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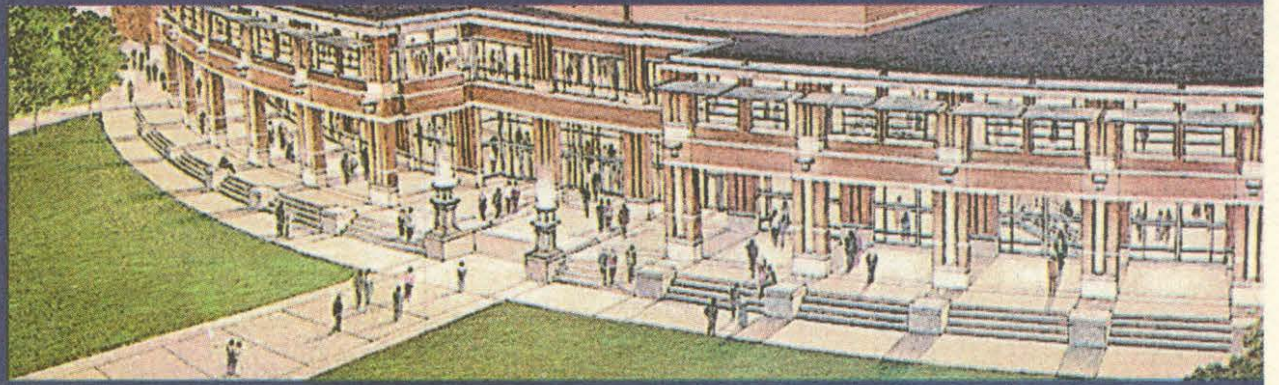
Report to the community—2000



# UNF

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA

## in Review



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## Campaign off to remarkable start

The University of North Florida's capital campaign, *Access to Excellence*, is off to a remarkable start since the November public announcement. In the first 10 weeks, gifts and commitments for \$4.5 million have been received.

Leading the recent donations were a \$1-million commitment for the support of the fine arts program and a \$1-million gift in support of the University Scholars scholarship program. In addition, there has been a \$500,000 donation for the support of a professorship and classroom in the new Science and Engineering Building for the College of Computer Sciences and Engineering as well as \$100,000 for a scholarship endowment and \$100,000 for a professorship in the College of Health.

*Access to Excellence* is designed to raise \$65 million in private funding to enhance academic and student programming, faculty development and upgrade the facilities and equipment of the colleges. The commitments since November 14 combined with donations received during the quiet phase mean the Campaign has already reached 69 percent or \$44.7 million of the overall goal.

UNF President Anne H. Hopkins is delighted by the strong community support evident in the early stages of the Campaign. "Embarking upon the public phase of the *Access to Excellence* campaign marks a pivotal moment in the history of the University. It is a moment when a clear vision and determined resolve are vital to reaching a higher plane, a new level of excellence," she said.

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PRESIDENT ANNE H. HOPKINS



Pierre N. Allaire

Dr. Pierre Allaire, vice president of Institutional Advancement, said over the next three years, the University will concentrate on four strategic goals of the Campaign which have been selected in a process involving all levels of the UNF community. "The fact that over \$40 million has been raised in the quiet phase of the Campaign is a testament to what we have done to prepare UNF for the next decade and beyond," he said.

The four key financial goals are:

- Student Scholarships \$25.3 million
- Faculty Enrichment \$11.1 million
- Program Enhancement \$14.0 million
- Facilities and Equipment \$14.6 million

The public phase of the Campaign to raise a minimum of \$25 million is co-chaired by David and Ann Hicks, prominent Jacksonville civic leaders. "Anything we can do to help the University helps Jacksonville. Every gift to UNF, whether a gift to establish an endowment for a scholarship or professorship, a gift to a building project, or an unrestricted gift to be used where the need is the greatest, helps us meet the goals of *Access to Excellence*," David Hicks said.

As a comprehensive campaign, *Access to Excellence* involves the University's five colleges, UNF athletics, the Carpenter Library and Continuing Education. The following is a breakdown of the Campaign goals:

- **Student Scholarships** — *Access to Excellence* will support a variety of initiatives designed to provide financial assistance to students. The *University Scholars* program, a merit-based scholarship program, targets high-achieving Florida high school students who stand to benefit from a superior UNF education. This program will complement the *Pathways to Success* program, a need-based scholarship program for academically qualified students. The Pathways program has more than \$11 million in endowed funds, most of which was raised in the quiet phase of the Campaign.
- **Faculty Enrichment** — The Campaign will fund endowed faculty positions to enable UNF to recruit and retain faculty who are outstanding scholars and teachers. Support for faculty development and research translates into an enriched learning experience for students.
- **Program Enhancement** — The Campaign will enhance students' academic experiences at UNF through additional funding for special educational activities such as expanded study-abroad programs and undergraduate research projects. Such activities provide value-added education not available at many universities.
- **Facilities and Equipment** — Funds from the Campaign will be designated to provide additional classrooms, laboratories, and equipment. Foremost on the list is funding to equip the Fine Arts Center now under construction. Work on the Science and Engineering Building will begin this spring and expansion of the Carpenter Library is planned in the near future.

Allaire noted that UNF is bringing together a large number of volunteers to help in the Campaign. "We rely on our alumni and friends, many of whom have different interests, to support the priorities of *Access to Excellence*. Thus far, the response to UNF's invitation to be part of this effort to transform the University has been received with great enthusiasm and support as evidenced by the 35,000 gifts from 8,500 donors, including 13 gifts of \$1 million or more," he said.

## ACCESS TO *Excellence*

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA CAMPAIGN

### Dear Friends:

This past year marked a watershed in the history of the University of North Florida. After almost 30 years of remarkable growth and development, UNF embarked publicly upon its first capital campaign, *Access to Excellence*. The details of the campaign are described elsewhere in this report. What I would like to emphasize is that we could not have undertaken this campaign were it not for two factors: our clear vision of how UNF must continue to evolve in order to serve the future needs of the citizens of the First Coast region; and the enormous loyalty and support demonstrated by our alumni and friends, on the basis of which we have great optimism about our ability to achieve the goals of the campaign. Nor are our goals modest. By the completion of *Access to Excellence*, UNF will be among the very best urban, public, comprehensive universities in the Southeast and it will be well on the way to gaining a national reputation for excellence.

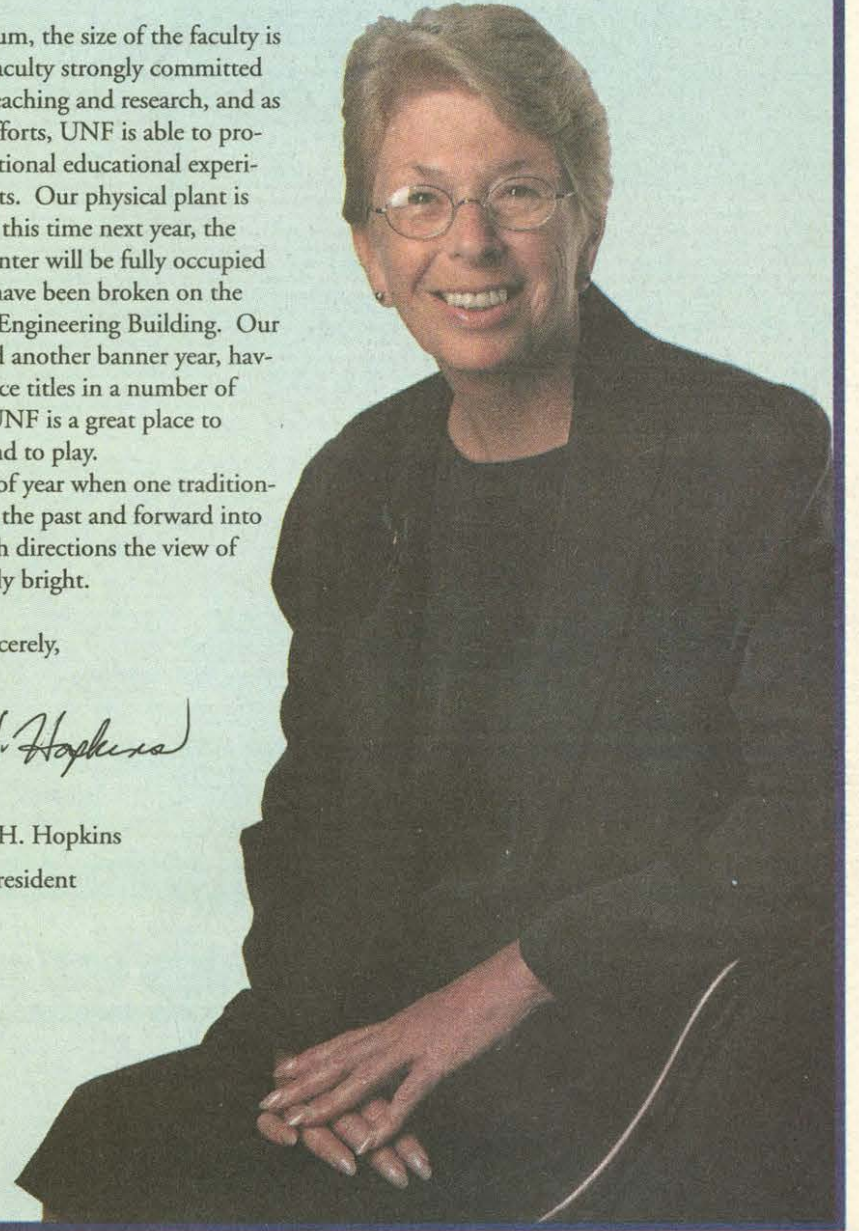
A visit to UNF will confirm that we are already thriving. The University enrolls more students than ever before, and they are a talented and diverse group. Our curriculum continues to expand in accordance with the needs of the community, most recently through the addition of programs in civil and mechanical engineering and a master's degree program in public health. Along

with our curriculum, the size of the faculty is growing. It is a faculty strongly committed to excellence in teaching and research, and as a result of their efforts, UNF is able to provide a transformational educational experience to its students. Our physical plant is also growing. By this time next year, the new Fine Arts Center will be fully occupied and ground will have been broken on the new Science and Engineering Building. Our athletic teams had another banner year, having won conference titles in a number of sports. Clearly, UNF is a great place to study, to work, and to play.

At this time of year when one traditionally looks back at the past and forward into the future, in both directions the view of UNF looks equally bright.

Sincerely,

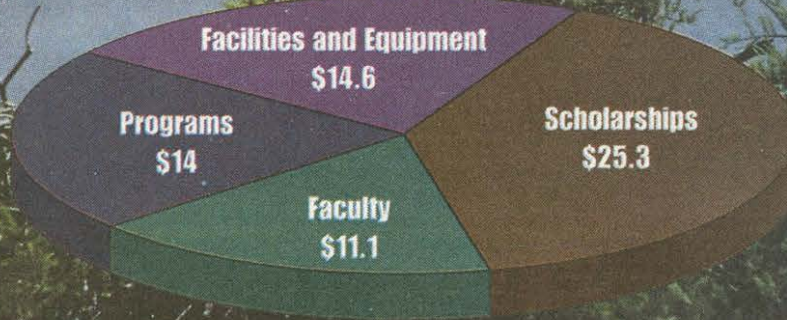
Anne H. Hopkins  
President



## Campaign Goals

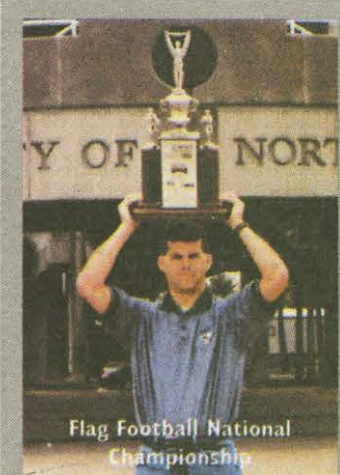
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THE CAMPAIGN



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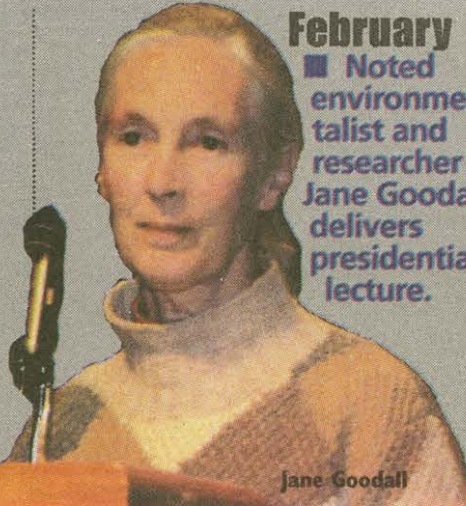
### Year in Review



Flag Football National Championship

- January**
- UNF flag football team wins national championship.
  - Approval received for start of Master's in Public Health program.
  - NestFest 2000 / Homecoming features comedi-

- an "Carrot Top" who entertains a sold-out crowd at the UNF Arena.
- College of Health forms partnership with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida.

