And then there was one.

With the Jan. 31 retirement of Dr. Ed Healy, Janice Nowak is the only employee left who worked for UNF before the University opened at its current location. Healy, Nowak and retirees Mary Davis and Martha Solomon each recently received 35-year pins from President John Delaney for their service to UNF.

Nowak, 57, director of compliance for Enrollment Services, and Healy, 75, a chemistry professor and former dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, looked back last month on their time at UNF.

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Nowak applied for a job with the University and a short time later, Nov. 2, 1970, she was hired, but only after the person who originally got the job failed to show up for work. “I was actually their second choice,” Nowak said, leaning back in her chair and laughing.

She worked in the Chamber of Commerce building on the Arlington Expressway south of the Mathews Bridge. UNF shared the building with the Chamber.

Nowak smiled as she remembered those days when offices were fashioned from moving bookshelves into new configurations and when insufficient electrical outlets meant extension cords zigzagging across the floors. Seats were at a premium too. “Sometimes people would get up to do something and come back and find someone sitting in their chair,” Nowak said.

Nowak has worked at UNF longer than anyone on staff. From 1989 to 2006, she was director of financial aid. She has been in her current position, director of compliance, for about a year. In her current role, she makes sure the University complies with federal, state, institutional and NCAA regulations. Nowak received a degree in business education from UNF in 1979. Her son and husband also graduated from UNF.

Nowak said she stayed at UNF over the years because of those she has worked with and the atmosphere of the University. “I think it’s a great place. I think the faculty and staff care about the students. The president has a real commitment to that. Who would have ever thought when I started at 21, I’d still be here?” she asked, sounding as though she was thinking out loud.

Nowak said she plans to retire in 2011.

Healy came to Jacksonville in July of 1971 from Providence College in Rhode Island with his wife and six kids, ages 6 to 16. He learned of the UNF position while looking for openings for two Providence professors who had been laid off because of overstaffing. “It was totally accidental,” Healy said. “I’d never thought about leaving Providence.”

Healy, 39 at the time, was hired as chairman (Continued on page 3)
honors & awards

Student Affairs staffers receive employee achievement awards

By Dorreen Daly

Holiday gift-giving in UNF’s Division of Student Affairs coincided with the annual presentation of employee Achievement Award plaques. For 2005-06, 23 Student Affairs staff members received the awards during the division’s holiday luncheon and awards ceremony Dec. 5. Nominations came from other Student Affairs employees.

“I believe all Student Affairs personnel integrate the 14 expectations that I have set for them into their daily work,” said Dr. Mauricio Gonzalez, vice president of Student and International Affairs. “But some each year do such an exceptionally good job of role-modeling the achievement of these standards that we single them out with an Achievement Award.” Gonzalez also cited members of his personal management team for upholding these expectations and consistently receiving peer nominations, but noted that they are ineligible to receive awards because of their assistance in the award-selection process.

Gonzalez will also acknowledge this year’s group by accompanying them on a winners-only luncheon at a local restaurant later this month.

Employees recognized and the awards they received are as follows:

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UNF and its Alumni Association are gearing up for this year’s Homecoming Week, which will take place Feb. 2-10. Festivities for “Nest Fest 2007: Rock, Flock and Swoop” include a comedy show featuring Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood from TV’s “Whose Line is it Anyway?,” a performance by the Omayra Amaya Flamenco Dance Company, an ‘80s-theme party and Casino Game Night, and basketball games with the women’s team playing Jacksonville University and the men’s team playing East Tennessee State.

“Most of the events for homecoming can be enjoyed not only by UNF students and alumni, but also UNF employees,” said Faith Hall, director of Alumni Services.

“Although we’re not having a parade this year, there are plenty of opportunities for faculty and staff to get involved and have some fun.”

Homecoming activities include:

**Homecoming Comedy Show**
8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3
UNF Arena
$10 for general public, $5 for alumni

**Alumni Recognition Dinner**
6-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8
University Center
$35 per person

**Omayra Amaya Flamenco Dance**
7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9
Fine Arts Center, Lazzara Performance Hall
$24-32 for adults, $10 for UNF students with ID

**‘80s-theme Party and Casino Game Night**
8 p.m. to midnight Friday, Feb. 9
University Center
$20 per person

**Homecoming Basketball Games**
Women’s game – 2 p.m.
Men’s game – 4 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 10
UNF Arena
$5 for adults, $3 for children and seniors, free for UNF students with ID

Student-centered events that faculty and staff are encouraged to attend include the Powder Puff Tournament from 5 to 11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, in the Arena; the Homecoming Pageant at 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, in the Robinson Theatre; the Day of Fun event from noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, on the Green; and the Campus Pep Rally from 2 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, on the Green.

