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Full Year Of Activities Scheduled

Karl Haas To Kick Off 25th Celebration

The gala kickoff of the University's 25th anniversary celebration will be a night to remember with renowned musician and lecturer Karl Haas to mark the occasion on Jan. 25.

Haas, whose National Public Radio broadcasts of "Adventures in Good Music" are heard by millions of music lovers throughout the world, will perform in an 8:30 p.m. concert at the UNF Arena.

Before his performance, members of the University community will join with members of the Jacksonville community to celebrate the start of the anniversary year. A special cocktail reception and dinner are planned at the Arena. In addition to presentations by state and local dignitaries, the gala also will feature a special recognition ceremony for the University's founding faculty and a special video. A complete calendar of 25th Anniversary events can be found on a special insert inside this issue.

For 37 years, Haas has produced a music program which has become the most widely distributed in the world. He is heard in more than 200 cities from Alaska to Florida as well as 400 stations of the American Armed Forces Network. His international appeal also extends as far as Australia where 37 stations carry his daily program.



Haas



A renowned pianist, Haas plans and hosts his program without ever using a script. He chooses a subject for the day and then weaves a theme of pertinent music around each theme.

In 1991, Haas received the National Endowment for the Humanities' prestigious Charles Frankel Award, which was presented by President Bush at the White House. NEH Chairman Lynne V. Cheney noted that Haas received the recognition for "enriching our national life by sharing his understanding and appreciation of music, as well as humanism, with his fellow citizens." Haas also twice has been awarded the coveted George Foster Peabody Award.

An active performer on the recital concert tour circuit, Haas regularly sells out concert halls performing in such cities as Chicago, Cleveland, Houston, and Honolulu. This year marks his 38th series (bi-annual) of live "Adventures in Good Music" at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. Haas also has been engaged to perform in a series entitled "Music & Humanism" at the Smithsonian Institutions of Washington D.C.

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Healy Named VP For Governmental Affairs

UNF President Adam W. Herbert has announced that Dr. Thomas Healy, director of Governmental Affairs, has been promoted to the position of vice president of Governmental Affairs and senior counsel to the president.

In this new position which became effective Nov. 1, Healy continues to direct the governmental relations program of the University and serves as UNF's liaison with governmental officials on the local, state and national levels. He also is a senior advisor to the president on a wide-range of institutional policy issues and serve as an official spokesperson for the University.

"After working very closely with Tom over the past seven years, I am convinced that he is one of the most effective governmental affairs representatives among all higher education institutions in the nation," President Herbert said. "He thoroughly understands all aspects of our institution and consistently communicates its needs very clearly and effectively to the public officials with whom we work."

President Herbert added that the new title acknowledges the outstanding job Tom Healy has done at UNF for almost 25 years. "It also more appropriately reflects the role he currently plays as a senior member of the Executive Staff of the University. I value his very sound judgment and am very proud that he is a member of the UNF leadership team."

Healy said he is grateful to President Herbert for giving him the opportunity to serve on the executive staff. "So many positive things have occurred at UNF under his leadership and I believe that we have only touched the tip of the iceberg. This University is well positioned to enter the 21st century as a significant player in Jacksonville's future," Healy said.

"I look forward to being a member of the administrative team that will provide the focus and obtain the resources needed by the faculty to develop a comprehensive University that provides the best education possible to its students," he added.

Healy was a charter faculty member at UNF when it opened in 1972.



Healy

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Schafer Emphasizes Role Of Scholarship

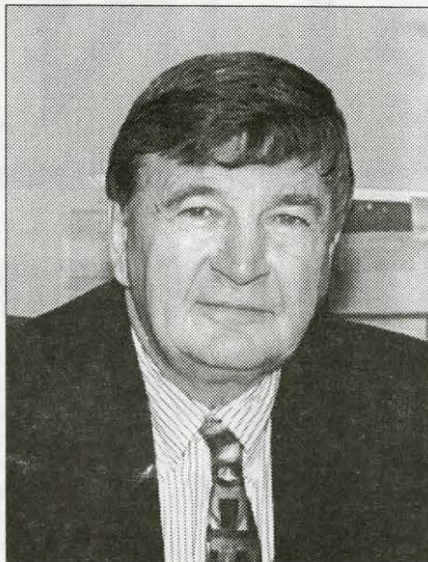
UNF's 1996 distinguished professor Dan Schafer used the forum of the University's 25th annual fall convocation recently to emphasize the importance of scholarly activity and professional development in renewing classroom teaching.

Schafer, who officially received his award, reviewed his own research and the nationally recognized research undertaken by members of the Department of History, Philosophy and Religious Studies of which he is chairman. He elaborated on his department's accomplishments to illustrate how excellent research brings vitality to teaching.

A founding faculty member, Schafer said he has been bothered for 24 years by the University's failure to adequately support professional development for faculty especially when "some faculty are years away from graduate school and in need of ongoing scholarly activity to retain their vitality in the classroom."

Schafer said in the past, UNF faculty have had to look for outside support or had to pay for their own professional development. "We have finally turned an important corner on the professional development debate; our current administrators share my belief that scholarship in support of teaching is essential if education is to remain vital," he said.

However, Schafer explained that other departments may have confused the message, "UNF is a teaching institution, we don't believe in publish or perish," as a green light



Schafer

for not engaging in professional development. This may have created confusion over campus service and grants in the promotion process. "I'm not suggesting an end to service — it is a professional obligation that responsible faculty honor. But service does not equal scholarship because it does not renew and enliven teaching," he said. "As for 'grant getting,' the more the better, but for promotion we should not confuse getting grants with using the grants to produce scholarship and thereby enliven teaching."

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— DAN SCHAFFER

Schafer said it was his hope that 25 years from now, all University departments would resemble his own in which faculty publication records match the brag sheets of professors at the biggest and proudest universities in Florida.

Nevertheless, Schafer said those hopes for UNF at age 50 will not be themes of the 25-year history which he is preparing. He said he will be visiting many faculty and staff with a tape recorder in the coming months as part of the oral history project.

"Our 25th birthday means a year of celebration ahead. As we celebrate let us also put aside some time to reflect, so that in some future forum we can gather our best critiques and prepare for UNF in the year 2022. I want to be at the 50th anniversary party to say: 'UNF believes in the concept of teacher/scholar and because of that it is still the best teaching institution in the state of Florida.' That will be some party." 🐦

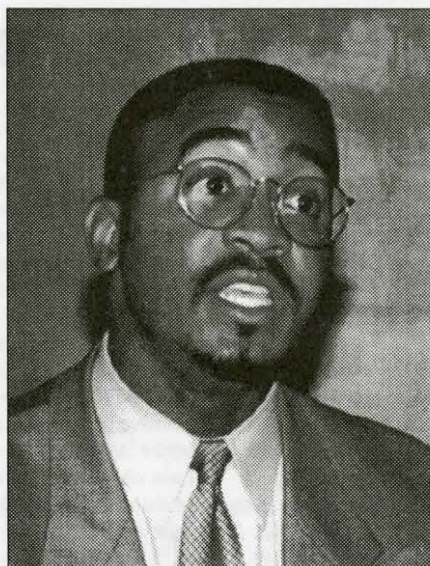
Diversity Speaker Emphasizes Principled Leadership

Michael Tatu-Sio Wotorson made a UNF audience laugh and think last month when he delivered a dynamic presentation in a diversity training workshop sponsored by the Center for Multicultural Affairs.

