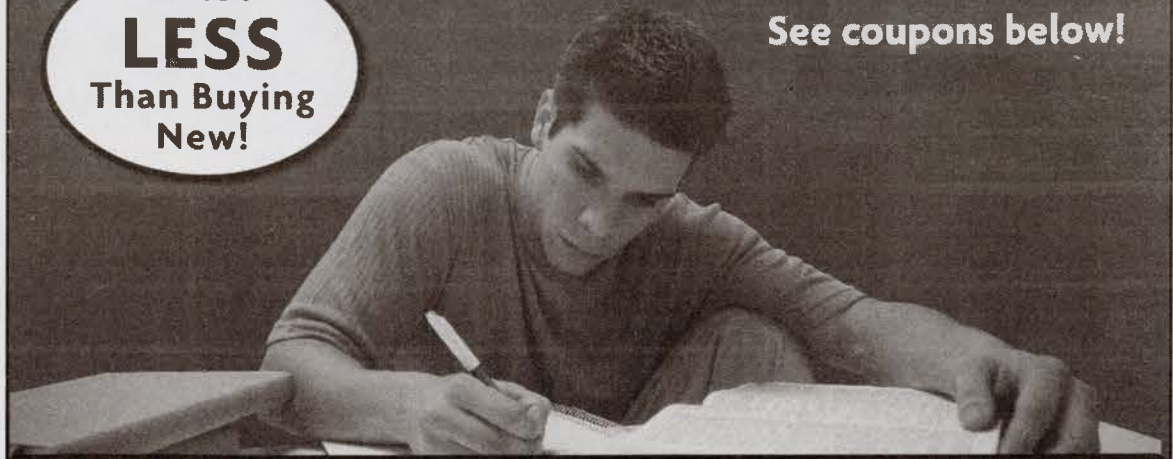


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## PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

# LearnUNF lecture speakers discuss goals for improving university life

The first of a series of lectures geared toward new programs at the University of North Florida took place in the Robinson Center Nov. 5.

LearnUNF speakers included Vice President of Student and International Affairs Mauricio Gonzalez, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs Everett Malcolm, Assistant Vice President of Student Life Lucy Croft, University Police Department Chief Mark Foxworth and Student Body President Rachael Tutwiler.

The lectures were developed and planned by the LeadershipUNF class of 2006, which is part of the Center for Professional Development and Training. The program states the goals of the presentations are to develop a sense of belonging on campus and provide a question and answer forum with members of UNF faculty.



**MARK  
FOXWORTH**

Foxworth updated UNF on the recent training of UPD officers. This training includes a monthly class about new techniques for handling various situations. Most recently, the officers were certified with shooter training, Foxworth said. He also reiterated the progress of a program named "Saving our Students," which identifies at-risk students and offers them counseling resources to help combat behavioral problems.



**RACHAEL  
TUTWILER**

Tutwiler explained the new initiatives Student Government is pursuing. She focused primarily on the school spirit initiative. A student section for games in the Arena, tailgating before games, and free T-shirts are just some of the events planned to amp up school spirit, Tutwiler said.



**LUCY  
CROFT**

Croft stressed the importance of the leadership institute, which offers specialized leadership courses tailored to certain majors.

Croft said these types of classes make students better citizens and more marketable for jobs upon graduation.

A lesser known UNF initiative dubbed the Hidden Lake Project was also discussed. This would be a building near the lake adjacent to the University Center on Alumni Drive.

The multi-purpose structure would encompass weddings, church services, meditations and things of a spiritual nature.

Donations are currently being raised to fund the project, Croft said.



**MAURICIO  
GONZALEZ**

Gonzalez spoke about recent trends in Student Affairs departments in universities across the country and how UNF will implement some of these ideas into its curriculum and campus services.

This included expanding counseling and health services for students, a campus-wide emphasis on civility and ethics, leadership development through internships and parental involvement in the university.



**EVERETT  
MALCOLM**

Malcolm touched on plans for the future sports performance center, which will include expanding the Dottie Dorion Fitness Center and adding multi-purpose fitness rooms and hardwood courts for physical education and recreation.

The Department of Health Promotions and the Office of Recreation will also be gaining new office and storage space.

A juice bar and rock climbing wall are also being planned.

Compiled by Sarah Diener.

## Professor, rats prove brains can stay young while bodies age

BY DAVE NEWHOUSE  
THE OAKLAND TRIBUNE

Marian Diamond changed science. She discovered in the mid-1960s that while the body ages, the brain doesn't have to grow old.

If you say "rats" to such thinking, Diamond can prove you wrong. She unlocked the brain's true potential through experimenting with rats.

Diamond, a distinguished professor of anatomy at University of California, Berkeley, determined that the brain can stay young through stimulation, which can be achieved through her five-point plan: diet, exercise, challenge, newness, and tender loving care.

In other words, eat properly, stay in reasonable shape, stimulate the brain by challenging it, search for new ways to motivate brain power and strive for love and affection because the brain reacts better to harmony.

And might Diamond's five-point plan serve as a deterrent to dementia and Alzheimer's disease among senior citizens?

"Oh, very definitely," she said. "There's no doubt in my mind. But you have to 'feed' the brain."

Using her plan, how is she challenged?

"Every student who sits in that chair," she said, pointing across the desk in her fifth-floor office in the Life Sciences Building on campus. "They come in here asking questions and you better have the answers."

What newness, then, is in her life? She has four children, four grandchildren and a husband. They see each other on school weekends, which they've been doing the past 25 years.

"What could be better, deciding new things for them, to stimulate their brains?"

Diamond feels her own brain growing.

"It's hard to put it in words," she said, "but you're very pleased when you plan something and when you need it for the student, you still have it. You know you're still processing recent memory."

In 1960, Diamond became the first female faculty member in Cal's science department, achieving full professorship in 1974. She still teaches anatomy with

her 81st birthday two weeks away.

For exercise, on weekdays, she swims a half-hour every morning, does tai chi and lifts weights.

As for diet, she watches what she eats and is proud that her figure hasn't ever been more girlish. Her eyes are clear, her voice young, her mind sharp and her handshake firm.

"I feel pretty good," she said. "I have the achy joints, but working with the students, I truly love it."

Her passion for teaching is ageless. There's no retirement age for Cal faculty, but there is a catch.

"As long as a professor is productive and is successful at getting good ratings," Diamond explained. "But if our rats had showed an opposite [scientific result], I wouldn't be here."

A half-century ago, while teaching at Cornell, she read a Science magazine article about how three Cal professors -- Mark Rosenzweig, David Kresh and Ed Bennett -- had determined that rats have different brain chemistry.

After joining Cal's faculty, Diamond began her own rat experiments in 1964. She dealt with rats of all ages and found she was able to increase their life expectancy through TLC, i.e., petting them often.

Her resultant success and her unending enthusiasm for her work has led to 800 lectures around the world, although she has cut back considerably of late to be with her grandchildren.

Besides studying rats, she has studied Albert Einstein's brain, a photo of which is inside her office computer. Can she see genius?

"I wouldn't say that, I've inherited good genes," she said of her father, a physician, and her mother, a lover of the classics. "And I've had good students."

Diamond's not certain how much longer she'll teach, but she won't ever retire. She loathes the word "retire" just from its dictionary meanings: "To withdraw, retreat, go away." She much prefers "redirect."

And redirecting the brain, she has proven, is better than retiring it.

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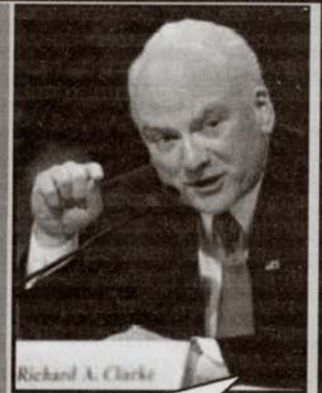
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- 1** Sept. 26 - *Petty theft* (Building 12) - A woman reported that her license was stolen or lost after a visit to the second floor of the library.
- 2** Oct. 27 - *Criminal mischief* (Lot 18)
- 3** Oct. 29 - *Accidental injury* (Arena) - A member of the University of North Florida's women's basketball team collided with another player while attempting a rebound during practice. She hit the floor and reported head and neck pain. She was transported to St. Luke's Hospital.
- 4** Oct. 29 - *Petty theft* (Police Station)
- 5** Oct. 30 - *Threatening letter* (Building V) - A student reported a threatening letter that was taped to his dorm room door. The letter was directed to his roommate and contained menacing information regarding the resident's sexuality.
- 6** Oct. 31 - *Stolen parking decal* (Lot 16)
- 7** Nov. 1 - *Alcohol investigation* (Building R) - Upon returning to a dorm, three people were stopped by an RA because one woman was being carried by her boyfriend. The students appeared intoxicated and later received a breathalyzer test from a UPD officer. All of those stopped were under 21.
- 8** Nov. 1 - *Alcohol investigation* (Building V)
- 9** Nov. 1 - *Disorderly intoxication* (Building Z) - A student who was locked out of his dorm room assaulted a woman working the Osprey Hall front desk with profane language and gestures. He was visibly intoxicated and a UPD officer administered a breathalyzer test that read .123.
- 10** Nov. 1 - *Criminal Mischief* (Building Q) - An RA contacted UPD regarding a prank that resulted in the flooding of her dorm room. A loud pop at her door prompted the resident to open it, causing a 20 gallon trash bin filled with water and cooking oil to spill into her room. Another resident noticed a man running from the scene. The case was referred to Student Conduct.
- 11** Nov. 1 - *Stolen parking decal* (Lot 3)
- 12** Nov. 1 - *Criminal mischief* (Building W) - After a disagreement between two roommates, one of the women put the other's mattress and bedding on the floor and poured hair gel and cereal on it. This was witnessed by the residents' third roommate.
- 13** Nov. 2 - *Alcohol and drug paraphernalia* (Building Q)
- 14** Nov. 2 - *Petty theft* (Lot 18) - A student's wallet was stolen from his vehicle through an unlocked passenger door.
- 15** Nov. 2 - *Criminal mischief* (Lot 10) - A student reported an indentation and a shoe print on the trunk of her vehicle.
- 16** Nov. 2 - *Criminal mischief* (Lot 3) A cook at the Boathouse Grille reported damage to his vehicle after a heated argument.
- 17** Nov. 4 - *Bicycle stolen* (Building C)
- 18** Nov. 4 - *Grand theft* (Building 12) - A student was studying in a room on the second floor of the library when she left to use the restroom. When she returned her laptop was gone so she contacted UPD to report it stolen.

