By JULIE WILLIAMS

As elements of the UNF Master Plan take shape one by one, the University continues to expand – an exciting yet sometimes challenging prospect. With the impending construction of the Student Union Building this summer and a new building for the College of Education and Human Services next year, the Boathouse, the Northern Classroom Complex and Parking Lots 3 and 4 will no longer exist.

The Boathouse eventually will be replaced by a similar dining facility in the Student Union; the offices and classrooms in the portables will be relocated to various newer spaces on campus, including the Social Sciences Building and possibly the AOL building; and the parking spaces from Lots 3 and 4 will be replaced by 1,000 new spaces in Lot 18 on the northern edge of campus.

“Construction to expand Lot 18 should be completed in mid-August,” said Vince Smyth, director of Auxiliary Services. “This expansion will bring the total capacity of that lot to more than 2,000.”

Looking at the glass half-empty, that translates into a longer walk for the 2,000 people who will park in the more remote lot each day. But thanks to the UNF Board of Trustees approving several proposals in late January, there is hope for those sometimes-disgruntled “North Lotters”: a new shuttle system to begin next fall.

Working with Skipper Consulting, a transportation engineering and planning consulting company, the University conducted focus groups in the fall and surveyed students, faculty and staff about their opinions regarding a possible shuttle system to transport people to the core of campus. According to Everett Malcolm, associate vice president of Student and International Affairs, the feedback was the driving force that convinced the administration to go forward with plans for a new shuttle system.

Based on the needs expressed by those surveyed, the consulting company made recommendations regarding the number of shuttles needed, shuttle routes and route schedules.

The shuttle’s cost will be paid via a student transportation access fee beginning next fall. “This fee will be similar to the health fee and athletics fee that students are currently paying each semester,” Smyth said.

According to Malcolm, the next step is to solicit shuttle system bids that meet UNF’s needs and fall within the budget as spelled out in a contract agreement. Once a contractor is selected, the project will quickly ensue in order to meet the proposed timeline.

“The shuttle is going to be a tremendous asset to the University, hopefully reducing friction regarding parking within the campus community.”

EVERETT MALCOLM

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Dr. Patrick Welsh, executive director of the Advanced Weather Information Systems Lab, was recently honored for his contributions that helped the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s Coastal Storms Program win the U.S. Department of Commerce Bronze Medal.

“I’m very pleased with the recognition of the program and the entire team,” Welsh said. “A lot of people worked very hard on this.” He helped set up the program when he worked as a science and operations officer for the National Weather Service from 1994 to 2004.

Florida’s Coastal Storms Program was the first in the country. The program’s goal is to assist coastal communities to mitigate the impact of storms by developing new tools, data, information, forecast models and training. These tools cover storm-related issues from community risk and vulnerability assessments to flood response to better weather forecasting.

Welsh, who came to UNF in 2004, was primarily involved in creating computerized high-resolution atmospheric models which provide more accurate predictions of local weather patterns. He also continues to work on the issue of weather-data collection.

“Historically, it’s been hard to get funding to make coastal observations,” Welsh said. “Data isn’t glamorous, but it is absolutely crucial to the problem of coastal storms. In Florida’s case, those storms are hurricanes.”

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is an agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Web site, the Bronze Medal is the highest honorary award given by the organization.

The Bronze Medal is presented to Commerce Department offices and employees who have made significant or outstanding contributions that increase the efficiency and effectiveness of an operating unit.
Five or 10 bucks is all it takes to unwind and enjoy a fulfilling and relaxing UNF experience. You could head to the new Starbucks, spend $4.25 on a cinnamon dolce latte with whipped cream, savoring every last drop of liquid goodness. You could mentally escape the hectic day-to-day challenges of your job by picking up a paperback from the UNF Bookstore and basking on the banks of Candy Cane Lake.

