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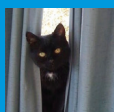
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The month was listed wrong on the November issue's cover.

The review on page 31 was incorrectly attributed, the review was actually written by Tyler LaMay.

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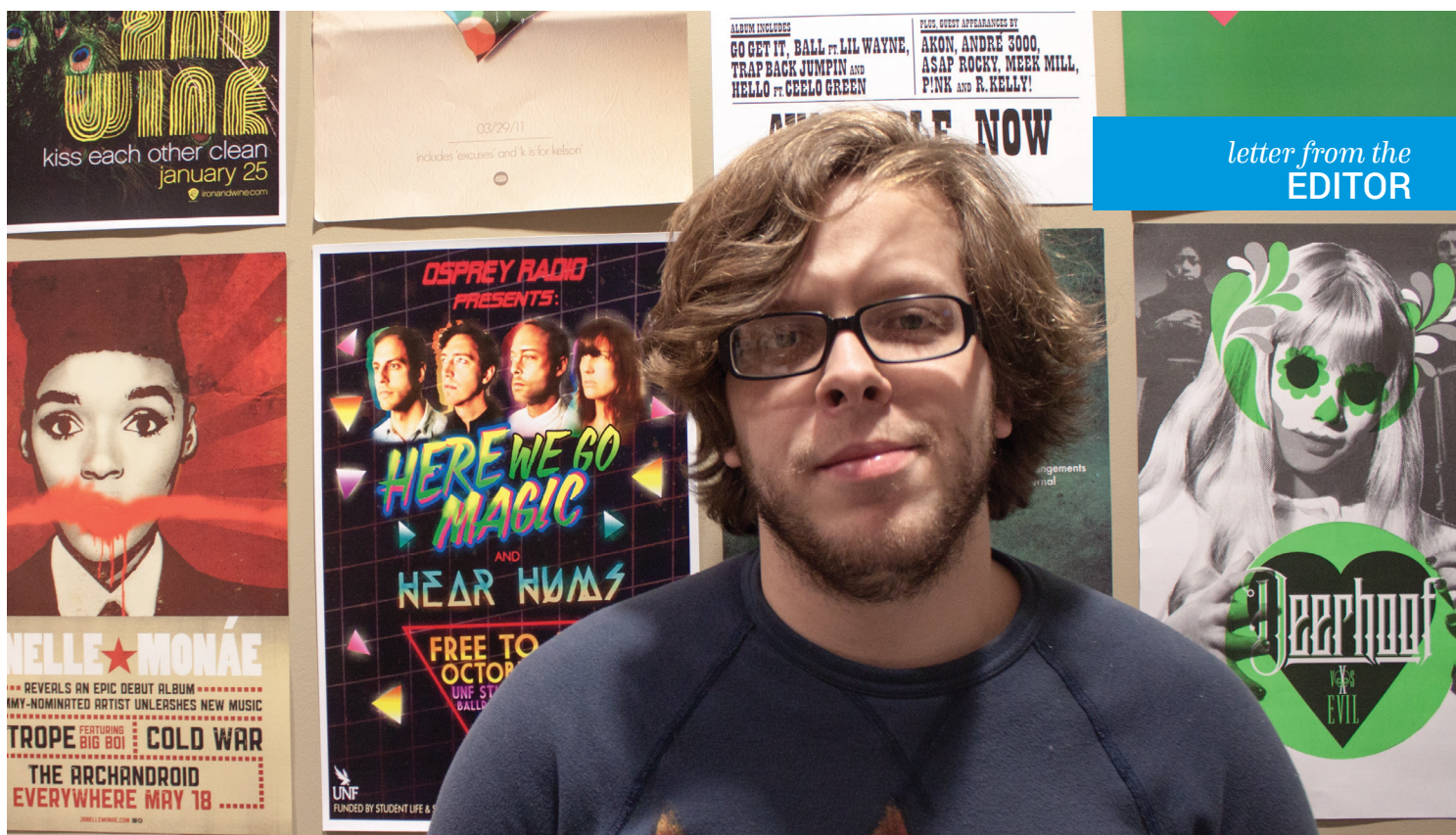


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'u never finish' ain't got nothing on me

So that's it. Took me 5 ½ years, but that's it. I've graduated. December 12, 2014 and I never have to set foot on campus ever again. And that sucks. I know the kind of negative attitude most people think corrodes every Spinnaker staff member about UNF, but I've loved the University of North Florida. I've seen it change a lot, in some ways for the worse, but I think in most ways for the better.

And of course, I've had the nagging worry that I made a mistake in school—I've thought a lot of things in the past six years. Was I really getting the normal university experience? Was I going to have the same opportunities as students at bigger schools?

Eventually, though, I've realized that, more than anything, my success in school, in my personal life, in pretty much everything, is my responsibility. UNF wouldn't hold me back. I would. UNF actually has amazing programs dedicated to helping their students and alumni.

I've begun taking advantage of those programs in the past few years, and, most likely, I wouldn't have graduated at all if not for them. UNF may not have the best grad rate in the state, and it may not be a "national" university (that's the State University System of Florida Board of Regents' words, not mine), but it's a damn good university. And that's coming from somebody who's seen some of the worst this place has to offer. UNF is younger than my dad (by just a year, but still), and it's already done so much. Okay, okay, we don't have a football team—but we just beat Purdue in basketball. Let's focus on one thing at a time.

UNF may still have a bit of an "oh class is over, let's bail and hit the town" culture, but that's kind of built into the university. And it's not necessarily a terrible thing, I mean, we get to go to class on a nature preserve. We get to (have to?) dodge geese while we walk or drive around campus. There are pros and cons.

I think if I've learned one thing from college it's that: there are always going to be pros and cons in everything. My time at UNF had its ups and downs, just like I'm sure yours has. However, I think that, overall, there have been monumentally more positive moments in my time here than anything else.

I'm happy I got to be an Osprey. I hope that when you get to the end of your college career here you feel the same way.

P.S. Thank you for everything. The critiques, the suggestions, the support. The Spinnaker can only work if it engages with the student body it serves. I hope you've seen an improvement this semester. I would also like to apologize for the fiery nature of my previous letter. If you think we need a men's center, you are not automatically stupid. However, I disagree with you. That's all I suppose I was trying to say. The magazine turns over now to Shannon Pulusan, who is very capable and will continue to make it better. I'm very excited for her tenure as publisher, and I hope you are as well. Thank you.

JACOB RODRIGUEZ PUBLISHER



SOUND OFF!

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Publisher's Note: If you would like to write a letter to the editor, or you would like to write about anything in particular, send it to editor@unfspinnaker.com. Spinnaker Magazine takes all kinds of submissions, from journalistic articles, opinion columns, to short stories and even poems.

Also, usually "Spinnaker News" takes up these two pages of the magazine. The news stories you need to know about have been published in their entirety this issue - but the Spinnaker has received multiple letters this semester and is taking the time now to publish them here. *Please read them below:*

Student Body President Joseph Turner commented on a Spinnaker article, which kind of counts as a letter to the editor these days:

This letter is in regards to "Naturegate," where Turner can be heard perhaps saying a racial slur when attempting to say the word "nature." Included below his comment is his email to Senators apologizing as well.

Left on unfspinnaker.com on October 17 at 1:03 p.m.: "I would like to apologize emphatically to anyone who was in any way offended by this. I cannot express how sorry I am that this nervous hiccup, while trying to pronounce "Nature Trails", may have in any way caused someone to be offended. It is not in my nature to make such comments, it is simply not who I am. I cannot be more displeased that my stutter and mispronunciation caused anyone to be offended.

In addition I would like to clarify, I was not encouraging Senators or anyone to use the Nature Trails, I was listing the various projects we are working to accomplish that I wanted Senator's input on. I was quickly spouting off a list of projects and stuttered on "Nature Trails". I again apologize if this has in any way offended someone."

Emailed to Student Government Senators on October 17 at 12:52 p.m.: "It has recently come to my attention that there was an issue relating to the perceived use of a racial slur on my behalf during my Senate report on Monday night. During my report, in between saying "Beachfront" and "Nature Trails" I had a nervous tick that, I was told sounded like a racial slur. Immediately upon hearing this, I listened to the recording and was shocked to hear the playback. I acknowledge that what can be heard audibly on the recording could be construed as something derogatory. I would like to apologize emphatically to anyone who was in anyway offended by this. I cannot express how sorry I am that this nervous hiccup, while trying to pronounce Nature trails, may have in any way caused someone to be offended. It is not in my nature to make such comments, it is simply not who I am. I cannot be more displeased that my stutter and mispronunciation caused anyone to be offended.

If you would like further clarification or would like to talk to me about this, I am more than happy to meet with any of you regarding this matter."

This letter was emailed to the publisher's inbox on

November 20 at 6:56 a.m.: "As a former member of Student Government, there is nothing more disheartening than seeing the organization I hold to such a high esteem fall from that shining pedestal where it once stood. Over the past few months, I have read countless Spinnaker articles, talked to a numerous people (both in and out of SG), and tried to understand the dynamics of the issues at hand. I am not going to provide an explanation, because in all honesty, the only people who can do that are the ones involved. Nor am I here to point fingers or pick sides. As a former Senator and Committee Chair, the purpose of me taking the time out of studying for finals to write this is to shed some light on what can be done differently. What I am going to do is try to show the current members of student government what how the organization is being perceived by the student body and remind them of their ultimate purpose as a student leader.

When I joined Student Government back in 2010, I dedicated so much time and effort into it. It was more than just showing up to a meeting on Monday nights just to dress up and hear my voice in a fancy room. There was honor and pride in what I was doing. I walked into Student Government every day with a sense of purpose and appreciation. Those who followed my Student Government journey know that it wasn't the easiest of paths. For those who haven't, just know it was worth it.

There has been, and always will be, people who don't agree, people with different visions and even people who refuse to allow other opinions to be heard. That is truly the beauty of a democracy. While I do want to believe that the parties involved have the students best interest at heart, their actions have shown otherwise. From an outside perspective, all I see is juvenile reactions resulting from differing views. Rather than focusing on the big picture, members have become too concerned with the minor things that can easily be resolved - if communicated correctly. I am well aware that I am no longer an active member of this organization. Thus, my ACTUAL knowledge of what is happening is extended insofar as what is being told to me and what I read. My advice to the members involved, for whatever it is worth, is to really consider your duty to the students of the University of North Florida. Is "calling people out," forcing them out of positions, choosing your friends over what is right, defending yourself in hearings, and filing noncompliance notices, or putting your personal interests above all else the BEST use of your time and influence as a Student Government leader? Or could that time be spent doing other things to enhance the UNF experience. Don't get me wrong, I am not naive enough to think that all things should be perfect and there will be no arguments - I am arguing the exact opposite. You will be tested in the hardest of ways. Challenge will always arise. But what distinguishes you all as student leaders is the manner in which you handle these challenges.