Compiled by Ashley Beland.

# UNF aims to assist growing disabled population

Administration ensures new buildings meet disability codes

BY HOLLI WELCH  
MANAGING EDITOR

More than 450 students are involved with the University of North Florida Disability Resource Center, which coordinates student needs with the Housing Operations Office and professors to provide special dorms and testing centers for students with disabilities.

The DRC works with students with physical disabilities as well as those with emotional or learning disabilities. These "silent disabilities" - learning disabilities like ADD and ADHD - are the most common and are rising at UNF, said Dr. Kristine Webb, DRC director.

"People with disabilities are going to college at greater rates than ever," Webb said. "This is an exciting time for us. UNF is becoming known as a disability-friendly campus."

Through the DRC, students enroll and attend classes required for their major. They utilize technology offered by the center to help achieve class objectives, Webb said.

One such service is a machine that transcribes students' spoken answers onto tests for those who cannot physically write, while more basic resources include specialized

testing centers and hired "note-takers."

"My experience with the DRC has been great," said sophomore English major Emily Michael. "They actually hired someone to take notes for me and to read me subtitles in a Brazilian cinema class that I was taking."

For the DRC, these steps are what help each student reach their potential, Webb said.

"The accommodations provided by the university do not change the course objectives, just the delivery model," Webb said. "Our mission is to help facilitate equal access to education for all students."

The DRC refers to the Americans with Disabilities Act to ensure students have access outside of the classroom as well, Webb said.

The university's ADA Compliance Office focuses on physical attributes of campus that would affect any student with a disability. This includes removing current obstructions and ensuring new buildings meet access codes.

"Each year we look at the entire campus and determine areas to improve or architectural barriers to remove that will have the biggest impact," said Rocelia Gonzalez, ADA compliance director.

With the start of construction on the Brooks College of Health expansion, the Student Union and Osprey Fountains, the compliance staff will be working to make sure every aspect of the buildings are

compliant with the codes and accessible for students, Gonzalez said.

The same holds true for the current dorms on campus, many of which have been renovated to accommodate students.

"We are required to maintain certain ADA certified rooms at all times, but if special work is needed, we'll look for a solution," said Housing Director Paul Riel.

Two years ago, the university renovated a dorm from the inside out, gutting the kitchen, widening the front door, and removing a window to create a back door.

The result was a tailored space that became a unit for other students with disabilities to utilize in following years, Riel said.

Junior marketing major Christina Greson currently lives in the room and said she loves the space and the options it has created for her.

"The sky is the limit," Greson said. "Whatever I need, they take care of me, and they've been very helpful."

Greson said her overall impression of UNF's accommodations and the DRC has been "awesome."

"They have been very reasonable and open for suggestions," she said. "There are always open arms when I go in and they know you by name, which is awesome since this is such a big school."

E-mail Holli Welch at [managing@unfspinnaker.com](mailto:managing@unfspinnaker.com).

## News in Brief

### ID cards give taxi discounts

Starting Nov. 1, University of North Florida students are now able to use their UNF ID to receive up to a 20 percent discount on taxi fares from the VIP Taxi Company. Rides can be reserved by calling 904-225-8888.

The Students in Free Enterprise organization sponsored this project.

### Chartwells cuts back hours

Chartwells will be reducing the hours of operation for Osprey Cafe and Outtakes during the Veterans Day holiday weekend. The Osprey Cafe will be open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and then from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. from Nov. 10 to 12. Outtakes will be open Nov. 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All other restaurants will be closed.

### Committee to discuss fees

The Student Fee Assessment Committee will be making recommendations about student fees for the 2008-2009 school year. The meeting will take place Nov. 9 in the president's conference room at 3 p.m.

### Alumni teaches etiquette skills

An etiquette dinner for graduating seniors will take place Nov. 19 in the University Center sponsored by the Alumni Association. Speakers will be on hand to talk about making a good first impression with business colleagues. Students wishing to attend must RSVP to 620-4723 by Nov. 9 to attend.

Compiled by Sarah Diener.

## 7-Day Forecast

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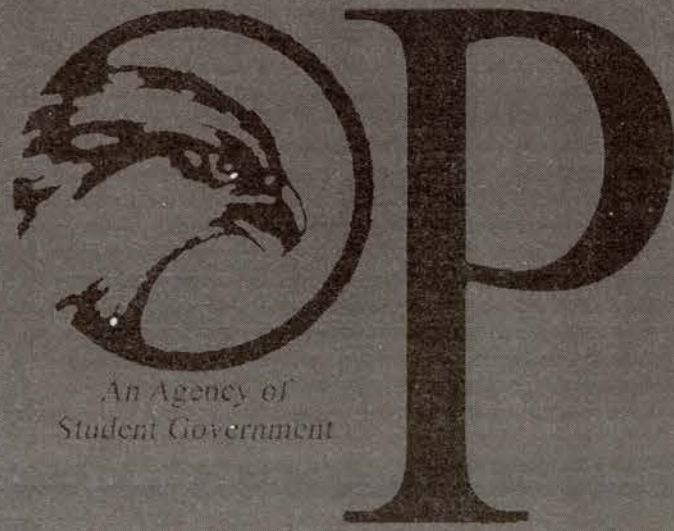
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# Blackface costumes stir racial tension

BY ANGIE LEVENTIS  
ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

Halloween costumes inspired by a Disney movie have spurred racial tension at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, a campus that's grappled with questions of cultural respect several times in the past year.

The university is investigating a case of four white students who dressed in blackface the weekend before Halloween to portray Jamaican bobsledders from the 1993 movie "Cool Runnings."

To look the part, they wore spandex outfits decorated with colored duct tape, and painted their faces brown.

Photos of the students were posted to the online social networking site Facebook. Someone sent the images to the university administration.

One of the four, who agreed to talk on the condition that he not be identified, said the group hadn't intended to offend anyone.

"It was just very light-hearted," he said. "What I feel sorry about is not considering the people who 'did not see past the face paint.'"

He said the group did not think anyone would recognize them as Jamaican bobsledders if they wore just spandex suits.

Some say a white man painting his face to depict a person of color has deeper implications dating to the Civil War era, when blackface was worn in minstrel shows to stereotype black people.

University administrators and students held a forum last month to discuss cultural stereotyping at costume parties. That was in response to a "stereotype party" a student hosted off-campus in late September, at which guests dressed

as Nazis, "rednecks" and "sluts," among other costumes. Last year, a fraternity and sorority came under fire for a party themed "tacos and tequilas," where women dressed as pregnant teens and men as gang members.

And the university recently retired its longtime American Indian mascot, Chief Illiniwek – a proud icon of the school for some students and alumni, a dehumanizing stereotype for others.

"We probably need to do better to teach our children and students to see racism," said Sandra Weissinger, a graduate student studying sociology.

Blackface minstrel shows originated in the early 19th century and proliferated about the time of the Civil War. They typically depicted black people as lazy and uneducated, with exaggerated facial features.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People campaigned after World War II against these images in entertainment and advertisements, said Howard Sacks, a professor of sociology at Kenyon College in Ohio and author of the book "Way Up North in Dixie."

Although blackface entertainment thrived generations ago, its images can be just as powerful – and hurtful – today, Sacks said.

"This is a legacy of association to when blackface was a theatrical form of racism," he said.

University of Illinois students had mixed reactions to the "Cool Runnings" costumes on their campus.

"It's just messed up," said Berenice Chavez, a sophomore in liberal arts and sciences. "That's disrespectful."

Pablo Quintana, a senior studying biology, said that although the students

## THE COSTUME

Students at the University of Illinois dressed in blackface to portray Jamaican bobsledders from the 1993 Disney movie "Cool Runnings."

The costume was made of spandex and colored duct tape, along with face paint.

## THE COMPLAINT

Authorities at the university said that painting faces to depict a person of color refers to the Civil War, when minstrel shows used blackface to stereotype blacks.

## THE VERDICT

The University administration is still investigating the complaint.

probably hadn't intended to cause harm, sometimes images could be hurtful.

"It's a thin line," he said.

Others said costume critics were being overly sensitive.

"I don't think it's racist," said Ben Ahrens, a freshman in computer engineering. "It's a costume, that's what the characters looked like. I don't see anything wrong with it."

Alex Dhadasih, a senior in general engineering, said people had become too consumed with being politically correct.

"It's Halloween," he said.

