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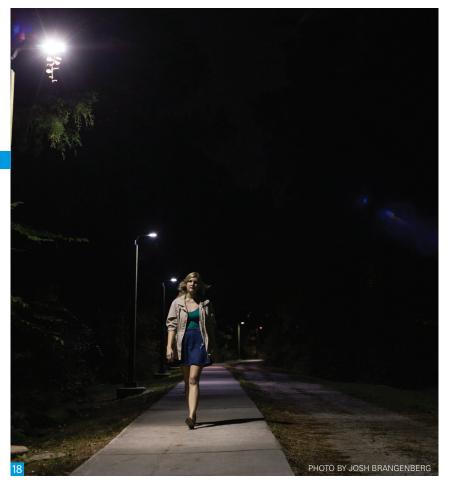
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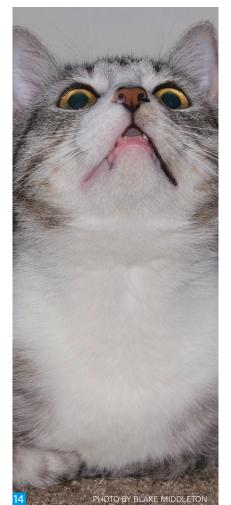


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Sexual assault can occur in any context. Shady walkways and drunken parties are only tropes of a much larger issue. If you feel you may have been a victim, contact the Women's Center at: (904) 620 - 1010.

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### [ MISCELLANY ]

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### We don't need a men's center and you're stupid if you think we do

I t's in the name. The stupid ones look and see it's called a Women's Center and obviously think "where's the men's center?" These are the ones who also raise an eyebrow at the word "feminism." I debated calling these types of people "ignorant" - but at this point it's a willful ignorance, so I've no qualms about name calling. I'm sure these people have called feminists much worse. But just so we're clear: no, nope, never - we don't need a men's center. I know, I know, I'm piling on at this point. But just because there are a ton of articles by better-spoken, more intelligent people trying to help put an end to this zit on the face of civilization, Men's Rights Activists are still finding a sort of foothold among lonely boys forever "friendzoned" and some talking head fire-breathers (like Ann Coutler). So any piece reminding people why, no matter how reasonable they make their case seem, MRAs are wrong and stupid. So stupid.

If I'm coming off as "angry feminist" (BS phrase) it's because I'm really annoyed this is a thing. It's like Foxconn (BS company) or Ayn Rand (BS author) - we should all just say "no, that's bad. It's bad for me, bad for the people I know, and bad for the world."

Recently, I gave the UNF Women's Center a call and basically asked, "what's the deal? Your mission statement says you're for the betterment of all genders, but you are called a Women's Center, something doesn't add up here."

The polite reply to my stupidity makes sense to me makes pretty good sense to me, but maybe I'm a weirdo: "We support all genders. Our victim advocacy program is gender neutral." And the name? "We emphasize the inequalities and struggles women have historically and consistently encountered."

Emphasize, just so we're all on the same page, means "give special importance or prominence," which makes sense, you know, since they're not excluding men's issues or anything.

"A men's center could focus on our needs," comes the stupid, expected, predictable, collective response.

Nope. You're good. Put any number of guys in a room and it takes a little while before they can name any inequalities. And most of them are either misconceptions or something just so stupid.

Not to be cynical, but I can't help thinking this letter is like a single drop of water in the bucket trying to douse the unnecessary, tiny, whiny men's rights/men's center movement. And yeah, I mean all of the implications of that metaphor. All we gotta do is tip that bucket over and it'll put that little, smoldering flame out. But we don't take it seriously, or we don't think it's a real problem, or we, stupidly, think they may have a point. But a fire, no matter how small, can grow, and if we don't take this idiocy seriously, it just might.

JACOB RODRIGUEZ PUBLISHER

### the REPORT

### **NEWS UPDATE**

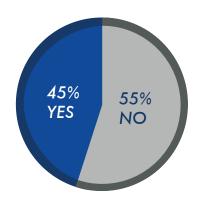
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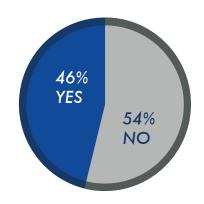
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- \* NATIONAL SLEEP COMFORT MONTH Can this mean it's acceptable to sleep all day every day?
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  - NOV. 19 Have a Bad Day Day #everyday



### **Oppose removal of geese from UNF?**



### Place Ozzie statue on campus?



### So... the Ozzie statue is not happening

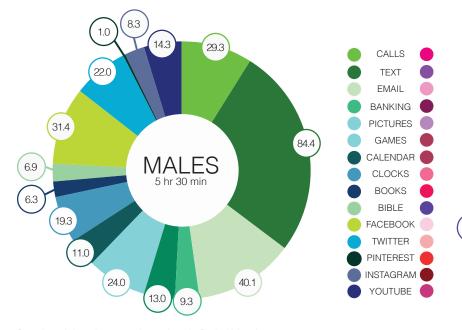
According to SG, the initiatives they will focus on are making the library 24-hours, adding touring programs to the library, and more kayaks.

BY MONICA ALVAREZ

### [NEWS]

105.4

### Number of Minutes College Age Students Spend on Their Smart Phone on Average a Day



Data shown is based on research completed by Baylor University. BY CAITLYN BROYLES



### SPRING FESTIVAL MARCH 5-6

#### **OP PLANS SPRING MUSIC FESTVIAL**

Which sucks if you're graduating in the fall, but odds are you aren't sooo... OP Director John Chwalisz plans to make it "the best it could possibly be," which is reassuring.

### VOTE FOR OZZIE'S SAKE (SHOUTS OUT OZZIE)

23.8

13.4



57.3

SG ELECTIONS ARE A BIG DEAL—SG has an insane amount of power, and **if you don't vote**, or if you don't run, our democracy becomes somthing less than that, which sucks. Even SG president Joseph Turner has called it undemocratic when people don't run.

10.4

FEMALES

7 hr 30 min

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### **GOING ON A DATE?**

#### FROM THE GUARDIAN:

"Questions like: "Do you like the scary movies?" and: "Have you ever travelled to another country?" have amazing predicting power. In about three-quarters of the long term couples OkCupid has brought together, both people have answered them the same way."

### **ARMED ROBBERY AND KIDNAPPING ON CAMPUS**

BY SARAH RICEVUTO - STAFF REPORTER & LYDIA MONEIR - BREAKING NEWS EDITOR



A drug deal gone awry Sept. 21 resulted in robbery, kidnapping and threats of murder.

Roberto Julian Raphael was arrested and charged with three felonies — armed robbery with a deadly weapon, kidnapping, possession of a controlled substance — and two misdemeanors — possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and use of drug paraphernalia.

On Sept. 20, the kidnapping victim was at a party in The Flats and met the suspect, who said he wanted to buy marijuana. The victim told the suspect he knew where to get "the good stuff," so they exchanged phone numbers and planned to meet the next day. UNFPD report notes that the victim flashed the money in his wallet during the party.