Settle your differences. Sit down in a room and communicate with each other. Discuss what is going wrong, give the other person a chance to explain him/herself and don't use what they say against them at a later time. Provide each other with room for progress. Praise each other when you do well and discretely provide criticism when you think something could be done differently. Seek out help when you need it and never allow yourself to become so enclosed in the status of your position that you alienate those around you. Remember that your time as a leader is but a short one. Your duty to the students is of the utmost importance. Consider your legacy, and always work to improve it.

I still have faith in Student Government and I look to the organization to do great things for this campus. I expect nothing but the absolute best out of the people who swear to "uphold the office of (Insert Position Here), and to abide by the laws of the United States of America, the constitution of the Student Government, of the University of North Florida and to represent the student body to the best of [their] ability". Remember your purpose - and if you need help, refer to Article I Section 3. It is my hope that my words have resonated with you in some way and inspired you to set aside your differences and make a change.

Your Fellow Senator,
Yousra Hebeishy"



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'HUMAN RIGHTS ORDINANCE: DOES JACKSONVILLE NEED IT?'

'JACKSONVILLE ONE OF ONLY CITIES IN FLORIDA WITHOUT HRO PROTECTING LGBT COMMUNITY'

BY SAPHARA HARRELL

UNF hosted a panel discussion titled 'Human Rights Ordinance: Does Jacksonville need it?', held in the Lazzara Performance Hall on Oct. 30. The purpose was to have a civil discourse on a Human Rights Ordinance (HRO) the Jacksonville City Council could vote on in the near future. The expanded HRO would include sexual orientation and gender identity in those protected by the non-discrimination laws in Jacksonville.

Jacksonville is currently the only major city in Florida without a Human Rights Ordinance protecting UNF LGBT, said Jake Moore, program coordinator for the LGBT center. He said, by not passing the ordinance, it gives the community the understanding that it's OK to discriminate.

There is no current state law in Florida protecting LGBT when it comes to employment, housing and public accommodations, but several organizations have their own HRO in their policy, including UNF.

The issue of the expanded HRO has come up in City Council before. In 2012, the council voted against adding sexual orientation, gender identity and expression to those protected under the existing HRO.

When the ordinance only included sexual orientation, it failed 9-10. When expanded to include gender expression and identity, it failed 2-17.

Tom Serwatka, VP Chief of Staff at UNF, said you can't stop discrimination, but laws curb behaviors.

"People who say there's no discrimination are typically people who've never experienced it," Maria Mark said, causing part of the audience to erupt in applause. The Atlantic Beach City Commissioner said "it's a challenge to have civil discourse when the opposing side isn't acknowledging what's going on."

Halverson said the lack of an HRO keeps companies from being able to bring people to Jacksonville. He said after talking to employees, he realized the problem is more pervasive than he thought.

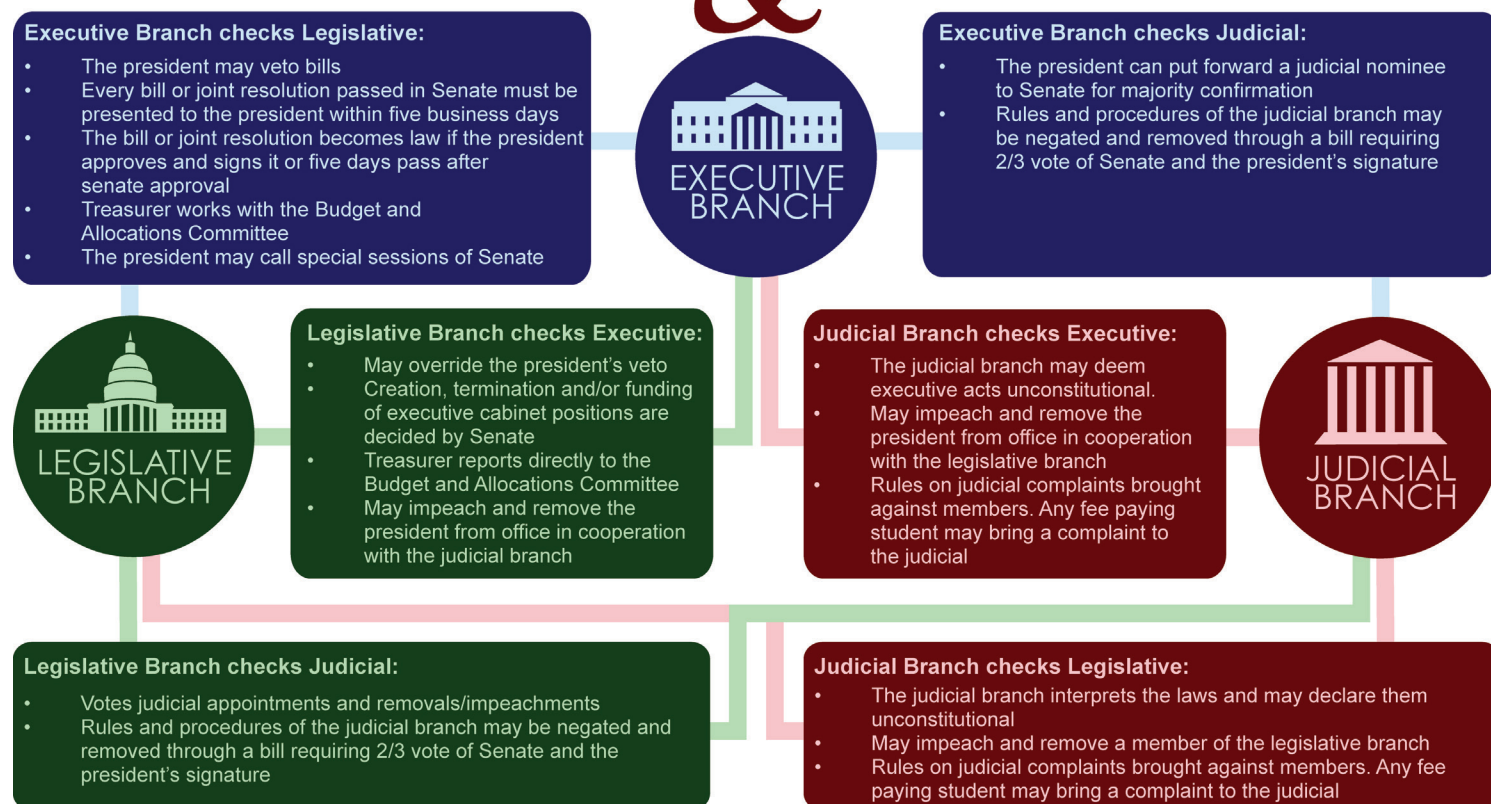
"Woe unto us for confusing our right to disagree with legalizing someone's right to discriminate" said Torin Dailey, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Oakland.

Atlantic Beach recently passed an HRO banning discrimination against LGBT people. Mark said it was an 11-month process.

Multiple members of the panel discussed Houston, Texas where an attorney subpoenaed several churches for their sermons after discovering they had been encouraging support from the pulpit to overturn the Human Rights Ordinance passed there.

Delaney said he hoped people would walk away from the panel feeling like they understood both sides.

UNF STUDENT GOVERNMENT CHECKS & BALANCES



***Source: The UNF Student Government Constitution

GRAPHIC BY CAITLYN BROYLES



THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS ACCORDING TO
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POLICE BEAT

FIND MORE ONLINE

WHY ARE YOUR EYES BLOODSHOT?

An officer was greeted with the smell of marijuana on Oct. 17 after he entered a room in Building E of the Osprey Villages to investigate a fire alarm going off at 9:58 p.m.

When the officer asked what set the fire alarm off, all three suspects said it was a water vapor cigarette.

The officer asked why the room smelled like marijuana and noted the suspects' eyes were watery and bloodshot. One of the suspects said they had been smoking marijuana. He said there was marijuana and alcohol in the room.

The officer found 2.7 grams of marijuana, a large half empty bottle of Captain Morgan, a half empty bottle of Sailor Jerry and a half empty bottle of Du Bouchett Liqueur.

The officer referred both students to Student Conduct.

NOT THE BEST PLACE FOR A NAP

An officer found a student passed out drunk on the sidewalk on Oct. 24, 7 p.m. while next to 20-minute parking in front of UNF Arena during the River City Rumble. The officer who responded found a silver flask containing rum while looking for the student's identification.

The student woke up while being lifted onto a stretcher by members of JFRD Rescue 50. He unbuckled himself twice after being told to stop. The student said he didn't want to go to the hospital and the paramedics let him out. The officer told him he was being charged with possession of an alcoholic beverage under the age of 21.

While the officer was explaining how to take care of a Notice To Appear, the student got belligerent and wouldn't leave when asked to. His roommate had to pull him away.

GOT NOTHING TO HIDE

A student said he saw no reason to hide his marijuana and drug paraphernalia from the officer who questioned what was in his hands on Oct. 25. At 7 p.m., the officer saw the suspect sitting on a log in the woods near the Cove, a place the officer noted was common for drug use. The officer found a pipe with marijuana, a blue grinder with marijuana and a lighter.

The officer recommended the student be sent to Student Conduct.
Weed: what else is there to say?

An officer found 4.7 grams of marijuana, a scale and items containing marijuana residue after searching an Osprey Crossings dorm room in Building R.

The officer went to the dorm at 10 p.m. on Oct. 25 after smelling marijuana. He asked the students in the room to step outside and received consent to search the room.

The officer recommended all five students in the room be sent to Student Conduct.

PEEING IN PUBLIC

A UNFPD officer detained a student on Oct. 18 at 8:42 p.m. for urinating on a food truck during Ozzie's Oktoberfest at the Coxwell Amphitheater.

The owner of the food truck said he saw the student urinate and also saw his genitals.

The student was arrested for disorderly intoxication. He made threats that he was going to harm himself and was transported to the hospital. He was turned over to a guard at JSO and absentee booked.

SKATE AND RUN

A girl said her ex-boyfriend quickly skateboarded by her, but didn't hit her on Oct. 24.

She told UNFPD that the two of them have had issues since they ended their relationship, but didn't explain why she was angry about him skating past her. The ex-boyfriend said he skated by her when he was on his way to class. The officer suggested the ex-boyfriend change his dorm because they both live in the Cove.

YOU SAID EXTRA CRISPY RIGHT?

