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TO UNF STUDENTS AND READERS OF THE SPINNAKER:

This is the most difficult decision I've made in my life to date.

But first, some math, for context: I was born in 1989 when the Spinnaker was already 12 years old. Today, the publication is 36. The typical term for an editor in chief spans two semesters — or one year. By the end my year as EIC, I will have served for roughly 2.7 percent of the publication's 36-year existence — an eventual blip in Spinnaker history.

The Spinnaker is not mine.

In pursuing this endeavor, I've tried to never lose sight of this. Our campus media organization belongs to, and is run by, the student population which is ever cycling from freshman to senior to graduate.

The decision was ultimately yours to make, and mine to consider, research and put into motion.

So we compiled a survey to test the waters (see right), and received 505 responses. And the results leaned more in favor of the change.

Regardless, many of the respondents voiced genuine concerns — the most pertinent of which I hope to adequately address here.

COSTS?

Transitioning to a magazine will not cost students more money.

Student Government currently subscribes to the Spinnaker on behalf of the student body. Their provisions help provide "one free issue per reader." The Spinnaker did not request additional funding for the change.

But yes, magazines, pound for pound, tend to be more expensive than newspapers. In our case, the difference of printing costs, between the newspaper and magazine, was a manageable increase. This is where Spinnaker Business — one of our learning opportunities open to students — plays an integral part in the organization. Through ad sales, promotions and fundraising, we are able to sustain additional production and operating costs.

BENEFITS?

While on the subject, ad sales are the Business Office's greatest source of revenue. The gloss print of magazines ensures a much higher reproduction quality of photos, graphics and text. This yields a more clear and crisp, more attractive product than that of newsprint. A better product is what advertisers look for when deciding where their finite budgets will be spent. We are now more attractive to advertisers.

More revenue means more funds to better train staff in the multitude of learning opportunities the Spinnaker provides (look to the masthead on opposite page). A better trained staff means better reporting means a better informed audience.

What reporters lose in weekly deadlines, they gain in an emphasis on daily deadlines. And with the magazine, reporters will now have an opportunity to spend the time and attention necessary for developing an investigative or narrative story. They now have training for newspapers and magazines. Or they can make a package for TV, maybe even start working on a parallax scrolling story for the website.

CONTENT:

Our approach to news and entertainment is UNF-centric, and will not change. When we provide off-campus coverage, the premise is that this coverage is of interest to our campus peers.

If you have a story tip, you're free to email the relevant staff editor to the left.

This publication has changed it's appearance, but I assure you, the legacy of award winning college journalism will stay intact.

JACOB HARN EDITOR IN CHIEF

letter from the
EDITOR

THE CONVERSATION CONTINUES ONLINE:

Sentiments of anonymous students, faculty and alumni have been collected and reproduced on our website, under the headline "Showing Our Work: The Determinants of Your Magazine." There you will find correspondence between myself and previous Spinnaker Editor In Chief David Strupp ('05 - '06). Mr. Strupp had his concerns, but time mulling over the issue swayed him in favor of the transition.



RANKED FIRST

Sigma Lambda
Gamma's UNF chapter
ranked first nationally

Sigma Lambda Gamma President **ANGELICA DAVILA**

BY **NATALIE LOGAN** STAFF REPORTER

Sigma Lambda Gamma ranked its UNF chapter as the number one chapter across the nation June 26. The sisters scored a 3.78 out of 4.0, based on a new SLG system called Standards of Distinction.

Community Service Chair Chelsea Mincey said the chapter is judged on Academics, Morals and Ethics, Social Interaction, Cultural Awareness, Community Service, Regional and National Compliance, Entity Management and Sisterhood Empowerment. They were given a rating out of four for each category.

President, Historian, and Alumni Relations Chair Angelica Davila said they reached this score by going through the Standards of Distinction at each weekly chapter meeting, making sure their actions were in line with the standards and seeing what they could do to improve.

Mincey said the chapter's focus on programs helped them achieve the high rank. Davila said the chapter worked with organizations such as the UNF Cashier's Office, the UNF Women's Center, the Epilepsy Foundation of Jacksonville, Sweet by Holly, Chick-fil-a, Pink up the Pace and Girls, Inc.

Wadelene Charles, Vice President of Finance and Parliamentarian said the sorority chapter only plans to get better from here.

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FLYING A DYING SKY
Richard Lundgren
paints scenes of
nature he sees
disappearing
throughout Florida

DISAPPEARING LANDSCAPES

ENVIRONMENTAL ARTWORK ON DISPLAY IN LUFRANO GALLERY

BY **JOSEPH COOK** CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

Pastel artist Richard Lundgren's work captures scenes of nature that he sees disappearing as the environment changes. These scenes can now be seen at the Lufrano Intercultural Gallery in an exhibition titled *Disappearing Landscapes*.

Lundgren said the inspiration for the exhibition's name started out with his pessimistic view of the environment in relation to Florida's growing population. He said when such a dramatic increase in population occurs, there is inevitable degradation to the environment.

Lundgren said the exhibition became a celebration of various environmental groups in Florida who had the foresight to save a small piece of the environment. He often goes canoeing in the Jacksonville area, where he gets inspiration for some of his work.

Lufrano gallery curator Kameele "Oupa" Seane personally related to this exhibition's message. Born in South Africa, Seane grew

"We don't have to do much but just to respect it and leave it as we found it."

up near a site where the current government was excavating gold and diamonds.

"After the mines were gone, the land was scarred," Seane said.

Preserving our environment isn't that hard, he said.

"We don't have to do much but just to respect it and leave it as we found it."

Disappearing Landscapes will be on display at the Lufrano Gallery until Dec. 6.

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AUGUST 1- MARIJUANA WITH INTENT TO SELL OSPREY FOUNTAINS - An officer smelled marijuana while conducting a property check and made contact with the room's resident. The suspect consented to the officer's entry and admitted to smoking when asked. When asked, the suspect retrieved a plastic container containing several baggies

of marijuana, a metal grinder with residue, a glass pipe with residue and a clay pipe with residue. The suspect was advised of his rights, the listed items were seized and the suspect was arrested and transported to a Pre-Trial Detention Facility for booking. The marijuana weighed 76.1 grams.

2 JULY 24 - **CYBER BULLYING OSPREY FOUNTAINS**

An officer was dispatched in response to a report of threats. The complainant said over the last few months, her boyfriend and his brother had family issues and she had been dragged into them on Facebook. She provided screenshots of the offending wall posts, but the officer did not think the posts violated any laws, although there was some strong language about sexual orientation, sexual acts and personal grooming issues. The officer told her to block the brother. The boyfriend could not be contacted because he is currently homeless on the streets somewhere in the Mandarin area of Jacksonville. He messages her from computers in the public library. The officer requested the report be forwarded to Housing for review.

