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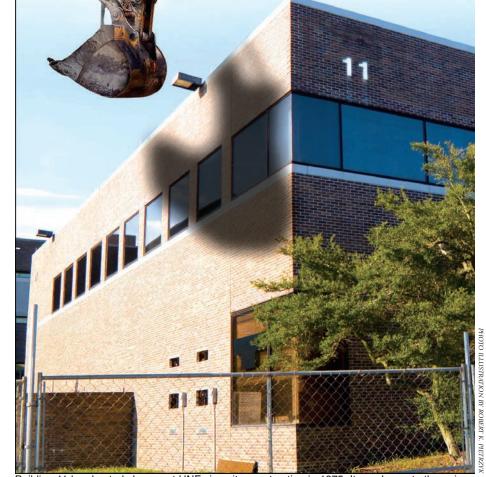
#### WEEKEND WEATHER



Friday Sept. 1	Saturday Sept. 2	Sunday Sept. 3
91/72	90/72	90/73
P-Cloudy	P-Cloudy	P-Cloudy

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## Building 11 to be demolished, Green expansion planned



Building 11 has hosted classes at UNF since its construction in 1975. It was home to the university's social sciences program, which is now located in the newly-constructed Building 51.

#### BY MATT COLEMAN ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The thirty-year legacy of Building 11 will soon come to a close here at the University of North Florida. Physical demolition activities are scheduled to begin on the former social sciences building Sept. 5. and are expected to last until Nov. 6. The decision was based on the fact that it would not be cost effective to renovate, said project manager, Rich Elmore. "Due to its condition and age, it was deemed more economical to demolish Building 11 and start anew," Elmore

said. Once the debris is cleaned up, the school plans to sod the entire area and leave the space unoccupied. "The demolition will really open up the campus," said Elmore. "The newly cleared space will serve as an extension of the Green."

Elkins Constructors, the company responsible for the construction of Jacksonville's new Main library, will be conducting the demolition, as well as the clean up of debris that will inevitably follow. David Birkelbach, the project manager for Elkins Constructors, said that safety is of the utmost importance to his company.

"I guarantee that we will stress caution and safety throughout the demolition," Birkelbach said. "Students and faculty have absolutely nothing to worry about in regards to personal safety."

Birkelbach said that it should take the 10-20 person workforce no more than two months to finish the work. "The majority of the work will be done during the standard 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. workday, with occasional weekend hours," Birkelbach said. "We wanted to keep the schedule open for the weekend so we could conduct work that may be unsafe with many students around, and to keep up to date with the work.

While some students and faculty may be concerned with the demolition of a building in the heart of the school, Elmore said there should not be a problem. "The entire area surrounding the building is completely fenced off, so the only concern should be the noise level springing from the demolition," Elmore said.

In the past, classes have been moved from Building 11 due to concerns of mold growth. Air samples were taken from inside the building, which showed that air quality was not worse than the air outside.

Some students with classes in the building reported various health problems, such as nausea and headaches, but it was inconclusive as to whether or not these ailments were caused by mold or poor air quality.

According to Elmore, there should also be no environmental hazards associated with the demolition process.

"Asbestos abatement work has been completed so there should be nothing in the air to worry about," Elmore said. "Mold is also not a concern."

The original decision to tear down Building 11 was made in 2002 by interim president David Kline. During a faculty association meeting, Kline stated that he and the Board of Trustees were informed that it would be cheaper to demolish the building rather than renovate.

The only long-term option to stop mold growth suggested by engineers' studies involved ripping off the outside of the building.

Construction on Building 11 began in 1975 and it was occupied the following year. The building was the home of the social sciences program, which has since been moved to the newly built Building 51.

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ITS beefs up Internet security for students

By TAMI LIVINGSTON

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**ONLINE** 



The University of North Florida Department of Information Technology Services recently instituted new programs and procedures to help students and to also better protect them when they use computers on campus.

Over the summer, a new endpoint security program was instituted in all residential areas on campus that forces each student who logs onto the university's housing Internet networks to have up-to-date virus protection and anti-spyware programs.

Not only will this policy key provide a minimum level of security for campus residents' computers but it will also cut down on traffic in the network and protect students from downloading viruses and unwanted programs, according to Jeff Durfee, assistant director of information security.

The procedure was implemented in response to numerous issues with housing residents trying to use the network, Durfee said. Many students bring computers with them to campus that have expired virus protection, outdated security software or no security protection at all, he said. This slows down the network and also allows for easy transmission of viruses and spyware, he said.



Daniel Rigby, a senior information technology major at UNF, repairs a student's computer in the ITS Support Center in Building 15. ITS employees provide support and repairs for faculty and student computers.

To help, ITS has offered free security programs for housing students the last two years but few students took advantage of the offer, he said. That's when the decision was made to implement the policy and make it mandatory for each user to have security protection.

"We're trying to avoid a situation where a student that has all this good stuff like virus

See TECHNOLOGY, page 13







"Next in importance to freedom and justice is popular education, without which neither freedom nor justice can be permanently maintained."

James A. Garfield (1831 - 1881) July 12, 1880

#### • • • Editorials • • •

## Positivity still exists in world affairs

I n the wake of President Bush's plummeting approval ratings, Vice President Dick Cheney's stone-cold persona and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's inability to take responsibility for botching the Iraq war, Senator Barack Obama's, D-Illinois, positive global outreach is a breath of fresh air.

Obama's recent trip to his father's homeland, Kenya, proves that a politician can walk the walk and talk the talk. Obama was received

like a "rock star" by students at the University of Nairobi. His speech focused on fighting the grafting that runs rampant in Kenya's Westernized, but highly corrupt, government. But his tour was not

just one of rousing rhetoric, it was also one of action.

To fight the stigma that envelopes most of Africa about AIDS, despite that the epidemic is decimating entire populations of people all over the continent, Obama and his wife took an HIV test in the midst of cameras and reporters.

He made a point to maneuver his entourage away from the modernized, glamorous parts of the city of Kibera, to its intense and little-publicized slum. Where there is little access to running water or proper shelter, 700,000 men, women and children cram into the square mile of land.

He encouraged news cameras to follow him so

America would finally be aware of its existence.

He even trekked out beyond the cities to the drought-parched areas in the northeast region of the country, where malnutrition and disease consumes daily life.

Obama also spent time inspecting some of the country's good-works projects, which range from helping foster the growth of small businesses to staving off disease in farm animals.

Obama is obviously not the first public figure to grace the Dark Continent with his presence. But this expedition to Africa proves that, in this decade, an international trip taken by an American politician can be successful.

He represents the glimmer of hope that the

United States can bounce back from its current reputation as the world's biggest bully.

Obama brought a message of peace and constructive criticism, rather than chastisement or aggression. People were able to warm up to him because he presented himself as one of them, not as a demagogue from the celestially perfect land of America.

Beyond just that, his trip reminds Americans that the Middle East is not the only part of the world embedded in turmoil. To help countries like Kenya, who balance on the cusp of modernization and require just a little guidance to keep it on the right path, is the way to truly spread democracy, not creating unwarranted violence.

## Plan B policy change gets an "A" he recent ruling that allows change will encourage promiscuity. of a prescription for

he recent ruling that allows men and women who are at least 18 years of age to buy

change will encourage promiscuity. However, nine states in the U.S. already allow women to buy the pill without a prescription, as do 100 other countries around the world. And, believe it or not, promiscuity has not been an end result, since no hard evidence has surfaced to point out which of the nine states of the Union seem most sexually active. Those who worry about health risks can be assured that Plan B pills are no more dangerous than birth control pills. In fact, they have fewer minor side effects than birth control. Birth control pills contains both progesterone and estrogen while Plan B only contains progesterone, and Plan B contains two tablets that are meant to be taken 12 hours apart and only pose a risk of minor side effects. Others say the pills' safety factor could encourage repeat usage, and they worry that couples will rely more heavily on the pills and take fewer precautionary measures. But this will most likely not be the case, as one dose

of a prescription for two pills costs from \$25-\$40. While some older boyfriends may have a lot of money, most guys who are dating girls still in high school are not usually well off. But to protect young women under 18, the policy could be tweaked to allow only women, not men, to buy Plan B with a valid ID. Since the aftermaths of most risky sexual behaviors usually don't result in life or death situations, it is safe to assume women can make it to a pharmacy within 72 hours after the act. Instead of revoking the freedom of adult women, the FDA raised the approval age from 16 to 18 to ensure safety and maturity that comes with a legal adult age. While a mostly conservative Supreme Court threatens abortion rights, the decision gives fresh hope to women. Lets face it, the equality issue has been beaten like a piñata. Women just want to know they have control over their bodies.

physical demolition activity starting Sept. 5. With it comes more green open spaces for leisure.

Building 11 is scheduled to undergo

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#### SPINNAKER'S WORST

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BEST

"Week" of Welcome was only four days long and the events at the St. Johns Town Center were canceled due to two days of rain.

#### Spinnaker's FIX

Maybe incoming freshmen would feel more welcome and become more involved in campus life if they had more than four days to move in and explore. Plan B, an emergency contraceptive, without a prescription is something that would have turned green and started smelling if the government had let it sit any longer.

The Food and Drug Administration ruled Aug. 24 that legal adults could buy the pills from behind the counter later this year, providing they could show proper ID. It is an action that might cut unplanned pregnancies in half, according to CBS.

The decision is well called for, as it will finally give adult women an opportunity to easily obtain emergency contraceptives. Even though the pills can be taken up to 72 hours after consummation, the policy change is especially helpful for weekends and holidays when some women are unable to reach their doctors to obtain prescriptions. When taken correctly, the pills are 89 percent effective. Conservatives argue that the DISCOURSE

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is really enforcing that new slo-

gan now. I realized there truly is

no one like me here. Sure, there

may be other Emilys running around

but it beats the random combination of 0s

mail, register for classes, fill out paper-

work to be employed by the university

and even to buy a parking pass, I started

to feel like we might as well dress in orange prison jumpsuits with our N num-

will still recognize us in other ways.

But, I am holding out hope that UNF

As our school expands, administration

needs an easier way to keep track of all of

procedure of using our social security

numbers as our student numbers, UNF is

moving into the future with N numbers.

By leaving behind the old and unsafe

ver the past week I have met some

people who expressed an overall

negative experience during their

freshman year.

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OK, so that's not really my N number,

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UNF, but there is only one N08675309.

Justin Damiano, Student Body President

## Student body president welcomes students back

n behalf of your entire Student Government team, Vice President Briscoe and I would like to welcome you to the University of North Florida for the 2006-2007 school year. To all of our new freshmen, we hope that you are beginning to feel at home on our campus.

Week of Welcome, designed to acclimate freshmen to the university, concluded on Sunday and was a great success. We applaud the many organizations that worked tirelessly to make this week happen, especially the Admissions office. During Week of Welcome, our students experienced a glimpse of cam-

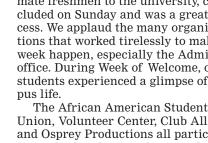
Union, Volunteer Center, Club Alliance and Osprey Productions all participated in Week of Welcome. These Student Government Agencies provide a wide range of activities to interest every student throughout the year. Residence Life, Greek Life and Campus Ministries are among other organizations that also provide opportunities to be a part of campus life. We encourage you to have a well-rounded college experience by joining these organizations.

We also invite you to make a difference in college through Student Government. As your Student Body President and Vice President, we want you to know that whenever you need a hand, we are your "go-to" guys. As you take on this exciting journey of higher education, please remember that as your representatives, your voice matters to us. We invite you to visit us at our office located on the second floor of Building 14.

We challenge you to become part of the life our campus has to offer so that UNF will be a place you never forget.

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I heard tales depicting utter boredom whilst trapped inside a concrete block, otherwise known as freshman housing, with absolutely no new acquaintances. This is something I can personally relate to, but not on a college level. And there is a solution to this problem, but inevitably

the first step is getting out of the dorm and wandering into the part of campus that is not comprised of classrooms. I consider myself an example of the

progression to finding a place on campus. I came from high school with hardly any involvement in clubs and still ended up being a part of a handful within my first semester.

After I participated in a dance competition and a member of Osprey Radio helped me move all my stuff into the dorm room, I started hanging out there during my spare time. Eventually I became a DJ, had my own radio show and even got a listener in Australia. Through the radio station I made many new friends, including people



Feeling anonymous with an N number

Emily Bruce, Copy Editor

But don't ask me where the N came from.

While I understand the transition to these new digits, I am a little worried at how the university is starting to see its students. One of the reasons I chose to go to UNF was because of the individual attention the school advertised, something I felt I'd miss out on if I went to a bigger university.

However, as these N numbers are becoming the primary way for students to

distinguish themselves from the other 15,000 or so Ospreys roaming campus, there is no individuality to them.

At least the old system allowed our email addresses to be somewhat modeled after our first and last names, making it easier for students to recognize incoming mail from classmates and, if need be, temporarily memorizing a friend or lab partner's e-mail address.

