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PHOTO BY FRUCTUOSO NAVARRO
The creation of two new doctoral programs means UNF can expect an influx of well-qualified candidates seeking careers as health care professionals in Jacksonville area hospitals, surgical centers and medical clinics.

It also means the Brooks College of Health will be recruiting additional faculty and support staff as UNF creates a Doctorate in Nursing Practice and transitions the Physical Therapy program to a doctoral program. The Board of Governors last month approved the doctoral programs in Nursing Practice and Physical Therapy, two critical areas in patient care that consistently suffer from shortages of qualified practitioners nationwide.

UNF anticipates enrolling 20 candidates in the Doctorate of Nursing Practice program next fall and as many as 36 candidates in the Physical Therapy doctoral program. Most of the physical therapy students are enrolled in the master’s degree program and will transfer to the doctoral program.

“This is a huge step forward for the University of North Florida to be in a position where we have the resources and programs in place to offer doctoral education,” said Dr. Pam Chally, dean of the Brooks College of Health.

In five years, UNF expects to enroll 76 students in the Nursing Practice and 100 students in the Physical Therapy doctoral programs. To handle that growth, the Physical Therapy and Nursing Practice programs each plan to hire additional faculty members as well as additional support staff.

“Not only did we gain approval for these programs, but we have the building blocks in place to do it,” Chally said. “We will do these programs with excellence and class, and our graduates will be well-prepared.”

Dr. Lillia Loriz, director of UNF’s School of Nursing, said currently there’s not enough qualified faculty to teach increasing numbers of nursing candidates, but she expects that will change.

“Once you have the doctoral programs you’ll be better able to attract faculty and you will have a higher number of qualified faculty,” she said.

Dr. A. Russell Smith, chair of the Athletic Training and Physical Therapy Department, said UNF would have had to ultimately close its Physical Therapy program if the Board of Governors had rejected the University’s application because students would increasingly seek universities that offer the advanced degree. Now, he expects growing interest in UNF from students and faculty.

“The students are already excited,” he said. “Our applicant pool has already seen a bump, and we just brought on several new faculty. There’s no way they would have come here if we weren’t going to the Doctorate of Physical Therapy. That’s why I’m here.”

With the two new programs, UNF will soon offer three doctoral degrees. Currently, UNF offers one doctoral degree, 24 master’s degrees in 88 areas of concentration and 55 bachelor’s degrees in 116 areas of concentration. UNF, which opened in 1972 as a two-year, upper-division-only university, enrolled 16,084 students in the fall, including more than 1,600 seeking graduate degrees.

**Doctral programs expect to draw students, faculty**

BY DAVE ROMAN

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Pam Chally
New center to give Coggin students job boost

BY JULIE WILLIAMS

The plastic covering the walls from floor to ceiling on the second floor of the Coggin College of Business has finally been removed, unveiling the college’s new Career Management Center, which opens this month.

The new center complements Coggin students’ educational experiences with specialized services to help them begin successful and fulfilling careers. Students and alumni will receive individualized career counseling, resume assistance and help with developing skills for networking and interviewing. They also will have access to job and internship postings as well as information about upcoming career development events.

According to Shannon Italia, who was hired in December to serve as the center’s director, its goals are to develop relationships with local and regional corporations looking to hire business graduates and to provide a competitive edge that will allow Coggin students and alumni to secure the best positions available.

While Coggin students have always had access to job placement services through UNF’s Career Services, Italia said the Career Management Center will be able to take those services a step further to offer even more individualized assistance to students, alumni and businesses. She described this approach as proactive.

“It’s tough for university career services to be all things to all people,” Italia said. “Having a center dedicated to serving business students is just one part of being considered an elite B [business] school. Most of the renowned business schools in the U.S. have in-house career management for their business students.”

The concept for the center was developed several years ago, when Dr. Earle Traynham was the college’s dean. The college’s Business Advisory Council created a committee focused solely on placement. The council was instrumental in creating the plan and bringing the center to fruition.

Dr. John McAllister, dean of the Coggin College, said the community was very responsive to the college’s needs to develop the center to better serve Coggin students and graduates.

“We’ve had great support from the community, which says that the community believes in what we’re doing, and we believe in serving the community, so this is the perfect marriage for all of those ideas,” McAllister said.

The college’s friends and alumni who contributed to the project include David Smith/PSS World Medical, Luther and Blanche Coggin, Delores Kesler, The Jacksonville Bank, and Reynolds Smith & Hills.