3 JULY 27 - **MARIJUANA OSPREY RIDGE ROAD**

An officer clocked a vehicle at 31 MPH in a 20 MPH zone. He pulled the vehicle over in lot 55. As he approached the suspect, he smelled marijuana and noticed the suspect was nervous and had glassy eyes. The officer asked for the driver's license, registration and insurance and was presented with his license and an expired insurance card. When the officer said he needed the registration, the suspect said he didn't have it. A female in the car said they looked for it as the officer walked up, but the officer had been watching them and knew this was a lie. He told the suspect to exit the car. After the officer asked the suspect about the marijuana smell, the suspect said he smoked at a friend's house. The officer said he knew he had been lied to about the registration. Because the lie was about something that should be in the glove compartment, the officer suspected the marijuana was in there. The suspect admitted there was some in the glove compartment and retrieved it when asked. The 1.4 grams were confiscated and the suspect was given a notice to appear in court and a verbal warning for speeding.

4 JULY 27 - **MARIJUANA UNF DRIVE**

A UPD officer clocked a vehicle at 41 MPH in a 30 MPH zone and pulled the vehicle over in lot 15. As he approached, he smelled marijuana and asked for the suspect's driver's license, registration and insurance. There were two females in the car with him. The officer called for backup and another officer arrived. The officer asked the suspect if there was marijuana in the car and he said yes. The suspect retrieved 12.5 grams from a zippered bag in between the two front seats. The officer asked if there was anything else and the suspect said there was a scale and a "one hitter" pipe. The officer retrieved the items, including a plastic grinder with residue and a pack of rolling papers. The suspect claimed all the illegal items were his. The suspect was given a notice to appear and a warning for speeding. The officer requested a review from Student Conduct.

5 JULY 31 - **THEFT BUILDING 42**

An officer responded to a report of a theft at the Housing office. The Housing employee said a desk-sized Israeli flag had been stolen from a room that displayed a multitude of flags along the walls. The complainant reported that on July 24, he saw an unknown male standing on a chair near the Israeli flag and made contact with the male, who could not give a reason for being there and left. The complainant described the male as being of an unknown race and large build with black hair and a dark complexion. The complainant checked on the flag, which was there as of July 29, but was discovered missing July 31. Patrol efforts were suspended due to lack of solvability.

6 AUGUST 1 - **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF OSPREY FOUNTAINS**

An officer responded to a complainant who left his room July 26 and returned Aug. 1 to find someone had squirted toothpaste on the walls, ceiling and some of his personal items. The complainant's girlfriend confronted one of his roommates about being a suspect. He denied involvement, became nervous and left before the officer arrived. The officer was unable to reach the roommate.



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ALCOHOL NUTRITION

Labels introduced on alcoholic beverages

— *voluntarily and temporarily*



Six years in debate over what seems like a clear issue and all the TTb has to show for it is a temporary law.

BY NOOR ASHOURI STAFF REPORTER

You may begin to notice nutrition labels on alcoholic drinks — well, only if the manufacturer wants them there, and they may not be there for long.

The U.S. Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) proposed a law to require nutrition labels on alcoholic beverages in 2007, according to ABC News. No decision has been made yet, so a temporary law was recently set into place until the TTB can make a final decision. The temporary law allows beer, wine and spirit companies to add a label that include serving size, servings per container, calories, carbohydrates, protein and fat per serving, according to the Huffington Post.

With obesity rates skyrocketing, I'm not sure why it's taking so long for the TTB to decide if consumers have the right to know the nutritional information behind what they are consuming. Six years in debate over what seems like a clear issue and all the TTB has to show for it is a temporary law.

The issue goes beyond a lack of decisiveness. Why should alcohol companies be the ones to decide if we can see nutrition facts? Voluntary labeling gives alcohol companies too much influence in our personal health.

Consumer groups are pushing agencies toward nutrition labels because they believe alcohol should have the same transparency as packaged foods, according to the Huffington Post. They're right. It is just as important to take liquid calories into consideration as solid food.

It may come as a shock that, much like consumer groups, many alcohol companies have

been lobbying for nutrition labels for a decade according to the Huffington Post. These alcohol companies aren't looking out for public health.

Nutrition labels open up a world of new marketing strategies.

Low-calorie beer companies can now use the nutrition information associated with their product to target people trying to lose weight and, in turn, increase their profit margins, according to ABC News.

Low carbohydrate diets have been widely popular since the early 2000s. Alcohol companies can therefore use nutrition labels as an advertising technique by selling their product as "low carbohydrate."

As of now, the labeling remains to be on a volunteer basis and companies can choose what they decide to label based on their own motives. Gladys Horiuchi, spokesperson for the Wine Institute, said she doesn't know of any wine companies intending on using a nutrition label. The Wine Institute supports this new rule, but doesn't think it applies much to them. They stated such information is not a key factor in consumer wine purchases, according to the Huffington Post.

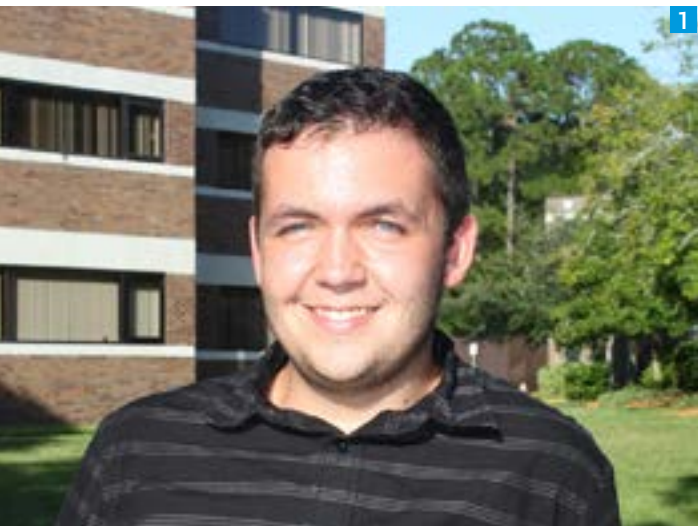
While this may be true, a company shouldn't be the one to decide what the key purchasing factors for consumers are, it should be the consumers themselves. Consumers should be given all the information necessary in making their purchase. Then they can decide which factors are most important to them. For some, nutrition information is crucial.

Nutrition labels should be pushed for because we should know what we're consuming. We shouldn't allow large alcohol companies to turn our personal health into a new business approach. It should not take agencies like the TTB years to decide what is our right to know.

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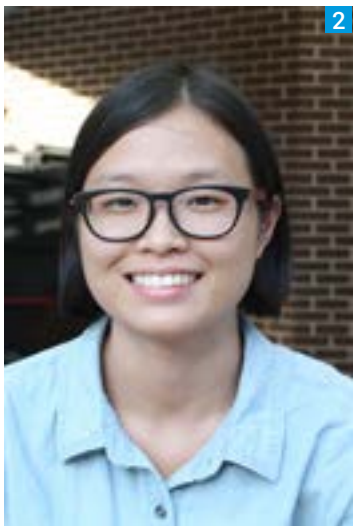
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WHAT ARE **YOU** LOOKING FORWARD TO IN YOUR **COLLEGE EXPERIENCE?**



1 DUSTIN EDMOND
freshman, civil engineering

“Fulfilling education, having the full college experience, making connections, and to make a difference.”