N numbers are just another thing for UNF students to memorize along with that secret parking spot, which professors are best to avoid and a mental map of the haphazard organization of building numbers around campus. Wait, that's another numbering system that can leave students baffled.

I guess we all will just have to memorize our N numbers and hope UNF won't eventually switch class rosters from names to numbers. But then that cute guy in my psychology class will only know me as an eight-digit number.

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## Fun exists beyond the dorm room door

STAFF **OPINION** 

Adina Daar, Business Manager

involved in the Spinnaker and Osprey Productions. I promptly joined both groups and was involved in plenty of events. Eventually I settled in as Advertising Manager of the Spinnaker and honorary member of the radio station

It is important to remember that students run the clubs and organizations on campus. I like to use Osprey Productions as a prime example. They have many great events, but for some reason people think there is a higher power organizing everything. This is not the case. They always

accept applications to join and be a part of different groups involved in setting up all of their events. I once even worked at a Lil Wayne event.

There are plenty of things to become involved with. My advice is that if you are even remotely interested in any club on campus, go check out a meeting or event. There's a good chance free food will be involved. There are clubs for pretty much anything including sports, academics and leisure activities. You can even start your own club if you can round up enough people. Look at the bulletin boards, road signs and sometimes the walls if Osprey Productions has chalk. There are always events, and they are always open to students.

There, now you have no excuse for being stuck in your dorm room, unless you are glued to Osprey TV. Get out and do something. Anything. It will make your college experience more bearable and rewarding. Also, there is a strong chance that you will not starve, and it will look great on your resume.

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## Air safety must steer clear of racial profiling

Around the Nation

#### The following editorial appeared in the Chicago Tribune on Sunday, Aug. 27:

he airport security measures imposed after British police foiled an alleged bomb plot have many

security dollars without placing a "T" on the forehead of every Muslim man with a boarding pass.

It's not clear, though, that it would add much to law enforcement's arsenal. Police would be remiss to let Islamic extremism distract them from other potential threats. Theodore Kaczynski, Eric Rudolph and Timothy McVeigh were terrorists, but not Muslims. It also bears remembering that upward of 99.99 percent of all Muslims are not terrorists. Profiling also can be defeated in obvious ways. A dark-skinned Islamic extremist can disguise his name, his ethnicity, his religion, his hair color, even his gender. He also can enlist help from someone in a different category: One Syrian man tried to bring down an El Al jet by putting a bomb in the carry-on bag of his Irish fiance. In the wrong hands, profiling can create problems. Recently Ohio police arrested two Arab-Americans who had \$11,000 and hundreds of cell phones and charged them with soliciting terrorism \_ only to release them a few days later. Three other Arab-American men found with 1,000 cell phones in their van were held on suspicion of trying to blow up Michigan's Mackinac Bridge. After questioning them, the FBI said it found no terrorist ties or intent. But that doesn't mean local police, federal agents and transportation security personnel should have no discretion to follow their best instincts. In time, the government may embrace the use of computerized analysis of passenger lists to detect dangerous intent. If a sea of data finds an

ominous pattern that touches on race or religion, law enforcement would be irresponsible to ignore it.

Profiling is not going to liberate travelers from the restrictions that go with flying in the post-9/11 era. We can't ban liquids or knives only for passengers who look Middle Eastern, or let non-Muslims skip the metal

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people wondering: Isn't there a better way to protect travelers than forcing them to relinquish their tubes of shampoo, sticks of lip balm and bottles of Aquafina?

One idea that has gained attention is known as profiling: giving extra scrutiny to some passengers based on certain racial or religious criteria. At Britain's Department for Transport, the idea has gotten some favorable reviews. One British law enforcement official, however, warned that such a tactic would punish people for "traveling while Asian."

This approach also has been talked about in the United States, where fears of such discrimination helped derail a proposed new federal screening program in 2004. The argument is that in a war against Islamic terrorists, it makes sense to focus on Muslims, particularly males. The 9/11 hijackers, after all, were not Scandinavian grandmothers. Skeptics reply that this type of targeting would not only be unfair but would create new vulnerabilities that terrorists could exploit.

At this stage of assessing how best to minimize the threat to aviation security, it would be unwise to rule out the use of profiling in some form. Implemented carefully, it might allow a more effective allocation of detector. Though Islamic terrorism is the conspicuous threat today, new enemies could emerge tomorrow.

The burden of safeguarding aviation can't be loaded onto one group. It will have to be shared by all of us. Profiling is not going to liberate travelers from the restrictions that go with flying in the post-9/11 era.

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#### Corrections

Student Government was not the sponsor of Week of Welcome. WOW is a university sponsored event.

UNF Athletics Media Relations should have been credited for the graphic on the front page of the Aug. 23 issue.

"Big changes for the University's Media Relations team" should have read: "Big changes for the University's Athletics Media Relations team."

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## New office provides support for gays, lesbians

NEWS

#### By SARAH DIENER AND TAMI LIVINGSTON CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

The University of North Florida recently opened its new Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender office. The office was started in February but a full-time staff position was approved July 1, according to Emily Rokosch, LGBT education coordinator.

The LGBT office was recommended by the University Committee for Equity and Civility, sponsored by Dr. Mauricio Gonzalez, vice president for student and international affairs, Rokosch said.

The goal of the office, which is a division of student life, is to provide a place for lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender students to come and feel comfortable, Rokosh said.

"We want to create a place on campus for students to feel comfortable and safe," she said. "For them to come and be able to talk about anything they need to.'

Besides a safe and comfortable meeting space, the office will also provide the campus community

access to educational and support materials that discuss LGBT issues, Rokosch said. Books, DVDs and videos are available for check out by both faculty and staff, she said.

Education will be a major focus for the office this year, Rokosch said. Getting information about LGBT issues out into the community will not only educate people but also open a dialogue for discussion of current LGBT issues, such as gay marriage, she said. Support will also be a major focus of the office, she said.

"I really like it [the office] and I'd like to see more happen, they are just starting to build it up," said Dean Bonilla, freshman sociology major. "It's nice to go into an office and chill out and feel safe while being yourself.'

The office hopes to enlist volunteers, offer events and programs and provide needed support for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender members of the campus community, Rokosch said.

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Emily Rokosch, LGBT education coordinator, chats with students Marcus Google and Dean Bonilla at the new office on campus. The LGBT was created to provide a safe haven where students could feel comfortable and interact with others who share similar lifestyles. The open house will be Sept. 6.

## Week of Welcome highlights campus fun, opportunities

#### BY MATT COLEMAN ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The University of North Florida and the community of Jacksonville joined together last week to introduce freshmen to life in college. The university's Week of Welcome program ran from Aug. 24 to Aug. 27.

It provided first-time college students with the opportunity to learn more about their new town and campus, while participating in a variety of interesting activities

Approximately 2,500 students were involved in the festivities, which ranged from a free concert by "America's Got Talent" finalist, the Clayton Miller Band, to the chance to go skydiving on the Green with the Xtreme Air Skydiving Experience.

Kristine Dalton, assistant director for admissions for orientation and campus events, worked with many businesses and organizations to offer the Week of Welcome to students.

"We set it up to be sort of a grand welcome for all new fresh-men," Dalton said. "We wanted to offer the best possible programs for getting students involved and excited about being Ospreys."

Numerous campus organizations and local businesses offered food, prizes, programs and events to students.

"We had amazing support from both the university and the local community," Dalton said. Most of the events were very well attended, Dalton said.

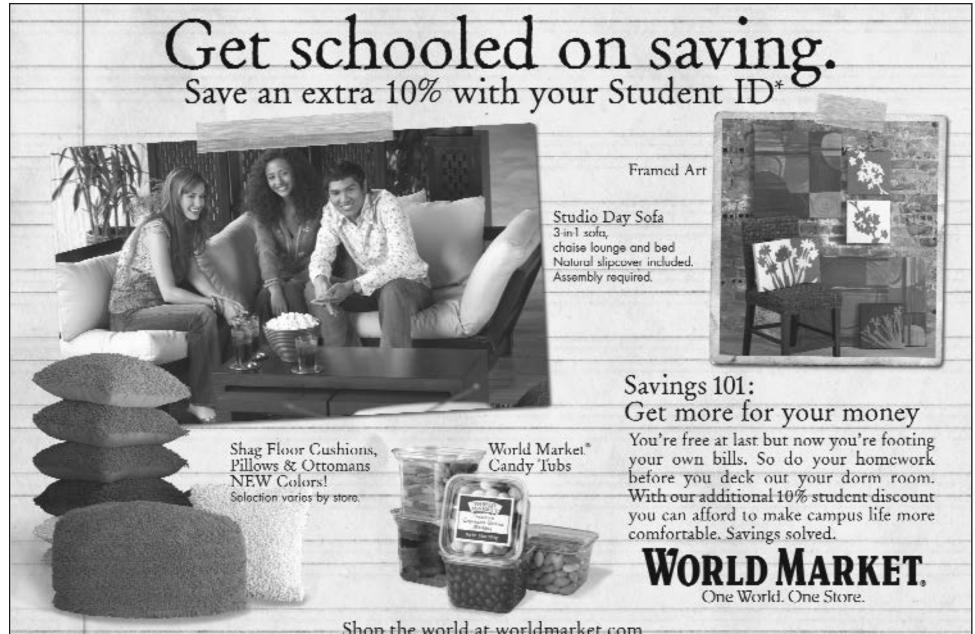
For a fee of \$10, students were allowed access to all events and programs. Dalton estimated that 500-600 students attended the larger events. The biggest event was the Greek Luau on Sunday

night, which an estimated 1,500 students attended, she said.

"It was fun and easy to meet new people and get acquainted with the campus," said freshman pre-med major, Ben Tollin, who took in the festivities.

This is the second year WOW has been offered to incoming freshmen.

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## Former student runs for Congress

A 2003 graduate is running for a seat in the U.S. House

#### BY SHEENA PEGARIDO CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Professors are not kidding when they say the next class students take may just change their lives. Or perhaps even change the nation.

John Blade graduated from the University of North Florida with a bachelor's degree in history in 2003. One of the classes he took for his major was a seminar on James Madison and the president's political philosophy. The rest is, well, history.

A native of Jacksonville, Blade, 25, is running as a writein candidate in the U.S. House of Representatives race for the Fourth Congressional District of Florida. The elections will be held this November.

He said that his interest in politics stems in part from the UNF course that taught him about the man who wrote the Bill of Rights and is considered the Father of the Constitution.

"One of the reasons why [the class] interested me so much is because we've deviated so far in modern politics from what the founders originally envisioned for the United States," he said.

Blade described his personal philosophy as Madisonian. His campaign Web site, www.bladeoutlines forcongress.com, Madisonian principles as including a citizen's right to self-determination, a citizen's right to own property, and "the understanding that government is a state of cooperation among citizens," meaning it must not be "a tool for imposing idle, moralistic constraints on [the people]." Blade said he does not see this point of view in today's political

parties. "Part of the problem with contemporary politics is the lock that the two-party system has on our democracy," he said. "This two-party domination is stifling the important ideas that we need in order to help improve our situation."

He said that for many issues, he wants to decentralize decision-making from the hands of the federal government to the state and district levels.

"There is no question that the way the federal government functions right now is very different and far more powerful than the founders had envisioned," he said. "It was never intended for the states to be as powerless as they are in the current political climate."

Blade works as a substitute teacher for Duval County Schools and as a private tutor. He said his experience as an educator, as well as a student at UNF, has taught him to have a sense of perspective of where the United States has come from as a nation, and where it is headed in the future. A thought that, he said, is missing from modern politics.

His position as a write-in candidate also sets him apart from his party-affiliated opponents. Florida election law requires a qualifying fee from each candidate running for a state office. The Division of Elections requires party-affiliated state representative candidates to pay \$1,860 to be on the ballot. For those without a party affiliation, the state requires a fee of \$1,240.

Blade said that he disagrees with this philosophy, so he decided to run as a write-in candidate, which incurs no fees.

"What I'm doing is that I'm not soliciting any campaign donations from the people," he said. "And the reason for that is I believe that the way that a person runs his/her campaign is a pretty good indication of how



John Blade was inspired to run for office after taking a James Madison seminar at UNF. Describing his philosophy as Madisonian, he espouses principles of self-determination and citizens' rights to own property.

they would be in government service. In other words, if they feel entitled to your money when they're running for office, then they will feel very entitled to your money when they're actually in office.'

Blade said that he runs a "very grassroots campaign." Aside from his Web site, his campaign reaches people by making contacts with small political organizations in town and wordof-mouth support.

But ultimately, he said, he is a

concerned citizen, not a politician.

"If, for whatever reason, in November, I end up not winning the seat, I'd be very happy to look back and see that I've made some sort of positive impact on this particular campaign," he said. "I want to simply interject some new ideas in the political process, and maybe a little bit of optimism as well."

