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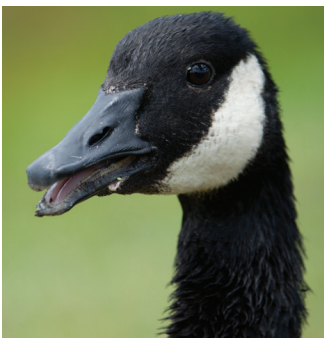
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PLEASE PASS ON
BEFORE YOU RECYCLE



Stop judging others for their grammar

Its just wrong. Seriously! Oh no, now your probably thinking I'm an idiot. Idc tho

You see, be it in someone's speech patterns, or their written words, all of us are likely guilty of judging someone based off of the way they speak. And that's pretty problematic of us to do. Usually, people think very specific things of others who don't follow the stringent (and exhaustive) rules Standard English supplies us. It's like, they're poor, they're 'not from here,' and then there's the whole White person response to African American colloquial vernacular, which has its roots in the very complex web of race relations.

I understand that a plea regarding Standard English, something as Ivory Tower as it gets, when there is such violence and turmoil in the world may seem tone deaf to some, but I disagree. The problems in Ferguson, and around the world are symptoms of much deeper problems. I argue that prejudice against others' use of grammar and language is one of those deeper problems.

Cultural critic Stanley Fish once wrote that teachers need to stop respecting differences in speech and grammar and teach one stringent doctrine of language: Standard English. His essay is titled, "What Should College Teach?" if you're interested. Fish wrote that in 2009, but he's easily rebuked by an essay written by Lou Kelly in 1973, titled "On Writing Standard English": "When teachers reject your language they reject you. So you sit silent and unresponsive, humiliated and degraded, and they think you're dumb and illiterate."

We need to be accepting of our differences in speech and grammar, not destructive and judgmental. It's not that hard to understand - and I'll wholeheartedly agree with anyone who suggests there are bigger issues facing our world - but *baby steps*.

The solution to this is both problematic. Business and governments need to have interoffice communication, and they need a set list of rules so they can understand one another. Language's first use is communication, and if everyone is using colloquial language at workplaces, things might not be done in as timely a manner. However, we shouldn't be upset if we have to take a little longer to understand what others are saying, especially if they are of different race, religious belief, or socioeconomic status. The act of getting to know another's speech patterns and idioms should be encouraged. This is especially important for both African American Vernacular English (AAVE) and Spanish. Assimilating native Spanish speakers into English speakers is to be encouraged, but never mandatory. That is a destruction of a culture history, and the same goes for the dissolution of AAVE in the classroom.

I do not pretend to have the answers to this issue, but I do believe bringing it to the attention of others is an important step in the right direction.

letter from the
EDITOR



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"I'll have my own show on Fox News one day."

JACOB RODRIGUEZ PUBLISHER

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Do I need to spell it out for you? Get out - get
involved - have a voice.

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PRES LAST TERM

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UNFILLED GENERAL
SEATS THIS TERM

12

SEATS TO BE CUT BY
CR-14SA-2772*

19

UNFILLED SENATE
SEATS THIS TERM

*CR 14SA-2772 is to be voted on by
students this Fall. If you want your SG
senate shrunk by 12 seats, vote "yes," if
you don't, vote "no."

HEALTH STATS

58 cases of
CHLAMYDIA
at UNF from just JAN - MAR 2014
Yikes. Also 5 people reportedly had
HERPES. So... be careful.

**NOTE: UNF DOES NOT KEEP TRACK OF REPORTED STIs. IF YOU
WANT THEM TO, MAYBE WRITE A LETTER OR SOMETHING.**

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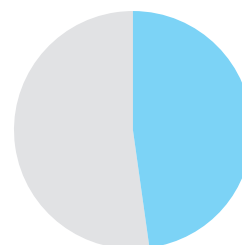
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ALBERT COLOM NEW HEAD OF ENROLLMENT SERVICES

Due to a slight decline in Full-time enrollment, Colom's first priority will most likely be to increase full-time enrollment, down to 10,113 from 2011's high of 10,429.

SPINNAKER RADIO ON YOUR FM DIAL 95.5 WSKR

Over the summer, SGA refused to vote on a referendum that would use student fees to purchase the roughly \$39,000 of equipment required to take Spinnaker Radio from unfspinnaker.com/radio to your car stereos. Turner opined that Spinnaker Media has its own monetary reserves, why not just pay for it themselves? Why put it on the backs of student "taxpayers?"



On Aug 13., Spinnaker Media went before the Auxiliary Oversight Committee (a committee designed as oversight on auxiliary funds for various university institutions) and requested the go ahead to use its own money to purchase the funds.

That morning, the committee, on which President Joseph Turner sits, voted to allow Spinnaker Radio to fund the equipment necessary to broadcast over the FM airwaves.

Coming this Fall, anyone within a 3.5-mile radius will be able to tune into 95.5 LPFM and listen to some indie alternative.

ANTHONY TALLIE WENT MISSING AND THEN WAS FOUND

UNF student Anthony Tallie went missing over summer for five days. He was found in a neighborhood park with a friend from high school by a group of his friends and family.

QUOTES:

"I would just like to talk to the committee about your authority and how you can use that authority throughout your time in Student Government. This is a particularly great committee, and you have a lot of authority."

— Colin Waychoff, Joe Turner's Chief of Staff, came off the bench during a July 7th Emergency Government Oversight Committee to give some very authoritative thoughts about the GOC and its future.

"Having housing makes the problem bigger, because students are all living together, they're bringing in alcohol, if not some illegal drugs. When we compare ourselves to other campuses, we have a pretty good set of Greek chapters."

— UNF President John Delaney in regards to the unfortunate events at an April Sigma Chi fraternity party and binge drinking, sexual assault, and fraternity housing.

[CAMPUS]

LIBRARY UNDER CONSTRUCTION



PHOTO BY TAYLOR DORAN

Although construction on the library was to begin the last week of July, the current status at the time of this writing is "theoretical," according to a library staffer. According to Google, "theoretical" means "involving the theory of a subject rather than its practical application," but more than likely construction is "incipient," meaning "beginning to happen."

Assuming the construction begins sometime this month, students can expect to see the Library Learning Commonst completed sometime this school year. The renovations are happening to the bottom two floors of the library, and will take place in sections. According to Student Body President Joe Turner, these renovations should have begun around Aug 1.

At the time of publication, after being given a week to compile the information, Student Government, "the lead," on this initiative, **couldn't compile and report this information:**

- What these sections are?
- When construction on these sections begins?
- The cost of the renovation on each section?
- What company is completing the renovations?

They were able to supply this information, though, saying that the total renovations will cost \$2 million dollars, allocated by the Florida Board of Governors. Also, Spinnaker News recieved this email regarding the completion of the project, reproduced here verbatim for your benefit: "The library is being renovated in sections and is scheduled to be completed in January 2015."

Regardless of the problems getting the facts and figures of the construction, once completed the library will have had a significant facelift. There will be more furniture, updated lighting, and some added data ports.

BAD CHI FOR SIGMA CHI?

BY SAPHARA HARRELL STAFF REPORTER

The Sigma Chi chapter at UNF was placed on disciplinary probation until September 2015, after being charged with providing alcohol to minors at a party this past June. The fraternity will not be eligible for recruitment until they complete a membership review.

Justin Sipes, Associate Director of UNF's Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life, said the membership review process involves a few things. They'll interview all members of the organization and then evaluate them based on things such as their GPA, campus involvement, and contribution to the chapter. Sometimes they look at discipline records as well. Members could be placed on suspension or completely removed from the chapter.

Sipes said the people who make up the membership review panel are usually advisors and alumni, also mentioning that the panel may also include an undergraduate representative, usually the Chapter President, who in this case is William Namen.

In addition to completing a membership review, Sigma Chi must also take part in an alcohol awareness program and complete risk

management education, and bring a speaker to UNF to talk about sexual misconduct.