2 WEIYA ZHANG
freshman exchange student, education

“Experience the different education system in US ... it is so different from China.”



3 VAUGHNESAAR HECTOR
freshman, civil engineering

“Clubs and social life, making a new life, and the normal college experience.”



4 COURTNEY GAGNON
freshman, communications

“Learning in a new setting & living on my own.”



5 ZACH PETERSON
junior, psychology

“Self-improvement, physically and mentally.”



6 BRYAN BLAYSON
junior, psychology

“Expanding horizons of mind via experiences, good times, meeting new people, chilling with the bruhs ... displaying musical talents on the campus...”



7 TAVOSIA MITCHELL
junior, business management

“First experience in university life.”

BY ZACH SHOENHEIDE / photo@unrspinner.com

THE CURIOUS REPORTER

HOW LONG DID IT TAKE **YOU** TO PARK IN UNF’S LOTS TODAY?



BRITNEY HICKS
public relations

“Five minutes. I have a premium pass. It took me 30 minutes the first day, though.”



BRIDGER NEIMEYER
History

“It took me like 30 to 40 minutes all three days. It took me a while.”



ALYSSA ROWELL
advertising

“It didn’t take me any time. I have a handicapped pass.”

WHAT DO **YOU** THINK ABOUT THE TEXTING & DRIVING LAW?



KELSEY GEBHARDT
psychology

“I think it’s good. It’s going to cause a lot less accidents and make our roads safer.”



JOHN WALSH
History

“I don’t mind it. I don’t text and drive. Seems it’s as dangerous as drunk driving sometimes.”



EUGENE SADSARIN
IT

“It’ll probably turn out really bad, because more people will try to hide that they’re texting.”

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NOW – OCTOBER 20



The Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) in Jacksonville features “Kept Time: Photographs by Joseph D. Jachna, 1958-2012.” The exhibit focuses on Jachna’s meditative, abstract photographs of the natural world, and traces common threads woven through fifty years of work. An opening reception will be held Sept. 4 from 5-7 p.m., and Jachna will give a lecture at 2 p.m. Sept. 7 about his life’s work. Both of these events are free and open to the public. All MOCA exhibits are always free to UNF students with a valid student ID.

SEPTEMBER 4



The theme of Jacksonville’s First Wednesday Art Walk for September is “Pet Walk.” Pet contests, pet shows and, of course, pet art will be everywhere you look in Hemming Plaza. Bring your pet or adopt one at the Friends of Jacksonville Animals booth, which will be the perfect vantage point for all the excitement as Grandpa’s Cough Medicine play a set at 7 p.m., followed by the One Spark documentary shown at 7:40.

SEPTEMBER 14

Grammy-nominated hip-hop artist J. Cole’s *What Dreams May Come Tour* will make a stop downtown at the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts. Cole’s tour comes as his new album, *Born Sinner*, went gold and his single “Power Trip” went platinum. The show will also feature Grammy-nominated rapper Wale. Tickets can be purchased at jcolemusic.com.

SEPTEMBER 8



Legendary classic rock band Steely Dan will bring their *Mood Swings: 8 Miles to Pancake Day Tour* to the St. Augustine Amphitheatre at 7 p.m. Sunday. With a career spanning four decades and a jazzy, blues-rock sound, Steely Dan has been a staple for anyone calling themselves a classic rock fan. For more information, visit staugamphitheatre.com.

OCTOBER 18



The Lumineers, fairly new-to-the-mainstream indie folk-rockers with a platinum record under their belts, will be performing at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre at 6:45 p.m., Friday. This tour will bring the band to Florida for the first time on their way around the country, having hit Bona-roo and many other top-tier summer festivals along the way. The show will also feature Dr. Dog and Nathaniel Rateliff. Visit staugamphitheatre.com for more information.

SEPTEMBER 27

Comedian Eddie Griffin will perform at the Times-Union Center at 8 p.m. Griffin has performed on stages and screens both big and small and was honored as one of the 100 Greatest Stand-Ups of all time by Comedy Central. His latest movie, *Mucho Dinero*, is set to be released this year. Buy tickets at ticketmaster.com.

ON THE JURY

UNF student’s narrative account of deciding the fate of a **public-masturbator**

BY CARL ROSEN OPINIONS EDITOR

The man adjacent to me pleaded to the judge, in broken English, that he doesn’t speak or understand English – I overheard him fifteen minutes earlier, speaking perfect English to another Hispanic man in the lobby. That other Hispanic man shortly followed with the same plea. They were almost immediately dismissed from the jury selection process.

Few people are, and for good reason, excited by jury duty. Upon seeing a juror summons letter in the mail, many emotions come to mind, but joy is not one of them. It’s a tedious ordeal that takes people away from their daily routines to instead sit in a courtroom for hours on end.

The way jury duty works is, once summoned, the person reports to the courthouse on their specific summons date, and proceed to a large room where they sign in. From my experience, this room is hellish. It smells of old carpeting and is filled with hundreds of other people that are equally unhappy to be there, and the PBS or Animal Planet program being played on the room’s three TV’s doesn’t make anything better. After signing in, a juror badge is given and you wait for your name to be called over a PA system.

While waiting, you can either read a book you have brought, marvel at the banality of the TV program being played, or people-watch and try to pick out who is the least enthusiastic to be there.

On my day of jury service, my name was called after an hour and a half of stagnating in that room. I was selected with 40 other potential jurors to undergo the juror selection process for a criminal case.

Once we were all seated in the courtroom, the judge introduced himself; aesthetically speaking, he was the epitome of normalcy – brown,

short hair with few streaks of white and grey with subtle facial wrinkles. He was in his mid-forties and was very articulate with a slight southern twang in his speech.

The juror selection process took about two and a half hours of being collectively and individually asked questions by the judge, the prosecution, and the defense. They assessed who was able to be a fair and impartial juror out of the 40 in the room. Seven people were eventually selected.

So I sat in a courtroom with 39 of my peers, on some of the most uncomfortable pews imaginable. Within the first 15 minutes of selection, seven people claimed they were incapable of understanding English, and four people said they were too openly racist to be impartial in a criminal trial that dealt with a Haitian male.

Yes, that’s right. Some people were either painfully honest with who they were, or, more likely, so eager to get out of jury duty that they were willing to label themselves as racist. I find this to be embarrassing. I would have rather told the judge that I didn’t speak English in perfect English, than claim to be so racist that I couldn’t be fair in judging someone with a different skin color.

On another level, the case at hand was abnormal. It involved a man being accused of committing lewd and lascivious behavior (through public masturbation) in the presence of a minor under the age of 16 years old. Upon hearing this, many potential jurors felt uncomfortable;



A COMMON PAIN

Being summoned for jury duty is widely held as an unfavorable public responsibility — one that might burn you up, or that you might burn up. Let these images provide solace for those people who make it a point to be excused from the jury. [The images are of a reproduced jury summon, not of an official summon]

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there went another 10 people, leaving my odds of being selected greater and greater with each passing sentence about masturbation.