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## Associate dean wins engineering award

#### BY MATT COLEMAN ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The associate dean of the College of Computing, Engineering and Construction was recently awarded the 2006 Florida Engineering Society Outstanding Technical Achievement Award. Dr. Jerry Merckel, in his seventh year at the University of North Florida, was given the award for his continuing work in the field of engineering. According to Merckel, receiving the award was incredibly hum-

bling. "Being selected by a group of my peers meant very much to me," said Merckel. "However, no man stands alone. Without UNF, this

would never have been possible." Dr. Neal Coulter, the dean of the College of Computing, Engineering and Construction considers Merckel a tremendous asset to the university.

During his time at UNF, Merckel jump-started a research program that went on to establish the aforementioned patents. He was also integral to the formation of a company called GeoAge, which works to provide necessary supplies and services across the nation to lessen the impact of natural disasters.

This company also helps create jobs in the engineering field for recent college graduates.

Merckel's achievements are not just limited to the realm of academics. He helped set up a computer network for the United Way of Palm Beach to coordinate natural disaster relief efforts. In addition, he serves on the advisory board for Bethune Cookman College's National Science Foundation grant for the establishment of a computer engineering program.



#### President advises campus of storm preparations

According to a message from President Delaney, the Crisis Management Team at the University of North Florida is working to promote campus safety as Tropical Storm Ernesto moves closer to the state. The Physical Facilities department is in the process of preparing the campus for heavy rain. The president advises employees and students to prepare in advance for the oncoming storm. More information on natural disaster preparedness is online at http://www.redcross.org/services/prepare/0,1082,0\_253\_,00.html.

It has not been determined yet if the weather will affect class schedules.

#### **Correction to resident** handbook concerning visitation hours

A correction has been made to the resident handbook dealing with visitation hours for all on campus housing. Visitation hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 a.m. No opposite sex or undocumented guests are allowed in students' rooms past 3 a.m. Students are allowed to have same sex overnight guests if this doesn't conflict with other residents. Approval must be acquired in advance for any overnight guest. All overnight guests must be registered by 10 p.m. with any resident assistant or at the Welcome Desk in Osprey Hall.

#### Katrina event planned for October

The Intercultural Center for PEACE is planning an event in October to analyze the effects Hurricane Katrina had on New Orleans, its residents and others affected by the storm's destructive power. Thelma Young, a College of Arts and Sciences staff member, will host the discussion. Young knows the subject matter intimately, as Katrina affected her family. Details about the event will be posted in future

"Jerry has done a lot for this school," Coulter said. " He has done everything, including working with young faculty to receive research funding, teaching and helping students find jobs and create resumes while still generating a large amount of productive research. His work has even resulted in the establishment of three patents. He's amazing."

Merckel started his career at IBM, where he worked in the field of product development and was recently recognized as one of the top 10 contributors to the company.

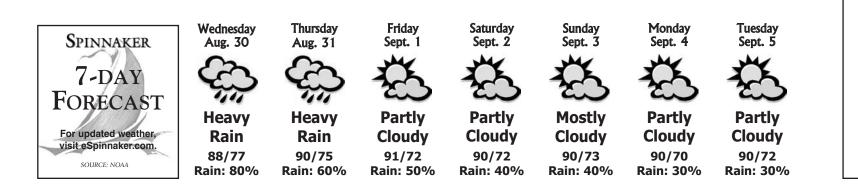
He later began work at UNF as the associate dean of the College of Computing, Engineering and Construction and professor of electrical engineering.

In his downtime, Merckel enjoys donating his time to the community. He spent 12 years coaching little league baseball, football and swimming.

Merckel received his Bachelor's Degree in electrical engineering from the University of Florida and holds a doctorate in engineering science from the University of Tennessee.

"Jerry is a creative, intelligent and brilliant man," said Coulter. "I've known him for years, and he is incredibly knowledgeable of the field of technology. He is the best in his field and deserves this award.'

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updates as they arise.

#### SWOOPS Resident Hall Food Truck

Chartwells began service to campus residence halls Monday. on SWOOPS will offer burgers, hot dogs, pizza, sandwiches, drinks and snacks through Monday Thursday from 8 p.m. to 11 Cash and credit p.m. cards are accepted, or purchases can be made using "Swoop Bucks," available at the Chartwells business office in the Robinson Center, Building 14, behind the Osprey Café. Osprey Dollars and Flex Dollars will also be accepted on a test basis.

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#### News

## A college education need not break the bank

#### By IEVA M. AUGSTUMS THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

Everyone knows college tuition costs have been soaring. If you're going to college this fall, presumably you've already worked out how you're paying for tuition.

What you may not have fully grasped is how much the other costs of college have risen costs for things like books and supplies, travel, room and board, and other incidentals.

According to the College Board, in the past five years, for resident students at four-year public universities, tuition and fees have increased by more than 50 percent. At the same time, the costs for books and supplies have increased by one-fourth, and room and board and transportation have each risen by one-third.

Fortunately, savvy students know there are ways to save. And they know that successfully managing your finances in college is one of the most important lessons you'll come away with.

"When kids are living at home, they are used to certain things," says Cindy Bailey, executive director of education finance services at the College Board. "At college, things are different. ... There are standard-of-living costs."

The national average for personal expenses at four-year public colleges is about \$200 a month, not including books and supplies, according to the College Board. You can spend more. Or you can spend less. But you have to live within your means.

"Think of it this way," says Steve Loven, director of the College Planning Center in West Des Moines, Iowa. "You want to live like a college student today so you don't have to live like one when you graduate."

The main decision that will have a big impact on your spending is where you will live.

Living in the residence halls with a seven-day meal plan is the most frugal move, because your basic needs are taken care of. But there's no point to buying the meal plan if you're going to break down and order a pizza several nights a week. Robert Alviar, a University of North Texas senior who lived on campus for his first two years, dealt with that issue.

"When people wanted to go out to dinner, I stayed in because of my meal plan," he said. "You figure out what works best for you." If you live in a fraternity or sorority house, your costs are also fixed, although probably at a higher level.

If you live off-campus in an apartment, it's possible to keep costs down by having roommates and cooking your own meals, but you also face many more unexpected costs and temptations to spend money.

Alviar experienced that, too. He lived in an apartment last year.

"Once we got that first electric bill for our apartment, our mouths dropped," Alviar said.

Other choices that will affect your costs are the location of your school and your choice of subject matter.

Some urban campuses have access to public transportation, while those further removed from city life may not. If you're really "going away" to college, you have to weigh the costs of flying vs. driving home for holidays and school breaks.

Your choice of major can affect your costs for a computer, lab fees and textbooks.

While college campuses have student computer labs, many students find it beneficial to bring their own computer to school, says Maria Ramos, director of financial aid at the University of Texas at Dallas.

"The newer generation of students are very computer-savvy," she says. "With the prices of computers dropping, they don't find it really difficult to get a computer." Textbook costs, however, are soaring.

Experts advise buying early to get the best deals. You can save by purchasing used books online or even from friends who already took a course.

"Buying early is a big problem for college students, who tend to procrastinate," says Steve Loyola, president and founder of BestBookBuys.com. "As soon as you get that course list, you



The College Board offers suggestions on how students can save money in textbooks, supplies and meals. Some students avoid costs by doing laundry at home, eating dinner with parents and using public transportation to get around.

A job also gives students an

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Jenkins learned the hard way.

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Jenkins says. "The card is paid

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should start looking."

One perk to look forward to you get to sell the books back at the end of the semester. But don't expect to make a lot of money. "The extra cash is nice," says Marcie Jenkins, a senior interior design major at UNT. "But you may be better off keeping them or selling them to your friends."

As you'll learn in Accounting 101, cash flow is important.

On the receivables side of the ledger, some students find getting

a part-time job helps.

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off, and I only now use it in emergencies."

The key is to understand that college is not about the present, says Paul Goebel, director of the Student Money Management Center at UNT.

"You're investing in your future," Goebel says. "The money decisions you make here will stay with you for the rest of your life."

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#### News



### Caller reports sexual deviance in Cape Town

#### Aug. 24- Prank Call

A UNF employee reported receiving an unusual phone call at her office from an unnamed person. The caller asked to speak with someone at the office of Amnesty International to report human rights violations and sexual abuse he witnessed in Cape Town, Africa while on a recent trip.

He stated that he witnessed men working in the nude and showering young while girls watched them. He also stated that he witnessed some of the men ejaculating while in front of the girls.

The caller then asked what the complainant thought about that. When the complainant told the caller he needed help, he promptly hung up. No further such incidents have been reported.

#### Aug. 24- Minor Injury

A UPD officer was approached by a man in Lot 16 who inquired where the nearest hospital was. The man stated he had cut his hand on a bulletin board on campus and believed he needed stitches.

The officer observed a large cut on the man's right index finger and offered to get him to medical assistance. He refused and told the officer he would have a friend transport him to Jacksonville Shands Medical Center.

#### Aug.27- Vandalism

A UPD officer was dispatched to Lot 11 in reference to a call about vandalism regarding someone's personal vehicle.

Upon arrival, the officer met with the victim,

## International studies not affected by terrorism

#### By TAMI LIVINGSTON MANAGING EDITOR

Despite a rise in terrorist activities around the world and the increased security measures they have brought, little effect can be seen at the University of North Florida's International Center.

Sept. 11 and the recent scare in London a few weeks ago has not deterred international students from coming to UNF or UNF students from going abroad, according to Dr. Timothy Robinson, director of the international center.

Robinson that he is not aware of any terrorism/travel problems incoming students had in getting to the university for the fall semester.

"After Sept. 11, the number of students studying abroad stayed the same for about a year, and then it went up," Robinson said. "I don't recall any dip in international students either, and they also began to go up."

Study abroad students from UNF planning to depart in the near future are not worried about traveling, according to Jill New, coordinator of study abroad at the IC.

"There was worry at first, when the news first came out [about the London airlines]," New said. "But now people have just accepted that there will be inconveniences and that they need to be more aware of restrictions.'

New urges those who are traveling to pay attention to travel warnings and advisories and to be responsible for themselves and their belongings.

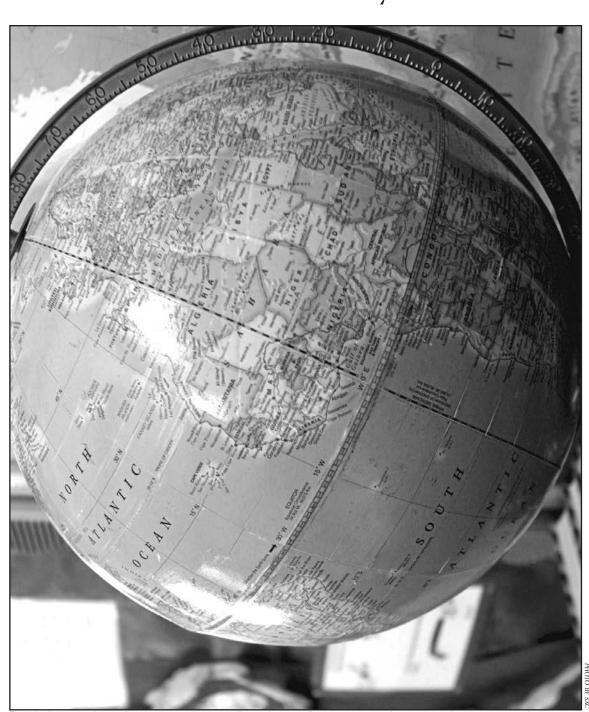
According to Robinson, approximately 3 percent of UNF students study abroad while the national average is about 1 percent.

The international center is expecting to have 240-250 international students this fall and would like to see 600 international students in the future at UNF each year, he said. In spring 2006, UNF had students from 58 different countries.

"They important are resources for domestic students," Robinson said. "Knowledge of the world is an important part of the information students should have when they graduate."

While Robinson admits that travel isn't as enjoyable as it once was and that the world is very much changed since Sept. 11, he

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Despite increased security measures that complicate the traveling process, students report that recent terrorism scares and world health concerns have not affected their desire to study abroad.

doesn't foresee any problems with student travel in the future. He said that while many events can affect studying abroad, such as SARS, avian flu, oil, Iraq and terrorism, he doesn't think that it will keep students from studying abroad. It may just limit the places they will go.

"It is very little these days that what happens in another part of the world doesn't affect us here in Jacksonville," Robinson said.

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who stated that she noticed someone had thrown yellow paint on her car and scratched the word "bitch" into her bumper. The victim advised the officer that she had parked her car approximately 30 to 40 minutes earlier and entered Osprey Cove.

A friend of the victim stated that while the victim was inside, he observed a white Ford Expedition park behind the victim's car and an unknown female exiting the vehicle, but did not see where she went.

An investigation into a potential suspect yielded no evidence relevant to the incident. At this point, UPD has no suspects or investigative leads.

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Pluto gets kicked out of the planet club

#### BY FAYE FLAM THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

Much of the mourning surrounding Pluto's so-called demotion Thursday reflects the outdated notion that it is a lonely outcast.