By December of this year, the chapter is also required to make an educational manual for new officers. The members who threw the party were violating FIPG Policy. The manual Student Conduct asked them to create is something more particular to their specific organization. It involves taking FIPG Policy and fitting it around the chapter into a document which makes the members comfortable with handling risk management.

No one from Sigma Chi would speak to the Spinnaker about this process, nor anyone from the OFSL or Student Conduct. Sigma Chi's chapter president at UNF failed to return numerous phone messages, and the university had nothing more to comment.

Prominent members of Sigma Chi include Student Body President Joseph Turner, as well as the former SGA Vice-President and current Sigma Chi President William Namen.



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POLICE BEAT

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JUNE 17 – STOP TEXTING MY GIRLFRIEND (FOUNTAINS)

According to a UNFPD report, an officer was dispatched to the Osprey Fountains at 1:20 a.m. on June 17 because of a dispute. Witnesses 3 and 4 both said they were in the gym at the Fountains when witnesses 1 and 2 came in and W1 confronted W3 about texting his girlfriend. According to the statements UNFPD took, W1 threw a couple of punches at W3, but W2 and W4 kept the two apart and none of the punches landed. W1 said his girlfriend told him W3 had been texting her and asked her to lunch. He said he had told W3 before to stop talking to his girlfriend and he got tired of trying to talk it out with W3 and it was time to resort to violence. UNFPD recommended W1 go to Student Conduct.

JUNE 27 – TRANSLATION, PLEASE? (OSPREY HALL)

UNFPD officer responded to a fire alarm at Osprey Hall at 11 p.m. on June 27. The officer found the cause of the alarm was a single room and, when he approached the room, there was water from the sprinkler system covering the hallway outside. Someone had put a plastic coat hanger into one of the sprinkler heads. An interview was not conducted because the residents didn't speak English. The on-call Housing maintenance estimated the total damage would be about \$10,000.

JULY 11 – BATTERY (ARENA GARAGE)

An officer was dispatched at 10:30 p.m. in reference to a dispute. The victim said she and her ex-boyfriend got in an argument. She stated they were sitting in the back of his vehicle and he was yelling at her to get out, then picked her up by one arm and her leg and placed her in the front seat. She told him she wanted to go home and he kept yelling at her. She told her ex-boyfriend not to touch her and said she was trying to fight him off when he picked her up by the right arm and leg and slammed her into the ground. She stated she blacked out for a second and stayed on the ground, then called her mother. Her mother notified UNFPD. The officer noticed a mark on the victim's left arm. The victim was given a Victim/Witness Services Guide. The suspect was read his miranda warnings.

JULY 12 – I DON'T KNOW WHERE THAT WEED CAME FROM

An officer was dispatched to Osprey Landing July 12 at 2:03 a.m. in reference to a possible marijuana smell reported by an RA. The officer knocked on the door and the suspect answered it with a faint smell of marijuana on his person. According to the report, the suspect was very slow in answering any questions. The officer told him about the complaint and the suspect said, "Not in here," and stared at the officer. The officer got permission to enter the room, where he found two other students. The officer smelled marijuana and saw the smoke alarm had been covered, as well as over 25 empty beer bottles and cans in the room. The suspect continued to deny there was marijuana in the room. The officers found a baggie with 3.1 grams of marijuana, a joint and glass pipe with marijuana residue. The items were on the suspect's study desk. When questioned who it belonged to, he said, "I don't know." The suspect was read his rights and arrested on a Notice to Appear. The other two students were referred to Student Conduct.

JULY 14 – TWO SUSPECTS, ONE BAGGIE

An officer was notified of a burning marijuana smell at about 11:45 p.m. on July 14 in the Osprey Cove. The officer smelled the odor and knocked on the room door. An occupant answered and the odor became stronger. The officer noted six subjects and two suspects in the room with a small baggie with 1.4 grams of marijuana in plain view on a desk. The officer asked who the marijuana belonged to and no one claimed possession. The officer advised everyone in the room of their Miranda rights when the second suspect said the marijuana was not hers but produced a plastic bong she said was hers. The first suspect claimed the marijuana and said she'd gotten it from a friend earlier. She was issued a Notice to Appear for possession of marijuana less than 20 grams. The second suspect was issued a Notice to Appear for possession of drug paraphernalia. Two of the subjects who weren't students were trespassed from UNF property. The six UNF students present were referred to Student Conduct.

AUGUST 10 – MISSING PERSON FOUND ON CAMPUS

A 47-year-old sleeping on campus was found to be a woman who had been reported missing for three days. On Aug. 10, a UNFPD officer observed the woman sleeping on the sidewalk at Kernan Boulevard and Osprey Ridge Road at about 1:21 a.m., then made contact with her in fear of her safety. The officer tried to wake her several times, saying "police" loudly, and she woke up after a few tries. The officer asked if she was okay and she said yes, and said she didn't need rescue. When asked where she was coming from, she said she "walked thousands of miles" to get where she was. The officer asked for an ID and

she showed him a series of blank checks. After running the name on the checks, the officer discovered the victim was a missing person from a JSO report filed Aug. 7. After JSO was notified, one of their officers responded to the scene and took the victim into his custody to take her back to her residence. According to the JSO report, the woman was diagnosed as bi-polar, and the man living with her said this was the fourth time she had gone missing in the last five months, and she turns up in a different area each time she goes missing.

ROOMMATE ETIQUETTE

PHOTO BY JOSH BRANGENBERG

BY ANNIE BLACK CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I'VE HAD 11 ROOMMATES IN FOUR YEARS OF LIVING AWAY FROM HOME. I'VE LIVED IN A DORM ROOM, A COUPLE OF APARTMENTS, AND TWO HOUSES. MOST OF MY ROOMMATES HAVE BEEN ABSOLUTELY TERRIBLE; HOWEVER, I WILL ADMIT I'VE COMMITTED SOME SERIOUS ROOMMATE CRIMES MYSELF. LIVE AND LEARN, RIGHT?

LIVING WITH ROOMMATES CAN BE DIFFICULT, THAT MUCH SHOULD BE OBVIOUS, EVEN IF YOU'VE NEVER HAD A ROOMMATE BEFORE. YOU HAVE TO LEARN TO LIVE WITH THEM FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME. THIS COULD BE DUE TO DORM ROOM ASSIGNMENTS OR THE SIGNING OF A LEASE. THEREFORE, I WANTED TO SHARE SOME POINTERS TO MAKE SURE THERE ARE NOT ANY UNNECESSARY ARGUMENTS THAT COULD RESULT IN AWKWARD ROOMMATE TENSION, OR WORSE.



DON'T: STEAL ANYTHING

This one seems a given, but I have lived with some people who couldn't seem to comprehend this. Do not take anything that is not for the entire house. Paper towels, kitchen soap, and toilet paper are all fine. Those are sharable: you and your roommates should be buying those together anyway. However, don't take things that are your roommates' personal items. Their razors, their expensive face wash, and - dare I say it - their underwear (yup, I've had a roommate steal mine). Stay away from their food, too! Do not force your roommate to have an that awkward talk with you.

DO: TRY TO BE FRIENDS

Whether you and your roommates are best friends or complete strangers, include them in your life. If you have friends over, invite your roommate to hang out with you. Get coffee or breakfast and become a part of their life. College is stressful, and it is nice to have as many positive people around you as possible. Obviously, this is not always possible, but if there is a chance you and your roommates can be friends, go for it.

DON'T: BAIL

Once I had a roommate come home after a weekend in Atlanta to tell me she decided, on a whim, to move up there with her boyfriend. This gave me all of two days to move out or find another roommate. If you need to move out, find a replacement your other roommates like, or just continue to pay the rent until the lease is up. Moving out without timely notice will probably burn bridges with your roommates, but sometimes it is necessary. Just try not to make it harder on them.