Or you could spend a couple of days exploring the Okefenokee Swamp by canoe, learn to sea-kayak during a weekend camping excursion at Cumberland Island, hike the trails of the Pisgah National Forest in North Carolina, check out the flora and fauna of Florida’s Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park, hang 10 at Anastasia State Park or learn a few things about primitive hunting, fire-building and survival skills at UNF’s Nature Trails.

The latter group of activities is part of this semester’s offerings through UNF’s Eco-Adventure program, which entered its third year of operation this fall.

“Several years ago, a group of students and student senators approached the Department of Recreation and the Nature Trails Office asking us to put together a program featuring outdoor recreation activities for the students,” said Ryan Meyer, area coordinator and chief ranger for the UNF Nature Trails office. Meyer said the Eco-Adventure program was created as a result of that request, and Student Government has been providing funding for the program ever since.

Although the program’s primary mission is to offer students recreational and educational opportunities, faculty and staff can sign up for Eco-Adventure excursions and outdoor-skills demonstrations for a nominal fee, space permitting. In addition, they can rent equipment, including canoes, kayaks, tents, sleeping bags, camp stoves and hiking backpacks.

Meyer said there are also plenty of opportunities for faculty to incorporate the outdoors into their classroom activities, making use of the Eco-Adventure program’s resources and staff, which include two full-time employees and several part-time student employees training to become leaders in outdoor education.

“We’re integrating more and more with academics and offering high-quality experiences that students can take back to the classroom,” Meyer said.

Biology and ecology students take soil samples, study insect communities from different sites and collect concentrated plankton samples from Lake Oneida, using special nets to catch aquatic microorganisms they can study later under microscopes. They also collect termites from logs and examine them to study protozoa released from their intestines.

Dr. Joe Butler, professor and chair of the Biology Department, said he always requires students to conduct field projects where they collect data. “Most of these projects are some form of trapping experiment and they are right on campus,” he said. He teaches a herpetology course every other fall, during which students observe gopher tortoises, striped mud turtles and numerous species of lizards, frogs and toads. “We have also seen water moccasins, and one year we came upon a female eastern diamondback rattlesnake and her 10 newborn babies.”

In the early ‘90s, Butler and his students studied tortoises using radio telemetry and other techniques — work that resulted in a number of published papers with undergraduates as co-authors.

“We can incorporate the outdoors into all kinds of classes, including psychology, literature and art,” said Ayolane Halusky, manager of the Eco-Adventure program. “Professors can contact us and we’ll provide programs that are tailored to the group’s and individual’s experience.”

This also goes for faculty and staff who would like to participate in team-building activities facilitated by Eco-Adventure staff. “We’re in the process of developing a package for a team-challenge program, because surveys from students say that they really want a ropes course,” Meyer said. “Now that we have a good handle on the Eco-Adventure program, within the next year we’re going to head toward offering and promoting a ropes course and team-building program.”

Halusky said the program would move beyond typical, formulaic team-building programs to offer life-confirming and moving experiences to participants. “We’ll sit down and learn the group’s morals, goals and operating procedures, adopt those objectives into a program and then, as trained facilitators, we’ll guide the participants to achieve those goals.”

For more information on Eco-Adventure activities, contact the Nature Trails Office at 620-1810 or rectrail@unf.edu.
With the statue of Mahatma Gandhi providing an incongruous backdrop, UNF students and one staff member on a chilly January morning enthusiastically extolled the virtues of eating at Krystal restaurants while a video-production crew taped their testimonials.

Krystal commissioned the Varnson Group, an advertising agency from Atlanta, to shoot footage to be used in 30-second television commercials running in the Southeastern United States, beginning this month. The commercials will be on the major TV networks. The company paid UNF a location fee to shoot on campus.

“UNF was very inviting and offered a lot of great people and foot traffic to choose from,” said Howard Curtis, the Krystal account director for the Varnson Group. Curtis was one of at least 30 people involved in the production at UNF.