But Pluto will be fine. Thursday's decision to reclassify the former ninth planet signals a newly emerging picture of the solar system in which Pluto is anything but lonely. Until recently astronomers had no idea it was part of a frontier region full of icy leftovers from our solar system's formation.

"They are worlds," said astronomer Hal Levison of the Southwest Research Institute in Colorado. "Each one has a personality and some really weird things." Some are big and round, some football shaped, some icy and bright, some rockier.

And these denizens of what's called the Kuiper Belt hold a kind of fossil evidence for a major reshuffling of the solar system millions of years ago.

Pluto originally appeared as a misfit — tiny, distant and moving in a wildly oblong and tilted orbit. But more powerful telescopes revealed this planetary rebel was part of a whole disorderly gang. Three years ago the International Astronomical Union assembled a panel to figure out how to classify all this.

2005astronomers In announced a new body, UB313, nicknamed Xena, which is slightly bigger than Pluto, creating an even more awkward situation.

Last week, the panel finally made a decision. It proposed opening up the definition of a planet so that Xena, along with many others, could be planets too.

This more lax standard of planethood was quickly shot down by many of the hundreds

A new definition by the International Astronomical Union of what is a planet leaves Pluto out and the Arguments for Pluto being called a planet Has enough gravity to pull itself into a sphere official number of planets at eight. Has its own moon Earth: Has an atmosphere Earth's moon: Pluto: 8,000 1,400 mi. (2,253 km) 2,100 mi. (3,380 km) ■ Is larger than Quaoar, Sedna and other objects recently discovered in the Kuiper Belt — a vast mi. (12,875 in diamete region beyond Neptune that contains innumerable icy objects, including comets that sometimes pass km) through the solar system Been called a planet since it was discovered Pluto's orbit Arguments against Pluto being called a planet Earth 🚽 🖵 Mars Its oblong and tilted orbit, which passes inside Neptune's orbit for 20 years, is more like a comet Mercury than a planet Four planetary moons, including Earth's, are larger Jupite than Pluto Its composition is more like the icy objects found Saturn in the Kuiper Belt than a planet Sun Its moon, Charon, is so large that the two bodies Neptune orbit around a common center of gravity Kuiper Belt Source: NASA Graphic: Billy Steve Clayton, Minneapolis Star Tribune © 2006 MCT The decades-old debate about the status of Pluto and other astronomical bodies in the solar system was put to rest this

summer when the International Astronomical Union put the question to a vote. Pluto, along with a number of other small masses that had at one time been considered possible planets, were officially "demoted" to lesser categories.

of astronomers who'd gathered in Prague to settle the issue.

So the panel had to rewrite its proposal, and on its second pass narrowed the term planet to three major elements: the celestial body must orbit the sun, it must be large enough to take on a nearly round or spheroid shape, and it must sweep up its orbit of other objects. Pluto, whose elliptical orbit overlaps

disqualified. The new definition brings the total to eight "classical" planets and excludes all the bits and pieces orbiting in the asteroid belt (between Mars and Jupiter) and the Kuiper Belt (beyond Neptune).

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Some of those pieces large enough for gravity to shape into spheres are now defined as dwarf planets. The new proposal went to a vote Thursday and was accepted.

Levison said Thursday's vote should not be considered a demotion. You could see it as enhancing American astronomer Clyde Tombough's discovery of Pluto in 1930, he said. Instead of finding a new planet, Tombough identified the edge of a new realm.

Back in the 1980s, Levison said, he and other astronomers predicted that around the distance of Pluto they'd see other different-sized chunks of rock and ice moving in near-circular orbits within the same plane as the rest of the solar system.

"But that's not what we see." he said. "What we see looks like it went through a train wreck,' with things swinging hither and yon. It's a clue, he said, that the structure of the solar system was rearranged at some point in the past.

That happened over the eons as many of these icy dwarves swung toward the giant planets and were flung, slingshot-like, either inward or outward. Each time, the recoil slowly inched the giant planets one direction or another. Neptune moved slowly outward because the dwarves it flung outward kept coming back while the ones that moved closer toward the sun tended to get ejected by Jupiter. That went on until Neptune cleared out the region, leaving it looking, as Brown put it, as if Pluto and its sibling had been snowplowed out of the neighborhood.

In the years that Pluto's semantic fate hung in the balance, some scientists worried that no longer calling it a planet would derail NASA's plans to send a probe there.

But the mission, called New Horizons, was recently redirected toward Pluto's new incarnation as a non-planet, said Levison. That happened after the astronomy community did a survey of what held the most scientific interest.

Scientists say by studying Pluto they can get a relatively undisturbed sample of the cloud from which the solar system condensed. Pluto and its many neighbors are made mostly of ice - frozen water with some carbon dioxide, methane and other volatile substances.

In the last decade, astronomers have managed to indirectly detect the first planets around other stars, said Brown. It came as a surprise that some planets bigger than Jupiter orbited their suns closer than Mercury orbits ours. There were more ways than anyone had imagined to build a solar system.

Uncovering new solar systems increased the need for a new definition of a planet.

Levison, who just returned from the Prague meeting, said nobody wanted to admit the asteroid Ceres to the catalog of planets. Keeping Pluto forced this entry along with Xena, Pluto's moon (or so-called "coplanet"), Charon and potentially many more.

He said some astronomers worried schoolchildren couldn't memorize the planets if the list kept expanding. "People were so fixated on that," he said.

Others thought it would diminish Tombough's discovery if Pluto wasn't a planet, perhaps under the assumption that since we live on a planet that means planets are superior to other things. The committee seemed to try to have it both ways by calling Pluto a "dwarf planet." So the debate may not be over yet, said Brown.

They can now start arguing whether a dwarf planet is a planet.

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#### News

## TECHNOLOGY: changes in student use on campus

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protection and anti-spyware programs being affected and slowed down by 10-20 people in their building that don't," Durfee said.

When a student logs on to the network for the first time, they will be prompted to load the policy key which will then scan the computer and check for the presence of virus protection and anti-spyware programs, Durfee said. If the policy key detects the presence of such programs and they are current, then students will be

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allowed to continue and access the network.

If no security programs are detected, or they are out of date, then students will receive a warning that they must download security programs and a link to do so, he said. If they continually refuse to load or update the security programs, they will be quarantined and denied access to the network until they do so, Durfee said.

Some students have expressed concern about the policy key because they feel that it is an invasion of privacy. However, the program does not keep track of an individual's movements, Durfee said.

"It doesn't track where you go on the network or where you go on the Internet," he said. "It doesn't collect or report that information."

The program has two steps. First, it checks to see if the computer meets the minimum security standards and then it checks that it is up-to-date, Durfee said.

And ITS is continually updating it and adding software in order to allow more virus and spyware-protection programs to be recognized and accepted by the policy key.

The policy key was tested on resident assistants in housing last spring and then went live at the start of summer A, Durfee said. The main goal is to protect students while at the same time making those protection procedures more streamlined and easier to comply with, he said.

Currently, students who bring their laptops to campus and connect outside the housing network do not have to load the policy key. Changes have been made to the email system that university students will be using.

Prior to this term, students were required to use Horde to read their university e-mail, but as of this week students now have the option of switching to Microsoft Outlook WebAccess according to Steve Lyon, assistant director of networking and systems for ITS.

WebAccess is a more full-featured and streamlined e-mail program, Lyon said. At this time, WebAccess is available to all students but switching over to it is not mandatory until Dec. 20. At this time, WebAccess is available to all students but switching over to it is not mandatory until Dec. 20.

This term, students will be able to choose where they want to read their UNF e-mail - either Horde or WebAccess, he said. Starting Jan. 20, students will no longer be able to send or receive e-mail through the Horde system, only through WebAccess.

"I'm hoping that if we give students the whole semester, they will take the chance to switch over to the new program," Lyon said. "I know for a fact that over 150 students have already done it [as of Monday afternoon]."

Students' e-mail addresses will

stay the same when they make the change, Lyon said. Directions for the switch can be found on the ITS Web site, www.unf.edu/dept/its.

A new file-storing program has also been made available to all university students as of this week, Lyon said. In the past, students who worked on papers or projects on campus or at home had to worry about saving their work and then toting it around with them, Lyon said. Most just e-mailed it to themselves when they were on campus in one of the labs or printed it out without saving it, he said.

"Most students didn't save files on campus because they didn't understand the operating system," Lyon said.

The new file-storing program, WebDrive, will eliminate that, Lyon said. Students can now work on a paper or project at home or at school, save it on the UNF storage server using WebDrive server and then access it again at either place, he said.

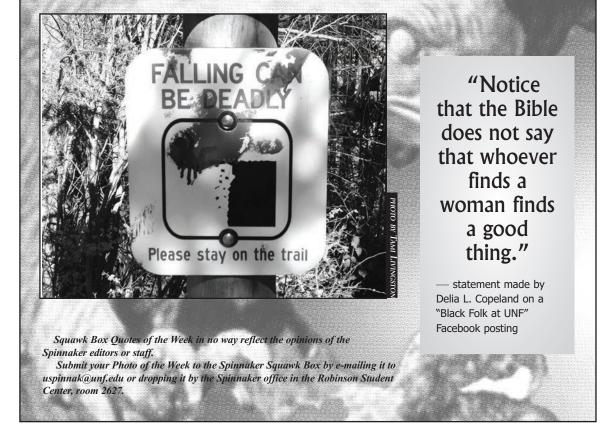
To save files on the server, students need to load the WebDrive application amd set it up. After connecting to the UNF server, students can save their work and then access it again later, when and where they need too, Lyon said. The great thing about the program is that you can access the server from anywhere in the world as long as you have Internet access, he said.

Theoretically, a student can create a PowerPoint presentation at home or in a computer lab, save it on the server and then use the computer in their classes to access it and present it.

"I'd like to think of it as a valueadded service we offer to students," Lyon said.

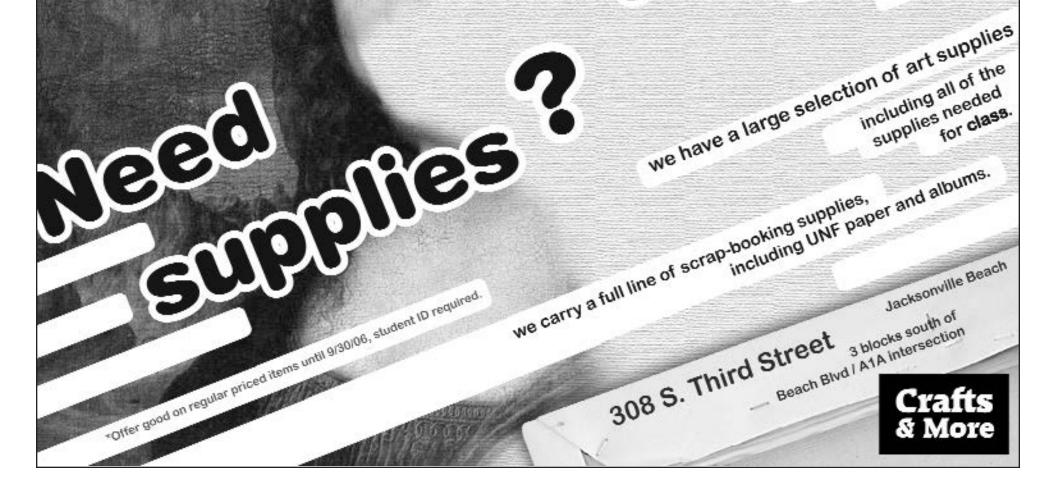
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## expressions a page for friends

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By ZAN GONANO

Online networking Web sites have not only caught on in recent years, but have exploded to become a very powerful tool on the Internet. Two of the most popular sites, Facebook and Myspace, differ from each other in operation and features, but both provide an easy to use template that allows members to network effortlessly.

Facebook is aimed solely at students. All members are high school students, college students or alumni. The Web site requires members to use their school emails to start an account and lets them make their own pages complete with favorite bands, movies, books and quotes. Facebook also allows members to display contact information including phone, e-mail and home addresses.

Once someone has become a member on Facebook, they may browse through a registry of people who graduated from the same high school as them or people who attend the same college as them.

Members then begin adding friends through invitations in order to contact them and have access to their personal pages. Facebook also allows members to show fellow Facebook friends who they are in relationships with and links to their pages if they are also Facebook members. Each Facebook page also has "The Wall" where

Each Facebook page also has "The Wall" where Facebook friends can make comments about each other. Personal pages also have a photo album where pictures can be posted.

Facebook has a tool that allows members to form groups and invite other members to join the group. Each group has its own page with information regarding the group and a description of why the group exists.

Myspace operates somewhat similarly in the layout aspects of members' pages, but it has certain features and extras that Facebook does not have. Myspace is a cyber phone book with members ranging from kids to celebrities to up-and-coming musicians and everything in between.