The "Cool Runnings" students say they never anticipated the fallout from what they perceived as a simple costume. They say they walked in costume past

students of all races last weekend, and everyone seemed to like their outfits.

"I am completely freaked out," said the student who did not want to be identified.

The university administration is investigating the complaint, as "we investigate every incident like this that's brought to our attention," said university spokeswoman Robin Kaler.

She said the case would be handled by either the student judicial system or tolerance program.

Whereas cultural sensitivity and respect are admirable ideals, a public institution must be careful to not tread on the free speech rights of the student body, said Steve Helle, media law professor at the University of Illinois.

Even if costumes are deemed offensive, they are protected speech, and administrators have no right to punish students for the way they dress on a public street.

"The university can investigate all it wants," he said. "But if the university attempts to level penalties, then that's when the First Amendment steps in."

He said an investigation alone was not a First Amendment violation.

Perhaps it will lead the school to focus on educating the student body about cultural stereotypes or offer more classes on racial sensitivity, he said. But the rights of free expression can't be sacrificed in the process.

Helle said, "There needs to be education on all sides on this issue."

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# Student soldiers: UNF veterans reflect on upcoming holiday

BY MAYA GHAZOUL  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

As Veteran's Day approaches, many University of North Florida students are looking forward to a day free of classes. But for some students, it's an opportunity to reflect on the reason behind the day.

For Army medic Michelle Wilmot, the most vivid memory she has of Iraq is a nightmarish one.

Wilmot remembers a fellow 19-year-old soldier from Arizona who was injured by a roadside bomb in Baghdad. The woman was badly injured and later died.

"As I held her head between my palms to stabilize her neck, she was gasping heavily for air, and all I could hear was men crying and begging to keep her alive," Wilmot said. "I have never heard men cry like that before."

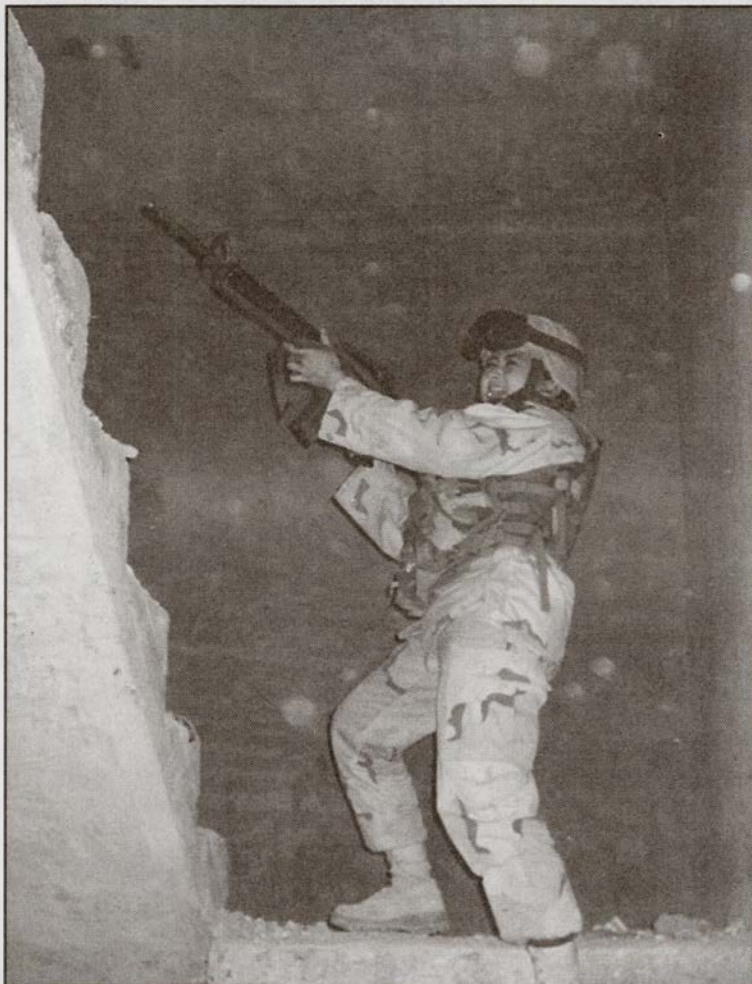
Wilmot is one of the nation's 90,000 military reservists enrolled in college. Approximately 25,000 reservists have been pulled out of college at least once to serve in either Iraq or Afghanistan.

Jason Trevett, a senior communications major, served in the Middle East in 2005.

He was sent to Bahrain, where he worked as a journalist and photographer for the U.S. Navy.

Both Wilmot and Trevett have adjusted back into the school life and are currently pursuing their education and future careers – in international affairs and business administration, respectively. However, Veteran's Day hits close to home.

"Since I've become a veteran, Veteran's Day has become much more important," Trevett said. "I realize the sacrifices veterans



Former Army reservist Michele Wilmot during an excursion in Rumadi, Iraq. Wilmot served as a medic in the Middle East for almost a year.

have made for our country."

Wilmot agrees.

"I think the Veteran's Day holiday should be celebrated for everyone that has served in the military, regardless of when," she said.

The Counseling Center offers a variety of treatments for student-soldiers coming back from Iraq and other conflicts.

Dr. Michael Malec, assistant director of the UNF Counseling

Center, said the center has several counselors who are trained in psychotherapeutic approaches to resolve symptoms resulting from exposure to a traumatic or distressing event.

There is also a part-time psychiatrist on staff for veterans needing medical treatment or prescriptions.

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An education center is located on the preserve but is not open on Sundays. This park also has picnic tables and grills for a slightly longer stay. The trail forks in certain places, but for those who wish to step only where others have before, the main trail is paved.



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Tree Hill Nature Center was designed to teach people, especially young children, about the environment. With 53 acres of trails, several species native to Florida make their home at Tree Hill. Some of these animals are wild, while some are taken care of by the staff.

A pyramid adorned with large solar energy cells acts as the park headquarters. Inside is a museum of Florida natural history.

Despite some of it being geared toward elementary school children, the museum can still hold the attention of adults and is a good backup if the weather goes sour.



A Field guide to JACKSONVILLE'S Wild Side

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Camp Tomahawk

8419 San Ardo Road - Fee: \$0

At first glance, Camp Tomahawk might look like a park that only appeals to families. The entrance to the park is at the end of a cul-de-sac, and the first thing to greet the eye is a playground and picnic area. But behind this sit a creek and three trails. At one mile, .6 miles, and .25 miles, none of these trails are a heavy workout.

But if the trails don't exercise the body, they will certainly exercise the mind. Each one has at least one spot that that will make park-goers stop and look again at something they won't find anywhere else.

At 21.3 acres, Camp Tomahawk is not the largest park in Jacksonville, but at an ambler's pace it can provide at least a few hours of outside enjoyment.

WALTER JONES HISTORICAL PARK

11964 Mandarin Road - Fee: \$0

Walter Jones Historical Park is the site where a farm, general store and post office once stood in Mandarin. The beginnings of the farm date back to before 1902, and the general store and post office were built in 1911. Some of the buildings in this park are rebuilt replicas of the originals, but it is nearly impossible to tell.

With a closing time of 10 p.m., this park stays open later than most parks in Jacksonville, which close at sunset or before. This, coupled with the historic nature of the park, allows for a different experience entirely. At dusk, check out the farmhouse and barn, take a stroll along the dock, or have dinner with friends on one of the charcoal grills.



# Professor finds inspiration for detective novel in everyday people

BY LAUREL WRIGHT  
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Those who have ever had a brush with Dr. Michael Wiley might spend more time in his life than they bargained for.

Wiley, a British literature professor at the University of North Florida, doesn't harass those he meets, but he does take bits and pieces of people he knows and molds them to form the dynamic characters in his novels.

Wiley's latest mystery novel, "The Last Striptease," took traits from two women who lived across from Wiley in Chicago to form the murder victim.

"There are shadows of lots of people I know in [my characters]," Wiley said.

He said since his students are such a big part of his life, he has taken aspects from them to add to his writing - like how characters respond to certain situations.

It seems that character composites for "The Last Striptease" have worked well for Wiley.

His book won a 2006 Best First Private Eye Novel Prize and received praise from critics such as Publishers Weekly, which called "The Last Striptease" a "fast-paced, entertaining read."

Private detective Joe Kozmarski is a "wonderfully flawed everyman" for whom "readers will applaud," the review said.

The book follows Kozmarski as he attempts to clear his childhood friend of the murder of a young woman who had a predilection for alcohol, drugs and nudity.

Yet the novel explores more than just the mystery by digging into Kozmarski's personal life and relationships.

Wiley said that influences from classic detective characters helped shape Kozmarski, but that he has been "moved into a time such as ours with relationships ... such as kids and love affairs."

Wiley said he wasn't surprised that his book did well.

"I have written some bad fiction over the years, and when I was done with 'The Last Striptease,' I felt that I had written something pleasurable and enjoying," he said.

"But I know the way the market goes, and even if you do have something pretty good, you won't succeed unless it gets to the right readers."

Wiley recommends that those interested in writing should read a lot, research, and pay attention to the way others write. "We are told write what you know, but we need to learn what we don't know," he said. Wiley said aspiring authors should write a story that has the opportunity for good storytelling, because those are the stories that readers will want to read.

Then "revise, revise, revise to the best you can make it," he said. The last part of becoming a successful writer is to "spend as much time and effort selling it as writing it - but don't stop writing."