Wotorson, the senior project coordinator with the Fair Employment Council of Washington, D.C., described the need in America for principled leadership, which he described as being based on a basic respect for all people. Principled leadership, he said, demands that all people have "space at the table" which allows them to participate in the decision-making process. "If I can't become part of your reality, you can afford to ignore me," he noted.

Principled leadership, he emphasized, is honest about the facts of life. "How do you talk about family values when there are families out in the streets? There is no reason in 1996 for women to make only 70 cents for every dollar a man makes. Principled leadership should be honest about these things," he said.

Wotorson, who is also founder of the Washington Metropolitan Employment Council,



Wotorson

told his audience that principled leadership requires that we examine our own attitudes. "We don't like our own human frailties to be

examined," he said. "Each time I objectify you based on sexual preference, religion or race, I kill myself spiritually, intellectually and perhaps eventually physically."

Principled leadership, he explained, allows people to contribute different perspectives to decision-making on the national and community level. "You and I are beyond the point of requesting tolerance from one another. Tolerating one another is very combative. It does not encourage coming together. If asking me to accept you is too much, what about just respect. Just respect me as a human being," he said.

"My hope," he concluded, "is that you and I together will begin to create a revolution. It has nothing to do with guns but it is a revolution in attitude. That is what principled leadership is all about. We have to value diversity."

Aretha Jones-Cook, director of the Center for Multicultural Affairs, said the program was well received by students, faculty and staff. "The Center has received many comments of support and appreciation for the workshop. We were touched by his presentation," she said. 🐦

New Student Affairs Organization Adopted

The Office of Minority and International Student Affairs has been reorganized into two distinct units to reflect the distinct populations that are served by the office.

International Student Affairs will join with the Office of International Programs, however, it will continue to report to Student Affairs and will be headed by the program's coordinator, Victoria LaPlaca Basnett. The unit formerly known as Minority and International Student Affairs (MISA) will remain under the direction of Aretha Jones Cook but will be known as the Center for Multicultural Affairs.

The reorganization is the first of several recommendations to be implemented from the report of a task force on International Admissions, Programs and Services which concluded its work earlier this year.

The task force, appointed last year by Student Affairs Vice President Roland E. Buck and chaired by Dr. Mary Loftin Grimes, was called together to look at the most effective ways in which the various campus programs with international aspects could be structured. The group reviewed an earlier report by a National Association of Foreign Affairs consultant, heard from many campus groups and reviewed the programs at other institutions before making a final report to Buck. "This change represents the continuing effort of Student Affairs to provide more comprehensive centralized services to students," Buck said.

The major thrust of the report was that

International Student Affairs be separated from minority affairs and aligned more closely with Academic Affairs' Office of International Programs and Admissions. "The report recommended a more collaborative relationship designed to serve both international students and UNF faculty more effectively," noted Otis Holloway Owens, assistant vice president for Student Affairs.

The Center for Multicultural Affairs will continue to help minority students develop

the academic and social skills needed for their successful college experiences. Cook also has assumed central responsibility for development and implementation of UNF's retention plan in her dual role as director of the Office of Retention.

Discussions, under the leadership of Janet Smith, are continuing to take place between the division of Academic Affairs and Student Affairs to determine the feasibility of implementing other task force recommendations. ✈

Take A Semester Break In Paris

Students and members of the Jacksonville health care community are invited to enjoy Paris next spring and learn something about the French health care system at the same time.

The nine day trip, sponsored by the Office of International Programs, will take participants to Paris health care facilities, cathedrals, museums, galleries and restaurants. The trip, which is from May 3 through May 11, is designed to combine learning with enjoyment. Participants will have an opportunity to compare and contrast selected aspects of the health care system in France and the United States. They will also be able to choose from a wide variety of cultural activities including tours, visits to museums, outdoor



markets, gardens, the zoo and restaurants.

Participants can use the program solely as non-credit academic enrichment, for continuing education credit or for regular academic credit. The program is intended to enhance students learning experience at UNF and is open to all students with at least a junior standing and an interest in health care.

The cost is \$1,595. A deposit of \$300 must be received by the UNF Office of International Programs no later than Friday, December 6. A second payment of \$600 is due on January 17. The balance must be received by March 7.

For more information contact Dr. Doreen Radjenovic at 2684 or the Office of International Programs at 2657. ✈

Author Talks About Business' Role In Education

Business author Stan Davis writes about a 5-year-old girl named Megan in his latest book, *The Monster Under the Bed*. Megan was, as many 5 year olds are, scared of a monster that lived under her bed. She told her story, pictures and all, including how she got rid of the monster, by using a software package designed for children. She then distributed the story via a children's electronic bulletin board. Davis uses the example to demonstrate that Megan is learning more at home as a consumer than she is in school.

"This child accomplished all the major tasks of movie making," Davis said recently during his lecture entitled "The Role of Business in the Future of Education" at the UNF Theatre. Davis spent 20 years on the faculty of the Harvard Business School, and Columbia and Boston universities. Other noted works include *2020 Vision* and *Future Perfect*.

Davis was a visiting scholar at UNF through the Andrew A. Robinson Jr. Eminent Scholar Chair, established by former Federal Reserve Gov. Frederick H. Schultz. Through this Eminent Scholar Chair in the College of Education and Human Services, UNF is bringing three visiting scholars per year to the campus for the next two years.

The role of business in education will continue to change and grow, Davis said. The

educational pie, as Davis called it, will no longer be largely made up of people ages kindergarten through 12th grade. A larger segment will consist of those learning as employees in the workplace and consumers in the marketplace.

To succeed, businesses and institutions must "shift to a knowledge based business... (they) must be electronically connected... (they are) also likely to be interactive," Davis

said. Educators should think of their product in these terms.

To some, the monsters are the businesses and institutions that refuse to change and therefore deny their employees or students the opportunity to learn and flourish. Five-year-old Megan got rid of her monster by moving its residence to under her brother's bed. Dealing with the real-life monsters, Davis said, is not that simple. ✈



Author Stan Davis (left) chats with College of Business Administration Dean Earle Traynham and College of Education and Human Services Acting Dean Katherine Kasten.

Faculty President Sees University At Turning Point

Chris Rasche, the new president of the UNF Faculty Association, doesn't bring a pre-set agenda to her two-year term but believes the University is at a critical turning point in its history.

Rasche accepted the mantle of faculty leadership from Judy Solano in September. The transition comes at a time when faculties throughout Florida and the nation are facing significant challenges, ranging from attacks on tenure to legislative mandates regarding curriculum content. "Recognizing that the faculty at UNF was confronting these challenges from the public, from the Legislature and from the Board of Regents, I felt I wanted to offer some leadership," she says. "If we don't meet those challenges, we could actually contribute to our own demise."

Rasche brings to the job a wealth of experience. She is a charter UNF faculty member who was hired as an assistant professor of sociology in 1972 when she was only 25 years old. Since then, she has earned a reputation at the University and in the community as an activist who isn't afraid to speak out on the issues. She is a nationally known expert on criminal justice issues and her leadership in local women's issues has resulted in a number of awards, including the Mary Nolan Award from the Jacksonville chapter of the National Organization for Women and the University's Susan B. Anthony Award.

But Rasche isn't one to rest on her laurels. She's looking ahead and says the future has major changes in store for the University. "I've never been very good at predicting the future, but it strikes me that we are at an important turning point in higher education," she says, referring to the impact of electronic information and the advent of distance learning. "Some of the models we have traditionally used for building a university are models that may be only partially useful in the future. There are new models out there, and new pressures on universities which



Rasche

may profoundly transform what we think a university is," she says.

