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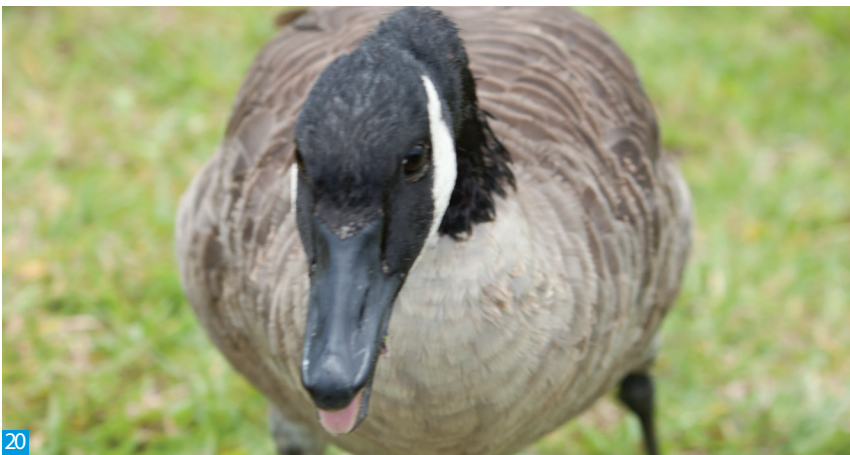
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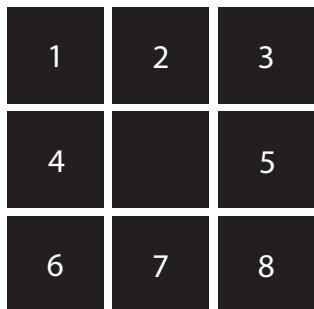


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The continuing problem of nostalgia

Nostalgia is a problem. It's that "sentimental longing or wistful affection for the past, typically for a period or place with happy personal associations," according to Google. What was good enough for our parents and grandparents is good enough for us, right? Nostalgia only serves to complicate our views of the present by clouding our perceptions of the past.

Often, I hear my peers and elders decry 2014 for some decade past, usually the 1950s, suggesting those years were the greatest time to have ever lived. The economy was exceptional, people were nice to one another, the children were still innocent - yessir, the 1950s were truly the best. We still believed in our government, in the greater good, in humanity. And sure, it was great, so long as we ignore the legal racism, rampant sexism, McCarthyism, American Imperialism (on a grander scale than now), nuclear proliferation. I mean, maybe it was a good time to be a straight white Christian male. Remember, the fifties were pre-Roe v. Wade, pre-birth control even. But pick any decade, any time period, chances are somebody considers that the good ole days.

We have a habit in America of being blindly proud of the past and thinking anyone who suggests otherwise is blindly ashamed of it. That's not what I'm saying. Instead, whenever we look at ourselves, as individuals and as a society, we must always be aware of the whole circumstances of our collective memory. When we think of our memories, we must "cross-examine them, recognizing and accepting the inconsistencies in gaps in those that make us proud and happy as well as those that cause us pain," as Stephanie Coontz writes in a New York Times column entitled "Beware Social Nostalgia" from last year.

In it, she urges the awareness of the context of our memories, and that is what we as individuals and as a society must be mindful of. Now there are whole commercial industries predicated on notions of nostalgia, trying to tap into our collective "good" memories. In this way, we are being manipulated by nostalgia.

Even worse, whole nations can be manipulated by a sense of desire for the past. Vladimir Putin is advancing on Eastern Europe under the guise of national nostalgia. Ukraine is in turmoil and the Baltic states are anxiously on guard as a man with stars in his eyes for Soviet dominance and world influence manipulates his people. Taken in context, Soviet world influence should also be taken as a hegemony over Eastern Europe, and that's not even starting in on Soviet Communism.

Now that Surge is back, Miller Lite's gone retro, and Putin's denouncing the poor treatment of Russian nationals in the Baltics, nostalgia seems to be as prevalent as it ever was. Even the Spinnaker, in this small corner of the world, is doing a throwback issue. We'll make sure to chock the bad in with the good. Oh, the good ole days.



PIZZA PARTY BRO!

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NEWS UPDATE

A CONDENSED LOOK AT THE MOST
IMPORTANT NEWS OF SEPTEMBER
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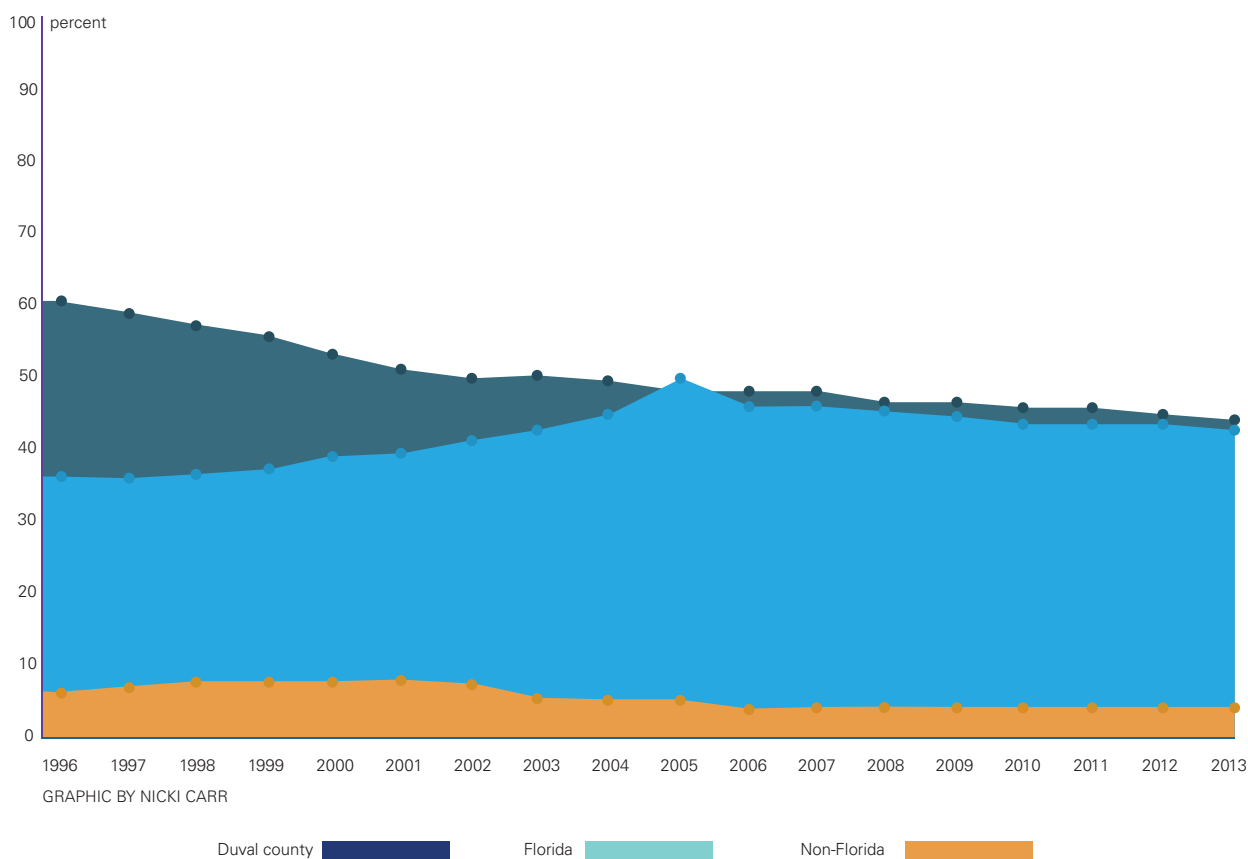
ACCORDING TO AN ARTICLE BY SANDRA BRINSON FROM
THE MAY 7, 1979 ISSUE OF THE SPINNAKER.