There was an electrical fire on Oct. 25 in the cafeteria. After an officer arrived at the scene at 6:46 p.m., an employee said the plug and outlet of a food warmer was smoking and burning outside her office. She unplugged the food warmer.

JFRD Engine 150 said not to use the outlet until an electrician fixed it.

SUBJECT OF CONCERN

Two staff members said they were concerned a subject after having meetings with him and acted as witnesses in a report on the matter.

The subject met with one of the witnesses at 2 p.m. on Oct. 21 to drop off paperwork for his state residency. The witness said he started to get upset as they were talking and began ranting about residency issues. The witness emailed him on Oct. 24 telling him his application wasn't approved.

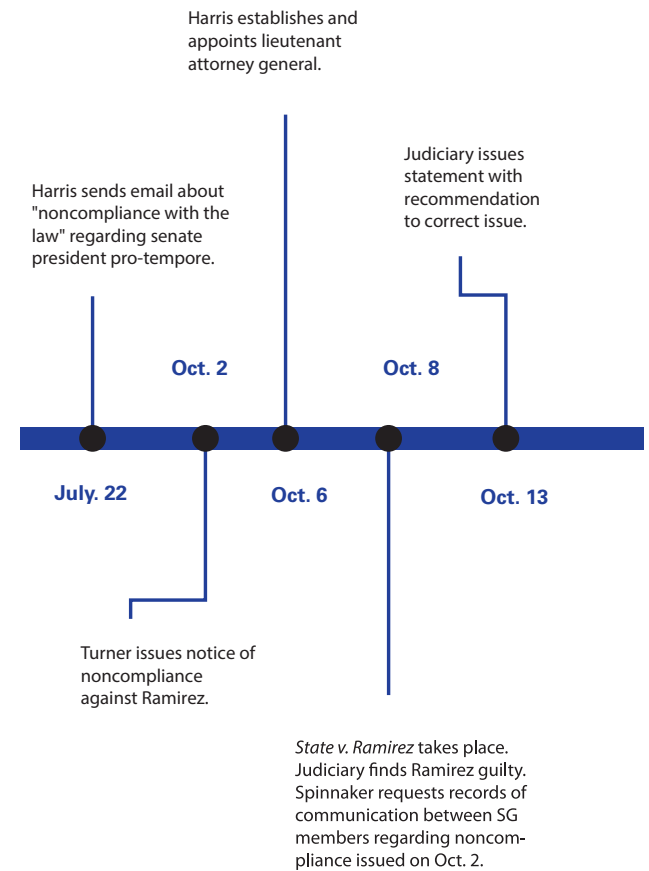
The second witness said the subject came into the office on Oct. 24 wanting to talk to the person who denied his application or whoever was in charge. The second witness said when she met with him, he started going off about his residency issues. She offered to help him file an appeal. The subject said he didn't care anymore and walked out.

The officer who met with the witnesses contacted the Clay County Sheriff's office and requested a welfare check on the subject. The Clay County Sheriff's office couldn't make contact with the subject, but talked to his neighbors. The neighbors don't think he lives there. The investigation is still ongoing.

THIS ISN'T HIGHSCHOOL

SG INFIGHTING HAS BEEN CONFUSING THIS SEMESTER, HERE'S A HANDY GUIDE TO WHAT'S GOING ON

BY CODY QUATTLEBAUM STAFF REPORTER



The following is a short synopsis of events that have unfolded this past semester in Student Government. Full coverage can be read at unfspinnaker.com

Involved were Student Body President Joseph Turner, Attorney General Matthew Harris, Senate President Kaitlin Ramirez, and Senate Pro-tempore Shomari Gloster. In total, there were 10 notices of noncompliance filed, where members of SG accused each other of not properly abiding by their Constitution.

Ramirez was even led to motion for articles of impeachment be filed against Harris for illegally creating a position that only the President has the authority to do. Even though the motion was seconded, it never came to fruition due to an improper conclusion to that meeting and Ramirez then filed noncompliance against him for the issue, but it was dismissed by Harris on the basis of conflict of interest.

A pattern of "harassment"

In July, Harris sent Turner an email saying it came to his attention there was "an issue involving noncompliance with the law." He was referring to Senate President Pro-Tempore Shomari Gloster failing to abide by Title IV, Chapter 408.4 §, which is a statute of SG Constitution that deals with updating records online. In a later interview with Spinnaker, Harris said this was a mistake, and it is ultimately the responsibility of the senate president.

Ramirez said, in order to alleviate the issue, the senate secretary was granted web access and she believed the matter was solved. She said the 11-day timeline issue was never brought up over summer.

Almost three months later, on Oct. 2, Turner issued a notice of noncompliance against her, citing the same statute.

Turner directed Harris to file a judicial complaint against Ramirez.

Harris did as a student and then, as the AG, found merit in the complaint and forwarded it to the judicial branch. At the Oct. 8 hearing, he would prosecute Ramirez as chief executive prosecutor.

When she said SG should be above partisanship and vendettas, Harris shook his head. Throughout the hearing, he was visibly distressed – sighing, shaking his head and objecting at least six times.

The AG emphasized that the Constitution clearly defines passage and that it needed to be followed as written. This is at odds with a more recent interpretation he issued saying the UNF SG website qualifies as "a major student publication," fulfilling the constitutional requirement of publishing referendums. The Constitution states the referendums must be published on "the major student publication."

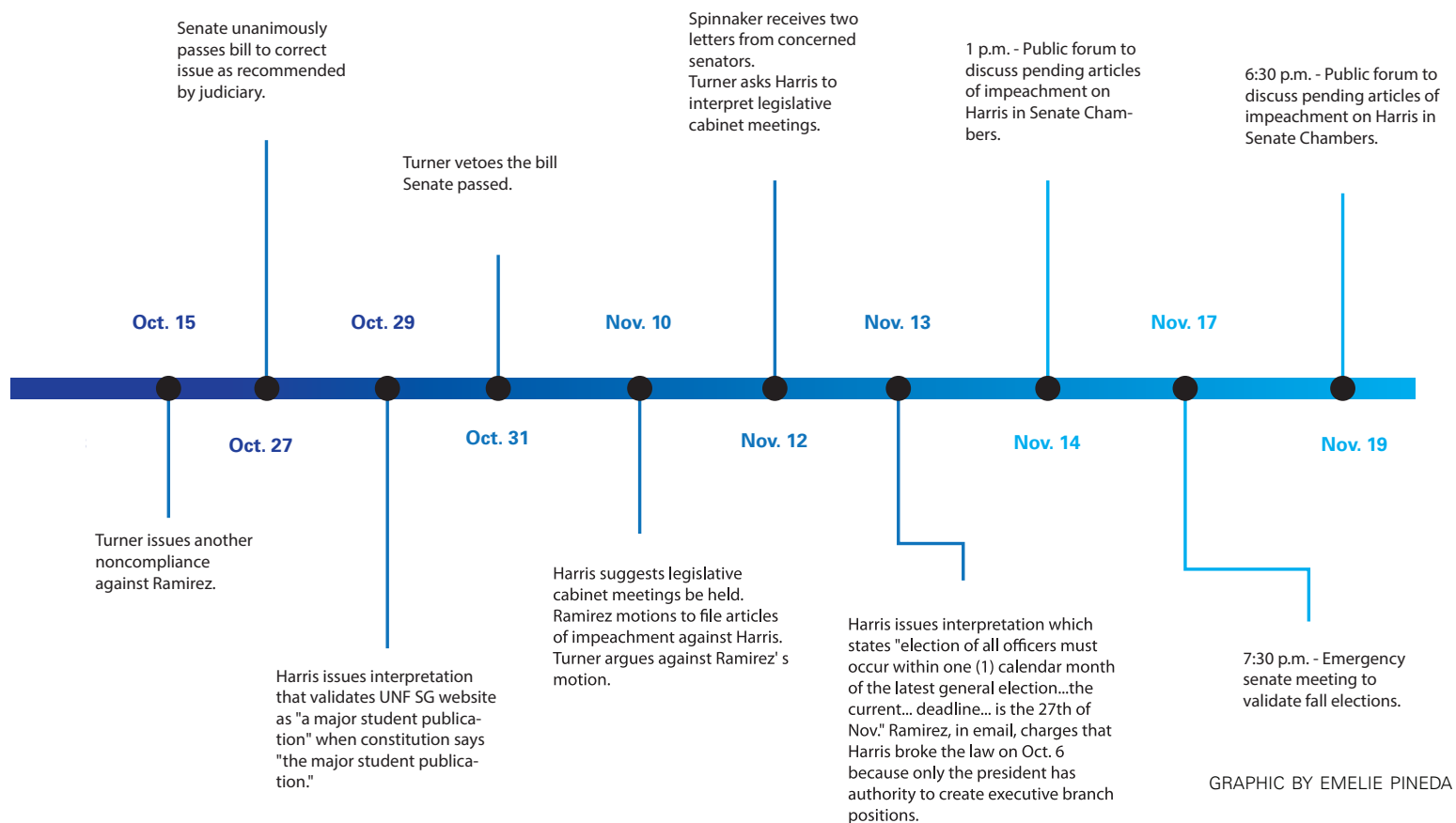
The judiciary found Ramirez guilty, and issued a statement saying, "we would like to see this resolved within 30 days...please have [the Constitution & Statutes Committee] consider the use of the word 'passage' and have it fall in line with what we interpret it to mean."

In response to the noncompliance hearing, Spinnaker requested several public records in response to these events. The records included "any electronic communication between the SG president, vice president, general attorney, senate president, senate pro-tempore and senate secretary regarding the noncompliance form issued Oct. 2."

According to UNF Director of Public Relations, Joanna Norris, "the records are currently exempt because they are part of an investigation by UNF's Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity relating to potential violation(s) of the University's Non-Discrimination, Equal Opportunity and Diversity regulation."

On Oct. 15, two days after the judiciary issued their statement, Turner issued a second noncompliance against Ramirez, citing the same statute.

On that subject, Ramirez said, "I don't see how this continued



harassment by Joseph Turner on non-issues is anything but a personal attack to accomplish some hidden agenda, which is very disruptive to the work of Student Government."

Turner responded to that, saying, "the work of SG, as it relates to her, is getting records online..."

Per the judiciary's recommendation, the Senate unanimously passed a bill on Oct. 27 that clarified passage and extended the timeline for updating online records from 11 business days to 16.

Turner vetoed this bill on Oct. 31. He said he would "not sign any legislation into law that makes this organization less transparent and therefore less accountable to the student body that we serve."

Harris also spoke out against the bill; his "unsolicited legal advice" was not to change the timeline.