The future has more immediate challenges when it comes to such issues as tenure. In Rasche's view, the push for tenure reform has been fueled by a public misperception of senior faculty members as being non-productive. "The perception out there is so contrary to my experience here at UNF that it is very disturbing," she says. "How did the abnormal representative of senior faculty become the popular stereotype?"

Battling that misperception is one of Rasche's aims as she represents the faculty in various organizations such as the UNF Foundation or in her discussions with area lawmakers. "We have to figure out how to counteract that misperception and explain how tenure protects faculty freedom of speech and exploration in their disciplines," she adds.

But tenure isn't the only issue which concerns Rasche. The Legislature's apparent insistence on placing a narrow business model on a university is also a concern. "Increasingly the value of a university seems to be

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— CHRIS RASCHE

premiered on how many 'widgets' we produce and how quickly we produce them. I have a lot of trouble with that concept. What we are doing at a university," she maintains, "is not well described in a manufacturing model."

But there are promising signs on the horizon which temper Rasche's concern for the future. "We have a full complement of leadership right now in key University positions. There have been many years when we hobbled along with holes in key places. So far the leadership seems to be skilled, talented and sensitive to the needs of the faculty," she says.

As the University prepares to celebrate its 25th anniversary, Rasche is optimistic that UNF will continue to be a major force in shaping the future of Northeast Florida. Perhaps because of her own extensive involvement in the community, Rasche is aware of the many University contributions to the area. "UNF faculty have been involved at every level of this community, in hundreds of projects. They have donated their expertise to organizational boards, to charitable projects and to important government agencies, and I think the city is better because of it."

It's that kind of faculty track record which Rasche hopes to make the community more aware of as she "builds bridges" in the next two years as association president. Based on her own track record, there seems to be little doubt that she will succeed in her latest venture. 🐾

Seminar Focuses On Breast Cancer Awareness

Our society is still operating in the Dark Ages when it comes to breast cancer, according to Jo Ellen Reynolds, certified nurse midwife and one of the speakers at a recent breast cancer awareness seminar at UNF's College of Health.

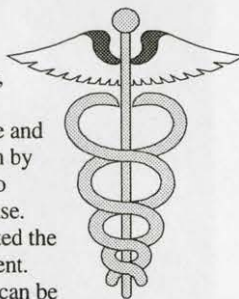
Sponsored by the UNF Student Nurses Association, the purpose of the seminar was the raise awareness of breast cancer among health care providers and the public.

The medical community and the public are paying too much attention to statistics concerning risk factors for breast cancer, Reynolds said. "Risk factors don't cause breast cancer. We need to start using common sense."

Many widely accepted risk factors can be

dismissed, Reynolds told the audience. Such factors as obesity, breast size, fat intake, breast feeding, exercise and so on have been proven by other studies to have no connection to the disease. Instead Reynolds pointed the blame at the environment. Virtually every cancer can be linked to an environmental culprit, she said.

"You guys need to start thinking on your own and say 'I want something done about it... want a cleaned up environment. I don't want a cancer cure. I want cancer prevention.'"



Don't get sucked into risk factors," she continued. "We are still in the Dark Ages of breast cancer. . . We do know that with women who drink alcohol there is a significant increase in breast cancer. Women who smoke show a significant increase. . . Start thinking about what you're exposed to."

Through the use of visual aids, Reynolds also demonstrated a new type of self examination called the "Triple Touch Method."

The audience also heard from a breast cancer survivor who urged them to become more involved in their health care. In addition, Dr. Robert W. Burk III, a Ponte Vedra cosmetic surgeon, spoke about reconstructive surgery and the options now available to breast cancer patients. 🐾

STUDENT LIFE

Paralympic Gold Medalist Inspires Audience

A UNF audience was inspired by the courage and determination of a 13-year-old Paralympic gold medal winner recently.

LeAnn Shannon was on campus to explain her paralympic experience and the role physical therapy has played in her rehabilitation process. The event was sponsored by the Student Physical Therapy Association. LeAnn was injured in a car accident when she was three years old.

An 8th grader at Ridgeview Junior High School in Orange Park, LeAnn has been involved in wheelchair sports since she was five years old. Her love of competition has driven her to remarkable achievements including the winning of three gold medals, one silver medal and the setting of two world records at the Paralympics in Atlanta this summer. She is the youngest athlete in the history of the Olympics or Paralympics to make the U.S. team in track.

During her UNF speech, she emphasized the need to continue physical therapy as part of her regular exercise schedule. She trains two hours a day, six days a week and still maintains a straight "A" academic record. Although she loves her sports, she says she knows the importance of an education and has been in gifted classes since kindergarten.

Despite her gold medals and national records, LeAnn believes education of the public is needed about the abilities of physically challenged individuals. She plans to continue to take that message to as many audiences as possible in the coming months.

Shannon



Physical Therapy Students Assist In Paralympics

Five UNF students had an opportunity to put some of their training to good use recently when they participated in the 1996 Paralympics in Atlanta.

Volunteering were Kurt Auwaerter, David Moulder, Desiree Pilotti, Sara VanMeter and Richard Vicory.

The five were involved in helping athletes through the classification process. In the Paralympics, the classification system is used as a way of equalizing disabilities in order to assure that athletes and teams are placed competitively in events. The students worked at the main

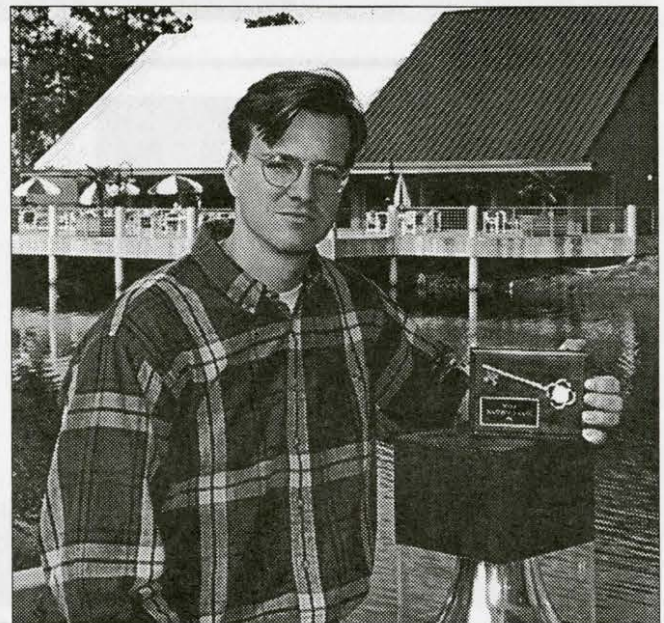
classification center in Atlanta. Each student acted as an escort taking the athletes through the classification process.

Because of the experience in Atlanta, the five students are encouraging their Student Physical Therapy Association to become involved in local cerebral palsy foundation events. The students hope to become involved in classifying local athletes as a way of increasing their experience.

The experience may come in helpful for the next Paralympics to be held in four years in Sidney, Australia.



Christy Neuman, a sophomore nutrition and dietetics major, is the new Miss University of North Florida. Neuman was one of 11 contestants who competed Nov. 9 in the Miss University of North Florida 1997 Scholarship Pageant at the UNF Theatre. Contestants were judged in four categories: interview, swimsuit, talent and evening wear. In addition to her crown, Neuman also received a \$1,000 scholarship.