SCOTTISH INDEPENDENCE



SCOTLAND IS STILL A PART OF THE UK
a referendum was put to vote on whether
or not to break the 307 year union.

WHERE WE'RE FROM



PERCENTAGE OF **UNF** STUDENTS
THAT ARE ENROLLED FULL-TIME:

63.4%

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THAT ARE ENROLLED FULL-TIME:

65.5%

Full-time enrolled students are students that are taking at least 12 credit hours. Usually, all of these students fall within the category of "traditional student." Students that aren't at least taking 12 credit hours are usually considered "non-traditional students." Those are students who may be returning to campus after a long absence from higher education, or students who work a full-time job and therefore don't have time to be full-time students.

SEX OFFENDER SPOTTED ON CAMPUS

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AND IS SOMEHOW STILL ON THE LOOSE.

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(IN CASE YOU THOUGHT PARKING SERVICES HAD NO IDEA)

	SALES	SPACES
Faculty / Staff	938	586
Blue	5,542	2,216
Gray	4,970	3,568
Housing A	495	512
Housing B	278	356
Housing F	631	976
Total	13,579	8,214

This information does not include the almost 700 nighttime-only blue lot passes. And if you're trying to find parking, at least now you know what you're up against.

WHERE ARE MY FREE PRINTS?

If you haven't figured it out yet, you no longer have 25 free prints at the library (and many other places on campus) — now, you have unlimited free prints (at 15% of the cost) at the Club Alliance headquarters on the 3rd floor of the Student Union East.

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LIBRARY CORRECTION

WE BLEW IT: LIBRARY RENOVATION CORRECTION NEEDED

Publisher's note: In the previous issue of the magazine, Spinnaker Magazine had taken a very hardline stance against a lack of information from Student Government. In bold, the Spinnaker accused SG of failing to provide crucial information regarding the library renovations. Shortly after publication, SG brought to attention the fact that they indeed did provide the asked for information. The Spinnaker strives for excellence in both reporting and professionalism, and in this regard, the Spinnaker failed, looking asinine. Steps have been taken to assure this kind of error never happens again — and I humbly ask for your patience at this time. However, I would like to add that a sister organization of the magazine — the website — had the correct information. Once again, you can find daily news stories and more at unfspinnaker.com.

What follows is that information that was requested for the last issue — reproduced here verbatim for your benefit:

- » The 'sections' are more of just phases of the project. It is one project with one ending date. The phases are only being used so the whole library does not get shut down at once. (E.g— computer lab 1 will not be under construction as computer lab 2)
- » The final date of completion is 1/30/2015.
- » Each construction phase ending/starting date is not necessary info as it is for the construction company. Providing these dates will not make sense and confuse readers of the newspaper.
- » The budget is not broken down into phases per say because that is not how projects work. The budget for the project is \$1.9
- » The construction company is Elkins Constructors.

If you've forgotten, the library will be given more furniture, updated lighting, and some added data ports. "Tommy G" is getting a facelift. Also, fun fact — Thomas G. Carpenter was

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS COMPILED ACCORDING TO
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS.



OLD POLICE BEATS

1980 – OCT 8 – CAPTURE REQUIRED A POLICE HELICOPTER:

Two men were arrested for hog hunting with dogs on the UNF campus at 9:52 a.m. on Oct. 8. The Fresh Water Game and Fish Commission, the sheriff's department helicopter, and five UNF police officers were involved in the arrest. Police became suspicious when shots were heard from the Northeast corner of the campus. Police then spotted an unoccupied brown 1975 Chevrolet four-wheel drive truck in the area.

1986 – CRACK NOT A PROBLEM AT UNF:

BY KAREN MORRIS, CONTRIBUTING WRITER, 1986

While "crack" cocaine seems to be flooding the nation, there is no evidence of any at UNF, according to Campus Police. Lt. John Beck said that so far, the police have seen no signs of either crack usage or trafficking on the campus.

The UNF police work closely with both state and county law enforcement agencies to keep the drug out of UNF. All campus officers are undergoing specialized training on crack detection and prevention, including seminars, video tapes, and written materials.

Sgt. John Anderson, Department Investigator, has met with residence Assistants (RAs) to make sure they know what to watch for. The police are planning other programs that will be directed at the students living on campus.

1991 – BIRTHDAY BOY CAUGHT WITH LSD:

UNF police arrested a Jacksonville man on his birthday for possession of LSD and a counterfeit driver's license. The 19-year-old man was arrested at Lake Oneida after Cpl. T. L. Oliver saw the man's 1983 Toyota parked behind a barricade at the lake. Oliver stopped to tell him Lake Oneida was closed after dark and, according to the report filed by Oliver, a passenger in the car got out. Oliver said she asked the man to stop and he became angry, at which time she searched him and discovered eight "hits" of LSD. UNF police confiscated the LSD and took the man to the Duval County Jail. Martin Garriss, UNF's public safety director, said, "It is very unusual for us to find hard drugs on campus, and this is the first time in the 14 years I have been here that I have seen LSD. I hope this isn't an indication that LSD is making a comeback. It has been proven to be an extremely dangerous drug."

1992 – DEC 21 – OFFICER CEMENT PILING:

A police car backing out of the gymnasium construction site hit a cement on Dec. 21. Damage was done to the left front fender and is estimated at \$700.

2000 – TABLE AND CHAIRS:

Suspects threw a table into the lake in front of Building 14A, the Robinson Theater. Also, a chair was damaged in the same incident. The total damage was estimated at \$300.

2001 – PROBABLY A \$2 BILL:

Officers responded to a call in reference to counterfeit money at Osprey Cafe. The case is under investigation.

2002 – CAUGHT BY THAT CALLER ID:

An officer was dispatched to the Crossings (Bldg. S) concerning harassing telephone call. Upon arrival, the officer reported that there had been three harassing/obscene phone calls during the past three weeks. A suspect was determined through caller ID and the case is under investigation.

2004 – THEY TOOK HIS WALKMAN BRO:

Burglary: An unknown suspect entered an unlocked car in Lot 11 and stole a compact disc changer, 20 CDs, a bottle of prescription medication and two checkbooks. There was no damage to the car.