DO: TELL THEM IF YOU HAVE FRIENDS OVER

Sometimes, all your roommates want to do is come home and lounge around in their pajamas and order pizza after a rough day. It's very inconsiderate to take that precious free time away from them by coming home with a bunch of friends who want to play drinking games. Feel free to have friends over, but let your roommates know beforehand so they can plan accordingly. The "hey, just letting you know..." text goes a long way.

DO: KEEP COMMON AREAS TIDY

Any place in your home that you share should be kept clean. If you want to have a messy bedroom, that's your prerogative - just keep your door closed. If you cook a meal, do the dishes. If you do laundry, do not leave your clean laundry on top of the dryer for a week. Make sure you clean up if you make a mess of the kitchen table doing homework, working on an art project, or from having friends over the night before. Also, if you have a pet, clean up after it. Your roommates shouldn't have to. No one likes coming home or waking up to a dirty home, so make it easier for your roommates.

DON'T: DISRESPECT THEIR HABITS OR BELIEFS

If your roommates have work or class every morning, and need to go to bed at 10 p.m., try to be quiet. If you are a smoker and your roommates aren't, smoke outside. Or, if your roommates follow a certain religious or political belief structure, don't be rude if you disagree with it. Making them defend their beliefs is a great way to create conflict. Just respect your differences, realize you may be able to learn from them, and move on.

DO: PAY YOUR BILLS ON TIME.

No one likes someone who pays bills late, especially a roommate. If there comes a time when your roommates have to cover you on rent or utilities, you need to re-evaluate your spending habits. It is never fair for them to have to pay for your share of the bills. Unless there is some extenuating circumstance, be responsible for your share of the expenses. Even then, try finding someone else (parents?) to cover for you. Your roommates are NOT responsible for you.

DON'T: HAVE YOUR SIG. OTHER LIVE WITH YOU

It is the most annoying thing to have to live with someone that is not on the lease or paying bills. There is a huge difference between someone *staying there* and *living there*. Staying there is a few nights a week *maybe* with an overnight bag. Living there is being there all the time, even if you are not on the lease. Do not let your significant other be at your house without you present. It is not fair for your roommates to have to live with someone they may not know or like.

TO SUM IT UP, JUST TRY NOT TO BE A HORRIBLE HUMAN BEING. BE RESPECTFUL, BE TIDY, AND DO NOT MAKE LIFE HARDER ON YOUR ROOMMATES JUST BECAUSE IT MAKES YOURS EASIER. LEARN TO COMPROMISE BECAUSE THERE WILL RARELY BE A TIME WHEN YOU AND YOUR ROOMMATES WANT EXACTLY THE SAME THING. LIVING WITH OTHERS IS HARD, BUT FOLLOWING THESE TIPS WILL HELP YOU OUT. AS THE ROOMMATE EXPERT, I CAN (ALMOST) GUARANTEE THAT.

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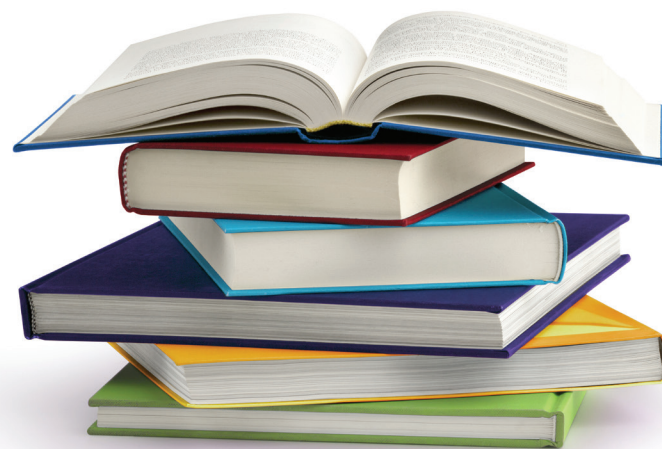
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TOP 8 STUDY SPOTS

BY ANNIE BLACK CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Finding the perfect study spot complete with peace and quiet might be difficult. Bring earphones or headphones to tune out unwanted noise and turn up the recorded lectures, explanatory videos, or your own study playlist.

Studying is something the majority of students hate, but it's one of those things you just have to struggle through in order to retain what you've learned and pass your classes. It's mundane and time-consuming, it can be incredibly exhausting, and sometimes studying at home just doesn't cut it. There are some hidden gems on- and off-campus that are absolutely perfect for cracking open a textbook. Here are eight places you can get your study on and hopefully learn a thing or two.



ON-CAMPUS

READING ROOMS

3RD FLOOR OF T. G. CARPENTER LIBRARY

If you like peace and quiet, these rooms are perfect for homework or catching up on some class reading. Bring headphones if you need your laptop, because if you don't you will probably catch a few unamused glares from fellow students. The quiet rule on this floor is real.

BAMBOO GARDEN

IN BETWEEN BUILDINGS 1 AND 39A

This little bamboo garden is nestled in between two buildings, and if you weren't aware it existed, you are certainly missing out. It's a through-way for some students, but for the most part it's a serene little area on campus great for both relaxing and studying.

OUTSIDE OF OUTTAKES

STUDENT UNION

Grab a sandwich or a cup of soup from Outtakes, sit at one of the tables, and listen to Spinnaker Radio over the speakers. It's a nice atmosphere, and if you prefer to study with a little bit of hustle and bustle, there's always something going on at the Student Union.

THE GREEN

IN FRONT OF BUILDING 45

On a sunny day, the Green is about as good as it gets for a study spot. Bring a blanket and lay out in the sunshine while you memorize facts for your biology test. This is also a really great place for people watching if you're down.

OFF-CAMPUS

BOLD BEAN

RIVERSIDE AND JAX BEACH

Bold Bean is about 25 minutes away from campus, but it's well worth the drive. Not only do they have amazing coffee, they offer beer and delicious pastries to treat yourself after you finish your work. Don't worry Beach kids, a new Bold Bean just opened this summer on 3rd Street.

MEMORIAL PARK

RIVERSIDE

Here's another Riverside gem, this one is located right on the St. John's River. This is a wonderful study spot on a lazy afternoon. On the weekends it's packed with people playing frisbee, taking photos, and picnicking, but even then it's still relatively quiet.

LILLIE'S COFFEE BAR

NEPTUNE BEACH

Lillie's is a great place if you need to study and grab a bite to eat. Located on 1st Street in the Beaches Town Center, Lillie's offers fairly priced sandwiches, salads, and coffee. You're going to want to make this a daytime study place—they have live music several nights a week.

SIPPER'S COFFEE HOUSE

GATE PARKWAY

Sipper's is a tiny local coffee shop right by UNF. Don't let the mismatched furniture confuse you, this place means business when it comes to coffee. The staff is friendly, the coffee is yummy, and you'll be able to work here comfortably. But just to warn you, it closes early at 7 p.m. each evening. If you have to study, plan accordingly.

ECCENTRIC CLASSES

SPICE UP YOUR SCHEDULE WITH THESE CURIOUS COURSES

BY **DANAE LEAKE** CONTRIBUTING WRITER

With the beginning of Fall semester, many UNF students are scrambling to squeeze courses in to graduate in time or just to fill their schedules. Here are some suggestions for students who want to spice up and diversify their semester while still learning something new.



PHILOSOPHY OF TASTE

What does it mean to “like” something? Behind our different tastes and preferences there seem to be underlying reasons and philosophies. Students draw upon philosophical and sociological arguments to piece together what taste is while figuring out their own.



HISTORY OF ROCK N’ ROLL

The History of Rock n’ Roll will expose you to the color wheel of variety in the genre. Students will learn of rock n’ roll’s bluesy roots and its eventual branching into many eclectic subgenres.



MONSTERS, ROBOTS, AND CYBORGS

Dr. de Villiers’ Monster, Robots, and Cyborgs studies the origins of these entities and what they represent for humans by examining a variety of literary examples. If these creatures have always fascinated you, this might be the course for you.