The next day, the suspect contacted the victim and met him around 8:15 p.m. at the Osprey Clubhouse and they went to a room in Village D together.

The victim showed the suspect the marijuana he had. When the suspect asked if the victim had change for \$100 and the victim got his wallet, the suspect pulled a black semi-automatic handgun, held it to the victim's head and took about \$450 from him.

He led the victim to The Flats at gunpoint to meet another marijuana dealer and told him if he made any noise or tried to alert police, he would kill him. The victim was at gunpoint the whole way to The Flats.

The two met with the second dealer, who offered the suspect two ounces of marijuana for \$440. The suspect refused the deal and returned to the Village with the victim, arriving at about 9:45 p.m.

The suspect then forced the victim to delete all texts and numbers from his phone and text his driver's license information to the suspect.

He told the victim that if he talked, he would shoot him in the leg. A witness came forward on Sept. 21 to notify the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, who then notified UNFPD.

The victim was trespassed from campus and it was determined that the suspect should be taken into custody. UNFPD officers went to The Flats and got permission to enter and search the suspect's apartment and took Raphael into custody.

A JSO detective arrived and took the handgun, which turned out to be a BB gun, into evidence.

Sgt. Mark Milton with UNFPD said the BB gun was made to look like a real gun with a real weight and size.

During the search, they also found .9 grams of what the officer believed was marijuana, two pipes with marijuana residue, rolling papers and a bag of pills identified on the scene as containing amphetamine. They also found one empty shell casing and one loaded 9mm cartridge. The property section of the UNFPD report also lists 14–18 grams of marijuana belonging to the victim.

The suspect was advised of his Miranda rights and gave a full written confession. He was taken to the Duval County Pre-Trial Detention Facility without incident and trespassed from UNF.

As of yet, Raphael has not been released from jail and is listed as not eligible for bond.

According to the Jacksonville Sheriff's Inmate Information website, Raphael's ID number is listed under three previous arrests. He was arrested on July 31 for two counts of petit theft of retail less than \$100 and one count of petit theft of unspecified items less than \$100. He was also arrested on Aug. 20, 2012 for resisting an officer without violence, making threats and trespassing.



#### THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS ACCORDING TO UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS.

#### 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.

#### SEPT 9 - UNFPD OFFICER ASSAULTED, SUSPECT AT LARGE

A suspect is still at large after assaulting an officer who tried to write him a citation for riding his bicycle under a covered walkway and in a garage.

On the evening of Sept. 9, the officer stopped the suspect to write a citation. When asked for ID, the suspect told the officer he did not have any. The suspect tried to flee the area on his bike after the officer asked for his N number.

The officer grabbed the bike to stop him from fleeing, and the suspect planted his feet on the ground and tried to flee again.

When the officer pulled the bike to the side and the suspect lost balance, the officer tried to pull him to the ground and dropped to his knees while trying to hold the suspect on the ground. The suspect resisted, pushing the officer with his arms.

They both stood up and the suspect pushed the officer again to run away on foot to retrieve his bicycle. When the officer began to approach the suspect again, the suspect picked up the bike and used it to push the officer away before riding off.

Officers searched for the suspect, but no one in the area fit the description. The officer was treated for minor injuries to both knees and his left hand.

If found, the suspect will face charges of battery on a law enforcement officer, a third degree felony.

The suspect was described as a white male between 155 and 160 pounds, 5'7" or 5'8", with brown eyes and medium-length black hair, aged 19 to 21. The officer described him as clean shaven at the time of the incident, of average build and not muscular.

**NOTE:** According to UNFPD's Detective Sergeant Mark A. Milton, UNFPD has received information that two young women, possibly students, may have witnessed this incident and UNFPD would like to locate them.

#### SEPT 10 -ROOM WITH ONE RESIDENT: POT

An officer was called to an Osprey Fountains dorm room on Sept. 10 when a Resident Assistant (R.A.) found drugs in a vacant room. A resident informed the R.A. that he observed drug paraphernalia inside the open room. The R.A. found items used for smoking marijuana and matches in the trash can.

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The officer observed what appeared to be marijuana ashes on the desk and a cooler filled with water that smelled like burnt marijuana. The officer also searched the desk and found a red box with 12.6 grams of marijuana and drug paraphernalia inside.

A UNF Housing staff member said Housing would refer the incident to Student Conduct.

#### SEPT 19-POP-A-PIPE

On Sept. 19, an officer met with a student who locked his keys in his car. When the officer unlocked the vehicle and opened the door, there was a strong odor of marijuana. The officer asked the student if he had any marijuana or drug paraphernalia in the car. The student said he had a pipe.

The officer informed the student that he was going to conduct a drug investigation. The student gave the officer consent to search the car. The officer found a pipe and a package of rolling papers in the console.

The officer then asked if the student had anything in his dorm room. The student said he had another pipe and consented for the officer to search his room. At the dorm, the student produced a wooden pipe. The officer did not find anything else in the room.

The officer requested the student be referred to Student Conduct.

#### SEPT 25-ROOF RAILING WRECKERS

An officer was dispatched to Building 39, J. Brooks Brown Hall, on Sept. 25 because someone was gaining access to the roof. The officer met with a UNF employee who said she heard a loud banging coming from outside on the third floor level by the stairway.

The employee said she walked outside and saw 4-5 males causing a disturbance. They promptly left after she told them to leave, before she called the police. The men appeared to have been banging their skateboards against the metal railing.

An estimated \$500 of damaged was done to the railing. One of the metal rails was bent and the other was knocked out of the concrete setting.

Patrol efforts have been suspended due to lack of information.



### HERE, THERE BE RESEARCH COMMONLY THOUGHT OF AS A TEACHING SCHOOL, UNF IS ALSO A RESEARCH INSTITUTION

BY SARAH RICEVUTO STAFF REPORTER

PHOTO BY ROBERT CURTIS

t's a typical Friday afternoon, and two undergraduate chemistry students are in the lab mixing compounds, wearing matching safety goggles and recording results. These students are doing organic chemical research, but they don't attend UF, FSU or any of the other well known "research" universities.

Benjamin Rathman and Philip Azar are UNF students. They are synthesizing small molecules using ionic liquids to carry out reactions as part of Dr. Kenneth Laali's organic chemistry research class.

UNF is taking its classification as a "teaching" university and reinforcing it with research in an attempt to create an institution that allows students to learn from people who are actively working in their fields.

"I think there's a terrible false dichotomy in higher education that someone is either primarily a teacher or a researcher," Dr. Mitch Miller, a criminal justice professor, said. "[Research] enables us to bring a firsthand experience of what's going on."

Dr. John Kantner, associate vice president of Research and dean of the Graduate School, said UNF's mission is to provide educational opportunities for students, particularly undergraduate students. "I don't want to give the impression that no research takes place here, quite a bit takes place."

Almost every department on campus is doing research, which ranges from synthesizing chemicals in the Chemistry Department to Chinese acquisition research in the Languages, Literatures and Cultures Department.

