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*"All I want for
Christmas is
my glasses back."*

- Gandhi, Page 6

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



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The hidden, abstract world of small insects can be brought into view when you detach the lens from an SLR camera and flip it around backwards, creating a makeshift macro lens.

Last week by the numbers

Each week during the school year the Spinnaker staff reports what's going on around campus, the city, the state and the nation: the good, the bad and the ugly. In this little space, we want to summarize the life of the Osprey during the past week.

25,000	dollar price tag for the Gandhi statue construction in 2006.
20	or more artists featuring women-empowering work at the Femme Fatale art show.
18th	sport on campus might be women's golf.
5	new tracks in the undergraduate biology program.
1.62	dollar fee increase per credit hour approved by the Board of Trustees Dec. 1.

Front Page: Erik Tanner, Photo Editor
Chad Smith, Graphics Editor

Q of the W: If you stole Gandhi's glasses, what would you do with them?



"I would put them on the mom statue."

- Mark Wooten, Political Science, Sophomore



"I'd put them back, I wouldn't want to go to hell like Gandhi."

- Corey Skinner, Business Management and Logistics, Junior



"Wear them!"

- Steve Coluccio, Communication, Senior



"Put them on Brother Micah."

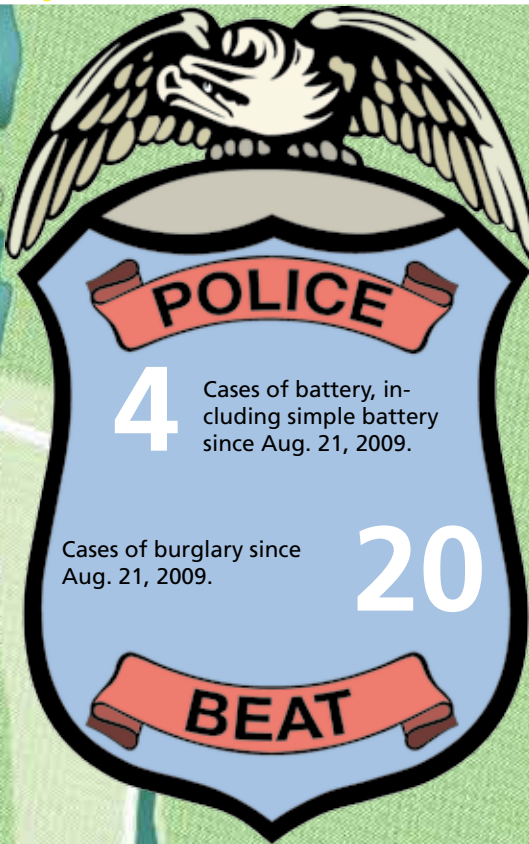
- Ashley Madden, Political Science, Freshman



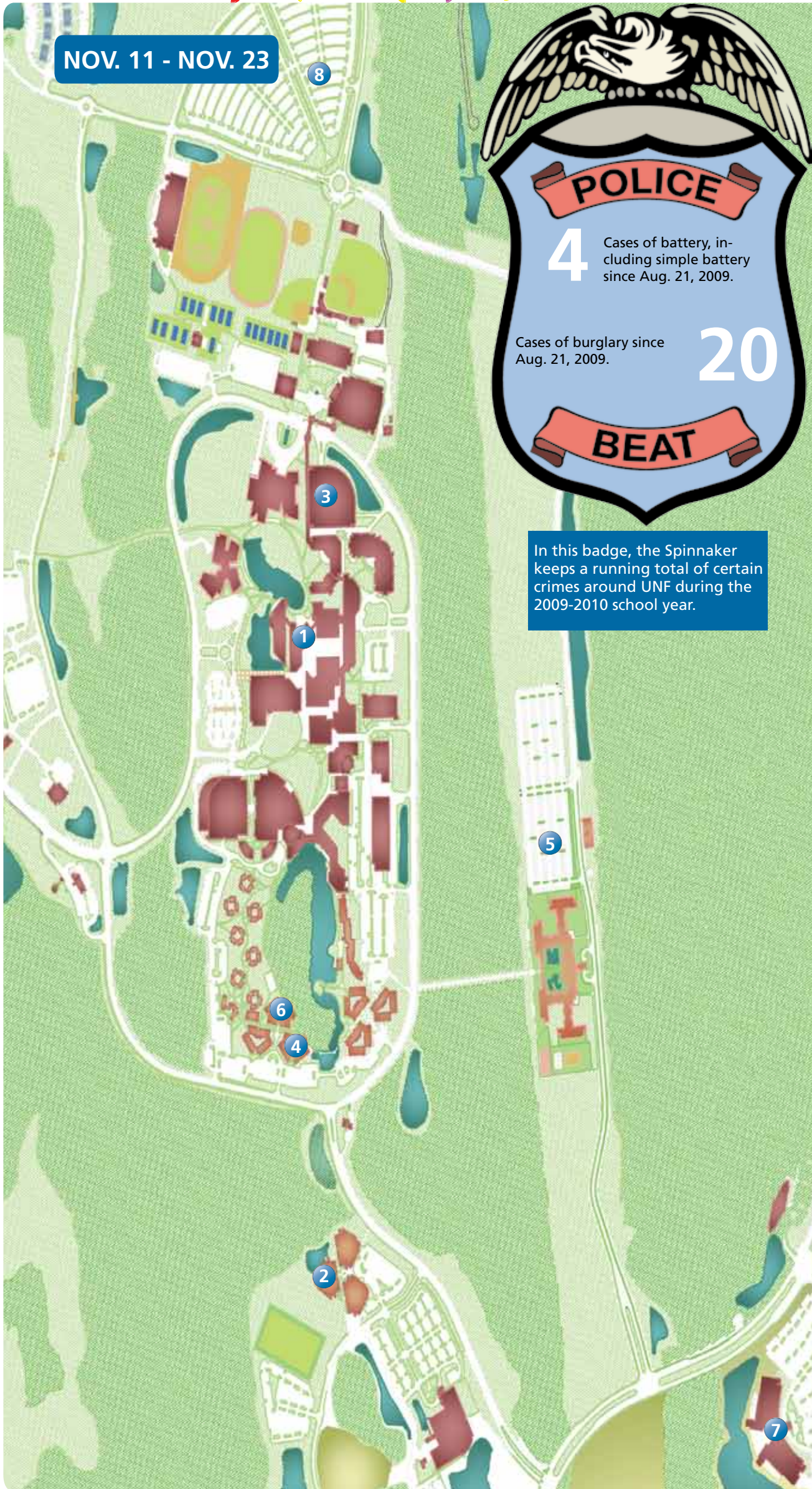
"I would sell that shit on eBay!"

- Nick Loyal, Psychology, Freshman

NOV. 11 - NOV. 23



In this badge, the Spinnaker keeps a running total of certain crimes around UNF during the 2009-2010 school year.



1 Nov. 11 – Petty Theft (Building 10) – A Coca-Cola employee noticed someone had broken into a vending machine outside of Building 10. UPD responded and found perpetrators had pried open the currency detector and stolen money. The damages total \$520: \$400 for the detector and \$120 in cash. The reporting responded to a similar report in Building 39A Nov. 17.

2 Nov. 16 – Information (Building S) – UPD responded to a phone call reporting that a student “needed rescue.” Student Amanda King complained that she couldn’t move her hands, and her stomach hurt. She said that she had not eaten in 24 hours and, at her request, Rescue 50 responded and took King to the Mayo Clinic. The Spinnaker’s attempts to contact her were unsuccessful.

3 Nov. 17 – Burglary (Building 38) – A student reported that someone had broken into her car, parked on the third floor of Garage 38 and stole \$25 to \$30 from her purse. The report said there was no sign of forced entry or damage to the car, and she was unsure whether the door was locked. A search for latent prints was unsuccessful.

4 Nov. 17 – Drug Paraphernalia (Building U) – An officer met with a student in his room in the Osprey Cove. Based on “other information received,” the officer requested consent to a search and the student acquiesced. The officer found one Graffix plastic bong, one blue glass bong, two cigarette rollers, one blunt tube package containing one blunt, one green plastic grinder, one package of “Klear” brand rolling papers, one package of R.J. Reynolds rolling paper, one metal razor blade and one gravity bong cap containing marijuana residue. The student was referred to Student Conduct.

5 Nov. 18 – Burglary (Lot 55) – A student reported that a burglar unzipped the window of his Jeep and stole an iPod from his glove compartment. Other valuable items, including glasses and a parking permit, were left intact. The student said he needed to use the car before he could report the theft, so the Jeep was not processed.

6 Nov. 19 – Injury (Building T) – UPD responded to a reported injury in the Cove. Donovan Shea fell while carrying about 30 pounds of dirty laundry, according to the report. He had torn his ACL playing football two weeks before and a broken elevator forced him to take the stairs. Shea also contacted his father, who wanted the incident documented in case they “had to sue the university or something.” Shea’s ACL is still recovering.

7 Nov. 23 – Information (Building 53) – An officer was dispatched in reference to complaints that a former student had not returned a university-issued laptop, and since he did not register for the Fall 2009 semester, the school instructed him to return the laptop by Nov. 20. When he had not returned it by Nov. 20, the complainant contacted UPD Nov. 23, and the responding officer left a message on the ex-student’s voice mail stating that a police report had been filed and requesting that he arrange to return the laptop.

BEAT of the Week

8 Nov. 19 – Battery, Resisting Arrest (Lot 18) – Two UPD officers responded to a call for assistance from Officer Thomas White who was attempting to catch a student, who had fled White when the officer approached him for riding his skateboard near Building 8. White detained him in Lot 18, but the suspect fled. When White once again caught him, the two wound up struggling on the ground. The student regained perpendicularity and began kicking White in the head. Responding officers said that they saw the suspect swinging his arms at White. He was Mirandized and arrested.

CHARLEE ST. CLAIR ANDERSON 1984-2009

BY REBECCA MCKINNON
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Caring. Beautiful. Giving. Fun. Unique. Happy. Supportive. Full of life.

These are just some of the words used by Charlee St. Clair Anderson's family and friends to describe her. The criminal justice senior was an intern with Clay County's Department of Children and Family Services and worked part time at the Orange Park Presbyterian Church's Sunday school, which is planning a memorial for her called "Charlee's Corner." She was set to graduate from UNF Dec. 11. Instead, a two-vehicle car accident took her life on County Road 220 late Oct. 18, according to a police report.

"The fellow who was driving the car, she was pretty crazy about him," Charlee's mother Katy McIntyre said.

McIntyre referred to Anderson's boyfriend, Rocky Gomez, 30, who suffered critical injuries from the accident but has since recovered and is in physical therapy. He doesn't remember anything about the accident or the few weeks after it, he said.

But he will never forget Anderson.

"She helped me open up really, not to shut people out, well, not to shut her out," he said. "She was always thinking about someone else. ... She made me want to be better at everything."

The couple had planned a Nov. 1 trip to Dallas to see a game in the newly constructed Cowboys Stadium, where Gomez planned to propose, he said.

Gomez's voice cracked as he recalled it.

"I just wanted to let her know that I wanted to be with her for the rest of my life," he said. "I wanted her to at least know."

McIntyre held the cordless phone in one hand and a sheet of handwritten names and numbers in the other, ready to call Gomez almost a month after her daughter's



From Left: Three friends, Lorraine Twohie, Blythe Salle and Charlee St. Clair Anderson, smile together.

death. She looked up as if to speak, then down at the list, back up again.

"He has a really kind heart and made Charlee feel comfortable in her own skin," McIntyre said. "She wasn't trying to be anyone else like she did with [others] she dated. ... He did a lot of really wonderful things for Charlee, and that's where I choose to leave it with him."

She called him, speaking into the phone with the soft tone of a mother, sweetly empathizing with his pain: "It's a process, Rocky."

Anderson's stepfather Mike McIntyre trembled a teacup toward

his lips. He had spent the hour-long conversation recalling Anderson as a father would — forever his little girl — speaking up about her moments as a toddler: playing with her cash register toy, always carrying her blanky, which was actually a silk nightgown.

"Charlee came around [during] a really hard time in my house," said Anderson's mother, Katy. "So she was like the little bright spot in everybody's life."

Anderson's brightness and positivity rang true in all of her friends' and family's stories of her. "She's

been my best friend for 10 years. ... We grew up together so we got to experience ... all the big challenges," said Blythe Salle, her friend and UNF alumna.

Lorraine Twohie, also a friend of Anderson, has known her for about a decade.

"She was always there for me, supportive no matter what ... an angel taken too soon, that's for sure," Twohie said.

Twohie is reminded of her always, even as she listens to the radio, she said.

"A song would come on, and

she would say, 'This is my favorite song,' and then the next song would come on and that'd be her favorite song too," Twohie said.

This fun spirit, filled to the brim, almost overflowing with life and happiness, is what her loved ones remember most, they said.

"[Charlee] said I was special like Special K," said Kristin Ratcliff, her friend and UNF transportation and logistics senior. "You see, we all had nicknames for each other. We called her Clammy or when we were mad at her, Charles. She was like a sister to me."

Anderson's mother pointed into one of her daughter's composition notebook scrapbooks and showed a picture of a large group of high school seniors, all girls with their arms around each other, surrounded by a full page of handwriting.

"I didn't know she kept so many," Katy said about the scrapbooks, which she had pulled down from a box in the closet. "I only don't remember two girls in this [picture]."

For a few moments, there was only the sound of slowly flipped pages, one after the other full of writing, pictures and little souvenirs of the moment. Occasionally, something outrageously silly erupted the table, surrounding the scrapbook in laughter.

"Her laugh, she had this cackle, a loud laugh that was contagious," Katy said. "She was happy all the time, from when she was little, 'til the end."

Gomez was silent when faced with his closing statement, something to summarize and bring meaning to Anderson's memory. After a minute, his silence turned serious.

"She was, hands down, the greatest person I ever met," he said. "I can honestly say that."

Twohie spoke for all of them.

"We, not just me, now get to live through the happy memories," Twohie said. "And there's plenty of them."