2004 – A TERRIFYING ENCOUNTER ON CAMPUS:

A female who refused to be identified herself reported that a white male drove past her twice and exposed his sexual organs in Lot 4 beside Wackadoo's (2004's Boathouse). The female followed the vehicle and obtained the license plate and description of the vehicle. A search of all the lots did not reveal the suspect's vehicle or the suspect. The officer used the tag number to find the name and address of the owner of the vehicle. The suspect is not a registered student at UNF. The officer tried to call the victim but there was no answer. The officer proceeded to the suspect's home, but found it unoccupied. A neighbor advised that the suspect was dealing with severe emotional issues and that he had an arrest record. The suspect is still at large.



POLICE BEAT

FIND MORE ONLINE

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1. AUG 28 – **GOLFCART MISHAP (UNF DR.)**

An UNF employee driving a golf cart hit a vehicle while trying to cut between a tree and the vehicle. A UNFPD officer responded to the accident Aug. 28. The right rear bumper of the vehicle was scraped. The driver of the vehicle was unharmed. The amount of damage to the vehicle is estimated to be about \$2,000.

2. AUG 29 – **BLOWER BACKPACK GONE FOR THE SUMMER**

A UNF employee reported the theft of a Blower Backpack Aug. 29. The employee told UNFPD the theft occurred sometime between Dec. 15, 2013 and July 28, 2014. The last time anyone remembers seeing the backpack was when the unit was serviced in December.

According to the UNFPD report, the investigation has been suspended because of the amount of time that has passed and lack of suspect information.

3. AUG 31 – **AGGRESSIVE DENIAL (OSPREY CROSSINGS)**

Fearful Housing staff members called UNFPD to Osprey Crossings on Aug. 31 when a student turned aggressive. Housing staff said they were conducting an investigation of the dorm because of a noise complaint and the smell of marijuana and the students in the dorm became aggressive. A Housing staff member told officers he attempted to check the bathroom for suspects when Suspect 1 rushed forward, grabbed his arm and pushed him out of the way. The suspect denied the charges and said she was trying to open the door. The officer asked the occupants of the room about the smell of marijuana and Suspect 2 voluntarily gave the officer a small black bag containing a pipe with marijuana residue and a lighter. Suspect 1 was charged with battery but was not listed as arrested. Suspect 2 was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

4. SEPT 1 – **NOTHING ILLEGAL IN HERE, OFFICER (ALUMNI DR.)**

An officer conducted a traffic stop on Alumni Drive on Sept. 1. The officer noticed an 18-pack of beer in the back of the vehicle. The driver, 18, said his “friends” left the beer in the car. The officer asked if he could search the car. The driver consented and told the officer he would not find anything illegal. The officer found a small bag with .7 grams of marijuana in the front passenger door pocket. The driver admitted the marijuana was his. He told the officer that a friend and he split the bag. The officer made the driver pour out the beer and throw it away before issuing a Notice to Appear for possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana.



5. SEPT 2 – **A TALE OF SELF-INCRIMINATION (OSPREY LANDING)**

An officer seized 23.4 grams of marijuana from an Osprey Landing dorm on Sept. 2 while following up on an anonymous tip. The suspect gave the officer verbal consent to search the room. When the officer entered, the suspect handed over a glass jar containing marijuana and a glass bong. When asked if there was any more marijuana in the room, the suspect said, “Yes, it is in the safe.” The suspect opened the safe and handed the officer a small and large bag of marijuana, two scales and \$919 in cash. The officer asked the suspect how he earned the money and the suspect said not all the money was from work earnings. The cooperative suspect was then placed under arrest for marijuana possession over 20 grams and drug paraphernalia possession.

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THIS ISN'T THE PROFESSOR YOU'RE LOOKING FOR



BY BLAKE MIDDLETON STAFF REPORTER

This fall some students were greeted by a professor they didn't sign up for. Most students weren't aware of the changes because UNF does not have a policy about keeping students informed when the professor of their course has changed.

Some departments email students, but most don't.

When asked why UNF does not have a university wide policy, Jay Coleman, the interim associate provost for Academic Programs, responded, "I don't know if it's been a necessarily prevalent enough problem." He said if it becomes a prevalent problem, then a policy could be created.

Currently, the university doesn't necessarily keep track of professor changes. Coleman said it's up to the different departments and colleges to do so.

"Whether or not the departments keep track, it probably depends on which department we're talking about," Coleman said. He also said students are still getting what they paid for, even when they get a professor they didn't sign up for. "We try to hire qualified faculty across the board, and so whatever faculty is being placed in there, is a qualified person," he explained.

Brandon Dark, a finance sophomore, had two of his chosen professors changed this semester. Dark said he wasn't informed of either switch. He found out his online philosophy class professor had changed the night before class, and he didn't find out about his macroeconomics professor switch until the professor introduced himself

in class. Dark said he thinks students should be informed when a course's professor is changed.

Ben Hankinson, a construction management sophomore, is in the same macroeconomics class.

"You look up the professors that you want, most of the time, so if they change the professor on you, you should definitely be notified," Hankinson said.

Dr. Christopher Johnson, associate professor and chair of the Department of Economics and Geography, said his department does not notify students of professor changes because there is no reason to. Johnson explained how the last minute change with the macroeconomics course was made to satisfy the needs of the department.

Dr. Hans-Herbert Koegler, professor and chair of the Department of Philosophy, said Professor John Nale was listed to teach four philosophy courses this semester, but accepted tenure at another university.

Gayle Stillson, office manager for the Department of Philosophy, said Nale didn't inform UNF he was leaving until Aug. 1.

Koegler said when a replacement professor was found, the department immediately updated the philosophy department's website and Banner, the registration tool on MyWings students can use to search for courses, to reflect the changes.

He said students were not contacted directly by email, but said the department will start to email students when a professor is switched in the future.

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A COLLECTION OF PHOTOS FROM UNF HISTORY



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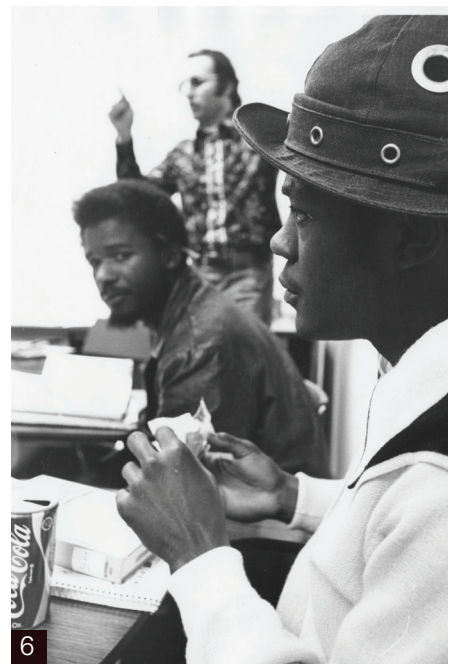
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1. APRIL 23, 1988

Ozzie the Osprey with family members of the university employees.

2. CA. 1972-1979

Early classroom scene.

3. 1974

Tricycle racing at the May Day Festival.