Krystal advertised at its restaurants, on local media outlets and in student newspapers. They were looking for “Krystal on the Street" stories, described in a press release as “one-of-a-kind stories from real Krystal Lovers.”

Krystal employees also recruited UNF students on their way to class. One called out to a fast-moving trio of students “You guys want to be in a Krystal commercial?” Sometimes students stopped to fill out the forms; most times they kept walking.

Students went before the cameras at locations around campus to tell their Krystal stories in what amounted to an audition. One non-student participant was Milton “Sarge” Hall, the rape awareness education coordinator at the Women’s Center. Hall’s mother dubbed him “Sarge" because of his military bearing when he returned home after eight-and-half years in the Army. The name stuck.

If ever a man seemed destined for Krystal-commercial stardom, it was Hall. He was eloquent — no ums, ahs or you knows from Sarge — energetic and tireless. He told his Krystal story again and again for nearly 20 minutes. His energy level remained the same throughout. If anything, he got better with each take.

Members of the crew shouted, “Nice job, Sarge,” after Hall executed a martial arts move he called “the Krystal Tai Chi Scrambler Stretch.” The Krystal Scrambler — scrambled eggs, grits, sausage and two slices of cheese — is a favorite of Hall’s.

His Krystal story was about the morning he took the bus to UNF for his job interview. The bus got caught in traffic. Hall, who’d missed breakfast, jumped off the bus, dashed into the Krystal on St. Johns Bluff Road, ordered a Scrambler and then, with Scrambler box in hand, ran the bus down, jumped back on and made it in time for his interview. He devoured the Scrambler on the bus.

Hall, 32, felt good about his chances of making the cut for the Krystal commercial, but was also philosophical if things went the other way. “I really feel good that this time my story is going to air. It’s a gut feeling,” Hall said. “My feelings won’t be crushed if I don’t get it. It’s sit back and wait in the entertainment industry.”

Unfortunately, it wasn’t to be for Sarge. “He was good, and we liked his story, but in the end he didn’t make the cut,” said Wendy Goldsmith, talent manager on Krystal television shoots.

Although Hall didn’t make it, at least 10 UNF students did. Goldsmith said one student is featured in his own commercial; six others tell their story as a group in another commercial; and three are featured as extras in a third story. The students weren’t paid for appearing in the commercials.

This is by no means the end of Hall’s show-business career. He continues to appear as a fitness instructor on WJXT Channel 4’s “Morning Show” several times a year.

UNF students Krystal Hinson (left) and Danielle Barringer will be featured extras in a Krystal commercial airing this month. And yes, Krystal is her actual first name.
Roadway, lot expansion and shuttle

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But before shuttles can operate on campus in the fall, yet another project will need to be completed. The proposed north route for the shuttle system requires the construction of a new road to link Lot 14 near the Child Development Research Center to Lot 18.

Construction for this road, the North-South Road, is scheduled to begin this month and should be completed by mid-August. The North-South Road will make it possible to travel from the north parcel of campus to the campus core.

“As long as the parking lot expansion and road construction is completed in mid-August, as planned, the shuttle system should be up and running in the fall,” Malcolm said.

The UNF Board of Trustees recently approved a new parking plan to take effect next fall. The plan calls for the combination of general and second-and-third-floor garage permits into a new category called premium; increased fees for all parking permit categories; and restrictions on housing permits, daily permits and permits for FTIC (first time in college) students.

With the anticipated purchase of the AOL building, another 1,200 parking spaces will become available for those with discount permits. This will further ease campus parking issues.

Current and New Rates

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Good Question!

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

Q: From Lina Monell (Office of EOP): What’s the significance of the hundreds of Love/Hate signs all over campus?

A: From Tom VanSchoor (Student Life): The signs were part of a multi-week program launched by a student organization to get people thinking about what they mean and about the things they love and hate, and how love and hate are part of their lives. During the second week of the program, students wrote reactions on boards posted around campus on a number of subjects, and in the third week, the student organization responded to some of those statements posted by students. Some of these topics also may be used to generate future discussions and workshops.