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Congress casts wary eye on Obama's Afghanistan buildup

BY WILLIAM DOUGLAS AND DAVID LIGHTMAN
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A wary, divided Congress raised serious questions Tuesday about President Barack Obama's new strategy for the war in Afghanistan, as well as its timetables and his plans to pay for the troop buildup.

Obama's biggest challenge will be his fellow Democrats, who control 60 of the Senate's 100 seats and 258 of the 435 seats in the House of Representatives. Worried about retaining their majority in next November's elections at a time when polls show the public turning against them and the war in Afghanistan, they are by no means ready to throw their support behind Obama's plan to escalate the U.S. war effort.

"Til there's a full debate, we don't know

where individual senators will end up," said Sen. Robert Casey, D-Pa., a moderate. "There's a ways to go. Just as the president engaged in a thorough review, Congress has to do the same."

More strident anti-war lawmakers weren't as reticent. Several said they were contemplating ways to derail or slow the process for funding a 30,000 U.S. troop increase in Afghanistan.

Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., said he intended to pursue all options to block funding for the escalation. Rep. Barbara Lee, D-Calif., the chair of the Congressional Black Caucus and a member of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, said she was looking for more co-sponsors for her bill to prohibit taxpayer funds from being spent to send more combat troops to Afghanistan.

Said liberal Sen. Bernard Sanders, a Vermont independent: "My view is, in the

middle of a severe recession, with 17 percent of our people unemployed or underemployed, with one-quarter of the kids in this country living on food stamps, I am not sympathetic to spending \$100 million a year on Afghanistan, plus what we're spending in Iraq."

Congress' main weapon for stopping, or changing, the troop buildup is its control over funding. It has three alternatives to pay for the troop increase: raising taxes, adding to the federal budget deficit or cutting spending on other programs.

Republicans want to slash spending; McCain proposes cutting scheduled 2010 increases in discretionary spending. He said his plan would free \$60 billion, well above the estimated \$40 billion cost of Obama's proposal.

A plan to pay for the troop increase with a surtax on income is gaining popularity in the House, however, particularly among

Democratic leaders. House Appropriations Committee Chairman David Obey, D-Wis., and Democratic Caucus Chairman John Larson of Connecticut are pushing the idea.

Following Obama's speech, Obey issued a statement that said in part:

"The cost of conducting the campaign in Afghanistan could approach \$90 billion this year, and we're told a long-term, multi-year commitment is necessary for success. That could cost anywhere from \$500 billion to \$900 billion over the next decade, which could devour our ability to pay for the actions necessary to rebuild our own economy. We simply cannot afford to shortchange the crucial investments we need in education, job training, health care and energy independence. The biggest threat to our long-term national security is a stunted economy."

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Biology department creates five specialized tracks this semester

BY NATASHA DAVIS
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More than 800 students were divided five ways this semester when the UNF Biology Department created five specialized tracks, also known as concentrations, for its undergraduate program, required for incoming freshmen but optional for the other biology students.

Ecology and evolutionary biology; coastal environmental science; coastal biology; biomedical sciences; and molecular and cell biology and biotechnology are the five tracks that give students a more specific concentration for their future, said Amy Keagy, undergraduate faculty mentor of the biology department.

The specialized tracks have similar requirements so students can change tracks up to a certain point, but there are also track-specific electives available for students of which they can take advantage, Keagy said.

"Biology is such a broad degree," Keagy said. "These tracks will hopefully help to focus it more."

Funneling the focuses of the biology program was a solution to a much larger issue — one students face after graduation.

In the past, biology students may have graduated without the experience of these track-specific classes, lowering their chances at getting a job as well as lowering their chances to better understand the specifics of any particular career, Keagy said.

When choosing their track, students should keep their future career in mind, which is why the biology department's official Web site has a careers link, which shows which careers are available to biology majors.

As of now, if any alumni wants to prove his or her track-specific knowledge on paper, he or she must do so through his or her official transcript, as it will not be indicated on his or her diploma.

The department projects the biomedical science track, which they designed in order to prepare students for careers in the medical and veterinary sciences, to be the most popular track, with 70 to 80 percent of biology majors expressing the intention of pursuing a career in the health profession after graduation. It can also be used as a stepping stone to either the nursing or the physical therapy program, Keagy said.

Roma Garcia, a UNF biology junior who recently switched to the biomedical sciences track, hopes the specialized concentration will improve her chances of getting into medical school after graduation, she said.

"The thought of being able to help others for the rest of my life gives me so much joy," Garcia said.

New Biology Tracks

Biomedical Sciences

- For students who seek careers in the medical and veterinary sciences
- Projected to be the most popular track

Coastal Biology

- For students who seek graduate work and or research careers in coastal, freshwater and marine systems
- Flagship program

Coastal Environmental Science

- For students who desire careers with the government or with environmental agencies
- Doesn't require organic chemistry or physics prerequisites

Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

- For students who seek graduate education and/or research careers in ecological and evolutionary fields
- Special emphasis on the evolution and ecology of organisms

Molecular and Cell Biology and Biotechnology

- For students who seek graduate education and/or research careers focused in cellular and molecular biology and biotechnology
- Emphasis on the inner workings of the cell

Sources: Arva Sufi, academic advisor, UNF Biology Department. Amy Keagy, undergraduate faculty mentor of the department

"These tracks will hopefully offer me a level of expertise that will help to get me there."

The biology department has yet to determine the success of the tracks this semester, but students' reactions are positive, Keagy said.

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Around the State

Floridians paint their lawns the color of innocence

One of Tampa's local companies, VIP Pest Control, now offers a snow service, according to Central Florida News 13.

Homeowners can achieve a white Christmas in Florida's mild, subtropical climate by having their lawns covered in a white, snow-like paint.

The faux snow can last for up

to six weeks, after it dries for 48 hours. Consisting of water-based components, the paint is the same used to apply the lines on football and soccer fields, according to Bay News 9.

The price of this snowy illusion comes in at around \$150 and comes with an optional organic mosquito control application.

Around the Nation

Chelsea Clinton receives engagement ring during holiday

Former first daughter Chelsea Clinton, 29, plans to tie the knot, according to ABC News.

Clinton became engaged to her longtime boyfriend Marc Mezvinsky on Thanksgiving and announced it in an e-mail to friends, according to Matt McKenna, a

spokesman for former President Bill Clinton.

Clinton and investment banker Mezvinsky were rumored to get married last summer in Martha Clinton's Vineyard, but the assumed reports turned out to be false and premature.

Around the World

Nazi guard charged with accessory to murder

A German court put John Demjanjuk on trial Nov. 30 to face charges of 27,900 counts of accessory to murder.

Each of these counts represents one Jewish life lost at a Nazi concentration camp.

Unofficially, Demjanjuk is nicknamed "Ivan the Terrible," one of the most brutal guards in the Nazi's Treblinka death camp.

Demjanjuk, an 89-year-old retired Ohio autoworker, has been fighting 30 years of prosecution efforts. His lawyers immediately accused the court in Munich, Germany of bias Nov. 30.

His defense attorneys opened by accusing the court's judge and

prosecutors of treating the Ukrainian-born Demjanjuk harsher than the Germans who ran the Nazi's Sobibor death camp in occupied Poland, according to the Associated Press.

Demjanjuk became well-known in the 1980s when the U.S. extradited him for trial in Israel.

Court sessions are scheduled through May, and if convicted, Demjanjuk could be given credit in sentencing for some or all of the time he spent behind bars in Israel. If he is acquitted, he most likely will have to remain in Germany, because he's been stripped of his U.S. citizenship.

Compiled by Kim Nelson.

News in Brief

Recent changes in Student Code of Conduct

The Student Code of Conduct has been revised. The new version will go into effect Jan. 1. Changes include extending the time for a sanction letter to be sent to the charged student from 10 to 14 business days.

The hearing administrator or panel will make a recommendation to the vice president of International and Student Affairs in reference to a sanction, and a student will be required to self-report to Student Affairs if convicted and/or charged with a criminal offense, other than a misdemeanor traffic offense. Contact Dr. Lindsay Bryant at lbryant@unf.edu for any additional questions.

UNF hosts a surplus property auction

There will be a surplus property auction from 10 a.m. to noon Dec. 4 at the University Center in room 1020. Those interested in bidding on items may preview them from 9 to 10 a.m. Dec. 4. Potential bidders may also view auction items online at firstcoastauction.com/calendar.html or visit unf.edu/anf/purchasing and click on "Bids/notices."

Tickets are \$10 for students and \$25 to \$45 for the general public. For more information, visit unf.edu/fineartscenter or call the Box Office at 620-2878.

Compiled by Kim Nelson.

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Sen. Mel Martinez's Fla. senate seat, John Delaney stays UNF

Addiction: Many students may be trapped in the Internet's web

Research shows a widespread addiction to the Internet, college students at risk

BY RAMON WALLE
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Michelle Clark, a UNF public relations junior, sat with a group of friends on a couch in Starbucks. As she played an Internet game, she blurted out, "It's addictive!"

Clark is part of the highest risk age group — college students — for Internet addiction, according to research done over the past decade by Kimberly Young, founder of the Center for Internet Addiction Recovery and author of "Caught in the Net."

If you include the time Clark uses the Internet via telephone, she surfs the Web all day, and this Internet usage sometimes interferes with her schoolwork and disconnects her from the real world, she said.

Internet addiction has the same core characteristics as other addictions, said Richmond Wynn, a UNF staff counselor and professor of the Substance Abuse and Violence Prevention class.

"There are some things that are specific to Internet addiction versus substance abuse addiction, versus sex addiction, versus gambling addiction, but the process of addiction is the same no matter what," he said.

All addicts share the inability to control themselves. This leads them to neglect responsibilities in order to fulfill their compulsive desires, which exist as a means to experience normalcy, he said.

College students are especially vulnerable to Internet addiction because their schedules are flexible, they have access to the Web, are free from parental supervision, are encouraged to use the Internet academically and are pressured to use the Internet socially, according to the International Journal of Reality Therapy, which summarized Wynn's research.

But many U.S. college students minimize the

"You have to look at the notion ... that the Internet is required as part of our lives, whereas, substances are not."

- Richmond Wynn,
UNF Staff Counselor

seriousness of this addiction, Wynn said. South Korea and China are recognizing Internet addiction as a problem, but the U.S. is not, according to the American Journal of Psychiatry.

Kevin Sacayanan, a UNF biology junior, spends five to seven hours a day on the Internet, and 75 percent of that time is spent on social networks such as Facebook, he said.

Sometimes he unintentionally neglects his schoolwork, as a five-minute Facebook break turns into a lingering chat, he said.

But the time people spend on the Internet

Internet Addiction Test

1. Do you feel preoccupied with the Internet? (You think about previous online activity or anticipate your next online session.)
2. Do you feel the need to use the Internet with increasing amounts of time in order to achieve satisfaction?
3. Have you repeatedly made unsuccessful efforts to control, cut back or stop Internet use?
4. Do you feel restless, moody, depressed or irritable when attempting to cut down or stop Internet use?
5. Do you stay online longer than originally intended?
6. Have you jeopardized or risked the loss of a significant relationship, job, educational or career opportunity because of the Internet?
7. Have you lied to family members, therapists or others to conceal the extent of involvement with the Internet?
8. Do you use the Internet as a way of escaping from problems or of relieving an unpleasant mood (i.e.: feelings of helplessness, guilt, anxiety or depression)?

If you answered yes to five of the eight questions, Internet Addiction Recovery classifies you as an Internet addict.

Source: Center For Internet Addiction Recovery

shouldn't label them as Internet addicts, Wynn said.

"Think about it as a relationship," he said. "Where does it fit? Is it a healthy relationship or a bad relationship?"

Drug and alcohol addicts are often taught to abstain from addictive substances as part of their treatment for addiction.

In today's technological world, that may not be the solution, Wynn said.

"You have to look at the notion ... that the Internet is required as part of our lives, whereas, substances are not," he said.

The Internet should be treated as food, in moderation, Wynn said. Addicts need to change their relationship to the Internet instead of abstain from it, Wynn said.

The upcoming fifth edition of the "Diagnostic Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders" may include Internet addiction as a disorder, and this might help to shed light on an overlooked problem, Wynn said. The book, which classifies mental disorders, is expected to be released in May 2012. Psychologists use it to evaluate and treat patients, according to the American Psychiatric Association's official Web site.

But in the meantime, students should, use the Internet to find more information on the addiction and support groups in Jacksonville.

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Thieves blind Gandhi, vaporize osprey symbol

Vandalism vexes UNF staff in courtyards, dormitories

BY MAX JAEGER
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The world of UNF is no longer one of clarity or insight for Gandhi, as vandals have not only stolen the spectacles off his statue, but also plagued a plaque outside the Osprey Fountains.

The thievery marks the end of a two-year "Pax Gandhia," as the specs were stolen once before in 2007, said Dr. Mauricio Gonzalez, vice president of student and international affairs at UNF.

Gandhi

Gandhi's specs were noticed to be missing Nov. 25, and the last time any UPD officers had seen them was Nov 10, which leaves a 15-day window in which the glasses were stolen, according to the police report. UPD searched the surrounding area, but for lack of evidence and leads, they suspended the investigation. The glasses were valued between \$100 and \$299, according to the 2007 police report.

Though the report attributes a "lack of evidence and investigative leads" to the suspension of this year's case, there is a security camera in Gandhi's courtyard.

The camera was installed, but it's positioned at an angle such that it didn't catch the crime, Gonzalez said. He will work with UPD to get the camera adjusted if an adjustment is possible, he said.

"Cameras are more to protect the students than to stop vandalism," said Mark Richardson, assistant chief of UPD.

"I don't think any of the cameras that we have would have prevented that, anyway," he said.

Although the police report states that the first stolen spectacles were recovered, Oupa Seane, director of the Intercultural Center for PEACE, said that is false. The original glasses were never recovered, he said.

Shortly after the 2007 theft, Elkin's Construction — the company responsible for the pedestal on which Gandhi stands and much of the recent construction on campus — fabricated a pair of temporary replacement glasses, but they were made of a material that could not be correctly welded to the statue, so they were glued on with epoxy instead, Seane said.