Each member constructs a home page, much like









Facebook, but in addition to pictures and a comment section, each member has a blog option allowing him or her to start a blog and a music option allowing each member to put a song on his or her page.

Myspace has become a very powerful marketing tool for celebrities and musicians alike. Artists from every genre of music can make their own pages and put up to four songs that anyone can listen to even if they are not members of Myspace. Many artists use this opportunity to post unreleased songs off new albums or songs they made in the past and never released. Artists can also post show dates for upcoming tours and alert friends when certain artists will be playing near them.

Another important tool within Myspace is the ability to make virtual invitations to events such as concerts or meetings. The who, what, where and when of the event is included along with a picture of the band and then sent to all friends of the band. It's a free and paperless way to network

Of course, both Web sites also have downsides, one of which is time consumption. It is true that once becoming a member of one or both of these Web sites, massive ime can be consumed looking at ot mounts of bers' sites, improving your own site or just wasting time by mindlessly browsing through random lists of friends or groups. Another major risk that has come about lately is the presence of compromising pictures that may be posted to the Web site by a member or that member's friends. Pictures involving drug paraphernalia and pictures of drinking can cause problems when seeking employment or when affiliated with a school-sponsored sports team. Recently, employers have also become increasingly scrutinizing about employees' personal pages. Employers may feel that a certain employee's page is inappropriate and may jeopardize the integrity of the company. This can lead to scrutiny from an employer, and in extreme cases can and has caused people to be fired. Increasingly, both Myspace and Facebook, along with other networking Web sites are increasing in popularity. The Web sites certainly offer excellent, user friendly platforms to network and keep in touch with past friends and relatives while providing the ability to make new friends, meet the person of your dreams or tell your fans about the upcoming show in town.

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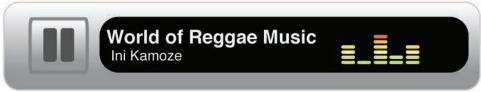
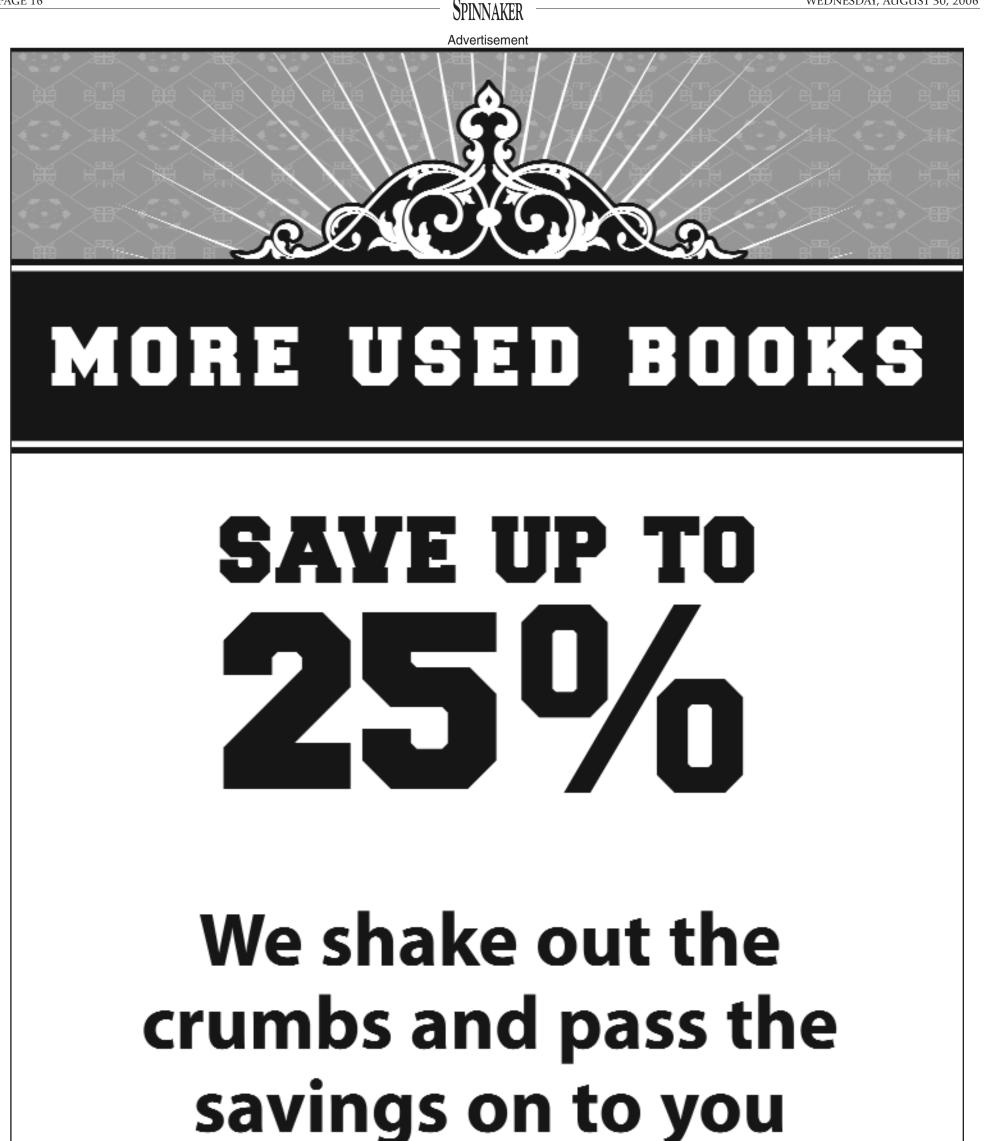
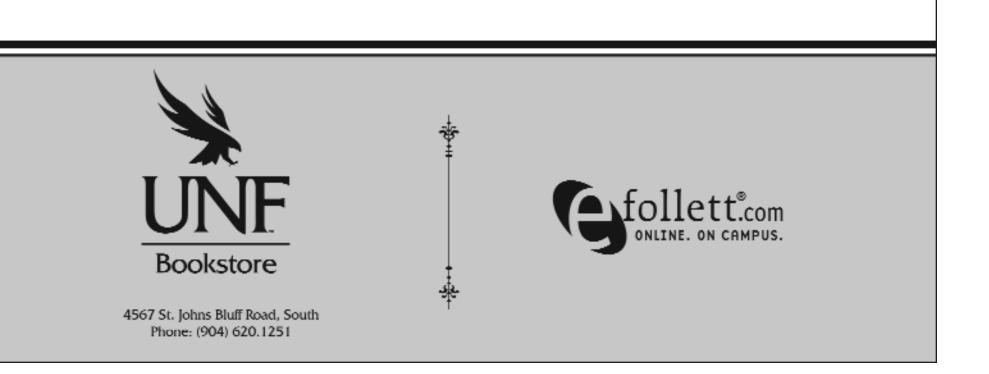


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**EXPRESSIONS** 

#### By Liz Doup SOUTH FLORIDA SUN-SENTINEL

Not only is the Internet changing how we work and play, it's changing how we talk.

Most def, agrees Archna Eniasivam, 20, of Coral Springs, Fla.

That's "most definitely" for everyone still speaking in whole words.

Now that the Internet has fueled an explosion of written shorthand, verbal shorthand couldn't be far behind.

Some students don't find it ridiculous to abbreviate words when they talk, just as they do now when they type.

And Facebook.com, the bible of the college set, has a specialinterest group called "Totes Inappropes" for people who like to "abbreves absolutely everything in our convos."

"Abbreviations have become huge," said Eniasivam, a premed student at Washington University in St. Louis. "We shorten everything. Look what the media did with Brangelina."

Alan Hamaoui, 18, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., stops short of talking in shorthand, but wellworn Internet abbreviations still form in his brain.

"I've found myself thinking, LOL (laughing out loud)," said Hamaoui, a psych major at the University of Central Florida. "It just pops into my head."

With Sierra Schnitzer, 17, a

F o r t Lauderdale High student, verbal shorthand just tumbles out. After all. she's been chatting online since she was 12.

"OMG (oh, my God) started online and now some of us say it," she said. "It's more like a joke, when you're talking with your friends.<sup>3</sup>

Ditto for BRB, as in be right back.

Eniasivam says awk instead of awkward. And most def, of course.

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Facebook's Totes Inappropes describes thirsty people as dehydes. Cute people are

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to shorten words. But it has to flow naturally in a conversation.

"I've been known to use obvi for obvious," Eniasivam said. "I tried that maybe once and decided against it.

But don't think shorthand is new to the Internet age. Writers have been abbreviating since taking quill to parchment, says Naomi Baron, author of "Alphabet to Email: How Written English Evolved and Where It's Heading."

Medieval manuscripts are studded with abbreviations, thanks to expense and laborintensive copying. Your Hum Serv, for Your Humble Servant, appeared in formal letters from the 18th century.

"What we do in writing shows up in our speech," Baron said. "It's a natural transition." The Beat Generation, for instance, can claim "later," shorthand for 'See you later."

Baron occasionally hears shorthand among students on the American University campus in Washington, D.C., where she's a linguistics professor.

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"Some of my colleagues say BTW (by the way) to show they're not over the hill," she said

She also theorizes that the verbal awk owes its roots to professors. Many use awk to pinpoint awkward sentences in student papers.

Despite the spread of shortened speech among some students, everyone isn't a fan.

"Some of our friends hate it," savs Eniasivam. "It is slightly ridiculous to shorten words that don't need to be shortened."

Nor does she try truncated words on an older generation, say, her father.

"He would have no idea what I was talking about," she says. He might even find it ridic.

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BY MIKE PINGREE MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

#### KNOCK, KNOCK; WHO'S THERE? POLICE ... I MEAN, PIZZA GUY

The girlfriend of a fugitive from justice in La Vista, Neb., called in an order for pizza, but mistakenly dialed 911, the police emergency number, instead of the pizza joint's number which begins with 991. She hung up when she realized her error, but the cops investigate all hang-ups. They converged on their apartment and nabbed the boyfriend.

#### I JUST CAN'T GET WOMEN TO LIKE ME; I DON'T KNOW WHY

After a woman rejected his sexual advances, a 54-year-old Scottsdale, Ariz., man responded by destroying her mailbox and leaving behind a naked picture of himself. A police investigation had no trouble locating him since he had already given his name to the desk sergeant.

YOU CALL THAT EVIDENCE ?! After a roadside police camera recorded him speeding through Manchester, England, a motorist,

thinking he could beat the rap, returned with explosives and blew the camera to pieces. Unfortunately for him, the device recorded his actions before it was destroyed.

#### YOU SEE, OFFICER, SOME-TIMES IT JUST COMES OVER YOU

Police in Laksevag, Norway, lights flashing and sirens blaring, chased down a car because it was swerving all over the road. When it finally pulled over, they discovered the reason for the erratic driving was that the man and woman inside had been engaging in sexual intercourse. The man explained that they had been "unable to contain their lust."



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revealed that he had done the same thing to 16 other women in the past five years.

#### WE SENSED THAT A PAT- DO YOU MEAN 'WICH'? **TERN WAS EMERGING**

A vending machine supplier was robbed at a drop-off location in Huntsville, Ala. A few weeks later, he was robbed there again by the same man. And then again. And yet again. Suspecting that the robber would try a fifth time, police finally staked out the location and waited. Sure enough, he robbed the guy one more time. He was arrested after a high-speed chase.

#### ME? WHY I MIGHT HAVE BEEN AT THE STATION, WHY?

A man waiting at the police station in Arlington, Va., to retrieve his impounded vehicle, stealthily reached into the purse of a woman standing next to him and stole her keys and some cash. But she caught him, so he gave the stuff back and fled. Police

A man in Lancaster, England, enraged that his girlfriend broke with him, spray-painted up obscenities on her very expensive Peugeot, including the word "bich." He was caught because he called her that in a text message and misspelled the word there as well.

#### BUT OFFISHER, WE'RE ON YOUR SIDE

Police in Anstruther, Scotland, pulled over a car in the wee hours of the morning, and found two heavily intoxicated men inside. The driver was dressed as Batman and the passenger as Superman. They were arrested.

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#### EXPRESSIONS

## Christian music offers message of hope

#### BY JEANIE CORREA ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

We all realize intuitively that expressing ourselves through music affects us in a positive way. But research indicates the positive messages avowed through Christian music have catapulted the genre onto the scene throughout America.

Industry statistics indicate that Christian music is the sixth most popular category of music for consumers across the U.S., according to Christian news media service Agape Press.

Many Americans assume that the most common way of experiencing the Christian faith is by attending a church service, according to a new nationwide survey by the Barna Research Group of Ventura, Calif. A greater number of adults. however, experience the Christian faith through Christian media, such as radio, television or books. than attend Christian churches.

Just more than two out of five adult music listeners said they had listened to a station airing Christian music, the fastest-growing type of Christian broadcasting - 43 percent - during the past month. The expansion in both the number of radio stations adopting a Christian music format and in the size of the listening audience helps to explain why the Christian music genre has been one of the fastest-growing categories in the music industry during the past two years.