THE HORROR MOVIE

The Horror Movie will expose you to the genre of horror films, along with its subgenres: Slasher, Zombie, and Haunting. You will learn about the social and historical contexts of your favorite grim, macabre, spine-chilling, and –sometimes– gross films.



PHILOSOPHY OF MUSIC

This class presents the idea that music taps into human emotion and helps form self-identity. In this course, you will also learn how varying genres and subgenres can help create diversity and culture while simultaneously reflect on your own musical taste. and how that molds your character.



HUMAN SEXUAL BEHAVIOR

While sex is considered a basic human drive, it can be an uncomfortable topic to discuss openly. Be prepared to debunk popular myths and discover more about yourself than you previously thought.



LAW AND CINEMA

In this class you will discuss the perceptions and realities of the practice of law by watching classic films such as *To Kill a Mockingbird* and *My Cousin Vinny*. Taking this course will reveal how these films have altered public opinion and how laws have changed because of it.



ANCESTRAL MIND IN A MODERN WORLD

Ancestral Mind in a Modern World seems to be an interesting amalgamation of topics and ideas from sociology, anthropology, and psychology courses. In this course, you will learn about the “origins” or “naturalness” of morality.



[STUDENT]



PHOTOS BY ROBERT CURTIS

BY SAPHARA HARRELL STAFF REPORTER

MAPLE STREET BISCUIT COMPANY RIVERSIDE, MURRAY HILL, AND JAX BEACH

For homemade biscuits with fried eggs or bacon on top, Maple Street is the place to go. Top it all off with some Maple Tap coffee or orange juice, and you might be thinking you've just had the best breakfast ever.

SURFWICHES SANDWICH SHOP JACKSONVILLE BEACH

A small place right off Penman, Surfwiches has sandwiches, hamburgers, and hot dogs. You can sit at the counter while they cook your food in front of you. I haven't yet had anything I didn't like.

SAFE HARBOR SEAFOOD ATLANTIC BEACH

A fish market that doubles as a restaurant, the fish are right off the boat from that day. You can enjoy fresh fish and hush puppies on the dock as the boats come in.

TACOLU BAJA MEXICANA JAX BEACH

Choices range from the spicy bangin shrimp tacos, which have fried shrimp served on cabbage with chipotle crema, to the carnitas tacos, which have pork braised in a mixture of Coca-Cola and orange juice.

FLYING IGUANA TAQUERIA AND TEQUILA BAR ATLANTIC BEACH

Flying Iguana is fairly new, but their tacos are very good. They have more than just tacos; menu items include the chimichurri flank steak and shrimp ceviche. If you're a dessert person, try the tres leches bread pudding.

BEACH HUT CAFE SOUTH JACKSONVILLE BEACH

Here you'll find traditional style breakfasts at reasonable prices. This is the place to get scrambled eggs and home fries, or if you're brave get the fruit bowl, which is served in half a cantaloupe.

5TH ELEMENT BAYMEADOWS

If you're craving Indian food this is the place to go. I'm a fan of the garlic naan, but I suggest branching out; their menu is so extensive it would take a long time to try everything.

ANGIE'S SUBS JAX BEACH

Classic local Jacksonville restaurant. Grab some sweet tea and don't be afraid to slather some Peruvian sauce on your sub. Try their most popular sub, the Peruvian.

METRO DINER RIVERSIDE AND JAX BEACH

There aren't many places you can order some chicken and waffles that'll end up being bigger than your face. But Metro does that AND gives you a side of strawberry butter.

AL'S PIZZA ALL OVER THE CITY

This pizza joint won best pizza in Folio Weekly from 1995-2011. To that end, Al's uses fresh ingredients and makes its dough from scratch. There are locations all over Jacksonville, and they have dollar slices Monday-Friday from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Honorable mentions: any local pho place, Sun Deli, Olympia Cafe, Mojo Kitchen, Angies Grom, and Burrito Gallery.

Phở

pronounced “fuh”

BY ANNIE BLACK CONTRIBUTING WRITER

It's time to upgrade your noodle game — drop the prepackaged instant ramen and head over to any of these pho restaurants for the best noodle soup you'll ever have. Pho is a bowl of long skinny rice noodles hidden below delicious broth, cooked and simmered for hours with your choice of meat: rare beef, meatballs, or the more adventurous tripe and tendons. You get a plate of garnishes, including bean sprouts, lime slices, and other toppings, so really how you want your pho is completely up to you. This Vietnamese dish is quick to become a favorite, so don't feel guilty if you become addicted.

Pho a Noodle Bar
117 W Adams St, Jacksonville, FL
(904) 353-0320
Price Range: \$\$

A Little Bit of Saigon
3503 Kernan Blvd S, Jacksonville, FL
(904) 379-5752
Price Range: \$

Bowl of Pho
9902 Old Baymeadows Rd, Jacksonville, FL
(904) 646-4455
Price Range: \$

PK Noodles
11925 Beach Blvd #204, Jacksonville, FL
(904) 646-0707
Price Range: \$

Pho Viet Inc.
1447 Mayport Rd, Atlantic Beach, FL
(904) 249-8006
Price Range: \$

iPho
13799 Beach Blvd, Jacksonville, FL
(904) 330-0309
Price Range: \$

Noodle House
725 Atlantic Blvd, Atlantic Beach, FL
(904) 372-4706
Price Range: \$\$

Pho 99 Vietnamese Grill
5024 Blanding Blvd, Jacksonville, FL
(904) 361-3930
Price Range: \$

Yummy Pho
5835 Normandy Blvd, Jacksonville, FL
(904) 781-8009
Price Range: \$

Pho Today
9700 Deer Lake Ct, Jacksonville, FL
(904) 551-7367
Price Range: \$

Saigon Time Vietnamese Cuisine
622 Cassat Ave #1, Jacksonville, FL
(904) 378-2348
Price Range: \$



[JAX]



A Little Bit of Saigon
Phở Bò

PHOTO BY MICHAEL SLAYTON



MAN ABOUT CAMPUS: DALE BAKER

OCTOGENARIAN BRINGS HUMOR AND HARD WORK TO HIS CAREER

INTERVIEW BY NOOR ASHOURI CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

Dale Baker comes into the lobby of the lockshop, a folder of old pictures in hand. He introduces himself and jumps to say he's not sure why I want to interview him. I tell him everyone has a story. But Dale Baker has more than just one. He shows me a page with three black and white pictures on it. In one picture, Dale is wearing a cargo jacket and standing tall. Here, Dale is a 21-year-old soldier in Korea, baking hams, frying eggs, and roasting turkeys for soldiers.

In another picture, Dale is wearing a suit — tie tucked into his jacket — with dress shoes. His hair is trimmed short and a smile's on his face. Dale is in Waterloo, Iowa. He worked at a packaging company called Rath where he helped cut over 6,000 hogs a day.

Dale worked at Rath for 34 years until it went bankrupt. It was Dale's 25th wedding anniversary when Rath went down, and he wasn't the only one devastated. There were seven psychiatrists Rath employees could see free of charge. Dale never went, nor did he ever celebrate his 25th wedding anniversary: "I told 'em I'm gonna go try to find me a job." Enter the University of North Florida, his home for the past 29 years. At 81, Dale is a maintenance mechanic. The job entails changing ceiling tiles, fixing leaks, painting rooms, and hanging up plaques and bulletin boards.

"We're keep-the-place-going type people," Dale explains.

I hesitantly ask Dale what it's like being 81-years-old, considering the nature of his job.

"It's like being old!" Dale jokes. "I try to keep a really good sense of humor. I go around every once in awhile and tell a joke." Dale used his self-proclaimed joke-telling talents on me, a move his co-worker Greg Swisher predicted.

"He probably told you a couple [jokes]," Greg admits. But Dale did more than just tell a joke. He shuffled through the drawer of the desk behind him and handed me a typed-up joke.