Gandhi's sculptress crafted him in India, and he was shipped to UNF in 2006. The Gandhi Memorial Society of Jacksonville, which donated the \$60,000 for the statue and base, also replaced the glasses when they were stolen in 2007, said Gandhi Memorial Society of Jacksonville chairman Ramesh Vashi. The artist actually fabricated a new pair and sent them for free, he said.

These specialized replacement glasses rested on Gandhi's ears for nearly two years before the second, more recent theft left Gandhi struggling to see again.

Seane is working with the Gandhi Memorial Society to get a third replacement, but the effort is taxing, he said.

"If the person [responsible for the vandalism] knew how much work went into this, I don't think it would have happened," he said. "The statue was brought to inspire students and teach the ideals of Gandhi, which have nothing to do with stealing."

Osprey Fountains plaque

Though such vandalism is neither unheard of nor unexpected on a college campus, this kind of vandalism is not common, Richardson said.

Vandals have also removed pieces of a brick sign for the Fountains three times in the last month, and it is currently broken, said Kristin Smith, associate director of Residence Life.

The plaque features the word "Fountains" and an osprey logo.

Pranksters pilfered the osprey logo twice, and it was recovered both times, Smith said.

After the first incident, a resident assistant, who found the osprey in the possession of a nonresident, recovered it, and police recovered the osprey in the bushes the second time it was stolen, she said.

Letter-hating larcenists removed half of an "i" from the word "Fountains," and police recovered it in the bushes as well, Smith said.

The osprey is valued at about \$300, but since it has been recovered, UNF has also incurred reinstallation costs, Smith said.

Housing Operations currently has the itinerant "i" in question and plans to reattach it to the brickwork during the winter break, Smith said.

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'Founding father' dies at 80

Schultz Hall namesake loses battle with cancer

BY JOSH GORE
STAFF WRITER

When walking by Building 9, most students don't notice the name on the side of the building: Frederick Schultz, a long-time Jacksonville public servant and a hero for public education.

He died Nov. 23 at the age of 80 after losing a long fight with prostate cancer.

Schultz played a key role in setting aside funding to build UNF, what more than 30 years later has turned into a campus of more than 16,000 students, with over 1,000 residents.

President John Delaney described Schultz as a founding father of UNF, because as a state legislator, he pushed the bill that created UNF.

Delaney also noted that Schultz was a benefactor and a continuous supporter of UNF.

"He was a giver and not a taker," Delaney said in a statement. "He

always wanted to help and never asked for anything in return. A good man."

In 1992, UNF named the College of Education after Schultz, because he donated about \$1 million to the university.

The \$1 million he donated in 1987 is now worth approximately \$1.9 million, according to the Consumer Price Index.

"[Schultz] was among a very small group of community and political leaders who saw the need for a public university in Jacksonville and envisioned the vital, thriving institution that UNF has become," said Adam Herbert, a former UNF president, at the ceremony.

Schultz was also the commencement speaker for the UNF graduating class of 1989.

In his speech, Schultz urged students to pursue their education further.

Schultz served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War from 1952 to 1954, where he was awarded with the Bronze Star. He also served on the Florida House of Representatives from 1963 to 1970 and was Speaker of the House

from 1968 to 1970.

In 1971, former Florida Gov. Rueben Askew appointed him to be chairman of the Citizens Committee on Education.

Schultz also served on the Board of Governors for the Federal Reserve System from 1979 to 1982, from then on retaining the honorary title of Governor, and as a member of the advisory committee for the Woodrow Wilson School of Public Policy and International Affairs at Princeton University.

He also served as a Kennedy Fellow at the Harvard University Institute of Politics.

Schultz also served as president of the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, and he also founded the Frederick H. Schultz Center for Teaching and Leadership.



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Every week, the Spinnaker compiles the most recent arrests, investigation updates and often humorous findings from UPD police reports.

Here's a look back at some of the most outrageous police beat moments of the Summer and Fall 2009 semesters: Incidents of intoxicated students, art supply fights, chain saw mishaps and stolen Scantrons are all included.

July 24 - Information (Building 58W) - The assistant director for the Student Union was repairing speakers in the second floor auditorium when he fell from the 8-foot ladder on which he'd been standing. Though he only displayed minor bruising, Rescue arrived and took him to Baptist Hospital downtown.

Aug. 29 - Underage Intoxication (Building W) - A UPD officer observed two suspects walking away from the Osprey Landing residence hall, when, upon seeing the officer, one of the subjects threw an unopened beer in the bushes. The suspects were carrying three cans of unopened Natural Light beer. One of the

suspects was a juvenile and transported to New Beginnings drug rehab, while UPD referred both subjects to Student Conduct.

Sept. 1 - Damaged Property (Building 34) - Two students were playing racquetball in the UNF Arena, room 1014, when one of the students accidentally fell backward into the plexiglass door, shattering it.

Physical Facilities swept up the glass, and the students went to Student Health because of the cuts the falling glass caused.

Sept. 5 - Disagreement (Building A) - UPD was called in reference to a possible fight in the Osprey Village dormitories. When police arrived, a man said that he and a woman were working on some artwork, and she kept receiving text messages.

He said that he asked her who was texting her, and she wouldn't tell him. This led to an argument that resulted in them throwing art supplies on the floor.

He said neither of them had touched each other. When police talked to the woman, she said that she wanted to make him jealous, hence the texting. Both subjects live in the Village and have had arguments before. UPD recommended both of them go to Student Conduct.

Sept. 25 - Information (Building V) - UPD arrived at the Osprey Cove residence hall in response to a student being

harassed on Facebook. Someone identified as "Kodak Phantom" began making threats on her Facebook page.

After the initial series of threats, a person identified as "Perry Vistoso" and "Samitera YgurtTweet Smith" began making threats while defending 'Phantom.' The student said she does not know who they could be, and UPD advised her to contact them if the situation escalates past computer chat. Patrol efforts were suspended.

Sept. 30 - Disorderly Intoxication (Garage 44) - UPD arrived at parking Garage 44 to find nine subjects on the fourth floor who were thought to be planning to skateboard down the ramp to the third floor. The officer gave one Florida State College at Jacksonville student a verbal warning and referred six students to Student Conduct before letting them go.

One student admitted to drinking alcohol but refused to cooperate. After UPD placed him under arrest for disorderly intoxication, he began to scream profanities at the officer.

He resisted arrest, but the officer was able to restrain him as he continued to scream and began spitting on the windows.

He also spit on an officer, and UPD subsequently pepper sprayed him and placed him in a spit mask.

UPD arrested him and booked him in Duval County Jail for disorderly intoxication and resist-

ing arrest. He was also referred to Student Conduct.

Oct. 19 - Accidental Injury (Building 50) - A worker for Mar-tex Services Landscape Management used a chainsaw to cut a tree branch when the chainsaw made contact with his right forearm.

He lacerated his arm, and Rescue 50 transported him to the Mayo Clinic for treatment.

Nov. 4 - Petty Theft (Building 58W) - UPD was dispatched to the UNF Bookstore in response to a theft. A witness said a white male entered the store and asked a clerk where the Scantrons were.

He then picked up two brown Scantrons and left without paying for them. The total cost of the stolen property was valued at 50 cents.

Nov. 5 - Petty Theft (Building Y) - A student reported a theft of keys in the Osprey Landing. Another student also reported a theft of money in his room. He last saw his money clip in his room Nov. 4.

The student looking for his keys found the money clip inside a book on his desk, which was returned to its owner. It is unknown how the money clip ended up in the book.

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Hope Fund recipient receives essentials to live, learn

BY AMANDA BILLY AND
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Victoria Vail sat cross-legged on a zebra-striped bed in her hot pink room and smiled as she sang Mariah Carey's "Through the Rain."

"Every time I feel afraid," Vail sang, "I hold tighter to my faith, and I live one more day, and I make it through the rain."

Although Vail is only 18 years old, she's already made it through a lot of rain.

After her family disintegrated in 2007, Vail became homeless for almost two years, but is now working to create a more stable life, one in which she can help other teenagers the same way she was helped.

Supported by an organization that's given her a place to live and help in becoming self-sufficient, Vail is studying at Florida State College of Jacksonville, paid for by a scholarship.

When she's not in class, she's working, making about \$600 a month by putting in 28 to 30 hours a week at a Chick-fil-A restaurant.

She follows a detailed budget, hoping to save enough to move into her own apartment in June.

After finishing her associate's degree, she wants to transfer to the University of Central Florida and major in business administration and sociology.

Vail knows next semester will be difficult, but she's ready for the challenge, she said.

"I have to be strong for myself," she said, something at which she's had lots of practice.

Vail grew up living with her mom, stepfather and three of her siblings. When her stepfather



HOPE Fund recipient Victoria Vail, 18, is on her own and a student at Florida State College at Jacksonville, and works at Chick-fil-A in Jacksonville. She is pictured with a poster she made in school that illustrates her beliefs and ambitions. With the support of Daniel Memorial Inc., Vail is working hard to balance life as a college student, her job, community service and the group's life skills course. (The Florida Times-Union, Will Dickey)

and mother split in 2007, things started to fall apart.

While the youngest child stayed with his father, Vail's

mother took the then 17-year-old girl, her twin brother and her younger sister and moved from motel to motel in Yulee.

Although the mother worked as a cashier, she couldn't afford rent, and Vail and her siblings started working to help her mother.

Vail had always been an honor roll student, but her grades slipped her junior year of high school when she missed a month and a half of classes.

"I wasn't going to school because I felt like I needed to help my family," Vail said.

As the family's life changed, Vail's relationship with her mother became more strained, something Vail struggles to understand. The two had been very close, with Vail's mother urging her daughter to succeed.

"She always told me that she wanted me to be the best that I could be," Vail said.

But then she just stopped caring, losing interest in her children's lives, not noticing what time they came home, she said.

"She was so strong," Vail said. "It was just like she gave up."

That's when the teenager decided to leave.

"I just really didn't want to be like my mom," she said. "I wanted to be different."

But Vail wasn't sure where to turn.

Her biological father had never been a part of her life. Although she intended to find him when she turned 18, she never got the chance: He committed suicide during Vail's junior year, and the only time she would ever see him was at his funeral.

So she bounced around friends' houses for a few months before moving in with a friend's family, paying \$300 a month to sleep on the floor in a bedroom

with her friend and her friend's baby.

Vail worked constantly to afford rent and other necessities. She also worked to pull her grades up.

By the time she graduated Yulee High School in May, Vail had made dramatic improvements academically, earning a Presidential Education Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement.

Her family did not attend the ceremony.

Two people who did see Vail pick up her diploma were staff members of Daniel Memorial Inc., a Jacksonville nonprofit agency that helps homeless teenagers become economically independent. A counselor at Vail's high school contacted them.

Vail moved into the agency's housing a week after graduation. She agreed to abide by the program's requirements: She must stay in school, work, complete monthly community service and participate in independent living skills courses.

Living and learning at Daniel has given Vail a direction in life, she said.

"They gave me the courage and strength to do what I've got to do," she said.

Vail wants to help as many people as she possibly can, she said.

"I really see myself changing somebody's life — a lot of people's lives," she said.

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Board of Trustees approves fee increases for next school year

BY REBECCA MCKINNON
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The UNF Board of Trustees approved a total student fee increase of \$1.62 per credit hour for the 2010-2011 school year Dec. 1.

Thirty-five cents of it is going to Student Government's allocated activities and services, 87 cents of it is going to the athletics department and 40 cents of it is going to the counseling center.

Therefore, if a student has 12 credit hours, he or she will pay an additional \$19.44 for fees in fall 2010.

The Student Fee Assessment Committee met multiple times through October and November in an effort to decide how much to increase and which department deserved the most. Student Government, the athletics department and the counseling center all approached the committee searching for fee increases.

The Spinnaker outlined the

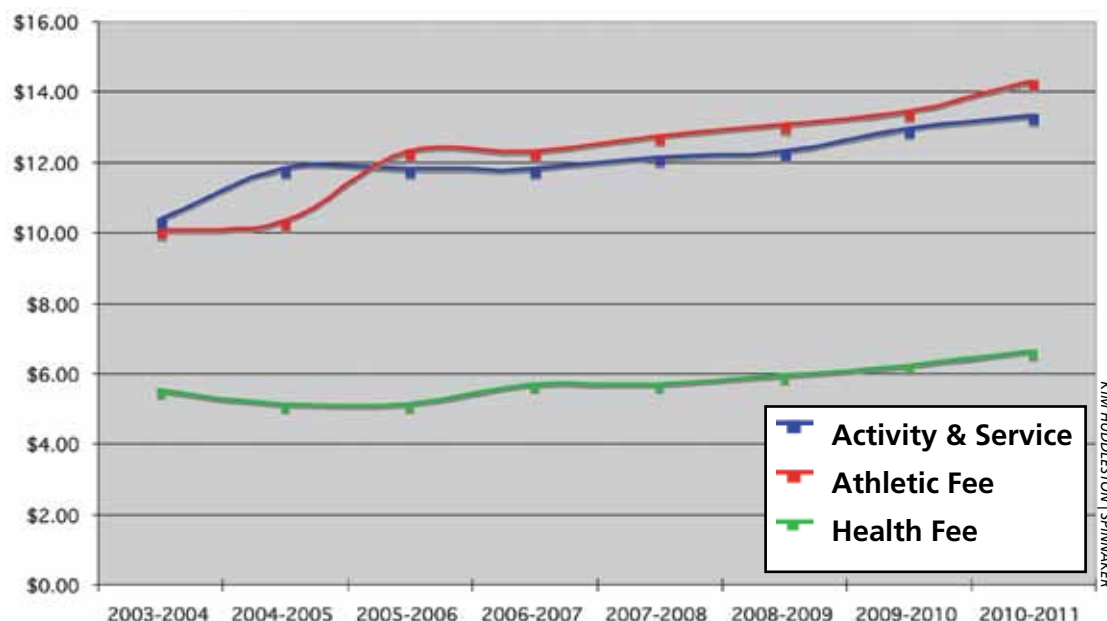
counseling center's issues, which led them to ask for the increase, in the Nov. 18 issue. The center originally sought a 61-cent increase, and it plans to use the granted 40-cent increase to hire two additional full-time counselors.