The Engineering Department has a class this semester that allows students hands-on experience building toys for disabled children that will record data of the child's learning capabilities while they play, according to Dr. Murat Tiryakioglu, director of the School of Engineering.

The class combines research with practical application, Tiryakioglu said. Ayshka Rodriguez, an electrical engineering junior, is taking the class this semester. She said, "We get to see firsthand how our research can help. It's a great way to show you what you'll be doing when you get out of school."

Dr. Kantner said UNF differs from other research universities in that research is not the main focus. He said this gives students the opportunity to be taught by the professor, in comparison to "research" universities where the professors may focus solely on their own research and delegate teaching to graduate teaching assistants. "UNF really excels at providing what we call the hands-on university experience," Dr. Kantner said. "We're almost like a liberal arts college in a mid-size public university. There are all kinds of opportunities [for] students that they wouldn't get at a big, huge research university."

Azar, a chemistry junior working in Laali's research, said he is grateful for the chance he has to do research that he would not have at a larger school.

"I just never thought that as an undergrad they would say, 'Oh yeah, you can do that. We trust you,'" Azar said.

Researching while teaching can help the professors stay active in their fields and bring the most to their classes.

"I believe research puts you on the cutting edge," Dr. Claudia Sealey-Potts, a nutrition and dietetics professor, said. "It has allowed me to show the students how to apply what they are learning in the classroom, in the community."

Dr. Asai Asaithambi, director of the School of Computing, said his department is 'beefing' up its research profile by hiring new faculty who are familiar with the newest technologies.

Kantner said professors at UNF chose the university because they want an emphasis on teaching and not research.

"Some faculty think that's not really their mission," Kantner said. "They feel they need to serve students and not the research engine."

Professors like Dr. Radha Pyati, chair of the Chemistry Department, encourage students to get involved in research, especially undergraduates, if they are able.

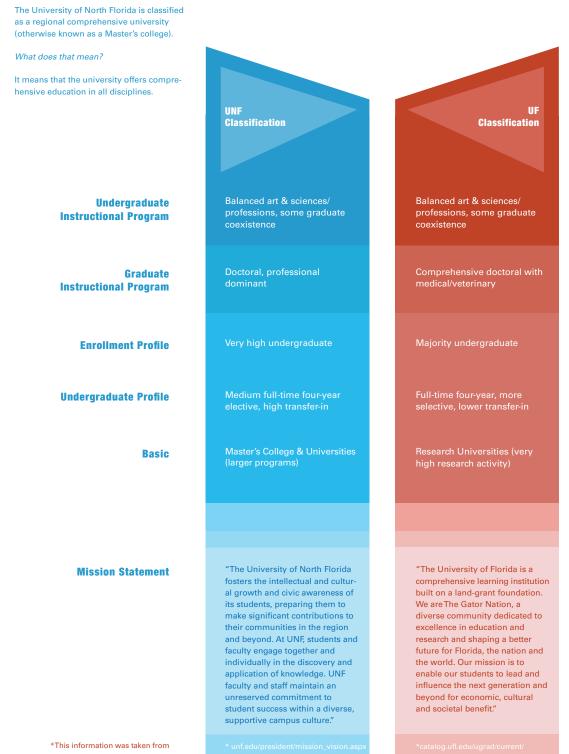
"The students and faculty members are both partners in trying to find an answer to a question no one has ever found an answer to before," Pyati said.

UNF's vision statement states, "UNF faculty will excel in teaching and scholarship, sharing with students their passion for discovery." There may be a consensus among faculty and administration that UNF aims to provide a comprehensive educational environment for students.

This may in part contribute to UNF's consistent ranking as a "Best Value College" and "Best Regional University." For the last four years, UNF has been named among The Princeton Review's Top 75 "Best Value Colleges."

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STUDENTS CREATE TOYS TO HELP CHILDREN

BY SARAH RICEVUTO STAFF REPORTER

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PHOTO BY ROBERT CURTIS

Il over the lab, students are huddled in groups around small, brightly colored toy cars. Some students take measurements while others dive in and begin unscrewing plastic parts, discussing the benefits of helmets, joysticks and bull straps.

These students are part of a UNF engineering course that rebuilds toys for children with physical disabilities to make the toys safe for use and to aid in rehabilitation.

Dr. Juan Aceros, assistant professor of electrical engineering, said these engineering students are building the toy cars. Another senior engineering design class instructed by Dr. Alan Harris, associate professor of electrical engineering, and Dr. Paul Eason, associate professor of mechanical engineering, are working to build sensors that will record data of the child's learning and rehabilitation.

The class will also work with other UNF students studying physical therapy. Dr. Mary Lundy, assistant professor of clinical and applied movement sciences, said the physical therapy students intend to work with the children in the rehabilitation process with toy cars.

"[Physical therapy students] will meet with the engineers to talk about what the child needs," Lundy said. The engineering students take the shells of battery-powered ride-on cars and remodel them based on the child's background and disability.

For example, one group received the profile of a child with Spinal Muscle Atrophy Type 2, an incurable disease that causes muscle weakness and the inability to sit without support. The students discussed devising a helmet system and armrests to hold up the child's head and arms.

The class is offering students unique experiences that are not present in a traditional engineering class. "It's sort of like a hands-on application of what we've learned so far," Amber Katada, a senior studying mechanical engineering, said.

Marissa Miller, an electrical engineering senior, said the project is rewarding and unlike anything she has ever done before.

"In the engineering side, I'm getting hands-on experience but I'm also helping people," Julie Trembley, a mechanical engineering senior, said.

This project is an example of the countless exciting classroom opportunities, including undergraduate research, available at UNF. The students in Aceros' class are working on their own version of research that will better prepare them for graduation.

### [ STUDENT ]

### CARMAGGEDDON UNF STUDENTS HUNT FOR PARKING

BY SARAH RICEVUTO STAFF REPORTER

PHOTO BY JOSHUA BRANGENBERG

NF students have become expert stalkers. They are ruthless and will stop at nothing to get what they want -a parking spot.

On an average morning, students circle parking garages and lots seeking not just the best parking spots, but ideal parking spots. They see someone exit the stairwell and press the gas pedal to rush toward them before creeping to a crawl as they follow the person.

Some days it seems like the only way you can find a parking spot on campus is to act like predators stalking their prey.

Every year, there are complaints from students and faculty/staff about the parking situation on campus.

Vince Smyth, assistant vice president of Administration and Finance, said parking at UNF is not as bad as everyone thinks it is.

"There are always spots available, it just might not be where they want to park," he said.

Smyth pointed out that Lot 53, the parking lot in front of Hicks Hall, usually has empty spots and a shuttle can take people to campus from there.

Each year the Parking Advisory Council sets target ratios of permits per spots. This year the ratio of permits per spot for Blue (Premium) permits was 2.30 but the ratio sold was 2.50.

"Those Blue spaces they turn over, over the course of the day. People are here on much less of a basis and so you can sell a lot more," Smyth said. "In fact, it's not exact in different places but 2.5 is not an unusual thing within parking."

