Three recent developments in the Coggin College of Business underscore the significant advances the college is making in cultivating a regional, national and international reputation for excellence.

- Last month, the college hosted the sixth annual International Business Research Conference. The conference, which featured participants from five continents, has grown each year in partnership with Warsaw University.
- Coggin College received notification its logistics program is ranked in the top 20 such programs in North America. This survey was published in an article “The State of Supply Chain Education” by Supply Chain Management Review. Coggin's logistics program joins the list with universities such as Stanford (No. 19), Auburn (No. 14) and Wisconsin-Madison (No. 17). Penn State’s program was ranked No. 1.
- Last month, the Coggin College hosted the third annual Family and Closely Held Business Forum. More than 80 participants from throughout Northeast Florida attended the growing program, which featured sessions on how to develop strategic and succession plans for future growth.

The logistics’ ranking was particularly important to Coggin College’s Dean Dr. John McAllister. “It’s an incredible testament to the hard work of the logistics faculty in the college and its relevance to our students and subsequent alumni,” he said.

The ranking consisted of two components: a survey of 1,000 logistics and supply chain professionals; and a survey of 175 college and university educators across North America. In the academic survey, UNF ranked No. 13. Such notable universities as Penn State, Michigan State and Ohio State ranked among the top three.

Nine of the university programs that didn’t make the ranking 10 years ago were rated among the top 20 programs by academics this year. “The emergence of these universities reflects the ability of schools without a long logistics’ tradition to gain traction and visibility in the supply chain community,” concluded the authors of the study, Stephen Rutner and Stanley Fawcett.

UNF was the only Florida university listed in the top 20. Nearby Georgia Tech and Georgia Southern also made the top 20.

McAllister was also proud to welcome the participants to the International Business Research Conference last month. He noted that his review of the materials presented at the conference covered 17 different countries, illustrating the true international quality of the event. It also illustrates the increasing internationalization of UNF programs, he said.

The conference explored such issues as the impact of Federal Reserve interest rate changes, the ethics of tax evasion, privatization trends in developing economies and the CAFTA free trade agreement.

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The Alumni Association at the 11th annual Alumni Recognition Dinner recently honored two women who have worked tirelessly on behalf of UNF and who have also enriched the lives of people in the community through their volunteer service.

Ann Hicks (B.A. ’95) received the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award, which is the highest award given to a UNF graduate by the Alumni Association. The award is presented to a graduate who has made significant contributions to a profession, the community and/or society and has maintained the pursuit of excellence as a representative and graduate of UNF.

Dorothy Johnson (B.A. ’74, master’s ’82) received a double honor. Johnson was the first recipient of the Johnson Medallion, which is named for her. The Johnson Medallion is awarded for outstanding service to the Alumni Association.

Hicks is known for her support — financially and as a volunteer — of education, the arts and social services in Jacksonville. She is currently on UNF’s Board of Trustees and is a former president of the UNF Foundation Board. She is a board member for Habijax, the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens and the Jacksonville Public Library. Hicks also co-chaired the University’s successful Access to Excellence capital campaign.

After completing her UNF degree in liberal studies, Hicks established an endowed scholarship in honor of her religious studies professor Father Neil Gray. The scholarship pays the tuition for students pursuing degrees in the liberal arts. Hicks meets each year with these Gray Scholars to encourage them in their academic pursuits. She also participates in Art Department classes with UNF professor Louise Freshman Brown. Hicks has traveled on study-abroad trips with Freshman Brown and her students. She has since included a study-abroad scholarship in her endowment.

Hicks received the Women of Distinction Award from the Gateway Girl Scouts in 2004 for her civic contributions. Her past honors from UNF include being the recipient of the Outstanding Alumni Award from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Johnson was described in her introduction at the recognition dinner as an individual who’s made a difference in their communities by being a quiet, unassuming hero. Johnson was called a person who has enriched people’s lives by providing opportunities and encouraging excellence.

Johnson received her bachelor’s degree in English and literature from UNF when she was 54 years old. Her husband Dan was terminally ill at the time. He encouraged Johnson to get a degree so she would be able to get a job and financially take care of the couple’s seven children. Johnson’s husband died a month after she earned her degree. She went on eight years later to obtain her master’s in what was then called allied health science.

Johnson has been a consistent supporter of the University. She has made gifts, 107 in total, to UNF every year since 1976. Johnson has served on the Alumni Association Board for 30 years. She has been active in the Osprey Club, a booster club for athletics, for 22 years and has attended almost every important event on campus.

The Alumni Recognition Dinner took place in the University Center. Faith Hall, director of Alumni Services, made the welcoming remarks and closing remarks and handled introductions. The UNF Presidential Trio was the musical entertainment and the UNF Chamber Singers sang the alma mater.

Honorary Alumni Award winners

The Honorary Alumni Award is presented to friends and supporters of UNF for exemplary service to the University.