The physical space for the center consists of a number of offices and two state-of-the-art interview rooms equipped with the technology needed to conduct interviews via remote video-conferencing. These rooms also feature moveable, sound-dampening walls for maximum flexibility in arranging training and interviewing space. Various staff, including Italia and a coordinator who will soon be hired to work directly with students and alumni, will share the center’s space.

According to Italia, the Career Management Center staff will collaborate with staff from Student Services, Study Abroad and Career Services to bring together students and alumni with corporations seeking qualified job candidates. “We have to look at it as a group effort, because we’re all working together to meet the needs of our students and alumni,” she said.

UNF student John Paul Martinez won’t need a cardboard sign like the one in this photo illustration when he starts his job search.
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use coontie in the UNF landscape as a rather plain, dependable groundcover or low shrub for dry locations in sun and shade. People often mistake it for a fern or small palm, but it is not closely related to either. Despite its humble role in the landscape, this plant has some interesting stories.

Coontie is a modern descendant of an ancient lineage of plants called cycads. Cycad fossils date back to a time well before the dinosaurs. Today, more than 200 species grow in warm regions around the globe. Coontie is the only cycad native to Florida and is one of the few that tolerate Jacksonville’s relatively cold winters.

Cycads and the extinct seed ferns were the first plants in the fossil record to produce seeds. Cycad seeds develop in a cone-like strobilus, similar to a pine cone. Cycad seeds are dioecious, which means some plants produce pollen while others produce seeds.

For a long time, botanists assumed that cycads were pollinated by wind. A few years ago, botanists in Miami noticed large numbers of small weevils congregating around coontie strobili. They discovered that this beetle pollinated the strobili and that the beetle larvae fed only on the old pollen strobili. The plant and the insect are dependent on each other for survival. After these findings were published, scientists around the world discovered similar insect pollinators for other cycad species.

Many of these pollinators are weevils, an insect that appears very early in fossil records. It seems quite possible that the cycads were the first plants on Earth to be pollinated by insects.

Cycads produce neurotoxins and carcinogens in their tissues to discourage predators. Gardeners should avoid contact with their resinous sap for this reason. However, American Indians and early colonists extracted starch from its roots, processed it carefully to remove the toxins, and used it as a food.

Botanists still debate the proper scientific name for this plant. Current literature offers two names, Zamia floridana and Zamia integrifolia. Older references contain several more names including Zamia pumila and Zamia umbrosa. I like the fact that this plant still has at least one mystery to solve.
perks

Just in time for summer, perks, benefits expanded

In addition to working on a beautiful campus in an intellectually stimulating environment, UNF employees also have a host of perks or fringe benefits available through the Office of Human Resources.

“We’re pleased to provide an easy way for employees to access the many perks UNF offers,” said Rachelle Gottlieb, associate vice president of Human Resources. “The perks will not only save our employees money, many offer convenient purchasing options that will save time.”

The following are just a few of the businesses, attractions and camps offering discounts and other extra savings to UNF employees.

**Perks Card** — Visit Human Resources for this card, which offers savings at many local retailers.

**Sam’s Club** — UNF employees receive the same club prices that business members enjoy.

**Universal Studios Orlando** — UNF employees receive discounted rates to Universal Studios Orlando via Ticketmaster.

**Avis Car Rental Discount** — UNF employees are eligible to receive discounted rates with Avis Car Rental. Contact the Travel Office at ext. 2950 for more information.

**UNF Summer Sports Camps** — Staff and faculty receive discounts to a variety of sports summer camp programs. To receive discounted rates, identify yourself as a UNF employee when you register.

“We received a great response from the community as we developed the Perks program,” Gottlieb said. “We found the vendors were thrilled to provide this benefit to our employees.”

For a full list of employee perks, visit UNF’s Human Resources Web site at www.unf.edu/dept/humanres.

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Welcome:

New employees include: Gregory T. Brant, senior clerk in Postal Services; Shantita T. Council, program assistant in Enrollment Services Processing Office; Laurel M. Crump, director of Public Services in the Library; Lorna P. Dusti, executive secretary in the Academic Center for Excellence; Bob Golitz, director of executive education and leadership development in Continuing Education; Priscilla R. Goodlow, custodial worker in Physical Facilities; Wanda McKeithen, program assistant in Continuing Education; Willie A. McLaurin, custodial worker in Physical Facilities; Tom Pierce, account executive in Continuing Education; Clifford S. Poppell, teaching laboratory specialist in Electrical Engineering; Brenda R. Rolison, office assistant in Exceptional Student and Deaf Education; Marco A. Turner, business manager in Training and Services Institute; Ya’agov Ziso, director of technical services in the Library.