4. 1974

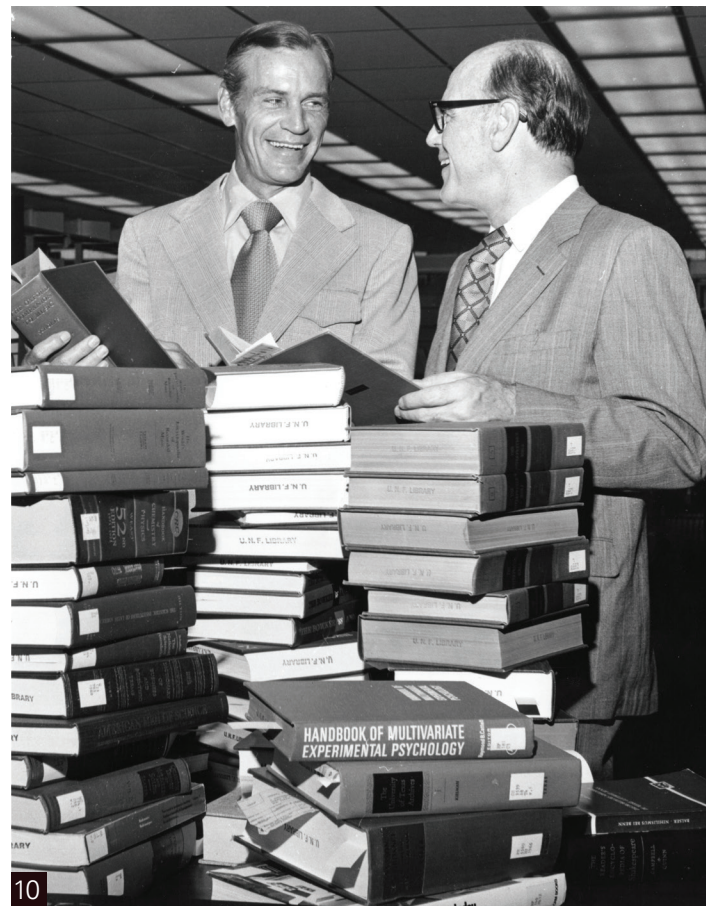
UNF students and professors canoeing on Boathouse Lake, 1974. Building 1 and 4 in the background.

5. 1970S

Earth Week Festival.

6. CA. 1972-1979

Students in psychology class.



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7. 1972

President Thomas G. Carpenter standing on the roof of Building 1 during construction.

8. DECEMBER 12, 1977

Nursing students reading a chart.

9. 1981

Metallurgy, one of the courses taught in UNF's technology's program, includes work with molten metals

10. 1972

President Carpenter reviewing initial library books, with Board of Regents member Robert Mautz.

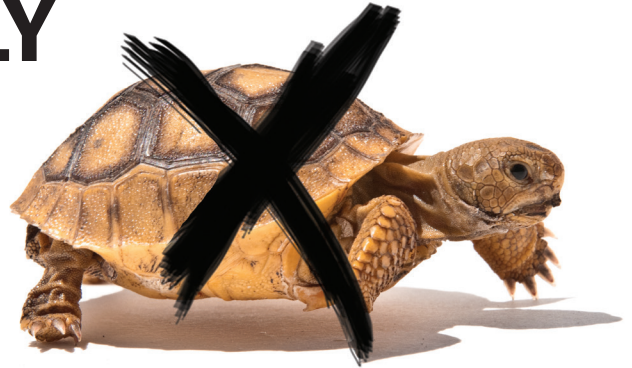
11. SEPTEMBER 18, 1971

University of North Florida Groundbreaking Ceremony.

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ENVIRONMENTALLY MIXED MESSAGES

BY DENISE-MARIE WILLIAMS 1995 STAFF REPORTER
AND ALEX WILSON STAFF REPORTER



TORTOISES IN WAY OF UNF EXPANSION IN 1994

What follows is a reproduction of a story that appeared in the Spinnaker on Halloween 1995. The Florida Game and Freshwater Fish Commission Oct. 19 approved a permit allowing UNF planners to develop land despite danger to gopher tortoise habitats.

The \$51,846 Gopher Tortoise Incident Take Permit DUV-21 authorizes the moving or destruction of gopher tortoises, their eggs and burrows within the Southeastern and North-Central campus construction boundaries (what is now Lot 14).

"The permit allows the potential harming of animals on site," said GFC member Rick McCann. "It allows UNF, at their discretion, to move the animals elsewhere but [moving the tortoises] is not required."

Spyros Drivas, UNF's director of facilities planning, called the permit "the right way to do it ... since [the state] is forcing you to pay money."

"You don't have to worry," he insisted. "Now [developers] are forced to pay and it hurts. [Therefore] before you start building you're going to stop and think."

Drivas said the money the university will pay the GFC for the permit will go toward the Wildlife Mitigations Fund. The fund is earmarked to purchase Florida land for a tortoise preservation project.

"We have killed turtles in the past and had to pay thousands of dollars for it," Drivas said. "Now, we have the 'take off' permit ... and we're not obligated to do anything with the turtles since the state is collecting money."

Biologist Joe Butler said since university officials will pay over \$51,000 for the permit, officials will not consider themselves responsible for the animals' welfare.

"They don't care whether their decisions are sound or not," said Butler, who has studied the tortoises for almost seven years. "They want what's least expensive ... If you need to build something, you just pay some big bucks and get a permit. They're killing wildlife and no one seems to care."

Butler continued, "The sign at the front of this university says this is a wildlife sanctuary but I don't think there's any teeth in it. Nothing about this place is a sanctuary. The whole thing is a bunch of crap."

Drivas insisted the tortoises are safe since the campus construction crew does not intend to destroy or endanger them. He said if the animals get in the way they will be picked up and moved about 20 feet away.

"Do you really think they're going to take the time to come off their bulldozers to move some turtles out of the way?" said Butler. "That's not legal and not appropriate ... I don't know how dumb Drivas thinks everyone is."

Butler added the tortoises have nowhere to go since UNF has run out of places to put them. He said Florida has no room for the animals either and since other states have their own tortoise problems, the tortoises cannot relocate.

"Relocation doesn't seem to work anyway," said Butler. "It's coming to the point where it's more trouble than it's worth ... The best thing to do is what UNF is doing ... just biting the bullet because of progress. There is nothing else."

Butler said there are no alternatives to dealing with the creatures. To save them, Florida development would have to stop altogether, he said; the only thing left is contributing to the mitigation fund and hoping the species survives.

"Something always suffers," Butler said. "As long as [developers] want to build, they're going to kill. Wildlife is going to suffer. People don't understand these issues and people need to start understanding - it's the price of progress."

Butler said the University of Central Florida frequently experiences wildlife sacrifices. He emphasized the implications affect not only UNF and Florida, but the entire endangered species.

"The most frustrating thing for the biology community is that we work with [animals] day to day and we have to let some of them die. It hurts. People have got to come up with more responsible ways to develop the land."

In 2014, according to the Florida Wildlife and Fish Commission's website, the gopher tortoises are on the Endangered Species List as "Threatened." This is due to a decrease in population statewide without a clear reason why.



PHOTO BY JOSH BRANGENBERG

UNF HAS ONE OF THE MOST ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSCIOUS BUILDINGS

The University of North Florida's facade of environmentally consciousness is not entirely false, and while paying money to kill a bunch of tortoises is clearly reprehensible, we've come a long way in twenty years. For evidence of the university's improved mind toward the nature around it, one could easily point to the continued cohabitation of the Canada goose with the student body. UNF could pay again to move these creatures, but they do not. Another bright spot is the Biological Sciences building next to Skinner-Jones Hall.