“Faculty and staff should attend any or all of the student-centered homecoming events to get out on campus and see what the students are doing outside the classroom,” said Lindsay Bryant, associate director of Student Life. “The students who plan and participate in homecoming put an enormous amount of time and energy into the whole week. The students’ energy is contagious. Attending any or all of the events allows us to show our support for the students and UNF.”

To download a copy of the Alumni Association’s homecoming brochure, visit www.alumni.unf.edu and click on the Nest Fest link. For more information about student-centered activities, contact Lindsay Bryant at 620-1760.

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of the Department of Natural Sciences. His first order of business was the daunting task of establishing a curriculum and hiring faculty. He also worked in the Chamber building.

“I always like challenges,” Healy said of creating a new department at a University that didn’t yet have a campus. It was a challenge in many ways. “I didn’t know what part of Florida Jacksonville was in. I’d never been to Florida before,” Healy said.

Healy was the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences from 1983 to 1987. It was a time of major changes at UNF. Among them were the admission of freshmen and sophomores, the building of the first residence hall on campus and the creation of the American music program and the engineering program.

Healy is proud of the role he played in implementing these changes. Speaking of the creation of a freshman and sophomore class, Healy said: “That for me was a big challenge because I was the guy making sure this went smoothly.”

He vividly remembers the first day of classes on campus, especially a conversation he had with the registrar, who was especially pleased about how many students had showed up. There had been a fear that the University would open and few students would come. Healy chuckled as he related the story.

Healy said he is looking forward to retirement, but he’ll miss the University life, especially the students. “I love my job. UNF is a place where you have a faculty that is deeply concerned about the students,” he said. “That is very impressive to me.”

This year marks the 35th anniversary of the first day of classes at UNF. The University opened Oct. 2, 1972 with an enrollment of 1,996 students.
50,000th Graduate
Anh Thi Thu Huynh receives her master of science in Computer and Information Sciences from President John Delaney at the December graduation ceremony. She is the 50,000th student to receive a degree from UNF.

UNF Alumni Book Club
Members of the UNF Alumni Association Book Club ask special guest Dr. Allen Tilley questions about the issue of global warming and the club’s most recently selected book, “An Inconvenient Truth,” by former Vice President Al Gore.

Borrowing Time
Holocaust survivor and local businessman and philanthropist Henri Landwirth signs a program for a student after a showing of his documentary “Borrowing Time,” Jan. 9 at the Robinson Theatre. The film followed Landwirth over a three-year period as he revisited his haunting past and attempted to free himself from its hold. Determined to help others in need, Landwirth founded and runs several charitable foundations, including Give the Kids the World and Dignity U Wear. The program, which included a question-and-answer period after the film, was sponsored by Academic Affairs, Student and International Affairs and the Jewish Student Union.

Coffee with the Presidents
Rachael Tutwiler talks with UNF President John Delaney during a coffee with the presidents’ event celebrating the opening of Starbucks and the student lounge on campus. Delaney and Student Government President Justin Damiano spent an hour chatting with students, faculty and staff.
Make that a tall non-fat, no-whip latte with an extra shot and Sweet ‘n Low

Business appears to be booming at the new Starbucks on campus, and Jackie McNulty couldn’t be happier.

Before sitting down to do the interview for this story, McNulty, manager of the new Starbucks on campus, had to wait for a table to become available. The place was packed and a line of customers extended from the cash register all the way to the door.

“Business has been great; up to 900 customers a day,” McNulty said. “We want to help every customer find a drink they love. There is something for everyone here at Starbucks.” McNulty manages the Starbucks, but she actually works as an assistant retail manager for Chartwells, the food-service provider on campus. The UNF Starbucks is a licensee store.

Starbucks, which opened Dec. 18, is in what used to be the main entrance to the Thomas G. Carpenter Library before the Library renovations were completed. It’s open from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday. Starbucks is closed weekends.

Starbucks offers coffee drinks ranging from cappuccinos, espresso coffee and steamed milk, to Lattes, a coffee drink made with hot milk and available with syrups including raspberry, hazelnut and cinnamon. The store also carries drip coffee, espresso shots and Frappuccinos, which are flavored drinks of coffee, milk and sugar blended with ice. Starbucks also has teas and food items such as muffins, scones, Danish pastries and pound cake. Prices for beverages run from $2 to $5, McNulty said.