Harris then suggested to the legislative cabinet that there be cabinet elections since there was a general election. According to Ramirez, "[the] precedence [is] that they occur in spring. This looks like an attempt to remove us from our positions. Seems awfully vindictive."

On Nov. 12, Turner submitted an interpretation request asking if, "the Constitution and subsequent law and policy require legislative cabinet officers and other legislative officers to be elected after each General Election."

Harris issued his interpretation one business day later, on Nov. 13.

Harris said in his interpretation that the election of all legislative cabinet officers must occur within one calendar month of the latest general election and in that current situation, the deadline for Senate Officer Elections to take place is Nov. 27.

Student Body President all fired up

After Ramirez motioned to file articles of impeachment, a senator asked a constitutional question. While Ramirez thought, Turner spoke

out of turn and said, "Matt might be able to answer that for you. If it's a legal question, he's probably got the answer."

Ramirez then said the Senate would look at the Constitution together on the projector and followed with, "President Turner, you may speak when I recognize you."

Turner later wished to speak again, this time waiting to be recognized by the chair. At that point, Gloster had stepped in as chair and recognized Turner.

He stood up and explained that the senators should know their place in the UNF governmental process. "You don't determine whether or not there is an adequate interpretation of the law being made. You make the laws," he said. He went on to say that this makes him ashamed to be a member of SG.

Vice President Anthony Stevens, who sat next to Turner, nodded his head in agreement.

As soon as Turner finished speaking, Gloster said, "As the chair, due to the nature of what is going on, this meeting is hereby adjourned..."

Turner was the first to start walking out of the Senate Chambers. As he was leaving he muttered, "bullsh-."

As Ramirez mentioned that she needed to check the constitution to see if the adjournment was legal. Turner interrupted, holding a pointed finger in the air and saying, "Your chairman adjourned the meeting."

The public is encouraged to attend any senate meeting. Each UNF student has the right to speak for three minutes during "student remarks," which is usually sixth or seventh on the agenda.

Ramirez and Gloster did not seek re-nomination for their cabinet positions during legislative cabinet elections. Chase Baker was nominated and confirmed as the next Senate President at the last meeting of the year.



[CAMPUS]

THE FIVE PERCENT

ONLY 838 STUDENTS VOTED IN STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS THIS FALL

BY CHRISTIAN AYERS CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

Last week's Student Government (SG) elections featured online voting for the first time. With a voter turnout of 838, this is the first time fewer than 2,500 students voted in a contested election since 2008.

UNF's student body is made up of 16,158 students, according to SG's unofficial election results.

This was the first contested Senate election since Fall 2012. Of the 27 candidates, all 17 Red Party members who ran won a seat in the Senate, with independent candidates winning the remaining three positions.

The last contested election of Fall 2012 had a voter turnout of 3,279 students.

Elections Commissioner True Rains was appointed over summer term to increase student participation in student elections, as well as raise awareness of them and SG itself.

"If you look at the numbers, we did have less voters," Rains said. "I knew coming into it that that was going to happen... It's not a change we can make immediately."

In his first election, Rains changed how SG campaigned and promoted elections.

"I made a decision from the beginning that I didn't want to give out like free pizza, or donuts, or whatever they used to do in the past because I felt like that just led to voters clicking on stuff just to get the free pizza," Rains said. "They didn't care who they were voting for. So I decided that I wanted to have 850 informed voters rather than 2,000 voters who clicked because they wanted a free slice of pizza."

Students like Patricia Carballal, marketing senior, and Alex Brown, nutrition junior, did not even know there was an election.

Nick Norris, anthropology junior, said he did not vote either and SG didn't do enough to promote the elections.

"I have no clue what they're running for," Norris said. "Why would I care about voting?"

Matt Mills, business management junior, said SG did a good job spreading the word about the elections but could have done more.

According to SG 2014-15 budget, SG elections are allocated \$5,000 for operating expenses.

Students had the opportunity to learn about each candidate through a Facebook photo album with a photo and short description of each candidate. Students could view the album if they "liked" the SG Facebook page.

The album, created by Rains, was also made available for students to reference as they voted. Rains said the album was created and published within two weeks of the election.

In a previous interview with the Spinnaker, Rains said Joseph Turner's email could include a link to the album. The email Turner sent out did not include such a link.

Rains said they were going to have a link to the Facebook album on the online ballot. The online ballot did not have a link to the Facebook album.

SG elections in March were not contested due to a lack of candidates. In order to have more students apply for candidacy, Rains said he changed the requirements to make it easier for students to apply.

Applicants for candidacy must have a candidate declaration of intent, sign a FERPA release and a code of ethics, and submit a financial report after the election.

Rains said the previous prerequisites to run for SG made people unable to follow through with their decision.

"Last year, there were some attendance requirements," Rains said. "You had to attend three committee meetings, a senate meeting, a candidate seminar, you had to get 150 signatures... we definitely made it a lot easier to run this fall."

After the elections, Rains filed judicial complaints against six senate candidates concerning late or missing financial statements. The statements catalogued what each candidate spent on their campaigns, but five of the complaints were dismissed by Attorney General Matthew Harris.

Sasha Douglas' financial statement was found and Harris dismissed her case. Financial statements for candidates Perla Gracia and Thomas Beaucham were found as well, but they were not elected so their cases were dropped as well. The financial statements for candidates Rachel Chesnes and Austin Daniels were not found. However, they

A BEER GUIDE

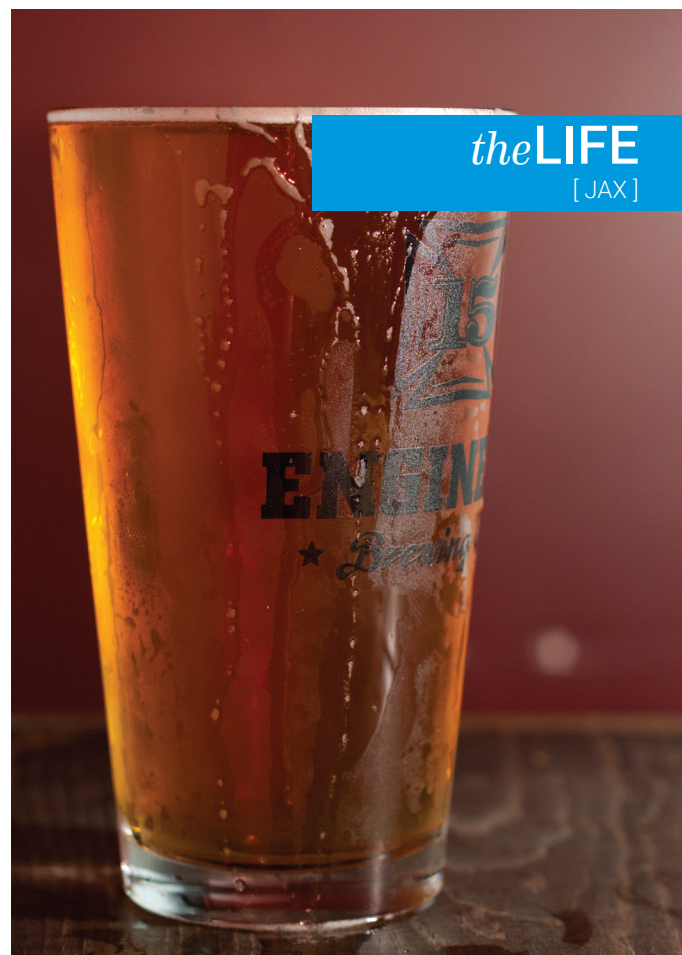
FOR THE DRINKING OSPREY

BY EDUARDO SANTOS ENTERPRISE EDITOR

In order to join in on the beer celebrations during the month of October, I went on a tour of Jacksonville's better known micro-breweries, sampling their most famous offerings to provide the drinking osprey with a simple guide that will take you beyond the stereotypical college beers.

I tried three beers from each of the four major breweries in the First Coast, ranging from a light lager to an imperial stout. I also tried seasonal offerings specific to the fall, if available, and chose my favorite from those as well. While I am no certified beer critic, I have tried a variety of beers and want to share my experience with people who have yet to experience the craft beer world. No snobiness here, I still like domestics just fine.

I chose a light beer, a medium beer—usually an IPA—and a dark beer in order to cover a broad spectrum of taste profiles. Here are my favorites:



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ENGINE 15

JVILLE LAGER

Great for a new comer to the art of drinking craft beer. It is a very refreshing and enjoyable light beer. Jville was easy to drink with a good flavor profile and some grain/floral notes. It has a fuller flavor when compared to other domestic lagers with a more sour hint at the front of the tongue. The beer was very nice looking with a light golden color and a clear body, a good white head and a nice bright aroma.

AARDWOLF

WHITE RUSSIAN IMPERIAL STOUT

Thick, smooth, malty and coffee-y — all the best things about a stout. The White Russian was nice and creamy with excellent smoky notes, good malty flavor and a lot of sweetness. There was a little bitterness in the sip but overall, the beer was very well balanced. This stout had an intense black color with a good tan head and a wonderfully warm smoky and coffee smell. This is a great choice for those who want a thicker beer less focused on the bitter/hoppy flavors.

ENGINE 15

DOUBLE DROP IPA

Double Drop is very bright and hoppy with mild bitterness towards the end of the sip. This beer is a beautiful clear amber color with a small whitish head and a really interesting passion fruit and grapefruit aroma. This is a good choice for someone who doesn't want to be overwhelmed with bitterness and for the IPA aficionado who is looking for an interesting fruity flavor profile.

BOLD CITY BREWERY

PUMPKIN ALE (SEASONAL)

This ale started out nice and sweet, with a very bright flavor and good pumpkin/spice notes that are not overly represented. It has a very smooth finish with a slight bitterness if the beer lingers. The sweetness and the spice really set this beer apart. While the seasonal beers at the other breweries were Oktoberfest style and not pumpkin ales, this Bold City selection stood out because of how pleasant and fitting it was for the one day of fall weather we get in Florida.

There are obviously other beer makers and an incredible amount of variety in beer selection, so go to all of the cool local breweries and taprooms throughout Jacksonville and experiment to find the beer or style you like. As the popularity of craft beers continues to grow around the country and in our state, the choices will just continue to get better and better.



EBOLA

IS COMING FOR YOU (BUT NOT REALLY)

BY CASSIDY ALEXANDER STAFF REPORTER

After two Ebola scares in Jacksonville in the past two weeks alone, I think we should talk about what's going on. Every major news outlet at the local and national level has been covering this, including the Florida Times-Union and CNN. It's hard to tell whether people are sick of hearing about this, are finding some twisted enjoyment out of the turmoil, or are actually afraid of contracting the disease.