Oddly enough, the more I heard about this case the more interesting I found it. It was peculiar. This isn’t to say that I was eager to be selected, but when the moment came between deciding to give the process of jury selection a fair chance, or lying about being uncomfortable and being discharged — I kept silent to give the system a fair chance.

After a lunch break, I was officially chosen to serve on the trial.

Basing this on rough estimates, the mean age of the jury chosen was about 40, and the range was 21-60. I was the young buck, and stuck out like a giraffe at an elephant convention.

Before one serves on a trial, the judge explains several concepts about how our judicial system works.

The first is the presumption of innocence, which means the defendant, in any case, must be presumed innocent until proven guilty.

The second is that the state prosecutors had to meet the state’s burden of proof, meaning that it is the prosecution’s responsibility to provide enough evidence for the defendant to be deemed guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

The third was the ability to be impartial, which should be self-explanatory.

And the fourth was the defendant’s right to remain silent, meaning that we can not pass judgment of guilt or innocence based on the defendant choosing to remain silent throughout the trial, which he did.

The trial proceeded for the next two days. The jury was barraged with photographic evidence, a wide variety of testimonial evidence and opening and closing arguments by both the defense and the state attorneys.

At the end of the trial, the jury was sent into a back room to confer about the trial and to come up with a unanimous decision of guilty or not guilty. After about half an hour of deliberation we did find the defendant to be guilty.

Walking out of the courtroom was sweet relief. The word “liberation” had new definition, but it wasn’t the only thought present. Oddly enough, I walked away from that courthouse feeling good about what went on those past couple of days. I did my civic duty that was created by this country’s brilliant forefathers in an attempt to create a fair and just legal system. If I had been the defendant, I would want my case to be heard by a panel of impartial peers. This isn’t saying that the system is 100 percent correct or foolproof, but it is saying that if a time comes when you must depend upon the fairness of the legal system -- whether that means being on trial yourself, being a victim of a crime or having a loved one involved with a case — there’s a good chance that fairness will prevail.

And for those three days, I can admittedly say, that I was happy to be a cog in a system that did, and continues to, serve justice.

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SOCCER STUDS



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Sports Editor



Josh Brannock
Staff Reporter

Who's your preseason favorite to win the Super Bowl?

TG: Everything is bigger in Texas, or so the saying goes. Perhaps nothing is bigger than the expectations for the Houston Texans. With the second best running back in the game (Foster), the Defensive Player of the Year (Watt) and a top of the line QB/WR combo, the team that has lived its life in the shadow of "America's Team" will win it all this season.

JB: I'm liking the Bengals. The AFC North is down, AFC in general is weak outside of Houston and they have a solid defense and A.J. Green. If Dalton can win a big game this is the Bengals' year.

The recent Johnny Manziel scandal has raised the question, should college athletes be allowed to profit from their fame?

TG: This is America right? We are big fans of getting paid when you work hard and make money. I don't see why college football is the exception. The "They are getting a free education" argument doesn't work for me. Lots of stu-

dents get free educations for academic reasons and they don't bring in a dime for universities. Just because they are playing a game it shouldn't diminish their value. Pay them.

JB: There are still too many questions and not enough answers. How do you determine the shared revenue? Do they get paid for merchandise sales or for playing the game? If you do pay them, why not high schoolers? Plenty of Texas schools make money from their teams and players just like in college.

Can Alabama football pull off a 3-peat?

TG: It can and it will. Ohio State is the only legitimate threat to stop the soon-to-be Chicago Bulls of college football. Alabama is stacked with more future pros than every Big 10 team combined. Factor in the best coach in the game and the tide continues to roll.

JB: It all depends on the line play. It'll be tough, but I can't see a team beating them in the championship game. Regular season maybe, but when it's all on the line, I'm putting my money on crimson.

WHAT THEY USE: KEEPER GEAR

Sixth year senior keeper Brad Sienkiewicz is Nike-d down to the cleats. The experience of Sienkiewicz will be vital to improving UNF's record this season.

1. GLOVES

Nike Vapor Grip 3
\$120

"UNF gave them to us. I prefer the Vapor grip, which is what they got for us. Not picky on color, but I am breaking out the pink straps for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. No gloves are really worse than the other; it's just what is comfortable."

2. KIT

Nike Striker III
Shirt \$30/Shorts \$25

"The kit we use for training is the same JFC used for games — can't get away from the festive colors. Coaches went above and beyond to provide us with top of the line Nike gear and take care of the guys."

3. SHINGUARDS

Nike J Guard Shin
Guard \$10

"I've had the same ones for awhile now — they protect my shins (laughs). Don't really care about them too much."

4. CLEATS

Nike CTR360 Maestri
III FG \$160

"Very comfortable and look pretty good since they match the kit. I was a Total 90 guy, but rolled the dice last fall and now I'm sticking with these."

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BRAD SIENKIEWICZ, Men's Soccer Keeper

New Digs

Coming within one win of a Conference Championship won't be easy for UNF volleyball this season.



"It's gonna be a different role this year, but I'm excited."

—SENIOR ANNA BUDINSKA on her new role as a leader.

82 percentage of kills from last year that won't be returning to the team

8 NEW PLAYERS



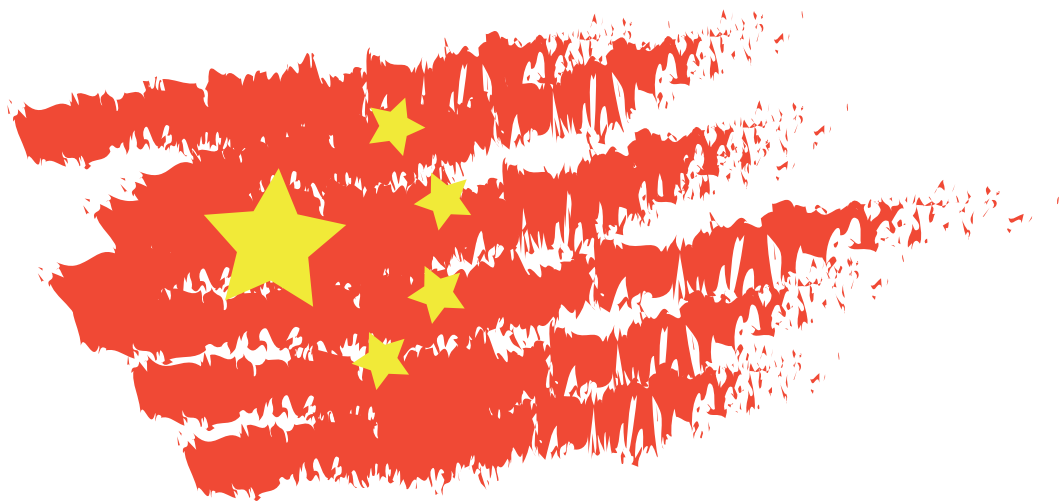
6 FRESHMEN on the team



344 number of digs that separated team leader Nicole Baran and

Cari Whitmire, the most digs for a returning player, last year

See volleyball season preview by Josh Brannock at unfspinner.com



Called for Traveling

BY TRAVIS GIBSON SPORTS EDITOR

Former UNF star takes his talents to South China

Parker Smith sits up in his hotel bed. It's still dark outside in early May, but the sounds of fireworks in the skies of the Shaanxi province are unrelenting.