Q: From Dr. Katrina Hall (Childhood Education): When newer assistant professors are on the search committees for new assistant professors, UNF’s advertisements offer base salaries that are higher than our own. Is there a way to annually increase the base salaries of currently employed assistant professors so that newer assistant professors are on a level playing field, at least before negotiations? This system doesn’t seem to make sense and encourages newer professors to seek out other positions at other universities—even when they are on track for tenure and promotion at UNF.

A: From Joann Campbell (Academic Affairs): Salary increases for in-unit faculty members are determined through collective bargaining negotiations between the
Tavis Smiley (above), talk-show host, author and political commentator, was the keynote speaker Feb. 16 at the 26th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Luncheon at the University Center. The event was sponsored by the Intercultural Center for PEACE.

Homecoming-Casino Night
UNF Homecoming activities included Casino Game Night. Players tried their luck and skill at blackjack, Texas hold’em and roulette. All for fun, of course.

Homecoming Dance Party
Dancers decked out in ‘80s duds bop to the beat of local band 80z Enuff during Homecoming’s ‘80s Theme Party.
So long Hollywood, hello Jacksonville

By JULIE WILLIAMS

At her last job, Jennie Jarvis Ostroff rubbed shoulders with Elijah Wood, Sharon Stone, Martin Sheen, Helen Hunt, Joshua Jackson and Lindsay Lohan. She was wearing a hot, itchy wig at the time, working as an extra on the set of the 2006 film, “Bobby.” Between takes, Ostroff joked with Wood about having to wear a wig for three years for his role in “The Lord of the Rings” films.


Now the executive secretary in UNF’s International Center, Ostroff tried out for various extra roles when she lived in Los Angeles. Her goal was not to become an actress, but to establish new contacts for her own work as a writer and director of independent films.

“It was a great way to meet actors, especially new people who were not well-known yet, because they were eager to accept new roles,” Ostroff said. “It worked. I met writers and photographers and also got to hang out with a few celebrities.”

She also worked as an extra in the film “Accepted,” appearing in a rock concert scene with Justin Long and Blake Lively. She can rattle off a long list of celebrities she’s met, including Drew Barrymore at the grocery store and Topher Grace at the gym, but she said her most star-stunned moment came when she met Jensen Ackles from “Smallville” and, oh yeah, Steven Spielberg.

Ostroff began her career in film upon graduation from FSU with a B.F.A. in motion picture, television and recording arts. She worked as a casting assistant for “Nash Bridges,” “The Matrix: Reloaded,” “The Matrix: Revolutions” and Jennifer Lopez’s “Enough.” She also worked as a script consultant for the film “Déjà Vu,” although she said the finished product didn’t measure up to its “brilliant script.” In addition, she helped direct commercials, print ads and music videos. She also ran a series of workshops on acting, directing, screen writing and screen analysis.

She made a name for herself in L.A. as an independent film writer and director. She started her own production company, Astorax Productions, and made more than a dozen short films, including “The Other Side of Maybe,” “The Tin Soldier,” “The Lonely Hearts Thanksgiving Club,” “Lily and Gabe,” “Freak” and the award-winning short “PlayDate.”

Saying so long to the Hollywood scene, Ostroff recently moved back to Jacksonville to be near her family. She came to UNF through the recommendation of her sister, Stacy Jarvis, who runs the Center for Economic and Workforce Development in Continuing Education. “I like to think I had a little part in getting her interested in working at the University,” Jarvis said. “I have to say there is no place like this.”

UNF does play a major role in her future career goals. “I’ve always been a long-term-goal type of person, so hopefully I’ll be entering [UNF’s] graduate program this summer to get my master’s in English,” Ostroff said. She then plans to go on to earn her doctorate and teach college film classes.