Milestone Anniversaries:

30 years — Dorreen A. Daly, Student Affairs (February); Mary J. Sanders, Enrollment Services (January); Cynthia L. Valentine, Library (February.)

25 years — Elizabeth J. Clements, Arts and Sciences (January); Janice W. Donaldson, Small Business Institute (March)

20 years — Margaret P. Anderson, Purchasing (January); Rosalyn E. Gilbert, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (March); Doreen A. Perez, Medical Compliance (April); Michael P. Sizemore, Training and Services Institute (January); Barry G. Wynns, University Housing (April)

15 years — Sheryl L. Brown, Postal Services (February); Karen J. Stone, General Counsel (February)

10 years — Joel W. Beam, Athletic Training/Physical Therapy (January); Decato E. Burke, Information Technology Services (March); JoAnn N. Campbell, Academic Affairs (January); Gabrielle P. Holcombe, Library (February); Eddie D. Jones, Library (March); Fong Chuen Lai-Chin, Faculty Association (April); Kimberly S. Luther, Career Services (February); Jeanne L. Middleton, Student Affairs (January); Helen B. Smith, University Housing (April); Michael P. Trotter, Purchasing (February); Thelecia Y. Wilson, Education and Human Services (February)

5 years — Linda S. Cason, Training and Services Institute (March); Jacqueline M. Dorey, Public Opinion Research Lab (April); Charles E. Eyer, Energy Management (January); Deborah J. Foster, Custodial Services (March); Gerald J. Garner, Physical Facilities (April); Betty J. Garris, Student Government (March); Carolyn E. Gavin, Marketing and Logistics (April); Karen A. Haltiwanger, Enrollment Services (April); Heather L. Kite, Aquatics Center (April); Robert W. Mailey, Physical Facilities (April); Crystal A. Serrano, Campus Police (January); Juan P. Stegmann, Management (January); Ha H. Tran, Physical Facilities (March)

Congratulations:

Suzanne Harris is the new office manager in the Department of Leadership, Counseling and Instructional Technology in the College of Education and Human Services.

Patti Robbins is the new program assistant in the Dean’s Office in the College of Education and Human Services.

Jamie Spruell is the new alumni events coordinator in Alumni Services. She previously worked in the Dean’s Office in the Coggin College of Business.

Births:

Carey Hawkins (Brooks College of Health) and her husband, Dean, welcomed their son, Jamie Hawkins, born Feb. 26. He weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Linda Sciaratta (College of Education and Human Services) has a new grandson, Brody Cade Petrlik, born March 1. He weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces and was 21 inches long. His parents are Jamie and Ryan Petrlik.


Keith Cartwright chaired a James Weldon Johnson panel that included presentations from three UNF graduate students (Anna Jacobson, Sarah Baxter and Erin Mooney) as well as his own paper “‘That Hell-Border City of Babylon’: Routes between James Weldon Johnson’s Nassau and Jacksonville,” at the 16th Annual British Commonwealth & Postcolonial Studies Conference in Savannah in February.

Cartwright also gave an invited feature paper on James Weldon Johnson at the Two-Year College English Association-Southeast Conference in Jacksonville.

MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS: Dr. Scott Hochwald presented “Mathematics, Lost, Found and Missnamed” at the Florida MAA & FTCMA 2007 Joint Annual Meeting in Tallahassee. At the same conference, Dr. Rama Rao presented “A Group-Theoretic Proof for the Chinese Remainder Theorem."

MUSIC: Dr. Gordon Brock performed as guest conductor of the Charlotte County Honor Band in Punta Gorda, Fla. He was featured as guest soloist in the premiere performance of his new work “Improvisation for Alto Saxophone and Wind Ensemble.”

Dr. Gary Smart, with Jungian therapist Jaime Egolf, presented a paper and lecture-recital titled “Desire and Sensuality in the Music and Relationships of Claude Debussy: A Look at the Split in the Archetypal Feminine” at the Creativity and Madness Conference sponsored by the American Institute for Medical Education in Santa Fe.

PHILOSOPHY: Dr. John Maraldo’s article “Defining Philosophy in the Making,” was published in Bosnian translation as “Definiranje filozofije u nastajanju” in the journal ODJEK, Jesen - Zima.

Dr. Rico Vitz presented an invited paper titled “Doxastic Virtues as Moral Virtues” at the Scienica Workshop at the University of California, Irvine. He also presented “Descartes and the Question of Direct Doxastic Voluntarism” at the Western Regional Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers.

POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION:

Dr. Paul Harwood presented “Surfing in Multiple Tongues; Search Engines and Middle East Ethnopolitics” at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting in Chicago in February and March.

Dr. Darren Wheeler published a review of “Before the Next Attack: Preserving Civil
Disability Center honors those
who recognize students’ abilities

The Disability Resource Center honored 23 professors who were nominated for the DRC Faculty Appreciation Award March 14 at the fifth annual Disability Awareness Day.

Students who are registered with the Disability Resource Center nominated the 23 professors for going out of their way to assist students with disabilities while holding all their students to the highest standards.

“This professor looks at me like a student and not a disabled student. I feel like part of the class,” one student wrote in a nomination letter.

“This professor has gone above and beyond to make sure that I am prepared for everyday challenges. I am very grateful,” wrote another.

Students singled out professors for showing equality in their classrooms and making sure all students have the same opportunities. They also praised professors for focusing on students’ abilities rather than their disabilities.

Another nomination letter described a professor as having “high expectations of all her students.” The letter continued, “She respects all of her students. While she is keenly aware of students with disabilities, she does not differentiate those disabilities with the ability to learn. She is aware of barriers and eliminates those barriers.”

Personnel in the Disability Resource Center, which promotes partnership within the UNF Community, said the nominated professors have demonstrated the ability to provide excellent teaching and to ensure the success of students with a wide variety of disabilities. The professors listed to the right were nominated for the DRC Appreciation Award.

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Student nomination statement

Dr. Pamela A. Zeiser presented “Economics, Emotions, and Ethics: Creating Student Empathy for Developing Economies” at the American Political Science Association’s Fourth Annual Teaching and Learning Conference in Charlotte in February.

**WORLD LANGUAGES:**

Chris Baynard presented the paper “Mapping and Monitoring the Petroscape in Venezuela’s Heavy-Oil Belt with Landsat and CBERS Satellite Images” at the 2007 Society of Petroleum Engineers E&P Environmental and Safety Conference in Galveston, Texas. He also presented the paper “Venezuela’s Heavy Oil Belt: Extraction, Politics and Land Use Change” at the 2007 Florida Society of Geographers Annual meeting in Jacksonville.

Patricia Geesey gave the 2007 Distinguished Alumni Lecture to faculty and students of the Department of French and Italian at Ohio State University. The topic of her talk was “Young Women and Popular Culture in Faiza Guène’s Kiffe Kiffe Demain.”

**College of Computing, Engineering and Construction**

**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION**

**MANAGEMENT:** Dr. Mike Jackson, Scott Schultz, Matt McClure and Robb Mack presented their paper “JEAs Experience with Approvals and Uses of FBC Ash” at the Annual Meeting of the American Coal Ash Association in January. Also, Jackson was awarded a $150,000 research grant from the Florida Department of Transportation for “Harmonization of Texture and Skid Resistance Measurements.”

Dr. Mag Malek arranged and organized a trip for 27 French Lycee Eugene-Livet students coming from Nantes, France, which is a Jacksonville sister city. This is the first step in an exchange program for construction students between the two institutions. Also, Malek and Dr. David Dubblede received a $2,500 TLO grant from UNF to develop an international program whereby construction students will visit Dubai and explore construction projects under way. The Stellar Group has also agreed to provide support for this new initiative.

**SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING:** Dr. Adel El-Safty organized a meeting of the Structural Engineering Association at the University Center in February. The meet-
LearnUNF: Show us the money

BY TOM CAIN

The topic was money, money, money at LearnUNF’s February program in the Robinson Auditorium.

Titled “UNF’s Money: How It Comes and Where It Goes,” the program featured presentations by Janet Owen, vice president of Governmental Affairs, Shari Shuman, vice president of Administration and Finance, Dr. Pierre Allaire, vice president for Institutional Advancement and Dr. Imeh Ebong, assistant vice president of Research.

LearnUNF designed the program for the campus community to learn about UNF’s funding sources and how the money is allocated.

Shuman, the keynote speaker, began by talking about educational and general funds, often referred to as E&G, which are the most restricted dollars the University receives. E&G monies, generated from taxes, must be used for some educational process, Shuman said. Seventy-four percent of E&G funds are used to pay faculty and staff salaries.

She also touched on the funding categories that make up the E&G budget. “We are required to justify our base budget,” Shuman said. “One of the things our Board of Trustees wants to make sure is that, at the end of the day, we have looked at our current budget and have determined whether we can make any changes before we ask for new dollars.”