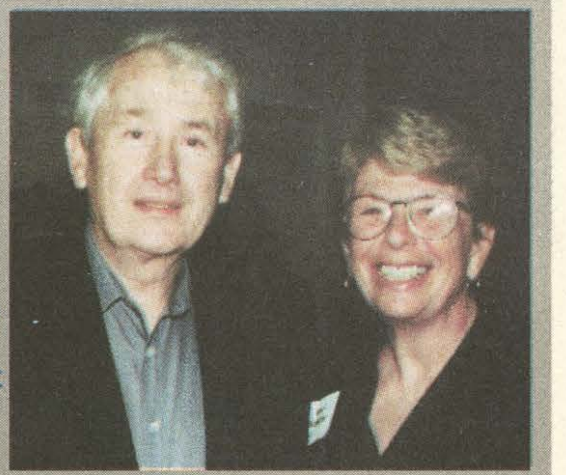


Jane Goodall

- February**
- Noted environmentalist and researcher Jane Goodall delivers presidential lecture.

- UNF senior Lauren Rymer selected as one of five recipients nationally for the Howard R. Swearer Student Humanitarian Award.

- March**
- Pulitzer Prize winner Frank McCourt, the author of "Angela's Ashes," delivers presidential lecture.
  - UNF's Osprey Band wins the Peach Belt Athletic Conference Pep Band competition.



Frank McCourt and President Anne H. Hopkins



# Access to Excellence—The University of North Florida Campaign

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## ACCESS TO Excellence

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA CAMPAIGN

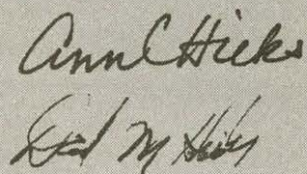
### Dear Friends of the University,

As supporters of the University of North Florida, we are deeply proud of the University's accomplishments and of all the people who have made them possible. Every alumnus, every faculty member and, indeed, every resident of the region who has aided UNF, either directly or indirectly, has played an important role in shaping this dynamic community of higher learning.

Now, UNF's remarkable success is creating significant new opportunities to enhance the University's quality and stature. Rapid enrollment and program growth has generated many challenges for our facilities and faculty to keep pace. At the same time, competition continues to increase among universities seeking to attract the best and brightest students and faculty.

How effectively we respond to these challenges will determine UNF's success in the years ahead. It is critical to understand that our existing funding sources will not be sufficient to propel UNF into the top tier of universities of its type on the national level. Through *Access to Excellence*, we are striving to raise \$65 million toward fundamental enhancements in all areas of the University — improvements that will continue to pay dividends far into the new century.

Attaining our goal will increase the value of a UNF degree for every graduate — past and future — while enabling the University to expand its crucial role as an intellectual, cultural and social resource for the citizens of Florida. Please join us in helping UNF secure its place as a truly great public university.



ANN C. (BA '95) AND DAVID M. HICKS, 1999 HONORARY ALUMNUS



## Plan to bolster scholarships and professorships

Frequently, highly qualified students, including many from Jacksonville, who have been eager to attend UNF have been unable to justify doing so because of merit-based scholarships awarded to them by other institutions.

The *Access to Excellence* campaign is designed to assist those students by enlarging an endowment to generate merit scholarships, such as the *University Scholars* program.

Increasing the UNF scholarship endowment by \$25.3 million for merit- and need-based scholarships through *Access to Excellence* will have a positive impact on the lives of thousands of students.

Deborah Kaye, executive director of Enrollment Services, said merit-based scholarships make a critical difference for talented students considering enrollment at UNF.

"In recruiting students with high GPAs and SAT scores, merit-based scholarship programs help UNF compete with other, sometimes larger institutions. They enable us to attract the high-quality talented students universities want. Having merit-based scholarship programs available makes a big difference," she said.

Merit-based scholarships do not require the student to meet criteria for need-based financial aid and, therefore, many deserving students who may not otherwise qualify for aid are able to do so.



Scholarship recipient Anta Gueye

"Dedicated teachers and actively engaged scholars make a positive and lasting difference in students' lives."

UNF PROVOST DR. A. DAVID KLINE

Scholarships are only one part of the equation for improving the educational experience; creating additional endowed professorships is essential for the University to continue to recruit and retain the best faculty scholars available.

UNF Provost Dr. A. David Kline said achieving the goal of \$11.1 million for faculty will make it possible to create needed endowed professorships. "Dedicated teachers and actively engaged scholars make a positive and lasting difference in students' lives," Kline said.

Kline noted that faculty are the key to high-quality programs. "To maintain and build upon its faculty, UNF must improve its ability to attract the best candidates in an extremely competitive job market. Competing effectively will require the University to create these endowed faculty positions — a powerful mechanism for recruiting and maintaining nationally and internationally recognized scholars," Kline said.

The effectiveness of the University's efforts is evident in the faculty's quality. Nearly all of UNF's tenured and

tenure-track faculty hold Ph.D.s or the appropriate terminal degrees in their disciplines.

At the same time, each of the colleges will benefit from endowments to support lectureships, faculty and student research, and other forms of learning enrichment. In these ways, *Access to Excellence* will make the difference between a strong and a truly superior educational experience for the University's students.

## Campaign to improve programs and facilities

Increasing support for programs through the *Access to Excellence* campaign will provide additional educational opportunities for UNF students, such as study abroad, internships, undergraduate research opportunities and intensive graduate study.

The University has expanded its master's degree programs to include public health, and has added undergraduate degree programs in civil and mechanical engineering. UNF's pre-law and pre-medical programs and the Honors Program continue to expand. UNF will continue this growth at all levels, including, the addition of graduate programs.

However, despite efforts to provide sufficient space for the growing programs, the University's facility needs continue to exceed available buildings.

The University is responding to these needs with several new construction projects. The new Fine Arts Center and the Hayt Golf Management Learning Center will open this year. A state-of-the-art sports medicine and rehabilitation laboratory in the soccer and track stadium will also open in the near future.

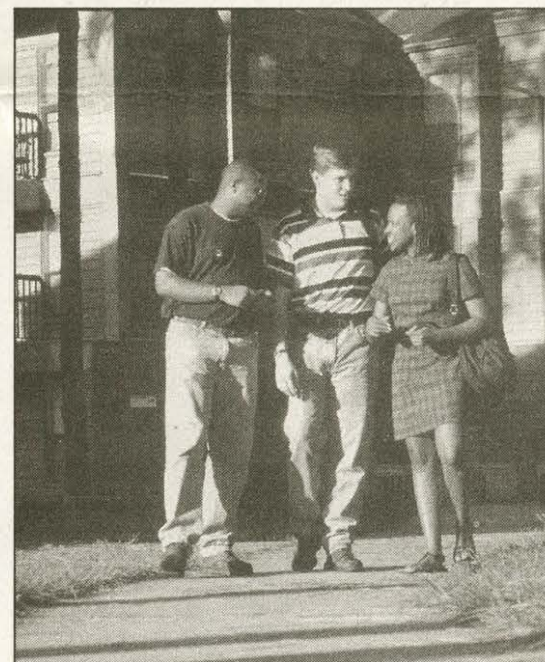
Groundbreaking for the Science and Engineering building is planned for this spring with expansion of the library getting under way next year.

To equip the Fine Arts Center, an additional \$3 million is needed, and the science and engineering project requires funding for equipment and technologically "smart" classroom enhancements.

UNF President Anne Hopkins said meeting the goal of \$14.6 million for facilities and equipment will guarantee the best educational learning environment. "*Access to Excellence* will help fulfill these important needs and ensure that UNF is prepared to meet the challenges of future growth."

The overall goal is to produce UNF graduates who are intellectual, independent-minded and responsible citizens. Keys to this goal include small classes, more opportunities for one-to-one student/faculty interaction and expanding the use of learning methods that introduce students to cultures, perspectives and ways of thinking that they have not encountered previously.

By making these opportunities an *Access to Excellence* priority, the University will be able to offer programs of the highest caliber to its students from the First Coast and beyond.



New residence halls are due to open this fall

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PRESIDENT ANNE H. HOPKINS

### Year in Review

#### April

■ UNF sets record of more than 1,000 students graduating during spring commencement ceremonies.  
■ Baseball team captures second straight Peach Belt Conference Championship.

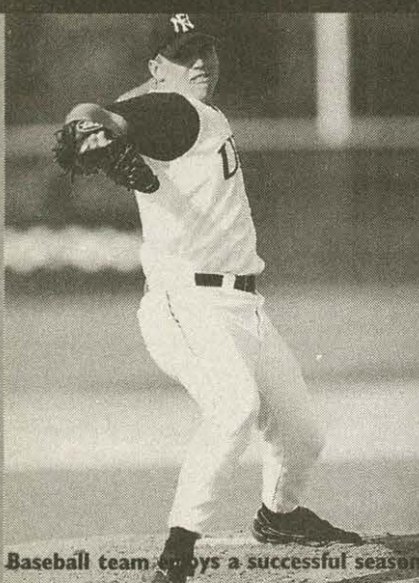
Dusty Rhodes named Peach Belt Conference Baseball Coach of the Year and later named South Atlantic Region Coach of the Year.

#### May

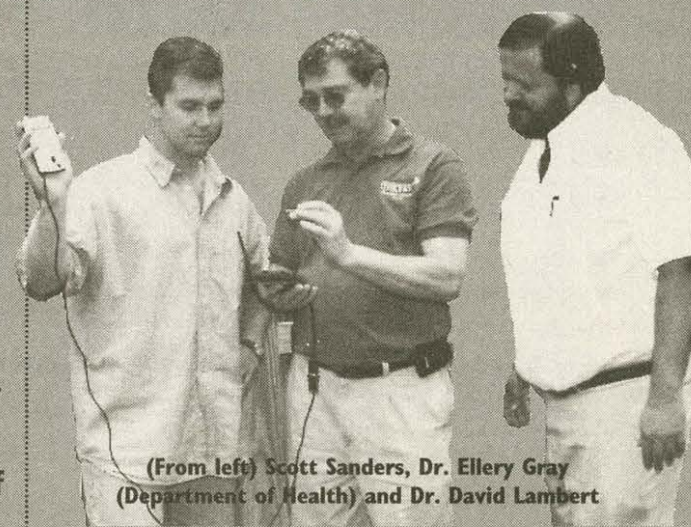
■ John Adcox, associate professor in the Building Construction Management Program, is selected for the National Teaching Award by the Associated Schools of Construction.

■ Baseball team finishes third in NCAA II World Series, compiling a 49-14 record. Four Ospreys drafted in major league draft.  
■ Center for Drug Prevention and Health Promotion receives notification of a \$3-million federal

grant to study ways of preventing alcohol abuse among youth.  
■ Dr. David Lambert leads group of undergraduates in developing an emergency response management system for the Department of Health.



Baseball team enjoys a successful season



(From left) Scott Sanders, Dr. Ellery Gray (Department of Health) and Dr. David Lambert



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**Institutional Advancement**

**Community's commitment reflected in pledges**

The 1999-2000 fiscal year continued a recent trend of strong private support to UNF.

In the last four years, more than \$40 million has been secured by UNF in gifts, state matches, pledges and expectancies. Of that total, about \$9.3 million was recorded in the last fiscal year.

Dr. Pierre Allaire, vice president of Institutional Advancement, said the University recorded a record year in pledges, primarily through three seven-figure commitments. One pledge was for scholarships, one for an endowed faculty position, and the third pledge was programmatic.

Another highlight for the year was the increase in alumni giving from \$163,742 to \$347,360. "This represents a significant increase and highlights the emphasis we have placed to staying in contact with our alumni," Allaire said.

Allaire added that the UNF Foundation and Institutional Advancement are very cognizant of costs as they relate to the operation of fundraising. The three-year average (cost-to-raise-a-dollar) is 16 cents. "Such results are consistent with the national averages," he said.

Another factor which has seen steady growth is the UNF endowment. The endowment, for the first time in the history of UNF exceeded the \$1-million mark in terms of distribution of funds. The value of the investment portfolio last year was approximately \$32 million.

"We are optimistic about the future of receiving additional endowment gifts, its growth through

sound financial management and the many University projects that will be enhanced through the earnings distribution," Allaire said.

The chart below compares the past three years in which outright gifts, state matching funds for philanthropy purposes, pledges and expectancies (wills, insurance and deferred gifts) all contributed to a solid year of commitments to the University.



Pierre Allaire

**Sponsored Research**

**Record year for grants to UNF**

As UNF's faculty continues to grow both in numbers and experience, the level of grants received by the University continues to grow. For the last fiscal year, awards totaled nearly \$7.4 million, an increase of 46 percent from the previous year and 18 percent more than the previous record year in 1996-97.

Jim Collom, director of the Division of Sponsored Research, attributes the gains to several factors including the addition of new programs and faculty, increased activity in previously

new partnerships with community agencies. For example, there was increased activity in the College of Computing Sciences and Engineering where the Applied Global Systems Laboratory has been working on a number of cutting-edge technology projects.

research and student activities related to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

In terms of dollar amounts, nearly \$5 million of the \$7.4 million came from federal funds; \$1.3 million from state and local funds and about \$1 million from private funds.