The athletics department sought the largest increase available — \$1.62. It plans to use the granted 87-cent increase to offer more athletic summer scholarships and more meal money, to further the student managers, training and the newly created pep band and to create a benefit package for assistant coaches.

Student Government sought a 23-cent increase and was granted 35 cents to go toward its activities and services for the students on campus, specifically Osprey Production's budget and programming.

The Spinnaker will continue to bring you up-to-date information on the details of these changes.

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Market failure: Obama must cage fat cats with regulations

Want to take out your anger and frustration about the miserable economy on the bankers bilking us blind? The iPhone has an app for that.

“Bailout Wars” gives users a chance to vent their recession-aggression by exacting revenge on animated caricatures of the corporate fat cats who first caused and are now obscenely profiting from America’s descent into an economic abyss.

The game allows a player to “kill” cretinous Wall Street bankers as they lay siege to the White House in search of more bailout money to feed their greed.

When the history books are written, 2009 will go down in the annals of time as the year that populist rage was all the rage. This silly iPhone application is just the latest incarnation.

Americans are mad as hell, and they aren’t going to take it much longer, to paraphrase Howard Beale, Peter Finch’s prophet of middle-class fury and indignation from the 1976 film “Network.”

If you haven’t seen “Network,” you really need to add it to your Netflix queue. The film chronicles the downfall of the corporate media as the days of watchdog journalism come to a close and “infotainment” rears its scabrous head. But, hope springs eternal as a mad anchorman screams incoherent jeremiads into the vast wasteland of television news in an effort to awaken the sleeping giant: the American middle class.

Yet, as the end of the first decade of the millennium quickly approaches, the real-life American middle class is starting to grumble. We’ve had enough of the greed and hubris. Regulatory reform is now more than smart policy, it’s a moral imperative. Bankers’ callous disregard for economic fairness is laying to waste too many of our bothers and sisters. In short, the free-market has failed.



Josh Fredrickson
Managing Editor

Listen: I am a journalist. As such, I have an innate and profound aversion to even rudimentary mathematical equations.

I couldn’t even begin to explain the elementary statistics formulas I have long since forgotten, let alone attempt to illuminate such esoteric investment schemes as “derivatives,” “credit default swaps,” “collateralized debt obligations” or “securitized life settlements.” And anyone who tells you they understand these “exotic investment options” and can intelligibly explain them is either a liar or an investment banker — if one can distinguish between the terms, which at this point is an open question.

What I do know is that the American people are out for blood — figuratively, hopefully — and if President Obama and the Democrats don’t make serious efforts at regulatory reform and curbing the gaudy excesses of the casinos on Wall Street, the American people will hold them accountable.

Check out these eye-popping, teeth-gnashing figures:

Wall Street bonuses are up 60 percent from last year, according to Bloomberg News. The average salary for a Goldman Sachs employee is a record \$700,000.

Now, contrast that with the latest unemployment numbers: officially over 10 percent, although according to one measurement, known as a “U-6,” the rate is almost twice that amount.

Hey, you’re in college, right? What do you care? Once you get your degree you’ll be sitting pretty, right? Wrong.

The unemployment rate for Americans aged 18 to 24 is 53.4 percent, according to the U.S. Labor Department.

So while the Robber Barons of the 21st century are going gangbusters, we’re screwed.

Goldman, referred to by Rolling Stone’s Matt Taibbi as “a great vampire squid wrapped around the face of humanity, relentlessly jamming its blood funnel into anything that smells like money,” was among the first beneficiaries of last year’s bailouts. Goldman is also the biggest villain on Wall Street, which is like being the fattest man in Mississippi. Sounds like a great target for the Obama administration, right? There’s no better place to start a regulatory revolution than with those Sachs of excrement.

Alas, the president has been long on rhetoric and short on results when it comes to bringing Wall Street under control.

Perhaps staffing the treasury department with hordes of former Goldman Sachs lobbyists has something to do with that? So much for ending the days of special-interest control in Washington.

The American people are incensed with the jaw-dropping bonuses and prodigious compensation of those in the nation’s financial firms, who are rightly viewed as having rigged the game and are profiting greatly from our economic collapse.

If Obama and the Democrats aren’t more proactive in addressing the reckless behavior of recalcitrant bankers, they could find themselves out of work faster than you can say “bailout.”

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What do you consider a holiday miracle?



“An economic recovery, complete withdrawal from foreign wars, the re-establishment of all civil liberties and a bottle of whiskey to comfort me when none of these things happen.”

-James Cannon, Editor in Chief



“After I graduate on the 11th, getting a job. With two internships under my belt, Spinnaker experience and a moderate GPA, after applying for hundreds of jobs for months, still nothing. Except for my hope in a miracle.”

-April Schulhauser, Assistant Features Editor



“Being able to fight off the holiday crowds to purchase all the gifts on my list. Last year, I ended up getting chased by a postal service worker across the country and ended up in the Macy’s Day parade.”

- John Weidner, Sports Editor



“ When the worms with wings sing, while my shoes sprout springs, and the rain spells my name in gusher juice, that is a true holiday miracle.”

-Mike Tomassoni, Art Director



Notable & Quotable

“Wise and humble are those who find more fault within themselves than in the world.”

- April Schulhauser
Assistant Features Editor

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Questions still loom over obscure UPD practices



As the fall semester comes to a close, your gang of intrepid reporters at the Spinnaker are, like you, trying to tie up a few loose ends. In the midst of studying for finals and power-walking off the 10 pounds we gained over Thanksgiving break, there's still this one incessant question that keeps creeping up with the inexorable irritation of Turkey Day indigestion.

Why is UPD depositing students who have violated university alcohol and drug policies at River Point Behavioral Health, a detox center, for an overnight stay at their own expense?

The Spinnaker has been following this perplexing story for nearly three months now, and the deeper we go down the rabbit-hole, the darker and more obscure the picture becomes.

A quick recap: The Spinnaker noticed a peculiar increase in the instances of these forced sleepovers and began asking some basic questions regarding the practice. All we've got to show for it is more questions.

For starters, inconsistencies in the statements of UPD and UNF administration officials triggered alarm bells.

Was the clause that gives UPD the

authority to drop impaired students off at River Point Behavioral Health for the night in the student housing contract or the student handbook?

It took us over a month to find the actual clause, which, as it happens, is located in the housing contract.

Well, sort of.

Check it out: When students sign up for campus housing they are required to sign a housing contract. When signing the housing contract, students agree to the terms and conditions of the student resident handbook — a separate document altogether that students receive on move-in day.

Thus, students are not apprised of this policy until after they have already agreed to it and moved into housing.

Another inconsistency then emerged. Despite the assurances of UPD Police Chief John Dean that students are given a choice between River Point, city detox or jail, if a parent or guardian cannot be reached first, students who have experienced this circumstance told the Spinnaker they were given no such options.

Then there are questions of safety. In 2007, an employee of River Point,

then known as Ten Broeck Hospital, was arrested for allegedly raping an inmate, er, patient.

One UNF student who responded to the Spinnaker's coverage of the detox policy said he feared bodily harm while at the facility, claiming to have been placed in a room with mentally unstable patients.

Why then, would UNF be willing to potentially place students at risk, especially when the ostensible rationale behind the policy is to ensure student safety? Is some good ol'-fashioned quid pro quo going on here?

Enter Paul Andrews.

Andrews is the chief executive of the Brook Hospitals, based in Louisville, Ky. Brooks Hospitals' parent company is Psychiatric Solutions, Inc. Relevance? River Point is also affiliated with Psychiatric Solutions.

Cue the creepy conspiracy theory music.

But wait, there's more. Andrews is the former CEO of River Point and was also appointed to UNF's Department of Health Dean's Council.

To be clear, the Spinnaker has yet to find any evidence of impropriety, but the appearance of a conflict of interest is apparent.

When this potential conflict was broached to Everett Malcolm, associate vice president of student affairs, and UPD Assistant Chief Mark Richardson, both said they were completely unaware of the situation.

"I didn't know that," Richardson said. "The question of a conflict of interest would depend on when the contracts were signed, I guess. And since I didn't even know, you can see there's no conflict of interest."

It just keeps getting curiously and curiously.

We're not certain of a full-blown conspiracy, and as such, we won't assign any gimmicky, sensationalistic title to this affair, like "detox-gate," for example. But what we do know is that students have reported being hauled off to River Point for having a beer or two and have missed class, tests and passing grades as a result.

We appreciate UPD and the administration's efforts to keep students safe, but this detox policy needs to be well-defined and devoid of confusion. That's simply not the case at present.

We're going to keep our eye on this story and hope our unresolved questions will be answered soon.

A final fare thee well: Viva la Spinnaker!

“There is no bad press,” my double entendre promises me, while hanging above my desk. This encouragement doodled on a Post-it note serves not as a reminder of reality, yet as the hope of what one day could be.

The scope of information a person is presented with changes their every thought, action and viewpoint on life. Being entrusted with a position at our university as a gatekeeper to the flow of news-breaking stories has given me a serious appreciation for this opportunity and immense pressure toward a commitment to excellence.

Though, I would not consider all of my choices and stories while working at the Spinnaker to be excellent. But since the first day I stepped into our previous office (closet), I made accuracy and perfection my No. 1 priority.

Since there is ideally no bad press, would I go as far as to say my media accomplishments have been good? All I know is that every keyboard stroke inked onto our newspapers from my efforts has been given 100 percent.

But before I'm obliged to retire from the Spinnaker, post-graduation, I would like to thank all of those involved with providing this experience for me, the other staffers for putting up with my bullshit, our university and most importantly, the readers. Every fact we quadruple-check, every 13-hour work day, every awkward interview with a stranger, every exhausting production night which lasts until early morning hours, it's all for you.

I'm not sad to leave college. I can always come back to pursue a higher education. But it is with a heavy, sentimental heart that I peel my posters from the office walls and pass on my Intellikey to my lucky replacement. Perhaps I will never get the chance to be a Spinnaker staff member again. However, I'll always remember the laws learned, broken and changed, and the articles botched, never written and those that made my portfolio.

As a reality check: of course there is bad press, including both meanings of this saying.



April Schulhauser
Assistant Features Editor

But as long as Spinnakers continue to slide off of the printing press, there is a large group of your peers fighting day and night to distinguish all deceitful press from our university. Keep reading and keep writing. Viva la Spinnaker!

*To Timpe, I leave my Silver Sow
The trophy I was never awarded
Perhaps if I didn't graduate now
My plans to win wouldn't be thwarted.*

*To Beca, I leave my Apple Mac,
Sadly, more reliable than your own.
So when UNF techs want to slack
Your creativity won't have to postpone.*

*To Rebecca, I leave my only award:
“Most Likely to be First Babe of the Week.”
Seemingly sexist, irrelevant, forward,
But proving writers can also be chic.*

*To Kim, I leave you my position,
Although it's technically not mine to give.
Others feed off of your ambition
When creativity turns cognitive.*

*To Ryan, I leave my AP book.
I never want to open it again.
You find all errors in every nook,
You're what I'll miss most at the Spin.*

*To James, I leave my gratitude
For being our kick-ass master.
To those whom I couldn't include,
I leave to all my gallbladder.*

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Letter to the Editor

I just want to say that it's about time someone reported about this. My name is Mike Fisher, and I am a freshman at UNF. This is my first fall semester and because of the cost of going to detox, I have to drop out of UNF. I was brought to River Point sometime in October because I was “intoxicated.”

I wasn't caught drinking in dorms, but instead I was stopped for skateboarding in a parking garage. I had been drinking off campus, and even though I was completely coherent, able to walk, talk, and even crack jokes with the cops, they forced me to go to detox.

I don't care what UNF says, they have to have something going on with River Point. After only one semester, the added cost of parking tickets and detox trips has forced me

to withdraw from UNF.

I was in the same situation as Matthew Merolli who you reported about. I missed my English and math class the morning after, missing a test in both classes, and missing the due date for an English paper. Needless to say I am failing math, and just barely passing English. What really pissed me off about the whole situation is the fact that the police officers will lie to anyone in order to keep you under control.

As they were trying to arrest my friend they told me, “Just relax and don't give us any problems, and you can skate back to your dorm when we're done here.”

So instead of running, I casually sat on the cop car smoking cigarettes and chatting with the officers. Next thing I knew I was in the back of a cop

car on my way to detox. I was told that if I didn't resist, they would let me go home, I never knew by home they meant a place full of complete addicts.

Good job reporting on this, I like that someone took the initiative to address this as a problem because honestly it's ridiculous to force people to spend the night in such a sketchy environment and then make them pay for being there.

I tried to appeal the bill through vice president of something, her name was Dr. Croft and basically all she said was, “Too bad, pay me my money, or we'll take you to court.”

So let UNF [students] know if you have a couple drinks, you might have to drop out because you'll miss your classes and have a lot of bills to pay.

Mike Fisher, UNF student

Preachers proselytize student populace again

Respect free speech, but don't engage the trolls

Dropping temperatures, especially in a state that's hot nine months out of the year like Florida — and the season's change in general — remind us of cycles. While we may have no control over the seemingly predestined events that constantly unfurl around and through us, it is possible to control response to unsettling events.

As the Canada geese return to UNF, so have the itinerant preachers. In the spirit of cycles, I'll add another red spot to the wall so many have banged their heads against in the past: ignore these heretical hucksters!

These guys spit every possible incendiary insult, intended to inflame college kids. It's clear such irreverent reverends want nothing more than attention — do you think they expect to convert the campus with wide-swath generalizations and bombastic rhetoric?

Impious preachers lust after angry glares and the notion that they are making your blood-pressure skyrocket, so just ignore them!

Don't stop and stare.

Don't throw things.

Don't tell them you're a Rasta or whatever as you munch on a pepperoni pizza from Sbarro (because that's super ignorant and I've seen it).

Don't engage, period.