Shuman said the University is putting a major emphasis on building renovation and refurbishment. Also, $1.5 million has been set aside for landscaping the 1,300-acre campus. Shuman said one of the University’s initiatives this year is to begin more graduate-school projects.

A highlight of this budget year was the $30 million UNF received in Public Education Capital Outlay Trust Funds, or PECO funds as they are commonly called. Shuman said that’s the most the University has ever received. “We had a fabulous 06-07 budget,” she said.

PECO funds are the primary source of state capital outlay funding for the State University System. They are used for new construction and remodeling, renovation, repair and site improvement of educational facilities.

Allaire devoted a major portion of his presentation to speaking about the UNF Foundation, which he described as the University’s gift-receiving and gift-acknowledgment arm.

The Foundation, which Allaire referred to as a “bank without a building,” manages assets and provides financial support for the


SCHOOL OF COMPUTING:

Dr. Charles Winton presented Botball Robotics Educator’s Workshops in Houston and San Jose, Calif.

DEAN’S OFFICE:
Dr. Jerry Merckel participated in an NSF Advisory Board review of a new computer engineering academic program at Bethune-Cookman College in February.

Dr. Don Farshing and Terry Smith organized and hosted the FEEDS Statewide Systems Operations Committee Spring 2007 Workshop in February. UNF is a FEEDS site that provides distance-learning engineering higher education to the region.

College of Education and Human Services
CHILDHOOD EDUCATION:
Dr. Katrina Hall presented a writing workshop for preschool teachers at Little Stars Preschool in Ponte Vedra in February. She discussed emergent writing and best practices with 22 teachers and assistants in attendance.

Dr. Nile Stanley was a featured performer for the Jacksonville Beach Elementary School’s Cultural Arts Festival. He performed a show titled “I Learned the Truth from Dr. Seuss that Reading is Fun!”

Dr. Christine Weber was recently invited to speak to the Florida House of Representatives Committee on Education Innovation and Career Preparation (Schools and Learning Council) in Tallahassee on the Gifted Eligibility Rule and Screening Methods Utilized in
Florida. House members indicated concerns about meeting the needs of gifted children in Florida and funding issues related to appropriate program services.

FOUNDATIONS AND SECONDARY EDUCATION: Dr. Marianne Barnes is the educational consultant on a National Science Foundation Research and Evaluation on Education in Science and Engineering (REESE) grant project through the University of Virginia. She is working with social psychologists Brian Nosek and Fred Smyth on the Full Potential Initiative project. The project entails studying science and mathematics attitudes, stereotypes, achievement, and practices at an all-girls charter school in Chicago and select middle and high schools in Duval County. The project will collect data over time and address gender issues in science, technology and mathematics education.

Rachel Moe and Dr. Rick Chant presented a paper titled “Enhancing Teacher Reflectivity and Classroom Creativity: Implementing a Creative Problem Solving Model” at the Eastern Educational Research Association annual conference in Clearwater in February. The paper stems from an ongoing collaborative curriculum project with Melissa Ross, a Duval County second grade teacher.

LEADERSHIP, COUNSELING AND INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY: Dr. Sebastian Foti was a keynote presenter at the MassCUE conference (Massachusetts Computer Using Educators) in Worcester in February. His topics for the keynote and concurrent sessions were: “Educational Technology: Is This What We Were Dreaming?” and “Teaching Strategies for a ‘Spiky’ Future.” The announcement is available online at http://www.masscue.org/symposium/2007/index.htm.


Other Departments/Divisions

Erin Soles (Center for Instruction and Research Technology) presented “Blackboard Support Outside the Box: Going Beyond Blackboard Workshops” at the Blackboard Southeast User’s Group Conference in Jacksonville Beach in March. At the same conference, Soles and Barbara Tuck (Carpenter Library) also presented “Providing Students with Online Access to Full-text Articles.”

This community loves UNF. We have a tremendous number of people in Northeast Florida who believe in this institution and are very supportive of what we do.”

Ebung talked about contract and grant, or C&G money, as it pertains to the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs. Ebong said the office works primarily with University faculty to prepare and submit project proposals for contract and grant awards from federal, state and local agencies as well as public and private foundations. Ebong said the money that comes to the Office of Research is the most restricted of all the University funding because the funding agencies specify its use.

The College of Arts and Sciences submitted about 67 proposals last fiscal year, the most at UNF. “If you don’t have a proposal, you don’t get an award,” Ebong said. Next was the College of Education and Human Services with 28 proposals submitted.