Sizable new awards were received in several areas. Two new awards were received in Physics from the National Science Foundation (\$142,383). The Center for Drug Abuse Prevention and Health Promotion received a new award from the

**The following is a listing of awards by college for the last two fiscal years:**

College	'98 - 99	'99-00
Arts and Sciences	\$744,442	\$1,331,823
Business Administration	\$845,870	\$1,092,404
Computing Science and Engineering	\$50,000	\$141,112
Education and Human Services	\$1,275,610	\$1,480,025
Health	\$492,979	\$977,594
Academic Affairs	\$1,440,219	\$2,065,176
Student Affairs	\$130,480	\$265,643
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,039,600</b>	<b>\$7,353,777</b>

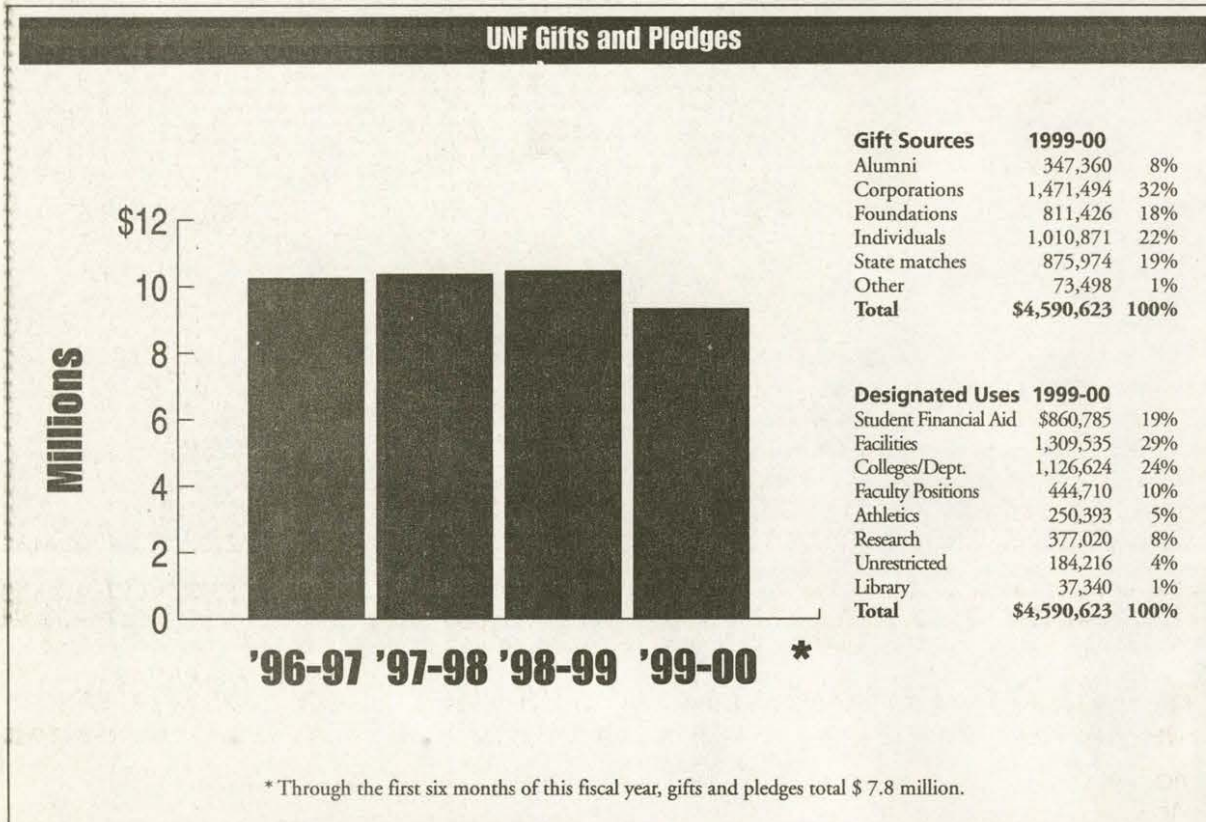
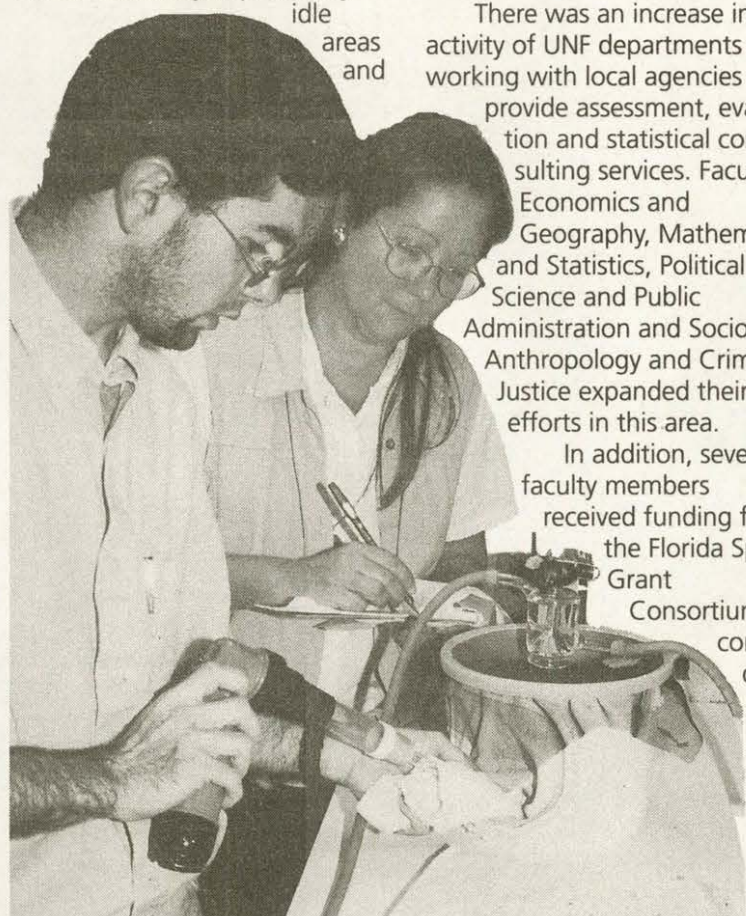
There was an increase in activity of UNF departments working with local agencies to provide assessment, evaluation and statistical consulting services. Faculty in Economics and Geography, Mathematics and Statistics, Political Science and Public Administration and Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice expanded their efforts in this area.

In addition, several faculty members received funding from the Florida Space Grant Consortium to conduct

National Institute of Health for its efforts in studying alcohol intervention in middle school students (\$571,200). The Women's Center also received funding from the Department of Justice for an education project to prevent violence against women (\$143,500).

There was also collaboration between colleges. Faculty from the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Education and Human Services collaborated with the Duval County public schools for several programs under the National Science Foundations Urban Systemic Initiative (\$700,000).

Collom said the record year in awards is a tribute to the hard work of many faculty who have developed fundable projects and prepared good proposals. "It is a major step toward achieving the level of external funding that UNF should be receiving," he added.



**Florida Institute of Education**

**Funding increases 33 percent**

In the past fiscal year, the Florida Institute of Education's (FIE) total grant funding has increased 33 percent. This increase has created greater visibility for the University of North Florida and has provided UNF faculty members with opportunities for collaboration with their counterparts across the state. FIE seeks to strengthen the quality of education in Florida by planning and developing coordinated programs and activities among Florida's universities, community colleges and public schools.

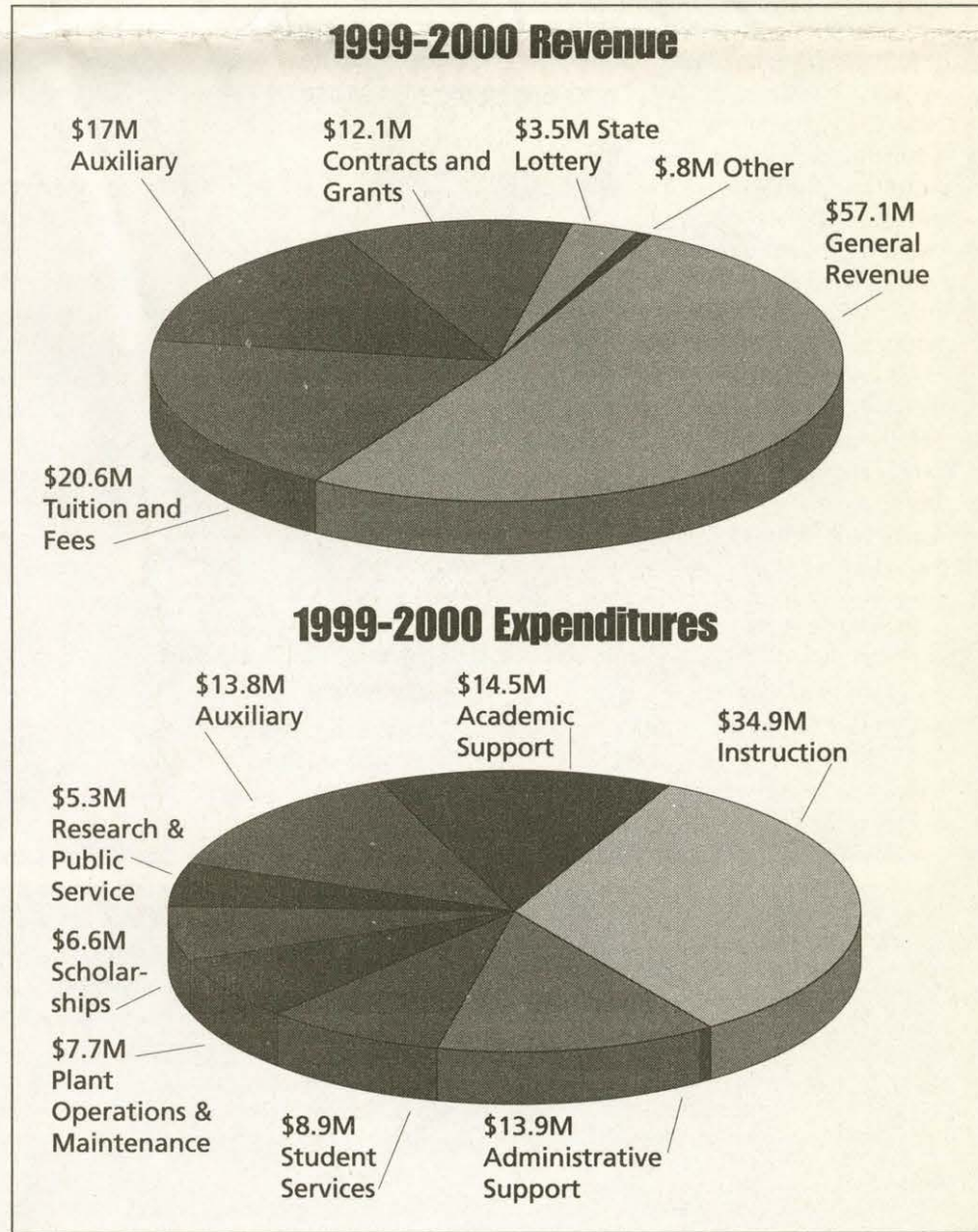
FIE serves as a focal point for the State University System relative to public school issues and has used this unique role to facilitate many important projects and activities. The Institute has leveraged resources and expertise not only among the SUS universities, but also with other major universities and national research centers.

According to College of Education and Human Services Dean Katherine Kasten, FIE provides UNF faculty and staff the

tools and access necessary to obtain results not possible through single institution efforts. "A collaborative applied research agenda such as FIE's has tremendous potential to enhance our faculty's work in areas such as early literacy, mathematics instruction, and school counseling and advising, which will in turn improve the learning of children in Jacksonville and across the state," said Kasten.

Faculty from various colleges at the University participate, and in many cases, lead FIE projects. Dr. Jan Woods of the COEHS is UNF's liaison in the School Readiness Program, Dr. William Caldwell, mathematics department chair co-directs the AP/Honors Mathematics Pilot program, Dr. Carolyn Stone, co-chairs the Pathways to Bright Futures: Expanding Advising and Career Connections program, and COEHS's Dr. Florence Marquardt leads the Writing Opportunities and Reading Development for Student Success project. Executive Director of FIE, Dr. Cheryl Fountain, maintains a professorship at COEHS and has served as assistant dean for the college, as well as associate provost for the University.

**UNF Budget**



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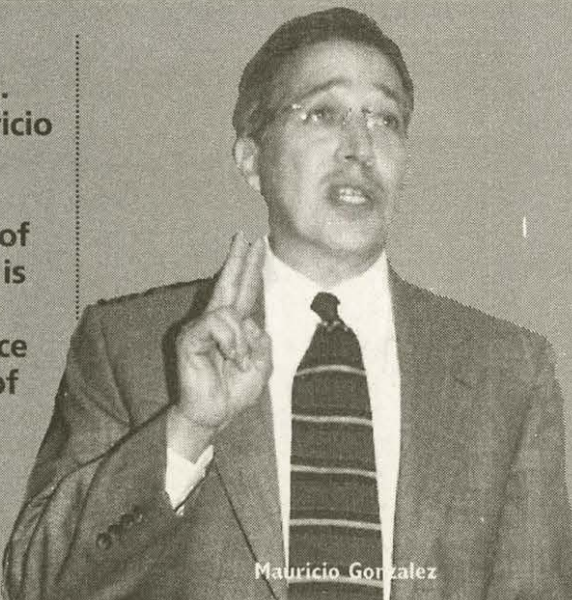
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**Year in Review**

**June**  
■ Three prominent Jacksonville business leaders and a UNF professor of management are recognized as recipients of the Prime F. Osborn III Distinguished

Business Leaders Award. The three were Melvin Gottlieb, J. Wayne Weaver and David Smith. Dr. Eugene Baker III was the College of Business Administration

professor recognized. ■ Dr. Mauricio Gonzalez, from the University of Cincinnati, is selected as the new vice president of Student Affairs.