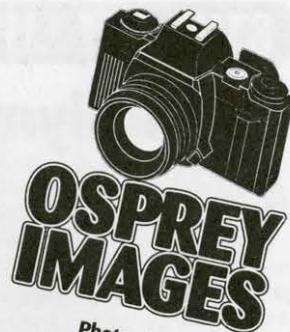


UNF student Matthew Lang is shown here with the National Gold Key Award he received Nov. 11 from the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) at the organization's national conference in St. Louis, Mo. The Gold Key Award recognizes students who demonstrate outstanding academic excellence in public relations as well as leadership qualities in PRSSA. The award is the highest honor that can be bestowed on a PRSSA member. This is the second time in three years a UNF student has received the award.



Fitness Center

Dr. Adam W. Herbert is joined by Dottie Dorion and her husband, George, at a ceremony Oct. 31 commemorating the one-year anniversary of the opening of the Dorothy S. Dorion Fitness Center. Dottie Dorion is leaning on a shovel which she and her husband used to throw dirt around the base of an oak tree planted near the outdoor leisure patio and furniture George Dorion donated to the University. The anniversary ceremony also included the official opening of a fitness assessment area, which is the result of a donation by Jacksonville physician Dr. Paul Shirley, and the unveiling of an Olympic torch display given to UNF by Dottie Dorion.

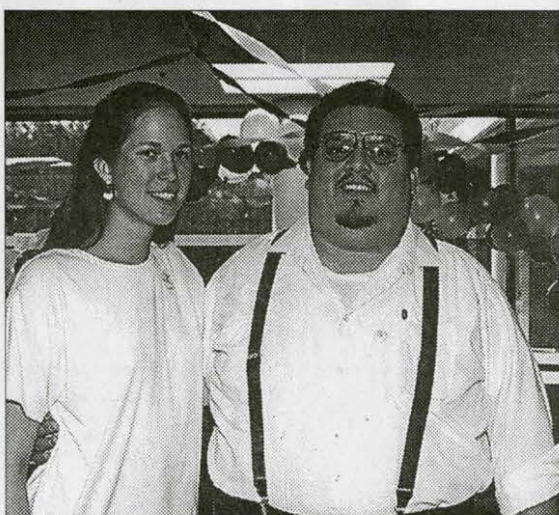
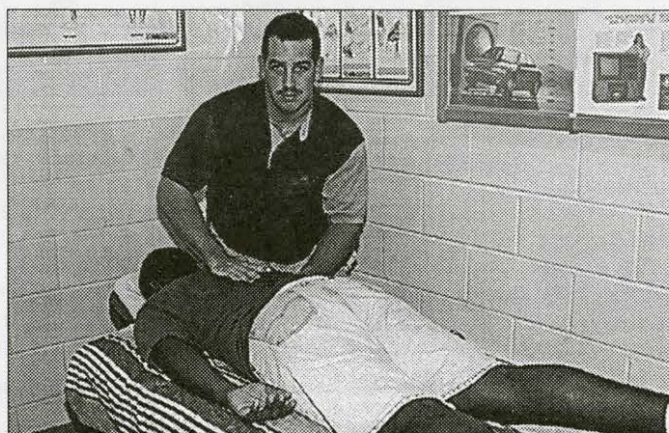


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Health Fair

UNF student Jane Martinson wins as Rick Sheldon, a paramedic with St. Vincent's Medical Health Unit, prepares to give her a flu shot Oct. 31 at a Health Fair sponsored by Student Health Services.

The annual Health Fair, known this year as the "Go to Health" Fair, was set up inside the Fitness Center and included body massages, health screenings and stress management tests.



Volunteer Center

Dallia Clark, current director of the Volunteer Center, and Eduardo Castellon-Vogel, the organization's first director, were at the Volunteer Center's five-year anniversary celebration Oct. 16 in the new Andrew A. Robinson Jr. Student Life Center. More than 200 community agencies use the Volunteer Center as a source for volunteers.



Police Department & IPTM

The UNF Police Department and the Institute of Police Technology and Management recently won first place in their respective categories in the Chiefs' Challenge, a nationwide contest for law enforcement agencies sponsored by the International Association of Chiefs of Police. Agencies are judged on special criteria, including innovative programs, training and community involvement. Pictured here are IPTM Director Russell Arend, Community Affairs Officer Bonnie Howell, and UPD Director Gene Owen.



Calendar

JANUARY

- 16 College of Business Administration dedication of new \$7.8 million state-of-the-art classroom building.
- 23 College of Arts & Sciences Koger Eminent Scholar Lecture, Karl Haas - "Music and Humanism," 1 p.m., Theatre, free.
- 25 25th Anniversary Gala Dinner featuring concert, video and entertainment with nationally renowned Public Radio musician and lecturer Karl Haas, UNF Arena.

FEBRUARY

- 4 10th Annual Koger-Matteson Jazz Festival, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Theatre, free.
7:30 p.m. - UNF Alumni Jazz Ensemble, free.
8:30 p.m. - U.S. Airmen of Note, free.
- 6 Great American Jazz Series - Arturo Sandoval, trumpet, UNF Jazz Ensemble, 8 p.m., Theatre.
- 13 Otis Holloway Owens and co-authors of "Wearing Purple," discuss their book, 12 - 1 p.m., reception and booksigning, 1 - 3 p.m., UNF Theatre.
- 14 Honors Love Day, UNF Honors Program and Duval County's "Communities in Schools" program join for community service project.
- 21 Black History Month guest lecturer, noon to 1 p.m., Theatre, free (Speaker TBA).
- 21 15th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Awards Luncheon, 1 - 2 p.m., Andrew A. Robinson Student Life Center.
- 23 All-Schubert Concert, Florida Arts Trio, 3 p.m., Theatre, free.
- 25 Alumni-Faculty Jazz Ensemble Concert, 8 p.m., Theatre.
- 28-March 2 Homecoming featuring national comedian (TBA), Distinguished Alumni Awards dinner, UNF Baseball Game & Golf Tournament

MARCH

- 5 Inaugural Presidential Lecture by international author and Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel, 8 p.m., Theatre.
- 6 6th Annual International Women's Day Celebration "Global Connections: From Women's Perspectives," Andrew A. Robinson Student Life Building, Room 1601, noon (brown bag lunch).
- 16 All-Schubert Concert with Steven White, baritone; Scott Watkins, piano, Theatre, free.
- 25 UNF Concert Band presentation, Don Zentz, conductor, Theatre, 8 p.m.

- 25 5th Annual International Fashion Show & Luncheon, Andrew A. Robinson Student Life Building, Room 1601, noon.

- 25 & 26 John Francis Reilly Irish Studies poet, Eavan Boland. (Schedule TBA)

APRIL

- 1 UNF Percussion Ensemble, Charlotte Mabrey, director, Theatre, 8 p.m.
- 4 Springin' The Blues Festival kickoff concert, 8 p.m., Arena (Artist TBA).
- 8 UNF Opera Workshop, Dr. William Brown, director, Theatre, 8 p.m., free.
- 10 College of Arts & Sciences Koger Eminent Scholar Program, Great American Jazz Series-Buddy deFranco and Terry Gibbs with the UNF Jazz Ensemble, Don Zentz, director, 8 p.m., Theatre.
- 15 UNF Singers with Dr. Merrill J. Palmer, director, Theatre, 8 p.m., free.
- 18 Special Concert honoring UNF's 25th Anniversary year with William Brown, tenor, Gerson Yessin, pianist, Theatre, 8 p.m., free.
- 19 Earth Music Fest, free outdoor festival featuring Jamaican food, beverages, ethnic arts and crafts and day-long non-stop reggae music by some of the world's greatest reggae stars.
- 23 12th Annual Professional Secretaries Day Seminar & Luncheon, "25 Years and Still Going Strong," a program honoring secretaries who have 25 years experience or more. Prime Osborn Convention Center, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 25 Annual Recognition Dinner, honoring benefactors and volunteers, Andrew Robinson Student Life Center and Theatre (Time TBA).
- 27 College of Arts & Sciences UNF Day at the Jacksonville Museum of Contemporary Art in honor of UNF's 25th Anniversary Year, Concert of Contemporary Music with UNF faculty and students, 3 p.m.