2005 Honorary Alumni Award Winners
Toni Crawford
W. Radford Lovett II
James Van Vleck
Garry Karsner
Christopher M. Kirby
Dr. Judith Poppell

2005 Outstanding Alumni Awards
Coggin College of Business
Eugene (Gene) Baker III – B.B.A. ’74
Charles “Chuck” Diebel – M.B.A. ’78
Jose Ignacio Saez – B.B.A. ’96
Cleve E. Warren – B.B.A. ’80

College of Computing, Engineering and Construction
Dr. Greg Bollella – M.C.I.S. ’88

College of Health
Barbara Drummond-Hutch – B.S.H. ’80 and M.S.H. ’82

College of Education and Human Services
Dr. Monica McAleer – M.Ed. ’86 and Ed.D. in ’00
When the anesthesia community in Northeast Florida presented UNF with a survey of their current and future need for anesthesia providers, UNF responded by creating a new certified registered nurse anesthetist program in its School of Nursing.

"It became clear this is an area where additional educational opportunities are needed," said Dr. Pam Chally, dean of the College of Health.

The community representatives came to UNF because of its excellent reputation as a nursing school, and the University didn’t disappoint.

The demanding new program will pack 92 graduate credit hours into two-and-a-half years. In order to be considered, candidates will be required to have R.N. certification, bachelor’s degrees, several years of critical care experience and good undergraduate grades and test scores. The first class starts in August 2006 and will graduate in December 2008.

“Our goal is to create an exceptionally high quality program,” Chally said.

A coalition of UF Shands Jacksonville, St. Vincent’s Medical Center and the U.S. Naval Hospital will provide the clinical facilities in which the graduate students will train.

Jacksonville is fortunate to have a cadre of highly qualified anesthesiologists and nurse anesthetists who have generously agreed to participate in the students’ clinical education.

UF Shands Jacksonville also has agreed to provide substantial program support for the program, Chally said.

Traditionally, nurse anesthetists, like other health care providers who undergo postgraduate education, often choose to work in the region where they trained, so the new program should ease the shortage in Northeast Florida, said the new program’s professor and director, Dr. John P. McDonough.

The University first hired McDonough as a consultant, and after a national search he became program director in July.

McDonough already was familiar with Jacksonville area hospitals because he previously sent students there to train when he directed a nurse anesthetist program at another university in the state.

“This is the most logical extension of the nursing school’s designation as the University’s flagship program,” McDonough said. “We are going to groom people to become leaders, not only in the specialty of nurse anesthesia, but also the nursing profession in general.”

Nurse anesthetists provide 65 percent of all anesthetics given to U.S. patients each year, McDonough explained. Certified registered nurse anesthetists practice everywhere anesthesia is needed, from physician offices to hospital surgical suites.

Anesthesiology is a specialty practiced by members of several professions including medicine, dentistry and nursing.

When anesthesia is administered by a nurse anesthetist, it is recognized as the practice of nursing. When it is administered by an anesthesiologist, it is recognized as the practice of medicine, McDonough noted.

Demand for their services is growing because the number of surgeries performed is on the increase and new surgical procedures continue to be developed, McDonough said. The aging population also means older providers are starting to leave the field. The average age of CRNAs in this country is 48.

Today there are fewer than 100 nurse anesthesia educational programs in the United States. The American Association of Nurse Anesthetists has approximately 35,000 members with 2,200 CRNAs currently practicing in Florida, and the state is experiencing a shortage.

UNF’s selective program will admit just 20 students a year. Its new graduate program is prestigious because so few exist in the country. Five programs are in Florida. UNF’s will be the only one in Northeast Florida. Nationally, there are probably four people fully qualified for every graduate program seat available, McDonough said.

“It takes our graduate programs to the next level because of the high quality of education required for a nurse anesthetist,” Chally noted. “They really do have people’s lives in their hands as they put them to sleep.”
A UNF Homecoming float commemorates the U.S. Armed Forces. “The Real Superheroes” was the theme of this year’s parade.

UNF cheerleaders stir up school spirit at the parade.

The UNF Drumline, after leading the parade, performs in front of the Arena before the Homecoming basketball game against Florida Atlantic University.

Floats pass under the walkway near the Arena.
Spectators gather to see the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity and Zeta Tau Alpha sorority float. 

The Kappa Alpha float, saluting the men and women who serve in the military.

Amos Gura, president of the Sigma Chi fraternity, appears to be pulling the combined Alpha Chi Omega sorority and Sigma Chi fraternity float.

Gura, dressed as Superman, stays in character while pretending to pull the float.
Bettie Garris stands next to the plaque that will be hung on the newly named Martin P. Garris Police Building at UNF. The building was recently dedicated to her late husband, Martin P. Garris, who served as chief of police at UNF for 20 years.

UNF students (above, left to right) Taylor McMan, Ben Wallis and Eric Dennis line up to race each other on the Segway obstacle course that was set up on the Green during Homecoming Week.

Hoan Nguyen (below, left) and Tra Nguyen of the Vietnamese Students Association arrange bouquets of roses during the rose sale on Valentine’s Day to raise money for the VSA.

International students in UNF’s English Language Program serve as greeters at the annual Chocolates of the World dinner and chocolate competition last month sponsored by the International Visitor Corps of Jacksonville. The students dressed in their country’s typical garb and greeted guests and chefs as they arrived. The event raises money to promote multicultural awareness and international understanding.