He's jetlagged. All he wants to do is go back to sleep. He has a job interview today.

Two months later back in the United States, it's close to 11 p.m. in the middle of the summer. The UNF men's basketball team is playing a pick-up game inside UNF Arena.

Smith, the best basketball player to ever wear a UNF jersey, is on an adjacent court doing what he does best — shooting threes. His girlfriend, former soccer player Katie Husted, looks on from a courtside chair.

'Can't Hold Us' by Macklemore and Ryan Lewis blasts from the speakers of a small portable stereo that sits on the hardwood floor of the gym former the Osprey star called home for three seasons. Now that floor is where he trains for the next step.

Smith is the most prolific shooter in the history of the school. His name is scattered across the school's record books, but like most recent college graduates, the man known as "PS3" was looking for a full-time job this summer.

For his first big job interview he traveled nearly 30 hours to the People's Republic of China as part of a 10-man team of job applicants.

The China hoops tour is a three week tour that helps American basketball players find work in the land of Communism and Yao Ming.

"It's run by the [Chinese] basketball federa-

tion and some businessmen over there that fund it," said George Brosky, coach of NBDL team the Iowa Energy.

Brosky was the lone coach overseeing the tour.

The team traveled to various provinces in China and played a series of exhibition games against Chinese and European club teams.

The opportunity arose when Smith's agent Anthony Hilliard was contacted by his friend Kevin Young, former NBA Developmental League head coach for the Iowa Energy.

"They needed a shooter, needed a 10th guy. I was the only rookie," Smith said.

The team was stacked with D-League players and other players who have played in various professional basketball leagues around the world. The players didn't receive any money for playing in the games, but all expenses were covered. "And we got a lot of free stuff." The proof is the sea-green and gray patent leather Peak shoes he wears while he trains. Peak has been worn by NBA players Tony Parker and Jason Kidd.

"The point is for the guys in the D-League, or things like that, haven't had a chance to be seen by overseas coaches...they get a chance to go overseas, play against professionals and in front of coaches who are all there scouting watching games trying to see who they might want to add to their team next year," Smith said.

When he talks, Smith speaks with his trademark soft, southern drawl and a modest smile.

He was born and raised in Gainesville, Georgia, and town with around 34,000 people. Now he was playing basketball in a country with a population of 1.3 billion.

"At 6 a.m. it felt like the entire city was awake," Smith said.

His first night was spent in the city of Weinan in a hotel across from an amphitheater. When he looked out the window that first morning the track surrounding the amphitheater was swarming with people doing laps in their work clothes.

"There is no pollution laws so at 6 a.m. there is fireworks going off and loud music playing," Smith said.

After the firework wake up call it was time for a 7 a.m. breakfast — fried rice, onions and peppers, something called cowboy bone and donkey meat.

"I didn't eat any of the meat that I didn't know what it was," Smith said. He did try donkey.

"If it was donkey," Smith says with a grin.

He tired quickly of hotel food so he found a nearby KFC. He spent 30 yuan on a meal, \$4 U.S. "I would just point at the picture or use the translator on my phone to order."

During Atlantic Sun Conference games, the biggest concern was swarming double team defense and maybe a couple of heckling fans. When playing a game in China, Smith had to worry about second-hand smoke.

"The fans could smoke in the stands. And you'd be playing and the opposing team's coach would just be drinking a beer and calling plays," Smith said.

Smith had a more sober approach.

"Most of the time when I stepped on the court it was all about business," he said. "I was playing for a job."

It took time for the Smith to adjust to the more physical international game.

Brosky said as the tour progressed Smith became more accustomed to the increased contact.

Driscoll said to Smith before his trip, "your body is going to be your body, how are you going to handle yourself against these men." Driscoll knows a thing or two about producing pro-level talent. At Baylor University he helped Ekpe Udoh become the sixth overall pick in the 2010 NBA draft.



CHINA HOOPS TOUR

Former UNF basketball star Parker Smith poses with Chinese fans during tour.

Smith's size is the main reason he is not a legitimate candidate for the NBA, though he will be working out for NBDL teams in September.

To put it plainly, he is skinny.

He's listed as 6-foot-3 and 155 pounds — far from the typical size seen at the NBA level.

But Smith is a 3-point specialist and no matter where you go in the world, everyone loves a shooter.

"I remember in pre-game shootarounds the crowd would be watching Parker just to see how many he made," Brosky said. "There would be sometimes where he would just be drilling 8, 9, 10 in a row."

Smith was ranked 17th in the nation in 3-point field goal percentage, at 43.3 percent in 2012.

As of Aug. 28, Smith has offers to play professionally for Ligan in Sweden and GBL, Greece Basketball League. Smith has offers on the table from teams in Japan and Australia but he's not interested.

"In Europe is where you want to start," Smith said. "The quality of play is just so high over there."

Most D-league salaries range from \$12,000 to \$24,000. Average overseas players can get a \$65,000 contract with ease. Depending on the league that players get into in Europe, salaries can start as high as \$100,000 for some Spanish and Italian clubs.

ABROAD

It isn't uncommon for mid-major players like Smith to try their luck abroad. A-Sun Player of the Year Sherwood Brown signed a contract Aug. 28 with Israeli pro-league team Maccabi Bazar Haifa.

Coach Brosky said the team also got a chance to learn about communism when it visited the city of Yan'an in the Shaanxi province. Yan'an is known as birthplace of the Chinese Communist revolution.

Smith's eyes lit up when he described touring the temples and local Chinese culture.

"There was a museum and you can tour the bunker where General Mao was," Brosky said.

All of Smith's teammates were pros somewhere in the world. He took advantage of their experience and picked their brain for more knowledge than could be provided by a museum.

"I learned a lot, there was a lot of older guys like married with family," Smith said. "I got to hang out with them and see what their journey has been."

After three weeks of long train rides, early mornings and limited communication with friends and family, Smith found a new appreciation for home.

"I can't tell you how happy I was to be back when I landed," Smith said.

After our interview in the center of the empty gym where thralls of fans once cheered his 46-point, 11 3's performance, Smith goes back to his work-out. Tonight he is working on improving his ball handling with a series of two-ball dribbling exercises.

Katie gently reminds him that its almost midnight and he has to be up early in the morning.

"I'm almost done. Just a few more," Smith says.

I feed him six passes, he makes six threes from different spots around the arc.

The Chinese brand basketball shoes chirp with each cut as he practices his euro-step.

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Word on the Tweet: Women's Soccer Team



LYME BITES

Words by Noor Ashouri
Photos by Randy Rataj

SHIPPED FOR TESTING
Southern ticks find their
final resting place in
preservatives.