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# Burglar forced at gun point to clean up mess after home owners return

BY MIKE PINGREE  
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

But officer, they violated my rights

A man and his wife returned to their Montgomery, Ala., home to discover that a burglar had broken and vandalized the place, emptying drawers, knocking over cabinets, smashing things and throwing their belongings all over the place.

While they were agonizing over this, the burglar walked back into the house wearing the man's hat.

The homeowner pulled a gun and forced the man to clean the place up.

The burglar later complained to police that the man had put him on clean-up duty.

The officer laughed at him and said he was lucky the guy didn't shoot him.

No, she doesn't know me, but I feel I know her

In an effort to break up her ex-boyfriend's marriage, a Connecticut woman posted a phony profile of the man's wife on an adult Web site.

She told police she did it "to be vindictive, knowing that the profile would create marital problems."

Her former beau became aware of the scam when strange men began calling the house, asking for his wife.



Let's see, where to begin?

A man in Monticello, N.Y., was arrested for driving the wrong way down a divided highway, drunk, with an open container of beer in an uninsured, uninsured car, with license plates belonging to another vehicle, not wearing a seatbelt and with an unsecured 2-year-old child in the back seat.

Go ahead, ladies, I dare you

After the bars and strip joints in El Alto, Bolivia, were shut down, local prostitutes threatened to protest by marching naked in the streets.

Hey, one drink can't hurt

An alcoholic who hadn't had a drink for 16 months, suddenly fell off the wagon at a Wal-Mart in Mukwonago, Wis., and swilled down seven bottles of spiked lemonade in the liquor aisle. He told police, "I just couldn't control myself."

Yes, how can I help you?

Police, investigating drug trafficking being conducted in an apartment in Paceville, Malta,

had their suspicions confirmed when a man answered the door wearing only a T-shirt and holding a bar of cannabis resin in his hand.

She's known as the toughest woman alive

A barmaid at the Premier Hotel in Pinjarra, Australia, was arrested for baring her breasts and crushing beer cans between them.

So, what are you wearing?

A man, falsely claiming to have kidnapped her daughter, called a woman in Washington and tricked her into engaging in phone sex with him.

They were on the phone for about 15 minutes before the woman got wise.

You do know you have the right to remain silent, right?

Even though he had snuck into the country 12 years ago, an illegal alien from Mexico approached a deputy sheriff outside the courthouse in Pittsburgh to ask about his drunk driving arrest.

He admitted that he had no driver's license or green card, and, in fact, he had already been deported.

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# Scientists track evolution of sight

BY ROBERT S. BOYD  
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

Scientists have traced the origin of eyes back to a transparent blob of living jelly floating in the sea about 600 million years ago.

That creature, the distant ancestor of a modern freshwater animal known as a hydra, could only distinguish light from dark. But that simple trick was such an advantage that it was passed on from generation to generation of the hydra's cousins and their myriad descendants.

The hydra work was reported last month in the journal PLoS One by biologists David Plachetzki and Todd Oakley of the University of California at Santa Barbara.

It helps solve one of the puzzles of Darwinian evolution, the process by which a complex organ such as an eye could arise by random genetic mutations and natural selection.

"These results are significant in advancing our understanding of the early evolution of sight in animals," said Jerry Cook, a program director at the National Science Foundation, which financed the work.

The discovery also helps to

counter one of the principal arguments used by anti-evolutionists to discredit Charles Darwin's theory and to support their belief in "intelligent design."

The skeptics contend that it would have been impossible for an eye to form in a series of small steps, by a purely natural process, as Darwin suggested almost 150 years ago.

Like most modern biologists, Oakley vigorously disagrees that a designer is necessary to explain evolution.

"There is no doubt whatsoever in the ability of evolutionary processes to produce all the diversity of life we see," he said in an e-mail.

In their research, Oakley and Plachetzki discovered that a gene called opsin - after the Greek word "ops," meaning "eye" - exists in hydras but not in sponges, an even more primitive animal.

The scientists calculated that opsin genes appeared about 600 million years ago, because that's when the evolutionary branch that led to modern hydras split off from the line that led to sponges.

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# Internships help create smarter, more confident, hireable students

BY LAUREL WRIGHT  
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

While internships usually take up only a semester of the time spent at the University of North Florida, the knowledge and experience they provide is often more valuable than any one class.

Internships are a way to take what is learned in the classroom and apply it to real situations, said Rebecca Kuca, career coordinator and liaison to the College of Computing, Engineering and Construction.

"You can't really learn it all from a book," she said. "It's a really good experience to have on a resume. Internships put you head-and-shoulders above everyone else. With no experience, employers are just taking a chance on you."

Having an internship not only makes students more marketable in the professional world, but also gives

students an opportunity to determine what they enjoy or don't enjoy doing, Kuca said.

"It allows you to find your expertise in a field," she said. "There is no other way to know than going out and trying different things."

Benjamin Swanson, a mechanical engineering graduate student, said his internship helped him "learn the practical aspects of engineering, along with other skills such as project management."

Swanson was invited to stay at his internship at Smurfit-Stone past his original agreement. He recommended that students work hard during their internship and try to avoid calling in sick to increase chances of future employment.

Internships also give students networking opportunities by connecting them with employers in their field that are looking to hire, Kuca said. Often, an internship can result in a job offer.

Senior public relations major Brittany Dyer's internship experience wasn't exactly what she had in mind.

She said that the company she interned with didn't teach her much about her field, but one of the few things that she did learn was how to act in a professional environment.

Dyer recommended that students interview the company they are interning with to find out what you will gain and how they will support your portfolio.

When searching for an internship, it's important to look for a company that aligns with your values, Kuca said.

There are many ways to find an internship, and the Office of Career Services' Web site has a database students can search for free.

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## Pure water poured from tainted bottles

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Most types of plastic bottles are safe to reuse at least a few times if properly washed with hot soapy water.

But recent revelations about chemicals in Lexan (plastic No. 7) bottles are enough to scare even the most committed environmentalists from reusing them (or buying them in the first place).

Studies have indicated that food and drinks stored in such containers - including those ubiquitous clear Nalgene water bottles hanging from just about every hiker's backpack - can contain trace amount of Bisphenol A (BPA), a synthetic chemical that interferes with the body's natural hormonal messaging system.

The same studies found that repeated re-use of such bottles - which get dinged up through normal wear and tear and while being washed - increases the chance that chemicals will leak out of the tiny cracks and crevices that develop over time.

According to the Environment California Research & Policy Center, which reviewed 130 studies on the topic, BPA has been linked to breast and uterine cancer, an increased risk of miscarriage and decreased testosterone levels.

BPA can also wreak havoc on children's developing systems. Parents beware: Most baby bottles and sippy cups are made with plastics containing BPA.

Most experts agree that the amount of BPA that could leach into food and drinks through normal handling is probably very small.

But there are concerns about the cumulative effect of small doses.

Health advocates also recommend not reusing bottles made from plastic No. 1 (polyethylene terephthalate, also known as PET or PETE.) This includes most disposable water, soda and juice bottles.

According to The Green Guide, such bottles may be safe for one-time use.

But reuse should be avoided because studies indicate they may leach DEHP.

DEHP is probable human carcinogen leached from reused bottles when they are in less than perfect condition.

The good news is that such bottles are easy to recycle; just about every municipal recycling system will take them back.

But using them is nonetheless far from environmentally responsible. The nonprofit Berkeley Ecology Center found that the manufacture of plastic No. 1 uses large amounts of energy and resources and generates toxic emissions and pollutants that contribute to global warming. And even though PET bottles can be recycled, millions find their way into landfills every day in the United States, alone.

Another bad choice for water bottles, reusable or otherwise, is plastic No. 3 (polyvinyl chloride/PVC.)

PVC's leach hormone-disrupting chemicals into the liquids they are storing and will release synthetic carcinogens into the environment when incinerated. Plastic No. 6 (polystyrene/PS), has been shown to leach styrene, a probable human carcinogen, into food and drinks as well.

Safer choices include bottles crafted from safer HDPE (plastic No. 2), low-density polyethylene (LDPE, AKA plastic No. 4) or polypropylene (PP, or plastic No. 5).

Consumers may have a hard time finding water bottles made out of No. 4 or No. 5, however.

Aluminum bottles, such as those made by SIGG and sold in many natural food and product markets, are thought to be safe.

Stainless steel water bottles are also safe choices. These non-plastic bottles can be reused repeatedly and eventually recycled.

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## Plugged in: An offer students can hardly refuse

BY CLINT SWETT  
THE SACRAMENTO BEE

College students often receive significant discounts on tech products, but a new offer from Microsoft Corp. lives up to its billing as "the Ultimate Steal."

The company announced Wednesday that students who are enrolled and have a valid e-mail address from an educational institution can get the Office 2007 Ultimate suite of software for \$60, down from a list price of \$680. The promotion runs through April 30.

The software has been sold at that price at some campus bookstores, but now it will be more widely available through downloads, Microsoft said.

Microsoft already offers Office Home & Student, with many fewer features, for \$150. And the University of California, Davis bookstore sells Office 2007 Ultimate to students for \$250.

Part of the motivation for

offering the software at a low price is that Microsoft would like to turn users into loyal Office customers.

In addition, the company is constantly combating software piracy and lowering the price makes it less tempting for students to use counterfeit programs.

To get the software, students must submit their e-mail address to [www.ultimatesteal.com](http://www.ultimatesteal.com). They then will be sent instructions on how to acquire the software, which must be downloaded from Microsoft as a trial version.

