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Come as you are, leave different!

BY DANI DEYTON

The Fine Arts Center will commemorate its fifth anniversary with a benefit concert, shows celebrating diversity, unique family programming and more. UNF faculty and staff can take advantage of a new 10 percent discount on any show (excluding special events) that can be purchased anytime.

A highlight of the season is a March 8 performance by one of the world’s greatest violinists, Itzhak Perlman. The performance will also serve as a benefit concert to support many of the center’s programs and services started over the last five years.

“It is a distinct honor to present Mr. Perlman in this first fund-raising effort and it is essential to the center’s ongoing commitment to UNF and the community in its programming and educational initiatives,” said Sharon Papian, executive director of the Fine Arts Center. “Support from UNF faculty and staff and students attending performances and the equally enthusiastic Jacksonville community are truly gratifying.”

The grand-opening event Oct. 20 features superstar Natalie Cole performing with her band. VIP tickets are available for the exclusive after-party, including premium orchestra seats for the show.

For an extended celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, Mexico’s premiere folkloric dance company - Ballet Folklorico de Mexico - will perform Nov. 8. The ballet ensemble from Mexico City will present music and dance that salutes the cultural diversity of this magical country.

The Fine Arts Center also provides family entertainment all year. For the holidays, the Lazzar stage will be transformed into an icy paradise when champion skaters from Russia’s St. Petersburg Ice Ballet perform the story-book tale of “Sleeping Beauty.” On Feb. 2, AEROS, pictured on the cover, will perform the "Illusion of Flight." This event will feature an explosive fusion of modern dance and gymnastics performed by top Romanian gymnasts.

In collaboration with UNF’s annual Martin Luther King event, on Feb. 21 the center will present an evening of gospel, pop, R&B and jazz with a capella sensation TAKE 6. The 10-time Grammy-winning sextet also will present a taste of their music at an afternoon luncheon.

A contemporary version of Gilbert and Sullivan’s comic operetta “HMS Pinafore” will be presented March 27 by London’s Carl Rosa Company, an international touring troupe that bridges the gap between popular musical theater and traditional opera.

Artist-residency activities are being planned in conjunction with Shakespeare’s magical tale, “The Tempest.” This tour-de-force adaptation will be presented April 1 by The Acting Company. Founded by legendary New York director John Houseman, the company boasts alumni such as Kevin Kline and Jesse L. Martin.

Just a few days later on April 4, the Aspen Santa Fe Ballet will perform their artistic and edgy style of ballet. It features a blend of jazz, classical and even a Sinatra suite of music.

Children will also enjoy a Sunday diversion in April, when the Fine Arts Center presents the Broadway hit, “A Year with Frog and Toad.” This musical production follows the cheerful Frog and the grumpy Toad while the two friends learn valuable lessons on friendship and what makes everyone unique.

Visit the Fine Arts Center’s new Web site at www.unf.edu/fineartscenter for dates and details, ticket prices or to check out the new “Create A Series” packages. To order tickets, call the UNF Ticket Box Office at 620-2878.
As many of you are aware, over the course of the last several months the state of Florida has experienced significant tax revenue shortfalls, making it impossible to fund what was already a lean budget for the 2007/2008 fiscal year.

In response to these shortfalls, Gov. Crist reduced state budgets by 4 percent, with the possibility that if tax revenues drop even further, there could be a second round of cuts. And as economic projections suggest, this downturn in tax revenues will continue through the next fiscal year, leading to another austere budget for 2008/2009.

These budget reductions will, without a doubt, put limitations on what we can do this year and next. We are, however, hopeful that the economy will turn around by the 2009/2010 fiscal year. As past experience teaches us, while there may be lean years, we know our economy will rebound.

While the current news is troubling, UNF’s budgeting process has placed us in a better position to respond to these reductions than many state agencies. Each year, we intentionally set aside funds in a reserve account that can be used to correct for state shortfalls. In better times, these reserves are used toward the end of the year on nonrecurring items. As a result of this budgeting policy, we have been able to lessen the impact of this first round of budget cuts.