Rabena Johnson, a secretary in Institutional Advancement, gives Starbucks an enthusiastic thumbs up. “I would recommend it,” Johnson said after a morning visit to order a vanilla-bean Frappuccino with extra caramel. “The customer service is great. I will use it again. I am very happy to see Starbucks open here.”

Michael Gibson, a senior civil engineering student, went to Starbucks three times during the first week of classes. “I think it’s very nice. The manager is very customer-oriented. For a student like me, it’s a place to relax with your friends.”

Having a Starbucks on campus is the culmination of more than four years of efforts by UNF’s Student Government. “I think this is one of the most popular things we could have brought to campus,” said Justin Damiano, Student Government president. “Students love this [Starbucks]. Every time I walk in there the line is out the door.”

The days and hours that Starbucks is open may soon be extended. The furniture for a new student lounge, located in the same area as Starbucks, arrived in mid-January. The student lounge will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. McNulty said she was willing to keep Starbucks open longer if business warrants it.

“This is a really good partnership. We all —

Starbucks Manager Jackie McNulty provides service with a smile.

Student Government, Chartwells and the President’s Office — worked together to make this happen,” Damiano said. He was referring to attracting Starbucks to campus and the creation of the student lounge, which has space for about 45 students.

Starbucks has approximately 16 employees, McNulty said. She said a few UNF students are already working at Starbucks and she anticipates hiring several more.

“Starbucks chooses locations where we think our customers expect us to be,” said Carole Pucik, a Starbucks media representative. “We think the University of North Florida will be an excellent location.”

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UNF welcomes inaugural class into new Athletics Hall of Fame

By Tom Cain

The historic first class of inductees into the new UNF Athletics Hall of Fame will be honored at a Feb. 7 ceremony in the Arena.

In addition to paying homage to the inductees, the event will also give the public an opportunity to check out two new displays saluting UNF athletics on the first and second floors of the Arena.

The 10 members of the University’s first Athletics Hall of Fame class are: John Brooks, Jamie Burns, Curt Castetter, Dottie Dorion, Doug Harmon, Cormac O’Riordan, Kim Pawelek, Sid Roberson, Leigh Ann Tabor and the 1991 Men’s Golf National Champions.

“The UNF Athletics Hall of Fame will serve as a venue for the historical recognition of outstanding athletic achievement and community involvement in the UNF Athletics Program,” said Dr. Richard Gropper, UNF athletics director. “Such recognition has been well-earned and will serve as an ongoing source of pride to our program and to the inductees.”

The official name for the Hall of Fame is the University of North Florida Athletics Hall of Fame, presented by The PLAYERS Championship. The name recognizes a $50,000 yearly pledge to the Athletics Department from The PLAYERS Championship, a PGA tournament played in Ponte Vedra.

The Hall of Fame will include a display case on the Arena’s first floor where the trophy cases are now. The first-floor display will feature a timeline and photos of UNF Athletics starting with program’s inception in 1983.

On the second floor, individual plaques recognizing the Hall of Fame inductees will hang on a wall. There will also be two 24-foot-long display cases that will contain UNF Athletics memorabilia including a ball from Dusty Rhodes’ 1,000th victory as the UNF baseball coach, his original UNF uniform and the basketball from the women’s team’s final-eight appearance at the NCAA Division II National Tournament.

A large mural with photographs and other graphics will cover two second-floor walls. “It’s amazing. It’s going to be absolutely beautiful,” said Rick Granger, assistant athletics director for external affairs. “I am very excited about it [the Hall of Fame]. We are at a point in our history when we need to recognize the folks that were here in the early years.” He said the idea for creating an Athletics Hall of Fame had been discussed for several years.

Granger was chairman of a 10-person committee that selected the Hall of Fame members. The committee was made up of boosters, coaches, athletic administrators and former UNF students. Granger said the committee considered 22 nominees submitted by Osprey Club members, staff and former student-athletes. Committee members researched the nominees’ statistics and qualifications in making their final choices.

Here are the members of UNF’s inaugural Athletics Hall of Fame class with a brief note about their accomplishments.