“Teaching is a lot like directing,” she said. “When you’re working with actors and guiding them through the process of finding their characters, you’re actually teaching.”

Currently, Ostroff is co-directing a play titled “Fat Pig” at the Atlantic Beach Experimental Theater, where she also co-directed “Cave Dweller” and “Seeing Stars in Dixie.” Barbara Evans, the theater’s artistic director, offers lofty praise for Ostroff’s work.

“Her instincts and insight in script interpretation are highly developed,” Evans said. “She is very thorough and conscientious in her work habits and I look forward to working with Jennie in the future.”
for Microbiology Biodefense Meeting in Washington, D.C.

**Coggin College of Business**


**Dr. Steven Williamson** and **Dag Naslund** participated in the National Paper Trade Alliance's papierNet initiative, a result of their research effort, which seeks to change the business transaction protocol within the paper industry.

**College of Arts and Sciences**

**BIOLOGY:** Dr. Joseph Butler, George Heinrich and Richard Seigel published “Third Workshop on the Ecology, Status, and Conservation of Diamondback Terrapins: Results and Recommendations” in Chelonian Conservation and Biology.


**ENGLISH:** **Dr. A. Samuel Kimball's** article, ”’And Her Substance Would Be Mine’: Envy, Hate, and Ontological Evacuation in Josephine Hart’s Sin,” appeared in Contagion: Journal of Violence, Mimesis, and Culture, Vol. 12-13, 2006.


**MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS:** **Dr. Michelle Dedeo** recently gave a talk titled “Incorporating Software in College Algebra: Five Years Later” at the AMS/MAA Joint Math Meetings in New Orleans. At this same conference, **Dr. Sami Hamid** presented “Hyperinvariant Subspaces for Some Operator-Weighted Bilateral Shift.”

**Dr. Damon Hay** gave a colloquium talk titled “An Ideal Situation: Closed Sets, Approximate Identities, and Operator Algebras” at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

**MUSIC:** Under the direction of **Dr. Gordon R. Brock**, the UNF Wind Ensemble performed as the guest university ensemble at the Florida Music Educators Association State Conference in Tampa in January. Brock was also a guest woodwind adjudicator for the Music Teachers National Association Southern Regional competitions at Florida State University and guest-conducted the Seminole County High School Honor Band, both in January.

**Dr. Bill Prince** presented a lecture titled “Dots and Dashes and All That Jazz: Understanding Jazz Articulations” at the Florida Music Educators Association’s annual convention in Tampa.


**Dr. Rico Vitz** recently presented an invited paper titled “Doxastic Virtues as Moral Virtues” at the 7th annual meeting of the Society of Orthodox Philosophy in America.

**POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION:** **Dr. Darren Wheeler** presented “Implementing Supreme Court Detainee Decisions: Presidential Power in Action” at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association in New Orleans in January.


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**Brooks College of Health**

**ATHLETIC TRAINING AND PHYSICAL THERAPY:** **Dr. Ann Noonan** presented an educational session titled “Stress Management in Healthcare: Banishing Burnout” Feb. 15 at the American Physical Therapy Association’s Annual Combined Sections Meeting in Boston. At this same meeting, **Dr. Rose Marie Rine** presented two posters titled “Impairments Related to Otolith versus Canal Dysfunction in Adults” and “The Relationship of Dynamic Balance and Gait in Children With and Without Cerebral Palsy,” and **Dr. Charles Thigpen** presented an educational session titled “Prevention of Adolescent Throwing Injuries,” as well as a platform presentation titled “Effects of Forward Head and Rounded Shoulder Posture on Scapular Kinematics and Muscle Activity in Healthy Shoulders.”

**NURSING:** **William Ahrens, Linda Connelly, and Dr. Barbara Kruger**, along with **Deborah Miller** and **Erin Sore** of the Center for Instructional Research and Technology and **Tony Turrin** of Information Technology Services, presented “Blackboard as a Service Learning Hub” at the Southeast Blackboard Users Group Conference in Jacksonville March 1-2.