The building ranks no. 2 in the U.S. and no. 9 in the world for "The 50 Most Impressive Environmentally Friendly University Buildings" list according to www.bestmastersdegrees.com.

Assistant Chair of the Department of Biology Dr. Cliff Ross, said the building, which was completed in Spring 2012, conserves electricity and water. He said the hallways have motion sensor lights and turn off after a period of time when no one is walking the vicinity. He also said the building saves on cooling costs because of the position-

ing of offices. The building is water efficient too, he said, because the water from the greenhouse on the roof is recycled to water the plants in the courtyard.

UNF is one of only three U.S. schools in the top ten of the list and the only school in the state of Florida to make it on the list. Buildings on the list include academic buildings, technology centers, dormitories, and more from across the globe.

The Biological Sciences Building incorporates an animal care facility, a 20' x 80' greenhouse, and labs and lecture halls. It achieved LEED Gold certification, an impressive environmental distinction.

Hopefully, as UNF moves toward its 2020 Master plan, no more animals or habitats will be destroyed as the university grows. Because, as the university grows into the Sawmill Slough that surrounds it, the question will be raised again: is this an environmentally conscious campus only when it's good PR, or does it truly care about the wildlife preserve and wish to protect it?

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 GLUTEN FREE OPTIONS

 VEGAN OPTIONS

ON FERTILE GROUND

UNF ALUMNUS HONORS GRANDFATHER'S FARM WITH PHOTO EXHIBIT

WORDS BY JOSHUA BRANGENBERG ALL ARTWORK BY DOUGLAS J. ENG



A new exhibit opened for general viewing on Aug. 15 at the Lufrano Intercultural Gallery, located on the second floor of the Student Union East building.

The exhibit, “On Fertile Ground: The Wing Lee Yuen Truck Farm,” features the photographs of UNF alumnus, installation artist, and fine art photographer Douglas J. Eng. These photographs tell the story of the final days of a Chinese-immigrant farm located on the West-side of Jacksonville before it was torn down.

When Eng was a child, he visited his grandfather's 300-acre farm almost weekly. The Wing Lee Yuen Truck Farm, as it was called,

was once the leading producer of Chinese produce during the 1950s-70s. Eng's pictures of the farm capture still lifes, landscapes, and the interior of barns.

The opening reception celebrating the exhibit's appearance in the Lufrano Intercultural Gallery was held on Aug. 29 at 5 p.m. The exhibit is free of charge and open to the public. The gallery hours are: Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and Friday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Eng's past projects and current work are featured on his website, and some photographs of Jacksonville and the Wing Lee Yuen Truck Farm are featured as well.



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THE 12 REAL TRADITIONS OF UNF

In yet another attempt to make the University of North Florida something it's not, the administration released a list of 12 UNF traditions this past Spring. The Traditions Project spent a year at least \$5,000 to compile a list of "traditions" that attempts to, but does not accurately represent student culture on campus. Not to completely discredit the work a team of professionals spent months on, but seriously?

You probably already know about these traditions – not because you attended the grand unveiling event - but because the university published it on UNF's homepage. Despite apathetic student response (ask some students on campus – they either don't know of or don't agree with the traditions) the university is still pushing the idea.

The university seems to have missed a very important point – a tradition is not something you can just compose into a list and announce at a party. Tradition is something that is practiced, repeated, and integrated into the life of a university. You cannot declare a tradition into being, and that's why there's so much apathy to UNF's list and their motives in compiling it.

As anyone who has been on campus for a few months can tell, UNF is taking serious steps to shed its commuter campus reputation. But after being here for a year and

then some, I can sincerely report that I'm over it. I am over my school striving and stressing about encapsulating the glorified "college experience."

I chose to come to UNF because of the fact that it's not like UF or FSU. It's small and has the programs I want. I've been happier here than I ever would have been anywhere else. Other people come here because it's close to home, or because they didn't get into UF. Even if their reasons are less than ideal, it doesn't make them – or the school – any less reputable. That is the real UNF – a historically commuter campus that now offers the opportunity of variety and choice to its students.

It is very possible for students to get a somewhat traditional college experience if they want it. It is also very possible for non-traditional students to get degrees quickly. And it's also possible for students to have lives outside of the university, because Jacksonville is more than UNF – and thank God for it!

So yes, UNF is not the pillar of tradition when compared to other, older universities – we aren't even 50 years old. But we have a set of traditions and values that are all our own, and it's time to recognize the real UNF in all its comfortable, crummy, commuter glory.

These are the real 12 traditions you need to know.

UNF TRADITIONS

WELL, ACCORDING TO UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION

The Osprey Spirit

SWOOP

What Ospreys do: The official UNF cheer

River City Rumble

Athletic rivalry against the Jacksonville University Dolphins

Lip Sync

Homecoming competition with colossal props, daring choreography and outrageous costumes

Blue and Gray Wednesday

Campus spirit day – everyone wears Osprey colors!

Ozzie's Oktoberfest

UNF's original homecoming, now an annual fall festival featuring local flavors

The Osprey Perch

The Boathouse

Legendary campus bar and restaurant

The Green

Central lawn where the students lounge, play and host events

Date Night with Tommy G

Student shorthand for all-nighters in the Thomas G. Carpenter Library

Alumni Third Thursday

Monthly gathering of UNF alumni for networking and reminiscing

The Osprey Nest

Natural Environment

Located on a nature preserve, respect for the natural environment runs deep

Public Art and Creativity

Public art and performance enhance UNF's natural beauty

Osprey Statue and Fountain

Iconic statue where past, present and future Ospreys pose for classic photos

SWOOP THERE IT IS!

01

Hating the swoop. The infamous “swoop” is among the first things you learn about the school. And by learn I mean one of the first things you are forced to do against your will. At your tour, orientation, and various uncomfortable occasions after that, someone will inevitably yell “Who are we!?” and you’ll look around before half-heartedly saying “Ospreys.” That someone will taunt you with “What do we do?” and you’ll try to be ironic when you yell “SWOOP” and cross your arms. The tradition is not in the action of swooping, but in the dejected, resigned way you do it. We are Ospreys, and we don’t really like to swoop.

02

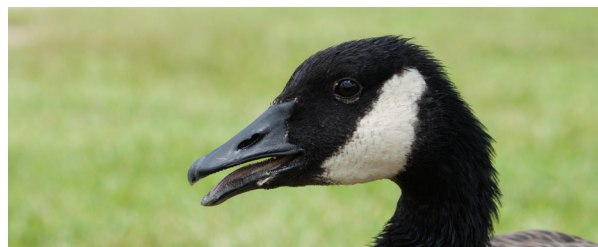


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Identifying with the campus geese more than Ozzie Osprey. I truly hate the geese. They’re mean, they’re aggressive, and they poop on everything. However, the fact that they didn’t make the list of traditions blows my mind. They’re iconic! They are UNF! They’re in our ponds, on our sidewalks, and clogging up our roads all year long. Before I even knew who Ozzie Osprey was, I knew about the geese. And had a healthy fear of them, but that’s another story.