Smyth said the ratios are just targets and not an exact estimate. Meeting these targets is not as simple as programming the sales to cut off.

"The system does not let us put it in as an exact number. Somebody has to actually watch it when it gets close to the ratio," Smyth said.

He said you can either turn it off when it gets close or let it go over and hope you catch it. However, some sales happen on the weekend or overnight when there is no one present to shut off the sales. Spinnaker observed parking at different times of day and put together a few observations that might benefit students and faculty/staff.

The Blue spaces in the garages fill up by 10 a.m. on most days, but if you have a Blue permit there are spots behind the arena and by the tennis courts. You can also park in the Parking & Transportation Services and UNFPD parking lots with a Blue permit as these lots often have open parking spaces.

This year, the university hired about 50 new professors and additional staff, but did not provide more parking. Faculty and staff parking spots in the Student Union garage usually fill up by 10 a.m. but people with those permits can head over to the Fine Arts Center Parking Garage to park their vehicle.

Dr. David Jaffee, professor of sociology at UNF, said the Student Union garage tends to be packed, but he can almost always find a faculty/ staff spot in the Fine Arts Center Parking Garage.

For Gray permits holders, Lot 18 gets busy – especially the spots closer to the bus stops.

"On Tuesdays and Thursdays between 2-3 p.m., it's impossible to find a spot [in Lot 18]," Jacob George, a transportation logistics senior, said. If you don't mind walking, Lot 14 is closer to campus than Lot 18.

Gray permits can also park at Lot 53 and take a shuttle to campus. The university is hoping to alleviate some of the parking issues with the new garage addition near the Fine Arts Center. This garage will add Housing, Blue parking permits and Faculty/Staff parking spots, which generate the most complaints.

A new initiative was also put forward by Student Body President Joseph Turner. He asked the Parking Advisory Council to allow students to exchange their Blue permits for Gray permits since the Blue lots were accidentally oversold.

Until the garage is complete in January, students can continue honing their stalking skills while hoping to find the ideal spot.

### [STUDENT]

# **COLLEGE & PETS**

5 REASONS HAVING A PET IN COLLEGE COULD BE THE BEST IDEA YOU'VE EVER HAD BY ANNIE BLACK CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

NICKI CARR'S DOG MOBY

KNOW, IT'S CLICHÉ. "A DOG IS A MAN'S BEST FRIEND!" AND WHAT NOT. BUT LET ME TELL YOU FROM EXPERIENCE - HAVING A PET WHILE GOING TO UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA HAS MADE MY LIFE MUCH BETTER. THE FIRST TWO YEARS OF SCHOOL, I HAD A FISH. NAMED OLIVER, HE WAS A BLUE BETA WHO LIVED IN A BOWL IN MY FRESHMAN DORM ROOM. I FED HIM TWICE A DAY, AND CLEANED HIS LITTLE BOWL OUT AT LEAST ONCE EVERY TWO WEEKS. I EVEN TOOK HIM HOME FOR THANKSGIVING BREAK, PUTTING THE SEAT BELT OVER HIS BOWL IN THE FRONT SEAT OF MY VOLKSWAGEN BEETLE. (NOT THE BRIGHTEST IDEA, I'M AWARE.) I LOVED THAT FISH. AFTER OLIVER WENT FOR A SWIM IN FISH HEAVEN, I UPGRADED TO A LARGER FISH TANK COMPLETE WITH A FLOATING BALL PLANT. I ALSO WENT TO THE JACKSONVILLE HUMANE SOCIETY, AND FOUND MY BEST FRIEND. A WHITE, 21-POUND, SHORT-HAIR DOMESTIC, DEAF CAT WHO IS NAMED BISCUIT. A PET WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE, AND HAVING ONE IN COLLEGE IS THE BEST WAY TO DEAL WITH THE STRESS THAT COMES ALONG WITH BEING A YOUNG ADULT AND STARTING YOUR REAL LIFE . HERE'S WHY.

### [ STUDENT ]

### **1** THEY ARE MORE RELIABLE THAN ANYTHING OR ANYONE ELSE IN COLLEGE.

With everything that goes on during your formative university years, you'll find that nothing is permanent. Friends come and go, boyfriends and girlfriends come and go, and it's doubtful that you'll live in the same place for your entire time in school. You will always have your pet, and they will never let you down.

### **2** SOMETIMES YOU'RE GOING TO FEEL ALONE, BUT YOU AREN'T.

There are definitely going to be days where you feel like everything and everyone is against you. It's really, really nice coming home to someone who loves you regardless of if you failed a test or had an argument with your best friend.

### **3** IT'S NICE TO HAVE CONTROL OF SOMETHING WHEN THE REST OF YOUR LIFE IS UNPREDICTABLE.

Having a pet means you have something to take care of. While you may not always feed yourself properly, you won't leave your cat or dog hungry. Unless you're a terrible person, of course. Which I hope you're not.

### **4** IT'S REALLY GOOD FOR YOUR EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL HEALTH.

Having a pet is actually scientifically proven to relax you. College is stressful. Like, really stressful. Petting a cat or a dog can make you feel a little bit better. Making something else happy will make you feel really good about yourself.

### **5** YOU LITERALLY WILL NEVER BE BORED.

You will always have something to play with. Whether it's throwing a ball for your pup, or playing fish pole with your cat, your pet will keep you entertained always. There's always something you can do with a pet, and it'll keep you away from watching more Netflix or playing video games.





Having a pet, regardless of what age you are, is great for you. In college, it's even better. They're good for teaching you how to take care of something, good for stress relief, and good for when you just really need a friend. While they may do stupid things like tear up a leg of your couch or puke all over your new sweater, you can't be mad. Your pet will be your best friend, and you'll love them no matter what.



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## RAPE CULTURE IS ALIVE & WELL

Words by Cassidy Alexander, Staff Reporter

## NUMBERS ALONE DON'T TELL THE STORY OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

and Catherine Byerly, Spring 2013 Enterprise Editor

t is a busy time at UNF and other colleges throughout the country. We are just a few weeks into the fall term, and students are just now settling into their classes and extracurriculars. Whether it is putting together an intramural sports team or rushing, students have their hands full right now.

On top of their busy schedules, students are also told they are in what has been dubbed "the red zone." An article by the Business Insider titled "The 'Red Zone' A Shockingly Dangerous Time for Female College Freshmen" identifies the period of time between the start of school and Thanksgiving break as having the highest risk for sexual assault. This idea of the Red Zone has driven the narrative of the discussion regarding risks female students face across campuses in the United States.

However, recent discussion aims to move away from the idea of the "red zone" as the most dangerous time for female college students. According to an NPR article published on September 8, this time of the year is not the only dangerous time for women. There is no evidence supporting this common misconception, but it is just one of many surrounding the idea of sexual assault and rape on college campuses.

There has also been a lot of recent coverage of Emma Sulkowicz, a student at Columbia University, who has been carrying a mattress around her campus to symbolize the weight of what she has been dealing with-- an alleged rape and an improper response from the school.