Downloading the 502 megabyte software package takes about 33 minutes over a 2-megabit Internet connection. Customers who would rather have the software on a disk would pay an additional \$12.95 for shipping.T

Those who then pay the \$60 fee will be sent an electronic "key" to convert the trial version to the full version.

The trial version allows the student to use Office applications such as Word, PowerPoint or Excel about 25 times.

After that limit is hit, the software will allow the user only to view documents, not modify them or create new ones.

College students typically get moderate discounts on some products. At the UC Davis bookstore, for example, an Apple Mac Mini is priced at \$529, compared with \$599 at Apple's Web site.

And a laptop listed on Sony's Web site at \$1,300 is only about \$100 cheaper for Davis students.

Nearly three-quarters of America's Internet users viewed an average of three hours of online videos in July, according to comScore Inc., an Internet research firm.

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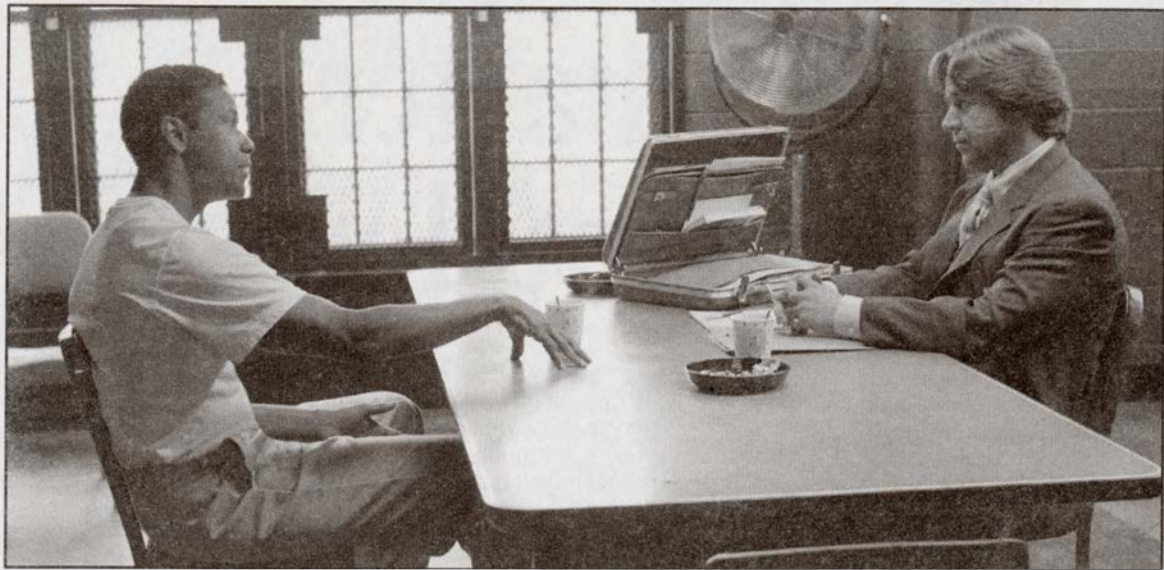
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Denzel Washington and Russell Crowe push each other to excellence in "American Gangster."

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# 'American Gangster' reshapes tired gangster-film genre

BY ROSS BROOKS  
FEATURES EDITOR

Near the top on the list of all things American, squeezed between apple pie and baseball, is the gangster film.

Always set in a big city, stories like "The Godfather," "Goodfellas," and even HBO's "The Sopranos" rely on themes of Sicilian tradition, the Cosa Nostra myth of honor and fidelity, and gangsters conducting organized crime just like any other American business.

In his latest film, "American Gangster," Ridley Scott takes the well-worn form of the gangster film, scrapes away the caked-on, overused motifs of canolies and sleeping with the fishes, and creates a film wholly unique to one place in time.

The film is based on the true-life events of Frank Lucas, a man who revolutionized the sale and consumption of heroin in Harlem during the late '60s and early '70s.

Denzel Washington plays Lucas in a style that can only be called brilliant. Not since Al Pacino's Michael Corleone in the "Godfather" trilogy has any organized crime boss been played so convincingly. Washington's Lucas is part Robin Hood, part cold-blooded murderer – and all businessman.

Throughout the film, he carries himself with the self-confident air of a Fortune 500 CEO as he traffics thousands of kilos of heroin through the streets of New York City. This stoic and often peaceful visage is shattered in the scenes where Lucas loses his temper and Washington proves his prowess with an effortless transformation from one Lucas to the next, sliding seamlessly from stoic to explosive and then back again.

The film's second headliner,

Russell Crowe, plays Richie Roberts, a cop with morals working on a police force that lacks them. Crowe too does a great job in his role. His Eastern seaboard accent is spot on, and he balances the juxtaposing realities of Robert's moralistic police work with his hedonistic and often selfish life outside of work.

In fact, it is the balanced approach to the film as a whole that stands as director Ridley Scott's greatest achievement.

Both Lucas and Roberts represent definitively good and bad guys at times. Certainly Lucas' trafficking makes him a decidedly bad guy in the eyes of society, but at the same time he hands turkeys out to poor Harlem residents during the holidays.

While Roberts takes his police work to heart, he is simultaneously an adulterer and an absent father who plays baseball with wise guys and visits many ladies of the evening.

In what is essentially a movie woven from two separate strands, Scott creates tension and drama with neither Crowe nor Washington framed in the same shot until the film's final minutes.

When they are finally shot together, neither occupies the center of the frame, giving the scenes a tug-of-war affect where the audience has to choose which heavyweight they will rest their eyes on.

Aside from displaying his talent as an incredible weaver, Scott also shows reserve and hesitation in his decision to forgo some of the genre's more popular motifs. All but absent from the film are the classic hit-scene vignettes of the Italian Mafia movie. Gone are the mandolin and operatic voices of Italian singers, replaced with funk and blues – the music of 1970s Harlem. And this is exactly what the film strives for. In a genre overburdened by wise guys

**"AMERICAN GANGSTER"**

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**The Good:** Washington and Crowe share the spotlight perfectly.

**The Bad:** The crooked cop role is left virtually unchanged in a film that reshapes the traditional gangster film.

**The Ugly:** Scenes of needles penetrating flesh will make your skin crawl.

in Cadillacs wearing Fedora hats and smoking big cigars, this is a film about a black gangster in a section of New York City that has always been a center for black culture.

It is a conscious decision made by Scott to affect these changes on the typical gangster movie, and his choices are reflected in the scenes where Lucas meets with Italian gangsters, as if Scott were pointing to his own techniques.

"American Gangster" is a film that sets itself apart from any of its fellow genre members. It is neither trying to be the "Godfather" nor "Belly," yet it balances the ideas of old-style Mafia crime families with the social changes of the last half-century and the reality of being an organized crime lord. This is truly one of the best films to ever be born out of the gangster genre.

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## Calendar

Wednesday, Nov. 7:

- College Democrats Meeting, Building 14, room 1605, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 8:

- Ballet Folklórico de México, Fine Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 9:

- Hobo's Backpack, Nature Trails, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 10:

- Climate Change Discussion, Building 42, room 1020, 9 a.m.

Monday, Nov. 12:

- Veteran's Day, classes canceled

Tuesday, Nov. 13:

- "Everything is Illuminated," Robinson Theater, 7 p.m.

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# Quick in love, selfish boys



Just Ask Jess

**Dear Jess,**

I recently started dating a new guy and it's been going well, except he is moving too fast for me.

I've really only started to get to know him for a week, and he told me he loves me.

Everything is happening so quickly, and I feel like I'm not ready for any of it. I don't want to hurt his feelings by telling him to back off, but I need more time to figure out how I feel about him.

How do I tell him to back off without hurting his feelings?

**Not Ready**

**Dear Not Ready,**

That's quite a bit for a guy to say to you, and it is worrisome for him to say it so soon.

Communication is the key here. You need to talk to him in person, look him in the eye, and say to him exactly what you are feeling.

Of course there's a chance he might take what you are saying the wrong way and get offended. What's important here is that you can't risk your own comfort level for him.

If he cares as much as he says he does, he will understand.

Jess

**Dear Jess,**

I'm frustrated and confused. My boyfriend wants me to compromise school, my friends, and my family, and he doesn't seem to think he should do the same.

Whenever he wants to hang out, I have to drop everything to do it, but when I want to make plans, he cancels on me.

He says he cares about me, but I just don't know what to do any more. What should I do?

**Frustrated**

**Dear Frustrated,**

It sounds like your boyfriend doesn't want to work for you, but he expects you to work for him, and that isn't right!

What he is doing is just disrespectful, and you deserve better than that. You shouldn't have to drop things as important as school, friends and family for a guy.

I write this a lot, but that's because it really is the key to handling relationships: Communicate with him.

Tell him that what he is doing is disrespectful and you don't like it. If he cares about you, he will make the honest effort to change.

Don't be afraid to stand up for yourself and don't be afraid to put yourself first.

Jess

If you have any questions for Jess, please send her an e-mail [askjess@unfspinnaker.com](mailto:askjess@unfspinnaker.com).

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ARIES

March 21 - April 20

Before mid-week, a close friend may gently challenge your social opinions or romantic choices. If so, remain philosophic: minor jealousies between friends and group irritations will soon vanish. Tuesday through Friday highlights unexpected home changes, revised property contracts and new sources of income. Many Aries natives will now, and over the next 12 weeks, steadily increase their financial security. After Saturday, rest and pamper the body. Emotional vitality may be low.