Mauricio Gonzalez

**July**  
■ Teachers from across the state gather at UNF to launch Excellence in Education program. The first component, the Mathematics Pilot Project,

brings together teachers from nine counties, covering 27 public high schools. ■ UNF musicians attend North Sea Jazz Festival in The Netherlands.



Bill Prince performing at the North Sea Jazz Festival



## Student Opportunities and Campus Life



Mauricio Gonzalez

### Learning outside the classroom is Student Affairs' priority

Mauricio Gonzalez has worked long enough in university settings to realize that a great deal of learning occurs outside the classroom. As the new vice president for Student Affairs, he is dedicated to making that experience as rich as possible for UNF students.

Gonzalez assumed the vice presidency in October, coming to UNF from the University of Cincinnati where he held a similar position. "I share President Hopkins' goal of creating a

caring community at UNF. We (Student Affairs) are about creating an environment for students that is conducive to learning outside the classroom. We want to equip our students with the skills that are necessary so that when they leave the University they are well-prepared individuals, not only academically, but with the leadership skills to enable them to interact with others in a diverse workplace," he said.

Gonzalez and his team are looking at a number of initia-

tives, including reforming the student code of conduct and revamping orientation. The new vice president emphasized that the reform of the code of conduct is being done not to make it more punitive, but more educational in nature.

"That's the difference between a university and state or municipal courts. This is an educational endeavor. When a student makes a mistake, we need to have consistent procedures from which they will learn," he

noted. Orientation is also extremely important to the University and Gonzalez is seeking to make it a collaborative initiative with other units on campus. "This is the first impression many students and parents get of the University. We want it to be as positive as possible," he said.

One initiative that will undoubtedly make a positive impression on students are plans for an expanded student union. Although there is no definite

timetable, students have agreed to a \$2 per-credit-hour assessment to go toward the cost of an expanded student union. The project will include some new construction while part of the existing Robinson Student Life Center will be renovated.

An expanded student union, coupled with more residence halls on campus, will guarantee that Gonzalez and his team will be busy as they oversee a division that is responsible for everything from housing to recreation on campus and many responsibilities in between.

### UNF Alumni Association

### Alumni Association gains new director, president

The Alumni Association gained a new director and a new president as it celebrated a significant year. Faith Hall, who has both prior university alumni and corporate marketing experience, recently took over the reins as director of Alumni Services - just in time to participate in what had been a year-long celebration of the UNF Alumni Association's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



"I, along with the volunteer leadership, have much appreciation for all that has been accomplished by those who came before us. We are looking forward to building on their successes as we develop a new course for the future," said Hall.

The Alumni Association has grown substantially since it first met back in 1976. Today, there are more than 34,000 alumni from all over the United States and a variety of foreign countries. Pat Brzozowski, newly elected president of the Alumni Association, is energized by the growth of the association and the University.

"UNF is changing and growing all the time. We want to continue to create new and fun ways to keep alumni involved with their alma mater, no matter where they live or what their interests are," Brzozowski said.

In addition to the host club in Jacksonville, UNF has established regional clubs in Atlanta, Central Florida, Tampa Bay, South Florida and Belize, Central America. The Alumni Association saw much success with these regional clubs as it hosted a variety of



Faith Hall

events and programs that appealed to different alumni interests. Atlanta-area alumni enjoyed a social at TGI Fridays followed by the UNF vs. Kennesaw State basketball game, while Orlando graduates participated for the second year in the valuable Alumni Student Recruitment Program.

Constituent chapters focus on graduates of a particular college and bring together alumni with a common interest. Chapter activities include business networking opportunities, academic discussions, career assistance and more. The College of Health Alumni Chapter was established last spring and has already attracted a large following.

The College of Education and Human Services Chapter is expanding its reach with a new on-line mentor program and educator socials in each of the local five area counties. The Graduate Business Club has been active since 1990 and hosts popular quarterly luncheon

meetings with guest speakers from around the community. A chapter for master's in public administration graduates as well as communications and visual arts is also being considered by the College of Arts and Sciences.

Whether a UNF graduate is around the corner or around the globe, Hall looks forward to finding innovative ways to keep them linked to UNF. "The Alumni Association leadership and staff are all very passionate about creating new and exciting programs that meet the needs of our alumni and the University," she said. Those already on the horizon include scholarships; alumni travel tours; Web-based services and a variety of group-discount programs.

In the spring the board of directors will hold a strategic planning retreat that will guide activities for the next few years. "The direction we take will keep pace with the lifestyles of our alumni who are now living all over the world," Hall said.

"The direction we take will keep pace with the lifestyles of our alumni who are now living all over the world."

FAITH HALL

### At UNF, student dreams really do come true

Whether a student has an idea for a research project, is looking for a little more academic stimulation or wants to see the world, there are new and expanding programs at UNF to make it possible.

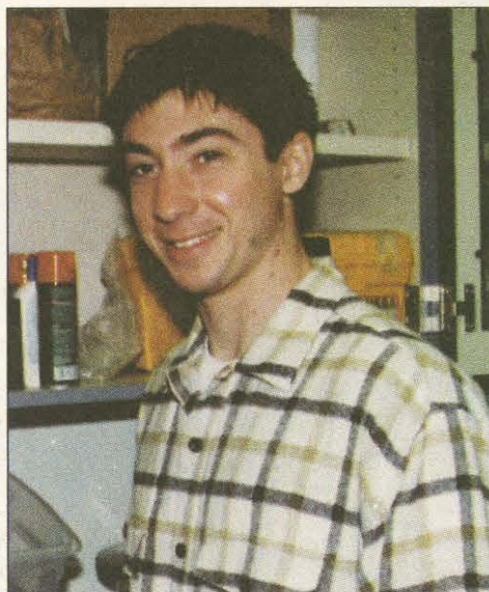
Dr. Mary Borg, director of the Undergraduate Academic Enrichment program, has numerous opportunities for students to make the most of their academic career. The office sponsors Undergraduate Research Program funds of a maximum of \$1,000 per year to undergraduates who wish to conduct independent, scholarly or creative projects. The strength of these research projects can be seen in the inaugural publication of the *Osprey Journal of Ideas and Inquiry* that includes the finished projects of the previous year's recipients.

Mitch Miglis, a junior majoring in biology, served as the student editor for the new journal. Aside from the usual editing duties, he first had to examine other journals to get an idea of what theirs should look like. The 15 articles came from psychology, natural sciences, music and political science. "It was involved but definitely worth it," said Miglis.

He and another student were also able to participate in a research project with Dr. Anthony Rossi in the natural sciences department. They looked at tannin levels in turkey oak trees and how it changes in response to insect attacks.

"Dr. Rossi was really open and wanted students to do research. At a lot of schools, undergraduates don't get a chance to get involved," said Miglis, who has plans to attend medical school. "It's given me a sense of excitement about science. It's good to experience the scientific method first hand."

The Undergraduate



Mitch Miglis

Academic Enrichment program also assists talented students in securing prestigious national and international scholarships and fellowships. "UNF has been very successful in these competitions in recent years, achieving a Truman Scholar, a USA Today Academic First Team Member, 10 Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholars, two Phi Kappa Phi Graduate Fellows, two Fulbright Scholarship finalists and four Rhodes Scholarship finalists in the last five years," said Borg. "UNF is the only Florida university to have

finalists for the Rhodes Scholarship for the last five out of six years."

The distinguished University Scholars Honor Society is designed to provide extracurricular intellectual opportunities to UNF's best students. Only 20 students with a grade-point average of 3.8 or higher are selected for membership which features discussions of current events, public policy debates, nationally known speakers, cultural events and service projects.

Undergraduate travel grants are also available to help defray the cost of attending national or international conferences, attend summer school at Cambridge University or participate in internships in Washington, DC.

In the past summer, more than 40 students in the College of Arts and Sciences participated in the Freshman Core Abroad Program that took students to Israel and France and the Language Abroad program in Peru and Valencia, Spain. Students from the College of Health visited Jamaica and the Honors program visited Ireland. The College of Business Administration offers five study-abroad courses as well as 10 exchange programs in Europe, Latin America and China. "Globalization is the defining characterization of the new millennium," said Jeffrey Steagall, director of the international business program. "Study abroad will change your outlook on life."

### Honors Program encompasses rigorous classes

Monique Elton, a public relations major with a minor in political science, describes herself as "a political junkie who can't live without my National Public Radio"

Through the Honors Program, she was able to satisfy that craving by attending the Democratic Convention in Los Angeles. With help from the (UNF) Foundation Board of Trustees Initiative, 11 UNF students were able to attend either the Democratic or Republican conventions. Another six students traveled to Washington to view the presidential inauguration.

The first week of the convention, Elton spent in academic seminars while the second was spent in field work. The communications major was surprised by a lot of what she saw at the convention, including Clinton's address to the nation.

"You know he's charismatic and a great speaker, but he is awe-inspiring," she said. "Even in the press box, the media, who are not supposed to be biased, were on their feet and clapping."

Elton found herself assigned to College News Radio for her field work. "I was handed a list of questions, a mini-tape recorder and microphone and told to get interviews," she said, admitting she didn't have any idea how to get started. But she learned quickly and got interviews with Bill Campbell, the mayor of Atlanta, and Mark Morales, the mayor of New Orleans.

"I had no idea what the convention would be like," she said. "It's very different to actually be in the environment. You have to be there."

The Honors Program provides an interdisciplinary approach to education that requires students take responsibility for their own learning.

The 350 students are expected to take rigorous courses and to involve themselves in the community through service learning projects. Many students also take part in internships through the Washington Center and attend study-abroad classes.

Elton, 37, was a transfer student from Florida Community College of Jacksonville and began taking classes a UNF, mostly at night. After being recruited to join the Honors Program, she began taking day classes with younger students who provided a different perspective.

"Because of the way the classes are constructed, everyone participates. I get a better idea of the big picture," she said.

She particularly gravitated toward the service-learning component that focuses on domestic violence. After taking the class, she was asked to become the facilitator. "I prepare the lesson, direct the discussion and grade papers," said Elton, who will have taught the class three semesters by the time she graduates in August. After attending law school, she

wants to work with survivors of domestic abuse.

Marnie Jones, director of the Honors Program, said it is these types of extracurricular activities that make participation in the program so special to the students. It trains them to think for themselves, not just while they are in college, but for the rest of their lives. "The Honors Program is a transforming experience," said Jones. "It is one of the richest experiences there is."



Monique Elton

### Year in Review

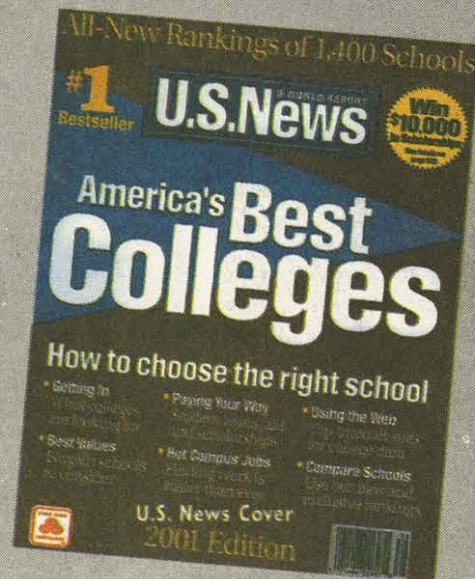
**August**  
■ Building Construction Management Program is accredited by the American Council for Construction Education.

**September**  
■ UNF announces three partnerships in connection with the Hayt Golf



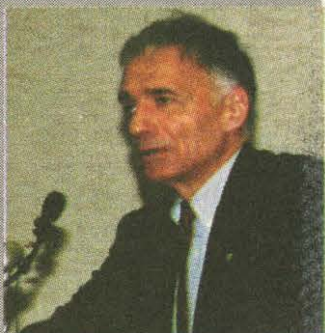
**Management & Learning Center now under construction.**  
■ U.S. News & World Report's America's Best Colleges ranks UNF as among the top public universities in the South. U.S. News surveyed 77 regional southern public uni-

versities and ranked UNF 11th.  
■ Master's program in Rehabilitation Counseling is accredited by the Council on Rehabilitation Education.



**October**  
■ Students in UNF's accounting program achieve the nation's highest passing percentage rate on CPA examination.  
■ Presidential candidate Ralph Nader visits UNF campus.  
■ Orlando

Magic conducts, training camp at UNF.  
■ Women's swimming opens inaugural season competing in NCAA Division I.  
■ Men's cross country wins conference championship.



Coach Mark VanAlstyne named Peach Belt Men's Cross Country Coach of the Year.



Report to the community—2000

# Campus transformation continues in 2001 with major building projects



Robert Fagin

Later this year, Jacksonville will be in for a special treat with the opening of the \$22-million Fine Arts Center. The sweeping façade of the building has already become a visual landmark for the center of campus and will welcome thousands of students, faculty, staff and residents in the years ahead.

The centerpiece is a 1,400-seat grand performance hall which will support a variety of theatrical and musical productions. The 120,000-square-foot complex promises to become a central meeting place for artists, performers and musi-

cians from both UNF and the Jacksonville community. It will also include badly needed office, classroom, studio and lab space for the visual arts, communication and music programs. The facility is expected to be in full operation by the fall of this year.