I ask Alex Davis, Carpentry Supervisor and Dale's boss, to give me three words to describe Dale. "Funny, funny, funny," is the response. "He is actually the clown," Alex continues. "You would think he's the youngest one in the room."

Dale points to the bulletin board behind him, drawing my attention to a picture of him from his 80th birthday. His UNF community threw him a surprise birthday in the breakroom. "There was a lot of people in there and I knew every one of them," Dale says. "It just never dawned on me they were going to do something like this." UNF isn't Dale's first college experience. He went to college for two years after he got out of the army. He said he majored in nothing. "My buddy wanted to go to college but he didn't want to go alone. So I volunteered."

"Was it fun?" I ask.

"Yeah. All them girls!" Dale says.



PHOTO BY JOSH BRANGENBERG

'All them girls' soon became one girl. In the last picture, Dale has his arm around a woman. She is wearing a one-piece bathing suit. This woman is Minniebell, named after her mother's best friend's love for Mickey Mouse. "I couldn't live with that," Dale admits. "I just call her 'Bell.'"

The picture was taken before their wedding, but she is now Dale's wife, and they've been married 54 years. Dale met her while waterskiing at a lake with his buddy.

"Her and her girlfriend was watching us water ski," Dale remembers. "At that time, I was drinking [beer]." Dale spotted the two watching from their car and made a bold move. "I got up, opened the door of the car, and sat between the two of them." Since then, the two have been together.

Besides being a devoted husband, Dale's a hard worker, too. He gets to work at 6:30 a.m. everyday, a half hour early. Swisher says Dale doesn't let his age affect what he can do. "We have to climb vertical ladders to get on the roof," Swisher says. "He will still climb vertical ladders."

All his hard work has him begging for some relaxation. He hopes to retire before the year is up. His only issue is retiring will cost him \$925 a month.

"What are you going to do when you're retired?" I ask. The reply?

"I hope nothing."



PHOTOS SUPPLIED BY DALE BAKER

1. Dale Baker as a soldier in Korea.
2. Dale Baker with his wife, Minniebell.
3. Dale Baker in Waterloo, Iowa, when he worked at The Rath Packaging Company.

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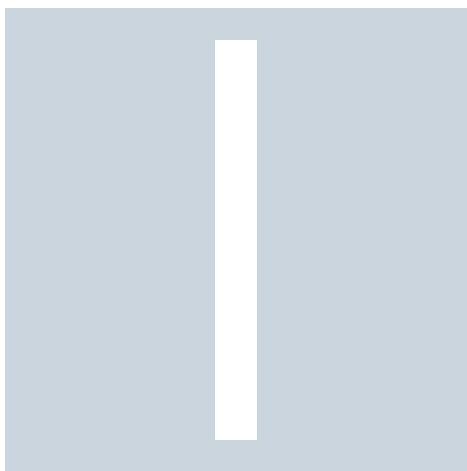
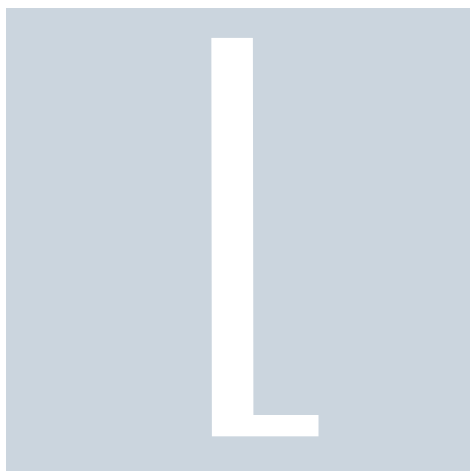
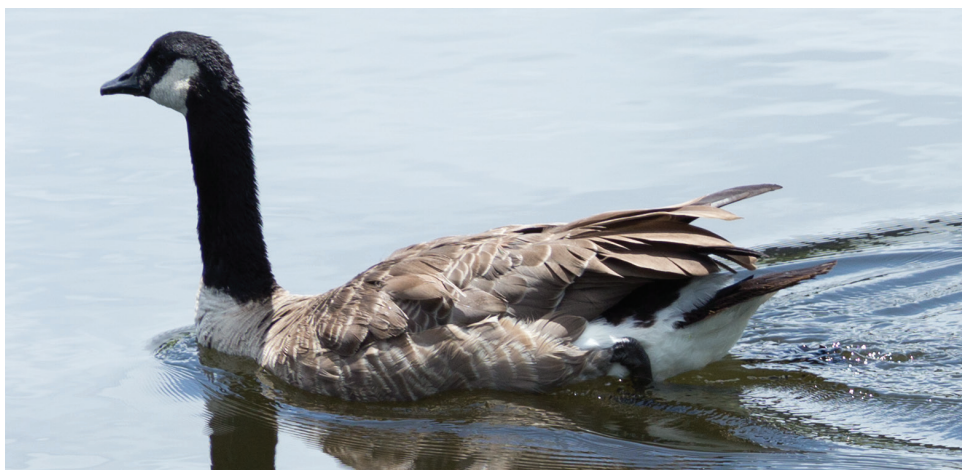
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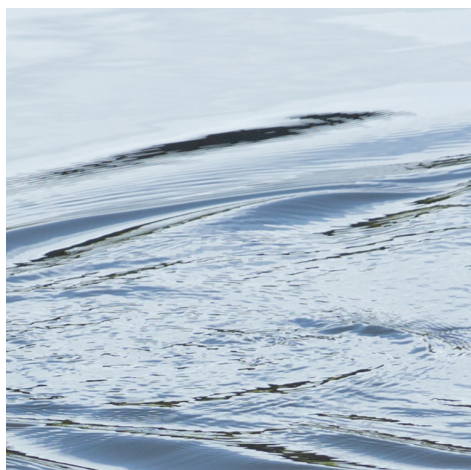
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*UNF students' guide to cohabitating
with campus Canada geese*

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The Osprey may be the dominant image on T-shirts and mugs, but the bird UNF students see more often than any other is the Canada Goose. Blocking traffic, chasing Freshman, pooping... the Canada Goose is here to stay, like it or not.

1. DON'T HIT THEM WITH CARS

If you have a car or have driven around campus, you're very aware of this problem. The geese like to explore campus and move around a lot, which includes crossing the road. And in their book, it often entails stopping in the middle of the road and contemplating their existence. A lot of times they'll go across in pairs so they can make sure to block both lanes at once. Unfortunately, they are largely unresponsive to honking your horn or screaming expletives out your window. All you can do is wait for them to pass. Be observant of when one of the glorified pigeons are going to walk into the road, because they're protected animals and it's illegal to kill them, even if they fly out in front of your car.

2. DO WATCH OUT FOR POOP.

Be very aware of where you step, especially around Candy Cane Lake, the sidewalk to Crossings, and the green. According to the Internet Center for Wildlife Damage Management, a single goose can poop every 20 minutes and produce 1.5 pounds of fecal matter per day. If we have 75 geese on campus, that's 112.5 pounds every single day of the year. And over a year they drop 41,062.5 pounds of waste. Holy s-t! Be very wary where you step. Maintenance does a good job of hosing down the most popular walkways on a regular basis, but they're fighting an uneven battle.

3. DON'T FEED THE GEESE.

Do NOT feed the geese. What have you been taught at every zoo or nature preserve or park that you've ever been too? Don't feed the animals. You don't feed the alligator swimming in the lake near your house, so why would you try to feed the goose lying in wait when you come out of the cafe?

They have plenty of food in the many lakes and grassy areas around campus, and they can't digest all of the human food they're given, meaning only one thing: more poop to avoid. AND it will just make them more aggressive and eager to approach you. The geese already run the campus and mark territories with poop — can we just retain dominance in one meager aspect? Don't feed them.



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4. DO WATCH OUT FOR THE GEESE FIGHTS.