Expenditures for the 2005-06 fiscal year were nearly $16.5 million. This continues a trend that brings a smile to Ebong’s face.

“Over the last five years, expenditure has been growing, Ebong said. “We hope that we will continue that way because this is what really matters. This means the faculty or staff or whoever has a grant has spent money; used it for their project and contributed to meeting UNF’s research mission. We love that.”

LearnUNF is a project of the LeadershipUNF class of 2006. It features a series of programs designed to make the campus community more aware of how the University operates.
Former Jacksonville mayor Ed Austin shares a laugh with UNF President John Delaney and his father, Jim Delaney, at a reception before the Charles Krauthammer lecture at the University Center.

Elizabeth Head, associate vice president of Major Gifts in Institutional Advancement, chats with George Will at a reception before the Presidential Lecture at the Fine Arts Center.

Bryan Kelly of WJXT Channel 4 is on target at UNF's First Annual Egg Drop March 15. Fifth-graders from Andrew Robinson and Livingston elementary schools were challenged to put their engineering, math and science skills to work in a fun way by designing protective cases for individual eggs. Teams earned points for how close to the target the eggs landed and whether they were in one piece. UNF's School of Engineering, the UNF Community Outreach Council and HDR Engineering Inc., sponsored the Egg Drop.
UNF Athletic Director Dr. Richard Gropper poses with UNF Hall of Fame inductee Kim Pawelek at a ceremony opening the new hall honoring the University’s former sports greats.

Campus wildlife stuck close to the nest over spring break.

People attending the ceremony honoring the first class of inductees into the UNF Athletics Hall of Fame look at photos and biographies of the inductees. The glass case displays are on the Arena’s second floor.
The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs has announced the following grants and contracts:

Shawn Brayton (Academic Affairs), “FACTS: Student Information System,” University of South Florida, $45,000

Jeffrey Steagall (Economics and Geography), Jay Coleman (Management), Ronald Kephart (Sociology and Anthropology), and Timothy Robinson (Center for International Education), “Consortium for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises and Entrepreneurship Education,” Clemson University/US Department of Education, $15,000

Cheryl Fountain (Florida Institute of Education):
• “Evaluation Project of the Early Learning Program,” Jacksonville Children’s Commission, $29,062
• “Mayor’s Literacy – Read Jax 2006-2007,” Early Learning Coalition of Duval, $125,000
• “Partnership for Educational Success 2006-2007” Florida Gulf Coast University Foundation/Collier County Partnership for Educational Success, $208,969
• “Sunshine State Scholars Program 2006-2007,” Florida Department of Education/US Department of Education, $100,000
• “Voluntary Pre-kindergarten (VPK) Education Administration” Florida Department of Education, $46,725


Julia Watkins (Public Health), “National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices Review Coordinator for SAMHSA Reviews,” Manila Consulting Group, Inc./Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, $119,062

Sharon Wilburn (Public Health) and Kenneth Wilburn (Leadership, Counseling and Instructional Technology), “Pilot Evaluation Project for JaxCare,” JaxCare, Inc., $25,000

Patrick Welsh and David Lambert (Engineering), “Development of a Florida Mesoscale Weather Station Network Phase III,” Florida International University/National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, $185,125


Janice Donaldson (Small Business Development Center): • “Business Continuity and Risk Management Center Program,” University of West Florida/US Small Business Administration, $173,250
• “Entrepreneurial Training for WIA-eligible Clients 2005-2006,” Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, $13,803
• “Management and Technical Assistance for the Small Business Center 2006-2007,” Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, $50,000

Readiness Coalition and Episcopal Children’s Services 2007–2008,” Episcopal Children’s Services, $7,340

**Matthew Corrigan** (Public Opinion Research Laboratory): “Phonathon Fundraising Campaign Fall 2006,” UNF Foundation, $28,900

“St. Lucie County Survey August 2006,” Kids Connected by Design, $18,882

Ye Luo (Sociology and Anthropology), "Continuation of Chinese Health and Family Behavior," National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago/National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, $10,876

**Jeffry Will** (Sociology and Anthropology), “Eastside Urban Core Project Needs and Assets Assessment,” FreshMinistries, $40,000

Jacqueline Batey and Katrina Hall (Childhood Education), “Children’s Ideas about Aging Before and After an Intergenerational Read-Aloud, United Way of Northeast Florida, $4,000