TAURUS

April 21 - May 20

Business contacts and new romantic invitations may now arrive from unusual sources. Early this week, pay attention to group events, planned celebrations or family reunions. Many Taureans will this week expand their social outlets, daily business routines and workplace commitments. Cheerfully accept all creative proposals or new team assignments: before mid-November, exciting prospects will demand concrete decisions. A demanding week: stay focused and get extra rest.



GEMINI

May 21 - June 21

For many Geminis, minor physical ailments will now demand attention. Areas affected are upper chest, throat, large muscle groups and dental irritations. Some Geminis may also experience vivid dreams or a new awareness of delicate family decisions. If so, sudden impressions will reveal a private romantic history: stay open to rare clues and expect delicate discussions with loved ones. After Friday, new business associates will search out your opinions. Be bold: your ideas are valid.



CANCER

June 22 - July 22

Loved ones may this week ask probing questions or offer unexpected statements. Recent social or family triangles will now require patience and diplomacy. Stay focused on short-term solutions and expect public debate to inspire new home options. Some Cancerians may encounter a rare ultimatum from a friend or relative. Take your time: added information or a private agenda may soon be revealed. After Friday, remind others of your boundaries: a confident approach is best.



LEO

July 23 - Aug. 22

Complicated employment duties will soon disrupt daily routines. Early this week, pay special attention to the private mistakes of younger colleagues. Written documents or financial calculations may need verification. Don't neglect small tasks: key officials are silently evaluating your efforts. After Thursday, relationships from the past may reappear or demand completion. Use this wave of private nostalgia to resolving lingering differences or doubts: it's time to move on.



VIRGO

Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

Improved employment strategies or new educational programs will soon trigger intense workplace discussion. Monday through Wednesday, expect friends and colleagues to encourage business creativity, revised routines and increased skills. Don't hold back: this is a strong time for career planning and rekindled ambition. Later this week, an unusual social triangle may require quick thinking and delicate words. Misinformation and past romantic disputes are accentuated: stay alert.



LIBRA

Sept. 23 - Oct. 23

Fitness, sensuality and emotional health are highlighted over the next nine days. Many Librans will now allow recent physical ailments and romantic disappointments to fade into the past. Remain dedicated to your own goals: loved ones will soon offer fresh options, new insights and bold statements of approval. After Thursday, refuse to be drawn into a private dispute between friends or colleagues. Your responses will be closely scrutinized: remain sensitive to the needs of others.



SCORPIO

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

A surprising romantic invitation may this week arrive without warning. After Tuesday, watch for old lovers, forgotten friends or emotionally distant colleagues to ask for greater involvement in your private life. Although socially complicated, new relationships or rekindled passions will prove rewarding: cautiously explore all proposals. Later this week, a rare financial opportunity may demand a quick decision. Partnerships and home businesses are accentuated: remain flexible.



SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Work schedules will now require careful planning. After Monday, expect loved ones to ask for added family dedication or renewed home commitments. In the coming weeks, business obligations, although controversial, are manageable: remain openly diplomatic and all will be well. Late Saturday, some Sagittarians may be offered a complex romantic proposal or rare opportunity for travel. If so, respond with caution: important private information will arrive after Nov. 21.



CAPRICORN

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Over the next few days, romantic passions will be deeply felt and easily expressed. Offer a sincere reaction to all fast social comments: potential lovers will respond positively to group support, genuine invitations and a cheerful attitude of acceptance. In the coming weeks, many Capricorns will experience vital changes to their marital or romantic status: watch for subtle but important clues. Late this weekend, an older relative may require detailed financial advice: don't hesitate.



AQUARIUS

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Encourage shared duties and revised family schedules over the next eight days. Someone close may this week feel misunderstood or undervalued. Take your time and probe for detailed answers: loved ones, although privately cautious, are now highly motivated for change. After mid-week, a sudden business inspiration may arrive without warning. New career opportunities will soon demand consistent research and an unyielding dedication. Find positive ways to nurture growth.



PISCES

Feb. 19 - March 20

Delayed job or financial applications will now require your full attention. Before mid-week, official paperwork, completed documents and legal contracts will work strongly in your favor. Respond quickly to unique permissions and new proposals: this is the right time to implement controversial or highly creative ideas. After Thursday, a recently silent friend or lover may express a need for lasting change. Stay alert: a new home routine or bold statement of loyalty may be necessary.

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Wednesday, November 7, 2007

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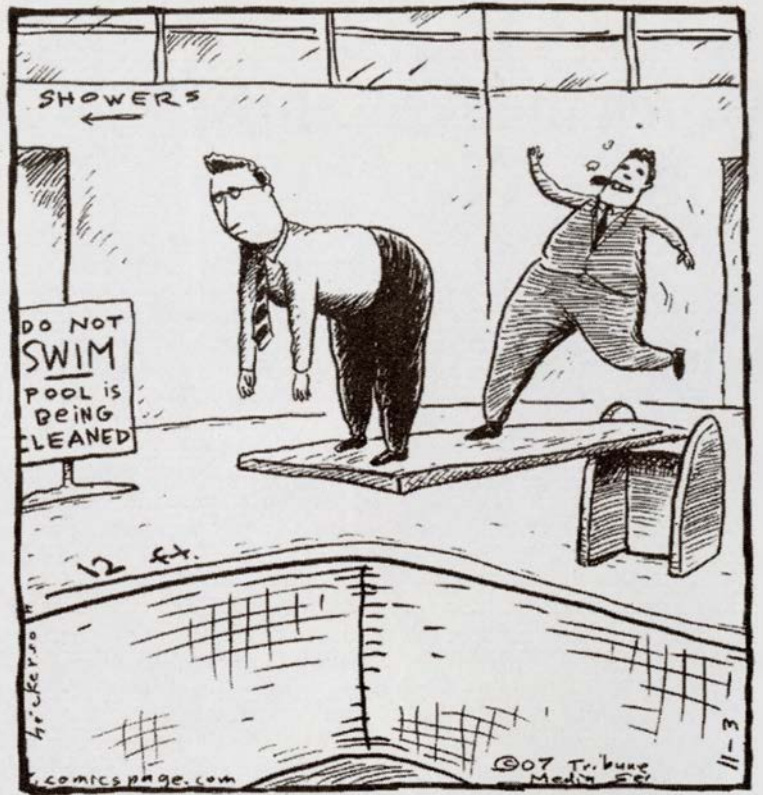
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It wasn't what Bob had expected when he was asked to assume a position on the company's board.

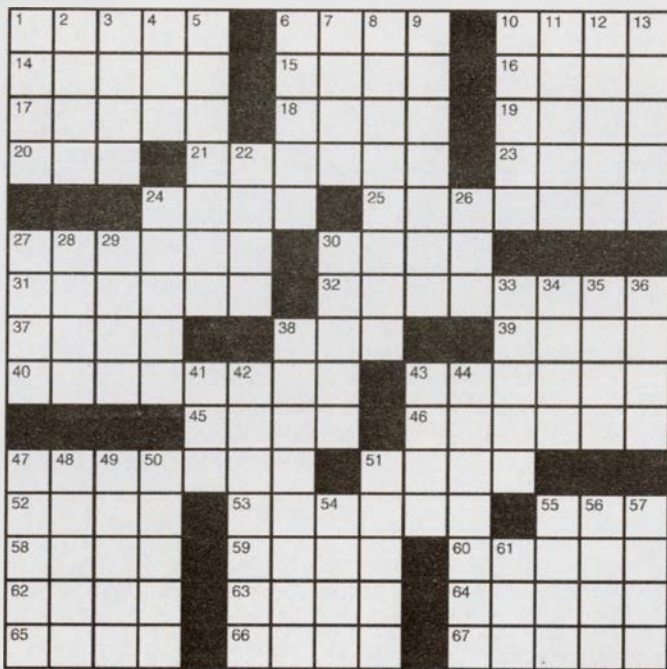
## Joke of the Week

"I think Bigfoot is blurry, that's the problem."

-Mitch Hedberg

## Crossword

- ACROSS**  
 1 Run-down  
 6 Small boys  
 10 Summit  
 14 Embankment  
 15 Disembarked  
 16 Roe source  
 17 Scene of the action  
 18 "Fame" star  
 19 Kong, for one  
 20 Great weight  
 21 Carl or Rob  
 23 Otherwise  
 24 Biting fly  
 25 Advanced on all fours  
 27 Rue  
 30 Part of a dance  
 31 Plaits  
 32 Veteran  
 37 Distinctive doctrines  
 38 Random choice  
 39 Brood  
 40 More than miffed  
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 45 Ceases  
 46 Aerie builders  
 47 Legal permit  
 51 Model Moss  
 52 Adam's grandson



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- DOWN**  
 1 Louver piece  
 2 Saarinen of Finland  
 3 Tied  
 4 Winter quarters  
 5 Pined  
 6 Unspoken  
 7 Arkin or King  
 8 As the crow flies  
 9 Played lead  
 10 To one side  
 11 Cold snap  
 12 Parson's dwelling  
 13 Finished the lawn  
 22 Grub  
 24 Ground grain  
 26 Suitable  
 27 Score-producing stats  
 28 Scottish Gaelic  
 29 Recess activity  
 30 Carols  
 33 Picture in the mind  
 34 Richard of "Night Court"  
 35 Fencer's foil  
 36 Cincinnati's nine  
 38 "The Ugly Duckling" writer  
 41 Coop parent  
 42 Pants measurements  
 43 Playwright  
 44 More malicious  
 47 Toronto team, tersely

## Solutions



- 48 Acquired family member  
 49 Bottom half of a semicolon  
 50 German industrial city  
 51 Inoperative  
 54 Delhi princess  
 55 Volcano output  
 56 News piece  
 57 Not quite as much  
 61 "Norma \_\_\_"

## SUDOKU

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 nine-by-nine-square Sudoku game, every row of nine numbers must include all digits, one through nine, in any order. Every column of nine numbers must include all digits, one through nine, in any order. Every three-by-three subsection of the nine-by-nine square must include all digits, one through nine.