That being said, we must prepare ourselves for the prospect of additional budget cuts and for continuing the current cuts into next year. In considering strategies to handle these reductions, I requested each vice president to identify cost-cutting measures within their divisions. In planning for these contingencies, I have also urged that we remain clear about our core mission, avoiding cuts that would impact the most central elements of that mission.

To the greatest extent possible, I hope we will focus our budget cuts on practices that are not serving us well, allowing us to build on our best practices when the state’s economy recovers and we are better funded. It would, however, be naive not to recognize that the current economic climate does cause us some very real and significant problems – our inability to offer our employees raises being one of the most obvious of these. Since arriving at UNF, one of my goals has been to increase salaries, allowing us to be as competitive as possible in hiring and retaining talented faculty and staff. Unfortunately, our current inability to give raises may diminish some of the progress we have made toward that goal over the past few years.

While we know that over the next two years we will face challenges in our ability to fund important initiatives that require recurring dollars, the picture is not without some bright spots, including the use of nonrecurring dollars earmarked for new buildings to help solve our overcrowded conditions. In addition, the Board of Governors has begun to take steps to assist us and our sister institutions in addressing some of the fiscal issues we face – limiting new freshman enrollments and supporting in-state undergraduate tuition increases. If their actions are successful, we will be in a somewhat improved financial situation. But even with these bright spots, this University is clearly dependent on your goodwill and understanding if we are to continue making progress toward our ultimate goal. Having spent the last four years working with you, I have no doubt that collectively we will be successful in moving in that direction, despite the potential obstacles.

John A. Delaney
Fans of UNF Athletics will have an opportunity to follow the Ospreys at home and on the road this fall — without ever leaving the comfort of their favorite desk chair.

UNF Athletics, in conjunction with the Atlantic Sun Conference and Play On! Sports, announced a partnership earlier this summer that will provide exclusive online video streaming of athletics events for UNF and eight sister A-Sun institutions. ASun.tv is set to launch on UNF’s campus Sept. 13 when the Lady Ospreys’ volleyball team takes on national power Washington at the Arena.

More than 90 UNF home events will be streamed in 2007-08, including all men’s and women’s home basketball games as well as selected baseball, softball, soccer, tennis, volleyball and swimming and diving events. In addition, select A-Sun events on the road will also be available — all on a pay-per-view basis. Events will be available for viewing both live and on-demand replay to fans throughout the world. Single-game access is $5.99, with a monthly access ticket priced at $9.99 and an annual pass, which allows access to all ASun.tv programming from all schools, costs $69.99.

The production kit used to generate the programming is a revolutionary system developed by Turner Sports that features three staffed cameras, a graphics package, producer, director and announcers as part of a high-tech interface that mixes, encodes and transmits the production to the streaming servers in Atlanta. The technology is cutting-edge in many respects, which has created a tremendous opportunity on the UNF campus for students interested in television production.

“This system will give UNF students hands-on experience,” UNF Assistant Athletics Director Tom Strother said. “These events will be produced live and aired for people to see around the world, blemishes and all, at first. There is no better way to learn than to do, and we believe this system will offer a chance for students to do just that. We are looking for help across the board, from camera operators to directors, to announcers. We’ll teach them what they need to know and give them plenty of opportunity to master their skills.”

UNF Athletic Director Dr. Richard Groppe said the addition of the Web-streaming initiative enhances an already strong multimedia lineup for the Ospreys, currently broadcasting 55 basketball and baseball games annually on WBOB-AM 1320 in Jacksonville and enjoying more than a dozen televised contests.

**Athletics announces Web-streaming partnership**

**BY TOM STROOTHER**

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**Brooks College of Health**

**DEAN’S OFFICE:** Drs. Lucy Trice, Pamela Chally and Julia Watkins presented “Spiritual Well-Being among Spinal Cord Injured Patients” at the 18th Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Research Conference in Vienna, Austria. Trice, along with Catherine Brandvold and Elizabeth Bruno from St. Vincent’s Medical Center, also published an article titled “Practice and Education: Partnering to Address the Perioperative Nursing Shortage” in the August issue of the AORN Journal.