John Brooks, men’s golf, coached the 1991 and 1993 UNF golf teams to NAIA national titles; Jamie Burns, men’s golf, was a three-time All-American and a member of both UNF national title teams; Curt Castetter, cross country/track, won the first national championship at UNF, capturing the 3,000-meter steeplechase in 1987; Dottie Dorion, longtime supporter and a charter member of the Osprey Club. The fitness center bears her name; Doug Harmon, longtime supporter and a charter member of the Osprey Club. The baseball stadium bears his name; Cormac O’Riordan, cross country/track, posted highest finish by a UNF athlete at a cross-country national meet, finishing third at the NAIA championships in 1988 to earn All-American honors; Kim Pawelek, cross country/track, four-time Division II All-American selection in track and two-time Division II All-American in cross country; Sid Roberson, baseball, earned NAIA All-American honors in 1991 and 1992 and named NAIA National Player of the Year in 1991; Leigh Ann Tabor, women’s tennis/soccer, earned All-American honors four times in women’s tennis and NCAA All-Region honors as a member of the University’s first two women’s soccer teams; 1991 Men’s Golf National Championship Team.
Robinson Theatre unveils new look; modern features welcome visitors

By Julie Williams

Nearly 30 years after opening its doors on campus, the Robinson Theatre recently received its first complete facelift. Gone are the orange crushed-velour seats and two-toned orange-and-maroon walls of the past. The old 1970s color scheme has been replaced with an updated blue-and-gray palette that no longer screams the Brady Bunch.

“We do a lot of orientations in the Robinson Theatre, so for students and parents it’s often the first point-of-contact they have at UNF,” said David Crabtree, associate director of Student Life. “So now instead of being overwhelmed by worn and dated architectural features, they’re welcomed by a more modern look that exhibits a sense of school spirit.”

The facelift consisted of pulling out and replacing the old carpet, removing, recovering and repainting 700 seats, repainting the interior, enlarging the control/projection booth and adding two Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant unisex bathrooms in the lobby as well as ADA-compliant handrails throughout the theater. With the addition of wheelchair and companion seating, the 13,000-square-foot theater now seats 708. The project also entailed some structural renovations on both floors.

“As an adjunct of this interior refurbishing, we also decided to add 35mm projection capability, which will allow us to present the Movies on the House film series on campus,” Crabtree said. Currently, the program is presented at the Regal Cinema on Beach Boulevard. “We’re hoping to have the new projection system in place very soon.”

English professor Jason Mauro, who directs the Movies on the House program, said he’s very excited about the prospect of the new film capability, which includes Dolby Surround Sound.

“With the success of the Movies on the House series at Regal, President Delaney and Academic Affairs agreed that we should do what was necessary to house the series on campus,” Mauro said. “Such a move would allow us not only to more conveniently serve the UNF community, but would also allow us to invite the public onto campus for free films, and use the theater as a way to further acquaint the larger Jacksonville public with the exciting things that go on here.”

According to Mauro, DVD projection is what’s available now for showing movies on campus and that system has serious limitations. “But if we can provide as close to a commercial theater experience as possible on campus, we open up a range of possibilities for public showings of great films, for enhancing film literacy and for engaging the wider public in University life,” he said.

With the exception of the new projection system, which is in the final planning process, the Robinson Theatre’s renovations were completed in mid-November, allowing the theater to resume programming after a 10-month hiatus.

“It took longer than expected to work out the permitting, planning and issues relating to ADA compliance and fire and safety regulations, which significantly delayed completion of the project,” Crabtree said. “But we’re back in business now. I’m very happy to be back in the Robinson Theatre.”

The first event presented in the newly renovated theater was the African American Student Union’s Pageant Nov. 18, which went off without a hitch, according to Crabtree.

The programming for the spring term includes primarily student-focused events sponsored by Osprey Productions, the Women’s Center, Student Life, Academic Affairs, the Music Department, Irish Studies, the English Department and a host of student organizations and off-campus clients. To reserve the Robinson Theatre for an event, contact Katie Chenard at 620-1496.

The newly renovated Robinson Theatre features new flooring, refurbished seating, repainted walls, a larger projection booth with 35mm capability, and two new ADA-compliant bathrooms in the lobby.
Brooks College of Health

ATHLETIC TRAINING AND PHYSICAL THERAPY: Dr. Christopher Joyce was recently named to the Baptist Medical Center Institutional Review Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects.


Drs. Cathy Hough and Kathy Robinson presented a paper titled “Reinventing the Wheel: Integrating Self-Directed and Problem Based Learning into a Medical-Surgical Nursing Course” at the International Society of Self-Directed Learning International Symposium in Cocoa Beach.

Coggin College of Business

ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE: Dr. Charlie Calhoun presented a paper titled “The Competencies and Skills for the Auditor of the Future” at the World Congress of Accountants in Istanbul. He also attended the Globalization Round Table sponsored by the International Accounting Association for Educational Research and spoke to the Educational Directors of Professional Accounting Bodies on “Mutual Recognition Agreements in the U.S.”