UNF PROFESSOR'S CONTRACTION OF LYME DISEASE FUELS BREAKTHROUGH RESEARCH

Three years ago, Dr. Kerry Clark, associate professor of public health, received complaints from a resident in northern Georgia while studying Lyme disease at UNF.

The resident was concerned the thriving number of ticks in her neighborhood were causing cases of Lyme disease. Northern Georgia is an area traditionally thought unaffected by Lyme disease.

Little did Clark know he would become even more familiar with Lyme disease, both professionally and personally.

The accounts were true — as he walked through the rural neighborhood Clark found an abundance of ticks.

“People were picking up ticks just walking in their lawn,” Clark said.

Clark himself was bitten by several ticks during the trip.

Shortly after, Clark noticed a skin rash on his neck.

Clark went to the doctor, who diagnosed him with Lyme disease. Clark’s doctor put him on a two week antibiotic treatment plan, the typical treatment. Clark’s skin cleared up and he began to feel better... temporarily.

Several months later, Clark began experiencing extreme fatigue.

“I would come into my office in the morning; I was so exhausted I had to prop my feet up on the chair and just sit here for my eyes closed for 30 minutes. I had no motivation to do anything,” Clark said.

It didn’t stop there.

“One day, I got this splitting headache. It was so intense. Everyday after that, it was a little bit milder but the headache never went away,” Clark said.

Clark began to think his Lyme disease never went away. He had his doctor draw blood for

him and he started testing himself.

Sure enough, he tested positive for Lyme disease again.

Lyme disease is a bacterial infection transmitted through the bite of a tick.

Early symptoms of Lyme disease could take place within 3-30 days after a tick bite. The symptoms include fever, headache, fatigue, muscle and joint aches. Another symptom occurring in 70-80 percent of victims is a skin rash called erythema migrans that can grow up to 12 inches, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This skin rash is often dubbed the bull’s-eye rash because part of the rash may clear as it grows, resulting in a bull’s-eye appearance.

Clark is familiar with examining images of bull’s-eye tick bites.

He has published several studies concerning Lyme disease. Clark developed techniques in studying lizards and rodents before moving on to humans.

Individuals from all over the country send Clark shipments of ticks hoping he will test them, a sign of his highly regarded reputation in Lyme disease research. Clark asks that ticks be preserved in acetone or alcohol and put into a plastic, leakproof container.

“I’ve definitely been focused, if not obsessed,” Clark said.

His self-proclaimed obsession led him to a groundbreaking discovery on UNF campus. His study was published in the May issue of The International Journal of Medical Sciences. The International Journal of Medical Sciences has open access, meaning anyone can read the study. This was important to Clark because he wanted his research to be available to everyone.

Clark and his two colleagues discovered two species of bacteria, *Borrelia andersonii* and *Borrelia americana*, that cause Lyme disease. Until Clark’s work, these species were not pre-

viously thought to cause the disease in humans.

Clark’s study helped disprove a few more common myths concerning Lyme disease.

It is widely believed Lyme disease mainly occurs in the Northeast. Clark’s study suggests it is more common in the South than we may think.

One of the reasons for this myth is the confusion between the terms “deer tick” and “black-legged tick” Clark said. It was commonly thought that only “deer ticks” could transmit Lyme disease. “Black-legged tick” is the scientifically correct term for a “deer tick.”

Clark’s study, in combination with past studies, tackled another myth and proved the lone star tick can also transmit Lyme disease.

If current diagnostic testing doesn’t take into account the two newly-discovered Lyme bacterial species, a Lyme disease patient could be misdiagnosed.

In 2011, the CDC confirmed 78 cases of Lyme disease. Clark said the actual number of Lyme disease victims is much higher.

Whether the number of cases is high or low, Lyme disease *is* in the South.

Clark said patients in the South can face a dangerous scenario. A patient in the South may go to a doctor with all the symptoms of Lyme disease — a history of a tick bite, skin rash and other flu-like symptoms. But the patient may not even be tested for Lyme disease, and thus go untreated.

“The doctors have all been told there is no Lyme disease down here,” Clark said.

If left untreated, Lyme disease can cause immune suppression. This makes a Lyme disease victim susceptible to other illnesses, Clark said.

Clark’s study focused on ten patients from the South with symptoms of Lyme disease.

A sample of blood or other infected tissue was taken from patients to test for DNA from Lyme-disease-causing bacteria. Clark took similar samples from the ticks that bit some of the patients.

After a series of tests he constructed, Clark discovered the people and ticks both carried genetic markers for the bacteria.

Surprisingly, the strands of bacteria found in both ticks and people in the study were not previously known to cause Lyme disease symptoms.

Clark’s tests of the ticks found one bacteria already known to cause Lyme disease in the lone star tick. The tests also found *Borrelia andersonii*, one of the bacteria species Clark discovered to cause Lyme disease symptoms.

Clark’s tests revealed numerous lone star ticks that tested positive for at least two strains of



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:

1. Another southern tick in Dr. Clark’s lab.
2. Dr. Kerry Clark sits in his laboratory located in the Brooks College of Health.
3. Clark studies live and dead ticks. He uses

Lyme bacteria.

Clark’s research helps improve current diagnostic techniques. If Lyme disease is caught early, it can be treated with antibiotics.

Clark compares his research to looking for a needle in a haystack.

“You’ve got a haystack worth of human DNA and maybe a couple of needles of the Lyme *Borrelia* DNA,” Clark said.

Clark believes there is still much to be discovered about Lyme disease.

“As long as I have funding to do it, I will continue to do it,” Clark said.

Clark’s dedication to Lyme disease research hasn’t gone unnoticed.

“To know how many years he has worked

blades of grass in small jars to to replicate their habitat and keep them alive.

4. A large tick specie rests on a quarter. The size of the tick doesn’t necessarily indicate whether it carries Lyme disease.

to be able to show others what he believes, I’m excited for him,” Pamela Chally, Dean of Brooks College of Health, said.

Clark’s discovery continues to make the Brooks College of Health increasingly relevant to the community, Chally said.

In the past few years, Clark’s Lyme disease research has been funded by private donors including patients and their family members.

The Northeast Florida Lyme Association also raised \$20,000 for his research and presented him with a giant check, currently displayed prominently in his office.

But he admits getting funding isn’t always easy. For one, research isn’t cheap. Clark estimates a need of \$10-15,000 in lab supplies



alone per year.

But for some, Clark’s work hits close enough to home for them to step in and help raise money.

Dan Boggs is a co-founder of the Northeast Florida Lyme Association. This non-profit organization aims to spread public awareness about the sometimes-misdiagnosed disease.

“My argument would be if you give me the funding, I’ll prove it’s not rare down here”

Boggs himself had undiagnosed Lyme disease for three years and went from doctor to doctor to try to figure out what he had. He said there were days he couldn’t get out of bed.