**PUBLIC HEALTH:** Dr. Reid M. Oetjen (with D. Oetjen) chaired and presented a professional development workshop, Technology: Media-Enhanced Teaching Strategies, at the annual meeting of the Academy of Management Healthcare Division in Philadelphia in August.

**Coggin College of Business**

**ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE:** Dr. Charles Calhoun III was selected to receive the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) Distinctive Service Award at their 100th Annual Meeting in Maui. Calhoun and co-authors Drs. Homer Bates and Bobby Waldrup also published an article titled “Assessing the State of Ethics Education in Accounting” in the July/August 2007 issue of Florida CPA Today, the official bi-monthly magazine of the Florida Institute of CPAs.

**MANAGEMENT:** Drs. Reza Vaghefi, Cheryl Van Deusen and Louis Woods published a research paper, “Technological Change and Corporate Competitive Advantage: A Comparison of U.S. Patents Issued to
over the past two years since moving to Division I. In addition to more than 75 events that are Web-streamed (audio only) each year, UNF Athletics also produces a monthly sports magazine television show — “UNF Sports Jam” — from November to April.

“I believe that this Web-streaming initiative will provide another avenue by which UNF fans and supporters can follow our teams as they compete at the highest level,” Gropper said. “We anticipate having the majority of our home events available for viewing via this technology. It is indeed an exciting day to be an Osprey fan, and we can’t wait to get started.”

Anyone interested in being a part of the video streaming program should contact the Athletics Media Relations Department at 620-4026 or e-mail Strother at ststrothe@unf.edu.

briefs

The wheels on the bus go round and round...

Parking and getting around campus just got easier with the addition of UNF’s new shuttle-bus service, which began operating Aug. 20, a week before classes began. Now students, faculty and staff can park in more remote lots on campus, including the north lot (lot 18) and UNF Hall’s lot, and take shuttles into the core of campus.

The south route covers the loop portion of UNF Drive, Alumni Drive and First Coast Technology Parkway to UNF Hall, with seven stops along the way. The north route traverses the same portion of UNF Drive as the south route as well as the North-South Road, looping around Lot 18 north of the Arena, with nine stops.

Buses on both routes travel clockwise, providing service to each stop about every six minutes during peak hours.

Vince Smyth, director of Auxiliary Services, said they’re working through the kinks as they go, including spacing out the busses so they’re arriving at each stop at the correct intervals and making sure drivers wait an adequate length of time at each stop to allow people waiting indoors to make it outside in time to board the bus.

“I think it’s going pretty well so far,” he said. “We’re continuing to monitor the service and make changes as necessary to ensure we’re providing the best service possible.”

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College of Computing, Engineering and Construction

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING: Dr. Daniel Cox served as the local arrangements chair and chaired the sessions on “Biologically Inspired Robotics” and “Health-Care Robotics” at the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) 7th International Symposium on Computational Intelligence in Robotics and Automation in Jacksonville in June. At this conference, Cox also published “Microgrid Infrastructure Modeling for Residential Microgrids” and (with David Cartes, Juan Ordonez, Julie Harrington and Rick Meeker) “Novel Integrated Energy Systems and Control Methods with Economic Analysis for Integrated Community Based Energy Systems.”

Dr. Charles Winton presented a workshop on Robotics Programming at the National Conference on Educational Robotics in Honolulu in July. He also served as chief judge for the International Beyond Botball Robotics Competition.

DEAN’S OFFICE: Dr. Neal Coulter served as the UNF...
Bald trees?

In much of the United States, the word “evergreen” brings conifers to mind. The name of the bald cypress tree refers to the fact that this conifer is not evergreen. Instead, it loses its leaves in winter. Technically, it is deciduous, not bald. Only a few conifers in the world are deciduous.