But the Fine Arts Center is only one part of the more than \$20 million in construction activity that took place at UNF in 2000. At least \$15 million in construction is expected to take place this year.

Robert Fagin, vice president for Administration and Finance, said he is excited about the

growth occurring at UNF. "The opportunity to provide buildings, classrooms, and laboratories to increase the learning, research, and services to the Jacksonville community is very rewarding for all of us at UNF."

Fagin also oversaw a comprehensive evaluation of the University's master plan last year as required by the Board of Regents. That plan will guide the University's development for the next 10 years.

Here is a brief look at other major construction projects on campus.

### Science and Engineering Building

Construction will begin this spring on a 125,000-square-foot Science & Engineering Building in the center core of campus. Design work on this \$22.6 million project started last year. The building will provide space for UNF's growing engineering programs including the new civil and mechanical engineering programs, laboratories for natural sciences as well as additional classrooms and two 150-seat auditoriums. It will be completed in the summer of 2002 and occupied in spring of 2003.

### Residence Hall

The University continues to

add more on-campus housing. The newest residence hall now under construction will accommodate about 500 students, bringing the total on-campus housing to nearly 2,100 beds. This \$13-million project is situated on Alumni Drive near the University Center. It will feature enclosed atriums to encourage greater student interaction. (See artist's rendering below)

### Library Expansion

Design work on this \$18.4-million project is expected to begin this year with construction expected in 2002, depending on funding availability. The four-story addition will add 115,000 square-feet of space to the existing Thomas Carpenter Library providing more room for collection shelving and classrooms.

### Soccer/Track Stadium

A new stadium now graces the UNF campus with the completion of the \$6.8-million first phase of the project. The 9,300-seat stadium will support UNF teams and accommodate regional and national soccer and track events in the future. The second phase of the \$12-million project will occur this year and includes the "build-out" of some of the offices and laboratory areas within the sta-

dium shell. The next phase, to be completed in 2002, will include the actual track and soccer field and additional "build out" such as concessions and rest rooms. The facility should be ready for use by the end of 2002.

### Child Development and Research Center

A 6,500-square-foot Child Development and Research Center was completed late last year near the current University Police Department outside the campus core. The \$660,000 center, which opened in January of this year, replaces an aging structure in the core of campus that is the site of the planned Science and Engineering Building. The center serves about 500 children each year.

### Hayt Golf Management and Learning Center

Work on this \$2.2-million project started last year with construction of the 8,000-square-foot education facility which will be completed in the fall of this year. Work on the two regulation-distance golf holes, a driving range as well as chipping and putting greens will begin this year. A third hole may be added at a later date, subject to the availability of

funding. The first play on the course should occur this fall.

### Betty Holzendorf Drive

To provide improved traffic flow from the newly built University Center, a \$500,000 road was built with direct access from the center to Kernan Road. The road was named after distinguished alum and State Senator Betty Holzendorf, in appreciation for her legislative support of the University.

### Parking Lot Construction

Another 250 permanent parking spaces were added to campus with the paving of an overflow parking lot near the new Child Development and Research Center. A second phase, with space for 140 cars, is expected to be completed by the fall of this year. With its completion, as well as additional parking at the University Center, on-campus parking capacity totals 6,300 spaces.

### Infrastructure Improvements

While the campus grows, improvements will continue to be made to the University's infrastructure. Between now and 2005, more than \$7.2 million in improvements will be made in sewer, water and electrical lines as well as roadways.



Fine Arts Center



Science and Engineering Building



Child Development and Research Center

## Golf project is unique in Florida

The University's new Hayt Golf Management and Learning Center (GMLC) soon will offer UNF and the Jacksonville community a unique opportunity to participate in an environmental experiment and youth project.

Construction has started on the Hayt GMLC in partnership with Audubon International and The First Tee program. The designers and developers have worked to merge wildlife conservation, habitat enhancements, and environmental improvements with the golf facility and buildings. The Hayt GMLC is a member of the Audubon Signature program. The University will seek to achieve the Audubon's Gold signature status for the Hayt GMLC. This is the most rigorous of the membership levels and one that would result in certification as a demonstration site for the nationwide program for development of environmentally sensitive golf facilities. Upon certification, the Hayt GMLC will be the only such facility in the state of Florida.

The Hayt GMLC has been selected as one of the nationwide pilot sites for The First Tee program. The First Tee program is designed to make golf more accessible and affordable to children who would not other-

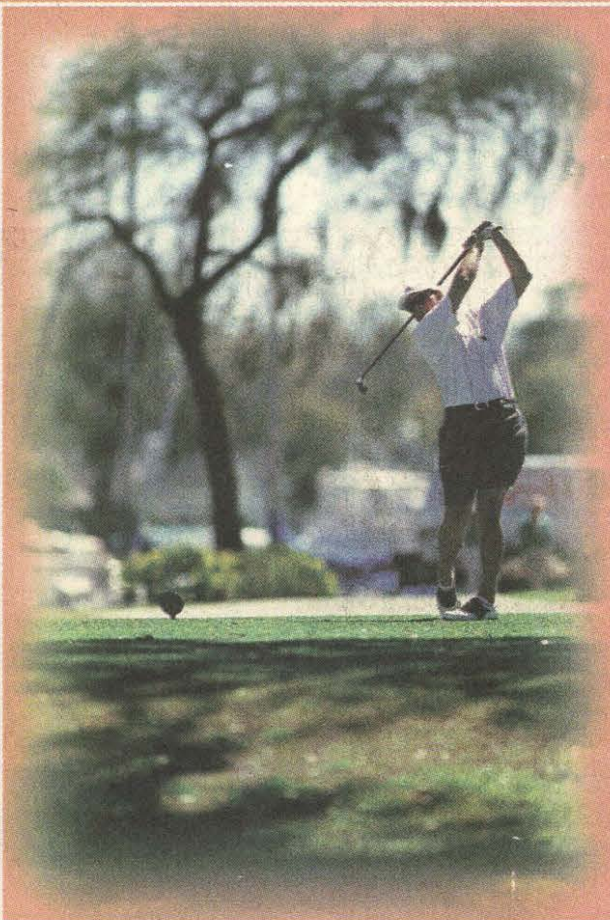
wise have the opportunity to experience golf.

As a site of The First Tee program, the Hayt GMLC will serve as a reward site for area students in the program who excel in academics and remain drug free. "Anytime we can reach out to the community and give back, it is the right thing to do," said C.H. Swan, director of development for the Southeast Region for The First Tee.

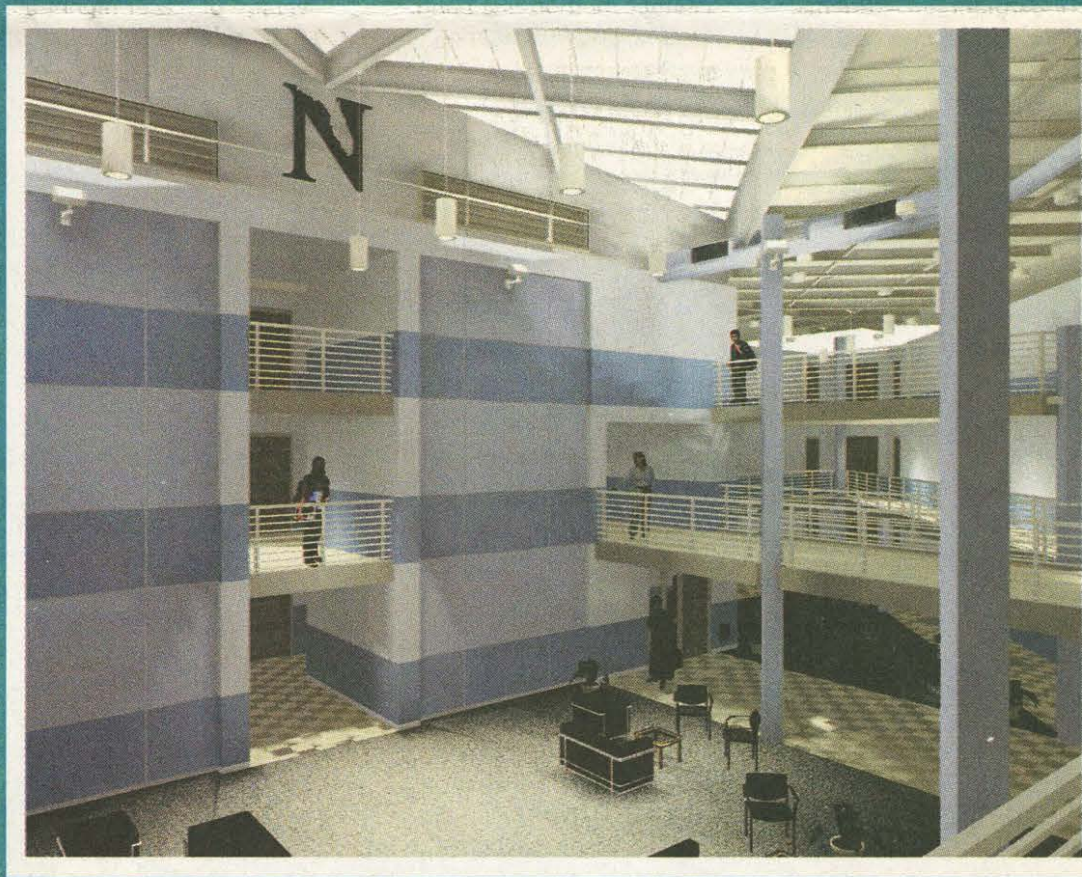
The University has recently received a financial commitment from Gary and Lynne Sneed to name the golf library.

Prudential Insurance has funded the environmental interpretive classroom at the Hayt GMLC. Rink; Reynolds, Diamond and Fisher has made an in-kind gift for the design work of the building; McCumber Golf has provided the design work for the driving range and holes; Florida Rock has provided in-kind gifts for the concrete block and concrete; and RS & H has made an in-kind gift of engineering and landscape design for the facility.

The Hayt Golf Management and Learning Center is named for John T. and Geraldine Hayt, who provided a generous donation that was matched by the state.



## New Addition to On-Campus Housing



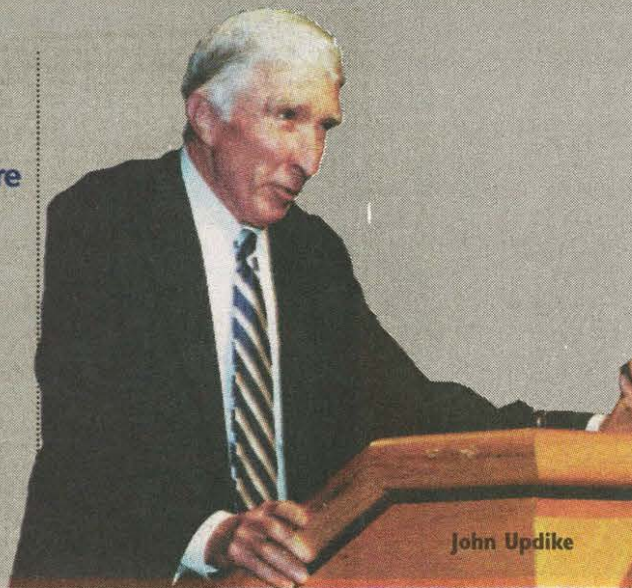
"The Crossings" is the newest addition to on-campus housing at UNF. The new residence hall will accommodate about 500 additional students when it opens this fall bringing the total on-campus housing to nearly 2,100 beds. The \$13-million project will feature enclosed atriums, connecting the three buildings as pictured above in this artist's rendering. The new housing is a modified suite-style in which two students share a room and have a private bath. The rooms also have a small snack area in which students may add their own microwave and efficiency-size refrigerator.

### Year in Review

■ **The First Coast Education Leadership Center**, a professional development center for area teachers, is named for **Frederick H. Schultz**, Jacksonville businessman and community leader.

■ **Family of the late J. P. Hall**, present check for \$200,000 as payment of a deferred gift in support of the **Lifelong Learning Initiative**, the building enhancement fund for the new University Center.

■ **November**  
 ■ **John Updike** delivers Presidential Lecture on campus.  
 ■ **UNF** launches \$65-million capital campaign, the largest philanthropic initiative in Jacksonville's history.



John Updike

■ **Women's soccer and volleyball teams** win their respective **Peach Belt Conference championships** and tournaments. **Women's soccer** attains national ranking of **No. 2**.