Either way, I think it's time to calm down. Yes, it's a potentially deadly disease, but it does not spread as easily as people fear. According to the World Health Organization, Ebola is transmitted via fluids, not through the air. The first symptoms include fever, fatigue, muscle pain, headache and sore throat, which appear between 2 and 21 days after exposure. There is no proven treatment for the disease.

Let me preface this by saying that I am not trying to downplay the significance of this outbreak. It's a serious problem in West Africa. As of Oct. 24 according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), there have been 4,912 deaths from the disease in Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia alone.

In the United States, there has been one death as of Oct. 24 according to the CDC. One death versus over 4,000. Instead of covering this serious and possibly globally devastating issue, news outlets were spending time tracking a hospital worker exposed to Ebola, who later

went on a cruise, and a Texas nurse with the disease. This is ridiculous.

Instead of going on a wild goose chase around the country for potential cases and spreading fear, we need to focus on what we can do to stop the actual epidemic in Africa. Or does 4,912 deaths mean nothing to us?

This is a problem constantly seen in today's media: taking an issue of actual importance and beating it to death with excessive coverage of every possible detail and leaving people with two options—responding with indifference, or fear. This tactic comes from the idea that people can only care about a topic if they are bombarded with information and threatened with a horrible outcome.

This is a dangerous and insulting way to think. I have faith that Americans have an attention span that's broader than a teaspoon and can care about what's happening in other countries. Don't fall trap to the western-centric reporting of popular media, and realize that this is actually a deeper issue with global impact.

Walking around campus, it's easy to forget the magnitude of this problem. People are constantly cracking jokes about the disease as an unfortunate by-product of the endless and sub-par coverage. I'm sorry that the media is doing such a poor job and manufacturing needless fear in Americans. But before you make the decision to tune out that coverage, consider other countries where that fear is a reality.

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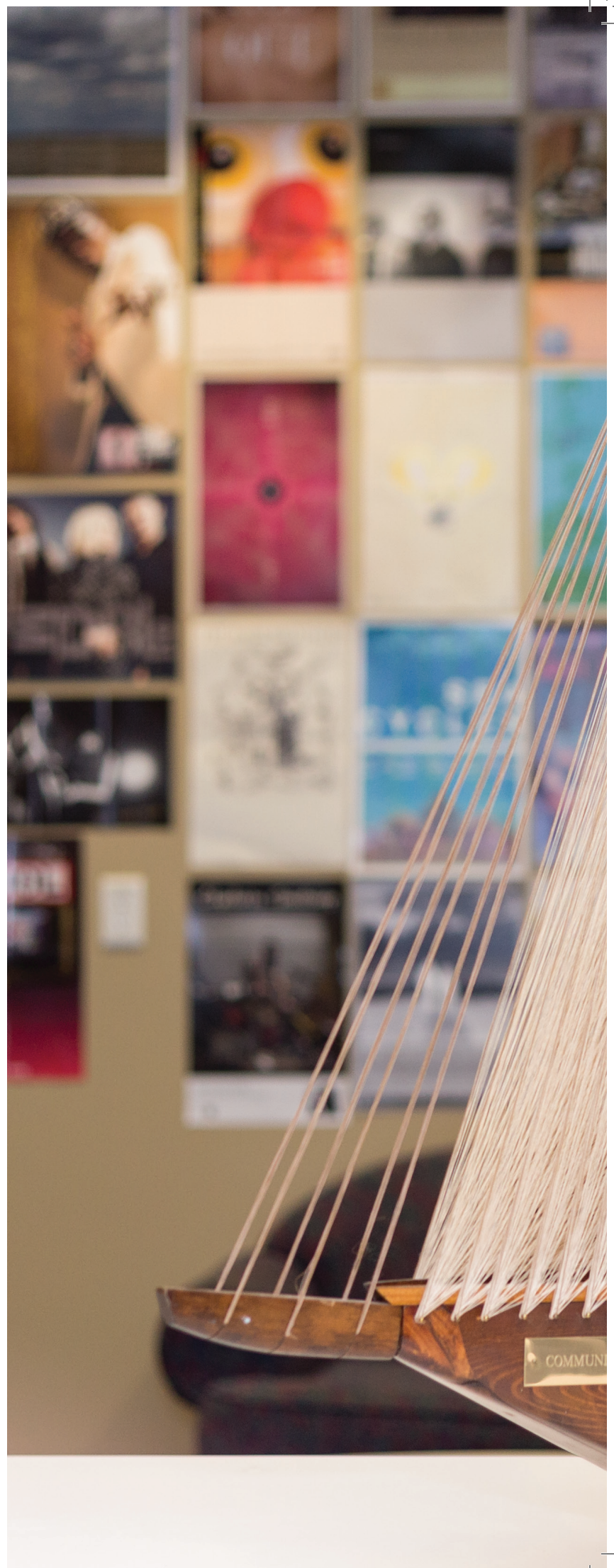
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SAIL Awards

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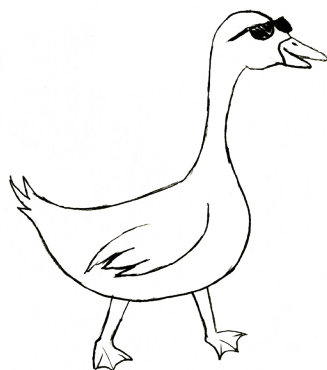
Welcome to Spinnaker Media's SAIL Awards 2014. This "best of" is the Spinnaker's take on the common end-of-year lists media outlets both local and national usually put out at the end of the year. While ours focuses on the city at-large, it also takes a look at the University of North Florida. The thing that sets our list apart from others' is who we asked to decide what really IS best.

Only UNF students were allowed to cast their votes. The Spinnaker editors decided upon the categories earlier in the year, and gave students choices for some of the topics. However, UNF-specific categories were completely write-in responses. We hope you enjoy seeing what the majority of your peers view as the very best, and sometimes worst, of our community.



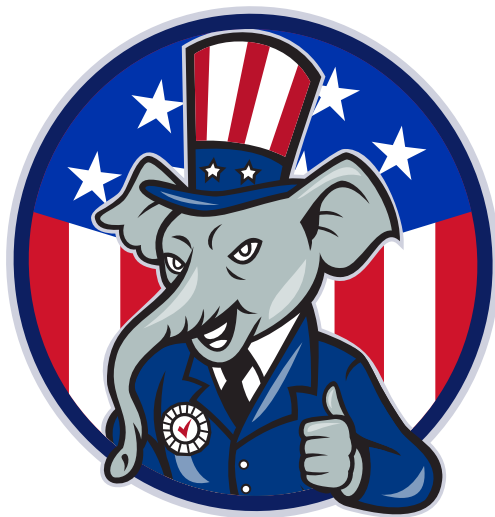


BEST OF UNF



FAVORITE UNF TRADITION: **SWOOP**

By far, students thought the Swoop was the best UNF tradition. It's a great way to show some Osprey pride, and it has the happy convenience of being a very easy way to show our school some love. Random students will swoop at passing tour groups, maybe to the surprise of the tour groups, but the Swoop Squad definitely appreciates the unsolicited UNF pride. Whether it's because of the ease or grace of the move, students think it's Swooptastic. Yup. I said it. Deal with it. Swooptastic.



BIGGEST UNF NEWS STORY: **2012 PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE**

Anyone who was here at the time can tell you about the time UNF hosted a Republican primary debate in 2012. Everyone came out from the uber-conservative nut jobs to the uber-liberal nut jobs and everyone in between. Members of the LGBT community protested, girls waited with quickening breath for Anderson Cooper to walk by, and one dude dressed in a skintight purple bodysuit who held up a sign saying "There is no God" for about an hour. Basically, anyone who was there will tell you the same basic thing – that night was cray.



BEST SPORTS TEAM: **MEN'S BASKETBALL**

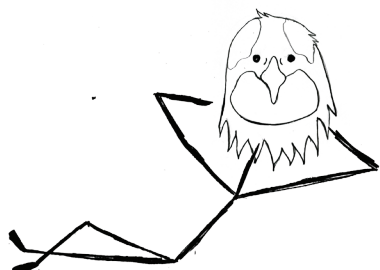
In the vote for best team, men's basketball won by a landslide. Duh. Everyone knows that's what draws the largest crowd, from hardcore basketball fans to freshmen with some free time and vocal chords to burn. Anyone who's been to a game will tell you there's a definite concentration of UNF pride in the stands when the Ospreys start Swooping those hoops. The only other real contender with our men's basketball team was the ever-popular response, "I don't know." Maybe some people think that's a sport we play, but it looks like a lot of Ospreys find other ways to marinate in their pride.

BEST ANNUAL ON-CAMPUS EVENT: **OZZIE'S OKTOBERFEST**

I thought it would be prudent to turn up for Ozzie's Oktoberfest before getting there. After arriving, I looked for free beer, and boy, did I get free beer. I drank and ate and drank and saw friends and drank and danced and drank and enjoyed the music and drank some more. It was an amazing atmosphere and all free. It gave everyone something to do, which is typically a big complaint on campus. I will definitely be attending Oktoberfest next year. I will also be bringing everyone I know.

DREAM MUSICAL ACT ON CAMPUS: **CHILDISH GAMBINO**

Listen up OP, the students have spoken. They want to see Childish Gambino come to campus. They want to listen to him perform at the Amphitheatre till 3005. I mean, I would be excited. I'm pretty sure the majority of us would be excited. If you're interested, the other top picks students voted on (which came super close) were Florida Georgia Line to bring in that catchy strumming, and Maroon 5. I'm pretty sure they meant Adam Levine so they'd get to see Adam Levine, but I guess the music is good too.



FAVORITE MAJOR: COMMUNICATIONS, PUBLIC RELATIONS

Public relations. It makes sense if you talk to PR majors from other schools. They separate PR and journalism into two different majors at a lot of other colleges, meaning PR students don't get a chance to learn the laws and ethics of communication the same way journalism majors do. We just have two tracks on one major: Communication. What does that mean? It means our PR students learn more and get an inside look at the people they'll be dealing with once they get a job. No wonder UNF students love the Communications Department here – it produces the best PR people.



BEST STUDY SPOT: CARPENTER LIBRARY

It's no surprise that the library was voted the best spot to study on campus. Some students say the second floor is the best place while others argue the fourth is their go-to study spot. Is there something wrong with the first and third floor we should all know about?



BEST PLACE TO EAT ON CAMPUS: CHICK-FIL-A

It's not hard to believe that Chick-fil-A won as students' favorite place to eat. Since it opened, there's been a constant line of students waiting for their fix of chicken in between classes. It's hard to resist when you can barely walk through campus without getting a whiff of waffle fries. Even the squirrels can be seen sidling away from Alumni Square tables clutching bits of leftovers in their teeny tiny hands. The squirrels don't get a vote, but thank you SG for bringing UNF Chik-fil-A.