Some confusion exists about the scientific identity of the bald cypress. In the past, the bald cypress and pond cypress were considered two different species. The recent trend among botanists is to treat them as one species, Taxodium ascendens. To keep the confusion alive, many books and nursery labels continue the tradition of separating them into two separate species. The massive Mexican cypress, Taxodium mucronatum, is the only other species in this small genus.

Bald cypress trees are native from Florida to east Texas and up the Mississippi River to southern Illinois. On campus, large trees can be seen from the boardwalk along Lake Oneida. This tree dominated southern swamps until logging removed the largest trees and decimated their numbers. Bald cypress wood was highly valuable before the advent of pressure-treated lumber. It is one of the most durable, rot-resistant woods in the eastern United States and was used for roofing shingles and many other exterior construction uses. According to one source, the largest bald cypress is a Florida specimen that stands more than 115 feet tall and has a trunk diameter of more than 11 feet. Undoubtedly, larger trees existed in the past.

Today, the bald cypress is popular as a landscape tree. Gardeners have selected a few odd forms of bald cypress, including weeping and narrow, upright cultivars. The soft, yellow-green spring foliage is beautiful on the water’s edge. The tree is surprisingly drought-tolerant in the garden if watered when young. Typically, the bald cypress is a slender, conical young tree that grows into a picturesque tree with a tall, clear trunk and a flattened crown. This tree is well known for its flared base and “knees,” which are woody projections from shallow roots up into the air. Although most of us have heard that the knee is for air exchange in a soggy soil, scientists still debate its purpose.

Editor’s Note: As the coordinator of Landscape and Grounds, Chuck Hubbuch’s subtle handiwork is visible everywhere on campus. Prior to coming to UNF, he was the curator of horticulture at the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens.

We’ve asked him to write a column on campus plants, many of which are common to Jacksonville’s yards.

Chuck Hubbuch
Outstanding contributions set these employees apart

BY TOM CAIN

Dr. Oupa Seane, Mike Trotter, Pam Bush, Mike Spivey, Signe Evans, Ken Durrant, Margaret Terrell and the Academic Center for Excellence are winners of the summer Excellence Awards for their outstanding contributions to the University.

Seane, director of the Intercultural Center for Peace and executive director of the Florida, West African Linkage Institute, received the Soaring to Excellence Award for A&P employees.

In her letter of nomination, Sheila Rodriguez of the School of Engineering wrote: “How do I feel about Oupa Seane? Let me put it this way: I think you will be most fortunate to have Mr. Seane as a recipient of your award. He is one of the best employees at UNF. I endorse him wholeheartedly and without reservation.”

Rodriguez went on to praise Seane for mentoring many UNF students and for demonstrating his concern for those less fortunate through his extensive volunteer work.

Terry DiNuzzo, director of the UNF Counseling Center, said of Seane in her nominating letter: “Oupa exemplifies the qualities of warmth, sensitivity and integrity in his interpersonal interactions. I believe Oupa Seane is our ambassador of good will who represents UNF with honor and distinction in all of his endeavors.”

Mike Trotter, senior storekeeper/receiving clerk in Purchasing, is the Soaring to Excellence Award winner for USPS employees. Trotter has been the University Support Personnel Association president for the past three-and-a-half years.

Kathy Ritter of Purchasing in her letter of nomination sounded what was a common theme about Trotter. “He is dedicated and dependable and treats every person with whom he comes in contact with respect and courtesy.”

Jim Rund of Purchasing/Central Receiving praised Trotter for his devotion to duty. “Mike Trotter is very dedicated and willing to go out of his way to assist departments with any request,” Rund wrote in his letter of nomination. “Mike frequently comes in early and stays past 5 p.m. to get outgoing UPS and other shipments ready for pickup.”

Pam Bush, events coordinator at the University Center, is the Outstanding Achievement Award recipient for A&P personnel.