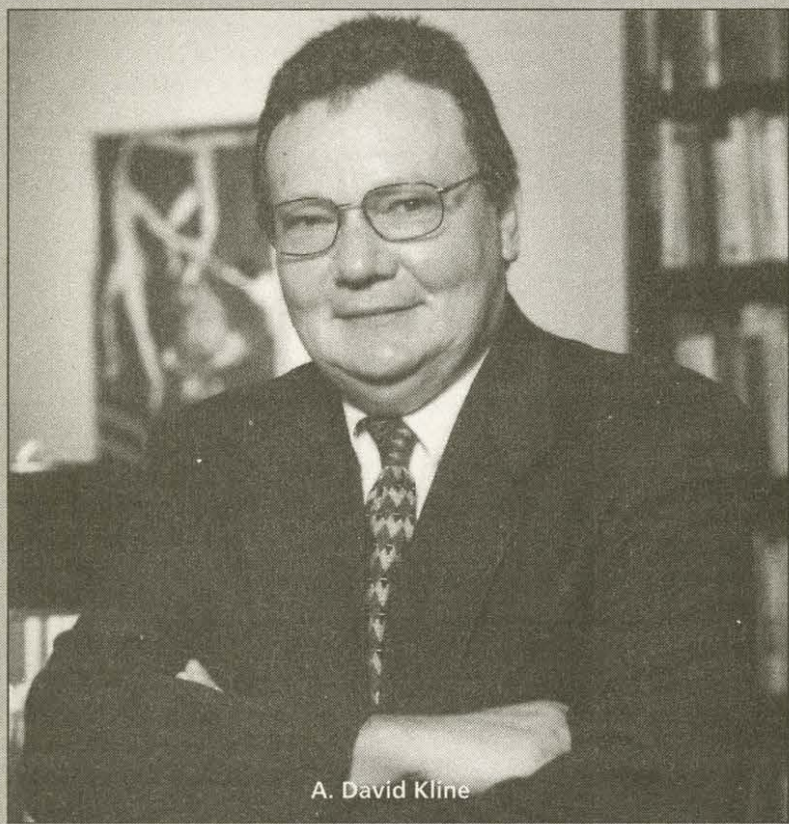
■ **Bryan Bunn** named **Peach Belt Volleyball Coach of the Year** and **Mike Munch** named conference **Women's Soccer Coach of the Year**.

■ **Division of Sponsored Research** announces record year in securing grants and contracts. For the last fiscal year, awards totaled nearly **\$7.4 million**, an increase of **46 percent** from the previous year.



## Academic and Non-Credit Programs

### Strengthening academic programs is key goal for 2001



A. David Kline

through the hiring of additional faculty is one of his two main goals for 2001. "Sometimes in the past, we have had to add students faster than we have added new faculty," he says. Approximately 15 new faculty members were added last fiscal year and he estimates another 20 will be hired by the end of this fiscal year. These faculty are joining an experienced existing faculty whose expertise is reflected in an ever growing number of academic presentations at conferences across the country. Kline estimates there has been a 20 percent increase in these scholarly presentations in the last year.

Students will not only benefit from more faculty, they will also have more special learning opportunities, which is a second major priority of Kline's for the coming year. The University is committed, he said, to

making more study abroad opportunities available as well as enhancing service learning and undergraduate research programs. "We believe these type of enhancements add real value to the high quality of an undergraduate education at UNF," he says.

The overall enhancement of undergraduate education also extends to freshmen in the form of Freshman Interest Groups also known as FIGs. In essence, FIGs are "learning communities" at

UNF in which a cluster of classes are centered on an interdisciplinary theme that enroll a common cohort of students. Each FIG also has an undergraduate peer coordinator who assists freshmen in forming study groups, helps them learn about campus resources and even plans social gatherings.

These coordinators, who are students themselves, are an essential component in encouraging communication among freshmen and faculty members.

Initially about a dozen FIG courses were offered. That number was doubled last year to include more than 100 students. Kline expects a 50 percent increase in students enrolling in the courses for the Fall semester.

The quality enhancement efforts also extend to graduate education where, over the past two years, student enrollment has been growing. Enrollment in the Summer and Fall 2000 semesters was 19 percent higher than for the same period in

1999. UNF's College of Health and College of Education led in this growth.

The increased graduate enrollments were due to a number of factors, including new degrees, special programs, and stronger financial support for graduate students.

Recognizing the importance of graduate education in building local and state economies, the University and the state have provided increased financial support for graduate students. For the 2000/2001 academic-year, the Florida legislature gave UNF \$273,000 in waivers to support graduate assistantships and fellowships. The university has also been able to contribute an additional \$140,000 for scholarships and assistantships for each of the past two years.

In both graduate and undergraduate education, Kline said the future of UNF looks bright and consequently so too does the future of students attending the University.

"We believe these types of enhancements add real value to the high quality of an undergraduate education at UNF"

Dr. A. David Kline

It's a well-known fact that the University of North Florida is growing rapidly. Last fall, more than 12,800 students enrolled in classes and by 2010, an estimated 18,000 students will be on campus.

Making sure that UNF's academic programs are prepared for such increases is a priority of Vice President and Provost Dr. A. David Kline.

Kline notes that strengthening academic programs primarily

### Arts and Sciences

It's been a busy year for Hank Camp, who went from associate dean to acting dean in the College of Arts and Sciences this year.

"Excitement and change abound as we look forward to moving into the beautiful new Fine Arts Center," said Camp. "It will be a campus centerpiece that will enhance UNF's ability to become a cultural hub for the community."

The college isn't just expanding in size with the new Fine Arts Center and the planned Science and Engineering Building. "We'll be adding new faculty to our already strong base," he said.

One of the reasons for additional faculty are new programs the college is offering. A bachelor's in anthropology began in the fall and planning is under way for a bachelor's in environmental biology and a master's in applied sociology in the coming year. "New programs are constantly being planned and implemented," he said.

**Also in 2000:**

- During the 1999-2000 academic year, 29 members of the college's faculty in eight different departments were actively involved in \$3 million of research and service projects. These included basic research in mathematics and the natural sciences as well as community partnerships with Duval County Schools, regional government

and non-profit agencies.

- Under the leadership of the General Education Council, learning community programs for entering freshman students expanded. Nearly 25 percent of the fall 2000 class participated in Freshman Interest Groups (FIGs) or composition linked learning communities. One popular and timely FIG was Campaign 2000 which connected courses in American government, statistics and economics. Faculty are currently planning FIGs for the Fall 2001 freshman class.

- The pre-professional programs continue to grow and achieve recognition. Last year, 62 percent of the UNF students applying to medical schools were accepted, a new record for UNF.

- UNF fielded two Mock Trial teams at the Regional Mock Trial Tournament. One team finished third and was invited to compete in the Gold Flight National Intercollegiate Mock Trial Tournament in Des Moines, where they again achieved national prominence by defeating Ivy League and land grant universities.

Acting Dean Hank Camp



### Business Administration

Instead of having students wait until after graduation to start thinking about career choices, the College of Business Administration has introduced an innovative program designed to make them think about their post graduation careers while they are still in school.

"We call it The Career Architecture Program," said Dean Earle Traynham. "This innovative program was developed by Dr. Ed Johnson and supported by a grant from Mel and Debbie Gottlieb. We're the only business school in the state and one of the few in the country to put our students through a career-skills assessment program when they enter the college."

"We test them to see what kinds of skills and competencies they already possess, and what they might need to work on to be more successful in various professional positions," said Johnson. "Some of the competencies might be good listening skills, negotiating, and problem solving. If a student scores low in an area, we can make sure they take classes that will help them sharpen their skills, and develop those attributes that will enhance their employability."

**Also in 2000:**

- UNF graduates had the highest passing rate in the entire nation on the Uniform Certified Public Accountant exam. In May, the two highest scores in the state also went to UNF graduates.
- Student organizations continue to receive many awards and accolades. Students in Free Enterprise won its regional competition and finished in the top 20 out of 500 schools in the nation. Delta Sigma Pi won a national award for the highest grade-point average of any chapter in the nation and the Financial Management Association was named a superior chapter, one of only 10 to receive the designation.

Dean Earle Traynham



### Computing Science and Engineering

The growth among various programs led the College of Computing Sciences and Engineering to reorganize last year. What was formally the Electrical Engineering Department has now been changed to the Division of Engineering, to better reflect the addition of the new civil engineering program that began in the fall and the mechanical engineering program which will start next fall. The Building Construction Management program has also become a department, and received accreditation over the summer.

The Building Construction Management bachelor's program received specialized accreditation in 2000. "That means every program we offer that has an accrediting body has been through the process and approved," said Neal Coulter, dean.

The college is looking forward to a physical expansion with the construction of the Science and Engineering Building.

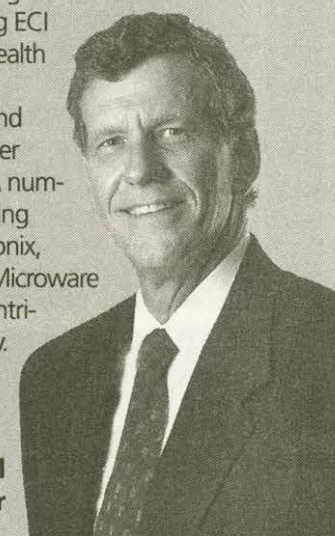
**Also in 2000:**

- Through a \$500,000 donation from ALLTEL, the college received its first endowed faculty position in computer and information sciences.
- The college continues to win in regional

competitions. Building Construction Management students won first place in the design/build competition in the Associated Schools of Construction Southeast Regional competition. A team of computer science students placed eighth out of more than 70 teams in the Association of Computing Machinery Southeast Regional Programming contest.

- The college's Applied Global Systems Laboratory attracted research funding from several sources, including ECI Telecom, Momentum Health Care Systems, Florida's Department of Health and the U.S. National Weather Service among others. A number of companies including Texas Instruments, Tektronix, Lattice Semiconductor, Microware and Magellan, made contributions to the laboratory.

Dean Neal Coulter



### Education and Human Services

More faculty receiving grants and strong donor support have enabled the College of Education and Human Services to double its external funding and strengthen partnerships with area schools and community service agencies.

"In five years, the college has grown from just under \$1 million in external funding to over \$2 million," said Katherine Kasten, the college dean.

"The number and amount of grants and external gifts have increased dramatically," said Kasten. "Much of the energy of the college goes into the implementation of these projects. All involve working with local schools in providing services such as beginning teacher training; in-service training in mathematics, science and special education and the creation of the Center for Early Literacy and Learning to help children become successful readers. Grants also allow our university students to be involved in research and service projects that will help them be ready for their own classrooms."

**Also in 2000:**

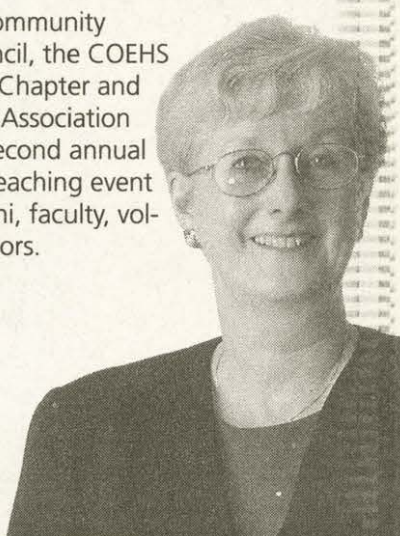
- New graduate programs for teachers and future principals were launched in Callahan and St. Augustine as well as Belize, Central America.

- Faculty from the college and students from a Duval County high school participated in the NASA protein crystal space experiment that launched the first payload to fly on the international space station.

- This year, the college celebrated the 10th year of UNF's only doctoral degree. The Ed.D. in educational leadership has graduated more than 50 students.

- The COEHS Community Leadership Council, the COEHS Affiliate Alumni Chapter and the UNF Alumni Association sponsored the second annual Celebration of Teaching event in May for alumni, faculty, volunteers and donors.

Dean Katherine Kasten



### Health

Now that the College of Health has so many successful programs established, it has identified a need to further assist students in their educational pursuits.

"In the past year, we've significantly added to the number of scholarships and fellowships we're able to award to our students," said Pamela Chally, college dean.

Two of the newest funds include the establishment of a \$100,000 endowment from the Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and the creation of the Foster Fellowships, named for Pat Foster, a nursing professor at UNF.

"Businesses contribute to the success of UNF. We appreciate their commitment to the College of Health and their vision for the future," said Chally. "It means a lot to the students to have this support as they go forward with their education experience."

**Also in 2000:**

- The nurse practitioner program leading to the master's of science in nursing was implemented, as

well as a master's degree program in physical therapy.

- The master's in rehabilitation counseling, which helps those who have physically, mentally, emotionally or socially handicapping conditions become or remain independent, became the most recent program in the college to receive accreditation.

- The college received approval from the Board of Regents to begin a master's in public health degree program. Classes began in January of this year.

- The college is part of a team training Senegalese students to provide medical services and community health training in medically underserved communities in Senegal, Africa.

Dean Pam Chally



### Continuing Education

You could call it "Seven Habits of Highly Effective Continuing Education." When the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce was overwhelmed with the demand for the Franklin Covey organization courses, it asked the UNF Division of Continuing Education to take over, which it did gladly.

"There are only two schools in the country to offer Franklin Covey courses," said Marcelle Lovett, dean. "It's unique to have something like this on a campus."

The exclusive agreement to offer the Franklin Covey courses such as *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*®, *Writing Advantage*®, *Project Management: Planning for Results*® and *What Matters Most*® are just part of the offerings of over 318 non-credit courses 13,254 people took last year to improve their leadership, communications and management skills.

The division also prides itself on being able to respond quickly to changes in the workplace by providing custom designed programs for area businesses. Last year, the division served more than 800 area businesses by providing training solutions to some of their most important employment issues such as

recruitment and retention, supervisory management, business writing, team building and stress management.

The partnership with CSX to provide training for freight railroad conductors has continued to grow and expand with the addition of field training to enhance the curriculum. Of the 240 graduates of the five-week course, 98 percent were hired by CSX or another railroad. "It was our biggest year ever," said Lovett. "At one point, we were running three classes concurrently."

**Also in 2000:**

- Classes for medical secretaries, medical coding and legal nursing continue to attract students. "All the career-specific programs are full and in high demand," said Lovett.