After summer is over, they will become more social, meaning they will band together in large groups, often around Candy Cane Lake. During this time, fights may break out. They will honk and hiss, spread and flap their wings, and even go after each other with wings extended, beak open and neck low to the ground. This used to really alarm me, but as long as you give them a wide berth, you should be okay. They're pretty peaceful during fall and winter, when there are no nests to protect.

5. DON'T GET TOO CLOSE TO THE NESTS OR FAMILIES.

The baby geese will remain with their parents for the first year, according to allaboutbirds.org, and the mothers are very protective. Like any species, be wary of getting too close to the birds when the babies are around, because they perceive you as a threat and are perfectly willing to lash out at you.

6. DO TAKE CUTE PICTURES OF THE BABY GEESE IN THE SPRING.

This is the one minor redeeming factor about living with geese. In the spring semester, they will mate and their eggs will hatch. Campus will be filled with these small balls of yellow fur trying to stand in grass that's as tall as they are. You'll find them near their nests, so in areas that are kind of secluded. They're really just too cute for even me to hate them. I strongly encourage you to take a picture, because it's not going to last. Soon they'll be very awkward adolescents and then after that full blown nuisances.

7. DON'T ENCOURAGE THE GEESE IN THE TARGET PARKING LOT.

There's currently a couple of geese who thought it would be smart to nest in the back of the Target/Staples parking lot in the St. John's Town Center. So how do the owners of the plaza respond? They put up a fence, put out water and food bowls like they're cats, and let people drive up to them and take their picture. They should really be charging admission at this point, it's quite the spectacle. What I'm trying to say is don't be like that. The geese are wild animals and they can fend for themselves. Don't forget that and start treating them like house pets.

8. DO MAKE THE MOST OUT OF LIVING WITH THE GEESE.

Sometimes they do cute stuff, like flipping upside down in the water or waddling really fast when they're walking across a sidewalk. And who else in Florida can say that they cohabitated with geese and lived to tell the tale? I'm by no means a big fan of the geese, but I would say that I feel more closely aligned to them than Ozzie Osprey. They really are the face of UNF.



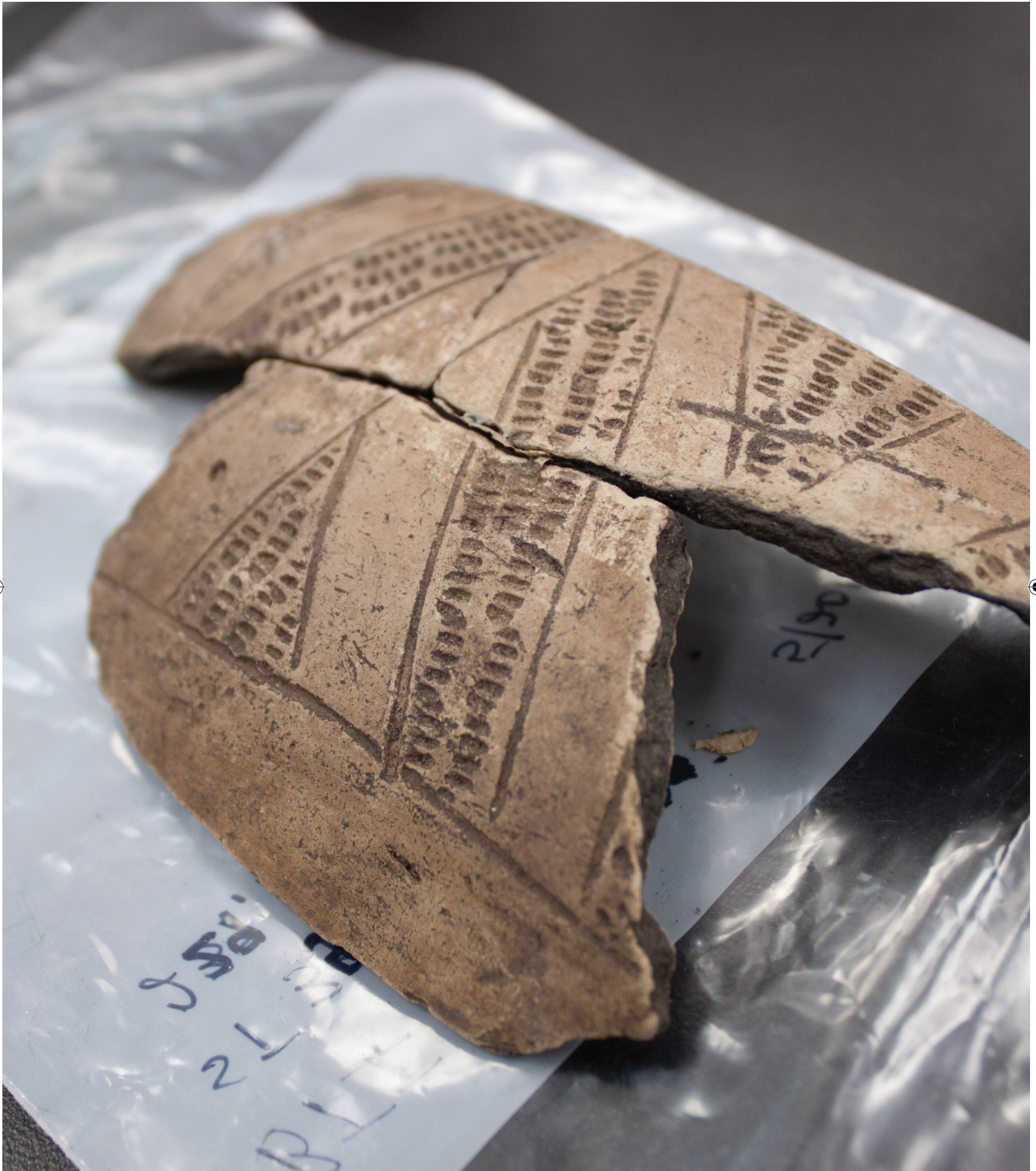
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Ancient RUBBISH

UNF Archaeology students dig up a little of the past at Big Talbot Island

Words by Alex Wilson, Staff Reporter

Although it's not necessarily common knowledge, every summer students have a chance to participate in an archaeological dig off campus. Keith Ashley, Ph.D., Coordinator of Archaeological Research, and his students go out every year for the entire duration of Summer A term to dig up a little of the past.

PHOTO BY JOSH BRANGENBERG



1. Dennis Florian looking for hidden treasures.
2. This piece of pottery dates back to 1000-1200 A.D.

“A lot of times [students] learn about archaeology in class, and this is the time they actually kind of get to touch the past,” said Dr. Ashley. “It’s more a practical and hands-on aspect, so it’s a little different than being in a classroom.”

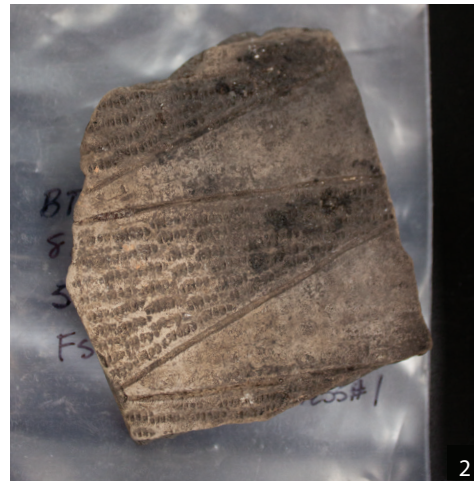
Each summer, students can sign up for Archaeological Field Methods with Dr. Ashley for a chance to go out and get their hands dirty. The class is full credit but counts as an elective. The majority of students that take the class are anthropology majors, but it’s open to anyone who is interested.

“I really think that we should know what we have in our backyard and really appreciate it. A lot of students across the nation would kill to have an opportunity like this, and I think we should take advantage of it,” said Dennis Florian, an interdisciplinary senior.

If summer’s not convenient, Dr. Ashley also offers small expeditions during the school year.