Students wait in line (below), looking at the different animals they can choose from to make their own special stuffed animal on Valentine’s Day.
Laurie Garrett warns of the decline of global health

BY JULIE WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

Each year up to 20 percent of the American population contracts the flu and more than 200,000 people are hospitalized from flu complications. Of those, about 36,000 Americans die annually, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Despite these statistics, Americans seem generally unconcerned about the threat of influenza, said Laurie Garrett during her Jan. 30 appearance at UNF. Garrett, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author of “Betrayal of Trust: The Collapse of Global Public Health,” addressed some of the biggest threats to global health during a Distinguished Voices lecture in the University Center.

“Routine flu kills 350,000 people a year worldwide,” she said. “Why are we willing to accept this? It’s because the people who are dying from the flu are mostly old folks. They’re going to die of something, and it might as well be from the flu.”

In contrast, people are very concerned about the more recent threat of avian flu, also known as H5N1, or bird flu. This highly contagious virus is typically passed by unaffected wild birds to domesticated birds.

Since 2003, H5N1 infections among birds have been reported in Africa, nine countries in East Asia and the Pacific, nine countries in Europe and Eurasia and South Asia, Iran and most recently, Iraq.

In addition, more than 100 confirmed cases of humans contracting the H5N1 infection have been reported since 1997. In the past two years, human cases have been reported in Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, Turkey and Iraq. More than half of the cases have been fatal.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), the H5N1 virus is of the greatest concern today because it has caused the greatest number of severe human cases and deaths, and it has crossed the species barrier to infect humans. There’s also the concern that the virus will develop into a pandemic – one that can be spread from human to human.

“It’s the newness of this virus that scares people and prompts action,” Garrett said. “I’m not worried whether we’ll see a reaction from the people – I know we’ll see mass panic. The question is can we make proactive changes in how we address public health so we don’t have to face a pandemic like this?”

If a pandemic occurred today, Garrett said global transport of goods would halt; retail stores worldwide would be emptied of supplies; there wouldn’t be enough vaccine and it wouldn’t be transportable; G8 nations would use their wealth to save their populations but not the rest of the world; there wouldn’t be enough room in hospitals to contain those infected nor the available medical staff to treat them; and global mechanisms of response would fail. In short, there would be worldwide chaos.

Garrett said the key is to think of public health as a global issue. “Think globally, act locally,” she said. “We need to figure out who’s in charge and what steps they should take. Does the mayor have a plan? Does the governor have a plan? What actions are taken by the city, by the county, by the state, by the nation?”

Garrett encouraged audience members to contact local, state and federal leaders and push them to make these decisions and to provide the funding necessary to address global health. “It’s not a partisan issue,” she said. “I guarantee you that the N5N1 virus doesn’t care if you voted Republican or Democrat. This is an issue that’s much bigger than that.”

Garrett’s lecture was co-sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Jacksonville’s Global Issues Forum.

Speaker examines civil war of ideas in Islam

BY BETH SLATER
Freelance Writer

The four current trends in Islam – revivalism, traditionalism, secularism and modernism – are leading believers into a civil war of ideas, according to Distinguished Voices speaker Husain Haqqani. The West in the past favored secularism and a leadership apex of that trend formed. The base of Islam has moved to a more traditional viewpoint and, Haqqani says, when the base moves, the apex moves.

Haqqani guided his audience through a brief – 1,000 years in 30 minutes – history of the Islamic culture during his Feb. 7 lecture at the University Center. He said history, knowledge and economic power have always been important to Muslims. “If Nobel Prizes had been given out in 1006 A.D., surely the awards would have gone to Muslims,” Haqqani said, comparing that rich history with modern deficiencies in political clout and educational progress. Many in the Muslim world today “attempt to figure out what happened,” he said.
College of Arts and Sciences

**Biology:** Dr. Gregory Ahearn attended the annual meeting of the Australian/New Zealand Society of Comparative Physiologists and Biochemists in Dunedin, New Zealand in December and presented a paper, “Zinc Sequestration in Crustacean Hepatopancreatic Lysosomes: Role of Anions in the Detoxification Event.”

**Communications:** Dr. John Davies, with J. Bryant, had “Selective Exposure to Computer Games” published in “Playing Computer Games: Motives, Responses, and Consequences.”

**English:** Dr. Chris Gabbard delivered two papers at this year’s Modern Language Association (MLA) Conference in Washington, D.C., in December. For the Fresh Voices in Disability Studies panel he presented “The (M)other of All Others: Are Literature Students Ready for Disability Studies?” For the Media Spectacles of Disability 2005 panel, he presented “Abjection in Cyberspace: The Streaming Video of Terri Schiavo.”

**History:** Dr. David Courtwright’s “Mr. ATOD’s Wild Ride: What Do Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs Have in Common?” appeared, with commentaries and reply, in The Social History of Alcohol and Drugs, Vol. 20, Fall 2005.