With the world in turmoil from the September 11 terrorist attacks, the ongoing war in Iraq and just everyday issues bombarding the average person, many people have begun to reassess their priorities and look at what is really important and what really matters. People are looking for some sort of connection to their spiritual side.

The popularity of Contemporary Christian Music, or CCM, is proof that consumers are looking for music with a message, said Gospel Music Association (GMA) President John Styll.

"Christian music is increasingly connecting with the culture at large, which I think indicates that people really have this God-shaped vacuum in their lives," Styll said in an interview with LifeWay Christian Resources. "And when something comes along that gives them some hope and some inspiration, they really grab onto it."

Christian music comes in all forms, from rock to metal to melodic, to name a few. Barlow Girl, with their dark rock/metal/gothic sound, might be compared to Evanescence, playing great rock music that at times is very heavy but still pleasant. Rock band Switchfoot can be found on Christian and secular stations alike, with hits such as "Meant to Live" and "Gone." Another popular group is Kutless, a melodic, hard rock band that employs heavy guitars, strong drums and catchy



witchfoot has performed over 400 shows in the last two years touring across the country and world.

melodies.

By early June of this year, more than 21 million units of Christian music had been sold nationwide, according to the GMA. Styll said the listening audience is hungry for the wide variety of positive messages to be found in CCM, speaking truth, communicating hope and pointing people to Christ, according to the LifeWay interview.

The explosion of Christian music on the airwaves and into people's home music collections may be indicative of CCM becoming the next best alternative to the traditional brick-and-mortar church, according to Barna.

"Increasing numbers of people are involved in informal discussion groups regarding faith matters, participate in faith forums and in-home worship activities or use the Internet for faith exploration and communications," the researcher said.

"As our culture continues to embrace new forms of education, interaction and relationships, while maintaining a felt need for connection to God, it is important to recognize that traditional Christian activities such as evangelism, worship and discipleship may happen outside of a church building for many people - including millions of individuals who have no interest or intention of visiting a church."

Like songs of other genres, Christian lyrics tell about the pains of everyday life, said Nicole C. Mullen in an interview with Brio magazine. The difference is that Christian lyricists offer the answer to those dilemmas before the last note is played or sung.

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## Movie-goers get wasted on Beerfest

BY ADINA DAAR BUSINESS MANAGER

From the brilliant minds that brought us "Super Troopers" and the not-so-funny minds that brought us "Club Dread" comes a movie about the world's favorite drink. It is a tale of family, honor, nationality and most importantly beer.

"Beerfest" is the story of two brothers joined in the ultimate



## Critics undecided who real winners are at Emmys

Late Night's Conan O'Brien hosted the event for the second time.

#### BY DANIEL FIENBERG ZAP2IT.COM

Sunday night's 58th Annual Primetime Emmy ceremony is bound to have critics undecided as to whether they should be overjoyed or frustrated by the TV Academy's choices.

On one hand, you had the Emmy voters rubber-stamping familiar faces like Megan Mullally and Tony Shalhoub at the expense of edgier nominees. But it was hard to be annoyed by those choices when Emmy recognized fresh faces like "Entourage" and "The Office" and finally gave "24" the top-ofthe-ballot recognition deserved

Some observations from the Emmys differ from good to bad. Emmy winners include some

of the following:

NBC's Shows: Conan O'Brien began the show with a slew of jokes about the network's fourth place status.

Entertainment President Kevin Reilly and company have to feel pleased with an evening that included wins for comedy series ("The Office"), lead actress in a drama (Mariska Hargitav of "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit"), supporting actress in a comedy series (Mullally, "Will & Grace") and supporting actor in a drama (Alan Alda of "The West Wing"). "My Name Is Earl," snubbed in several major categories, won for comedy writing and directing

'The Amazing Race:" Even the most die-hard of fans wouldn't argue with the contention that last season's two installments of CBS' `round-the-world reality entry were sub par at best. And still, the show won yet another Emmy. It's invincible.

"Hill Street Blues:" Alda's



most decorated drama series in Emmy history with 26. NBC's departing presidential drama was shut out for the rest of the night, though, leaving the two shows forever joined.

HBO's Original Movies: Boy. That's a lot of wins for "The Girl in the Cafe" and "Elizabeth I."

Emmy losers include some of the following:

NBC's Sense of Good Taste: It's just bad luck that O'Brien began the show with a joke about a plane accident and worse luck that it was a taped bit that couldn't be changed in the wake of the deadly plane crash in Kentucky on Sunday morning. However, the whole thing could have been prevented if Conan and crew hadn't decided to begin the show with a "Lost" joke that felt pretty dated already.

HBO's Scripts Series: Wins for supporting actor in a comedy series (Jeremy Piven. "Entourage") and writing for a drama series (Terrence Winter, "The Sopranos") aren't bad, but somehow we've come to expect more.

ABC in General: Last year's Emmys were like a celebration of all things ABC. This year? Well, Louis Horvitz won a trophy for directing the Oscars. That's got to count for something, right? No. Not much, actually.

Anatomy" "Grey's in Specific: Many pundits were expecting Sunday night to be a coronation for the year's most talked about soapy drama, with writing and acting nominations galore. Instead? Zilch.

Stephen Colbert, Craig Ferguson, David Letterman and Hugh Jackman: Tee-hee. You guys lost the Emmy for individual performance in a variety or musical program to Barry Manilow.

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goal of honoring their grandfather and protecting their family name. While attending Oktoberfest to spread their grandfather's ashes, they find out that his true wish was to make Beerfest his final resting place. After a rough meeting with family they had never heard of and enough embarrassment to fuel a war between Germany and England, the brothers scurry back to the United States vowing to get revenge. Together with three friends, they take on the Germans in a secret drinking competition that has been around longer than Oktoberfest.

The stereotypical characters add to the hilarious situations. The English are rowdy and sport football, also known as soccer, uniforms and the Germans wear traditional lederhosen while poking fun at the quality, or lack of, in American "beer." The movie does not fail to point out the difference, referring to American beer as "corn in a can." The

Extreme beer chugging contests while on a treadmill is just one of the crazy barley induced antics present in the movie Beerfest.

directors portray the Germans in a goofy light similar to the German characters in "Super Troopers" as they are flaky and a bit strange, but this portrayal makes them likable characters.

The cast of heroes also includes a Jewish scientist, a frat boy, a secret weapon and two brothers that seem like they were shot right out of the '90s. Each member of Team USA adds their own skills to the competition, even with all the self-doubt and embarrassment already hovering over them.

Hopefully American audiences will catch all the subtle hints that point towards a greater drinking experience and appreciate the point the directors attempt to make. Not only is drinking fun but beer can also be appreciated for its great taste. As the movie demonstrates, you can brew your own beer, and it can be much better than drinking commercially-brewed beer.

In the end, the movie left me with a burning desire to go home and chug the homebrew sitting in my fridge. I also want to try drinking beer out of a giant glass boot. For those of you who are not fond of beer and would rather partake in other activities to alter you consciousness, get ready for Willie Nelson to introduce us to the much-anticipated sequel entitled "Potfest."

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· Bid on a damaged Wal-Mart bag complete with bandaids holding the bag together. Seller won't tell why the bag is damaged but with bidding at \$90.00 there better be something better in that bag than a pair of socks and a DVD from the bargain bin.



#### Chicken McNugget with the face of

God. Oh yes, this seller claims that when the savior-esque piece of fried chicken was grabbed a feeling of calm and serenity overcame

him. You too can enjoy this fast pass to the pearly gates for only \$0.25. What a deal.



·Stainless steel chastity belt a steal at \$195. Thinking about getting real drunk at a frat party? No problem, slip this thing on and drink to oblivion.

• Feeling adventurous? Why not purchase a genuine fart in a bottle from a University of

North Texas college student. The fart came after "waffles for breakfast, two bean burritos from Taco Bell for lunch and pepperoni pizza for dinner all chased by Bud Light" so you know this thing is gnarly. This could only come from the home state of George W. Bush.

#### EXPRESSIONS

## Sublime: 10 years after the death of Bradley Nowell

#### By ZAN GONANO FEATURES EDITOR

It has been 10 years since the passing of Sublime frontman Bradley Nowell, but his music continues to live.

It was May 25, 1996, shortly before the release of their selftitled album, when Nowell was found dead in his hotel room of a heroin overdose, succumbing to an addiction that he battled for years and prophetically sang about in the song "Pool Shark."

The originality of Sublime has never been recreated. The band made music that was unlike anything before it, and the music reflected the appreciation that Nowell had for acts ranging from The Grateful Dead to Bob Marley.

The band made many solid originals and also covered songs including "Scarlet Begonias," "Smoke Two Joints," "Steppin Razor," "Trenchtown Rock" and "54-46" keeping the songs similar to the original but infusing their own style in each track. The covers also brought interest back into the bands that made the songs such as Toots and the Maytals and Peter Tosh.

Following the untimely death of Nowell, former drummer Bud Gaugh and bassist Eric Wilson eventually went on to continue playing the music that made them famous, staying in the Long Beach scene by playing with such acts as Long Beach Dub Allstars and Long Beach Shortbus, but never gaining the fame or recognition that they obtained while playing in Sublime.

The style and infusion of multiple genres was unique to Sublime, something that truly separated them from the rest of the music scene and something that has certainly influenced others that have come along in the surf rock Long Beach style of music. The band took pieces of reggae, ska, punk rock and hip hop to build an original puzzle that became the signature sound of Sublime.

Few people realize that Sublime was formed in the late 80s and put out several albums including "40 Oz. to Freedom" and "Robin in the Hood" before the major label success of their self-titled release.

Unfortunately, following the passing of Nowell, the band would break up and never again record music together instead releasing previously recorded music on albums such as "Second Hand Smoke" and "Stand by Your Van."

The ghost of Sublime has

lived on, however, and bands continue to carry on the tradition of the Long Beach style that Sublime made famous the world over.

Fellow west coasters Slightly Stoopid, a band Nowell discovered and signed to his Skunk record label, have carried on and made a name for themselves in the surf rock genre. The band has also fused reggae, punk and ska to make their own sound reminiscent of their mentors, but with their own style something that was very evident on their earlier work on "The Longest Barrel Ride." The band, like Sublime before it, continues to grow its fanbase and gain appreciation with their constantly changing sound.

Although other bands may come close to the sound that made Sublime so unique, they will never duplicate the originality that was the cornerstone of the band. Sublime was an anomaly, something particularly special that does not come around often. Like artists such as Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin and Jim Morrison, Nowell was a superstar whose life ended far too soon.

The international acclaim Sublime received following the release of their self-titled album



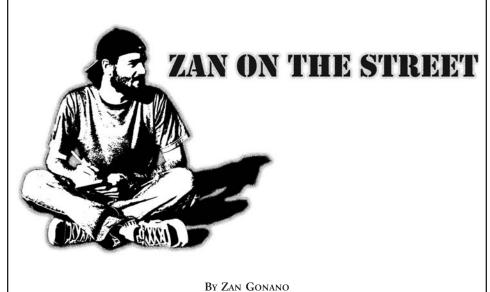
Pictured from left to right: lead singer and guitarist Bradley Nowell, bassis Eric Wilson and drummer Bud Gaugh.

was shadowed by the fact that Nowell's passing meant Subime would never again release new original music.

The success of their self-titled album was just the beginning for a band that worked so hard to become a household name, and the journey to stardom was cut short far too early.

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#### Meanwhile, in another part of town...

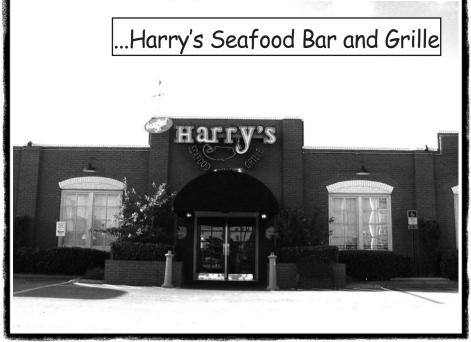


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We are back in action for the new semester here at the Spinnaker, and hopefully some acts will get back in action as well since things are looking quite uneventful for the first week of school. Even with a lack of nationally recognized talent, plenty of local music can fill the void.

In case you haven't read the column before, I try to highlight events and live music around Jacksonville that I feel students will enjoy and attend on a weekly basis. Jacksonville is unique in that it has a thriving downtown scene as well as a beach scene that offers something for everyone. As residents of Jacksonville, we get a wide variety of events and live music from the monster truck rally at Alltel Stadium every year to world renown reggae acts at Freebird Live in Jacksonville Beach.

Freebird Live in Jax Beach hosts the Codetalkers this Saturday. The show is \$10 and doors open at 8 p.m. Also on Saturday, Queensryche plays at the Florida Theatre. Tickets can be purchased from Ticketmaster and doors open at 8 p.m.