Drs. Jeffrey E. Michelman, Bobby E. Waldrup and alumna Melanie R. Stiggers presented “Internal Control and Accounting Systems Documentation: A Case Study” at the mid-year meeting of the of the AIS Section of the American Accounting Association. At this same meeting, Michelman and Waldrup also presented (with alumni Oscar Harvin and John Watler) “Corporate Governance in Non-Profit Organizations: Sun State Soccer,” and with Dr. John MacArthur, “A Preliminary Field Study of IT Cost Transparency in a Municipal Utility.” In addition, Michelman and alumna Linda A. Hong presented “Accounting Fraud” at Deer Creek Country Club.

ECONOMICS: Dr. Sharon Cobb and student Aubyn Williams’ article “Affordable Housing and Competition for Land: Searching for Sites at the Beach,” was published in the November issue of The Florida Geographer.

Drs. Mina Balamounelutzi, Jeff Steagall and Alejo Z. Nowak had their book titled “Global Economy—How It Works: Different Cases, Different Results” published in January.

MARKETING AND LOGISTICS: Drs. Yemisi Bolumole, Rob Frankel and Dag Naslund had their article “Developing a Theoretical Framework for Logistics Outsourcing” accepted for publication in the spring 2007 issue of the Transportation Journal.

Dr. Gregory T. Gundlach had two articles published in the spring 2006 issue of the Antitrust Bulletin: “Complexity, Networks and the Modernization of Antitrust: The American Antitrust Institute’s Invitational Roundtable, co-authored by Albert Fober; and “Complexity Science and Antitrust?” Gundlach also served as an editor for this special issue.


Drs. Steven Williamson, Dag Naslund and Stephanie Kozlik attended the National Paper Trade Alliance’s (NPTA) Print Distribution Council Meeting in Boca Raton last month as guests of NPTA and Mac Papers. Williamson presented an overall update on UNF’s PAPER Institute to the PAPER Foundation Board.

College of Arts and Sciences


ENGLISH: Dr. Keith Cartwright’s article, “‘To Walk with the Storm’: Oya as the Transformative ‘I’ of Zora Neale Hurston’s Afro-Atlantic Callings,” appeared in American Literature, Vol. 78, No. 4, 2006. He also delivered two conference papers titled “Hurston’s Sweeping the Fetid Feeling Out: Reading Rain-Bringer from the United States Consolidated Water Closet in a Time of Hard Smellin’” at the South Atlantic Modern Language Association Conference in Charlotte, N.C., and “Now Let Every Heart Prepare: Orishas and Spirited Baptists in Paule Marshall and Earl Lovelace” at the 9th Annual Eastern Caribbean Island Cultures Conference in Kingstowne, St. Vincent.


Dr. Jillian Smith delivered a paper titled “The Politics of Sensation: Frederick Wiseman’s Affective Cinema” at the Film and History Conference in Dallas.

HISTORY: Dr. Elizabeth Lane Furdell served as panel commentator for “Elizabethan Snapshots” at the November meeting of the Southern Conference on British Studies in Birmingham, Ala.

Dr. Harry Rothschild presented a paper, “Wu Zhao and the Queen Mother of the West,” at the 10th Southeast Early China Roundtable, held at The Citadel. He also presented two workshops to the National Consortium for Teaching on Asia to a group of middle school and high school teachers at the University of Florida. The workshops were on “Buddhism and Tang China” and “Moral Jades,” the latter presented in conjunction with the exhibit of Chinese jades at the Harn Museum.

Dr. Aaron Sheehan-Dean’s book, “The View from the Ground: Experiences of Civil War Soldiers,” was published by The University Press of Kentucky. He edited the volume and wrote one chapter titled “The Blue and the Gray in Black and White: Assessing the Scholarship on Civil War Soldiers.”

PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES: Dr. Daniel Callcut presented a paper titled “Internalism and the Self: Lessons from Korsgaard’s Kantian Critique of Williams” to the 68th annual meeting of the Southwestern Philosophical Society in Nashville.


Dr. John Maraldo presented an invited paper titled “Knowing By Heart: Toward An Epistemology of Kokoro” at the international conference in Berlin, sponsored by the University of Tokyo’s Center for Philosophy. He also presented “Aikido Meets War in Theory and Practice,” at a Society for Comparative and Asian Philosophy panel at the American Academy of Religion meeting in Washington, D.C.