Bush’s supervisor, Brian Blakeslee, said he is often stopped by University patrons who tell him how fortunate he is to have someone of Bush’s caliber working for the University Center — a fact Blakeslee is well aware of. “Pam is extremely dedicated to her events’ success. She often arrives early in the morning and stays until late in the evening to ensure her events run smoothly,” Blakeslee said. “Her devotion to customer service has yielded a significant customer base along with high repeat usage.”

Mike Spivey, Print Shop manager, is the Outstanding Achievement Award recipient for USPS employees.

“Mr. Spivey has forfeited scheduled annual leave and amended regular work hours to complete tasks for the Board of Trustees,” Melonie Handerson of the Office of the President wrote in her nominating letter. “He regularly receives requests from the Office of the President with daunting deadlines and never says it can’t be done. He often offers help beyond regular expectations.”

The Academic Center of Excellence in the Division of Academic Affairs received the Quality Customer Service Award.

The department was honored for consistently demonstrating the University’s commitment to individualized service by going the extra mile in its interactions with students. Among the many customer-service improvements instituted by the Academic Center for Excellence was establishing a computer kiosk and having computers available in all tutoring rooms.

Signe Evans and Margaret Terrell of the Library and Ken Durrant of Purchasing were all recipients of Spot Awards for having been “spotted” providing quality service that exemplifies the University’s commitments to focus, accountability, relevance and excellence.

Employees of the Academic Center for Excellence, which received the Quality Customer Service Award

Recipients of the Soaring to Excellence Award receive $2,000, a personalized plaque, as well as lunch and a photo with President John Delaney. Outstanding Achievement Award winners receive $800, while Quality Customer Service Award winners receive $500 to be used for a departmental event — and a departmental plaque. Spot Award winners receive a $100 cash reward.

Excellence Awards nominations are accepted bi-annually, once in June and again in December. The next deadline for submitting nominations is Dec. 28. For more information about the Excellence Award Program, including a program overview and awards’ criteria, visit www.unf.edu/unfinfo/awards/.
Division of Student Affairs employees Leah Kremp, Miranda Tiona and Nancy Locke (left to right) direct freshmen to their new residence halls and answer questions about residence life at UNF.

Below: Residence Life staffers and members of the WOW Swoop Team, Lynn Hendricks (center, top) and Jillian Singerman (center, bottom), team up with two freshmen to practice their SWOOPS and get Ospreys pumped up for the new school year.

Above: Career Services’ Paula Michael Dass (left) stands by as incoming freshmen spin the wheel to win prizes and learn about the opportunities UNF offers.

Ozzie stops by the Interfaith Center’s booth to explore his religious and spiritual side at the Student Affairs Showcase Aug. 24. Pictured are the Interfaith Center’s Angela Davis (far left) and student volunteers.

Above: On-Campus Transition Program Director Crystal Makowski (in back, to Ozzie’s left) poses with UNF’s Osprey mascot and students from the program, which increased its enrollment from one student last year to 16 this fall. The program allows students with developmental disabilities to attend classes and experience campus life.
Welcome:
New employees include: Wayne E. Adams, custodial worker in Physical Facilities; Angelo B. Addari, maintenance mechanic in Physical Facilities; Lian An, assistant professor in Economics; Miltiadis L. Angelatos, maintenance mechanic in Physical Facilities; Justin Begle, computer applications coordinator in Information Technology Services; Melissa A. Blankenship, coordinator in the One Stop Center; Zechariah M. Brock, senior computer programmer analyst in Information Technology Services; Alison J. Bruey, assistant professor in History; Samantha A. Bryant, maintenance mechanic-carpenter in Physical Facilities; Christina T. Cadoura, program assistant in the Disability Resource Center; David E. Cantor, assistant professor in Marketing and Logistics; Justin D. Cochran, assistant professor in Management; Candace A. Cox, laboratory technician in Chemistry and Physics; Ulrike Decker, student affairs coordinator in the Center for International Education; Barbara A. Eddy, executive secretary in the Fine Arts Center; David H. Goff, chair of Communications; Brian P. Higley, assistant professor in Psychology; Grisel Lebron, groundskeeper in Physical Facilities; Anamarie I. Lelis, office assistant in Career Services; Jean S. Leone, senior secretary in the College of Education and Human Services; Devin Narine, police communications operator for University Police; Edmond Robinson, custodial worker in Physical Facilities; George R. Rutzebeck, police communications operator for University Police; James P. Scott, police communications operator for University Police; Richard Stanford, assistant director in the Fine Arts Center; Archie K. Stewart, custodial worker in Physical Facilities; Renita T. Thompson, coordinator in the Enrollment Services Processing Office; Kaleema A. Webb, laborer in Physical Facilities; Kelley A. Wood, student affairs coordinator in Student Life