FAVORITE PROFESSOR: HEATHER B. TRUE-LOVE, SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

UNF students truly love Truelove. Heather Truelove won favorite professor by a landslide of 14 votes. Truelove is an assistant psychology professor. She is an experimental psychologist and specializes in social and environmental psychology.

Ratemyprofessors.com gives Truelove a 4.4 for overall quality. Some of the comments include "She's awesome" and "I have zero idea how people could have rude comments and hate. Best professor by far I've ever had."

This semester she is teaching a social psychology class. The course is an introduction to the study of social influences on human behavior. In the spring she will be teaching social psychology again as well as research methods in psychology.



WORST PLACE TO EAT ON CAMPUS: OSPREY CAFÉ

With an overwhelming 20-person vote, students have decided they hate eating at the Café. Whether it's the price, the food or the overall place is anyone's guess but the Osprey Café is deemed the worst place to eat on campus.

In second place with nine votes comes another UNF specific eating establishment - The Boathouse. Apparently being the only place on campus to serve alcohol is not enough to gain student love.

BEST OF JAX



FAVORITE LOCAL BAND: **FJORD EXPLORER**

Fjord Explorer's music is loaded with existential angst, the compositional totem pole of Connor Hickey and company. A review on the Bucket Full of Nails blog claims their new album, *I Know I'm Awake*, "speaks to one's inner turmoil without offering any catharsis," a fitting badge of honor for Jacksonville's ambassadors of self-proclaimed "doom folk." Think it's easy writing a good sad song and moving your audience with your performance? The skill and empathy it takes to deliver that kind of audible melancholy coupled with musical mastery is impressive and well within Fjord Explorer's range.

BEST LIVE MUSIC VENUE IN JACKSONVILLE: **FREEBIRD LIVE**

Congratulations go out to Freebird Live for being the Best Live Music venue in Jax. Congrats Freebird, UNF students love you. You can see anyone, from Sublime With Rome to Beach House at Freebird - and it's the only real venue at the beach - what more reason would you need to go? Freebird is located on First Street in Jacksonville Beach.



BEST COCKTAIL IN JAX: **BLACK SHEEP**

A little bit of New York landed in 5 Points when Black Sheep opened. The rooftop bar is a perfect place to grab a cocktail and look at the Jacksonville skyline. The mellow, open-air environment makes it a perfect place to chill with friends from sunset until late into the night. This Florida take on the New York style rooftop bar is perfect for the summer evening to the clear winter nights.

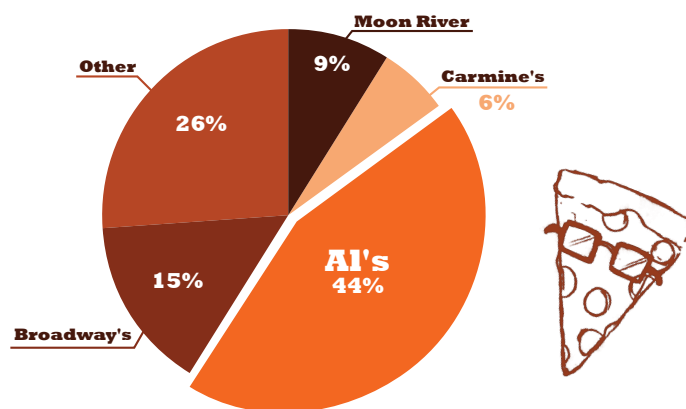


BEST COFFEE SHOP IN JAX: **BOLD BEAN COFFEE ROASTERS**

Coffee shops provide an escape from the usual on-campus study spots and quench our need for caffeine. Bold Bean Coffee Roasters, located in Riverside and Jacksonville Beach, hits the spot with 21 votes for its local coffee, trendy atmosphere, and funky flavors like "spicy mocha."

BEST BURGERS IN JAX: **M SHACK**

With a landslide vote, M Shack won over student stomachs for best burgers. M Shack's modern yet old-fashioned feel and convenient location in the Town Center make it a quick yet classy option. Whether it's the fresh hormone-free beef or the kale salads that can accompany these burgers, M Shack sure does seem to be a crowd favorite.



BEST PIZZA IN JAX: **AL'S PIZZA**

Your taste buds should be setting themselves on fire if they've never experienced the BBQ pizza at Al's Pizza. You've got to. You need to hop in your Honda Accord or whatever and get your butt over to the nearest Al's Pizza around. I don't know who Al is, or why he was so into pizza, but he really knew what he was doing, and thank glob he chose Jax to set up shop in. Whether you go Riverside or the beaches, you're going to find yourself in a cheese-topped nirvana of saucy goodness. Thanks, Al. I was getting sick of Domino's.

BEST LOCAL BAR: **LYNCH'S IRISH PUB**

THE place to go to when the World Cup was happening, Lynch's is an old style Irish pub mixed with a sports bar. The prices are decent and the atmosphere is jovial. If you happen to be trolling the beaches looking for a welcoming place to get smashed or just enjoy a few, Lynch's is the place to be.



BEST WEEKEND ESCAPE: ST. AUGUSTINE

Surprise, surprise: it's St. Augustine. You can go with your friends, you can go with a significant other for some cobblestone romance, you can go with family and ditch them at the museum to go hang out with the friend who came with. Going to St. Augustine would be like stepping into the past, if it weren't for all the other tourists and smartphones everywhere. It's the oldest European settlement in the US and all the current streets are in the original town plan. That's some history that's hard to find boring, especially when you're walking on it.

BEST SHOPPING AREA IN JAX: ST. JOHN'S TOWN CENTER

Who at UNF will say anything other than St. John's Town Center? Really. It's basically in our backyard. The TC has all the basics: dollar store (what, whaaat, people that understand that nothing should cost more than a dollar), Target, Publix, a buttload of restaurants (of both the fast and slow variety, plus some in between), clothing stores, and even an outdoors store offering a free bike repair class. I'm sure lots of people living on campus with no car appreciate how close it is, and hallelujah for the genius who came up with the Town Center shuttle, because we are too lazy to bike there.

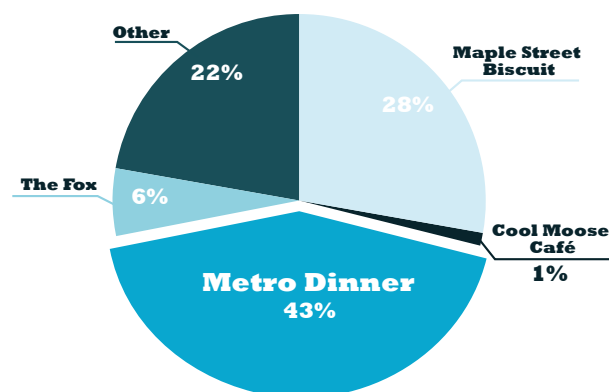


FAVORITE THEATER: SUN-RAY CINEMA

All we ever see anymore is bigger versions of stuff that already exists. If you're sick of that noise, you'll probably like the Sun-Ray Cinema in Riverside. Oh, did I mention they also have food, beer on tap, and tables in the theater so you can eat while you watch a movie on the big screen? Yeah. Also, the people who tend to go to this place don't freaking text through the whole movie. The pizza they make is weirdly good, and they play a lot of independent and local films along with the big name pictures. It's hard to argue with all that

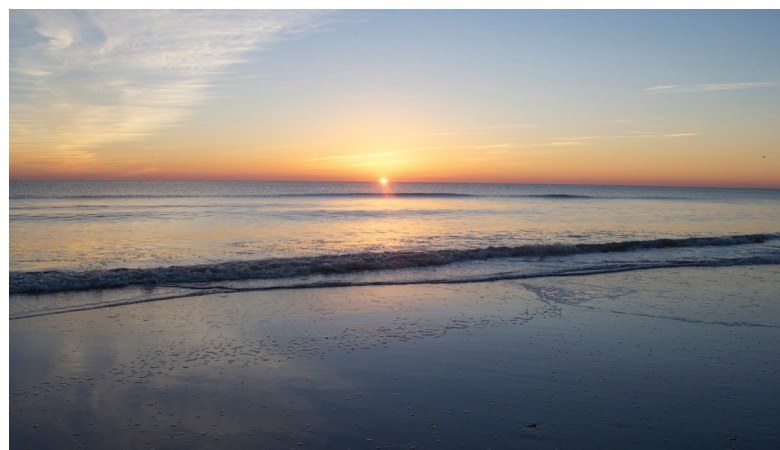
BEST ETHNIC FOOD: BOWL OF PHO

Pho, the food that no one can pronounce but everyone is eating. Bowl of Pho on Old Baymeadows and Southside was just voted Best Ethnic Food in Jax by UNF students and, oh boy, is it on a whole other level. It's not too far from campus, not too expensive, and so freaking good. If you want something authentic and you're sick of the same old hamburgers and fries, you should try this place. The people have spoken



BEST BREAKFAST IN JAX: METRO DINER

Metro Diner's catch phrase, "Where the locals eat!" rings true with the favor it found with UNF students. Open at 6:30 a.m. everyday, this diner specializes in Southern style dishes like chicken and waffles, steak and eggs, and honest-to-goodness grits.



BEST CHEAP DATE: THE BEACH

As a broke college student I am a fan of cheap dates. It is even more rewarding when the cheap date is actually enjoyable. Now, if you do not like sand or getting sticky from saltwater or wind this probably isn't for you. If you enjoy being a cliché at the cost of \$0, this is for you. The best time to take someone to the beach would be right before sunset. Take a long walk along the water, hold hands if you feel so inclined. With nice weather, the atmosphere is ripe with romance. Once the sun sets, if the sky is clear, stars are abundant and reinforce a feeling of sentiment and philosophy which can be very powerful among lovers.

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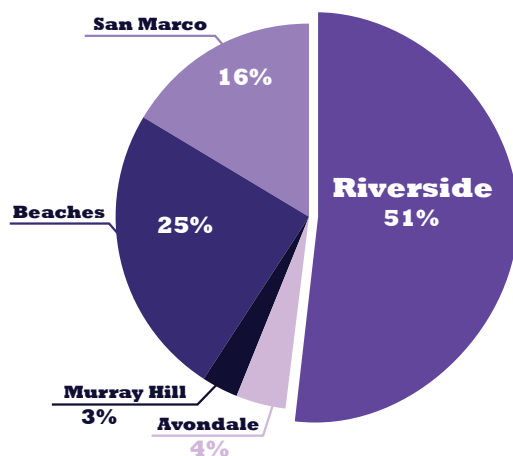
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BEST EXPENSIVE DATE: JACKSONVILLE SYMPHONY

No matter how broke you are and how long that brokenness lasts, anyone can still dream, and Ospreys are dreaming of going to the symphony. You'd be hard-pressed to find a more romantic backdrop than a starry night and the Jacksonville Symphony scoring your date. Yes, the dressing up part may be fun, but never underestimate the power of a swelling melody to make your mushiest moments more memorable.