I hesitated to even write a column about this, but I'm going to bank on the chance that none of the preachers will read it.

Arguing with these guys about anything at all is futile. You won't change their mind, and if you're looking for some good religious or philosophical discourse, approach a philosophy professor during his or her

office hours.

“Discourse” is not a word in these guys' lexicon, anyways: Their rhetoric is reminiscent of an argument on an elementary school playground, where volume and shameless repetition hold all the sway.

If everyone ignores Brother Micah, banner guy and the seldom-seen frothing-at-the-mouth ascetic, we can all secretly revel at their ineffectual rantings, but the moment someone gives them any attention, these clueless

clerics achieve their climax.

An urge to oust these purveyors of per-

version is down-right laudable, but the campus has to convert its ardor into a quiet stoicism if we ever hope to make them cross. I've seen plenty of well-intentioned religious folks — separate from the majority of spectators who salivate at the chance to cause static — surmount all-out assaults on the defiled deiphiles who infest our campus, but even the most pristine, well-formed argument is little more than tossing water on a grease fire.

Even religion and philosophy professors get lured in by the lurid appeal of these pseudo-sermons, but even impassioned professors are setting the wrong example in this limited case. The best course of action is to take no immediate action. Let your absence of action speak louder than words.

While over-zealous preachers may never stop haunting UNF's halls, we can erase any ounce of satisfaction they receive by not giving them the time of day.

Smile, nod, let your freak flag fly all in their faces, but don't let those who feed off your fury know the fury exists, lest the feeding frenzy be fruitful.

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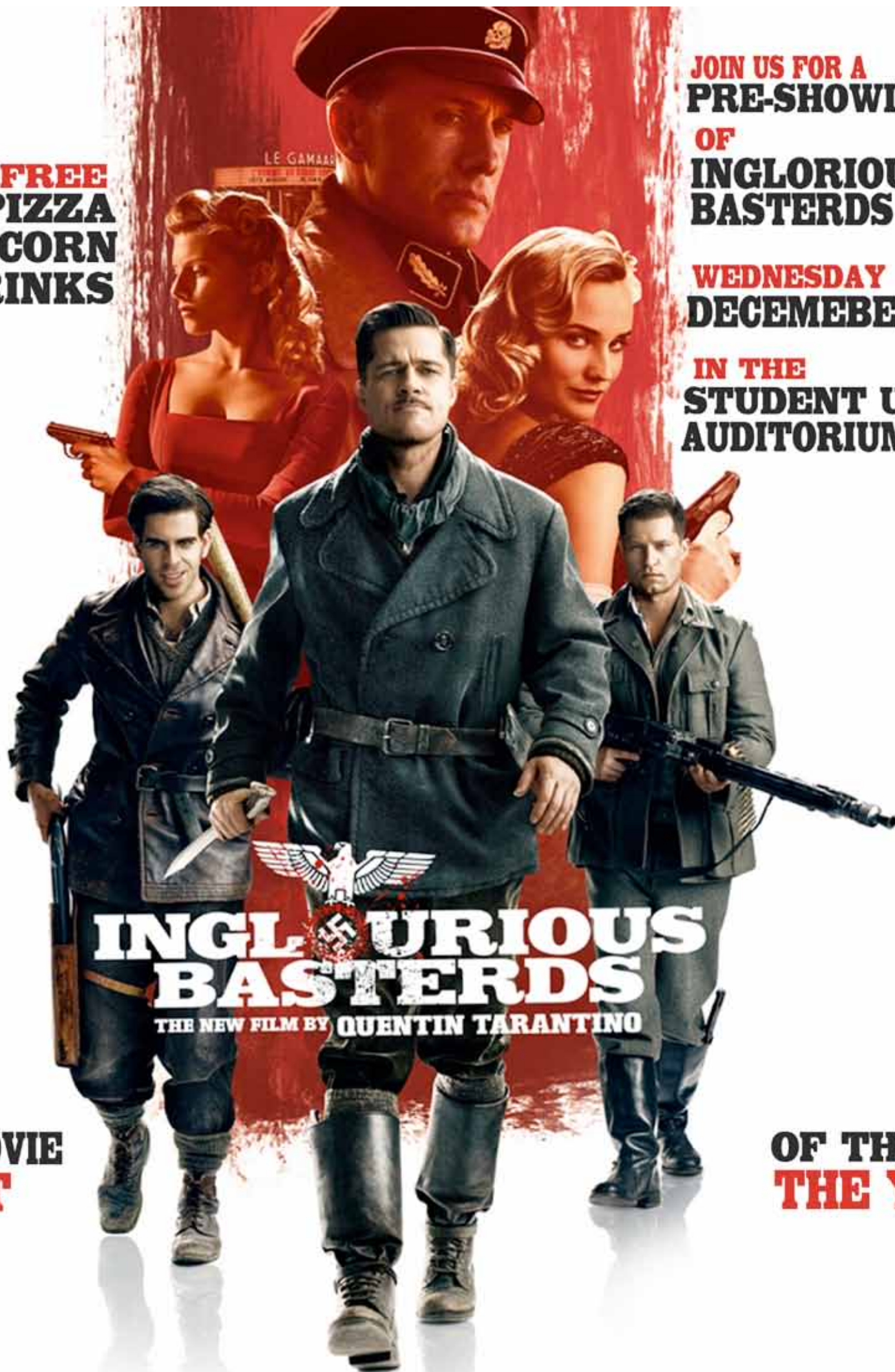
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Manscaping: a slash and burn affair

BY MAX JAEGER
STAFF WRITER

With Christmas fast approaching, many people are breaking out the shears to trim their tree, but whether or not you're a Christian, you can still get into the "trimming spirit" on your face, arms, back or ... below.

Initially, I wasn't too nuts about writing an article on "manscaping," — the art of male body hair grooming, particularly below the belt — but when life hands you lemons, shave 'em.

The most gonzo thing to do was to go balls to the wall and get a Brazilian wax. In the interest of science, I only got half of my carriage waxed and shaved the rest, so I can hopefully give readers insight to both hair-removal styles. What follows is an account of the procedure, the days after and a little info.

Metrosexual has become a common term in the last 10 years, and even if all guys aren't going out buying manpurses ("murses," if you will), our society has become more accepting of grooming habits America and other western countries once considered effeminate and taboo. Wanderlea, my chosen manscaper, sees about a third more men than she did 20 years ago, she said.

"I think we want to feel [the skin] more," she said. "It makes you more sensitive."

Many typically think porn stars would overwhelmingly patronize services like

Wanderlea's, but while she does see one pornographer, she said athletes and doctors are more common. Attempts to speak

with local dermatologists, urologists and

the Mayo Clinic's public relations department all

proved to be unsuccessful

by

press time.

Day 1 — After a few embarrassing phone calls, I managed to track down a beautician who would even give a man a Brazilian. It's a request that grows more common, but beauticians are justifiably reluctant to touch the baser sex, according to Wanderlea.

When I arrived at her office, Wanderlea and I spoke about the procedure, and she shared some post-waxing tips with me. I asked her what to expect as the hair returns, and she laughed while incredulously asking, "What? You mean besides in-grown hairs?" The biggest problem is bacterial infection in the pores, which can set in the first 10 hours after waxing. Infections are rare if one follows a few simple hygienic rules, she said.

Wanderlea assured me that the large amount of whiskey (5/2/88, officer) I had before coming into her office was normal and a good idea.

"They usually give you some wine at a lot of spas," she said. "The alcohol dulls the pain."

It's hard to retain your masculinity when getting a Brazilian wax, but I like to think I did so by not screaming when Wanderlea took the first rip. Overall, the event wasn't terribly painful, and Wanderlea said that it actually gets easier as you go, because the body secretes more and more cortisol, which is — among other things — a natural pain-killer.

There was no blood, but that ain't usually the case, Wanderlea said. I wasn't that lucky when I got home and shaved the other half. I blame my poor razor skills on the fact that I was a little drunk. If anyone tries the shaving method, I suggest short, careful (oh-so careful) strokes combined with sobriety.

Day 2 — Initial redness and irritation continues. It looks like I have eczema EVERYWHERE below my belt. People do this for beauty?

Day 3 — I'm assuming porn stars never ride bikes. Ouch! Actually, Wanderlea said she has two cyclists who come to her. I don't know how they do it.

Day 4 — The redness and omnipresent, tiny, white bumps are finally subsiding. But what will emerge?

Day 6 — I look in the mirror before I get in the shower and lament my pre-pubescent state. My junk looks like a sad baby elephant.

Day 10 — The shaved side is starting to grow back in. My

pre-pubescent pubic region commenced some wonderful changes, and there's hair growing where there was no hair before. With all these pimples and scattered stubble, my crotch looks like my face did when I was 14 ...

Day 14 — My lower stomach is a temple to the two-faced god Janus, and there's a clear division between the ex-shaved half and the still-bare-waxed area. Starting to notice some red spots on the waxed side, however.

Day 18 — Oh, God, it itches! Searching frantically for some sandpaper or a cheese-grater.

Day 22 — Everything's pretty much grown in, and with the exception of a few remaining ingrown hairs, things are back to normal.

OK, so I don't think I'd ever do that again. I'm not trying to pass any judgment or turn anyone off to the idea of hardcore body hair removal (in the words of Russell Simmons, "Do you!").

Some of the discomfort was probably avoidable. I didn't really do any of the stuff on Wanderlea's list of "aftercare tips," because moisturizing with tee tree oil after every shower and abstaining from sexual activity for 10 hours after the procedure seemed like putting on airs.

Next time, find out what a mullet can do for your resume.

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Femme Fatale Art Show: See the way she walks, but hear the way she talks

Far from the Velvets' 1969 tune, these girls aim to explore issues affecting women through art

BY APRIL SCHULHAUSER
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You're officially invited to the One Year Bomb Ass Holiday Party! With a name like that, seriously, how could you refuse?

It's three days filled with music, art, food, beer, bicycling and friends, all to celebrate promoting equality.

The blowout begins with an overflowing and diverse collection of paintings, free-standing sculptures, photographs and more featuring positive, empowering images of women: the Femme Fatale Art Show. A spoken word performer from Charleston, S.C. and DJ Summer will complete this multimedia collaboration celebrating women and showing an estimated 20 artists, including local artist Sarah Napier. Each work will feature women, feminism or simply portray female identification struggles.

Inspiration-struck Erin Collins, a UNF mechanical engineering junior, plans to create a sculpture with a friend, with intent to submit it into the art show if it's completed in time, she said. Collins belongs to the Women's Collective, who works together with Best Friends Ride to coordinate the events. Jacksonville's collective, born this past September, opens its proverbial arms to everyone and consists of about 13 people thus far, mostly UNF students, brainstorming and working

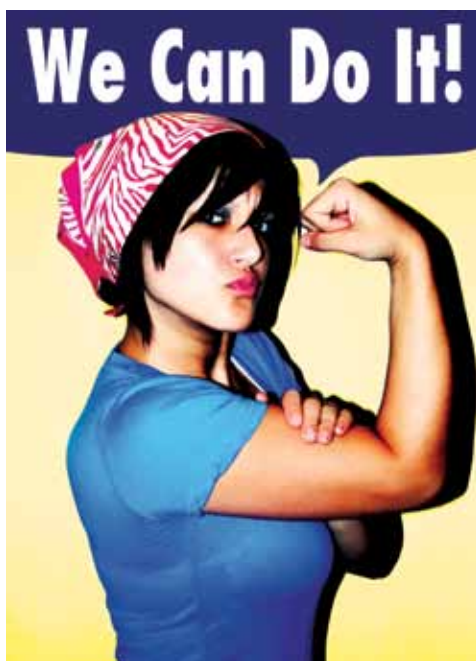


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to propel the local mindset and media away from sexism.

Collins' passion extends further than equality between men and women.

"Some people think feminists need to be women who hate men and try to be masculine to be on an equal level," Collins said.

She recognizes the divide can grow even deeper, especially between

women in the business world versus female homemakers, she said. The Women's Collective congregates to equate that division.

Jimmel Walsh, a UNF journalism senior, will pop her art publicity cherry Friday, Dec. 11.

"I'm really nervous, but I think that's why I'm so excited about it," she said.

She plans to show three pieces inspired by women and considers the showing a perfect outlet.

"I just want to put [my art] out there for other people to enjoy and give some feedback," Walsh said.

The artistic exhibition is just a portion of weekend-long festivities commemorating the one-year anniversary of Best Friends Ride, formerly labeled Women's Ride. Since this monthly excursion includes all genders, the seemingly misleading name sparked a re-branding. They are more than just a biker community of women, they are now best friends riding together, with everyone welcome.

Beer for tips and free desserts, donated by Let Them Eat Cake, puts the icing on the cake.

Then, you can dance off those extra calories from the previous night toward the end of Saturday's rockin' concert at Steamworks. Rushholme Ruffians (post-punk/new wave), Charleston's Oicho Kabu (neo-soul) and Phillip Cardona with Strange Fires are scheduled to provide

the audio delight of the night, which concludes with a DJ mix. Two bucks get you in the door.

This holiday-ridden, December month's ride has been rescheduled from its usual occurrence on the last Sunday of every month to Dec. 13, so more bikers can attend. The biking adventure begins in Five Points and loops around to downtown and Avondale.

Cherri Czajkowski played a lead role in organizing the holiday party, for the purpose of promoting a positive view of feminism and ending sexist imagery in the media. Also a member of the Women's Collective, Czajkowski strives to change our neighborhoods by confronting our rape culture, she said.

In October, a well-known female was gang raped in the middle of a populous area of Riverside, after she was knocked off her bike at 8 p.m. The Women's Collective and Best Friends Ride discourage the subjugation of women and are working to improve the general view of women in our society.

There exists power and safety in numbers. This One Year Bomb Ass Holiday Party aims to bring together a community to fight against the sexism tide that is still flowing through our city.

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My fellow Ospreys,

As the Fall semester comes to a close I want to wish you all the best of luck on finals. Enjoy your Winter break and relax because Student Government has some great things in store for you in 2010! Be on the lookout for some great events and opportunities in January, followed by Nest Fest Homecoming 2010 in February! And don't forget about Rally in Tally in March!