- College of Business Administration lecture "Business on the Internet," (date, site and time TBA).

MAY

- 15 Andrew Farkas lecture on Enrico Caruso, at The Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens, 7 p.m.
- 18 College of Arts & Sciences UNF Day at the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens in honor of UNF's 25th Anniversary Year - Concert of Contemporary Music with UNF faculty and students, 3 p.m.

- 22 Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. (Site TBA).

JULY

- Rotary International luncheon, UNF Arena (Date TBA).

AUGUST

- 12 Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce Morning Network, 7:30 - 9 a.m. (Site TBA).
- 23 Percussion Concert by Charlotte Mabrey and Friends, Theatre, 8 p.m., free.

SEPTEMBER

- 30 College of Health symposium on rehabilitation health. Special ceremony honoring donors and volunteers. (Time TBA).
- Presidential Lecture Series (Date and speaker TBA).
- College of Business Administration Corporate Executive Program (Site, date, time TBA).

OCTOBER

- 2 Birthday celebration for faculty, staff and students, including recognition ceremony for founding faculty and staff, atrium, UNF Library, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- 18 James Weldon Johnson Festival, "God's Trombones." Sponsored by the African-American Music Program, Theatre, 8 p.m., free.
- 25 Parents' weekend featuring entertainment, sports activities and refreshments for the entire family at various locations on campus. (Schedule and times TBA).
- 25 International Student Association Dinner Dance, 7 p.m., Arena.
- 25 College of Computing Sciences & Engineering, Technology Exposition, 2 p.m., and reception, 3 p.m.
- 31 Student Health Services Health Fair, University Green, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

NOVEMBER

- 8 Second annual College of Education Conference, "25 Years of School Success" (Time & site TBA).
- 15-22 Nest Fest, fun-filled week of entertainment, student activities, games and food at various campus locations (Complete schedule TBA).

DECEMBER

- 3-4 "The Next 25 Years," a major symposium to discuss the future of the First Coast region. (Site and time TBA).

FACULTY & STAFF

The Faculty & Staff page appears each month in Inside UNF and is designed to recognize professional achievements and accomplishments and to introduce new faculty and staff. To submit items or for questions or comments, please contact Ingrid Roebuck at ext. 2450.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Louise Freshman Brown has two works in a permanent collection at the Jacksonville Marriott. She also designed the cover art for the Jacksonville Jazz Piano Competition program brochure.

Ivy Bigbee, adjunct professor and former student, recently won an award from The Stock Solution, a stock photo company for her personal photography World Wide Web site. The company listed Bigbee's site as the Top Photo Site of the Week on Nov. 4.

Dr. Patricia Geesey, associate professor of French, spoke by invitation at the fall faculty meeting of the College of Humanities at Ohio State University. She was a member of a panel of distinguished graduates from the College of Humanities Doctoral Programs.

Dr. Scott Hochwald attended the annual Florida Council of Teachers of Mathematics meeting in Daytona Beach recently and gave a talk entitled "Linear Programming: A Gateway to Mathematics."

Dr. K.S. Venkatasubban published a paper entitled "NMR Studies of Drugs. Applications of Achiral and Chiral Lanthanide Shift Reagents, to the Analgesic, Famprofazone: Anomalous Shifts" in the journal *Spectroscopy Letters*.

Dr. Ted Stumm had an article entitled "Effects of Utility Enterprise Subsidization on Municipal Taxes and Expenditures" published in *State and Local Government Review* (Spring) 1996, co-authored with Aman Khan, Texas Tech University.

Dr. Terry Bowen conducted a workshop entitled "Assessing Citizen Satisfaction in Public Agencies." In addition, he served as moderator of "Panel Discussion '96," a forum held at UNF to discuss various issues of the 1996 Presidential Election.

Dr. Jim Seroka's article "Transformation of Postcommunist Society: Role of the Opposition in the Democratization of Society" appeared in the book *Postcommunism and Government*. In addition, Seroka recently spoke to the Visions group at the Ponte Vedra Library on foreign policy in Bosnia; to the east European politics class at UCF on the breakup of Yugoslavia; and to a faculty colloquium at UCF on foreign policy options in Bosnia.

Dr. Chris Leone recently had a paper published entitled, "Thought, Objectivism and Opinion Extremity: Individual Differences in Attitude Polarization and Attenuation" in the journal *Personality and Individual Differences*.

Dr. Rebecca Marcon was invited with Maurice Sykes, the deputy superintendent of the District of Columbia Public Schools, to address the Council of Great City Schools in Minneapolis on the outcomes of reform in early childhood programs in our nation's capital.

Dr. Douglas Wiegmann was recently evaluated and certified by the Board of Certification in Professional Ergonomics. He is now entitled to use the designation as a Certified Professional Ergonomist to promote this unique achievement in professional development.

The Committee for the American Sociological Association's Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline Award, supported by the American Sociological Association and the National Science Foundation, has awarded \$2,500 to Dr. Susan McCain for the research project "Gender and Judging: Exploring the Careers and Work of Women Judges in the South."

Dr. Buzz Thunen presented a three-hour overview of Florida's Prehistory to the Florida Park Service Statewide Interpretive Training Workshop recently in Gainesville. Thunen was also the keynote speaker at the Florida Archaeological Council's Awards banquet.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Dr. A. Coskun "Josh" Samli, research professor of marketing and international business, presented the luncheon address at the Multicultural Marketing Conference held recently in Virginia. His topic was "From Equality to Equal Opportunity: The Lessons We Have Not Learned." Samli also chaired a special session entitled, "The Key Issues in Multicultural Marketing."

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

Dr. Zella Boulware co-presented recently at the Florida Association for Media in Education, a state organization for media professionals. The session entitled Interactive Media - Interactive Classrooms, presented an update on and suggestions for the use of CD-ROM technology, school networking, distance learning and the Internet.

Dr. Carolyn Stone recently represented the Florida Counseling Association at the American Counseling Association's Leadership Conference in Arkansas. Seven counselor education students and Stone also recently presented "The World of Play:

A Place For a Child to Heal" at the Florida Counseling Association 47th Annual Convention in Orlando.

This past summer, Dr. Roy Singleton and Dr. Ellie Scheirer conducted two workshops for teachers in the Duval County School System. The workshops helped teachers understand the basic philosophical underpinnings and implementation strategies for integrating the various content areas of the curriculum with current magnet themes prevalent in Duval County Schools.

Drs. Marianne and Lehman Barnes recently presented a session on the Higher Education Consortium for Mathematics and Science (HEC) and its collaboration with pre K-12 educators at the Florida Association of Science Teachers meeting in Key West.