PSYCHOLOGY: Dr. Christopher Leone made several presentations with his students

**Sociology and Anthropology:**
Dr. Ye Luo presented a paper titled “Grandparents Providing Care to Grandchildren: Who Becomes a Caregiver?” at the Annual Conference of the Gerontological Society of America in Dallas.

Dr. Gordon Rakita gave a presentation titled “The Role of Evolutionary Theory in the Explanation of Modern Humanity” at the Science Under Siege Attack on Evolution Seminar, co-sponsored by UNF’s Department of Biology and the First Coast Free-thought Society of Jacksonville.

Dr. Adam Shapiro and sociology graduate student Rajiah Yarborough-Hayes presented a paper titled “Widowhood, Changes in Social Support and Health in Middle and Later Life” at the Gerontological Society of America’s annual meeting in Dallas.

**World Languages:**
Dr. Ana Yolanda Contreras published “El Derrumbamiento de las Utopías: un Viaje por la Decepción y el Fracaso en la Narrativa de Marco Antonio” in the collection “Voces del Silencio: Literatura y Testimonio en Centroamérica.”
Patricia Geese presented “Perdu de vue, MacGyver, and La Haine: Popular Culture in Kiffe Kiffe Demain” at the international conference Boundaries and Limits of Postcolonialism: Anglophone, Francophone, Global, at Florida State University.

**College of Computing, Engineering, and Construction:**
Dr. Jorge Febles presented “La Canción Popular Como Gesto Discursivo en la Narrativa de Roberto G. Fernández: de La Vida es un Especial a Raining Backwards” at the International Conference on Caribbean Studies at South Padre Island, Texas. He also presented “27 Años de Fiesta: Siguéndole la Pista a Matías Montes Huidobro” at a ceremony at the Cuban Heritage Collection of the University of Miami Library.

**College of Education and Human Services:**
**Childhood Education:**
- Dr. Wanda Hedrick presented with Karen Wood of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and Janis Harmon of the University of Texas at San Antonio a paper titled, “What Middle School Teachers Want to Know about Teaching Vocabulary and What the Professional Literature is Telling Them” at the College Reading Association Conference in Pittsburgh and again at the National Reading Conference in Los Angeles.

**Foundations and Secondary Education:**
- Dr. Rick Chant presented a seminar at the National Council for the Social Studies’ 86th Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., in December. The seminar illustrated a five-step curriculum-planning model that transforms social studies standards into practice.

**Leadership, Counseling, and Instructional Technology:**
- The University of Massachusetts Boston’s College of Education selected Dr. Carolyn Stone to serve as a symposium speaker during the inauguration of the university’s new chancellor. The message she delivered was titled “Educators Collaborating to Close the Opportunity, Information, and Achievement Gaps.”

**Exceptional Student and Deaf Education:**
- Dr. Kathyrn Krudivg served in December as an appointed member of the State Advisory Committee (SAC) for the Education of Exceptional Students in Tallahassee. The SAC addressed issues related to ESE Program rules, statewide IEP, the state annual performance report, IDEA 2004 regulations, and district implementation of responses to intervention. Krudivg also was one of two invited speakers to present at the SIG/SPDG Network Audioconference titled “Mentoring for Induction & Retention of New Special Education Teachers” in December. She presented Mentor-Link, the Professional Development Partnership’s mentoring program.

**Information Technology Services**
Dr. Marie Lamkin had an article titled “Challenges and Changes Faced by Rural Superintendents” published in the Rural Educator, Vol. 28, No. 1, in fall 2006.

**Student Affairs**
Lindsay Bryant and UNF student Adrian Semere co-presented a session in October at the National Association for Campus Activities’ South Regional conference in Birmingham, Ala. The title of their presentation was “Volunteers Working Until the End,” which provided insight into successful practices used by UNF Osprey Productions during concerts, comedy shows and other large-scale events to keep volunteers motivated until the end of each event.

Dr. Lucy Croft was an invited presenter for the National Association for Campus Activities’ Northeast Regional Conference in November in Marlborough, Mass. She presented four sessions, including “Building Partnerships Between Academic Affairs and Student Affairs,” “Enhancing School Spirit,” “Establishing a Leadership Program on Your Campus,” and “Helpful Hints for Graduate Assistants Entering the Field of Student Affairs.”