**PUBLIC HEALTH:** **Dr. Cynthia Nyquist-Battie,** Amanda Watsky, Deanna Lund, **Dr. Kerry Clark,** and Daniel Lim of USF presented “Antibody-Based Assays for Detection of Enterotoxigenic ETEC and Shiga-Toxin (STE C) Escherichia Coli” at the American Society
Sociology and Anthropology: Dr. Ye Luo published “Sexual Practices and Sexual Satisfaction: A Population Based Study of Urban Chinese Adults,” which appeared online in Archives of Sexual Behavior.


College of Computing, Engineering and Construction


Engineering: Dr. Charles Winton participated in the KISS Institute for Practical Robotics Instructor Summit in Norman, Okla., in January. That same month, Winton also presented a talk on AI Robotics at St. Johns River Community College and conducted workshops on the Botball Educational Robotics Program for teachers in Texas and Florida.

Dr. Zornitza Prodanoff in January presented a UNF seminar titled “Wireless Classrooms – Are We There Yet?”

Engineering: Dr. Nick Hudyma, with co-authors D. Hiltunen, T. Quigley and C. Samakur, presented and published their paper titled “Ground Proving Three Seismic Refraction Tomography Programs” at the 86th annual meeting of the National Academies’ Transportation Research Board in Washington, D.C., in January.

College of Education and Human Services

Childhood Education: Dr. Nile Stanley published “Rick Wormeli, the Intrepid Teacher: Compassionate, Witty and Wise” in the winter issue of Florida Reading Quarterly, Vol. 43, No. 2.

Dr. Christine Weber and Laura Langton presented a workshop in January titled “Using Conceptually Based Teaching and Learning Strategies: Preparing High Quality Elementary Teachers” at the 5th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Education in Honolulu. Weber also presented a workshop titled “Working on Gifted Issues: Marking the Course” at the same conference.

Foundations and Secondary Education: Drs. Marianne and Lehman Barnes presented a session titled “Teacher Action Research - Meaningful Professional Development toward Closing the Achievement Gap” at the Association for Science Teacher Education’s annual meeting in Clearwater in January.

Dr. Paul Eggen and Suzanne Schellenberg collaborated on the paper “Policy Implications for Preparing Expert Teachers: Applications of Cognitive Load Theory,” which Eggen presented at the Asia Pacific Educational Research Association’s annual conference in Hong Kong in November.

Leadership, Counseling and Instructional Technology: Dr. Cathy Cavanaugh recently began a term as committee chair of the North American Council for Online Learning Research. She also presented sessions on K-12 online learning research and evaluating a statewide laptop program at the Florida Educational Technology Conference in Orlando in January. In addition, her chapter on “Student Achievement in Elementary and High School” will be published this month in the “Handbook of Distance Education,” published by Erlbaum Books.

In January, Dr. Terry Cavanaugh presented “Five Easy Steps to Digital Photo Story-telling” at the Florida Educational Technology Conference in Orlando. He also had “Amazon.com as the Librarian’s Assistant for Book Analysis” published in Multimedia & Internet @ Schools magazine and “The Cell Phone: an Up and Coming Romance” published in the Florida Reading Quarterly.

Dr. Marcia Lamkin, in collaboration with Dr. Amany Saleh of Arkansas State University, will present the paper “Designing a Course Evaluation Tool” at the Sixth International Association of Science and Technology for Development International Conference on Web-based Education in Chamonix, France, in mid-March.

Drs. Jason Lee, Jennifer Kane, Richard Kane and Dan Drane of the University of Southern Mississippi presented “Seeing and Valuing Diversity in Film: An Approach to Kinesiology and Physical Education” at the 2007 National Association for Kinesiology and Physical Education in Higher Education's national conference in Clearwater in January.