**Philosophy:** Dr. Andrew Buchwalter presented “Is Hegel’s Philosophy of History Eurocentric?,” at a session sponsored by the Society for the Philosophy of History at the December 2005 meeting of the American Philosophical Association in New York City.

**Politics:** Dr. Hans-Herbert Kögl published “Beyond Dogma and Doxa: Truth and Discourse in Rorty, Apel, and Ratzinger,” in the journal Dialogue and Universalism, No. 7–8, 2005.

**Political Science/Public Administration:** Dr. Hyunsun Choi presented his paper “Korean Ethnic Christian Church and Community Economic Development: Five Community Assets in Los Angeles Koreatown,” at the First National Korean American Economic Conference in Los Angeles.

**Sociology and Anthropology:** Dr. Ronald Lukens-Bull presented a paper, “Understanding Sectarian Violence in Indonesian Islam,” at the International Conference on Southeast Asia at the University of Malaya in Kuala Lumpur in December.

**World Languages:** Patricia Geesey published “Faites Comme Chez Vous:” Spatial Appropriation in Franco-Maghrebi Cinema in “Discursive Geographies: Writing Space and Place in French,” by Editions Rodopi.

Shira Schwam-Baird delivered a paper at the Modern Language Association’s annual conference in Washington, D.C., in December. It was titled “The Fifteenth-Century Romance Epic Valentin et Orson as Survivor” and was presented in a session on the Chanson de geste and its survival in later genres.

**Coggins College of Business

**Accounting and Finance:** Dr. Cheryl Frohlich presented “Hot and Easy in Florida: The Case of Economics Professors” (co-authored by Dr. Oliver Schnusenberg) at the annual American Academy of Accounting and Finance meeting in St. Petersburg in December.

**Business Administration:** Dr. Sandy Bond, with P. Sakornvanasak, had an article “The Assessment of Current Valuation Practice as Applied to Local Authority Infrastructural Assets,” published in the March issue of the Pacific Rim Property Research Journal.

Dr. Oliver Schnusenberg presented “Can Firms Do Well While Doing Good?” (co-authored by Dr. Parvez Ahmed) at the annual Financial Management Association meeting in Chicago in October. Schnusenberg also presented “Are All Mutual Fund Performance Measures Created Equal?” (co-authored by Dr. Cheryl Frohlich and Anita Pennathur) at the annual Southern Finance Association meeting in Key West in November.

**Management, Marketing and Logistics:** Dr. A. Coskun “Josh” Samli presented a paper titled, “The World Is Flat, So What?” before the Exchange Club. The topic is based on Samli’s recent column that appeared in the Jacksonville Business Journal under the same title. This topic is popularized by Thomas Friedman’s most recent book, “The World Is Flat.”
Florida oceanographic research community observational needs. Welsh also provided public comment at the Orlando meeting of the Florida Oceans and Coastal Resources Council in January. In addition, Welsh accepted an invitation to become a committee member of the American Meteorological Society’s Intelligent Transportation System and Surface Transportation Committee.

**Computer and Information Sciences:** Dr. Sherif Elfayoumy was elected as vice-chair of the IEEE Jacksonville chapter and as chair of the IEEE Computer Society, Jacksonville chapter.

Dr. Arturo Sanchez and Gregory Hansen presented their paper, “Translation Patterns to Specify Processes in the PSL Ontology,” at the fifth Object-Oriented, Programming, Systems, Languages, and Applications Workshop on Domain Specific Modeling in October. The paper was also published in the conference proceedings.

Dr. Behrooz Seyed-Abbassi presented his paper, “XML - An Essential Addition to the Database Systems Course,” at the AIS SIG-ED IAIM International Conference for Informatics Education & Research in December. The paper was published in the conference proceedings and selected as best paper finalist.

Dr. Charles Winton attended the KISS Robotics Summit in Norman, Okla., in January. He also conducted workshops on the Botball Educational Robotics Program for teachers in Texas and Florida in those states in January.

**Dean’s Office:** Terry Smith was invited to join the CDWG Higher Education Advisory Board. He will be providing counsel on university needs in terms of electronic products and features.

**College of Education and Human Services**

**Curriculum and Instruction:**

Dr. Rick Chant presented a concurrent session on the integration of visual and dramatic arts with history instruction at the National Middle School Association’s annual conference in Philadelphia in November. In addition, his article titled “Socratic Seminars: Engagement and Thinking through Dialogic Discussions” was published in the Winter 2005 edition of the SRATE journal.

Dr. Katrina Hall presented two workshops at the FDOE/Future Florida Educators Association annual conference in Orlando in January. One workshop focused on critically analyzing children’s literature; the other examined increasing comprehension of children’s literature through drama and role-play. Hall also was interviewed on kindergarten readiness, appearing on WJCT radio’s “In Context.”

Dr. Sylvia Johnson (part-time faculty member and principal of West Jacksonville Elementary School) was the luncheon speaker at the K-12 Continuous Improvement Conference in Orlando in December. The title of her presentation was “Challenges…Yes: Excuses…No: We Must Find a Way!”