03

Hanging out on the green. This one is indisputable. The green is the center of UNF – student, faculty, and goose alike all chill on and around this area. It’s the real life version of everyone’s mental image of the “quad” or the “square,” or whatever bad college movies prepared you for. And it actually doesn’t disappoint. On any given day there’s a theological debate, or a makeshift stage being constructed so students can perform Shakespeare, or a bake sale, or a dodgeball tournament, or just people doing homework in the sunshine. It’s one of the great examples of college life at UNF.

04

Late-night runs to Ozzie’s. This one applies if you live on campus – which a lot of people don’t, but this is important to include because it’s a fundamentally freshman thing. When you’re living in the dorms and have a meal plan that’s about to expire, going to get really good chocolate chip pancakes at one in the morning is a staple in your life.

05



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Going to the Wellness Center. Whether it's just to get Jamba Juice like me, to check out the beautiful people that flock there, or to actually work out, UNF students love hitting the gym. We should, because our Wellness Center is really nice. But students here have a laser-like focus on their fitness (or, like me, their smoothies), making the free-to-use gym a very important part of our life.

06

Leaving campus as soon as class is over. Unfortunately for the uni's administration, a lot of students come here for class and nothing else. They have bigger and better things to do off campus – jobs, families, and whole other lives exist outside of the university. Ever been to campus on a Friday afternoon? Campus is deserted. For a university trying to scrap its commuter status, the administration doesn't seem too eager to change this. Those who live on campus have nothing to do on the weekends because everything is closed. Maybe they think a list of traditions will keep students on campus more than an open Papa John's.

07

Complaining about a lack of football team and not caring about other UNF athletics. This is quintessential to being a UNF student – you hear the question “So when are we going to get a football team?” almost as often as “I’m gonna be late – I can’t find a place to park.” The university president probably hears it every single day (poor guy). But despite the campus-wide obsession with football, no one cares about the other sports on campus. Basketball, baseball, tennis, soccer – no one wants to go to any of those games. So why would they give us a football team?

08

Getting caught smoking weed. The good thing about UNF is that we are a really safe campus. Crime is at a minimum here. However, if you read the Spinnaker's Police Beat, one of the most common headlines is “Car search yields marijuana.” It's practically a tradition for a student to be “referred to student conduct.”

09

Taking classes here for way longer than you want to.

According to the Board of Trustees, less than half of UNF undergraduate students graduate in under six years. “U Never Finish” is everyone's favorite way to spell UNF. This is probably the truest tradition we have on campus. Whether it's because of bad advising (which could be a tradition all on its own) or the fact that all our students have busy lives off campus, you're probably at UNF for the long haul.

10

Complaining about parking. Maybe the real tradition at UNF is complaining in general. But one of our favorite things to complain about is parking. Even though we have really great parking compared to other state universities, if you don't complain, you aren't cool.

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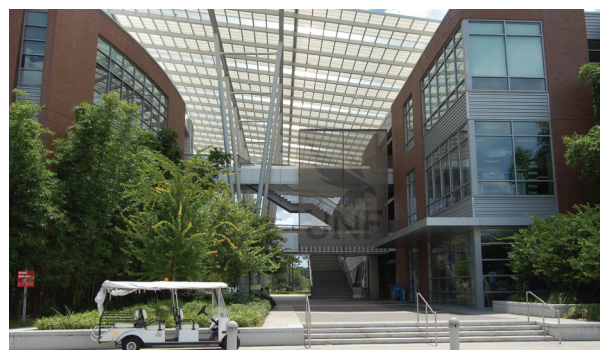


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Market Days. This is actually a really cool thing that the university does. On Wednesdays from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Student Union Osprey Plaza local vendors, clubs, and organizations set up tables and try to sell you stuff, give away free stuff, and get you involved in their organization. T-shirts, food, little things emblazoned with logos that you'll never use but want anyway – all are waiting for you at one of the only neat events on campus. You never know what's going to be at Market Day, but you'll probably stop by anyway.

12

Not getting the traditional college experience. We all expected college to include certain things in excess. Frat parties, binge drinking, communal bathrooms, protests, football games, and Homecoming, to name a few. And while UNF has some of these things, they definitely aren't in excess and they are not what you expected. However, some students chose UNF precisely for that reason. UNF is not like the movies, and it's not like UF. It has an identity all its own, and it's time the administration and its students start embracing it.



PRIDE & PREJUDICE

A HISTORY OF THE TRIALS AND SUCCESSES
OF THE LGBT MOVEMENT AT UNF

BY ALEX WILSON STAFF REPORTER

“UNF has protections for LGBT students, which is why I chose this college over others.”

“Kick them all out!”

“Perversion is not something that should be accepted anywhere.”

“Homosexuality should not be fostered or allowed.”

UNF students and faculty in the 2010 Campus Climate Survey uttered these disparaging comments about humans who identify with the LGBT movement. The point of the campus-wide survey was to gauge the general attitude and climate of LGBT affairs at UNF of both students and faculty. Some of this negativity was documented by the LGBT community at UNF, while others were direct responses written in the free area of the survey.

“You’re just confused. You haven’t found the right man yet.”

“Maybe it’s just a phase.”

At any time, if you identified outside of the acceptable representation of “male,” and “female,” or you were not strictly heterosexual, people were free to discriminate against you.

In 2004, current University of North Florida President John Delaney was still settling into his new job when a colleague expressed this fact to him:

“You know, you can fire me just for being gay,” said Dr. Tom Serwatka, who has been openly gay since he started working for UNF in 1975.

Delaney didn’t believe him at first. “No I can’t, there are laws against that.”

“No, John, there’s not.”

It was a wake up call for Delaney. After all, he was the chief assistant to a state attorney, and even served two consecutive terms as Jacksonville’s mayor. He was no stranger to public policy. “I’m a lawyer and I was not aware of the lack of protections for a group that has been historically discriminated against,” says Delaney in a recent interview. So, although Delaney couldn’t change state or city public policy, he could change university policy.

THE SETTING

Over the past decade, the UNF has carved out a niche in Florida as an increasingly LGBT-friendly university. However, when it arrived at UNF, the LGBT community was met with significant obstacles and objections.

It began in 1994 when a small coalition of students founded the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Student Union. The club served not only as a place for those students to gather and socialize, but as a place to do those things safely.

Then, the campus represented the larger culture of Jacksonville, which was not a very friendly place for LGBT individuals, according to Kaitlin Legg, Assistant Director of the LGBT Resource Center.

“There’s not a lot of understanding about LGBT issues in the community: about who LGBT people are.” Like then, there are currently no anti-discriminatory laws in Jacksonville to protect LGBT people. “So, there was definitely a mix of, not just apathy, but also downright negativity about LGBT people,” says Legg.

As the new millennium approached, LGBT issues became increasingly relevant and reached more audiences across the country. Legislation was passed banning gay marriage in certain states, “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” was instituted in 1993, and the Defense of Marriage Act was passed in 1996. The atmosphere was worsening for LGBT Americans nationwide, and UNF was no exception.