Dean Marcelle Lovett





Report to the community—2000

Athletics

Ospreys complete strong year of successful competition

The UNF athletic program enjoyed a successful year in 2000, as four sports won conference championships and 11 teams advanced to post-season NCAA action.

The men's basketball team saw several individual top performances under new Head Coach Matt Kilcullen. While posting a 9-17 record, UNF finished sixth in the South Division of the Peach Belt Athletic Conference, but played most games close, falling by eight points or less in five PBC matchups.

Senior Sedessa Fisher led the conference in scoring, with 472 points, and sophomore Koran Godwin finished second in scoring in the Peach Belt, with 442 points. Sophomore Gaius Jenkins was sixth in the PBC in rebounding, with 201. UNF ended the season on a high note, downing Columbus State 83-82 in overtime.

The women's basketball team had a successful campaign last season, finishing 16-11 overall and in fourth place in the Peach Belt Conference.

Highlights during the year

included upsetting then-ranked No. 12 Kennesaw State 48-47, which snapped a 10-game win streak for the Lady Owls. The Lady Ospreys advanced to the quarter-finals of the PBC Tournament, where they faced a senior-laden Lander University and fell 79-68.

The baseball team captured its second Peach Belt Athletic Conference Championship, clinching the title against Georgia College & State University. The Ospreys, who spent much of the season ranked No. 1 in the nation in Division II, then took two of three games at Kennesaw State to finish the conference season with a 26-4 record.

Seven Ospreys earned PBC All-Conference honors, a UNF record, while Head Coach Dusty Rhodes was selected as the Conference Coach of the Year, and sophomore Matt Incinelli was named the Conference Pitcher of the Year. Those named to the All-Conference team include: Lee McCool, Greg Labbe, Kevin Kay, Kyle Catrett, Matt Incinelli, Adam Horne and Jerrod Payne.

UNF hosted and won the 2000 NCAA II South Atlantic

Regional. Sophomore pitcher Mike Wood earned Tournament MVP honors, and four other Ospreys were named to the All-Tournament Team.

The top-ranked Ospreys advanced to the 2000 NCAA II College World Series, in Montgomery, Ala., May 27-June 3, where they finished third. They opened with a 9-0 win over Indianapolis, then fell 3-0 to Southeastern Oklahoma State, then rebounded with a 12-1 win over Central Missouri State. They finished the season falling to Fort Hays State 13-10. Southeast Oklahoma State won the Series, downing Fort Hays State 7-2 in the championship.

Five Ospreys earned All-America honors, a UNF record. Jerrod Payne and Kyle Catrett were named to the First Team, Matt Incinelli earned Second Team honors and Kevin Kay and Lee McCool were named to the Third Team. Senior catcher Kevin Kay and junior left fielder Nick Steppe earned All-Tournament honors. Rhodes recorded win numbers 850 of his career and 550 with the Ospreys in the last two weeks

of the regular season. He was selected as the ABCA South Atlantic Region Coach of the Year. The Ospreys finished the 2000 season at 49-14.

The Osprey softball team, which reached a high national ranking of No. 2 in the nation, wrapped up its regular season in late April, finishing third in the Peach Belt. UNF finished 47-11, advancing to the NCAA II South Atlantic Regional Tournament, May 12-13, hosted by Kennesaw State University. They went 1-2 in the tournament, and had three players named to the All-Tournament team — Tracy Jester, Adrianna Padron and Kellie LaGatta.

Jester, who was named the NFCA's National Player of the Week during the year, also earned All-Conference honors along with Trisha Davis and Carolyn Crager.

The Lady Osprey tennis team, ranked No. 7 in the nation in Division II, won its first Peach Belt Athletic Conference

Championship at the PBAC Tournament in Savannah, hosted by Armstrong Atlantic State University. The Lady Ospreys (23-8, 10-1 in the PBAC) advanced to the NCAA II Regional Tournament, where they fell in the championship match to Armstrong Atlantic State University 5-4 at UNF.

Senior Nicki Fitzgerald earned All-Conference honors as an at-large selection. She posted a 15-7 record in singles and a 17-7 doubles mark. The UNF men's tennis team (16-13, 5-3 and ranked No. 18 in Division II) finished fifth in the PBAC tournament and advanced to the NCAA II South Regional, where they also advanced to the championship match. They fell to eventual national champion Lander University, 5-0.

The Osprey golf team, ranked No. 12 in NCAA Division I, competed in their second consecutive District Tournament, May 18-20 in Moosic, Pa.

The Ospreys finished as the East Regional runner-up, 12 strokes behind Clemson University. Matt Borchert led UNF, finishing tied for 10th at 219.

They advanced to the NCAA I National Championship, at Grand National Lake Course, in Opelika, Ala., May 31-June 3.

They finished 27th after two rounds missing the cut for the final 36 holes in their first NCAA Division I National Championship. Erik Labitzke was the top Osprey at one over, missing the individual cut by one stroke.

The UNF track teams provisionally qualified three runners for the Outdoor Track National Championships, May 25-27, in Raleigh, N.C. Junior Sarah Davey placed fourth in the 10,000 meter and sophomore Jennifer Ford placed fifth in the 3,000 meter with both earning All-America honors. Freshman Jerry Reckart (1500 meter) finished one spot shy of qualifying for the final heat in 13th. UNF finished 25th in the 53-team field. In indoor track,

Davey earned All-America honors, finishing as runner-up in the 5000-meter race, and Jennifer Ford finished seventh in the mile event, running a personal best.

When the fall season got under way, UNF's sports teams again saw success, with two teams advancing the farthest their programs have ever advanced.

The women's soccer team, ranked No. 2 nationally, advanced to the NCAA Division II Tournament quarterfinals, where it fell to top-ranked Barry University 1-0. UNF wrapped up the season with an impressive 18-2 record, the only losses coming from from Barry. The Ospreys were the conference regular season and tournament champions. Head Coach Mike Munch was named the Division II 2000 Women's Soccer Coach of the Year, and Terri Moo-Young, Carrie Betten, Shauna Kruger, Cecily Noblit and Cauli Chiscon earned All-Conference honors. Moo-Young, Betten, Kruger and Noblit went on to earn All-Region honors. Betten and Moo-Young also became the program's first District II All-Americans.

The men's soccer team finished 11-7, fourth in the Peach Belt Conference, falling 3-2 to USC Spartanburg in the Conference Tournament. Senior forward Danny Spake was named the Conference Player of the Year, capping off his UNF career.

The Osprey volleyball team, ranked No. 23 in the nation, advanced to the championship game of the South Atlantic Region, where it fell to eighth-ranked University of Tampa 3-0. UNF also swept the conference regular season and tournament championships, finishing at 27-7. Head Coach Bryan Bunn was named the PBC Coach of the Year, while seniors Julie Bekker and Alysia Kern and junior Lauren Westervelt earned All-conference honors.

The men's cross country team won the Peach Belt Conference Championship, while the women's cross country team finished as runner-up. Advancing to the regional championship, the men finished third in the Southeast Region, and the women finished fifth. The men's team was led by Zepherinus Joseph, who was the overall winner in both the conference and regional meet. He advanced to the national championship, finishing 45th overall. The women were led by Sarah Davey, who finished second in both the PBC and Regional championships.

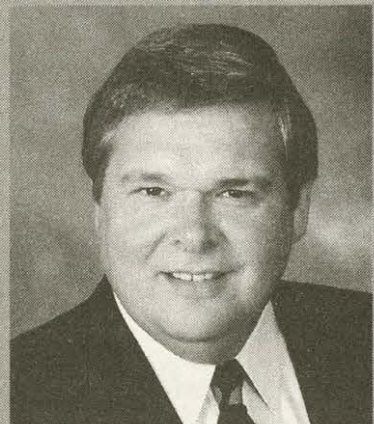
UNF Athletics raises the bar to a higher standard

BY RICHARD GROPPER  
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

With each passing year, the UNF Athletic Department "raises the bar" to a higher standard of achievement. This year is no different.

Competitively, our 15 teams, coaches and student-athletes continue to excel. We've come to expect conference championships and NCAA postseason appearances for most of our teams. With each passing season, the expectations for winning performances from all of our teams becomes more realistic.

We demand more of ourselves in terms of our work in the Jacksonville community as well. As with most things in life, the harder we work, the luckier we get! We search for a marriage between academics and athletics to illustrate that at UNF the terms are not mutually exclusive. Our community work continues to yield benefits for the entire University in the form of new academic and student-support facilities and positive visibility for the insti-



Dr. Richard Gropper

tion through athletic competition.

The UNF student body continues to demonstrate, in the most tangible ways possible, their endorsement of the growth and direction of the developing UNF Athletic program. Once again, UNF students have voted to increase the student-athletic fee in an effort to continue the direction and contributions of the athletic program. Their actions are a clear endorsement of our efforts.

New facilities continue to place UNF Athletics at the forefront of the nation's finest intercollegiate programs. The Golf

Management and Learning Center, together with the Soccer/Track Stadium, will only add to the outstanding reputation UNF already has throughout the nation for outstanding athletic facilities.

Yes, we continue to raise the bar to a higher standard. The

new millennium is the perfect time to accelerate our growth, in overall quality, including facilities, scholarships, and athletic performance, and we are determined to do just that. It's a great time to be in Jacksonville and at the University of North Florida!

Gropper named to NCAA council

UNF Athletic Director Dr. Richard Gropper has been named to the NCAA Division II Management Council. Gropper was nominated for the position by Marvin Vanover, commissioner of the Peach Belt Conference, of which UNF is a member. He will serve a two-year term on the board.

"I'm flattered that I've been given the opportunity to serve on the Management Council," Gropper said. "This appointment will provide for the development of a national perspective on issues affecting all NCAA athletics."

The NCAA Division II Management Council is comprised of one administrator or representative from each of the Division II multisport conferences, one administrator or representative of Division II independent institutions and two "at large" positions. Among other things, the council makes recommendations to the Presidents Council, makes interpretations of Division II bylaws and hears appeals of the findings of major violations by the Division II Committee on Infractions.

This is the first time that a UNF athletic director has been named to such a position with the NCAA.

Athletic Notes

UNF takes Commissioner's Cup crown

The UNF athletic program captured the Peach Belt Athletic Conference's Commissioner's Cup Trophy in only its third year as a member of the Conference in 2000. UNF finished as the runner-up the past two years.

The trophy is awarded to the "best overall" program each year and reflects the highest accumulated point total for 11 different sports. Points are awarded based on PBAC finishes in each sport for the current PBAC competition year.

UNF point totals were enhanced this year based on winning Conference Championships in both baseball and volleyball, while finishing in the top three in men's and women's cross country, men's soccer, and women's tennis for the 1999-2000 season.

The trophy is presented by Commissioner Marvin Vanover each year during the PBAC Annual Meeting in June.

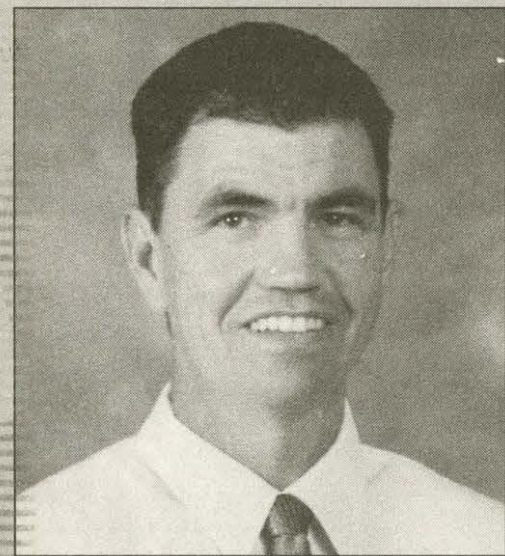
Division I women's swimming and diving begins

UNF added NCAA Division I women's swimming and diving to its slate of sports in 2000, becoming the 15th intercollegiate sport offered. It is also the second Division I program, joining men's golf at that level.

The swimming and diving program, led by Head Swimming Coach

"Our goal is to start a team that high school swimmers across the nation would be proud to be a part of."

BETH HARRELL



Bryan Bunn

Bunn takes over as head volleyball coach

Bryan Bunn, the head volleyball coach at Texas Lutheran University for the past six years, was hired in mid-July as the program's third head volleyball coach as the sport moved into its 10th season.

Bunn was selected from a pool of more than 35 candidates. While at Texas Lutheran, he led their program to a 171-66 record, culminating in five regional appearances for the NAIA program. He finished a high of ninth at the NAIA National Championship three years, and has coached 11 All-America players as well as reached a high of No. 5 in the NAIA National Poll. Last year, TLU was a dual member of the NAIA and NCAA Division II.

In his first season at UNF, Bunn led the Ospreys to the championship game of the South Regional Tournament, finishing with a 27-7 record. UNF won the Peach Belt Tournament and regular-season championships along the way as Bunn earned Conference Coach of the Year honors.



Beth Harrell

Beth Harrell and former Olympic diver Wendy Reich, began competition in October, and posted a 2-4 record through the end of the year. The Ospreys, who train and host home events in the Andy W. Sears Jr. pool in the UNF Aquatic Center, are a young squad, with 13 freshmen and three juniors this inaugural year.

"Our goal is to start a team that high school swimmers across the nation would be proud to be a part of," Harrell said. "I realized that if I was going to sell a program without any current swimmers or a history, I would have to appeal to those who are challenged by setting a standard so high that the next class will have to fight to measure up to."