This perfomance art piece, as she calls it, will continue until her school expels her assailant. Although this occurred on the first day of Sulkowicz' sophomore year and she is now a senior, her assailant still walks the campus. Two other students have come forward and accused him of the same thing, and still the school has not taken any action against him.

This kind of non-response from the university is typical. We live in a world where victims are questioned and assaults are swept under the rug to protect those who committed them. It is unfortunately a very common mindset, as made evident by the negative comments under stories like the one about Sulkowicz. Mixed in with the expected support and positivity, attacks on her motives are brought up by people who question that she was even raped.

"Something doesn't smell quite right with this one," someone commented on a Huffington Post article about the Columbia student. "She is obviously smart or she wouldn't be at Columbia. Too many questions about this and illogical moves on her part..."

Comments like these are part of a nasty habit of blaming the victim, an issue that has become increasingly noticeable in the open forum of internet comments. Ambivalently, this raised profile has caused people to begin labeling society's response as "rape culture."

Rape culture is something that happens when the media and other facets of society excuse and normalize sexual violence against women. This is caused by a multitude of things-- the way women are portrayed on TV and magazines, the way men are portrayed through the same mediums, how we frame the news, and the tendency people have to ask questions like, "what was she wearing?" and "Was she drinking?" instead of questions like, "Why did he rape her?"

The point that the media and its consumers often seem to forget: sexual violence is never the victim's fault.

If someone got the information to your bank account, no one would say, "You shouldn't have been using that bank. What were you thinking?" Instead, you would find sympathy and a timely and diligent response from the police. Why is it any different when people steal nude photos, or rape women?

People know how it works, and this knowledge is one of the reasons people do not report sexual assaults. Women who have been traumatized and violated know how traumatizing and violating it will be to go through the process of reporting the crime and seeking justice. Men who are raped have been socialized to think they're supposed to love sex in all forms and should not complain.

There are so many different stigmas that permeate our society from the day we are born, and it makes being a victim into a shameful thing

Reporting a rape is an incredibly hard thing to do, so a lot of times people just do not do it. This does not make it their fault, but ours for perpetuating these ideas.

A 2013 Spinnaker article exposed the fact that in the previous four years, there had only been one case of sexual battery reported to UNFPD. In that same amount of time, the UNF Women's Center Victim Advocacy Program assisted 62 UNF students who said they were the victim of sexual assault.

Additionally, the article informed students that only 18 percent of rapes are reported. These numbers tell the sickening story about how our society has a tendency to underestimate the significance of rape. When women do not feel comfortable reporting assaults, and universities have less than supportive responses, we are sending a message to rapists: there are no consequences. Continue to do what you do.

When we laugh at rape jokes, or say "That math test raped me!" we are normalizing rape. We are sending a message to rapists: I think what you do is okay.

When we tell women not to take nude photos or not to drink when they go out, we are sending a message to rapists: It's their own fault, they brought it on themselves.

We need to consider whether or not these messages are ones we

want to be sending. All too often people have a tendency to think that something does not apply to them - because they are not a woman, or because they have never been raped. But a society-wide problem calls for a society-wide response.

UNF has recently taken steps in the right direction and amended its regulations on sexual misconduct. The revisions included adding dating violence, domestic violence, and responsible

employee to their list of definitions. The changes also clarified several definitions, expanded their sections regulating procedure, and included a much longer list of resources for victims among other changes.

This kind of action is what we need if we want to be the culture we pretend to live in - intolerant of injustice and violence of all kinds, with no exception. Educating ourselves and others is key to this process. Next time you think about commenting something negative on an article about a victim, think twice. Think about what you're doing, and don't do it.

### NUMBERS ALONE DON'T TELL STORY OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

Publisher's Note: this article originally appeared in the April 17, 2013 edition of the newspaper. Pertinent parts of it have been excerpted to accompany Cassidy's opinion. It should be noted that this section is news, devoid of opinion.

Nationwide, university administration and students alike are witnessing a public conversation about how sexual assaults on campus are handled – because sexual assault isn't an uncommon problem.

According to the Federal Bureau of Justice Statistics, the estimated annual rate of sexual assault is between two to five women for every 1,000. Given the number of students who live on campus at UNF, this would amount to approximately 11 sexual assaults a year on campus,

and 46 off campus, based on enrollment.

What's more, according to the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey conducted by the Centers for Disease Control, 79 percent of rape victims are under 25 years old, which places college students at a higher risk. So how many sexual assaults have been reported to university police at UNF this year? One.

In fact, only one count of sexual battery has been reported to the University of North Florida Police Department in four years- the lowest rate in the Florida public university system.

The numbers don't end there.

In the past four academic years, the UNF Women's Center Victim Advocacy Program has assisted 62 UNF students who said they were the victim of sexual assault. The cause behind that gap is as multifaceted as the crime itself.

"There are so many words," said Sheila Spivey, director of the UNF Women's Center, which operates independently of UNFPD. "Sometimes they don't really mean the same thing." Rape is sexual contact without consent, Spivey said. Spivey went on to say that consent cannot be given if a person is asleep, unconscious, or under the influence of drugs or alcohol. "Anything short of a yes means no," Spivey said.

The term used by the state of Florida, and thus UPD, is "sexual battery." Sexual battery is non consensual "oral, anal, or vaginal penetration by, or union with, the sexual organ of another or the anal or vaginal penetration of another by any other object." This means penetration by the hand or of the mouth could result in a rape charge equal to that of conventional intercourse under Florida statutes.

Although there is a wide array of language used in sexual violence, officers are trained to help victims through the reporting process, UNFPD Lieutenant Andy Joiner said.

UNFPD's jurisdiction only includes incidents on or within 1,000 feet of UNF property. Joiner said if a student came to UPD about an incident off campus they would help them process the information through JSO.

UNF students are also protected by Student Conduct, which protects against "sexual misconduct and harassment." This can range from harassing language to rape. From 2009-2012, two such cases have been handled through Student Affairs.

"Sexual violence can occur on a continuum," Spivey said. "It can range from behaviors that are intimidating all the way to behavior that's terrifying."

Florida law says people under the influence of alcohol cannot enter any legal contract, including agreeing to sex.

The Handbook for Campus Safety and Security Reports used by UNF-PD offers strict definitions of what constitutes "forcible sex offenses." It even offers scenarios that give framework for judgement calls by officers, such as: "A female student reports that her ex-boyfriend had sex with her in her campus residence hall while she was unconscious after a night of drinking alcohol. Classify this as one Forcible Sex Offense."

The Clerv Act outlines the exact obligations of university police departments to keep students up to date on campus crime. The Clery

"Anything short of a yes means no" - Sheila Spivey

Act is a federal law enacted in 1990 that requires all universities that accept federal financial aid to report sexual assault crime data both to students and the DOE.

The law was put in place with the assumption that students could react and be safer as a result - so UNFPD has an obligation to notify students in a timely fashion.