Dr. Christine Weber was invited by the Florida Department of Education to participate in an exceptional student education workgroup regarding the revision of the “Special Programs for Students Who Are Gifted” state board of education rule.

**Special Education:** Dr. Kathryn Krudwig was appointed by Commissioner John L. Winn to serve a two-year term on the State Advisory Committee for the Education of Exceptional Students. In accordance with requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA 2004), the State Advisory Committee is appointed to provide policy guidance with respect to the provision of exceptional education and related services for Florida’s children with disabilities.


**College of Health**

**Public Health:** Dr. R. Oetjen (with T. Rotarius and D. Oetjen) published “Teamwork in Healthcare: Lessons for Dialysis Centers” in Dialysis and Transplantation, 2005.

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**Welcome:**
Emily Rokosch is the new education coordinator for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) support network in the Student Life Department.

Marie Peoples of Career Services has returned to work from maternity leave. Her first child, Lexington Thomas Peoples, was born last July.

**Deaths:**
Dusty Rhodes, UNF baseball coach, suffered the loss of his father, Jack B. Rhodes, who passed away Feb. 4.

**Congratulations:**
Lorna Bautista has accepted the position of office manager for the Intercultural Center for PEACE.

Lindsay Bryant of Student Life recently received a promotion from programming coordinator to associate director. She will continue to serve as adviser to Osprey Productions, but also assumes new responsibilities for advising Club Alliance, assisting with the UNF Institute for Leadership and providing additional programming for Student Life. She is also currently working toward a doctoral degree in educational leadership at UNF.

Kevin Modglin of the Campus Alcohol and Drug Information Center has upcoming collaborations with Jacksonville University. Last term the JU Counseling Center conducted an alcohol/drug assessment using the core alcohol and drug screening tool.

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Get to Know: Jennifer Urbano

Department: Psychology
Job: Secretary
Years at UNF: 8, including time spent as a student and working in ITS, Admissions and Psychology.

WHAT’S/WHO’S YOUR FAVORITE
Author - I can’t say that I have a favorite author. I just pick up whatever book seems to fit my mood, and I have several going at one time. Right now, I vary between “Kite Runner,” “Harry Potter (5)” and “What to Expect When You’re Expecting.”
Movie – My favorite childhood movie was “Annie,” and it continues to draw me in whenever I catch it on TV. Other than that, I must admit to loving “Austin Powers” and anything by Mel Brooks.
Actor/Actress – Tom Hanks is incredible. And I love the way Maureen O’Hara put so much feistiness into every role she played.
Musician/Musical Group – I’m a sucker for the Dave Matthews Band. How can you not like a band that sounds even better live than on their albums? I also love Otis Redding, Maroon 5, and escaping into classical with the JSO.
Sports Team – Florida Gators and Georgia Bulldogs (I know, I’m conflicted…)
Vacation destination – New Zealand, Russia, Hawaii (Kauai), Italy (Venice), Greece, Nepal – Is there enough time for all the places I’d like to see??
Hobby - Photography. There is something incredibly satisfying about spending some quiet time walking around and capturing the world around you.

Proudest Accomplishment and Most Memorable Moment at UNF– GRADUATING!!

Belarus visitors learn about free enterprise

The UNF Center for Economic Education partnered with the National Council on Economic Education’s “Host the Study Tour” week in February.

Two economics educators visited UNF from Minsk in the Republic of Belarus. Together with their Russian translator, Zina Visotskaya and Iryna Lavruhinak, both professors at Byelorussian State University in Minsk, were immersed in UNF as well as the Jacksonville lifestyle.

“The Host the Study Tour opportunity offers us a chance to learn from one another and share our practices with our colleagues,” said Dr. Stephen Shapiro, professor of economics and the director of the UNF Center for Economic Education. “The professors from Belarus are truly on the cutting edge of change in economics education in their country.”
Dr. Lucy Croft, the new assistant vice president for Student Affairs, hit the ground running during her first days on the job. Soon after she arrived at UNF last September, she and Dr. Tim Robinson, director of the International Center, started putting together what are being called International Summer Leadership Experiences.

One International Leadership Experience is scheduled for June 23 to July 17 in Dakar, Senegal. The other will be from July 29 to Aug. 20 in Masan, Korea. Croft credits Robinson with “having done a tremendous amount of work on this.” She calls the trips good learning opportunities, which will expose students to different cultures, foods and spiritualities. “We think the students will come back with their eyes wide open to what’s occurring in the countries,” Croft said.

The International Summer Leadership Experiences have been made possible through Transformational Learning Opportunity funds from the Office of the President. Croft and Robinson were in the process of marketing the trips to students. Each trip is limited to 10 students. The Senegal trip will cost students $1,000, and the Korean trip will cost them $1,800.

The leadership components for the two trips are described in brochures as consisting of structured and informal experiences during which students will observe and interact with political, cultural, religious and civic leaders. The International Leadership Experience program in Senegal will be on the campus of a teacher-training college that is part of Cheikh Anta Diop University. In Korea it will be on the campus of Kyungnam University.