Cuny, Kern selected as scholar-athletes of the year

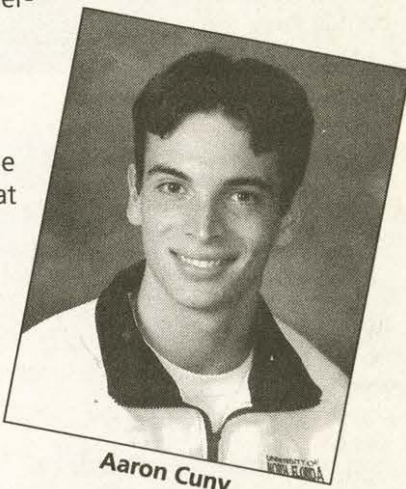
Aaron Cuny and Alysia Kern were selected as UNF's Male and Female Scholar-Athletes of the Year following the spring semester.

Kern, the 2000 Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year, is a four-year member of the volleyball team. She has earned all-region honors three times, and is a four-time all-conference honoree. She has set the UNF volleyball record for career assists, and holds four of the top five match highs for assists. As a sophomore and senior, she earned academic all-district honors, and this past year earned academic All-America honors. As a freshman, she was named the conference freshman of the year in volleyball. She has been named to the Peach Belt Athletic Conference Presidential Honor Roll each year. Majoring in biology, she has compiled a 3.99 grade-point average.

Cuny, the 2000 Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year, is a four-year member of the cross country/track team. Last year, he recorded high finishes of 11th at the Cross Country Conference Championship, 12th at the JU Invitational, 13th at the regional meet, and 22nd at the state intercollegiate competition. He is involved in numerous activities, including chairing the student-athlete advisory council, and serves as a member of the National Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. He has been named to the Peach Belt Athletic Conference Presidential Honor Roll every year. As a junior, he was named to the academic all-district team. Majoring in both English and economics, he has compiled a perfect 4.0 grade-point average.



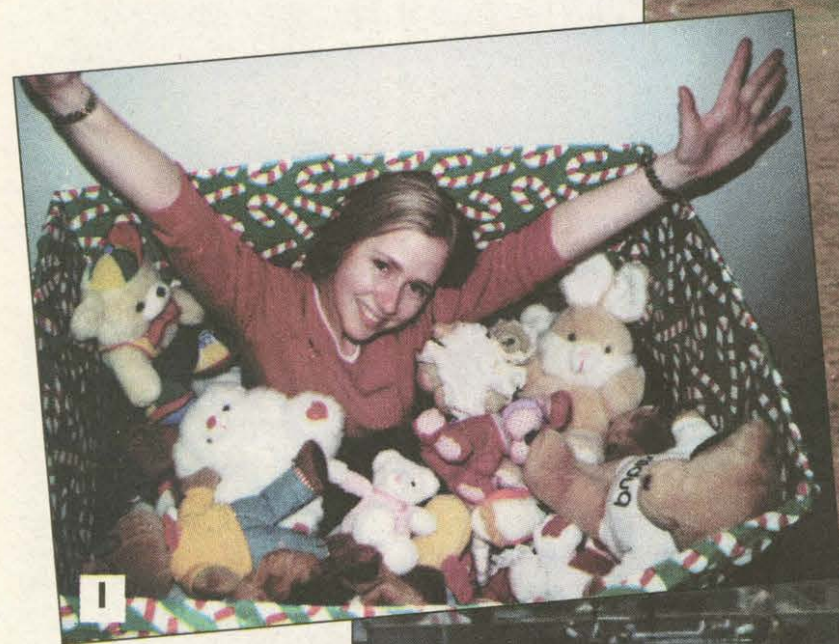
Alysia Kern



Aaron Cuny



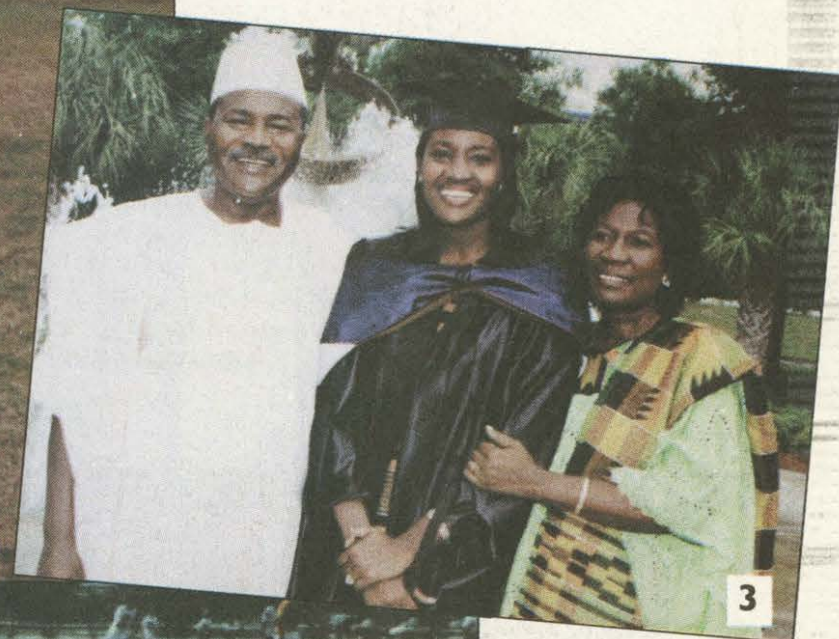
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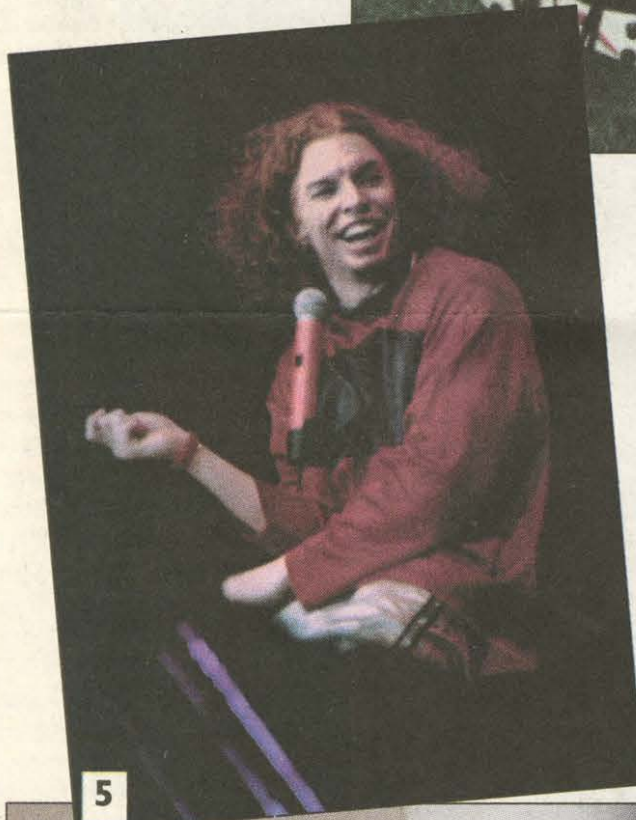
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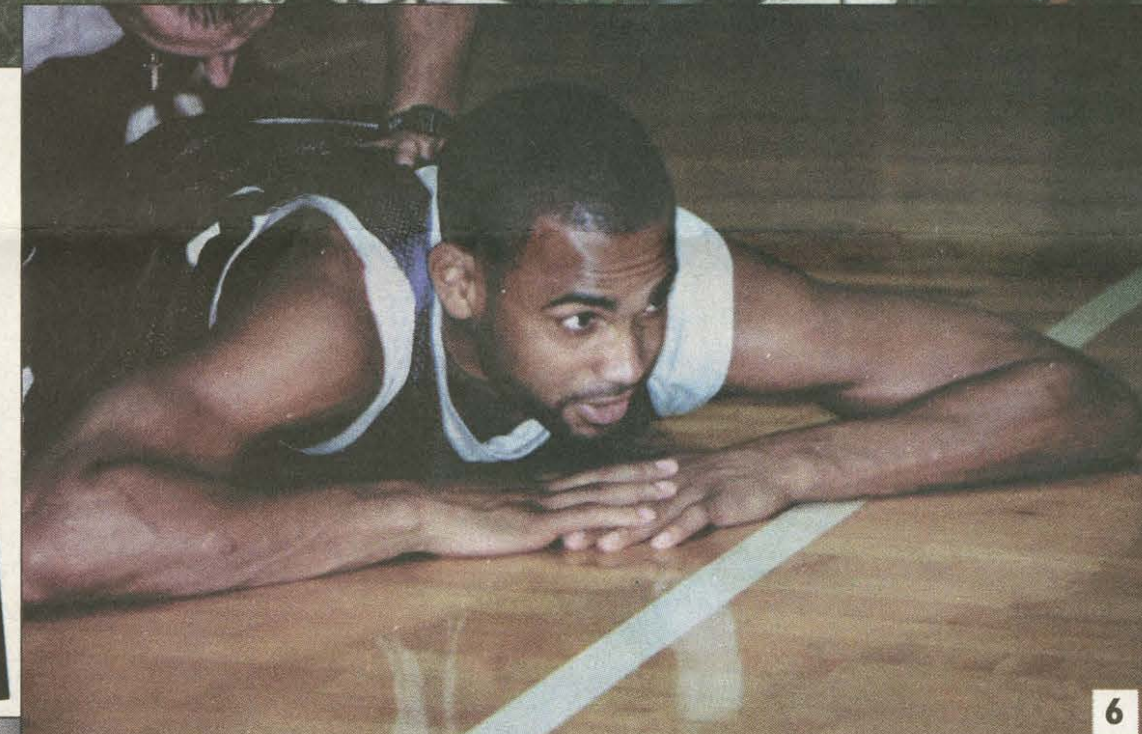
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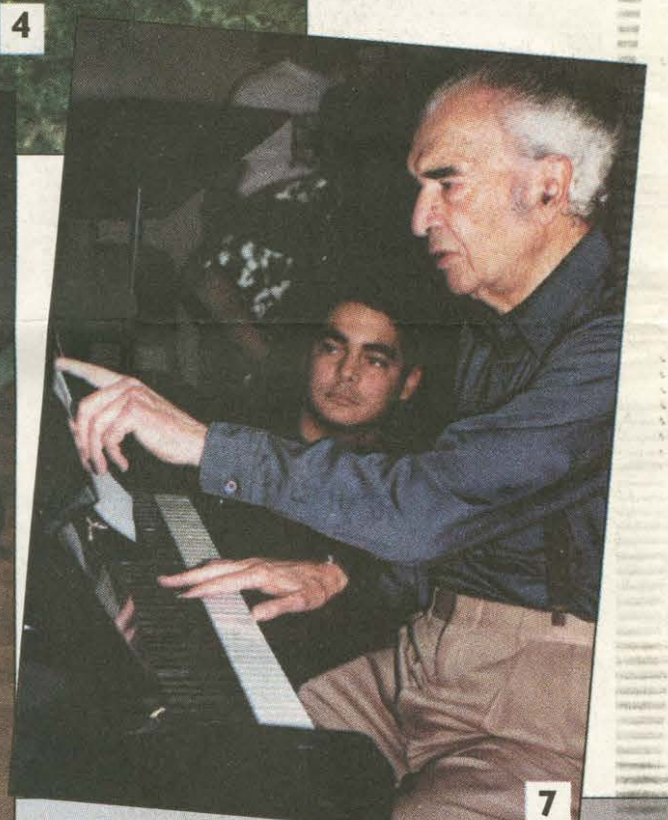
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**Teddies**

1) Sydney Baskin of Enrollment Services is up to her ears in teddy bears. During the holiday season, Enrollment Services in conjunction with the State Department of Children and Families, collected stuffed toys to comfort children taken from dangerous homes and placed in foster care. The program, called Tender Teddies, generated overwhelming support from UNF staff and students.

**Native American Festival**

2) Rainbow Bear (Marjie Sowell) of the White Mountain Apaches dances during the Native American Festival.

**Spring Commencement**

3) Gloria Djabanor (center) is joined by her proud parents, Frank and Amelia, for a photo just before the start of the spring commencement ceremony. The Djabanor family is from Ghana.

**Soccer Camp**

4) Jenny Brougham (back) is joined by a group of happy campers during a break in the action at the Ray Bunch Soccer Camp.

**NestFest 2000 Homecoming**

5) Carrot Top entertains a sold-out crowd of students and fans at the UNF Arena.

**Orlando Magic at UNF**

6) Grant Hill of the Orlando Magic goes through a series of stretching exercises after a practice in the Arena. The Magic, as they have done in years past, used the UNF facilities for several days of pre-season training.

**Dave Brubeck**

7) Jazz great Dave Brubeck spent time with some UNF music students prior to an appearance at the Robinson Theater. He is shown here working with Carlos Martinez.

**Frederick H. Schultz Center for Teaching and Leadership**

8) Fred Schultz and his wife, Nancy, examine a rendering of the new Frederick H. Schultz Center for Teaching and Leadership.

**Distinguished visitor from Namibia**

9) His Excellency Dr. Sam Nujoma, president of Namibia, greets UNF President Anne Hopkins during his brief visit to the UNF campus. He was in Jacksonville to promote improved trade relations between the First Coast and his country.