#### By ZAN GONANO

For a taste of the bayou without the drive or to grab a quick drink after work, Harry's Seafood Bar and Grille in Jacksonville Beach is sure to please. The restaurant serves both lunch and dinner If seafood is not your thing, Harry's has a range of food from the grill. For lunch, Harry's serves half-pound Angus beef burgers and other various burgers and sandwiches. If you are looking for something a bit lighter try a marinated seafood wrap or a fish wrap.

For dinner, Harry's offers grilled

Elsewhere around town, Thee Imperial, Jack Rabbits and Fuel will have the normal mélange of music throughout the week so check them out on Myspace, www.jackrabbitsonline.com or www.fuelin5pts.com for more information and scheduled bands. That's about it for worthwhile local shows, unfortunately, so how about a reminder for what's going on around town?

Wednesday night at Fly's Tie is reggae night with sounds from Pili Pili. The little pub is located in Atlantic Beach and features \$2 Pabst Blue Ribbon all night. Wednesday night at Twisted Sisters Ladell Mclin plays. There is a \$5 cover unless you get there before 8 p.m. Thursday night, De Lions of Jah play Twisted Sisters. As usual the place packs quite a crowd with drink specials like \$1 drafts and \$3 Xcelerators (energy drink and vodka) so it's worth it to get there a little early.

On Friday and Saturday nights, Pili Pili plays Caribbee Key in Atlantic Beach. Sun Dog and Ragtime also have live music from various bands so those are good options, too. If you check out Ragtime, be sure to try some of the dank homebrew beer on tap.

Sunday, the Conch House in St. Augustine has live reggae. From what I have heard, only a few more Conch House Sunday's are left this summer so hop in the car and take a little road trip to our historic neighboring town to the south.

Also, Sisters of the Sea is putting on its 8th Annual Surf Classic Saturday at Hanna Park at 9 a.m. Entry is \$30 for early registration and \$50 on the beach. The deadline to apply is Friday and the first 125 applicants will be surfing the contest. The after party will take place at Twisted Sisters.

There you go: a few hangouts around town with plenty of good tunes and drink specials. For the under 21 crowd, you'll get there soon enough so why not just go out and chill at the beach while the weather is still warm and sunny. The first cold front will be here before you know it.

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and features a large array of Cajun-style food and certainly has something to satisfy any taste.

Appetizers at Harry's include fried green tomatoes, wings and calamari with other original dishes such as Cajun popcorn (fried crawfish tales), Croc de Jacque (fried gator tale) and various shellfish setting the bar and grille apart from many others. The starters range from \$5.99 for the tomatoes to \$8.99 for mussels. Harry's also features soups such as gumbo and clam chowder and has an array of fresh salads with chicken and fish as toppings.

Harry's is a seafood grille and for good reason with different fresh fish and dishes such as grilled rainbow trout, crab cakes and pecan crusted catfish reasonably priced around \$9 for lunch and \$15 for dinner.

The restaurant also has dinner specials such as crab cake and crawfish cardinale, stuffed shrimp and Alaskan king crab legs starting at \$16. No Cajun restaurant would be complete without Po' boys with fillers including shrimp, catfish, oysters and crawfish all around to fill the french break all priced around \$8. chicken, steak and pork along with side items such as a lobster tail or grilled shrimp. Entrée's range from \$12.49 for chicken dishes to \$19.99 for an 8 ounce filet mignon, and the lobster tail adds \$10 to the price. Harry's also features a variety of pasta dishes with chicken and seafood and an interesting dish called pasta jambalaya with shrimp, chicken and smoked sausage for \$15.

Harry's also has a full bar and serves various beers on tap. In addition, when Mardi Gras nears in New Orleans, Harry's follows suit with its Fat Tuesday party. The parking lot turns into a giant party complete with a tent, plenty of beer and beads.

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Home routines will be scattered and unreliable over the next five days. After Monday, ARJES loved ones March 21 - April 20 may expect unrealistic

progress concerning family disagreements, planned events or property renovations. Take time to explain schedules and daily limits: at present someone close may need detailed information in order to feel secure.

Friends and colleagues will this week offer valuable advice concerning social new friendships or social politics. romantic attrac-

April 21 - May 20

underlying influence. If possible, avoid bold comments: discretion and loyalty are now a strong concern. Remain dedicated to accepted information and all will be well. After Thursday, a close family member may be unusually sullen.

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Early this week, coworkers will be helpful with complex procedures or faulty instructions. Accept all new suggestions and present a cheerful

GEMINI May 21 - June 21 public attitude.

This is a strong time for revising difficult projects or building added trust between colleagues. Do, however, study financial documents and vital paperwork for continuing errors. Thursday through Saturday accent powerful romantic attractions and new social invitations. Emotional abundance is now returning: stay active.

> Quiet flirtations will now briefly

> intensify. Before

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wish to set a faster pace in a key relationship. If so, expect dra-

matic outbursts and minor of confrontation. moments Potential lovers may need to resolve lingering issues of isolation or self-doubt. Go slow and wait for obvious signals: there's much to discuss. Later this week, a complex work or educational assignment may be cancelled. Don't push for answers: revised projects will soon be announced.



Before mid-week, expect family members or long-term friends to request LFO career advice. Power struggles July 23 - Aug. 22 with authority figures or stalled job promotions may be an underlying concern.

Advocate creative thinking and fresh beginnings: friends or relatives may soon need to explore unique workplace options and revised daily assignments.

Public celebrations and planned social events will provide exciting distraction this week. Several days of low confidence and inward thought now need to fade: before Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

mid-week, expect a sudden increase in romantic overtures and group invitations. Foster as many new friendships as possible: you won't be disappointed. After Thursday, study financial deadlines and revised contracts for hidden restrictions. Over the next six days, officials will provide misleading information: stay alert.

Potential lovers will now offer intriguing proposals or subtle indications of their long-term LIBRA intentions. Sept. 23 - Oct. 23 Distant travel, family expansion

or lofty career ambitions may be on the agenda. New relationships will strongly benefit from honest discussion: use this time to comideas and pare objectives. Meaningful breakthroughs are available. Friday through Sunday highlight financial news and delayed payments. Ask relatives for clear explanations: minor details are important.

Romantic confidence is now returning. Some Scorpios, especially those born SCORPIO prior to 1984. will Oct. 24 - Nov. 22 this week

explore controversial relationships or return to past love affairs. Both are positive but may remain poorly defined for the next 11 weeks: remain cautious and carefully consider all new promises, home changes or time commitments. Thursday through Saturday,

a close friend or relative may require added support. Rare family announcements are accented: stay open.



Business or workplace restrictions should now be taken seriously. Before midweek bosses or managers will Nov. 23 - Dec. 21 introduce unexpected revisions

of policy. Controversial ideas, although unrealistic, will eventually prove worthwhile. Remain quietly detached and offer limited support: timing is important.



Work habits, personal style and productivity are now a strong concern for key officials. A recent phase of slow business progress and demanding social politics

needs to end: before mid-week, expect revised workplace guidelines or new team assignments. After Wednesday, a complex home or financial decision may prompt minor disagreements between friends or relatives. Later this week, rest and discuss family

Accumulated debt and private legal paperwork may soon require active discussion. Family members

are now strongly motivated to reveal recent mistakes or setbacks. After Tuesday,

group decisions Jan. 21 - Feb. 19 will work to your

advantage: remain patient and watch for loved ones to provide detailed financial information or obvious pathways to success. Later this week, a rare romantic overture from a close friend or colleague may prove briefly bothersome.

Subtle romantic comments are now meaningful. Over the next few days some Pisceans may experience a steady increase in workplace flirtation



and social innu-

endo. New relationships are favorable but potentially delayed: before next week expect ongoing hesitation from potential lovers. Remain determined, however, and offer encouragement: powerful love is now possible. Later this week, avoid financial contracts or new business promises: resources may be drained.





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## Welcome the real look of Division 1

The Ospreys are scheduled to play against current national champions during their second year in Division 1

#### BY HOLLI WELCH

After just one glance at the 2006-2007 athletic schedules, one might be pleasantly surprised at the universities lined up to compete against the Ospreys. Names of previous national champions and distinguished competitive schools stand out among the lists. However, students and fans need not be astonished, as the University of North Florida is nestled right into the competitive world of Division 1.

Beginning in 2005, North Florida joined in as members of Division 1 taking on a new conference and new competition.

The athletic teams, formerly a part of the Peach Belt Conference, became affiliated with the Atlantic Sun Conference in fall 2005.

This change brought on larger schools as competition, but the 2006 season will raise the bar even higher as coaches look to test their teams.

"Upgrading the schedules is one of the steps every program can take during the transition process," North Florida's head men's basketball coach Matt Kilcullen said. "You want to give your players the experience of playing against the best."

#### Florida, 6-5.

Now as the 2006-2007 season begins, fresh faces are appearing on the schedules. This is stimulating news to both the athletes and their coaches.

"We are excited about our 2006 schedule and the team that we have returning," head volleyball coach Bryan Bunn said. "Every match will present a unique challenge, I am eager to see how we have developed as we begin our second year in Division 1."

The volleyball team will face off against Penn State University and the University of North Carolina Charlotte for the first time this season.

The basketball team will also face new challenges, opening the season with a trip to Queens, New York for the 2K Sports College Hoops Classic. There they will play against Big East Conference power St. John's College Nov. 10. The Classic also lines UNF up with Big Ten Conference rival Northwestern.

From there, the University of North Florida will head to Gainesville, Fl. Nov. 14, to test the University of Florida, the defending national champion.

"We are going to get experience playing in two major markets - New York and Chicago - and we are going to also face the defending national champions," Kilcullen said. "Those games will be incredibly challenging for a program only in its second year of Division 1, but we are

excited about the opportunity." This event will be covered in full force by athletics, with plans to air the game at a home party in the Arena.

On the soccer field, a fresh challenge will come for the women's team near the end of the season as they gear up for the University of Miami.

of experience playing against competitive schools and will provide just

the test head women's soccer coach

Mike Munch is looking for.

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#### WHO WILL WE BE PLAYING?



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For the University of North Florida, the transition into Division 1 will take place over four years, ending in the fall of 2009 with the scheduled full division membership.

During this time, competition will continue to strengthen along with school spirit, the rise of more tailgate parties and blue and grey body paint.

This will provide the real look of Division 1.

The University of North Florida,

has proven already that they are prepared for the competition, with five teams finishing in the top four of A-Sun standings during their inaugural seasons. UNF's volleyball, men's and women's cross country and baseball finished among the top ranks. Golf also finished among the top but was not a new face to the division.

The first year in the division also brought recordbreaking enthusiasm that will only rise as UNF settles into the division.

At the men's basketball game against rival Jacksonville University in January, Osprey pride reached its highest home crowd. Then in April the UNF baseball team brought out over 6,000 fans to watch the Ospreys take home the ball game against the University of

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Bryan Bunn, UNF volleyball coach at the end of the season will be a good test for us to see how we have come in year two at the Division 1 level," said Munich. "They have competed at the highest

level a number of years." North Florida's head men's

soccer coach Ray Bunch had similar

thoughts of his schedule.

"We are very pleased with our 2006 slate," Bunch said. "I feel our matches will be very competitive and allow us to improve in our second season at the Division 1 level."

The men's team will face Duke University and Georgia State for the first time during the season.

The Ospreys were scheduled to play Duke in the 2005 season, but the match was cancelled.

The scheduled meeting for the teams will be Oct. 24 and Sept. 3, respectively.

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#### **SPORTS**

## In the Osprey Spotlight: Lead an Tony Polster

#### BY ALLI REISS CONTRIBUTING WRITER

It's a bird, it's a plane! No, it's just Tony Polster getting chased out of the arena by a mob of angry fans again.

The former University of North Florida's baseball pitcher is frequently called UNF's biggest fan and when you go to practically any sporting event, you will see why.

"I have never been asked to leave a game for being too loud but I have been chased out of the gym a few times," says Polster. "Twice were by players who were still in uniform and a few times it was by parents whose sons had a bad day."

Polster has also been known to rally students in creative ways by starting cheers and jumping up and down, encouraging students until they begin to join him.

"For basketball, baseball and volleyball last year I would get a program from the team we were playing and assign people to read our opponents personal profiles out loud in order to distract them. It's a good way for the fans that are there to watch the game

good time. I wish at golf matches that we were allowed to make some noise and try to rattle the other team. I am going to push for a rule change so that can hap-

pen," said Polster. When Polster is not working as a physical education teacher,

coaching basketball and baseball, or in class working on getting his teacher's certification, he can be found relaxing on his couch watching just about any sporting game that is on television.

"At my condo I have 4 TVs in my living room so I can watch all the sports possible. I order the MLB package so I can watch just about every baseball game. I also have the college sports networks, the NBA package, and the NFL package. Whenever I am home you can bet that I have s o m e

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sports on," said Polster. There were also some very exciting memories from last year in the UNF sports realm.