Students in Senegal will take a one-to-three-credit course titled “Society in Senegal.” More than one credit can be earned by completing additional assignments. The students in Korea will take a three-credit course on the Korean language, culture and customs. “We want to motivate and challenge them [students] to get out of their comfort zones,” Croft said.

Although Croft has only been working at UNF for six months, she’s already made history here. Croft is the first person to ever hold the title of assistant vice president for Student Affairs. As such, she is responsible for the Office of Student Life, which includes, among other departments, Student Government, the Women’s Center, Greek Life, Campus Ministries, student radio, television and newspaper media and all campus clubs.

Croft, 40, was the director of Student Activities and Leadership Development at the University of Cincinnati prior to coming to UNF.

“Dr. Croft is highly regarded by her former colleagues at the University of Cincinnati and throughout the student affairs’ profession itself,” said Dr. Mauricio Gonzalez, vice president of Student and International Affairs. “She exemplifies the term ‘student-centered,’ is highly energetic and loves what she does.”

Gonzalez said Croft, who has a doctorate in education, curriculum and instruction from Cincinnati, came to UNF at an opportune time because he is in the process of creating a UNF Leadership Institute. Croft’s expertise in the student-leadership field — she’s taught courses on leadership education in addition to her professional experience in the field — will be an asset for the University-wide task force working on organizing the Leadership Institute.

That would be fine with Croft. “I love educating students about leadership,” she said. “I absolutely love working with college students. It is my passion. I see the goals for my position as enhancing student life and adding to the vitality of the campus. I want to provide leadership and vision as well as support for others to achieve their best.”

Before coming to UNF, Gonzalez worked with Croft for three years at the University of Cincinnati. He hired Croft to the position of director of Student Activities and Leadership Development. “The No. 1 reason I came to UNF was to work with Dr. Gonzalez,” Croft said. “I say that with the utmost respect and sincerity.”

Croft lives in Atlantic Beach with her husband, Dan, who works in marketing and advertising. She is an avid runner. No sprints for Croft. She has run one marathon and is in training for another. In addition to her doctoral degree, Croft has a master’s in community counseling from the University of Cincinnati and a bachelor’s degree in communications and elementary education from Hanover College in Indiana.
Bruce Taylor brings engineering perspective to BOT

The new chair of the UNF Board of Trustees will bring an engineering perspective to the governing board in addition to a long-standing relationship with the University.

Bruce Taylor was elected to the chair position recently along with Wanyonyi Kendrick who was selected as vice chair. Taylor replaces Carol Thompson who will continue to serve on the board.

Kendrick replaces Steve Halverson who declined nomination for the chair position.

Taylor, CEO and chairman of Taylor Engineering Inc., has been a volunteer for and donor to the University for many years. Before his term on the BOT, he was a member of the advisory board for the College of Computing, Engineering and Construction.

He is the recipient of numerous honors, including the National Society of Professional Engineers Award, the nation’s highest award given to a professional engineer. Taylor received his bachelor’s degree from the U.S. Naval Academy and his master’s in oceanographic engineering from the University of Miami. He also earned a doctorate in civil and coastal engineering from the University of Florida.

Kendrick, vice president of technology services at JEA, serves on the board for INROADS, a professional services organization dedicated to helping minority executives form successful career partnerships. Kendrick also served on the board of directors for ITFlorida and is a member of the Jacksonville Information Technology Council. She received her bachelor’s in business administration and her master’s in accountancy from UNF. Kendrick is a certified management accountant and a certified public accountant.

“T’m really excited about the leadership that Bruce and Wanyonyi will bring to the Board of Trustees,” said UNF President John A. Delaney. “Their expertise will be beneficial in overseeing the University’s strategic and fiscal planning.”

The selection of new leadership also coincided with the last meeting for O’Neal Douglas, who was appointed in 2001 and reappointed in 2003.

Douglas will be replaced on the board by Joan W. Newton. She is chairman emeritus of Regency Centers Corporation, a publicly traded real estate investment trust that focuses on grocery-anchored neighborhood retail centers throughout the United States.

Parking permit fees to increase

UNF Parking rates will be gradually increasing to help raise funds for a third parking garage on campus.

The UNF Board of Trustees recently approved increasing general annual parking rates next fall by 5.8 percent from $138 to $146. However, larger increases were adopted for premium categories (reserved, designated and first-floor garage parking). Those increases will range from 9.3 percent for first-floor garage parking ($249 to $269) to 9.6 percent for designated spots ($230 to $252). Motorcycle general permits will increase 6.5 percent to $49.

Day parking passes will be $3.

The increase is needed to provide additional long-term permit revenue so that a new garage can be placed in operation by August of 2010 (state funds cannot be used to build parking garages). The University estimates that $2.4 million will be required in long-term permit sales by 2010 to provide for debt service for the new garage.
Student Helping Students provides individualized attention

BY DORREEN DALY
Student Affairs

It’s a common-sense concept with big impact, according to students who have used it. One client even credits the Disability Resource Center’s “Student Helping Students” program for keeping her from lagging nearly a full year behind schedule in her degree progress.