PREJUDICE

In 2004, the LGBSU – now known as the Pride Club – found itself in the middle of a controversy that garnered a large amount of local scrutiny. The then-president of the LGBSU, Jeremy Lightner, met with UNF administrators, raising allegations of discrimination against Student Government about his sexuality.

Jerry Watterson, Student Body President at the time, refused to sign

“The LGBTRC has served as a nexus for understanding sexuality and gender identification.”

a bill funding for a Pride Club event, a drag-show meant to raise funds for treatment and prevention programs for pediatric AIDS. Citing religious beliefs as his reasoning, Watterson and the LGBSU was now in the spotlight of the LGBT debate in Northeastern Florida.

“Based on my religious beliefs, I disagree with homosexuality, and therefore I couldn’t sign the bill,” said Watterson at the time. Even though Watterson refused to sign the bill, which the SG senate had already passed, he could not prevent the drag-show from happening. He did, however, delay the funding process. And it was this action that Lightner felt represented an overall mentality of homophobia that was present in both administration and SG.

“If I were student body president and I were to say that I’m not going to sign an Intervarsity [Christian Fellowship] event form because I don’t believe in Christianity, there would be riots – huge riots across campus,” Lightner said in 2004.

“Because his opinion agrees with the majority, it’s okay for his opinion to be discriminatory.” Over the next few months, tensions escalated.

President John Delaney eventually addressed the student body.

“Clearly, we must discuss these incidents that have left lesbian and gay students marginalized and at risk,” said Delaney in an email to all students. “We need to ensure that we remedy these. A healthy campus cannot tolerate discriminatory acts.”

In 2005, the UNF Committee on Equity and Civility chaired by Dr. Mauricio Gonzalez, Vice President for Student and International Affairs, conducted the first Campus Climate Survey. The results were troubling.

Exactly 2,172 students responded to the questionnaire, as well as 356 faculty and staff members. Thirty-four percent of students and fifty percent of staff reported that they found UNF to be either unaccepting or very unaccepting of LGBT students. Furthermore, twenty-six percent of students and twenty-five percent of the LGBT faculty and staff felt that LGBT individuals had reason to feel unsafe on campus.

A SHIFT IN TONE

At that point in time, Delaney and the rest of the administration made a move to add a non-discrimination policy at UNF that prohibited discrimination based on gender or sexuality. Delaney requested Dr. Gonzalez create what was to be one of two full-time staffed LGBT Resource Centers in Florida in 2006. The university also started to invest in diversity training.

“They required staff and faculty here to change the way they think about, not only diversity, but their everyday practices,” says Legg. “When you’re at any place where primarily straight, white or male people are working, and this isn’t to harp on them at all, but when you have that perspective, sometimes you can’t see the barriers that are in the way for people who aren’t straight, white, or male.”

Over the next few years, things began to improve. In 2008, the first Lavender Graduation was held, as well as the first “Gay? Fine by me” T-shirt campaign. In 2010, domestic partner health insurance stipends were added to employee benefits. The 2010 Campus Climate Survey also showed significant improvement in university friendliness over the 2005 survey.

PRIDE

Now, UNF strives to build a community based on acceptance and scholarship. In 2012, the non-discriminatory policy was amended to include transgendered people.

“UNF has protections for LGBT students, which is why I chose this college over others,” says Haden Baier, President of the UNF Pride Club and a student assistant at the LGBT center. “As a result, I found a family that I’m not willing to give up.”

Since its inception, the LGBT center has become one of the most active members of the student community. Besides putting on numerous events each semester, the center also provides educational resources

THEN

1994

Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Student Union forms.

2002

LGBT Association changes its name to Pride Club.

2003

Pride Club lobbies to become an SG agency.

2004

SG president refuses to sign Senate-passed bill for event funding to Pride Club.

Pride and supporters protest SG and administration for lack of LGBT resources, discrimination, response, financial support.



2005

Sexual orientation added to non-discrimination policy.

2006

UNF establishes a full-time staffed LGBT Resource Center, one of two in Florida

2010

Domestic partner health insurance stipends added to employee benefits.

2008

First "Gay? Fine By Me." t-shirt campaign at UNF.

First Lavender Graduation held on campus.



2011

LGBT Resource Center marks its fifth year on campus.

2012

Jacksonville City Council members vote down ordinance 2012-296, which would add sexuality and gender identity to the city's non-discrimination ordinances.

NOW

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and training sessions on LGBT subjects.

“I have become immersed in a community where we all, by and large, understand each other,” said Christopher Jordan, who serves as the SG Liaison and PR Coordinator for the UNF Pride Club. “The LGBTRC has served as a nexus for understanding sexuality and gender identification.”

Despite significant improvement, however, equality is far from being reached. Just this February, a UNF student who identifies himself as a transgender male reported being subjected to verbal harassment and physical harassment from an unknown male while using a men’s restroom on campus. The victim reported that he was called “an ugly man and an ugly girl,” and was then told he didn’t deserve to live. Both UNFPD Chief Strudel and Kaitlin Legg stated that this was the first reported hate crime at UNF. Legg did state, however, that she had been informed of more, non-reported hate crimes.

This may pose an ongoing threat to transgender students at UNF, especially as the school grows in size, according to Legg.

The LGBT community hopes to further integrate equity into UNF by including LGBT issues in the curriculum, according to Dr. Serwatka. “In biology classes, you’d learn about the genetic component, you’d learn about same-sex behaviors throughout the animal kingdom. In history classes, you’d learn about Stonewall, which began the gay rights movement. Not that it’s an essential focus, but it’s included in all of these courses,” says Dr. Serwatka in a recent interview.

While UNF continues to strive for equality, students may also consider looking outside of UNF and at the larger Jacksonville community for places that need further improvement.

“There is no federal law, there is no state law, there is no city law,” says Dr. Serwatka in reference to non-discrimination. “Now, in many states there are laws, and in many cities there are laws. We just don’t happen to be in a state or city that protects somebody [who is LGBT].”

Jacksonville City Council voted down a non-discrimination ordinance that would have protected homosexuals from various discriminatory acts in 2012. The ordinance, 2012-296, was struck down with a vote of 10-9 against. There is only non-discrimination ordinances in Jacksonville that protect an individual based upon race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, marital, or familial status.

“I’m not out at work or outside of campus because I know I have zero protection,” says Baier, who identifies as a transgender male. “It needs to be stated that we cannot be fired for being who we are.”

The City Council’s decision against 2012-296 actually puts Jacksonville in the minority of cities in Florida. Over fifty-five percent of Floridians live in a place that protects them from discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, according to Equality Florida.

“Every major city in Florida, other than Jacksonville, has a non-discrimination policy or a human rights ordinance on the books that allows for non-discrimination in employment, in housing, and in public accommodations for LGBT individuals,” said Serwatka.

President Delaney, an active proponent of the ordinance, explained that not everyone is trying to discriminate against homosexuals. “I put the opponents in kind of two camps: Those that are trying to

reconcile homosexuality in America with their religious views; and then there is a group of just haters. I mean they are just mean, nasty haters,” says Delaney.