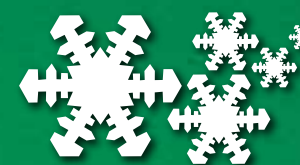
I hope you all have a great and safe Winter Break! Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

God Bless,

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RECIPE ROUND-UP

Fill your home with the scents of the Southwest Ambrosial Chili for the Gods



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Dive into the hearty depths of this chili for the deities, the weather demands chili chompin'.

BY KIM NELSON
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Nothing is more pleasing than entering your living space and immediately feeling solaced by the savory scents of a meal that's perfectly ripened and ready for you to ravish it. Some would argue that there's nothing more soul-soothing than a simmering pot of chili.

Millions of recipes float around in cyberspace, all of which are most likely equally scrumptious but vary greatly in taste, texture, spiciness and vegetarian stamps-of-approval.

Southwest Ambrosial Chili for the Gods is a hodgepodge of ingredients with flavors and aromas that are guaranteed to activate your salivation glands with the first sniff.

- Here's what you'll need:** *(Serves about 4)*
- One crock-pot — You can either steal this from your mother's cabinet when you visit, legitimately borrow it from your parents when you visit or find a cheap, seasoned, avocado green version in most thrift stores for under \$15.
 - One lb. ground beef/ground turkey/tofu/other meat substitutes that are out there or your leftover Thanksgiving/Christmas turkey or Tofurky.
 - One can of vegetable broth
 - One head garlic, minced
 - One white or yellow onion, minced
 - One can black beans
 - One can pinto beans
 - One can kidney beans
 - One can sweet corn
 - One can diced tomatoes
 - Two Tbsp. brown sugar
 - One Tsp. garlic powder
 - One Tbsp. cumin, chili powder, oregano
 - Tabasco sauce to taste (you decide how many dashes, at your discretion)
 - One Tsp. salt and pepper
 - One bag of shredded, sharp cheddar cheese
 - Cornbread (a fine choice for a side)

seasonings — which are common pantry residents — brand-spanking new.

Sometime in the morning, or whenever for that matter, cook up the meat or meat substitute with a few cloves of freshly minced garlic, salt and pepper in a sauté pan. Next comes the easy part ...

Flip on the crock-pot to medium-high, transfer the meat/non-meat into the crock. Follow by pouring in the vegetable broth, garlic, onion, black beans, pinto beans, kidney beans, corn, tomatoes, brown sugar, garlic powder, cumin, chili powder and oregano.

Next, add in a few liberal dashes of Tabasco to reach your desired spiciness, then some salt and pepper to taste. Secure the glass lid on, and let the crock do its magic.

This recipe may simmer on med-high for a few hours, but if you'll be away from home all day, you should leave it on medium so it doesn't get too mushy. The slow-simmer action brings out the full flavors of the ingredients and marries each component into one satisfying stew fit for the gods. When you're ready to dive in, ladle out a bowl and sprinkle a hefty dose of cheese over the top. Serve with some warmed cornbread and float on up to the southwest side of Mt. Olympus.

Sure this list looks daunting, but all of this stuff shouldn't cost you more than \$20, and that's if you have to buy all the

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What dining turned yesterday. Danny realized the scariest moment of my life," Karl Winsey, a friend of Danny's, recalled. "It was like

we time-warped into Italy or something. The waiter came over and was talking

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anything, so I just stuck with what I remembered... 'saluti,' that he ice, all the friends good begin with, so it was coming The new the Greek Sys turmoil, as run immediately. a move to a while others c always had think English language," said Debra Be garden "

ANNIN OUT OF LETTER COMBINATIONS

Panic struck the heart of fraternities and sororities across the nation this week when word spread that the number of unique remaining Greek letter combinations was in critical condition. "Unfortunately, with the induction of our newest

chapters, Mu Mu Mu and Psi Phi Pi, we've exhausted just about every option out there," said National Greek Board President, Henry Boggins. "There were o possible letter begin with, so it was coming The new the Greek Sys turmoil, as run immediately. a move to a while others c always had think English language," said Debra Be garden "

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Top Five Songs by Related Folks

Wahoo! Soon exams will be but a bad dream and winter vacation commences. Besides using this as an excuse to immediately acquire a stiff one (drink that is, and only our 21+ readers, duh), this also means a sudden influx of forced family hangs. I know, I know, Thanksgiving JUST happened, what's with the cruel joke? Perhaps instead of brooding in a corner and pretending to hold any interest regarding your aunt's Barry Manilow obsession, bring up the idea of a family band. Hey, if the ultra-conservative Carpenters could get down, so can your family. Here I've mapped out a list of Top Five Songs by Related Folks to pique some interest within your clan. Should the family band plan not work out, well, there's always Scrabble. Start sketching your family crest a la album cover style and read on:

“Would Be Sad” by Avett Brothers

Bearded bros Scott and Seth Avett joined forces (plus a nonrelated bassist, psh) to release this killer track hidden 11-deep in their 2007 release “Emotionalism.” Scott plucks the banjo — and simultaneously heartstrings — in this depressing depiction of lost love. Who can't relate to the line “Well my dad told me, ‘One day, son, this girl will think of what she's done and hurting you will be the first of many more regrets to come.’”? Feeling bummed yet? Good. Now call your pops.

“Remember (Walking in the Sand)” by The Shangri-Las

Comprised of both the (twin!) Sisters Ganser (Marge and Mary) and the Sisters Weiss (Betty and Mary), this quartet of girls pounds out pure, poppy, girl-group goodness. And bonus, they were one of the first to do so, busting out onto the unsuspecting New York scene in 1963. It's about some dude who ends a relationship from across the Atlantic via snail mail (although, I guess that's really all that was available at the moment). Not shockingly, another dude, Shadow Morton, wrote it. The sisters harmonize in defeated agony with a chorus of seagulls squawking. They aren't really the best for pumping your fist in feminist camaraderie, but who doesn't like smooching copies of Bop magazine now and again? Maybe I've said too much.

“Want You Back” by The Jackson 5

So I've begun to notice a break-up theme in this week's Top Five. Apologies. Perhaps it simply, indirectly (or maybe directly?) implies that family members can really have a knack for assisting you in channeling fervent emotions in a creative way. And what family's got more fervent emotions than those Jacksons? Back from the days when Michael Jackson caused only a mere blip on the cultural radar as compared to his late, creepster self, this song just makes you want to groove. A potent glissando on the ivories kicks off this lush masterpiece. Layered with bum-bum-bums, bongos and prepubescent boy-yells, you kinda can't help but suspend your doubt to the legitimacy of 11-year-old Michael's loss whilst screechin', “Trying to live without your love/ Is one long, sleepless night.” But man, can that boy sing.

“Mountain Trip to Japan, 1959” by Trachtenburg Family Slideshow Players

This song best exemplifies what families should do best: collecting obscure slideshow collections, writing/performing songs to the slides projected on a traveling screen and promoting nonsmoking clubs and pigeons. OK, perhaps this trio from Brooklyn might be the only ones, but damn, do they do it well. Jason, the dad, plays guitar, piano and sings while the 15-year-old daughter (Rachel) drums and momma Tina mans the projector and slides. This track embarks on a jaunty account of well, a mountain trip to Japan circa 1959. The accompanying slides throughout the piano-drenched exploration display color-casty scenic waterfalls, hordes of cocker spaniel pups, fog-robbed buildings and a crowd of marching Japanese folks. Appropriate, huh?

“Mama Says” by The Beach Boys

Perhaps not the best Beach Boys song, but certainly the most fitting for this week's theme, this ditty deserves top-notch honors for unbeatable barber-quartet-style a capella. Brian, Dennis and Carl Wilson joined forces with their cousin Mike Love plus an extra (Al Jardine) to become perhaps the best (American) pop band ever. “Eat a lot/ Sleep a lot/ Brush 'em like crazy/ Run a lot/ Do a lot/ Never be lazy” gets repeated through the quad-pack of cherub vocals — you know, a laundry list of helpful reminders from Mom all recited sans musical instruments. Wonder what Mrs. Wilson thought of this one.

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HERE'S A FUN BAND

Softie metalheads electrify ethics



Jeremy Atkins spears the audience's attention, bellowing pro-vegan values.

BY BECA GRIMM
FEATURES EDITOR

Most bands take the whole “about” section on their MySpace pages less than seriously. You know, listing nonsensical stuff like “Chevy Chase, yeah!” or “Now in Technicolor.” Jacksonville's sweetheart of the vegan metal scene, Staring Daggers, however, takes it quite seriously, stating in theirs, “This profile is maintained via 1990s laptop.”

OK, so Steve Schwadron, guitarist and a UNF advertising senior, admitted that the laptop broke, so that statement might no longer be true, but the quartet bleeds analog. Get this — the group's only release, an unnamed collection of four songs, exists solely on a cassette tape medium.

Daggers, dedicated to melting your face off and rejecting all animal products since early 2008, executes all of their musical endeavors with a do-it-yourself philosophy.

“We record everything ourselves,” Schwadron said. “[We] screenprint our own shirts, dub our own tapes, make the packaging ourselves ...”

The all-vegan, hardcore outfit, in addition to Schwadron, includes (non-UNF students, but we like them, anyway) drummer Quinn Messner, bassist James Siboni and vocalist Jeremy Atkins.

One might not immediately suspect compassion to be the substance coursing through a band's proverbial being upon first glance of their shirts' images: Russian mystic/widely accepted madman Rasputin. But not only does this infamous man's image lie in white ink form center stage, but a halo of daggers (of course!) adorns his head. Are your eyebrows knitted yet? Chill out, Granny, and read on.

The band takes a radical, switchblade-studded approach to tackle the benevolent subject of their preaching: veganism. Take for example, their fervid anthem “Bloodmouth.” In the first 20 seconds or so, sludgy guitars clomp along simultaneously with whomping percussion and brutal cries, kind of like slow, heavy, elephant footsteps. Then the pep pills kick in, and the rest of the track jerks ablaze.

I'd lie if I said I could decipher each piece of poetry Atkins spews, but after a quick glance of their cassette's liner notes, the song's true meaning surfaced. “Thou shalt not kill/ The words mean less to you now/ Your hapless circumstances leave a foul taste on your tongue/ The blood spilling from your mouth/ That's not my idea of romance.”

Yeah, pretty sobering stuff. You got that, omnivores?

Despite the band's overall adoration for skateboarding and metal, the four guys' total abstinence from meat, dairy and other animal products from their lives remains their most resonant message.

“Truly, I believe it's just a positive thing to do in any aspect,” Schwadron, a three-year vegan vet said about the band's chosen lifestyle. “And it feels good to be vegan, physically and mentally. You know you're doing a good thing.”

The headbanging foursome houses a strong background in hardcore punk (Messner played in the surf-punk group Skate Korpse back in Buffalo, N.Y. and Siboni currently plays with local metal band Casey Jones), so it makes sense they secured a practice space last spring, you know, to keep the neighbors happy. Daggers shares Warehouse 8B, a unit off Talleyrand, with fellow local artists Squid Dust and Joey Temptation, throwing frequent DIY shows and parties in between mastering their rollickingly abrasive prophecies: preachin' the good word.

“I knew a few of the guys were vegan/vegetarian, but I didn't know that they were pushing a vegan message in their music,” said David MacKinnon, a UNF English adjunct professor. “I'm behind them 100 percent in that regard, though, and if they only manage to convince a few people to think about the kinds of volume of toxins they consume daily, they're doing their part.”

Care to ditch the dairy for a night and mess up your hair? You can catch the boys of Staring Daggers at The Pit Dec. 11 at 8 p.m. Kids Like Us and Legacies play, too.

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Oct. 24 - Nov. 22:

Who're gon' smooch this New Years, Sting? Let's not kid ourselves, here, you're not the best kisser of the bunch. The solution to this may be found in going out a lot and making bad decisions in the meantime so you will be better prepared come Dec. 31. Chat up whom/whatever and lock lips as often as possible. Just steer clear of the herpes. Those transfer.

Nov. 23 - Dec. 22:

The Sisterhood agrees that the whole mistletoe tradition is completely terrifying. The idea of chasing someone with a bit of shrub in hand and deserving a smooch for stalker-like efforts feels like some ill-deserved reward. Nonetheless, the Scandinavians established this well-known custom. After all, they managed to conquer most of the globe in those funny hats. If you find yourself cornered with a bit of leaves and expectant lips this season, succumb.

Dec. 23 - Jan. 20:

Here's your mission for winter break, Capricious: bring the beer. Whoops. Did we just type "beer"? Prepare yourself for some much-needed relaxation the next few weeks, be it through copious libations (hey, hot chocolate counts), indulging in re-reading the Harry Potter series (again) or spinning contests with nieces and nephews in the front yard. Recharge your battery now, 2010's gonna ask a lot.

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19:

So your parents told you that this year they've made an executive decision to ex the presents and instead use the leftover funds to go on a forced-family vacation, Aq. Thrill. Your mom, you suspect, caught it on a how-to-save-during-the-holidays special of "The View" or something. Looks like you won't get those jeans to replace the ones with the holes in the crotch, but oh, the memories you'll make.

Sep. 24 - Oct. 23:

Peace on earth, Libertarian. Recognize that this term extends beyond generic Christmas cards, and try to perpetuate some more of it in your life. Burning a whole lot of nag champa incense will be essential for this. Also, wearing several pieces of hemp clothing will be necessary, too. After all, Bob Marley said it best, "If puss and dog can get together, why can't we love one another?" Or something ...

Feb. 20 - March 20:

Floridian winter's legitimacy is questionable, oh fishy one. It's more efficient to recreate winter in your car than your home considering square footage and all. Bing Crosby, Dean Martin and Doris Day's take on holiday music comes pouring out of almost every radio station immediately following Turkey Day — so, crank up the X-Mas tunes, boot the air-conditioning way down, don the heaviest coat you have and suck on a candy cane. 'Tis the season!