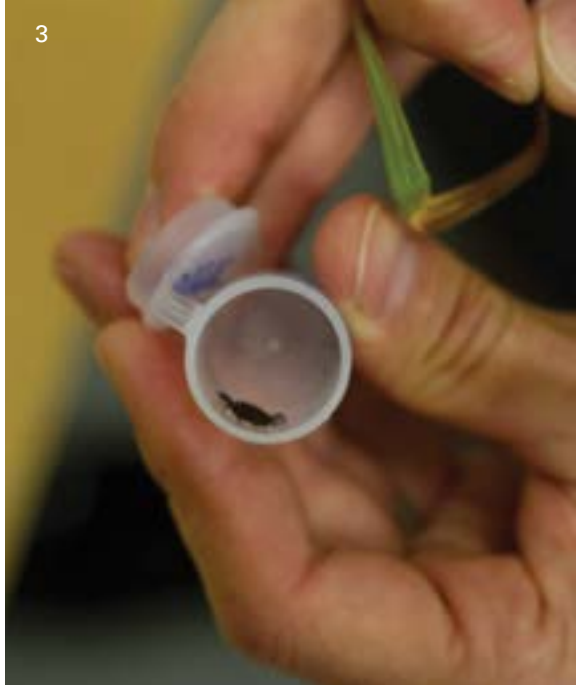
Lyme disease also proves to be difficult to get funding for because his research goes against the misconception that Lyme doesn’t exist in the southern US.

This view can be emotionally taxing for patients. “When a doctor finally diagnosed me with Lyme disease, my reaction was ‘thank God I finally know what I have. I’m not crazy,’” Boggs said.

Boggs calls Dr. Clark “God sent.” Clark’s research proving Lyme disease can be found in the South is helping victims be properly diagnosed, Boggs said.

“My argument would be if you give me the funding, I’ll prove it’s not rare down here,” Clark said.

As of now, Clark is starting a study testing dogs in the southern U.S. The location once again reinforces the presence of Lyme disease.



According to the CDC, a good precaution is wearing a repellent with 20 percent or more DEET, a chemical used to keep away insects.

Dogs get bitten by ticks more than humans do so he believes it will be a good indicator of Lyme disease infection rates in a specific area, Clark said.

Clark didn’t catch his case fast enough to be treated with antibiotics and Boggs suffered through Lyme disease for years before a doctor diagnosed him properly. Cases like these imply there is still much to discover about Lyme disease.

Clark knows this well. He plans on continuing research in this field. 🐾

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Living To Work

How student debt and the increasing number of students who have to work through college is forcing our generation to be workaholics.

BY NOOR ASHOURI
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In 1982, a UNF student could work four hours a week — at minimum wage — to cover a year’s tuition. A UNF student doing the same today would need to work seventeen hours a week. The American tradition of working to pay your college tuition is not what it used to be.

Most modern students entered college during the recession. They know the tough job market they face at the end of their four years. So students enroll in four classes and hope college will help get them ahead.

Professors often tell students that for every classroom hour, they should spend two to three hours studying. For a 12-credit-hour load, that could be up to 48 hours per week.

Questionnaires administered to UNF students within the last three weeks of a class, called ISQ responses, reveal that UNF students realize the importance of studying outside the classroom.

Sixty-one percent of ISQ respondents reported either full- or part-time employment in Spring 2012.

When school, a job and seven hours of sleep a night are combined, many students are only left with around 60 hours a week of free time.

In those 60 hours, students are expected to participate in “outside of the classroom activities” to make them marketable to employers.

Traditionally, attending a good college was the key to finding employment post-graduation. But in a survey conducted by Market-Place and the Chronicles of Higher Education,

employers said what matters most is activities outside the classroom setting.

Today, regimented socializing can be seen as a means to a career-related end— it’s called “networking.” Social events and guest lectures on campus are heralded as “networking opportunities.”

Instead of participating in these networking opportunities, we work at least seventeen hours to pay for school. This seems like a resume death sentence.

Enter student loans.

Thirty-nine percent of UNF graduates have student loans. The average UNF student will walk across the stage at graduation bearing \$15,300 in student loans, according to the Project on Student Loans.

Students find themselves thousands of dollars in debt for the sake of a degree — and that degree isn’t always enough to secure a job.

Employment today goes beyond the stereotypical college student waiting tables. Experience can be found in an on-campus job or an unpaid internship — motivated by the rising cost of education.

WORKING ON CAMPUS:

Kaitlin Ramirez, economics junior, understands the student loan crisis.

Ramirez lived in a dorm on campus her freshman year. Then her little sister decided on UNF.

Ramirez felt guilty about spending money on housing since she lives and goes to college in Jacksonville. This is money her little sister could use for living expenses in Tampa. So, Ramirez spends two hours

everyday commuting.

Although Ramirez’ sacrifice was selfless, she said living at home has worked to her advantage.

“I’m killing the gas bill so I want to make the most out of every second I spend on campus,” Ramirez said.

Ramirez works 25 hours per week as the Student Government Senate Pro-Tempore. She helps the Senate President and keeps track of records. She also heads the Constitution and Statutes Committee. She named convenience and flexibility as some of the chief advantages of an on-campus job versus a traditional, off-campus job.

Another advantage of an on-campus job is networking.

“I had no idea all the professors, staff, administration come from so many backgrounds,” Ramirez said. “They have such knowledge I had never known about and if not for this position, I would have never even know about them.”

But Ramirez said she often has to remind herself she is first and foremost a student.

“I could just stay up here all day. But I’m still a student, I need to study still,” Ramirez said.

Ramirez isn’t the only one who finds benefits to an on campus job.

Research from the American Association of University Professors suggests a modest, on-campus job of 10-15 hours a week can enhance a student’s college experience. The retention rates for students who work 10-15 hours are higher than the rate for those who are unemployed or work more than this.

Student Government is filled with students who appreciate an on-campus job.

Alin Cepoi, SG Student Advocate, said his job helps him develop leaderships skills crucial in the professional world — a world more and more students are entering unpaid.

WORK WITHOUT PAY:

Rachael Dollar applied to eight internships and was turned down by each.

An internship is defined as a program completed by a student or recent graduate to receive on-the-job training. According to a 2011 survey conducted by the National Association of Colleges and Employers, half of internships held by graduating seniors were unpaid.

The idea of an internship stems from European apprenticeships in the 11th and 12th century. Then, a young person would be taught by a master how to do a particular job. Internships as we know them started in the late 1960s and were further developed in the ‘80s by business schools, according to Forbes. They have since been considered “the new job requirement.”

Internships in business schools allowed students in academia to step into reality. Business schools valued connections, and an internship presented the perfect opportunity to establish those connections.

With this in mind, Dollar, international relations senior, turned to Nancy Soderberg, an ambassador and visiting distinguished scholar. Soderberg provided Dollar with a few options she hadn’t considered.

Of these options was Pen American Center — where Dollar spent the summer in a seven week internship program in New York. Dollar worked full time, unpaid.