“Sometimes on weekends and Fridays we’ll do small scale little projects somewhere close to campus,” Dr. Ashley said. “It’s open to other students, and that’s usually not for credit, that’s just for students who are interested in anthropology and archaeology to get experience.”

Most of the dig sites that Dr. Ashley and his crew visit are Native



3. Pottery, bones, and shells found were taken back to the lab for processing.
4. Bones are examined to determine what the American Indians were eating.

American sites, mostly Timucuan. However, there is a new subject of interest as well.

“The other big thing is Fort Caroline. Everyone is interested in where the French fort is located. It’s never been found,” said Dr. Ashley.

This year UNF’s dig site rests on Big Talbot Island. Only a 30-minute drive from campus, Big Talbot is one of Jacksonville’s many unique barrier islands. The object of excavation on Big Talbot is the site of a Native American ‘shell ring.’

This ring is actually a buried trash mound, consisting mostly of shells, animal bones, and pottery.

“It’s really fulfilling, having the experience of pulling out that piece of pottery or those bits of animal

bone. Being the one to take it out of the ground, it gives you this visceral, physical connection with the past,” said Stephanie Fisher, an anthropology junior. “Potentially 1100 years have passed since that pottery has been touched by a human being.”

Shell rings are a common phenomena on the Atlantic Coast from Florida to South Carolina, according to Dr. Ashley. However, two curiosities surround this particular shell ring. The first thing out of place is the fact that the shell ring is much newer than any other discovered ring—its construction dated somewhere between AD 950-

“Potentially 1100 years have passed since that pottery has been touched by a human being.”



5. The team getting their hands-on experience at the dig site.

6. Jessica Jones examines the artifact her classmates have found.

7. Jonathan Kestler shows off a bag of bones they recovered from the dig.

PHOTOS 2 AND 4 BY JOSH BRANGENBERG

PHOTOS 1, 3, AND 5 - 7 BY ROBERT CURTIS

1250. Most other shell rings were constructed between BCE 2500-1200, putting almost 3000 years in between them. The shell ring is also unique in that it has a 2 meter high sand burial mound located on top of the back-center of the ring, a characteristic which no other shell ring shares.

UNF is working with Big Talbot Island State Park and the North Florida Land Trust to excavate the site and learn more about the location's past. Both entities are considering opening the area to the public via a hiking trail and boardwalk.

Before they do that, however, they also want to make sure that they aren't disturbing something sacred.

"There is some talk about [the shell ring] possibly opening to the public and that's what we're out here for," said Florian. "If they do decide to go through that stuff and develop, we want to make sure that they're not going to inhibit anything or any artifacts. Once you really start digging through that stuff it's gone forever."

Although the material making up the shell ring is readily acknowledged as trash, there may be a deeper meaning behind it all.

"What we're trying to answer is: This is garbage that's surrounding

"What we're trying to answer is: This is garbage that's surrounding the circle, is it everyday garbage or is it special garbage?"

the circle, is it everyday garbage or is it special garbage? Is this from them having feasts and ceremonies? Also it could be that sometimes people bring their garbage to this and kind of add symbolic value to their garbage by placing it here, we don't know," said Fisher.

The site has been under excavation off and on since the 1960s, according to Dr. Ashley's report in *The Florida Anthropologist* and UNF's last round with this site was in 2006. Students this summer

have made a remarkable amount of progress, and Dr. Ashley said that all the work that needs to be done will be finished by the end of the year. With their work finished, the groups involved should have adequate information to make an informed decision about the significance of the

shell ring and opening the site to the public.

"The importance of archaeology is really underplayed sometimes, but it's significant in so many different ways, in development and in industry. It's helping to bring back our history and to learn from that," said Amberly Aldridge, a political science/anthropology double major. "I think that the more we get into that and can get more student advice in doing that, we can really help the field."

THE MECHANICS OF DREW WEEKS

EXCERPT BY JACOB RODRIGUEZ STAFF WRITER

Drew Weeks, an outfielder for the Ospreys this past season, has gone pro as a junior. He was picked up in the seventh round of the MLB draft by the Colorado Rockies and is playing for the Tri-City Dust Devils, out of Pasco, Wash. His current batting average is a more modest .271 (against professionals, mind you), but he's picked up three All-American awards for his college days in the meantime.

The first University of North Florida baseball player to ever accomplish this — Weeks was named a First Team All-American by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association June 11. He was also named a Second Team All-American by *Baseball America*. Then, less than a week later, he was named a Second Team All-American by Perfect Game, a college baseball publication.

What follows is an excerpt from the profile the Spinnaker did on this mighty slugger earlier this year —

THE FAMILY BEHIND THE SLUGGER

Drew's father Mike, his mother Christy, and his brother Wes usually make it to every home game. His family is from Green Cove Springs, just half an hour south of Jacksonville, which is something Drew says attracted him to UNF. Mike thinks when Drew first started school he didn't want to venture too far from home. "I don't think that's the case anymore," he says. "I think now he's ready."

From the time Drew was a little kid he knew he wanted to play baseball, and his parents have been there to help and support him all the way. He started playing travel ball in high school, and his parents would drive him all over the state to games. They say they just want to see their son succeed.

Drew's younger brother Wes also plays baseball. "It's not necessarily natural talent that gets you this far," Wes says of Drew. "It can, but the work ethic that he puts in definitely has him where he's at right now. And I try to take notes from him, because he's obviously the best hitter in the country, but he tells me that it's not about thinking 'I'm the best,' it's about thinking 'he's not gonna beat me with this kind of pitch, he's not gonna beat me at all.' It's a calm mindset." Wes plays at Clay High School and hopes to play for St. John's River State College come Fall.

"It's a game of failure, man," Mike says of baseball. "You hit the ball three times out of ten you're a stud. But that's seven times you didn't hit the ball, man. And a hitter is pissed off. You want to hit it ten times out of ten. You're mad if you hit it nine times out of ten, you think — 'Why didn't I hit it that last time?' And you have to be able to accept failure to play baseball. And you have to have the right psyche to play baseball. Drew does."

A SINGLE SUPERSTITION

Drew carries a small bobblehead that looks like some sort of cougar which he nicknamed "Wile E Coyote." Drew says he rubs the head for good luck before going into games.

Drew's father Mike inspired the bobblehead attachment with his own example. Mike does a lot of hunting, and one time he was at Bass Pro Shop down in Orlando and got himself a little deer bobblehead and glued it to his Jeep's dash. "I called it 'Qualm,'" Mike says. "Before I went shooting I'd rub Qualm's head." Sometimes he'd shake the Jeep a little and make Qualm nod. "Ask him if he thinks if I'll get something today, and [Drew and Wes] would talk to him a little and I'd shake the Jeep."

Drew's best friend, Kyle, was drafted by Florida State as a pitcher and ended up playing at Flagler. Drew and Kyle are big hunting and fishing buddies, according to Mike, and one time Kyle wondered if rubbing Qualm's head would also bring him luck in baseball. So they each went and got a bobble head. "That's their secret weapon," Mike says.

"I got an owl," Wes adds, indicating that the tradition continues.

HOW'D A HITTER LIKE YOU GO TO A SCHOOL LIKE THIS

The story of Drew and North Florida could have been written a very different way. Back in high school, UNF hadn't even winked at Drew. Clay High School's premier slugger was only being recruited by a school out of South Carolina called the Citadel. Famous for its morality codes as much as its sports, the Citadel seemed like Drew's only option to play, so he visited. He committed. But something wasn't sitting right. "I laid down one night and I was like — this isn't gonna work for me." He uncommitted. But then he didn't play high school ball that well in the Fall and didn't get any more offers from schools.

"So I called the guy back up, committed again," Drew says. Then, right before he was due to sign, he was up late, restless. "It was too much on me. So I had my dad call up, he uncommitted for me cause I was too nervous to call the guy." By that time Drew was resigned to the thought that he might not get to play college ball.