Aug. 22 - Sept. 23:

Experiencing phone problems (yeah right), virginal one? As in, you suspect that that guy's/girl's electronic leash may be on the fritz, and that's why they have yet to answer? Meh. Think again. It's probably your lack of festive dress, honestly. What is with all the argyle? You need to step it up to the jingle bell vest ranks. Perhaps incorporate a little Pine-Sol into your standby perfume/cologne. Gets 'em every time.

March 21 - April 20:

It feels foreign and unwelcome that you considered celebrating the holidays with your buddies rather than trekking the few hours home to do it up with your family, Ri-ri. Was it selfish? Was it ungrateful? Is it just that your parents are hum-drums? Strive to reconnect, and give them a second chance over the break. Encourage them to break that one bottle of table wine's cap this year and loosen up already.

July 23 - Aug. 21:

Leopold, sages have preached for years to find guidance in "signs." A couple of rain clouds, your bagel place running out of your favorite flavor, that lyric first spouted from your car stereo once your engine turns — well, stop. You'll drive yourself crazy trying to draw conclusions from an early-morning toe-stubbing. Things happen. Sometimes things don't happen. It's all completely random so just quit trying to predict the future.

June 22 - July 22:

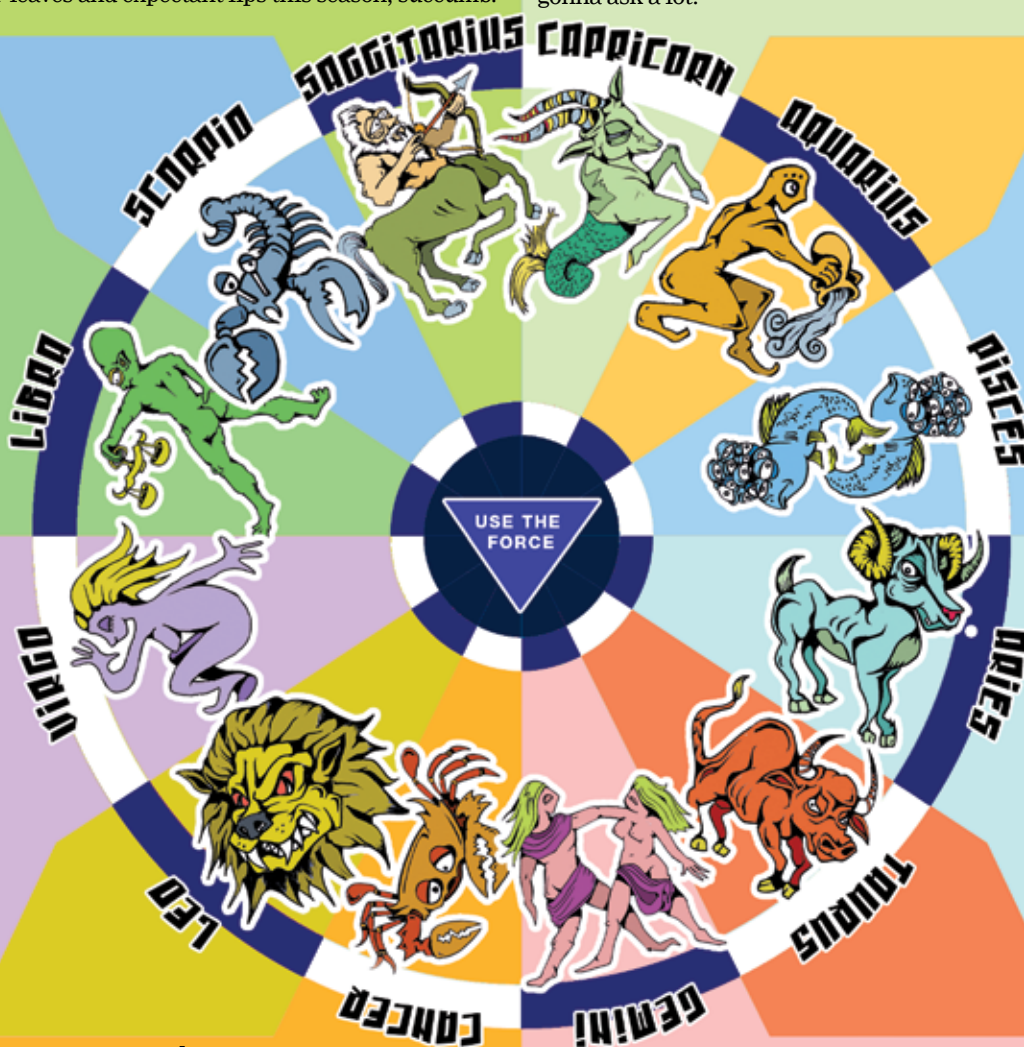
Establishing a new holiday tradition among family and friends may seem ultra-cheesy, Cancer-pie, not the silly be-the-first-one-to-find-the-shiny-glass-blown-pickle-ornament-in-the-tree-and-get-an-additional-gift tradition, but something a little more innovative. Pilot year awkwardness will be absolutely worth it next year when the tradition is no longer green, but graciously gelled and anticipated. Hopefully it will perpetuate for years to come.

May 22 - June 21:

It's time to be domestic, men and women Gembalayas. You know those oil warmers? Nothing will put you more in the holiday spirit than DIY-ing your own festively mulled oil. Your pad is sure to transform into a winter wonderland where comfort is key. The garbage is not the first thing your guests' noses detect and peace blankets every nook and cranny. Remember, smell plays a big-league role in attraction.

April 21 - May 21:

Break's the time to get your hair cut, re-up on office supplies, finally be able to read for pleasure, learn a new trade, hang out with friends, watch the billions of DVR programs that have been building up over the semester, etc. Phew, Taurini! Your college-acquired tendency to create to-do lists strikes again. But toss it in the snow (or cool-like sand), and let it be. You'll have a working list of tasks soon enough.



UNF's vision for Division I has changed over time

Plans, traditions of the past have been abandoned or face possible changes

BY JOHN WEIDNER
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UNF Athletics has had dreams of what its Division I program would look like for a long time.

During UNF's five-year transition period to Division I, the athletics department has made many changes to the school's initial plan. With the introduction of a new athletic director and other changes in the athletics department, many original parts of UNF's vision for its future are now a thing of the past.

Varsity Village

As part of their move to Division I, UNF set plans for several new facilities and enhancements for the north area of campus. The Power of Transformation campaign will fund the Varsity Village additions. Since the plans for the Varsity Village were first made public in September 2008, some parts of the project have been completed, while other parts have yet to start or may no longer be viable.

Although some changes have been made to Hodges Stadium and the UNF Arena, other projects such as work on the scoreboards, turf changes and seating changes have yet to be approached.

Other additions to the school's athletics facilities may have no future at all.

Projects such as a new baseball field and a women's golf team facility face major roadblocks to be hurdled en route to their completion. All new athletic construction projects have faced setbacks due to a lack of money, and they have been put on an indefinite hold.

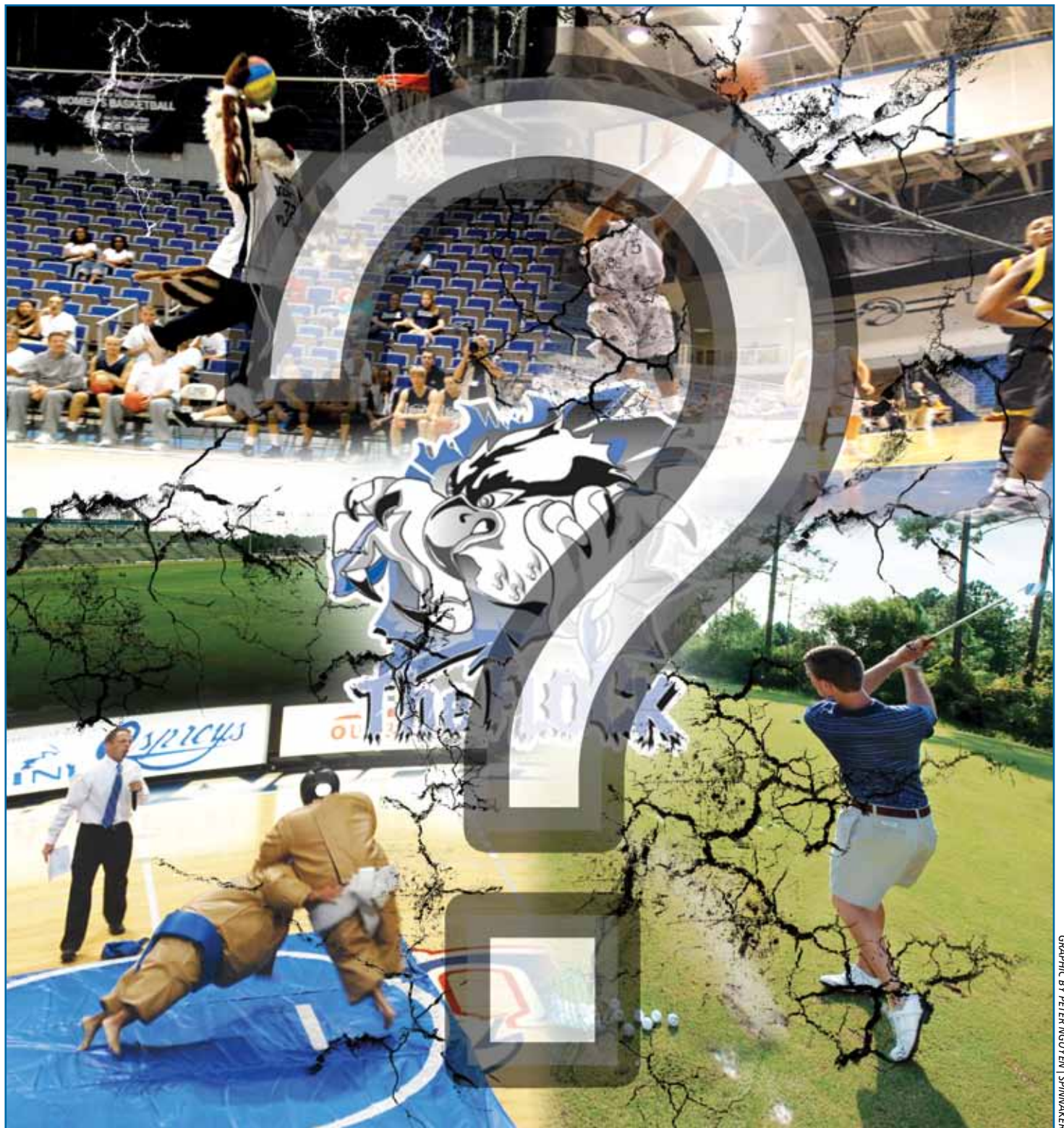
"It's not that the plans aren't still there," UNF Development Director Matt Kilcullen said. "Right now, because of a lack of funds, we just can't move forward with anything ..."

The planned location of the new baseball stadium has to fight for the land for which it is slated. The UNF Recreational Department is currently attempting to secure the same land for the site of a new recreational facility which would be similar to the current intramural fields near Lot 18.

The future of a new UNF women's golf facility is dependent on the future of a UNF women's golf program. When UNF initially entered the Atlantic Sun Conference, it signed a contract saying that it would field a women's golf team by the 2009 season, but have received extensions currently extending the deadline until 2011.

However, the longer the deadline can be put off, the better, UNF Athletic Director Lee Moon said.

In addition, the UNF golf complex, which the nature reserve surrounds, is infringing upon the reserves boarders. Negative sentiments toward the encroachment upon a nature preserve were expressed in a protest at the UNF Student Union Dec. 1. UNF's nature reserve boundaries limit the options for



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new construction on campus, and it will make finding room for a new on-campus golf facility difficult.

Swoop Madness

Throughout the country, several college basketball teams hold events on the weekend closest to Oct. 15 to celebrate the first official day of practice. UNF has traditionally held Swoop Madness on that weekend to promote its teams through scrimmages, skill contests and giveaways. In 2009, UNF opted to not host a beginning of season practice event despite the fact that it was the team's first season with the possibility of Division I postseason eligibility.

"It's not important toward what we are trying to do," said Matt Driscoll, UNF men's basketball head coach. "The day coincided with the weekend of a big football game, and we didn't think we would get many people, anyways."

The Flock

The Flock was a program, established in 2005, that rewarded students for attending UNF's athletic events. Students would swipe their Osprey 1Cards at events and receive awards such as gift cards, T-shirts and printers for reaching a certain level of points.

However, former UNF Athletics Director of Marketing Elliot Darkatsh, who was in charge of The Flock, left the university, and no one has taken over the program after his departure. The Flock was also the school's spirit program and in its earlier stages worked as an organized fan base at UNF games.

The Prey Nation is currently UNF's only fan group and is not officially linked to the school or The Flock.

Men's Basketball Walk-Ons

First-year UNF men's basketball head coach Matt Driscoll said that he is not expecting to hold any tryouts for the team in the future. Although the team currently

has one walk-on, Etienne Effenberg, the process of bringing on walk-ons will be completely different, Driscoll said.

"We're going to do what all the big schools do," he said. "We're going to go out and recruit kids to come here and play as walk-ons."

Last year's team had three walk-on players including senior guard Cortez Riley, who led UNF in scoring. However, all three players earned spots on the team through tryouts, though UNF did not recruit them.

Although UNF has had many changes since completing its transformation to Division I, many programs have been left unfinished.

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Question 1: The men's and women's basketball teams have won one single game apiece, the men's team has lost three, and the women's team has lost four. Is the pep band too loud for the players to think, or is something else distracting them?

No the pep band is not too loud. The teams are suffering from hard schedules so far. The teams' wins are a better representation of what they are capable of. Last year, both teams lost badly to the teams they beat this year.

No matter how much we point fingers at the pep band, it will be hard to get them to take the fall for the seasons they were on hiatus.

Everyone's a hater. Until I get the balls/skills to dribble down the court during a game, dodging eight-foot opponents while being discouraged by the empty stands, I shall hold my tongue.

I think that all of our programs are in transition, and we can't expect drastic changes in a single season. Both teams have also played some pretty big names such as Notre Dame and Florida State.