Dr. Dennis Holt, Karen Ludwick, teacher at Cornerstone Christian Academy and Paula McAllister, teacher in Duval County Public Schools, had an article published in *T.H.E. (Technological Horizons in Education) Journal* entitled "Lone Star 2000: Documenting Successful School or University Teaching and Learning."

COEHS faculty who recently participated in the School Improvement Assistance Team training in Duval County were: Dr. John Adcox, Dr. Bob Andreyka, Dr. Lehman Barnes (Higher Education Consortium), Dr. Charles Galloway, Dr. Katherine Kasten, Dr. Tom Serwatka, Dr. Roy Singleton, Bob Siudzinski, Mike Smith and Sue Terrell.

COLLEGE OF HEALTH

Dr. Pam Chally recently gave a presentation entitled "Ethics in the Trenches: Identifying an Ethical Dilemma" at the Florida Nurses Association Convention in Orlando. At the same convention she was elected chair of the Research Council for 1996-98.

Dr. Judith C. Rodriguez was a panel presenter at the session "Innovative Recruitments and Mentoring Activities: Making Diversity Happen" at the American Dietetic Association's Annual Meeting held recently in San Antonio.

Dr. Lucy Trice, chair of the Department of Nursing, has earned a fellowship at East Carolina University's School of Nursing. She will be studying in ECU's family nurse practitioner program.

The winners of the 1996 Dean's Awards are: Dr. Doug Kleiner, lead professor in Athletic Training, for outstanding work as a new faculty member in the Department of Health Science; and Kathy Ellis, COH College Development Officer, for

outstanding fund-raising achievements during the past year.

ARTICULATION AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE RELATIONS

The Office of Articulation and Community College Relations and the University of Florida hosted the second annual Northeast Florida Regional Articulation Workshop recently held at Santa Fe Community College in Gainesville. Dr. Bill Wilson, associate vice president for Academic Affairs, provided a presentation entitled "Senate Bill 2330 - One Year Later: A University Perspective." Other UNF participants were: Dr. Janice Joy (Articulation and Community College Relations), Arva Sufi (College of Arts and Sciences), Bettie Adams and Willie Ervin (College of Business Administration), Diana Stewart (College of Computing Sciences and Engineering), Norma Stice (College of Education and Human Services), and Ludella Wilson and Dan Whitehead (College of Health).

DIVISION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

An article entitled "A Distance Learning Community—Corporate Partnership: Teaching Conflict Resolution to Middle School Students," written by Dr. Marcelle Lovett and David Walzak has been accepted for publication in *T.H.E. (Technological Horizons in Education) Journal*.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Aretha Jones-Cook, director for the Center for Multicultural Affairs and the Office of Retention Services, has been selected to present "Managing and Marketing a Mentor Program: An Olympic Event" at the 10th National Diversity Mentoring Conference in Arizona. Jones-Cook was also recently appointed to the American College Personnel Association Commission XVII Board. ACPA is a national association of higher education.

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

Kamilah Alleyne joins the staff at Student Health Services as senior secretary after moving to the Jacksonville area from New York.

Director Doreen Perez, MS RN-C, Victoria Wilson, RN, and Mary Jane McRae, BSN, recently attended the Florida College Health Nurses Annual Meeting. Perez was elected treasurer of the organization and McRae was elected education coordinator. In addition, Perez has been recertified for another four years as a college health nurse through the American Nurses Credentialing Center. 🐾

Musical Talent Abounds On Campus

Yap Chua



Many men go through a mid-life crisis in their 40s. For Dr. Yap Chua, turning 40 was a turning point in his determination to learn more about music.

Chua had always been interested in music but raising a family and pursuing his own career in computer science made it difficult to pursue his dream. In 1986, when he turned 40, Chua decided it was time to act on his dream. A professor in the College of Computer Sciences and Engineering, Chua started taking private piano lessons with Dr. Gerson Yessin, the same person who had taught piano to his three children.

After several years of lessons, Yessin and Dr. Lenard Bowie asked Chua if he would be interested in helping to put together a multicultural music workshop for Duval County teachers. He was asked to discuss Asian music. Although Chua was born in China and raised in the Philippines, he knew little about Asian music. Thus started an intensive two months of research to learn as much as possible about Asian music. He purchased a Chinese flute and an erhu, a Chinese fiddle. He listened to tapes and records and basically taught himself how to play the instruments. "I wasn't satisfied with just reading about something, I wanted to learn how

to play the instruments myself," he says.

The experience of researching the music of many Asian cultures only fueled Chua's desire to learn more about music. In 1993-'94 he took a sabbatical and spent a year at Florida State University's School of Music. Having taken some music theory courses at UNF, he spent a year taking more theory courses as well as studying music of different cultures at FSU. He also played in the Chinese music ensemble at FSU, an experience which deepened his appreciation of music.

When he returned to UNF, he applied to become a music major here. Although he already has a doctorate, he is currently a junior music major. He jokes that his "senior recital" actually may mean he will be 65 by the time he completes it. Chua gives occasional "demonstrations" of his Chinese instruments on and off campus. He's reluctant to call them recitals at this stage in his training.

Music has given Chua a balance in his life and is a form of mediation and relaxation. "My father played both the violin and the piano. My children have learned to play an instrument. Now it's my turn," he says with a smile.

Cynthia Valentine



When Christmas rolls around each year, Cynthia Valentine knows that she has more than just some shopping to complete. She needs to prepare for many special Christmas musical presentations at churches throughout Jacksonville.

Valentine has been singing since she was 5 years old when she sang her first solo of the Lord's Prayer in her church. She sang throughout grade school and high school and even while attending UNF. She graduated from UNF in 1976 with a degree in music and went to work in the Library's Media Department where she had worked as a student. She has worked for 19 years in the department helping hundreds of students and staff members in that time.

But her real love is music. Valentine is a member of Mount Morian AME Church in Jacksonville but sings in so many other churches that many congregations call her their own. During Christmas, for example, she sings in five different churches all over the city.

Her glorious voice fills more than just church sanctuaries. She has sung at UNF graduations and memorial services and even volunteers her time at the Mental Health Clinic of Jacksonville and at the Florida Christian Home. She enjoys watching the faces of listeners as she fills a room with song. "People who know me from UNF meet me at one of these events and are astonished that I sing. I love bringing enjoyment to them through my songs," she says.

Photos by Tom Cain

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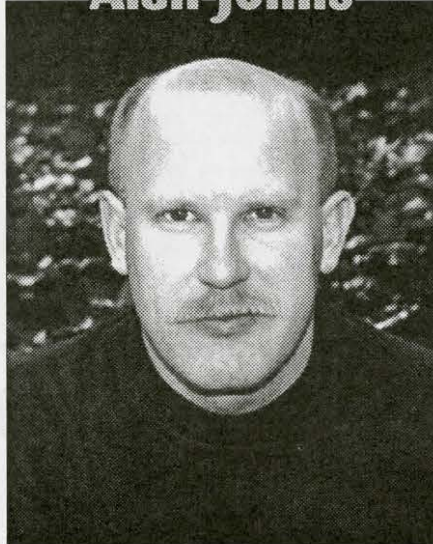
The Department of Music isn't the only place on the UNF campus where musical talent resides. Many faculty and staff members who have University positions unrelated to music, find ways of expressing their talent outside their jobs.

Whether its singing inspirational gospel songs, performing organ recitals, conducting or playing a Chinese flute, the musical talent of these faculty and staff frequently comes as a

surprise to colleagues who have worked with them for years.