But as luck would have it he ended up catching the eye of UNF. A recruiter was scouting Clay High School's catcher during a game and when Drew happened to hit two home runs. After watching Drew play a little more, UNF would offer him a scholarship to play baseball.

Drew's happy he ended up at UNF instead of a bigger school. It means that he got to play and hone his talents on the field all three years of his college career. If he played for a school like Florida or LSU, he wouldn't have gotten a chance to play until his junior year, if at all.

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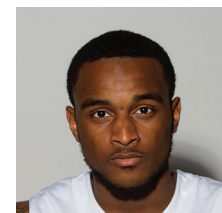
NOVEMBER 15 & NOVEMBER 17

Mark your calendar: first women's basketball home game on Nov. 15 — men's home opener on Nov. 17. SWOOP!

MALTE STROPP named men's tennis assistant coach. Stropp went to Mississippi State, leading his uni to the **NCAA Championships** for teams in each of his four years

HOPE MCCARTY named cross country/track & field assistant coach. McCarty coached as a volunteer at her alma mater, Ohio University, and before that was assistant coach at Connecticut College

Former UNF basketball star **TRAVIS WALLACE** was signed over summer to play professional ball for BK Iskra Svit out of Slovakia. It is important to note that BK Iskra Svit is in Slovakia's top league and won the championship there for the 2013-14 season



DAVID TREXLER, an Osprey right-handed pitcher, was picked up by the **Chicago White Sox** in the 17th round

MJ MAGUIRE topped the field at the **108th Southern Amateur**. His victory earns him an exemption to play for the PGA Tour's Bay Hill Invitational

FRIENDLY INSPIRATION?

Here's athletic's new logo. It looks good and really similar to this



UNF SURF TEAM TOOK 4TH PLACE AT THE NSSA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, TOP EAST COAST COLLEGE.

EMILY RUPPERT was named the **#1 Female Surfer in the Nation**, also taking home the **Chuck Allen Memorial Trophy**, an award given out to the student surfer who shows great sportsmanship while performing well on the waves and in the classroom

KAYLA DURDEN was named the **#2 Female Surfer in the Nation**

ADAM BARTOSHESKY was named **Captain of the Year**

PATRICK NICHOLS took **2nd Place** in the longboard division

1. Weeks autographs a ball for young kids after a win against conference rival Stetson.
2. Weeks set the school record in hits this past season with 95.



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REISSUES REVISITED

SLINT & AMERICAN FOOTBALL

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Usually, Album Spotlight brings you a look at the latest, most exciting indie music. This time around, we're going to do something a bit different. Two legendary, genre-defining classic albums from the 90s were recently reissued, so if you're interested in listening to some astoundingly great tunes that you might not have heard before, look no further.



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SLINT – SPIDERLAND

In 1990, the Louisville, Kentucky, foursome of Slint recorded their second – and ultimately final – album before breaking up prior to its release the next year. Over the next several years, as *Spiderland* circulated among musicians and audiophiles, it transformed into an unlikely legend, an artifact of unknown, disturbing origins. The album cover: a monochrome picture of the foursome's disembodied heads floating just above water, only hints at the ominous impressions within.

“Breadcrumb Trail” recounts a day at the carnival, but the vocal delivery imbues it with an unapproachable mystique. The opening phrase of “Don, Aman” — a song that manifests intimacy in darker shade — sounds as if the singer whispered them directly into your ear — you can almost feel his breath on your neck. “Good Morning, Captain,” the last, most climactic of *Spiderland*’s six songs, goes from pin-drop quiet to thunderous squall, recounting the harrowing tale of a shipwreck survivor and ending in painful cries of “I miss you.”

The stark contrast between loud and soft, similar to the black and white photo on the cover, ensured that the album would influence countless artists and invent an entirely new kind of music, the genre known as post-rock.



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AMERICAN FOOTBALL – AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Do you have serious, seemingly unresolvable and inexpressible *feelings*? Well, have I got the solution for you.

American Football. The go-to introduction for those unaware of Midwestern emo. Think of Jimmy Eat World and Weezer’s *Pinkerton*. Currently, many are claiming that emo is going through something of a renaissance, as bands in the genre are gaining attention and a couple of higher-profile groups are reuniting for shows — only two in American Football’s case.

So why should you care? Well, because, as I’ve stated, American Football is *the* cure for all your most difficult young-adult blues. Have you just returned home from a wonderful semester and are you missing all your friends? Listen to this album. Is it the end of summer, are you leaving your hometown, and is it very likely that you will never see your friends again? Listen to this album. Did you ask out a really nice, attractive person you’ve been crushing on, and did it just not work out? *Listen to this album.* From the twiddling guitar line of “Never Meant” across every stretched-out vocal, all the way to the most mournful horns you’ll ever hear on “The One With the Wurlitzer,” American Football will cure whatever ails you.

The reissue of *American Football* is available via Polyvinyl Records in a variety of formats.

JOYCE MANOR NEW ALBUM GIVES A FRESH TAKE ON POP PUNK

WORDS BY DOUGLAS MARKOWITZ CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Considering that the most famous bands lumped into the descriptive pool of pop punk are Blink-182 (sellouts) and Green Day (huge f—ing sellouts), pop punk is generally one of those genres that one might react positively toward. In fact, one might be a little embarrassed about still enjoying music everyone gave up when they made it to ninth grade, or perhaps a little defensive, which is how the “Defend Pop Punk” meme started.

Isn't the term itself a bit of an oxymoron? Isn't “punk” supposed to represent a shunning of all things “pop,” all things mainstream and boorish? How would such a thing even work? Well, a way was found, and for a solid decade, pop punk was a legitimate musical trend, generating platinum albums, middle school cults, and Guitar Hero: Green Day. Like all trends, it eventually waned sometime after American Idiot.

Enter Joyce Manor, a very affable, unassuming band from California, who've just released their third LP and major indie label debut, *Never Hungover Again*. Judging by the ten songs on the album, these guys aren't concerned with defending anything, especially a silly, dysfunctional label such as pop punk. They just want to make some neat music that people like, and they've definitely done it.

True to the conventions of both pop and punk, all of the ten songs on *Never Hungover Again* are very short. In fact, none of them even breach two-and-a-half minutes. They're also very stylistically distinct from the pop punk most people are familiar with, drawing less from Simple Plan and more from power pop and Midwestern emo. There are even some synths on “Falling in Love Again,” which is pretty novel for this kind of music.

It's a very positive, refreshing blend of styles for a scene that's sorely in need of some new ideas. The bright, twinkly guitar riff that closes out “Schley” will convince a listener more than anything else on this album that it's worth one's time. And while Barry Johnson's vocals and lyrics hint at the kind of interpersonal struggles pop punk is known for — breakups, leaving town, etc. — the music never deviates from the main focus: having a good time.

Soon, Jacksonville will be able to experience this kind of fun up close. The band will be performing at 1904 Music Hall downtown on September 21. See their upcoming tour dates and locations here.

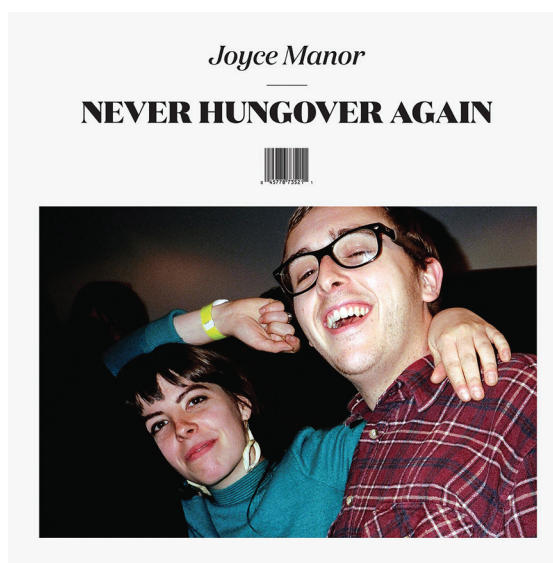


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