Edwidge Bryant (Childhood Education),
- “Adult Education and Family Literacy – English Literacy and Civics Education Continuation,” Florida Department of Education/US Department of Education, $150,000
- “English Literacy and Civics Education State Leadership 2006–2007,” Florida Department of Education/US Department of Education, $150,000

Kathryn Krudwig (Exceptional Student and Deaf Education): • “North Florida Professional Development Partnership 2006–2007,” Florida Department of Education/US Department of Education, $190,000
• “State Personnel Development Grant 2006–2007,” Florida Department of Education/US Department of Education, $175,000

Janice Seabrooks and Kristine Webb (Exceptional Student and Deaf Education), "Project FLIPP: Florida Low Incidence Personnel Preparation," University of Florida/US Department of Health and Human Services, $20,000

Catherine Cavanaugh (Leadership, Counseling and Instructional Technology): • “Florida Enhancing Education through Technology (EETT) Evaluation,” Hillsborough County Schools, Florida Department of Education, $12,000
• “Florida Enhancing Education through Technology (EETT) Evaluation,” Escambia County Schools, Florida Department of Education, $12,000
• “Florida Enhancing Education through Technology (EETT) Evaluation,” Seminole County Schools, Florida Department of Education, $12,000
• “Florida Enhancing Education through Technology (EETT) Evaluation,” Pinellas County Schools, Florida Department of Education, $12,000
• “Florida Enhancing Education through Technology (EETT) Evaluation,” Manatee County Schools, Florida Department of Education, $12,000

Pamela Bell (Child Development Research Center):
“Child Care Support for Student Parents 2006–2007,” US Department of Education, $61,413
“Family Social-Emotional Training,” The Community Foundation, $13,697
Get to Know:
Daryel Gullett, A.K.A. Mr. Daryel

Department: Child Development Research Center
Job: Lead Teacher and Summer Camp Director
Years at UNF: 13

If you could choose any other career, what would it be and why? A professional athlete because I like to entertain and help others.

What would like to do when you retire? Play with my grandkids and GOLF, GOLF, GOLF!

Favorite thing about working at UNF: I love the atmosphere and the attitude of the UNF family. Students really are the first priority here.

If I won the lottery, I would: Buy my mom a house, open a foster home, get my wife whatever she wants and just travel the world and golf.

The proudest/happiest moment of my life: My wedding day!

Tell us something that would surprise people to know about you: That I’m actually a very shy person.

What person had the greatest impact on your life? My nana! She always told me to put God first, to love, laugh, and never to judge people.

I am most passionate about: Being a positive male role model and being a dad.

The most famous person I ever met was: I met Bishop Desmond Tutu at Ruth Chris Steakhouse while he was here in town. I was just in awe of him and his persona. We were being seated at the same time, and I just introduced myself to him when I’m an employee here at UNF as well. Of course, it was an honor for me to meet him, but he seemed more honored to have met me, which says a lot about his personality. Something and someone I’ll never forget.

Tell us something about you that even your friends don’t know: If my friends see this, I’ll say that I was misquoted, but I really love watching “Chick Flicks” with my wife. Only with my wife...never alone!
Good Question!

This column is a monthly feature designed to give the University community an opportunity to ask informational questions about some aspect of UNF and have them answered by various campus experts. Questions can be e-mailed to goodquestion@unf.edu. The deadline to submit questions is the 10th of each month. For more information, contact Julie Williams at jkwillia@unf.edu.

Q: From Mary Stumph, Office of the General Counsel: Where is the skate park?

A: From Lauren Powell, Student Government (via Student Update): The skate park is located behind Lot 18 on the north portion of campus, near the intramural fields. The grand opening was March 29.

Q: From Janice Ishii, Alumni Services: Are pets allowed on the campus grounds? If so, are there restricted areas?

A: According to University Policy 7.0020P, adopted in January 2005, "other than service animals, animals used in study or scientific coursework, or animals approved for special events on campus, including all buildings, common or public areas, and nature trails, pet animals are not allowed on the University of North Florida campus unless permission has been obtained through the Office of Environmental Health and Safety." This policy can be found online at http://www.unf.edu/unfinfo/policy/chapters/facilities_land/7_0020P.html.

From Mark Foxworth, UPD: If we observe an animal on campus, we inform the owner of the policy and ask that they take the animal off campus.

Q: From Chantel Cummings, Research & Sponsored Programs: Now that we have the Fine Arts Center, will Building 3 be renamed?

A: From Zak Ovadia, Facilities Planning: For the time being, the Facilities Planning Office is not aware of any discussions to officially rename Building 3.