What follows are profiles of a few of those talented faculty and staff who have made life a little more enjoyable for others by choosing to share their talent. There are undoubtedly many more faculty and staff on campus who have similar musical talents. This story is dedicated to them as well.

Alan Johns



For the last 21 years, Alan Johns has been helping congregations worship through music.

While he is the chief fiscal officer for Academic Affairs during the week, on Sundays he's a church organist. And over those 21 years, there have only been about two Sundays a year when Johns hasn't been at the keyboard helping to enhance worship.

Music has been a lifetime love for Johns. He studied piano for 17 years until he reached his junior year in college. Although he switched to a business career, he maintained his skills serving as organist and choir director at a number of churches in the area. "When you have music, you always have a friend with you. It's a great way to relax. I love to sit and just play for myself," he says.

Fortunately, thousands of churchgoers have had an opportunity to enjoy Johns' musical talents. He is currently choirmaster and organist at Swaim Memorial United Methodist Church in San Marco. Johns describes it as a "transitional church with a diverse congregation." This has given him an opportunity to incorporate many different types of music in church

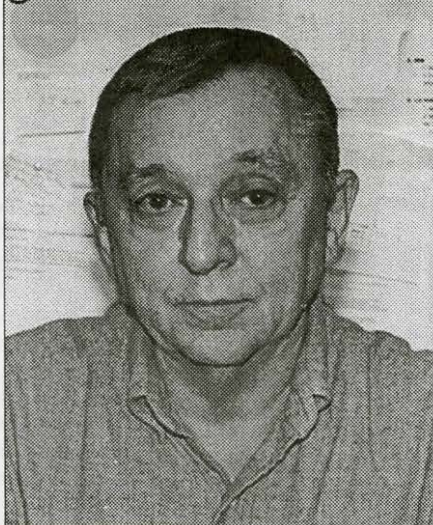
services. For example, he recently presented a program entitled, "The King of Instruments Through the Ages," which featured organ works written for worship over the centuries. Selections were included by classical and contemporary composers.

Those types of programs require practice. Johns lives only four blocks from the church enabling him to easily practice his musical presentations during the evenings. "I'm not sure if the neighbors always appreciate it," he says with a smile.

The effort has paid off. The choir at Swaim now has 21 members compared with 12 when he took it over six months ago. "I like showing people that there is a way to have fun with music," he says.

He admits that music has provided an outlet for his creativity. "When you deal with numbers and data all day long, you don't always get an opportunity to be creative. I love the liturgy of the church and how music pulls it all together." 🐦

Jack Funkhouser



On any given day when you walk past Jack Funkhouser's office door you may hear the sounds of an opera drifting into the hallway. Sitting amid VCRs and video monitors, Funkhouser frequently goes about his duties as director of Instructional Communications accompanied by music.

Music has played a major role in Funkhouser's life and he has played a major role in its presentation in Northeast Florida over the years. As a director and conductor, Funkhouser has brought the experience of music to hundreds of residents.

Funkhouser received his bachelor's degree in music from Rhodes College in Memphis and his master's degree from Vanderbilt/Peabody in Nashville. He was an instructor and assistant to the director of the College of Music at Rhodes for six years and was a member of the humanities faculty and director of the Teaching Resources Center at the University of Florida from 1961 to 1971.

During those years, Funkhouser's love of music propelled him into a wide variety of experiences such as director of orchestras, operas, choral groups and numerous church choirs. For several years while at UF, he wrote music and drama reviews for the *Gainesville Sun*.

In 1970, Funkhouser was asked by UNF's first academic vice president, Roy Lassiter, to come to the new school and help establish a program similar to the one at UF. Funkhouser officially joined the UNF staff in 1971.

Music continued to play a major role in Funkhouser's life at UNF. He was the director of the University's chorus and conducted and directed numerous choral, operatic and symphonic concerts in the Jacksonville area under the auspices of the North Florida Friends of Music, a non-profit organization he founded. "It was a natural thing for me to do. Conducting provided a great deal of enjoyment," he said.

Funkhouser is not doing any conducting these days, but his love of music continues. He is teaching a "Great Composers" class and helps with music at commencement and other University events.

So the next time you're in Instructional Communications and you hear music in the hallway, chances are good Funkhouser is responsible in the same way as he has been responsible for so much music in Jacksonville over the years. 🐦

International Students Overcome Cultural Differences

Long before UNF's student body reached the current 11,000 mark, administration officials saw the advantage of diversification. In fact, the university received approval from the Immigration and Naturalization Service to have international students on campus in 1972, the same year UNF was officially opened for classes.

Statistics for fall 1996 show that UNF has 485 international students, including 323 permanent residents and 162 who hold student visas. The group represents 99 countries, including Belize, Canada, Columbia, India, Germany and Thailand.

One of the stories behind those numbers is 24-year-old Maninthorn "Kay" Tiemtatsana. Her name means Diamond of the God. A native of Bangkok, Thailand, Kay came to the United States upon the encouragement of her father, a serviceman who had been stationed in Alabama.

Kay is set to graduate in December with a master's in business administration from UNF. She finished her undergraduate studies in Thai-

land. Because of her father's familiarity with the Southeast, he encouraged her to attend graduate school in that part of the United States. She worked as a student assistant in the Office of International Student Affairs.

At first the adjustment to life in the U.S. was difficult. "The culture is different and people had to explain things to me," says the soft-spoken Kay. She specifically referred to the Thai culture's emphasis on respect for elders. Younger people are not allowed to touch the head of an elder, and while in the same room with an elder, younger persons must be seated below the elder, in a chair or on the floor.

Another example of differences cited by Kay are home environments. In America children are encouraged to leave home after adulthood and make their own way in the world. In Thailand, Kay says, everyone lives in an apartment and often two or three generations of a family share living quarters.

Kay plans to work at an American company before returning to her homeland. Although Kay says she misses her family, she has made



Tiemtatsana

many friends at UNF and has enjoyed her time in a university environment. "Everyone can share their opinion here and the teachers respect that opinion," she says. ➤

Forrester Named COBA Development Officer

Leigh M. Forrester has been appointed college development officer for the College of Business Administration.

Forrester will be responsible for the COBA development activities previously handled by Elizabeth Head who is now associate vice president for development in Institutional Advancement.

"I am excited to join the University of North Florida as it prepares for its 25th anniversary. I am especially proud to join the College of Business Administration which continues to receive more and more support from the local business community. I am confident the college will play an increasingly valuable role in the development of future business leaders," Forrester said.

COBA Dean Dr. Earle Traynham said Forrester's background will be essential to the college as it



Forrester

continues its development program. "We are delighted to have Leigh join our staff. She has a strong background in marketing and development which will be especially valuable to the College of Business Administration over the next few years."

Before coming to UNF, Forrester was director of development at West Chester Friends School in West Chester, Pa. from 1994 to 1995. Prior to that, she was a retail merchandiser with Hershey Chocolate in West Chester and held a number of sales and management positions in the travel business in Overland Park, Kan., Brookline, Mass., Greensboro, N.C. and Washington, D.C.

She received a bachelor's degree in 1978 from Sweet Briar College in Sweet Briar, Va. and completed her junior year abroad at St. Andrews University in Fife, Scotland. ➤

Companies Participate In Forum

Major First Coast companies were invited to participate in the annual Graduate School Opportunities for Minorities Forum held recently on campus.

This was the first time companies were invited to participate in the forum.