“Students Helping Students,” a new service offered by the Disability Resource Center, attempts to address the needs of UNF students who suddenly find themselves temporarily disabled: in a wheelchair, on crutches or with a dominant hand in a cast.

Trying to juggle a backpack of college textbooks while balancing on crutches or attempting to keep up with a professor’s lecture when a writing hand is in a cast can seem daunting tasks for most students. But having somewhere to turn prevents them from withdrawing from the semester or “stepping out” for one or more semesters. Prior to the program’s creation last fall, students in these predicaments had no formal program to help them respond to their newfound logistical challenges.

Enter the DRC staff, who last fall began helping identify volunteers, often students themselves, to help push a temporarily injured student around campus in a wheelchair or take notes in class. DRC often calls on students from UNF’s Greek community, Volunteer Center, Campus Ministry, Student Council for Exceptional Children and Health Promotion’s Student LIFE Choices Team to fulfill these acts of kindness or targets students in the same courses to help with note-taking duties. “An injured student’s classmates are the best candidates for this service because they have a grasp of the subject and already are taking notes for themselves,” explained DRC Associate Director Dr. Robert E. Lee, SHS coordinator.

Erin Lynn was one of the first UNF students to benefit and says it shaved nearly a year off the time it would have taken to earn her degree and allowed her to keep her GPA up to her usual high standards. Surgery for a dislodged knee cap that had haunted her for a large part of her life became necessary after she made a commitment to working on being more fit, began taking the stairs at UNF and working out. Going under the knife in July 2005 meant that the UNF senior would need help getting around first in a wheelchair and then on crutches.

“The people in DRC and the students who volunteered to help really made me feel special and part of a family,” Lynn said. “I think it is an amazing service.”

“Amos Gura helps Erin Lynn get to her classes. Lynn was one of the first students to benefit from the Students Helping Students program, while Gura was one of the Greek community members to volunteer for the program.”

Some would wonder why it would be a stretch for DRC to provide this service to temporarily disabled students when they already offer similar accommodations to those with more permanent disabilities. The answer is that under the American with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, the DRC provides accommodations to students with more permanent disabilities who can produce official documentation of a lifelong or permanent disability.

So thanks to SHS, Erin Lynn, who started as a freshman at UNF in 2002, was able to complete 15 credit hours in criminal justice last fall and hopes to complete her internship this summer, marching to “Pomp and Circumstance” right on schedule and on her own two feet.
The Division of Sponsored Research has announced the following grants and contracts:

**Cheryl Fountain** (Florida Institute of Education):
- “Data Input, Analysis, and Evaluation of Reading One-to-One,” Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., $9,053
- “Mayor’s Literacy Program – Read Jax,” Early Learning Coalition of Duval, Inc., $125,000

**J. David Lambert** (Building Construction Management), **Patrick Welsh** (Engineering), and **Behrooz Seyed-Abbassi** (Computer and Information Science), “Development of a Florida Mesoscale Weather Station Network Phase II,” Florida International University/National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, $158,805

**Daniel Cox** and **Alexandra Schönnig** (Engineering), “First Coast Manufacturing Innovation Partnership,” National Science Foundation, $176,510

**Stephen Shapiro** and **Mollie Lawrence** (Economics and Geography), “Study Tour on Economic Education in the United States,” National Council on Economic Education, $6,100

**Janice Donaldson** (Small Business Development Center):
- Florida SBDC Continuation 2006-2007, University of West Florida/U.S. Small Business Administration, $596,716
- “Management and Technical Assistance for the Small Business Center,” Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, $40,000
- “Strategic Planning for Mission-based Organization Workshop,” City of Jacksonville, $9,450

**Daniel Moon** and **Anthony Rossi** (Biology), “Restoration Biology Project – Environmental Center of the University of North Florida, Phase I,” Preservation North Florida, $9,446


**Jeffry Will** (Sociology and Anthropology), “Reflective Practice Grant Research Support, Phase II,” Theatreworks Inc., $5,500

**Edwidge Bryant** (Curriculum and Instruction), two awards:
- “Adult English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Practitioners Task Force 2005-06,” Florida Department of Education/U.S. Department of Education, $230,000; and “myFlorida Adult Virtual ESOL School (myFAVES),” Florida Department of Education/U.S. Department of Education, $150,000


**Pamela Chally** (College of Health), “Volunteers in Medicine Clinical Directorship,” Volunteers in Medicine, $45,000

**Barbara Olinzock** (Nursing), “Brooks Professorship 2005: The Learning Trajectory for Patients with Spinal Cord Injuries and the Teaching Trajectory for Spinal Cord Injury Nurses in a Rehabilitation Setting – A Descriptive Study,” UNF Foundation, $22,000

**Michele Moore** (Public Health), “Selective Prevention Program for High School Seniors 2005-06,” University of Florida/National Institute on Drug Abuse, $35,344
Current trends in Islam
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Haqqani, a fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington, D.C., is looking at the four trends or groups in Islam as a guide for the future.

The first group Haqqani defined is the revivalists, who believe that if Muslims “emulate our pious ancestors, God will bless us.” Haqqani said this group attracts fundamentalists and terrorists, and they believe the answer to rebuilding Islam is going back to “prophet-inspired” Islam, exemplified by groups such as the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt and al Qaida.