30 years – Bettie M. Adams, Accounting and Finance; Ronald J. Adams, Marketing and Logistics; Patricia H. Foster, Nursing; Champak D. Panchal, Mathematics and Statistics; Verna P. Urbanski, Library

20 years – Ellery L. Griffis, Controller’s Office

15 years – Bruce M. Herring, Training and Services Institute; Pansy L. Tapper, Training and Services Institute

10 years – Philip R. Geist, Small Business Institute; Cathy A. O’Farrell, College of Education and Human Services

5 years – Angela R. Gibson, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs; Sandra L. Gupton, Foundations and Secondary Education; Elizabeth A. Hardy, Enrollment Services Processing Office

Congratulations:
Terry DeRubeis is the new academic advisor for undergraduate programs in the Coggin College of Business Student Services Department.

Annie Spruell is the new outreach and recruitment coordinator in the College of Education and Human Services. Spruell came from the Office of Career Services where she served as liaison for the Brooks College of Health and the College of Education and Human Services.

Lori Tetzel is the new senior grant specialist in the College of Education and Human Services.

Retirements:
Gabrielle Holcombe, executive secretary, retired Aug. 17 from the Carpenter Library where she worked for more than five years. She began at UNF in 1997 in Curriculum and Instruction in the College of Education and Human Services and also worked in Financial and Business Services before joining the Library.

Angela Randtke, assistant University librarian, retired July 31 from the Carpenter Library where she worked for 30 years.

September Milestone Anniversaries:
35 years – Minor H. Chamblin, Psychology; Leonard J. Lipkin, Mathematics and Statistics; Christine E. Rasche, Criminology and Criminal Justice; Louis A. Woods, Economics
A after eking out a razor-thin, five-vote victory in the election for Student Government president and taking office at the end of May, Rachael Tutwiler and her vice president, Alberto “A.J.” Souto, hit the ground running.

I was surprised it was as close as it was,” Tutwiler said of the smallest margin of victory in UNF election history.

As Student Government president, Tutwiler is one of 13 members of the UNF Board of Trustees, which serves as the governing body for the University.

She and Souto didn’t waste any time in fulfilling one of their election initiatives — convincing Starbucks to extend its hours of operation. Beginning this semester, Starbucks is open until midnight Monday through Thursday.

“I didn’t want to get into office and disappear,” Tutwiler said. “I want to have contact with students. They can come in and talk to me any time.” It’s the personal contact Tutwiler, a 21-year-old senior majoring in political science, finds most appealing about being the Student Government president. In addition to meetings in her office, she enjoys stopping and chatting with students on her way to and from classes.

Tutwiler and Souto’s administration’s slogan is “Standing United, Moving Forward.” Unity is an important concept for Tutwiler, who graduated from Andrew Jackson High School in Jacksonville in 2004. She said unity often means speaking with one voice, which she thinks makes for more effective communication by the diverse student groups on campus.

As the former director of the African American Student Union, Tutwiler admits she has a tendency to “head out in a million directions at once.” She credits Souto with balancing that by being structured and detailed. There’s another quality of Souto’s that is important to Tutwiler. “He is very loyal,” she said. “He’s done a very good job [of being vice president]. I made the right choice — no doubt in my mind.”

Souto, student Senate president last year, is a senior majoring in political science. Souto, 21, wants to pursue local politics either in Jacksonville or his hometown of Miami. After that, he said he might take a run at being a state senator or representative. The well-spoken Souto considers public service a noble enterprise. “Public service is one of the better gifts someone can give to society,” he said.