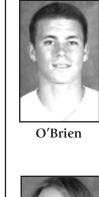
When asked about his favorite highlights from the 2005-2006 season, Polster replied, "I would probably have to baseball sav beating the Florida Gators. I can't remem-

ber off hand, but there were around 6,000-7,000 people at the game in which we won. Another highlight would have to be UNF basketball beating JU. We had over 3,000 people at the game and at the end of the game we were allowed to storm the court. We are never allowed to do that again but it was fun when it lasted."

> Polster also says that going to the sporting events as a freshman truly gave him a place to fit in. "It's a

> > good way to meet a lot of new people," Polster said. "When I came to UNF I didn't really know a lot of people except for the ones on the baseball team. But after my first vear at UNF I met a ton of new people just through the games, especially at basketball and volleyball games."

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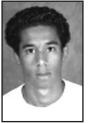
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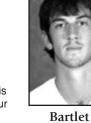
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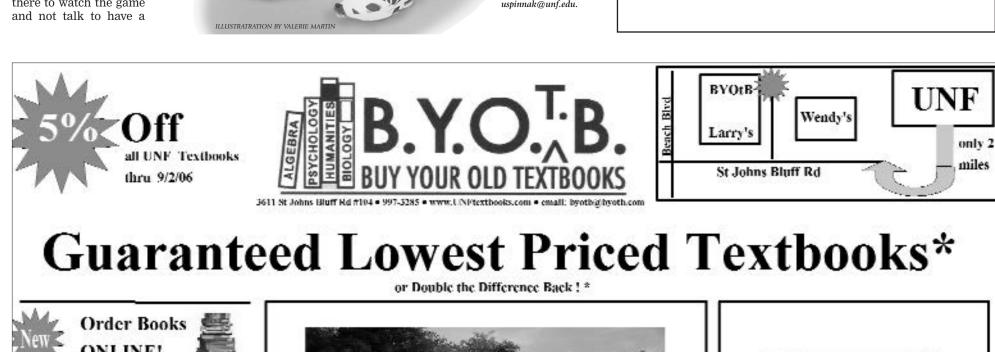
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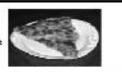
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#### **SPORTS**

## Women's soccer takes season opener

#### Women's soccer scored first two games of the season

#### By NATALIE NGUYEN ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The home opener for the women's soccer team against Flagler College of St. Augustine proved to see how well the Ospreys have come together for the beginning of the season.

Fans from all over Jacksonville came to see players from both University North Florida and Flagler go head-tohead at Patton Park.

A 30-minute drive south of Jacksonville, fans, family and friends from both cities made it out to Patton Park to see the Ospreys and Saints go head-to-head on the soccer field.

The Ospreys led the first half 1-0 with a goal from senior Courtney Forson off a corner kick from fellow senior Lena Mullaney.

The Saints attempted several shots only to be discouraged by strong defensive plays and stops. The first half showed several different looks of the Osprey defense against the Saints' attacks.

Despite a fairly good defensive strategy to use off-side traps, the Saints showed several different



Freshman midfielder Courtney Forson scored her first collegiate goal against the St. Augustine Saints. The Ospreys had an additional three goals to win the game 4-0.

defensive setups.

"We have a lot of new players," said Courtney Forson. "This game is important to see how far we've come as a team." The Ospreys then came out in the second half with three freshman scoring their first ever goals in a collegiate game. Unassisted goals from freshman forwards Lauren Dwyer, Katelin Swift and an assist from junior midfielder Jessica Jowers to freshman midfielder Courtney Strickland helped shut out the Saints 4-0.

The game remained aggressive with the Ospreys threatening the Saints' goal. Smart plays in ball control, movement, possession and keeping the ball on the Saints half of the field made for numerous shot attempts by the Ospreys.

"They (Flagler) seemed to put their heads down after we scored the second goal," head coach Mike Munch said. "After that, the momentum swung in our direction even though the Saints had several good opportunities in the beginning of the second half."

Coach Munch showed the strength and depth of the Osprey team with his regular rotation of players, giving valuable game time to a team that includes 10 freshmen.

The game was also the first game for Flagler as a Division II school.

Despite sporting a team-high of three shot attempts from sophomore defender Elizabeth Glasgow and eight saves from goalie Hope McArthur, the Saints lost whatever momentum they had in the first half after the Ospreys scored their second goal.

"We just broke apart the second half," said freshman Saints forward Tiffany Urquhart. "We were playing more defensively than normal."

The Ospreys returned to the field Sunday afternoon to play Georgia Southern University. Down by one goal within the first two minutes of the game, the Ospreys came back with a long kick from sophomore midfielder Elizabeth Gowan. Ten minutes later, senior defender Lisa Taylor knocked in a header with an assist from junior midfielder Jessica Jowers.

"We knew we had to calm down after the Eagles scored their goal," said Taylor. "We were nervous at first but then we changed the game to our tempo."

The Ospreys managed to keep the second half in their favor and ended the game with a win in a final score of 2-1.

Sticking to the original game plan with physically hard-fought plays kept the Eagles scoreless in the second half.

"We worked hard as a team," said Gowan. "It was important for us to work together to come back and score in this game."

Still elated from her first goal in a collegiate game, only two words came to mind for Courtney Strickland.

Strickland expressed pure excitement, "I don't know if there's anything else I can say to that."

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#### Intramurals looking for Campus Champion

By NATALIE NGUYEN ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

To help promote sports, athleticism, and to increase the level of competition, the Intramural Sport Championship System hopes to find a men's and women's championship team.

The championship system is based on a point system. The point system rates an athlete both on how many sports the athlete plays and how well he or she performs. An organization can enter more than one team into a sport, but only one of the teams can be rewarded points toward the ISCS competition.

The only exceptions to this rule is if an organization offi-

cially enters two teams into the championship system for all sports.

Organizations that wish to enter the ISCS competition can enter through the Intramural Office located in the Arena, room 1044. Teams must fill out an entry form, name a team captain, have an official team name that will be used throughout the year, and fill out a roster sheet that is limited to only 18 players.

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#### **Basketball Walk-on Tryouts**

The University of North Florida men's basketball team will have try-outs for walk-on athletes.

Athletes competing for walk-on positions must attend a compliance meeting, provide proof of recent health insurance, and have proof of a recent physical.

The compliance meeting will be held Sept. 1 at 7 a.m. in the Arena, room 1052. Proof of physicals must be within the past 6 months.

The men's basketball program is also looking for student assistants.

Information on becoming a student assistant, can be found by contacting Josh Bowling at 620-2495 or at bowj0004@unf.edu.

#### Mascot try-outs coming soon

The University of North Florida athletics department will have open try-outs for students interested in being the next Ozzie or Harriet Osprey.

The Osprey mascot performs at all basketball home games and at other athletic events.

Those who wish to participate in mascot tryouts must have proof of recent physicals, health insurance coverage and cannot be taller than sixunfospreys.com and click on "spirit groups." Applications must be received by Sept. 8 to participate.

Students mascots will receive training, and may receive a book scholarship as an incentive.

Tryouts will be held Thursday, Sept. 14 at the Arena from 4-6 p.m. No experience is necessary.

#### Volleyball picked to win Conference

The University of North Florida volleyball team is the preseason pick to win the Atlantic Sun Conference during the 2006 season.

The League's poll left North Florida tied with Belmont University for the top spot.

Both schools scored 94 points and five first place points from the 2005 season.

North Florida finished third during 2005, with an overall record of 19-10 and an A-Sun record of 7-

2. The Ospreys were also in the top three in hitting percentage, assists, kills and aces. They led the Atlantic Sun in digs as well.

The 2006 North Florida team boasts five returning seniors in the starting lineup.

Lipscomb University, Jacksonville University, and East Tennessee State completed the top five in the poll.

Compiled by Natalie Nguyen.



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#### Sept. 1

Cross Country at Jacksonville University short course, 5 p.m.

Volleyball vs. Appalachian State University at UNF Labor Day Classic, 7:30 p.m.

#### Sept. 2

Volleyball vs. Murray State University at UNF Labor Day Classic, 12:30 p.m.

Volleyball vs. Idaho State University at UNF Labor Day Classic, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 3

Men's soccer vs. Georgia State University, 4:30 p.m.

Sept. 4

Men's soccer vs. Central Arkansas University, 11:30 a.m.

Sept. 5

Women's Soccer vs. Louisiana-Lafayette University, 2 p.m.



#### Aug. 25

Men's soccer 1, Winthrop University 5

Women's soccer 4, Flager College 0

Volleyball 0, Tulsa University 3

Aug. 26

Volleyball 0, Saint Mary's College 3

Men's soccer 1, High Point University 0

Volleyball 3, Troy University 1

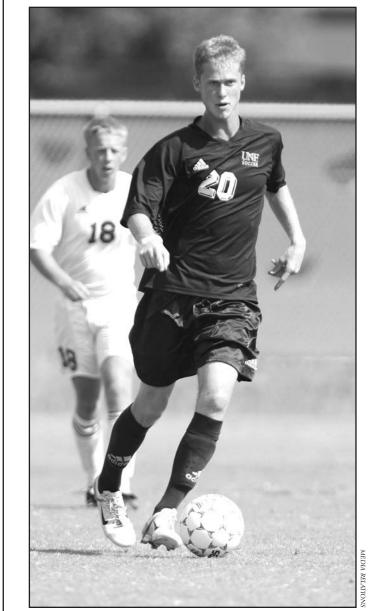
Aug. 27

Women's soccer 2, Georgia Southern College 1

Aug. 29

Volleyball , University of Central Florida

## Freshman scores game-winning goal



The men's soccer team was led by freshman forward David Pollard in the second game of the season against High Point University. Pollard scored the only goal of the game, defeating High Point 1-0 at the last minute. The goal was assisted by senior Mats Elmaster.



### Volleyball warmed up for home tournament

BY HOLLI WELCH SPORTS EDITOR Junior Maegan Weisert and senior Emily Kohler led in kills with a total of 16.



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A sports cliché is an expression that has been used in sports so frequently that it is tired and meaningless. Nothing of any importance has ever been said this way, and they're used as a cop-out so the coach/player won't have to go out of their comfort zone and risk offending someone. See if you recognize any of these, here's what they really mean:

"He has a low center of gravity, or built low to the ground"...nice way of saying short and fat.

"He has eyes in the back of his head"...really means he's running for his life.

"He's all heart"...usually means his skills leave a lot to be desired.

"He's a good guy in the locker room"...means less likely to be seen on the police blotter.

A "finesse" player...means the player can't take a hit, while a "scrappy" player is usually

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undersized but physical (think "Scrappy Dog" from Scooby Doo). This also goes for the saying "Pound for Pound, he's the best..."

"We've got an intriguing match-up"...means the announcers are stuck doing this game.

"The season's a marathon, not a sprint"...means you're probably 0-10 to start off. "It's a rebuilding

year"...meaning tickets won't be hard to come by, because the team stinks.

"The quarterback isn't being asked to win the game, just not to lose it." Isn't that basically saying the quarterback gets no credit if they win, and all the blame if they lose?

When you hear these, just disregard them completely. Hopefully this will help you cut through the bull and see it for what it really is -time-filling fodder to help the announcer sound like they know what they're talking about.

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#### Volleyball and CoRec Soccer Captain's Meeting

Intramurals will host their first coaches meetings of the year Sept. 5 in the Arena.

Those interested in playing volleyball or CoRec Soccer must attend the meeting.

An official's meeting will be held following the captain's meeting at 8 p.m.

Any interested officials must attend the meeting to obtain the rules.

For more information contact the intramural office at 620-2998 or 620-2646. Four games down, a whole season to go.

The University of North Florida volleyball team has jumped right into the season as heach coach Bryan Bunn led his team through its season-opening series in Alabama Aug. 25 and 26 and then in the University of North Florida Arena Aug 29.

The Ospreys started up the season with the Troy Spiketacular facing Tulsa University, St. Mary's and host Troy University.

North Florida fell to TU and St. Mary's 3-0 for both matches but finished the tournament with a 3-1 win over Troy.

With their return to Jacksonville, North Florida opened their home court to the University of Central Florida Golden Knights Aug. 29.

Osprey fans flocked to the Arena to watch the opening home game, though North Florida fell to the University of Central Florida 3-1. Senior Tara Taylor led the Ospreys in devensive digs win 25, while senior Magen Wood led in blocks with 6.

The game leaves the University of North Florida with a 1-3 record.

The team now awaits the competition in its own UNF Labor Day Classic Sept. 1 and 2.

The tournament will be held in the Arena, with many opportunities for prize drawings, free pizza, and free athletic memorabilia.

Admission for students is free with a UNF ID.

The Ospreys will challenge the Appalachian State University Mountaineers Sept.1 at 7:30 p.m.

On Sept. 2, UNF will face Murray State at 12:30 p.m. and Idaho State at 7:30 p.m.

This will be the Osprey's first encounter with all three schools.

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