**Emily Rokosch** recently presented a session titled “Gaining Ground: Queering College Campuses in the Deep South” at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force conference, Creating Change, in Kansas City.
Welcome: New employees include: Irma Ancheta, instructor of Nursing; Phyllis Andruskiewicz, director of Development for the Carpenter Library; Thomas S. Basham, custodial worker in Physical Facilities; Erika D. Castillo Gonzales, student affairs coordinator in the Center for International Education; Wendell P. Charles, maintenance mechanic in Physical Facilities; Jason T. Colson, specialist in the Institute of Police Technology and Management; Michelle L. Drinks, office assistant in Physical Facilities; Bryan M. Eichler, aquatics coordinator at the Aquatics Center; Jocelyn R. Ferguson, admissions coordinator in Admissions; Nathaniel Glover, special adviser to the president; Allison G. Gragg, academic support services coordinator in the Florida Institute of Education; Alvenia Green, custodial worker in Custodial Services; Jennifer Hager, instructor of Art and Design; Michael W. Kucskak, director of Library Systems; Luke Laney, maintenance mechanic in Physical Facilities; Nancy W. Lee, secretary in History; Sonya L. Luckey, custodial worker in Physical Facilities; Peter D. Mathews, assistant professor of Music; Richard M. Morris, visiting instructor of Accounting and Finance; Mary D. Mor, CADD operator/project manager in Facilities Planning; Kelly S. Mulholland, accountant in the Florida Institute of Education; Shelly A. Munson, student accounts coordinator in the Controller's Office; Jennifer J. Ostroff, executive secretary in the Center for International Education; Susan M. Parvin, office assistant in University Housing; Yvonne A. Perry, custodial worker in Physical Facilities; Laura A. Porter, director of Annual Giving; Gary M. Prim, custodial worker in Physical Facilities; Melissa A. Russell, senior accountant in University Housing; George Sanchez, maintenance mechanic in Physical Facilities; Helen B. Shacter, computer applications coordinator in the Training and Services Institute; Keangaa Y. Speakes, admissions coordinator in Admissions; Anne H. Spruell, career coordinator in Career Services; Donna T. Sweeney, office assistant in Student Government; Corey S. Williams, academic support services coordinator in the Academic Center for Excellence; Matthew J. Yankowy, automotive equipment mechanic in Physical Facilities; Nancy J. Youngberg, registered nurse in Student Health Services.

Congratulations: Connie Ellis became director of Development for the College of Computing, Engineering and Construction in January. Margaret Hardy (Continuing Education) won the November 2006 Division of Continuing Education “Making a Difference” Award. Shannon Italia (Career Services) was named director of the new Career Management Center in the Coggin College of Business in December. Kim Luther became the new assistant director of Career Services in October. Teresa St. John, former senior artist publication production specialist in Marketing and Publications, completed her degree in Physical Therapy in December. She is studying for the Physical Therapy Board Examination.

Promotions: Victoria Buonomo (Enrollment Services) was promoted to University registrar. Julie Carter (One Stop Student Services) was promoted to assistant director. Paula Michael Dass (Career Services) was promoted to career counselor and part-time faculty for a Career Planning class. Andrea Holcombe (Irish Studies) was promoted to program manager. Michael Kennedy (Enrollment Services) was promoted to director of Enrollment Services Technology and Training. Erin Moore (Continuing Education) was promoted to coordinator of the Lifelong Learning and Legal Studies Institutes.


Engagements: Kimberly Benton (Controller’s Office) got engaged last Thanksgiving and is planning a January 2008 wedding.

Weddings: Steven Rabinowitz (Florida Institute of Education) and Anna Beecher married Dec. 17, 2006 in Ocho Rios, Jamaica.

Births: Jonathan Bishop (Office of Admissions) and wife Seandre’ welcomed their son, Jaden Miles Bishop, born Oct. 26. The new parents, baby and grandmother, Laurel Kendall (Student Life), are all doing well.

UNF leads River City Rumble

UNF’s Athletics Department has jumped out to an early lead in the SunTrust River City Rumble standings in 2006-07. The rivalry series against Jacksonville University is in its second year of existence, and the UNF athletics squads are squarely focused on gaining ownership of the SunTrust Old Wooden Barrel, which is awarded annually to the school with the most head-to-head wins over the other during course of the academic year.

Despite losing the men’s basketball game against JU by only four points last month, UNF leads the Rumble standings 5-3 after a dominating fall season during which the Ospreys took wins in volleyball, men’s and women’s cross country and women’s soccer.