Q: From Stacy Jarvis, Center for Economic and Workforce Development: I was driving through the campus on a Sunday and noticed a church had its banners and signs all over the campus. I know that we work with different community groups to utilize our buildings. I think it is great that we offer that. Are there any stipulations/regulations regarding organizations displaying their signs and banners all over campus?

A: From Chris Wrenn, General Counsel: Currently, there are limitations on the activities of individuals and groups conducting "commercial activities," including advertising signage on campus. There is a process in place by which the Office of Student Life reviews an application by such an individual or group and issues a Solicitor's Permit where appropriate. That process is described in University regulation/Florida Administrative Code Section 6C9-7.010. The Office of Student Life also coordinates the reservation of space for non-commercial entities wishing to install signs on campus, FAC 6C9-7.014(4).

Q: From Jim Starr, Center for Professional Development and Training: Where exactly do all the species of plants I see around campus come from?

A: From Chuck Hubbuch, Physical Facilities: Most of the plants on campus are native and natural here or they were purchased from area nurseries. Some plants were donated by local nurseries and plant collectors. The purchased and contributed plants may be Florida natives or may have come from other parts of the world.

Physical Facilities began placing labels on campus plants in the early months of 2007. These labels state, in the lower left-hand corner, the continent of the plant’s origin or its Florida nativity. In addition, the new Physical Facilities Web site includes a list of campus plants, which includes information about their origins. The site address is http://www.unf.edu/dept/physfac/landscape/plants.html.

In the future, this listing will include an alphabetical list by common name and listings by various qualities of the plants, including flower color. Staff is very aware of the environmental problems caused by a few non-native plant species. Not only do we avoid plants known to be pests in north Florida, but we also monitor new plants and evaluate their potential for invading the natural areas of campus.

Q: From Signe Evans, Carpenter Library: What is the status of the environmental westerly road connecting to Parking Lot 18?

A: From Zak Ovadia, Facilities Planning: The status is that this road [the North-South Road] is currently under construction and will be substantially complete at the end of July 2007. (For more information on the new roadway project, refer to the cover story in the March 2007 issue of Inside).
UNF faculty and staff will find door prizes, exhibitors’ booths, a fighter pilot and a lunch-eon to honor excellence among the highlights of the third annual Professional Development Forum Thursday, April 12 in the University Center.

Sponsored by the Center for Professional Development and Training, this year’s forum is designed to be a fun-filled day of networking opportunities and stimulating learning. The theme for the event is “The Road to Excellence.”

“The forum is designed to help staff members in their day-to-day work and in growing in so far as professional development is concerned,” said Ida Gropper, director of the Center for Professional Development and Training.

“Whether you are able to attend half a day or a full day, the forum will help you learn, grow and achieve more.”

Gropper came up with idea for a professional development forum three years ago. She anticipates 250 people will attend this year’s event, which runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. Gropper said the forum is open to all UNF faculty and staff, including OPS employees.

The forum begins at 8 a.m. with registration and the opening of the 30 exhibitor booths. Corporate Care Works, Dell Inc., Microsoft and Wachovia are among the businesses that will be represented.

At 8:30 a.m., the keynote presentation, featuring fighter pilot Bob Branyon, a member of a group known as Afterburner, marks the forum’s official start. Afterburner is a team of fighter pilots from around the world who speak about effective leadership. Branyon will discuss the Flawless Execution Model.

Branyon’s one-hour presentation is co-sponsored by the Division of Student and International Affairs. Gropper said Student Government leaders are invited to the opening presentation.

There will be 10 breakout sessions throughout the day conducted by UNF staff members as well as representatives from other organizations.

Some of the sessions conducted by UNF staff and faculty include: Successful Customer Encounters — Vivian Senior, Career Services; Overcoming Speech Anxiety — Karen Donges, Department of Communications; and Real Time Heroes and Heroines: Leadership Where You Are — Karen Stone, Office of the General Counsel and Anita Vorreyer Women’s Center.

Senior, the associate director of Career Services, has attended one forum and was the presenter at a session last year. “Each year, through both roles, I walked away equipped with enhanced knowledge and insight to help ensure my proactive participation of furthering the core mission of UNF, which is to help students be successful,” she said. “I am now excited about participating in this year’s event.”

The University’s Excellence Award winners will be honored at the forum.

Multiple door prizes will be given out during the day and there will be a drawing for a grand prize.

For more information about the Professional Development Forum, go to http://www.unf.edu/dept/cpdt/pdforum07