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## SOLUTIONS TO PUZZLE

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Wednesday, November 07, 2007

**Inside *the* Huddle**



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**Question 1: Patriots coach Bill Belichick and Colts coach Tony Dungy seemed to have a chilly postgame meeting Nov. 4 at midfield. What you think was said in their conversation?**

Belichick: "Yo mama's so fat, she's got more chins than a Chinese phone book!"  
Dungy: "Yo mama's so ugly, she..."  
Belichick: "My mom's dead, Tony."

Dungy to Belichick: Three rings and you're still not satisfied?

Bill: My quarterback's best!  
Tony: Whatever. Brady's a pansy who wears pocket squares.  
Bill: At least my quarterback doesn't sound like a handicapped Huckleberry Hound. Booya!

Belichick: It's cold out here, man.  
Dungy: It really is, but the cotton lining in my coat is so warm. You should get one of these.

**Question 2: With their victory at No. 2 Boston College Nov. 3, how would you describe the direction of the Florida State football program?**

Part of me wants to believe the school is working toward regaining its former gridiron glory. The other part of me thinks they just got very lucky.

They lost to Miami, Clemson and Wake Forest, all three of which are in their conference. This is just the last jolt in a season-long death throw.

I hope it's straight into the ground. That damn chant drives me crazy.

So they beat a No. 2 team, who hasn't this year? They still suck, so what direction is suck?

**Question 3: What are your expectations for the upcoming UNF men's basketball season?**

Coach Kilcullen has to push the offense more and keep a stronger defense in the key, or something... Oh, forget it. I'll be at the Jacksonville Jam games if you need me.

Regardless of how many games they win or lose, the stands will remain empty until the university ditches its apathy and starts supporting its sports teams.

We've got some talented recruits, but the team won't go anywhere unless Kilcullen changes his offense. Holding the ball for 35 seconds and throwing up a deep jumper doesn't exactly work.

I am feeling an inspirational sports movie about our boys team this season.

**Question 4: What kind of interesting features would you suggest for this year's "UNF Sports Jam" television program?**

Talk to Patty McJazzfingers about UNF's ribbon dancing team.

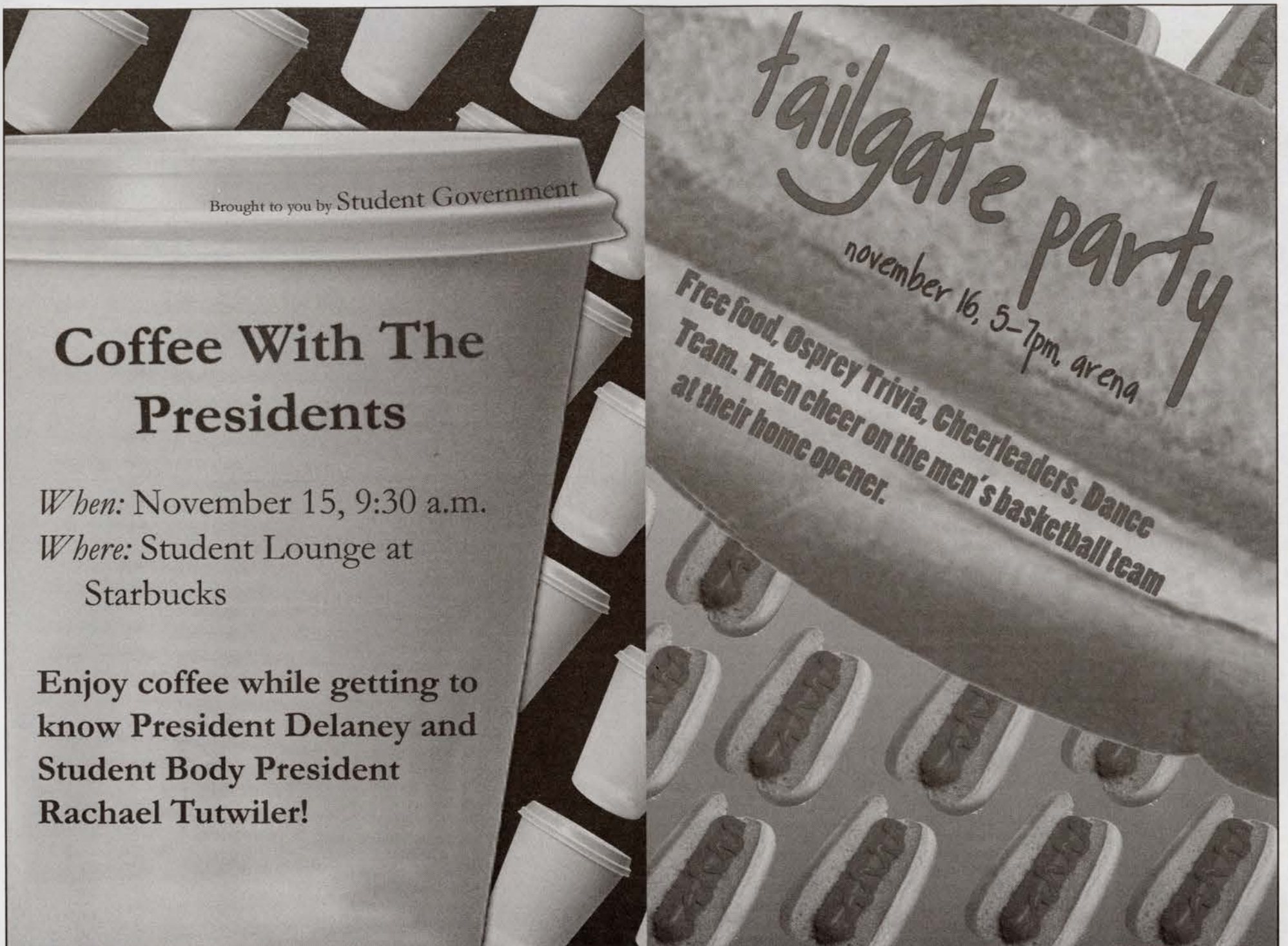
Events that really get to the heart of UNF. Faculty boxing matches, geese wrangling, and a race to find parking by the Boathouse at noon.

I suggest a "Bottom 10." The only problem is, who would go though all the footage?

I think a top-intramural-flag-football-plays video would be a good addition. If we can't get a real football team, we should at least celebrate the talent we have.

**If you have a question for the members of the Huddle or want to give answers, e-mail the Spinnaker at [sports@unfspinnaker.com](mailto:sports@unfspinnaker.com).**

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## VOLLEYBALL

# Team loses 2 to conference foes in nail-biter weekend

*Coach says girls need improvement in high-pressure situations*

BY LORI BERO  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A 2-1 lead was not enough to give the University of North Florida volleyball team a win against Stetson University.

UNF (4-24, 1-10 A-Sun) lost the Nov. 3 match to Stetson 3-2.

"We need to improve our confidence in high pressure situations ... and consistency," said head coach Kevin Campbell.

In the 30-26, 26-30, 30-28, 16-30, 11-15 loss to Stetson (10-15, 4-7 A-Sun), both senior outside hitter Maegan Weisert and senior opposite hitter Claire Yonutas got double-doubles.

Weisert earned her seventh double-double of the season with a season-high 24 kills and 16 digs, while Yonutas had 10 kills and 13 digs.

Freshman right side/middle blocker Kaley Read recorded 15 kills.

"The most difficult part of today's game was not being able to finish - not being able to complete it the way we wanted," freshman middle blocker Marshay Greenlee said. "Everybody played really hard and gave it everything they had."

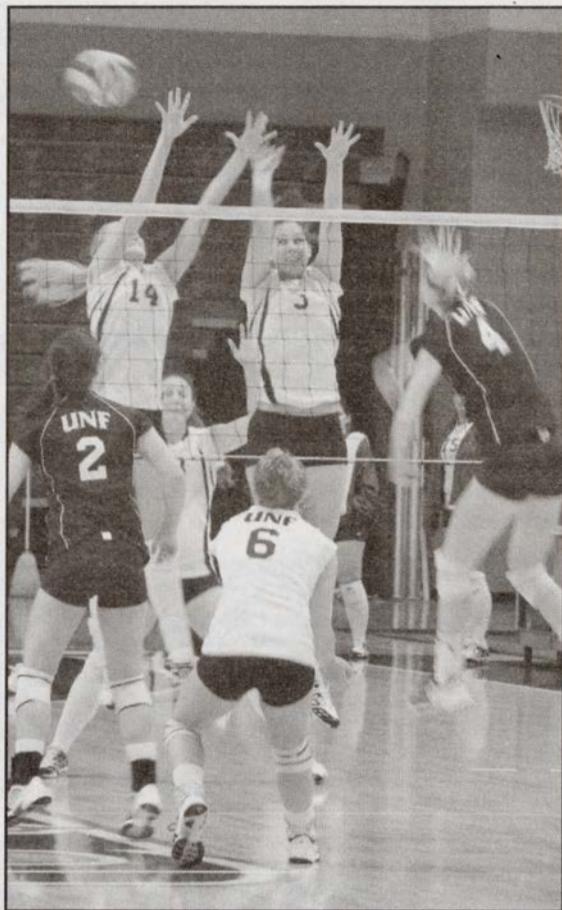
Yonutas also led the Ospreys in aces with a career high of five, pushing the team to tie their season high of 15.