Remaining athletic events between UNF and JU this year are as follows:

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Q: From Jonathan Bishop (Admissions): Today, I walked past an office with its windows and door decorated in blue and orange crepe paper following the BCS National Championship. Why do some units within the University display a greater amount of school spirit/pride for schools other than UNF?
A: From Elliot Darkatsh (Athletics): Being the young University that we are, we have yet to develop the traditions and all-encompassing school pride that exist at other established state universities. We are very happy for the University of Florida and their recent athletic successes and recognition they have experienced. Many UNF employees were fans of other programs before they worked here and/or have children who attend other universities. It is our hope that one day soon those same employees who hold other schools close to their heart can also find room for North Florida. It’s where we live and work, and who we cheer!

Q: From Dorreen Daly (Student Affairs): Why are they tearing up the parking lot down by the Robinson Student Center? Does it have anything to do with the addition of a more modern kitchen for Chartwells?
A: From Shari Shuman (Administration and Finance): Yes, it does. With the expansion of the Café dishwashing area, the existing sewer line was not sized for the additional capacity, so we corrected this problem.

Q: From Jane Oleszek (Institute of Police Technology and Management): What are those beautiful yellow flowers on Alumni Drive near the lake on the right as you exit campus toward Kernan Boulevard? I’d like to plant those at home, as they’re just gorgeous and hopelessly might just survive.
A: From Chuck Hubbuch (Landscape and Grounds): The yellow-flowered plants at the University Center lake off Alumni Drive are fall-blooming cassia. The scientific name is *Senna bicapsularis*. These are young plants. Full grown shrubs are even more dramatic, 8-foot-tall mounds completely covered with yellow flowers. Grow this plant in full sun in a well-drained soil. Once established, they are very drought tolerant. The plant may die to the ground if winter temperatures drop into the low 20s, but the plant will recover from temperatures that drop into the teens. The caterpillars of sulphur butterflies feed on its leaves. It can be found in local nurseries.

Get to Know: Imeh D. Ebong

Dr. Imeh D. Ebong

Department: Academic Affairs
Job: Assistant Vice President for Research
Years at UNF: About one year
WHAT’S/WHO’S YOUR FAVORITE
Author – Chinua Achebe, author of “Things Fall Apart” and one-time nominee for the Nobel in Literature
Movie – “Coming to America” – not a documentary on my life!
Actor/Actress – Eddie Murphy – not in R-rated movies!
Musician/Musical Group – Stevie Wonder, second only to my sons ‘Iso and Uforo.
Vacation destination – Niagara Falls – watch where you are going on that river!
Hobby – Tennis – want a match?
Proudest Accomplishment – Developing and implementing graduate programs in physics at Rivers State University of Science and Technology in Nigeria – don’t ask me who’s there now.
Most Memorable Moment at UNF – The transition of the UNF research management unit from the Division of Sponsored Research and Training to the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs. This survey has not been approved by the IRB and there is no indirect cost for this answer!
Looking at Christmas trees in December made me think about conifers. Conifers are “cone-bearing” plants, usually with needle-like, evergreen leaves. A few, like bald cypress, break the evergreen stereotype by dropping their leaves in fall. Many conifers have cones that look similar to pine cones. Some, such as red ceder and podocarpus, bear seeds in fleshy structures that look more like berries than cones.

It seems to me that conifers are not widely appreciated as landscape trees in Jacksonville. I rarely see anyone plant our native bald cypress, red ceder or pines. Other than a few podocarpus hedges, arborvitae and Leyland cypress, we grow very few conifers in our landscapes.

On campus, we have planted a few conifers that are known to succeed in north Florida. Arizona cypress is an attractive conifer with gray-green to blue foliage. A variety named “Blue Ice” grows between the Fine Arts Center and parking garage. This variety grows into a narrow cone about 30 feet tall. Arizona cypress is a durable tree for hot, dry locations throughout the American South.

A weeping deodar ceder grows on the west side of Founders Hall. It has needles that are about an inch long and is gray to blue in color. This form grows slowly into an unusual, mounding specimen. Its ultimate height depends on how it is trained by staking and pruning. Without training, it would grow nearly flat on the ground. The typical, non-weeping deodar ceder can grow to 60 feet tall, developing into impressive specimens.

We planted a California redwood (Sequoia sempervirens) near the Library in spring 2006. If it continues to thrive here, it could grow to more than 300 feet. Don’t hold your breath because that will take 1,000 years or more. Fortunately, the redwood is a beautiful tree at a relatively young age.

I hope to find more conifers that are suitable for campus. I am trying several rare species at home. Conifer foliage textures and colors add interest to the landscape during the winter and throughout year.