In August 2012, UNFPD posted neon fliers labeled "Crime Report" across campus after a girl claimed to be sexually assaulted in the Wellness Center.

When UNFPD discovered that no assault took place, the report was labeled as "unfounded" and the student was charged with filing a false police report, so this number would not be reported to DOE.

In the event an investigation is still active, the incident is still counted in the Clery numbers, as shown in the April 15, 2012, incident involving a then 17-year-old girl. A year later, no arrests have been made because of conflicting accounts of the incident to police.

University police departments are required to compile the number

of forcible rapes and make those available to the DOE, information that becomes available on the department's website. The crime data also become available to students through the schools' safety guide. UNF has only one reported case of rape in the numbers reported to the DOE.

An investigation of police reports for the last two years, cross checked against UNF's Safety Guide and numbers reported to DOE, shows only the one. All the numbers match.

State University and the University

of South Florida, where the Spinnaker's analysis of the information provided on the DOE website shows more forcible sex offenses than the crime reports on the respective university safety guides.

According to federal law, each violation can result in a fine up to \$25,000. Not everyone who is a victim of a sexual assault will report it.

The U.S. Institute of Justice found that only 18% of rapes are re-

ported to law enforcement - thus, many will never go through UPD. "We also understand that someone might not want to come forward and tell what happened," Joiner said.

What would prevent someone from seeking justice?

Aubrey Moore works with sexual assault victims in the Jacksonville area and said the media play a part in affecting what people view as rape.

"It's not that stranger who jumps out of a van and attacks someone," Moore said. "In reality, most of the victims know the assailant."

The Federal Bureau of Statistics reported that between 2005 and 2010, 78 percent of female victims knew their attacker - meaning a student may be safer walking home from a party in the dark than at the brightly lit party she was leaving.

Moore said many incidents of sexual violence don't make it to trial because of hold ups along the way. This lengthy process can deter victims. Cultural beliefs about the justice department can also determine if a

victim reports a crime to police.

Spivey said some cultures have an attitude that the community takes care of itself, while other cultures don't bring up sexual violence.

Because of the inherently private nature of sexuality, students often don't know what is normal because sexual experiences are not always openly shared with peers.

Adding alcohol makes the issue even murkier - especially when the negative stigma of under-aged drinking is added. If she feels guilty for drinking, a victim may feel she is not in a place to bring up the wrong done against her.

When the Department of Justice researched college incidents categorized as rape, only half of victims perceived they were raped.

One UNF International Studies major who wished to remain anonymous said there was an incident involving alcohol where things went much farther than she wanted to, but she took responsibility for the incident because she willingly drank. Even amid the numerous education programs in both the UNF and Jacksonville communities, confu-

sion remains about what rape is.

"People think of the textbook version of rape and don't understand the different nuances of it," said Anna Hixon, assistant state attorney in Jacksonville.

"If someone has sex when they were too drunk to give consent, that could arguably be a crime," Hixon said. "But they don't think it is - so they don't report it."

The chasm between reporting and reality is not without consequence. Massachusetts and the U.S. Navy have

provided some dramatic insight into those committing sexual assault. David Lisak asked male university students if they had ever used force to engage in sexual activity or had sex with someone too intoxicated to resist. Six percent said yes. Of those, 60 percent said they did it more than once.

The U.S. Navy later duplicated the findings in a subsequent study. If the same individuals are committing sexual assault and getting away with it, even if the victim feels satisfied with the outcome of care and counseling - is that good news for campus safety?

"We have to look at the issue of silence," Spivey said. "Rape is a crime that takes away a victim's voice."

In the current set-up, when a voice isn't raised - can't be raised - it could mean another voice is silenced.

> UNF Women's Center Victim Advocacy Program (904) 620 - 1010

### Reporting a rape is an incredibly hard thing to do, so a lot of times people just do not do it. This does not make it their fault, but ours, for The same cannot be said of Florida **perpetuating these ideas.** Studies out of the University of



### INSANELY POPULAR "VIRTUAL BATHROOM WALL" YIK YAK FUN AND INNOCUOUS TO MOST, BUT SOME AT UNF ARE WARY OF THE SOCIAL MEDIA OUTLET'S POSSIBLE USES.

BY BLAKE MIDDLETON STAFF REPORTER

UNF students post things like: My sideboob is a 10/10 today and Smells like weed in the Fountains and I just saw an Osprey land on the roof of the arena. F\*\*\* YEAH!

Yik Yak allows students to anonymously post messages to a forum that anyone in a 1.5-mile radius can see.

### **THE CONFUSION**

The Spinnaker's inquiries have caused some confusion as to whether or not the university wants to ban the app.

James Robinson, applications system analyst for Information Technology Services, said on Oct. 6 that UNF is working on banning the app because of an external complaint. He told Spinnaker to contact Clay Maddox, assistant director of IT Security, for more details.

When the Spinnaker sent a record request later that day for the specific complaint, Director of Public Relations Joanna Norris said the university isn't aware of any such complaint.

Spinnaker spoke to Maddox on Oct. 7. He said the app is not being blocked, and ITS was never planning on blocking the app. He said no one has ever spoken to him about blocking the app.

Spinnaker called Robinson for clarification after speaking to Maddox and he said, "I cannot talk to you," then immediately hung up the phone with no explanation.

#### THE BEEF

The app has caused confrontation between UNF students and professors.

In a class of 220 students Dr. Leslie Kaplan teaches, honor students got busted for posting inappropriate things about Kaplan during class.

Jeff Michelman, associate dean of Undergraduate Studies and director of the Honors Program, called it "a virtual bathroom wall" because all posts are anonymous, and some are vulgar.

Michelman said a student showed a faculty member what had been posted on the app. He said, "We've gotten ITS involved in tracking down the addresses of the students that were involved, and we've had some success with that."

However, Robinson said ITS has no way of finding out who said what because apps like these go to great lengths to secure users anonymity.

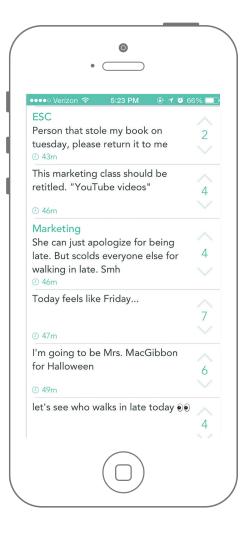
With the help of geo-fences, virtual boundaries that cut off use of the app, Yik Yak has already been banned at 85 percent of middle and high schools across the U.S.

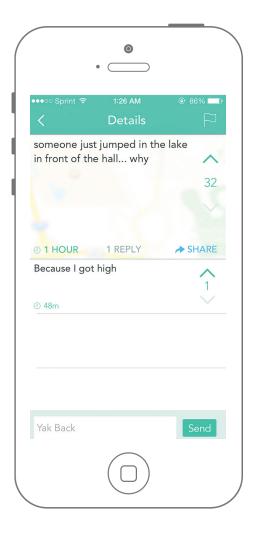
#### WITH GREAT POWER...