“So we can condemn hatred and hostility and the nasty name calling, but the people that have legitimate religious views, I think we’ve got to respect them as well, as long as they aren’t actively discriminating against a gay citizen. I don’t agree with it, but I think it’s legitimate for them to have those views.”

Local opponents of same-sex marriage and non-discrimination ordinances may be on the losing side, however, as the issues seems headed for the Supreme Court. This past August, a federal judge officially declared that Florida’s ban on same-sex marriage is unconstitutional, citing various “due process” and “equal opportunity” provisions in the Constitution. Although this ruling has been federally mandated, it has not officially gone into effect due to pending appeals.

More than a dozen other federal judges have overturned similar bans in 13 other states, a result of the Supreme Court’s decision that the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act was unconstitutional. With the addition of 19 states that have already legalized same-sex marriage, proponents of LGBT rights have suddenly gained significant ground in moving toward national equality.

“Even in the elation of a favorable Supreme Court decision, it’s important to remember that there are other members of the LGBT community who still need our help and understanding,” says Jordan.

“People who are [transgendered] still face an enormous social stigma and lack of understanding.”

October marks the tenth celebration of LGBT History Month in the United States, and for many it is a cause to rejoice. After all, it was only 45 years ago that the Stonewall Riots took place, launching the grassroots gay rights movement into the national spotlight. Since then, the progress of the movement has been lightning-fast – almost too fast for some to keep up with.

“The country has moved so far on this issue in just a short period of time,” says President Delaney. “In fact, there’s never been a social issue that there’s been such a complete shift.”

LGBT RESOURCE CENTER INFORMATION

OFFICE HOURS

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9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Student Union, Building 58 East, Room 1111

TEEN WOLF (1985)

WE HATED TEEN WOLF FOR SOME REASON



As Halloween approaches, you'll probably be dressing up in costume and hanging out with friends at things called "parties." Parties are cool. There's a movie from the 80s starring Michael J. Fox with parties in it. Also, Fox turns into a werewolf. Here is a review of Teen Wolf the Spinaker wrote in 1985 by Richard Coale:

Teen Wolf, I am sorry to say, is not what I expected from a movie whose cast includes the young, talented actor Michael J. Fox. The movie tells the story of a young boy with a problem his father never told him about because he thought it would not affect him. Unfortunately, poor Scott, played by Fox, inherits his father's inclination to change into a werewolf at the most inappropriate times.

Scott plays basketball at this high school on a team comprised of all the stereotypes imaginable for a team that never wins. When Scott turns into a werewolf during one of the games, his career as "Teen Wolf" begins. The basketball team wins all the scheduled games and Scott becomes very popular.

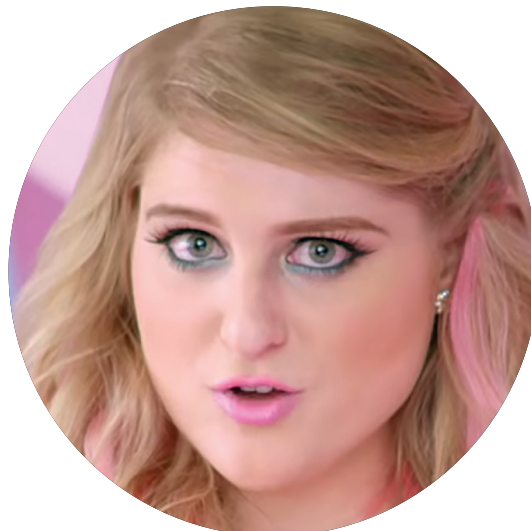
The romance between Scott and a girl named Boof (?) and the conflicts that follow are enough to ruin the film. On top of all this, the poor editing is noticeable throughout Teen Wolf.

The only scene I really enjoyed was the opening scene, simply because of the accurate depiction of the motion involved in the final seconds of a basketball game. I have to admit, reluctantly, that I did laugh profusely during the movie because (sic) of the ridiculous premise and make-up used in Scott's transformation.

If you have to see this movie, do so on a "dollar day." Also, if you happen to be an up-and-coming movie director and/or producer, see the movie so you will know what not to do. 2 out of 5 stars.

BACK TO BASICS

BY BRADLEY METHE CONTRIBUTING WRITER



Why Meghan Trainor's SONG is just another ignorant pop song disguised behind the body positivity movement:

Firstly, it's body type exclusive, which is sometimes admirable, but the song is obviously a passive aggressive criticism of thinness: "Go ahead and tell them skinny bitches that -No I'm just playing?"

As if the demeaning slur wasn't enough, she continues on to correct herself in an obviously sarcastic tone, as if she were censoring herself from advertising the full extent of her resentment towards skinny womyn (which is a reflection of insecurity and immaturity - both of which take away from the song's supposed message of self-confidence). Also, she goes from attacking the Photoshop/advertising industry to attacking skinny girls in general.

Secondly, "Boys like a little more booty to hold at night" suggests she, and other womyn, can and should justify their body types/weight based on a male opinion - even worse - a male opinion in a semi-sexual context. Every progressive individual is unhappy with the false portrayal of body-types in the mainstream media, I get it, but no one gets anywhere when you fight stupidity with stupidity. This song could have had potential because we SHOULD be all about that bass, but not at the extent of shaming others or for the sake of appeasing boys in bed.

Yes - I understand I am critiquing a Pop song and that in doing so I should suspend all of my expectations. But this song has gained an alarming amount of momentum and anything receiving that much attention is worth picking apart.

RUSTIE

GREEN LANGUAGE HAS A TRACK FOR ALL

BY DOUGLAS MARKOWITZ CONTRIBUTING WRITER



EDM is bad for America. After years of ignoring electronic music, dismissing it as Euro-trash or soulless, repetitive tripe, the Land of the Free has finally embraced it in the worst possible way. Artists like Zedd, Avicii and a thousand other nameless imitators have flooded the radio and SoundCloud with formulaic, indistinctive dance tunes that value “the drop” above all.

This is very sad, because electronic dance music as we know it has its roots in two places, both of them here in the states: Chicago and Detroit. After the fall of disco, nightclub DJs in both cities pressed on and made innovations that led to the twin scenes of Chicago House and Detroit Techno. Neither genre took off here in the US but in Europe instead, which has always been more receptive to dance music. DJs and musicians adapted house and techno to suit their needs and now, after several decades and crucial innovations made by Daft Punk and their contemporaries, we have EDM which here materializes shamefully in the form of Calvin Harris and “Turn Down for What.”

Green Language, the new LP from Scottish producer Rustie, also known as Russell Whyte, is a perfect example of what the Europeans can teach us. He is the veteran of Glasgow’s eclectic club scene utilizing the modern EDM more creatively than anyone on our side of the Atlantic.

Critics hailed that his debut album Glass Swords, which was released in 2011, was a boundary-pushing dance record that joined aspects of mainstream convention and the breakthroughs of the underground. Similarly, Green Language combines many of Glass Swords’ best features in a new context, that of trap. Waka Flocka Flame’s Flockaveli codified a well-worn hip-hop subgenre in 2010, TNGHT redefined it as dance music in 2012, and Rustie just threw a new spin on it with his unique audio-visual aesthetic in Green Language.

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