PAC is a non-for-profit advocacy program concentrating on protecting writers’ free speech. Part of PAC is a prison writing program. PAC receives poetry, essay, journals and other writings sent by prisoners everyday. Staff members read everything that comes through. Currently, PAC receives writings from about 150 prison facilities.

As an intern, Dollar worked alongside a web editor to help advocate for a prison writing program.

However, this experience didn’t come cheap. Dollar applied for a travel grant through the UNF Honors Program and was awarded \$2,500. But this only paid for a third of her total expenses associated with her internship.

New York City is a lot of things, but it’s not cheap.

Dollar listed cost of transportation within the city, dorm, food, and a round-trip plane ticket among her many expenses.

So why *spend* money to work for free?

“It is an opportunity to connect with people and potentially find a career,” Dollar said. “I would love to come back here after graduation and possibly find a job.”

Dollar graduates in Fall 2013. Even though Dollar still has some time until graduation and has an internship under her belt, she’s constantly thinking about what is next.

“I am always asking myself, what am I going

to do after this? What am I going to do after graduation?” Dollar said.

Her internship didn’t come without some challenges. Dollar was previously a restaurant hostess. But the setting of this internship was completely different. She is sitting down for 6-8 hours, the office is quiet and she’s had to learn what she calls “office etiquette.”

“If you were to compare one student who had an internship and one who did not, it’s night and day. Here’s the student who worked as a waiter and here’s the one that did an internship in their field,” Robert said, “The skills

KAITLIN RAMIREZ
ECONOMICS JUNIOR

Understands the
student loan crisis.



YEAR: 1982

COVERING TUITION: 4 HOURS PER WEEK AT \$3.35 (MINIMUM WAGE)

YEAR: 2013

COVERING TUITION: 17 HOURS PER WEEK AT \$7.25 (MINIMUM WAGE)

JOSHUA DOUGLAS
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
JUNIOR

During the school year, he works 20-25 hours while balancing four classes and a lab.



are related to their field, they make contacts in their field, a lot of times they get hired as a result of their internship.”

Plus, it is no secret employers tend to favor job candidates that have work experience. This minimizes training and saves a business money.

But a recent Supreme Court ruling questioned how legal an unpaid intern is.

Judge William Pauley III ruled that Fox Searchlight studio broke New York and Federal Minimum wage laws by not paying two interns working on the set of “Black Swan.”

“Black Swan” interns were answering phones, taking out trash and making coffee runs.

Judge Pauley ruled these interns should have been paid minimum wage because they were replacing paid employees.

In deciding whether an intern’s work can go unpaid, Judge Pauley said the internship should be a training program to the benefit of the intern. Also, the intern should not replace a paid employee.

Paula Horvath, Internship Coordinator of the Communications Department, disagrees with those calling for completely outlawing unpaid internships.

But this doesn’t mean Horvath thinks interns should be making coffee runs.

In an ideal world, students should get paid for what they do, but some businesses can not afford to pay interns. Outlawing unpaid internships might result in less businesses offering internships, Horvath said.

WORKING TO PAY COLLEGE TUITION:

A recession can do two things. It can remind people of the value of a degree — or it can cause students to ask themselves why they’re spending hours in class when they can be spending hours getting paid at work, according to the New York Times.

For Joshua Douglas, a mechanical engineering junior, said his job at Panera reminds him of the value of a college degree and is his motivation behind working hard in school.

“Ironically, it’s the job itself — realizing that I don’t want to do this for the rest of my life. I don’t want to provide for a family off of Panera,” Douglas said.

Douglas works about 35 hours a week during the summer. During the school year, he works 20-25 hours while balancing four classes and a lab. With the help of student

loans and Bright Futures Scholarship, Douglas is able to pay his tuition, housing and living expenses.

“Sleep gets cut very quick, friends get cut very quick. ‘Me time’ doesn’t really exist,” Douglas said.

And school work is quickly affected.

“I definitely could do better if I didn’t have to manage my time so strictly, to allow for work,” Douglas said.

57 percent of adults ages 18-34 who do not go to school and don’t have a bachelor’s degree say they would rather work and make money over spend time in the classroom, according to Pew Research.

THE RESULT:

It’s not all bad news.

“I see that in the paper a lot ‘the cost of education: Is it really worth it?’” Roberts said, “It really is. If you look the statistics in terms of salaries, someone with a high school education versus a college degree.”

This is especially true at UNF.

The average starting salary for UNF graduates is \$40,400, according to the Online College Database. Compared with an average salary of \$27,000 for Americans, UNF graduates are ahead of the curve. Student loan debt at UNF is also lower, about \$15,000 less than the national average.

UNF annual tuition costs over five years total \$31,170. If a student were to take this all out in loans, it would take them about 13 years, making monthly installments of \$200, to pay off their debt.

Assuming a UNF grad continues earning \$40,400 over five years, the student will have earned over \$200,000 — over 600 percent more than they paid to earn their degree.

Worth it or not, having to balance looming student loans with the pressures of using any spare time to network or volunteer is changing the college lifestyle.

Research from Indiana University conducted across 28 universities shows students with student loan debt are significantly less engaged in campus life and more likely to be considered a serious student.

“These patterns could affect the social connections and networking students develop in college — where these relationships can lead to friendships, employment, marriage partners and other benefits,” IU Sociologist Daniel Rudel said in a release from the university.

Coupled with growing emphasis on social

connections and networking, these behaviors could seriously impact a student’s long-term prospects.

“We aren’t saying what college students should or should not be doing,” Rudel said, “but the lifestyles of students with debt diverge from the script people have of what college should be like.”

Rudel’s research is one of the first to examine the impact of the economic climate on

campus life.

As more parties are replaced with study sessions, further studies may show that the new normal on college campuses is breeding a whole new generation of workaholics. 🐼

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Sign a lease within 48 hours of touring The Flats at Kernan and we'll waive all fees plus you'll receive a \$100 gift card! The Flats is only steps from the shuttle, walking distance to campus and features All-inclusive Rent with Satellite TV & Wireless Internet. Why settle? Settle in today at the Flats!

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apartment

- 2 & 3 bedroom floor plans
- Furnished or unfurnished available
- Individual leases
- All-inclusive rent (utility cap applies)
- Private bedrooms & bathrooms
- Washer & dryer in each apartment
- 42" flat screen TV included
- Cable TV
- Wireless Internet included
- Energy-efficient appliances



community

- Walk to campus & steps from UNF shuttle
- Student life program & social events
- 24-hour on-call maintenance
- Gated entrance
- Roommate matching
- Resort-style swimming pool with gas BBQ area, heated spa & water sports
- Separate lap pool
- Lighted basketball court
- Green initiatives
- Wi-Fi access in clubhouse & pool area
- Video Surveillance



clubhouse

- Wi-Fi access throughout
- Multiple large flat screen TVs, DVD player & gaming systems
- Billiard & ping pong tables
- Internet café
- Technology center
- Private study/conference room
- Outdoor sports court
- State-of-the-art fitness center
- Free tanning



2 Bed/2 Bath
1,045 sf

Dimensions are approximate.



3 Bed/3 Bath
1,281 sf

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