Question 2: The mystery over Tiger Woods' car crash is becoming more and more suspicious, after the police reports were released 12 hours after the crash. What do you think was the reason for the crash?

I think Woods probably ran over one of those fancy lawn gnomes they have in classy communities like his. Let's just hope he wasn't employed by Travelocity. An expensive lawsuit is the last thing Woods needs right now.

Woods crashed his car because he was outraged at how much we obsess over strangers' personal lives simply because they are famous.

He was probably drunk. Why else would he be driving around at 2:30 a.m.? But he can hit a golf ball really far, so that makes everything OK.

I think that his wife was chasing him with a golf club, which she used to break out the back window to rescue her husband. I think he was trying to flee from her.

Question 3: Notre Dame football coach Charlie Weiss was fired after leading his team to a 6-6 record. Who is the best person to bring back the luck of the Irish?

Jimmy Clausen. He is a Heisman caliber quarterback that can lead a team to greatness. If he stays next year, the Irish still have a shot to be successful.

John Gagliardi. Although, Mr. John Jameson may be the best person for Weiss.

Good ol' St. Patrick.

I don't think that the Irish should dismiss a coach so quickly. A 50-50 season isn't the worst thing in the world, is it Jags?

Question 4: Penguin Sidney Crosby had his fourth career hat trick during the New York Rangers and Pittsburgh Penguins game Nov. 28. What is the greatest accomplishment in sports that you have seen?

The greatest accomplishment that I've seen in person was Maurice Jones Drew blocking. You know the guy has to be amazing if he can flat-out smother guys double his size.

I saw a video of a squirrel riding a tiny jet ski and I think that did more for sport than any sort of headgear-related tomfoolery.

Oooo a hat trick?! Hmm, I was at the game when the Steelers beat the Jags in '08. Not really an accomplishment, except the fact that I actually attended a football game.

I think that the New Mexico women's soccer player who managed to get away with hair pulling, face punching and everything short of eye-gauging without anyone noticing was quite an accomplishment.

Compiled by Heather Furey.

THE GORE REPORT

Basketball needs to fix mistakes before January

While most students are preparing to finish off the semester, take their finals and run home for the holidays, this is the time of year when the men's and women's basketball teams are hard at work.

The men's basketball team has been struggling on the road, and it looks like a "worst-to-first" season may be out of reach for the young lads.

Starting a mediocre, but hopeful, season (1-4) isn't all that bad when teams like Notre Dame and Illinois State are in the loss column, but losing to division rival Eastern Tennessee State by over 25 points and dropping a nailbiter to Campbell by one point really kills morale.

But what does head coach Matthew Driscoll and his boys have on their side? Public opinion, maybe?

The Ospreys have played at home



Josh Gore
Staff Writer

twice and won both times, one being an exhibition match.

An undefeated record at home will help keep fans coming to the games.

It might take a miracle to produce a season that all Osprey fans long to see. That season being an upset in the Atlantic Sun Conference and a trip to the NCAA tournament — something far from Coach Driscoll's mind.

Coach Driscoll needs to be able to use December as a "finding ourselves" month.

The Ospreys have seven games in

the last month of the year and all are non-conference games. As nice as it would be to upset Alabama, Marquette or Northwestern, using the games to prepare for the conference-loaded schedule in January is key.

January is everything. December is all nonconference, so who really cares if they go 0-7?

The women's basketball team has started out just as slow as the men's team. Head coach Mary Tappmeyer's players are 1-4 and have a conference loss to Campbell.

Tappmeyer said she expects to take her team to Macon for the A-Sun tournament, but it will take a bit of a turn around for that to happen. The ladies have a key conference game Dec. 5 when they travel to take on ETSU. Starting 0-2 in the conference isn't the best way to start a season.

The rest of December, like the men's schedule, is loaded with non-conference games. This should give Tappmeyer a chance to review the team and prepare for the tough January schedule.

At the beginning of 2010, if the men's and women's teams are 2-10 and 3-8 respectively, then it will be a decent December.

The most important thing is conference play.

For up-to-date coverage over the winter break, follow the SpinnakerSports Twitter, and visit unfspinnaker.com for game results.

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WOMEN'S GOLF

Possibility of women's golf team faces hazards

Team was originally scheduled to be at UNF by 2009, now on hold until 2011

BY JOHN WEIDNER
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When UNF applied for Division I status, part of their contract with the Atlantic Sun Conference stipulated that the school must develop a women's golf team by 2009.

UNF has promoted the addition of the women's team and promoted the possibility of an additional practice facility for the team in recent campaigns for the UNF Varsity Village and The Power of Transformation.

Because of the athletics department's inability to start a team now, the A-Sun has given UNF two waivers to extend the deadline with the current deadline set for the 2011-2012 season.

"There was a push to have a team fielded by fall 2010, but that's not going to happen," UNF Athletic Director Lee Moon said. "There's just a lot that goes into getting a team, such as searching for a coach and getting locker rooms and equipment that we wouldn't have time to accomplish."

If UNF did acquire a women's golf team, they would not need to build or find a different facility on which they could practice. However, the team would still need to be provided facilities for a locker room and team offices. UNF's men's golf team currently practices at The GOLFPLEX at UNF, sponsored by The First Tee, in the southeast corner of campus.

The athletics department is currently working with the GOLFPLEX on a possible location for these facilities, Moon said.

However, the GOLFPLEX is currently facing a backlash over the concern that the current facilities are expanding onto the wetlands, and that could make adding

women's facilities difficult.

UNF is home to the Sawmill Sough Preserve, a 300-acre natural area on campus which UNF President John Delaney designated as a reserve in May 2006. The Sawmill Slough Conservation Club, which became UNF's first club in 1973, held a protest at the UNF Student Union Dec. 1 to bring awareness to what they say is the GOLFPLEX's illegal disturbance of the reserve's wetlands. The group said that the GOLFPLEX facility has been slowly tearing down trees and brush along the edges of the golf course where there are wetlands.

Regardless of the wetland issue, the athletics department cannot afford to fund a women's golf team at this time.

"The further we can push the date back, the better," Moon said. "We are just trying to do so much right now with little funds. I have to be able to find money to support the things needed to build a new program while finding money to support all the existing ones."

If UNF brings a women's team to campus it will have a good model to follow.

UNF's golf team is the only athletic program at the school to win an NAIA title, as well as the first and only team to win an Atlantic Sun Conference Title.

In addition, the team was home to the No. 1 ranked golfer in the country, sophomore Sean Dale. His No. 1 ranking, by the Sagarin rankings, lasted for two weeks and the rankings continue to shift as the season progresses. UNF's schedule looks similar to some of the schools in the SEC because they will play Florida five times, Florida State three times, LSU five times and Ole Miss six times, said Scott Schroeder, the head coach of men's golf.

The addition of a women's team would be the 18 athletic and would join ten other A-Sun conference member teams in competitive play. Also, UNF would have two more women's program than men's with the school only fielding a women's volleyball team and swimming and diving team.

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UNF sophomore golfer Sean Dale practices at the UNF GOLFPLEX. Dale has ranked as the No. 1 golfer in the country by the Sagarin Weekly Rankings twice this year and leads a UNF team ranked 25 in the country as of Nov. 29. The men's golf team is a model of a successful program for a future women's team.

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GAME OF THE WEEK

UNF looks to keep home winning streak alive

BY ANGELA PASSAFARO
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The UNF women's basketball team is going to take on Alabama State in its second home game of the season Dec. 2 at 7 p.m.

The women's season statistics mirror the men's statistics at this point in the season, 1-4.

Although the women won against Bethune-Cookman in their home season opener, 75-57, they have not been so successful on the road.

The team has gone 0-4 outside the nest this year, dropping three straight games to Florida State, University of South Florida and Pittsburg. The team lost its first conference game to Campbell in North Carolina, 52-64, Nov. 27.

Despite the Ospreys' shaky flight when taking on teams on the road, at home the team is undefeated and on top of its three-point game.

Junior Forward Jadhken Kerr leads the team in three-point shots with 13 baskets to her name, while sophomore guard Brittany Kirkland stands at the forefront of the team with 59 points at this point in the season.

The game should be evenly matched with Alabama state entering Wednesday's match with a 1-4 season, as well. The Hornets have lost three consecutive games on the road, which will be to the Ospreys benefit Dec. 2.

Tanika Jackson leads the Hornets with 8.8 points per game and compared to the Ospreys

leader, Kirkland, who has 11.8 points per game, the game should be an evenly matched battle on the court.

Although the main problem attributed to the team's early losses was not capitalizing on attacks, defense was also a concern, head coach Mary Tappmeyer said in a news release.

In light of the way the season started, Tappmeyer thinks that defense is the key.

"I thought our defense played well at times," said Tappmeyer in a press release. "But we need to get more defensive production from our bench."

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75 points are the most points that the Ospreys have scored in a game so far.

BASEBALL

Baseball team flexes for cause

Annual event raises awareness for the Donna Foundation

BY HEATHER FUREY
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Instead of walking, running or playing for a cause, the UNF baseball team will once again be flexing for funds Dec. 4 at the UNF Arena.

"We have the Flex-Off every year, and as a player, we know about the event when we first come to UNF," said Robbie Collier, a junior left-handed pitcher. "It's a great cause, and we really try to put a lot of effort into the event. It's also an added incentive to keep in shape for the season."

By participating in the 14th annual Flex-Off, the 2010 baseball team will help raise funds for The Donna Foundation, an organization that aims to help women on the First Coast living with breast cancer. First Coast News anchor Donna Deegan, a three-time breast cancer survivor who was first diagnosed with the disease in 1999, started the foundation.

To raise awareness and support for The Donna Foundation, the members of the baseball team will participate in a body-building competition, which, besides raising money for breast cancer research, has the added benefit of showing off their weight training efforts before the spring season.

"Our baseball program has always been involved with lifting weights, getting our guys bigger, stronger and faster," UNF head baseball coach Dusty Rhodes said in a press release. "We wanted to try to get these guys the opportunity to show just how hard

they've worked."

The event will begin at 7 p.m., and UNF will be giving away a free spot to participate in the third annual 26.2 Run-with-Donna marathon in February in addition to a

"The objective is to get them in better shape and take the opportunity to raise money for the Donna Foundation."

- Dusty Rhodes,
UNF baseball head coach

copy of Deegan's new book "Through Rose Colored Glasses."

There will be a suggested \$5 donation for pink T-shirts that read "UNF Baseball" on the front and "Tough Enough to Wear Pink" on the back, while supplies last and all the proceeds will benefit The Donna Foundation.

In addition, the UNF baseball team will also wear the shirts to promote breast cancer awareness.

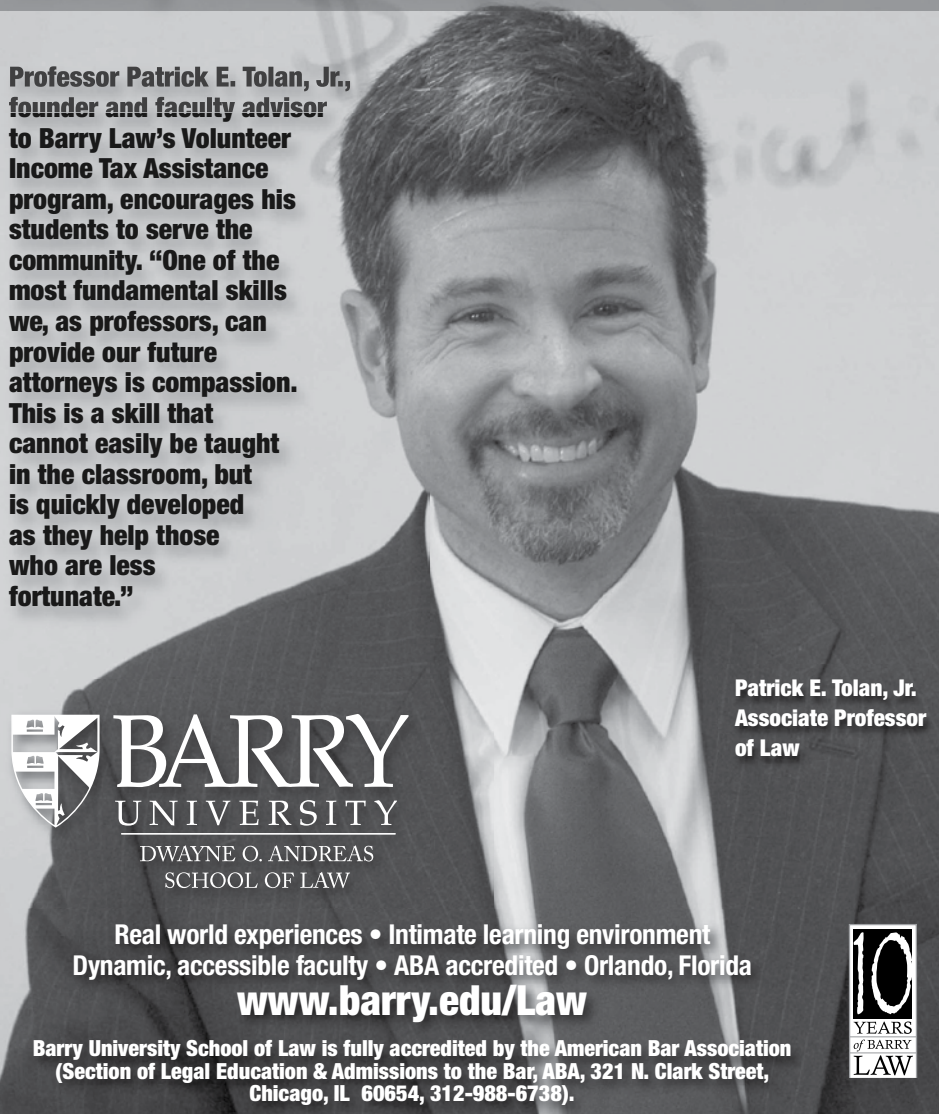
"The objective is to get them in better shape and take the opportunity to raise money for The Donna Foundation," Rhodes said. "It has worked out really well for us. It is a good time, people enjoy it, and we help a great cause in the process."

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