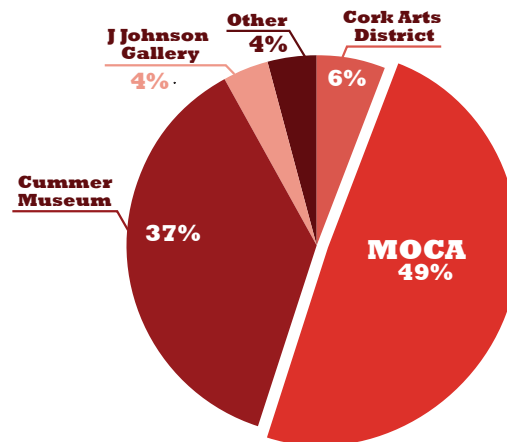
BEST JAX DESSERT: THREE F(X)

If you like your coffee with non-fat milk or maybe even almond, you can carry that milk preference over to Three F(x). Ice cream is customized to your liking and made right before you. The employees have the magic touch to change liquid mix to a cold treat. Asian desserts are also available, from fish-shaped cakes to red bean shaved ice. And the atmosphere, unlike any other with the cutesy wall stickers to the ongoing K-pop playlist, is worth the visit. Located across the street from Bowl of Pho, consider Three F(x) for dessert.



BEST NEIGHBORHOOD: RIVERSIDE

Riverside is the obvious winner here. It's not hard to see why UNF students would pick this spot as the top choice. The area is full of fun little restaurants, coffee shops, bars and other random entertainment. It's not just about nightlife or hanging out, either – the Riverside Arts Market is around every Saturday. That thing has stalls selling anything from pottery to handmade leather book binding to fresh beef jerky to herbal soaps – almost everything totally organic, to boot. It's a great way to spend a lazy Saturday, and then you can wander over to Chamblin's Bookstore and find books for only a couple of dollars. Pretty ideal, guys.



BEST JAX ART VENUE: MOCA

MOCA, MOCA, MOCA. Even the name sounds good. It stands for Museum of Contemporary Art, by the way. Don't worry, it's not just a bunch of blank canvases titled nonsensical stuff like, "Tragedy in B-minor." They'll sometimes have that type of work on display, for those who are into that, but they've got a bit of everything that's, well, contemporary. They've got multimedia paintings with layer on layer of oil, chalk, paint and glue. They've got sculptures giant turtles with banquets on their shells made entirely of garbage. They've got colorful paintings of women with coins floating out of their hands. Basically, if you want to see some really cool art, go to MOCA. You can't even use your skint wallets as an excuse not to get cultured, because UNF students with ID get free admission.



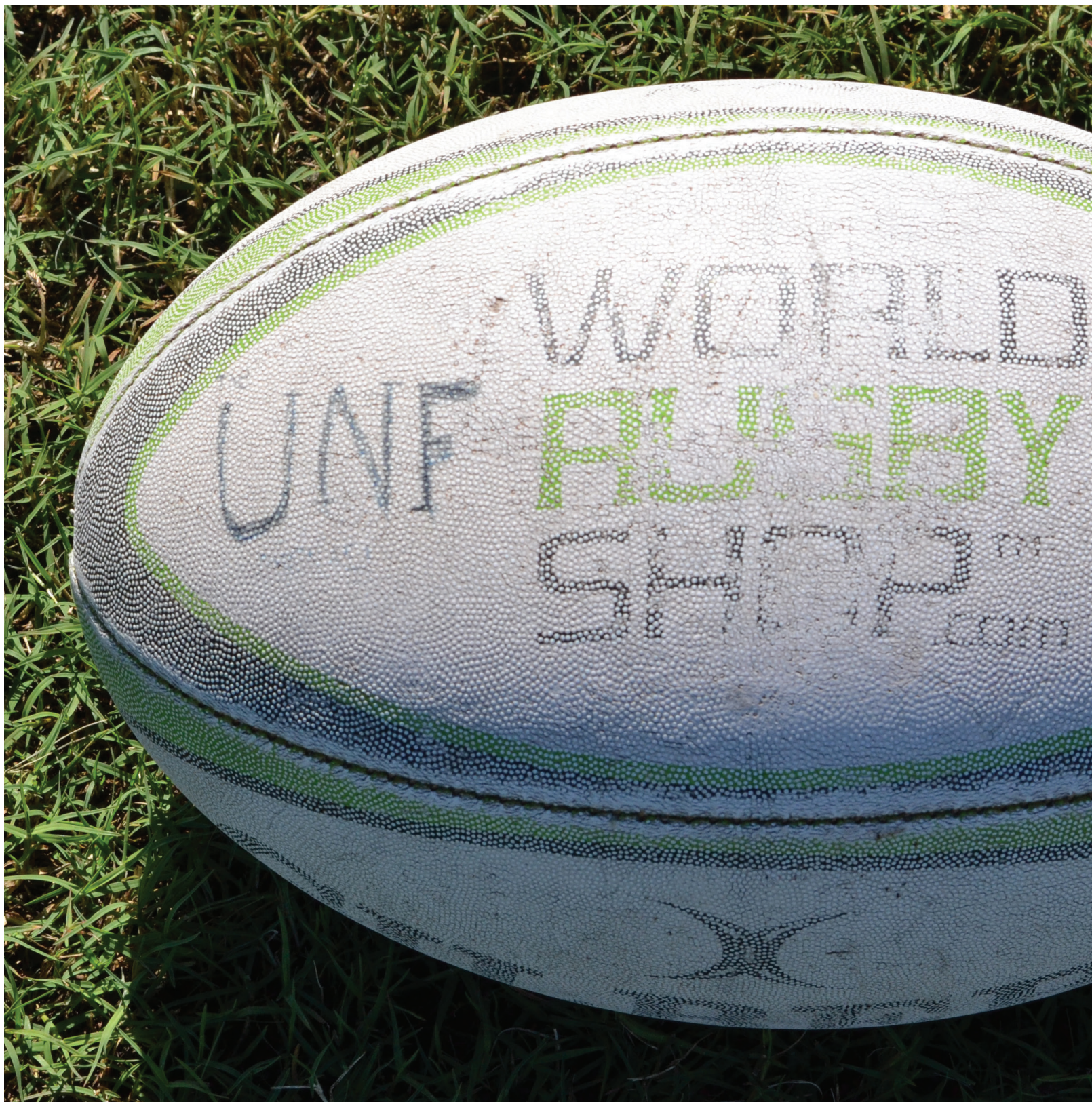
BEST ANNUAL JAX EVENT: FLORIDA-GEORGIA CLASSIC

Tailgating for Florida-Georgia games won hands down, maybe because the game gives UNF students the chance to experience a "big school" football fandom. Once a year, the Gator fans at UNF (and those three people who support the Bulldogs) get to watch a college football game in style – instead of at a sports bar. There may be other more "Jax"-themed annual events, but come on, what is more college than getting wasted and watching your fave school play a rival team?

Now, of course there will be those that do not agree with some of the answers. But this is the inaugural year we have done this. If you have any ideas or feedback, please give it to us. We hope this will give you a laugh and maybe give you an idea of where to take someone out next on a fancy date.

DEADBIRDS ON CAMPUS

BY **JORDAN FERRELL** SPORTS REPORTER





THE TOUGHEST BOYS AT UNF ON BECOMING A TEAM

Rugby, as a friend from South Africa recently described it, is a team sport where you use your shoulder to inflict as much pain as possible to the mid-section of your opponent. Not to say that it lacks sophistication or is unlike other contact sports in terms of rules and regulations, but this raw and unadulterated athletic display is best in show.

Let's face it, the odds of UNF putting together a football team are about the same as Florida getting snow in January 2015. So, the question remains: what are you doing to scratch that insatiable itch for a bone-jarring contact sport? For those of you with no answers and crossed fingers for a collegiate football team here at UNF, your troubles are over. The Deadbirds, the UNF Rugby Football Club, is here to fulfill the need of American college students to drink beer, yell at referees and watch two teams beat the snot out of each other in the blistering heat for at least an hour.

The Deadbirds are a part of the Florida Rugby Union and have been an established club at UNF since 2003. The Florida Rugby Union is a subdivision that operates under the umbrella of the National Small College Rugby Organization (NSCRO), which is made up of four regions. The Deadbirds fall under Region 2, the Mid-Atlantic South Region, and contend with four other schools in the state – Ave Maria University, Eckerd College, Florida Gulf Coast University and the University of Miami. Much like European football, the divisions and conferences in rugby can get confusing, but don't let that deter you from the action.

Over the past 11 years, the Deadbirds have racked up several undefeated seasons and have qualified for multiple NSCRO National Championships, most recently traveling all the way to Philadelphia, Pa. earlier this year to compete against teams from around the nation.

This fall season begins a new era for the Deadbirds, who are hoping to build off of a solid foundation that has been laid by previous UNF ruggers over the years. The Deadbirds, like any others sports team, experience a periodic ebb and flow of talent and leadership. Tyler McClain, the club president, said the 2014-2015 season will be a chance for rookies and other new faces to step up, fill some boots and secure a position on the team.

"To be honest, we have lost a lot of people and it's amazing to see how when you do lose people, you have to come back and fill in those spots," McClain said. "With a young team, like we are this year compared to last year, it's great to see how everybody has come together."

McClain is a UNF sophomore majoring in construction management. This is his second year with the Deadbirds and like some of his younger teammates he has had to step up and earn the spot he currently holds. He was chosen by his fellow ruggers to fill the presidential seat that was empty after his predecessor, Alex Mross, stepped down.

"As a team it definitely is a great building experience to finally fit in when you were once a backup and now it's a matter of you having to be THE man – you have to be THAT guy on the team now," McClain said.

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Despite having a relatively young team, the Deadbirds are not lacking in the passion department. Several members on the team including Head Coach Richard Alleger, are committed to the semi-professional rugby team here in Jacksonville, known as the Axemen, when not involved with the Deadbirds.

Alleger was propositioned to be head coach of the Deadbirds in 2011 when the previous coach, Mike “Hammer” Connolly, had to step down after eight powerhouse seasons with the club. Since his arrival, Alleger has done nothing but carry on UNF rugby tradition and push the team to new heights. In his first season at UNF, he took the team all the way to Boulder, Colo. to compete in the NSCRO Division III National Championship where the Deadbirds ended up placing fourth in the nation.