"I think we played our best volleyball today," Campbell said. "We're coming together as a team, just not pulling out wins."

In the 3-0 (23-30, 18-30, 23-30) loss to Florida Gulf Coast University Nov. 2, Weisert earned a double-double with 16 kills and 11 digs, while junior libero Nikki Prock contributed 10 digs.

The Ospreys hit .131 for the match. Junior middle blocker Bary Rasmussen had five kills and two blocks, while Yonutas had seven kills.

"This is a tough season to set goals with a new



Osprey volleyball sets up an offensive play Nov. 3 against Stetson University.

coach and new players," Campbell said. "We've had a goal to become a team, and we met that goal."

UNF will play Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University 6 p.m., Nov. 6 in Tallahassee.

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## Sports in Brief

**Athletics adds pep band to game to pump-up team**

A Pep Band will be the newest addition to the spirit groups at the University of North Florida.

"We want to add to the atmosphere on game day," said athletics marketing and promotions director, Elliot Darkatsh. "We want UNF to be more Division I-like."

Darkatsh said the department is in the planning stages for the Pep Band, and there are kinks that still need to be worked out.

He said the department might award music scholarships for student participation in the band.

The Pep Band will perform mainly at men's and women's basketball games, but will also play at other UNF events with other spirit groups.

A Pep Band class is being added to the curriculum next year, and all university instrumentalists are encouraged to participate.

**Women's soccer adds point to River City Rumble**

The University of North Florida women's soccer team beat Jacksonville University Oct. 31, in its second-to-last game of the season.

Led by junior midfielder Elizabeth Gowan, UNF (7-11-1, 6-5-0 A-Sun) scored the first two goals.

Freshman midfielder Kristin Lazowick capitalized on Gowan's first assist with a header.

Gowan later found sophomore forward Katelin Swift for the decisive goal.

Junior goalkeeper Rachael Howard registered four saves and held JU out of the net until the 60th minute.

The victory also gave UNF a 4-1 advantage in the SunTrust River City Rumble and positioned them for the taking of the old wooden barrel.

The Ospreys finish their season at home Nov. 7 against Flagler College at 4 p.m.

Compiled by Brett Morgan.

## SWIMMING &amp; DIVING



Junior freestyle swimmer Katrina Johnson swims freestyle Nov. 3 in the Osprey's win against Campbell University.

# Ospreys swim laps around Camels in second home meet, conference opener

*Diver sweeps events, swimmers earn several first-place finishes*

BY JOHN WEIDNER  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The University of North Florida swim team opened conference play Nov. 3 by defeating the Campbell Camels 190-98.

"It was a good meet for us," said head swimming coach Beth Harrell. "We swam really well. Several of our swimmers performed much better in their events than at this time last season, so overall, I am very pleased."

Junior Caroline Poling, who won the 100-yard backstroke, 200-yard backstroke and 100-yard butterfly, led the Ospreys.

Harrell was very impressed

with Poling's showing.

"I was really proud of Caroline's performance, especially in the 200-yard backstroke. She really impressed me with a really strong effort today."

The Ospreys started the meet with a win in the 200-medley relay, which continued UNF's dominance in relays so far this year.

The team consisted of junior Caroline Poling, senior Krysten Nemecek, freshman Patricia Lanoue and freshman LynAnn Nelson, who finished with a time of 1 minute, 54 seconds.

For the second straight meet, junior Emily Eisenhower swept the diving events, finishing with a 281.1 score in the 1-meter dive and a 366.55 score in the 3-meter dive.

Nelson performed well for the Ospreys, receiving wins in the 200-yard freestyle and the 100-yard freestyle - two events she had yet

to compete in this season.

UNF placed first and second in the 500-yard freestyle with freshman Megan Boudreau taking first with a time of 5:14, and Sara Taylor finishing a close second at 5:18.

Harrell emphasized how important it was for the Ospreys to perform well.

"This is the time of year where the overall team picture starts to take place and you look for members of the team to step up their game," Harrell said. "I was very impressed with how our team stepped up today."

The Ospreys will return to action Nov. 15 against North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in Greensboro, N.C.

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**Men's Soccer**

at Coastal Carolina University L, 1-4

**Women's Soccer**

vs. Jacksonville University W, 2-1

**Women's Swimming**

vs. Campbell University W, 190-98

**Flight Schedule**

**Volleyball**

Nov. 8 vs. Jacksonville University, 7 p.m.

**Women's Soccer**

Nov. 7 vs. Flagler University, 4 p.m.

**Women's Basketball**

Nov. 7 vs. Flagler University, 6 p.m.  
Nov. 11 at Florida State University, 2 p.m.

**Men's Basketball**

Nov. 7 vs. Edward Waters University, 8 p.m.  
Nov. 11 at University of Maryland, 8 p.m.  
Nov. 12 at Hampton University and University of Tulsa

**Intramural Sports**

**Men's Blue League standings**

1. Team-o Supreme-o	4-0	9. Apocalypto	3-1
2. Ballz Deep	3-0	10. Miami Sharks	3-1
3. Goon Squad	3-0	11. That Better Team	2-1
4. Jager Bombs	2-0	12. Fruit Cove's Finest	2-1
5. Chi Phi Prime Time	2-0	13. Cool Runnings	2-1
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7. DU Work	4-1	15. Brevard Ballers	2-2
8. Swoop	3-1		

**MEN'S SOCCER**

# Loss to Chanticleers ends Osprey season

**BRETT MORGAN**  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The University of North Florida men's soccer team lost their season finale 4-1 Nov. 3 at Coastal Carolina University.

With four unanswered goals in the second half, CCU (8-7-1) ended UNF's (8-9-0) bid at a winning season.

"Once we got the red card and were playing a man down, it was tough," said head coach Ray Bunch. "They got two late goals, and it was closer than what the score showed, but we still didn't play well enough to win."

The Ospreys opened the scoring early with an Adam O'Neill goal in the eighth minute. The goal, which came off a long pass from senior midfielder Martin Schuhte, brought UNF into halftime with the lead.

That advantage evaporated quickly, though, as the Chanticleers responded with a goal in the 48th minute, followed by a 68th-minute goal that gave CCU their first lead.

"They scored a very good goal to equalize us," Bunch said.

After two more goals by freshman Kelly Porter, the CCU second-half surge proved too much for UNF to overcome.

"This conference is so evenly matched, and we still have a very young club," Bunch said. "We just have to be more clinical and stay healthy."

The Ospreys were out-shot 24-5 and gave up an 11-1 disadvantage in corner kick opportunities. Goalkeeper Andrew Calise registered five saves and ended his freshman season with



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O'Neill dribbles the ball up the field Oct. 17 against JU. He scored the only UNF goal Nov. 3. against Coastal Carolina University.

four shutouts in conference play. "Our performance in the conference this year is heart-warming," Bunch said. "We finished fourth and beat two of the teams in front of us. Unfortunately, we also lost to the teams at the bottom. Going forward, we have the talent, we just have to take every game as they come."

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## SMALL BALL, BIG GAME: the ins and outs of raquetball

These white-walled rooms are not for the institutionalized. Racquetball is a game of skill and strategy, according to University of North Florida racquetball teacher Maurice Graham. His class meets in the UNF Arena, which contains four racquetball courts and equipment any UNF student can check out. For those who are new to the game or need a refresher, Graham offered his tips on how to play.

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### STRATEGY

- Try to hold the middle-court position at all times.
- Hit the ball hard and fast against the front wall when the opponent is standing in the front court.
- Hit a pinch when the opponent is in the back court.
- Use a loft serve after receiving a fault to increase the chances of getting the ball in play.
- When hitting off the back wall, use force and hit the ball upward. Also, remember to leave enough clearance as to not hit the wall.
- To get the opponent out of the middle, hit the ball down the alleys on the left or right side.
- Make the opponent use their back hand by hitting to their non-dominant side.
- Two-player games are called singles.
- Three-player games are called cutthroat.
- Four-player games are called doubles.



### HITTING

- Hold the racquet with one hand.
- Choose the hold that feels most comfortable. Many players hold the racquet like a hammer.
- Pick a smaller racquet for more control and velocity or a larger racquet for a wider surface area.
- When hitting a back-hand shot, don't use two hands, but tilt the racquet at a 90-degree angle.
- Swing motion depends upon the desired direction of the ball.
- A pinch is a soft hit that causes the ball to bounce close to the front wall.
- In all three styles, a player or team must hit the ball against the front wall and the opponent must do the same before the ball bounces twice.
- Whoever allows the ball to bounce twice before hitting it does not serve on the next point.



### SERVING

- All serves must pass the short line to be in play.
- A normal serve is hit with force against the front wall.
- A Z serve is hit first off the front wall then a side wall before crossing the short line.
- A loft serve is a soft hit against the front wall. The goal of a loft serve is to hit the ball over the opponent's head and into a corner.
- If the ball does not hit the front wall first or does not pass the short line, a fault is called. Two faults equal a change of possession.
- Serves must be made in the serve zone between the serve line and the short line.