Cam Mullen, lead community developer for Yik Yak, said, "What we've realized is anonymity is really powerful. It requires responsibility."

Mullen said middle and high school students aren't mature enough to handle anonymity on the Internet. Michelman said, "With this app, you can say anything you want, whether it's true or false, and you don't have to worry about taking ownership for that."

But he said a ban on the app at a





university campus doesn't make any sense.

"We don't have boys and girls. We have young men and women. We have adults," he said.

"There is something we value at a university campus called free speech," Michelman said. "But I don't believe that free speech should allow students to say anything they want without taking ownership."

Tyler Dean, business management senior, said, "This one's kick is the fact that it's anonymous. It would probably die if it wasn't."

There are some cases, however, when the creators reveal the identity of its users. The app has been used to make a bomb threat at San Clemente High School and a building at the University of Georgia had to be evacuated after a student made a threat using the app.

Mullen said they take threats very seriously and, when necessary, contact authorities and work with officials.

He said all services have to deal with threats like this as they grow. He said Fa-

cebook and YouTube went through the same thing.

Thomas Van Schoor, dean of students, said the people at Yik Yak have been forthcoming about reporting back an IP address to the university after they learn a threat has been made.

Van Schoor said if an anonymous threat was made at UNF using the app, police would first decide if the threat is credible.

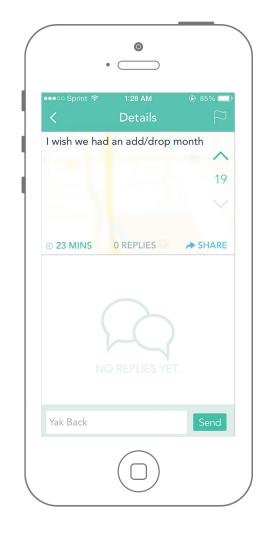
Threats are deemed credible when they're specific, and include exact details regarding actions, location and time.

Van Schoor said students have reported things like name calling to Student Conduct from the app, but nothing serious.

"When you're an anonymous person on the Internet, they're going to be less afraid to say stuff," Keith Hubbard, UNF computer science senior, said. "The anonymity gives people the illusion that they can do or say whatever they want."

Mullen said they have a 24/7 moderation team checking for hot words associated with bullying and racism.

SEVERAL STUDENTS CLAIM THEY USE YIK YAK TO POST A BUNCH OF "STUPID CRAP" WHEN THEY'RE BORED OR IN CLASS.



He said as the app grows, the communities do most of the policing. Users can flag or downvote posts. Once a post has 5 downvotes, it's automatically deleted.

Several students claim they use Yik Yak to post a bunch of "stupid crap" when they're bored or in class.

Josh Jensen, civil engineering junior, said, "I think it should be anonymous, and that's okay, but they shouldn't take anything on it seriously."

Mullen said they can suspend or block users indefinitely if they need to.

#### WHY YIK YAK?

The app is popular at UNF, with 26,542 active monthly users, according to Mullen.

This is compared to 20,376 at the University of Florida and 33,344 at the University of South Florida.

Mullen said the app was created to give a voice to every student. "The quiet kid in the back of class might actually be the funniest kid on campus," he said.

He said the creators got the idea from Twit-

ter. They noticed that only a few anonymous Twitters were popular throughout campus. So they made everyone anonymous.

The app completely does away with the concept of followers. Users get Yakarma points when other users upvote their posts. The app was launched November 2013 by

two Furman University students. Mullen said the app is in the process of becoming a real-time news source. Users will be able to use the app's "Peek" feature for situations like Ferguson to see what's going on in real-time at that exact location. Corey Jones, international relations junior, said, "Anything anonymous is going to have a lot of problems ... It definitely presents its own set of challenges, but it's not necessarily inherently bad. That's kind of what happens when people are anonymous on the Internet, they just say stupid things."



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### MEN'S BASKETBALL BELIEVE THIS IS THEIR YEAR TO TAKE ATLANTIC SUN CHAMPIONSHIP.

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### [BASKETBALL]

Last March, Mike Krzyzewski, a teary-eyed head coach for the Duke University Blue Devils, walked into Mercer University's locker room to congratulate them on their upset of his team. The year before that, Georgetown University was the first of two victims to fall to an Atlantic Sun team.

In two back-to-back seasons, two Atlantic Sun teams–Florida Gulf Coast University and Mercer University–that were double-digit seeds going into the NCAA Tournament, knocked off two top 5 seeds, bringing success and exposure to those schools. Just making the tournament alone warranted publicity.

That is the goal for the Ospreys this year, led by Head Coach Matthew Driscoll and a crew of versatile players. The expectations are higher than ever before. This season the UNF men's basketball team has been ranked second in the preseason coaches poll for the Atlantic Sun Conference.

Three Ospreys have been named to the Preseason All-Conference team: Dallas Moore, the reigning A-Sun Freshman of the Year, Chris Davenport, sophomore forward, and Beau Beech, junior guard and forward who shot 39.8 percent from three-point range last season.

While Driscoll and his players may think the ranking holds little value until they prove anything on the court, the fans and students hold a value in that ranking and expect other teams to recognize UNF's potential this season.

The coaches aren't the only ones to predict UNF's better chances. The Ospreys are third in the media poll behind Lipscomb.

"It does tell you how people view you," Driscoll said. "The coaches have an in-depth understanding, where sometimes the media may not know."

It feels like the program has been growing every season, from making it to the conference title in 2011, to last year's record of 10-8 in league play with a young team. Now the team is a year older with a few new freshmen and one transfer who redshirted last year. This season the Ospreys have one of the most versatile teams they've had in a long time.

"We probably have the most shooters that we've ever had," Driscoll said. "We have some guys that can play, pick and pop from the four position, which is going to open it up for Romelo [Banks]."

Romelo Banks, sophomore, is stepping into the starting center role with the departure of Travis Wallace. As a reserve player, Banks ranked ninth in the A-Sun for blocks last year.

"The more you can space the floor and the more you can place shooters around him, the easier it becomes to play one-on-one," Driscoll said. "Sometimes we can have five shooters on the floor."

Helping spread the floor is Trent Mackey, a junior who was redshirted last season after transferring from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. During his last season at ULM, he averaged 44 percent from beyond the ark, ranking him 12th in the NCAA in three-point field goals.

"Those guys have already heightened their own expectations even before they came," Driscoll said. "They all want to do something here that's never been done before, from a team standpoint."

"Our goals have always been the same: win the A-Sun," Beech said.

"We've got a lot of guys that can play and everybody can shoot. It's fun." The Ospreys were a young team last year with 17 games decided by six points or less, and two wins over Mercer, who would go on to win the A-Sun and upset Duke in the NCAA tournament.

UNF is hoping to use that experience from last season, along with a versatile cast, to do what has never been done – win the conference championship.

"Winning the tournament and getting to the NCAA is everybody's dream," UNF Athletic Director Lee Moon said. "The impact will be similar to what happened to FGCU – like Mercer."