Alleger, UNF alumnus who graduated in 2008, is an original member of the UNF Rugby Football Club. At 29 years old, Alleger doesn't seem to be slowing down or losing any passion for the sport that has kept him coming back to the university since he graduated six years ago.

“It's a good life,” Alleger said. He recently took a step back from his career path to continue coaching the Deadbirds and hold down his position on the Jacksonville Axemen. Alleger said watching this club grow and having the opportunity to be a big part of it has been a lot more rewarding than most of his past professions.

Alleger is eager to dig into this fall rugby season and explore what this young team can produce. He predicts that this season will be a good test for the Deadbirds as they are lined up to play some bigger schools like Clemson University and the University of South Carolina.

The fall season is a prospective preseason for the Deadbirds. The coaches and officers communicate with other schools and schedule matches as they see fit. This gives the team a chance to take a tour, travel outside the state and face tough opponents that will hopefully give the UNF ruggers an idea of what they will face later on down the line when the tournaments crank up.

Alleger said the rugby community is one like no other. The other rugby teams are very accepting and more than willing to line up games and host matches. The teams tend to be very competitive, but when the games are over they shake hands and then proceed to take part in a ritualistic “drink-up,” which involves comradery, conversation and, of course, beer.

“It's beautiful,” Alleger said. “You know, in a lot of American sports you tend to hate your competition and there are still guys I hate that I play against, but after an 80-minute battle you should not have any energy left to argue or hate somebody. You have got to respect the fact that the other team showed up to play.”

The Deadbirds are not an established UNF varsity program. They are a club, but most likely none of the men on the team or fans who regularly come out to support them would agree with that statement.

When asked if he thought the team should be a part of UNF Athletics, McClain said, “Yes, without a doubt. We don't have a football team, but we do have a rugby team and we've been to numerous national championships and placed very high in those.”

Unfortunately, rugby is not an extremely popular sport here in the U.S. It is rarely covered on ESPN and, unless you are looking online, you won't be finding the scores on any news ticker. As far as UNF goes,

rugby is relatively new, but it's been here longer than UNF has been Division I in most, if not all, of its athletic programs.

“At UNF it may seem like we are just a club, but we are a sports team,” McClain said. “We play the big schools. We are playing Clemson this year and South Carolina – big Division I schools.”

With the addition of rugby to the lineup of sports in the 2016 Summer Olympics, there is no doubt that the sport is growing and becoming recognized on a global scale like it never has before.

“You'd be hard-pressed to find any school from Division I to Division II that doesn't have a men's or women's rugby club these days,” Alleger said. “With the inclusion of rugby into the Olympics, it has really brought legitimacy to the sport of rugby – it's no longer these guys' dads' rugby where it was, ‘Let's drink and see if we can play rugby afterwards.’”

Despite wearing UNF's logo and representing the university everywhere they play, the general sentiment on the team is that they need more recognition. McClain said not being backed up by the Athletic Department has made it difficult to travel and find fields to play on due to the lack of funding. Both Alleger and McClain are optimistic about the future and feel that in time with hard work and a growing fan base, they could one day be recognized as a varsity sports program at UNF.

“The commitment level is there,” Alleger said in regard to the team's devotion to the sport. “The amount of money it would cost the school to run a rugby program is 20% of what it would cost to have a football team.”

The Deadbirds have had to resort to fundraising and local sponsorship to afford their triumphs and travels. Luckily they have found favor among a few local businesses that have continually supported the team by donating money every season. Alumni also play a big part in the fundraising by turning out every season and investing cash and checks into the future of this rugby team.

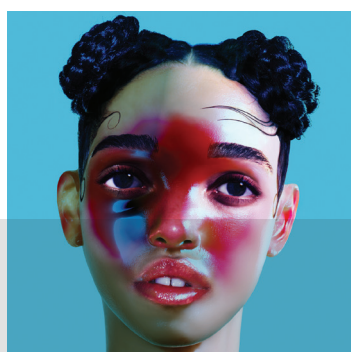
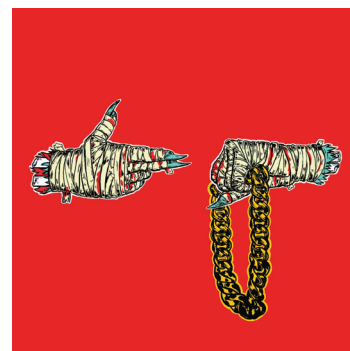
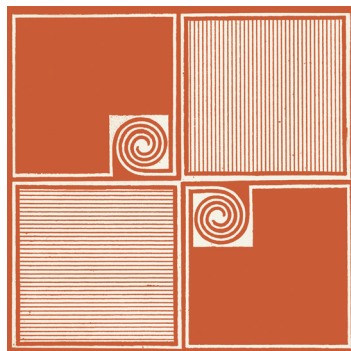
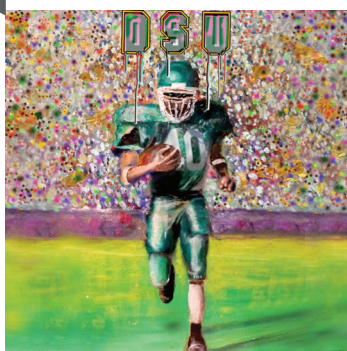
The rugby community is an interdependent group of people who are always willing to pitch in and help. Not one person on the field is showing up for a paycheck. The players, coaches, referees and announcers show up because they love the game and when you get down to brass tacks – the essence that keeps the meat in the seats – that love is what college sports is all about.

Where football leaves you guessing on those sweaty nights you spend locked in your room dialing up your bookie or hunched over a computer screen desperately making adjustments to your fantasy football lineup, rugby only leaves you wanting more and everybody, from the fans to the players, wins in one way or another.

So get out to the pitch sometime soon and pay respect to these guys who leave it all out on the field every time they play. Traditionally, credit is given where it is owed and this team is overdue.

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- 1 Two UNF ruggers leaving the scrum with possession of the ball.
 - 2 The Deadbirds in a scrum.
 - 3 A UNF rugger forces his way through the defense.
 - 4 Deadbirds line up waiting for the game to continue.
 - 5 UNF rugger among other fans and prospects watching the match.





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Throughout 2014, the feeling persisted that nothing really out-shined even the most lackluster albums of 2013. But it wasn't all bad. In even the worst year, there are a few points of significance, a few albums that aren't just good enough to stand out but are actually fantastic. Spinnaker Radio staff compiled a list of our favorite albums from this year. We think these are the best of the best and we hope you do too. The following is an excerpt of some of our favorite albums. **For the rest, go on unfspinnaker.com.**

Flying Lotus – “You’re Dead!”

The fifth solo LP from the Los Angeles producer – or composer, as The New York Times tellingly called him in an interview – earns our Album of the Year distinction because it's the most fully-formed artistic statement music has seen in the last year. “You’re Dead!” is FlyLo’s darkest, most macabre work yet, and the best concept album in years.

– Douglas Markowitz

White Lung – “Deep Fantasy”

White Lung front-woman Mish Way once said the biggest misconception people have about their band is that they play punk music. Instead, she said they play pop songs at the speed of hardcore. With that, White Lung may have created their own genre with their newest LP “Deep Fantasy.”

– Michaela Gugliotta

Run the Jewels – “Run the Jewels 2”

With “Run the Jewels 2,” Killer Mike and El-P didn’t just make the best album of a lackluster year for hip-hop. They delivered a momentous earth-shattering record twice as devastating as their debut last year. Their experimental marketing, from releasing their album digitally for free to remixing it using only cat sounds, has earned them a considerable fandom.

– Douglas Markowitz

Bill Frisell – “Guitar in the Space Age”

Bill Frisell takes the music of his youth – with some original compositions — and breathes new life into them. Exploring texture, melody and space to reevaluate what made the songs we’ve heard a thousand times so great, Frisell brings that innocence laced with fear back to their cores.

– Holt Knight

Jack White – “Lazaretto”

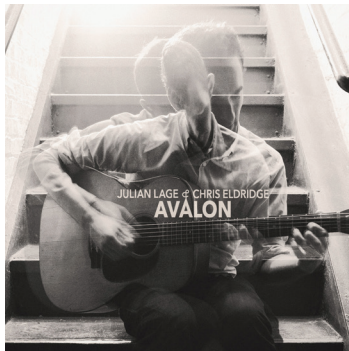
Like his previous release, “Blunderbuss,” Jack White’s second solo album “Lazaretto” has a throwback vibe, incorporating the old Hammond organs and Moog synthesizers, pianos, fiddles, and of course White’s guitar virtuosity. If this is “dad rock,” then your dad rocks harder than you do.

– Scott Young

Julian Lage & Chris Eldridge – “Avalon”

On “Avalon,” Chris Eldridge takes the helm of vocals and rhythm guitar while Julian Lage takes lead guitar. Lage’s improvisational leads are electrifying and Eldridge’s vocals are more than fitting for the tracks chosen. On this album’s songs, the limits of a song written for dance are greatly expanded.

– Holt Knight



The Allah-Las – “Worship the Sun”

The Allah-Las is a fun band to listen to, like super-far-out, man. Their 2014 album “Worship The Sun” has a very 60s psychedelic vibe with layered harmonies, clever hooks, catchy riffs and compressed tones that produce that analog hiss reminiscent of the good ol’ days of LPs and 45s on the record player.

– **Scott Young**

Alex G – “DSU”

Before Alex Gianascoli gained recognition for being a musician, the 21-year-old had already recorded 12 albums on his own with Garage-Band. These hazy self-recordings led him to be one of the most popular bedroom pop artists with his DIY approach. “DSU” (D— Suck University) sounds more or less the same as his older albums, like it was put together in his dorm room, but has a fuller sound. Gianascoli plays all of the instruments, which accounts for his own weird creation. He lets his lo-fi vocals crack sometimes. It’s pretty adorable.

– **Michaela Gugliotta**

The Antlers – “Familiars”

Every Antlers album has a theme, reflecting where leader Peter Silberman is in his life. The theme of “Familiars” is self: past, present, future and imaginary. Each song addresses different aspects of self such as “Parade,” a song about the stupidity of assuming next year will be different and “Hotel,” which examines the strange detachment and power we gain in our lack of identity in unfamiliar, homogenous places. “Familiars” is filled with Silberman’s fragile yet commanding vocals and the surprisingly versatile horns of Darby Cicci, creating an album that invites listeners in and gently asks if they would like some answers while they’re there.

– **Holt Knight**

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