Traditionalists make up the vast majority of Muslims, Haqqani said, and are not as extreme in their views as revivalists. Traditionalists believe “I can’t change the world but I won’t change who I am,” he said.

The founder of the modern state of Turkey is a great example of the third trend group, secularists, Haqqani said. Islamic secularism is like French secularism where the state “pushes back” religion. Secularists “want to do away with Islam and give up the basic elements of heritage,” he said, adding that they don’t want to put holy material out in public.

Modernists are the fourth trend, and the one that Haqqani places himself in. “We need to figure out our own decline,” he said. Muslims made a decision at the pinnacle of their influence to isolate themselves from the world, and that decision led to their decline, he said.

Haqqani suggested the West should “find a way to engage the more extreme parts” of Islam – 15 to 20 percent of a Muslim population over 1.4 billion people strong – as well as provide a way to empower modernists.

Haqqani’s lecture was co-sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Jacksonville’s Global Issues Forum.

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Some of the papers also explored highly political topics such analyzing the relationship between oil prices and demand as well as examining economic sanctions against Iran and Libya.

Presenters included a number of Coggin College faculty joined by academicians from Australia, South America, Europe, North America and Africa.

The conference was chaired by Dr. Mina Baliamoune-Lutz of UNF. UNF program co-chairs included Dr. Adel El-Ansary, Dr. Jeff Michelman and Dr. Andres Gallo.

The Family and Closely Held Business Forum also illustrated Coggin College’s role in the region.

The forum featured a wide variety of speakers and was designed to explore critical transitional issues for today’s family businesses and other closely held enterprises.

“The forum is so important because studies show within the next five years, 30 percent of family-owned firms will experience a change in leadership due to retirement or semi-retirement,” McAllister said.

Ranking of Logistics Programs
The following listing was published recently in The State of Logistics Education. Data for the rankings were collected using a four-page questionnaire mailed to more than 1,000 logistics and supply chain professionals and to 175 college and university educators across North America. A total of 154 usable surveys were returned in the survey, 41 from the academic community and 113 from practitioners.

This is how academics ranked university logistics programs.

1 Penn State
2 Michigan State
3 Ohio State
4 Tennessee
5 Maryland
6 Arizona State
7 Iowa State
8 MIT
9 Georgia Tech
10 Northwestern
11 Arkansas
12 Nevada-Reno
13 UNF Coggin College of Business
14 Auburn
15 Syracuse
16 Georgia Southern
17 Wisconsin-Madison
18 North Texas
19 Stanford
20 Oklahoma

The forum was one in a series of programs provided throughout the year by Coggin College’s Small Business Development Center.

Whether talking about regional, national or international influence, it is clear from recent programs that the Coggin College of Business is raising its academic profile in all arenas.
This month in UNF’s history

By Erika Torres
Student Writer

March 6, 1988
The University dedicated its baseball stadium to Linda and Doug Harmon. The dedication ceremony came a week after the Ospreys’ first baseball games ever, playing against Valdosta State, Mount Union, and Florida Southern. Linda and Doug Harmon were founders and presidents of the Osprey Club. They donated $50,000 in 1987 to allow construction of the baseball stadium to begin. Following the dedication was the Ospreys’ first baseball game with hometown rival Jacksonville University. The JU Dolphins won that first game 3-1. Since the baseball team’s first game against Valdosta State, the Ospreys have won more than 770 games. Doug Harmon, who recently passed away, and his wife also contributed money for the baseball stadium’s renovations in the early ’90s.

March 22, 1995
The grand opening events for the College of Health building included tours, an art exhibit and a ceremony at one of the building’s lecture amphitheaters. The building was dedicated Sept. 30, 1997 to J. Brooks Brown. The retired physician was a member of the UNF College of Health Advisory Board and chief executive officer of Genesis Health Inc., which is now called Brooks Health Systems. Brown was awarded an honorary doctorate degree in 1999 and the 1999 College of Business Prime F. Osborn III Distinguished Business Leaders Award. Brown was also instrumental in leading Memorial Hospital to become a major acute care hospital in Jacksonville.

March 23, 2000
Pulitzer Prize winner Frank McCourt came to UNF for the Presidential Lecture Series and the John Francis Reilly Irish Studies Performance and Lecture Series. He is the author of the award-winning memoir, “Angela’s Ashes,” which spent 117 weeks on the New York Times best-seller list. UNF President Anne Hopkins made opening and closing remarks for the event.

March 29, 2001
Gasper and Irene Lazzara made a $1.25 million commitment to the University’s Access to Excellence capital campaign. The Fine Arts Center’s 1,400-seat, grand performance hall was named after the couple. Their gift supported the Fine Arts Program in the College of Arts and Sciences for scholarships and facility enhancements. The Lazzaras’ contributions also yielded $1.1 million in state matching funds. The University’s first capital campaign, Access to Excellence, was completed in June 2003 and raised more than $103 million – $38 million more than its goal.