UNF has two wins in A-Sun Conference tournament history, both in 2011, when they advanced to the championship but ended up losing to top-seeded Belmont University by a painstaking 41 points.

Making it just a little easier on the Ospreys, both Mercer and East Tennessee State University departed the Atlantic Sun Conference this year, after Belmont departed in 2012.

"It is a weaker league," Raphielle Johnson, columnist for NBC's College Basketball Talk, said. "You've got opportunities to step forward."

"Lipscomb and North Florida are two teams that are pegged this season to possibly contend," Johnson said. "UNF's got some good pieces. When you have guys at each position that can shoot the basketball, it makes you that much tougher to defend. They can definitely contend for the conference title."

With the starting lineup coming back more experienced, Moore running the offense and the addition of three new players, the Ospreys look promising. Nick Malonga and Osborn Blount are junior college players, who will have the opportunity to play for the Ospreys for three years as opposed to two.

"It's really a nice situation for us to have guys that can be here for that long coming into the program," Driscoll said.

The other new face on the team is a 6'6 freshman forward, Karlos Odum.

The team will head to Cancun, Mexico in November to compete in The Cancun Challenge, a preseason tournament. The Ospreys last won this tournament in 2010, the same time they contended for the A-Sun conference title.

"It gives us two games against upper level opponents that we can measure on, and it gives us two games against mid-major opponents," Moon said. "In the last few years, we've played somebody like us in a neutral situation and won both games each year and that gives us confidence." Starting in January 2015 the games will be streamed on ESPN 3. Until then many of the games will be broadcasted on A-Sun TV through the A-sun's website.

1 Romelo Banks aims for the basket.

2 Coach Driscoll demonstrates proper form.

3 Romelo Banks is a sophome and plays center, #33.

4 Jalen Nesbitt is a senior and plays guard, #0.

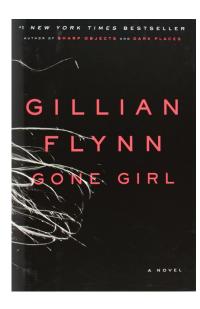








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### A NOVEL APPROACH TO MYSTERY WRITING BY SARAH RICEVUTO STAFF REPORTER

If a woman goes missing you blame her husband, right? Gillian Flynn's novel "Gone Girl" offers a new take on the age-old story of blaming the husband. Flynn's sharp wit, plot twists and character development will keep readers sitting on the edge of their seats as they try to decide who's to blame.

The story begins with what appears to be lackadaisical ramblings of Nick Dunne, the main character, that seem to have no real relation to the story. It is not until later that the reader learns that the seemingly random facts, such as the shape of his wife's head and the time he wakes up, add context to the later plot.

All preconceived notions the reader develops of Nick's guilt are shattered at the end of the first part of the novel.

Each year, Amy insists on doing a scavenger hunt for their anniversary. After Amy goes missing, Nick follows the clues for this year's hunt. A seemingly innocent anniversary tradition leads to sinister revelations and a twist so big even the biggest conspiracy theorists will be surprised.

And the most seasoned reader of mystery novels will be kept guessing. As soon as the reader thinks they have it figured out, Flynn will throw them a curveball that knocks their theory out of the park.

"Gone Girl" has everything from resentment (he moved his city-girl wife back to his tiny hometown of North Carthage, Mo.), to infidelity (can anyone say mistress?), to revenge (but who is seeking it? And how?).

### FILM DELIVERS FINCHER'S SIGNATURE STYLE

BY DOUGLAS MARKOWITZ CONTRIBUTING WRITER

"What have we done to each other?" Ben Affleck's character Nick Dunne wonders at the start of "Gone Girl". The film opens with Nick stroking his wife's lush blond hair as he imagines cracking open her skull and unraveling her brains. Don't take that statement at face value: this is only the first misdirect in one of the most shocking, visceral films of the decade, and when it ends, you won't know what to believe. In just two and a half hours, "Gone Girl" delivers more plot twists than the first two — possibly three — seasons of "Breaking Bad" combined. It's a film that would have Hitchcock on the edge of his seat, and indeed it owes much to his work, especially "Psycho".

Much of this is due to the powerhouse performance of Rosamund Pike as Amy, a breakthrough that will absolutely earn her an Oscar nomination.

Pike gives the picture a thrilling focus, but beneath her lies a meticulously constructed work of modern drama that would not function without one of its contributors. Gillian Flynn rewrote her novel, adapting plot twists and vicious dialogue to better fit the screen. Director David Fincher ("Se7en,""House of Cards") delivers his signature filmmaking palette of washed-out blues and yellows and brisk cinematography. What might have been a soap opera in lesser hands is a smashing expose on American marriage thanks to Fincher. And the cast, including Neil Patrick Harris as an obsessive ex-boyfriend and Tyler Perry as a splashy defense attorney, adds spectacular flashes of brilliance.

# DRACULA UNTOLD

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Having read Bram Stoker's novel, I was eager to see where Shore would take his breakout film. In the novel Stoker never offers an explanation on how Dracula came to be the blood-sucking monster he is.

Written in an epistolary fashion, Stoker's novel focuses more on the people affected by the Count, rather than the vampire himself. So don't be discouraged if you've never had the pleasure of reading Bram Stoker's original, because this movie paints Dracula much like our beloved superheroes of today. Vlad is played by Welsh actor Luke Evans,



who you might have seen in Justin Lin's "Fast & Furious 6" as Shaw, or as Bard from "Peter Jackson's The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug."

Along with recognizable lead actors and actresses, something else you might be familiar with is Hollywood's other vampire films. "The Lost Boys," directed by Joel Schumacher, features a destructive, evil clan of vampires hanging out in Santa Carla, Calif. Neil Jordan's "Interview with the Vampire: The Vampire Chronicles" follows the vampire Louis as he tells his life story.

Unlike these vampires who were "born" into their monsterhood, Vlad is given a sort of "trial period" of vampirism. In this trial period he possesses all the abilities and limitations of being a vampire in order to save his people. This turns the vampire into a figure with a chance for redemption, rather than someone who is forever condemned.

While "Dracula Untold" does offer an original twist to a well-known tale, I couldn't help but notice some clear links to other action movies.

For instance, our tragic hero's main mode of transportation is dissolving into hundreds of bats. Something you might have seen before in Christopher Nolan's "Batman Begins." This isn't the only link to the Batman series either. After Vlad drinks the Master Vampire's blood, MV mutters, "Let the games begin." Bane says the exact same line in "The Dark Knight Rises."

A viewer might also see the mass slaughter war scenes as being akin to Zack Snyder's "300," with its slow motion blood spurts and all. Vanquished foes also soar through the air, much like most battle scenes in Quentin Tarantino's "Kill Bill" movies.

Even with the notable mimicry of blockbuster movies, I'd still see this movie again. Coupled with action sequences and beautiful cinematography of Northern Ireland and the United Kingdom, the cliffhanger ending will leave you wanting to see more.

"Dracula Untold" provides audience members with an epic, not-soscary Halloween homage to a classic horror figure.

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