The forum was hosted by the Center for Multicultural Affairs and Office of Retention Services for students interested in graduate education. The purpose is to provide information about admission requirements, financial aid, academic expectations and skills needed to take the GRE/GMAT and LSAT exams.

Otis Holloway Owens, assistant vice president for Student Affairs, was one of several

speakers at the forum. She stressed the importance for minorities to pursue graduate education to further career prospects.

The highlight of the forum was the faculty/academic advisors panel which provided information on various graduate programs within each college and answered questions raised by prospective students.

The Center hosts the forum each semester and it is the only department in the University that provides a forum for graduate education. Plans are under way to have other state universities participate in future forums. ➤

Drive Raises \$60,000

The 1996 UNF Faculty-Staff Fund Drive has raised nearly \$60,000 in gifts, pledges and in-kind gifts.

The drive, which began Sept. 30, resulted in 37 percent of the University's faculty and staff participating in the fund raising initiative.

Fifty prizes were awarded in daily drawings during the drive. The grand prize winner, John Venn in Special Education, received a \$100 USTravel certificate and a free night's stay with breakfast at the Jacksonville Marriott.

Although the active phase of the drive ended on Oct. 30, the UNF Foundation will accept faculty and staff gifts throughout the year. For additional information, call Erin Hadlow at Ext. 2510. ➤




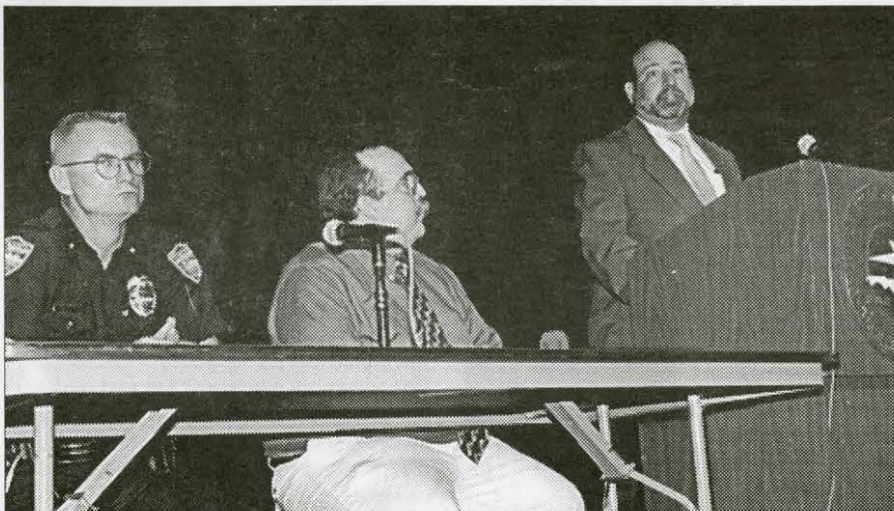
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He has served in several administrative positions including the first director of UNF's Downtown Center, dean of Continuing Education, athletic director, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs, associate vice president for University Relations, interim vice president for Student Affairs, interim

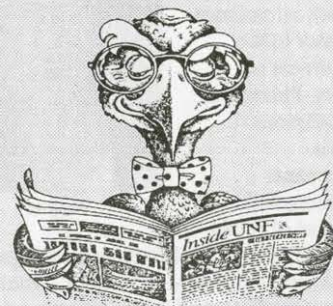
vice president for University Relations and Development and interim vice president for Administration and Finance.

A native of Minnesota, Healy began his professional career as an elementary school teacher in Rochester, Minn. He taught at Winona State University and the University of

Maryland before coming to UNF. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at Winona State University and his doctoral degree from the University of Maryland. He has completed post-doctoral training at Memphis State University, the University of Florida and Harvard University. 



Economics professor Dr. Paul Mason (at podium) made a presentation on taxes and the economy and then took questions from the audience during a panel discussion titled Elections '96 in the UNF Theatre Oct. 30. Dr. Terry Bowen (to Mason's right), director of the Institute of Government, served as moderator for the panel discussion. Officer Danny Brown of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Department and Anita Vorreyer-Hedges (not shown in photo), director of the Women's Center, were also on the panel. Elections '96 was sponsored by the Campus Voter Coalition. Panel members discussed issues of importance to voters in the recent presidential election.



Inside UNF DEADLINE

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Euthanasia Explored At First Ethics Forum

The economic, religious, philosophical and medical aspects of euthanasia were explored last month at the first in a series of ethics forums on campus.

The series, entitled "Perspectives on Ethics," was organized by Ellen Wagner, an assistant professor in the Department of History, Philosophy and Religious Studies.

The panel discussing euthanasia consisted of Rabbi Gary G. Perras of Beth Shalom Congregation in Jacksonville; Nancy A. Stanlick, visiting assistant professor in UNF's Department of History, Philosophy and Religious Studies; Mary Borg, director of the University Scholars Program; and Trudy Harris, director of Community Relations and Development at Hospice Northeast.

The panel members quickly made a distinction between active euthanasia in which a deliberate effort is made to end an individual's life and passive euthanasia in which no extraordinary efforts are made to preserve life.

Borg, an economist, introduced the economic aspects of euthanasia noting that her basic concern was the scarcity of resources and how they are allocated. She explained that currently 25 to 35 percent of all Medicare funds are spent on 5 to 6 percent of recipients who will die within one year. As the same time, she noted that 39 million people in America do

not have medical insurance which affects such things as whether prenatal care is available to women. "It appears we are not giving enough medical care to those at the beginning of their lives and too much medical care to those at the end of their lives," she said.

"I respect all life, but we have to make tough choices," Borg said. "We can't do everything and by spending all these dollars at the end of life, we are making a decision that we care more about life at one end of the scale than at the other end of the scale. Not to admit that is simply not being honest."

In addition to economic considerations, Stanlick noted that there is an emotional cost of prolonging life and questioned whether it is immoral to end a life if life no longer has a meaning to the individual. "We are making decisions about the quality of life every day," she noted talking about decisions of when to provide and withhold medical treatment.

But Rabbi Perras had difficulty with the concept of attempting to determine when life has no meaning. "Can we define the quality of life for another person?" he asked. "If we create a society where we value life for only its economic value or some pragmatic value then we are getting into a Naziesque culture which says 'you're just wasting our resources, we are going to eliminate you.'"

Speaking from 15 years of hospice experience, Harris defended the cost effectiveness of hospice care. She contended that proper hospice care does not drain excessive medical resources from others. "Death is a natural part of life.

People are not so much afraid of dying as they are afraid of the pain. Once you get their pain under control, they are much more comfortable and find value in life," she said.

Harris added that about 95 percent of patients now in hospice care are able to manage their pain effectively. "There comes a time when a patient enters the dying process. The patient has the right to choose when to stop aggressive treatment," she said. This dying time can be both emotionally and spiritually fulfilling, she noted in answer to those who advocate euthanasia for terminally ill patients.

Relatively little time was spent on discussing Dr. Jack Kevorkian or the current Supreme Court case in which 20 states are asking the court to reject the notion that terminally ill people have a constitutional right to doctor-assisted suicide.

But Rabbi Perras left little doubt about his position on the subject. "When you practice euthanasia in an active way, then we are assuming the place of God."

In organizing the ethics forums, Wagner said it was her intent to discuss difficult moral issues from several different perspectives. "It is hoped that audience members will gain a richer understanding of the complexity of the question and clearer answers for themselves," she said.

The second forum entitled, "Why Be Moral?" is scheduled for Feb. 27.



Wagner



Stanlick



Perras



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