Souto is a 2004 graduate of Archbishop Curley – Notre Dame Academy in Miami. His career in politics goes way back. His family still has a photo of him when he was 4 years old holding a campaign banner for his cousin, who’s a county commissioner in Miami.

Souto speaks glowingly of Tutwiler. “She is an extremely popular woman. She is a woman who walks in humility, but she is revered by all she comes in contact with,” he said. “She has taught me a lot about how to be an effective leader.”

Tutwiler and Souto will serve one-year terms.
Get to Know: Kathryn Krudwig

BY TOM CAIN

Department: College of Education and Human Services / Department of Exceptional Student and Deaf Education

Job: I’m the Regional Coordinator for the North Florida Personnel Development Partnership (NFPDP), one of nine grant-supported PDPs attached to Florida’s state university system by the Florida Department of Education. I create and implement initiatives to increase and retain teachers and related services personnel for students with disabilities and their families.

Years at UNF: I am beginning my ninth year at UNF.

What would you like to do when you retire? I can’t imagine retiring – I love working! I would use retirement to have my silly, people-loving German Shepherd trained as a service dog. She’s a natural ham and loves to play ball. She would make a great reading dog for children who struggle with reading in school. She would also be a wonderful entertainer and companion in nursing homes and hospitals.

What is your favorite thing about working at UNF? I love the challenge of my work. I enjoy collaborating with my colleagues, and I especially enjoy working with my NFPDP partner, Dee Crawford, who is incredibly creative and talented.

If you won the lottery, what would you do with the money? Being a minimalist, I wouldn’t want to make any changes in my lifestyle. Why complicate a good thing? However, I would invest the money and use the proceeds to first, buy and preserve our nation’s wild lands, and second, send annual checks to the Fistula Foundation in support of the programs of Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital in Ethiopia. It would feel wonderful to be able to indulge these two passions of mine on a grand scale!

What person had the greatest impact on your life? Without a doubt, my mom. She is unconditional in her love, gentle, always encouraging, willing to try new things, and self-sufficient. She lives her life with absolute integrity. She’s written her family’s history for her eight children, and she and I have co-written two more family stories. I hope she lives past 100!

Who is the most famous person you ever met? I’ve never met a really famous person, but a year ago the wolf expert at the San Diego Zoo invited me to howl with an Alaskan wolf, if that counts.

Last book read: “To-Do Lists of the Dead” by Jonathan Katz. Example from the desk of Abe Lincoln: (1) Think of fancy way to say “eighty-seven years ago,” and (2) Beef up security at Ford’s Theater.
Q: From Mary Stumph (General Counsel): I heard a rumor that a temporary sidewalk including a bridge over the pond would be built so that one could get to the Boathouse in a reasonable amount of time. If there is any truth to that rumor, do you know when construction might begin?

A: From Zak Ovadia (Facilities Planning): This rumor is just a rumor. There are no plans to construct a bridge to the Boathouse. All foot traffic is free to access the Boathouse without impedance.

Q: From Nancy Youngberg (Student Medical Services): Why doesn’t UNF participate in the Governor’s Mentoring Initiative?

A: From Janet Owen (Governmental Affairs) and Lynn Hendricks (Residence Life): The Governor’s Mentoring Initiative, now known as the Florida Mentoring Partnership, has a goal of recruiting employees from state agencies to become mentors. Under these guidelines, state universities are not considered state agencies. However, the UNF community participates in all types of volunteerism through many different partners, including: Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boys and Girls Clubs, Girls Scouts of Florida, YMCA, etc. Additionally, members of the LeadershipUNF class of 2004 developed the Community Outreach Council, which, among other projects, works with the Department of Residence Life to serve as “homework coaches” to Jacksonville students, volunteering in designated after-school programs. For more information on that project and others from the UNF Community Outreach Council, visit www.unf.edu/outreach/activities.html.

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.