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Singing, dancing and all that jazz

The Fine Arts Center will present two programs in March: Three Mo’ Tenors and Antigravity. Tickets can be purchased at the Ticket Box Office at 620-2878 or online at www.unf.edu/fineartscenter.

Three Mo’ Tenors
7:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 10,
Lazzara Performance Hall

Amazing audiences across the world, these artists defy conventional acrobatics. With a pulsating musical backdrop, theatrical flair and sheer power, this cutting-edge aerial dance troupe catapults its members across the stage and into the air using various elements that will leave audience members flying high.
Welcome:
New employees include: Patricia Becton, coordinator of Research Programs and Services in the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs; April Childs, adjunct faculty in Biology; Kate Cordell, adjunct faculty in Education and Human Services; Kevin Garry, adjunct faculty in Music; Leslie Greer, assistant director of the Brooks College of Health; Melissa Griggs, custodial worker in Physical Facilities; Erin Jones, enrollment services associate in One Stop Student Services; Kevin Juniper, custodial worker in University Housing; Erin Moore, coordinator of Continuing Education; Heather Patterson, coordinator of Governmental Affairs; Kelley Ranch, adjunct faculty in Education and Human Services; Theresa Seron, visiting lab lecturer in Biology; Darlene Smith, custodial worker in Physical Facilities; Antonia Stevens, fiscal assistant in the Controller’s Office;

Michael Thaxton, custodial worker in University Housing, and Teameca Webb, fiscal assistant in the Controller’s Office.

Congratulations:
Leigh Ann Bronson, daughter of Terry Tabor (Public Health associate professor) was recently inducted into the inaugural class of the UNF Athletics Hall of Fame.

Lois King (COEHS) recently shared news that her son, Air Force Staff Sgt. Nathan Boehm, received an award as the 2006 NCO of the Year from the commander of the 116th MXS.

Births:
Senior Fiscal Assistant Sarah Mitchell and her husband John welcomed their second child, Kayleigh Elizabeth Mitchell, who was born Dec. 20. She weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Senior Fiscal Assistant Samantha Uhrmacher and her fiancé Arthur Cardoza welcomed their first child, Brellyn Marie Cardoza, who was born Sept. 21. She weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Dr. John Venn (COEHS) has a new granddaughter, Eden Joy, born Jan. 8 to Jenny and Jason Venn. Eden Joy weighed 7.5 pounds and was 17 inches long at birth.

Farewell:
Jennifer Doster’s last day in One Stop Student Services was Feb. 2. She accepted a position as campus enrollment leader at FCCJ.

Linda Walters (COEHS) married Charles Runyon in Cannonsburg, Ky., Dec. 22. She has since moved to Rush, Ky., to join her husband on their farm. Her last day at UNF was Jan. 12.

The staff of the UNF Counseling Center was all smiles after winning the Quality Customer Service Award.

Award winners personify excellence
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wide access system for computer logins.

“Excellence is demonstrated in Bruce’s work each day for each person at the University,” Lyon said in his letter of nomination. “When you think of Bruce, think campus-wide initiatives, campus-wide impacts and campus-wide outcomes.”

Carrol Reilly, an administrative assistant in the College of Computing, Engineering and Construction, is also a recipient of the Outstanding Achievement Award. Dr. Neal Coulter, dean of the CCEC, called it an honor to nominate Reilly for the award.

“Ms. Reilly is exceptional in her contributions to UNF,” Coulter wrote in his nomination letter. “While she works directly for the College of Computing, Engineering and Construction and makes life in CCEC better for all of us who work there, I believe her achievements are of a magnitude that makes the entire University a better place.”

The Quality Customer Service Award goes to the UNF Counseling Center, under the direction of Dr. Terry DiNuzzo.

In his nomination letter, Dr. Fred Beck, director of Medical Services, wrote: “I have witnessed firsthand the growing mental-health needs of our campus community. Without the Counseling Center working tirelessly to meet these needs, all of our departments would feel the impact.”

Two comments from students speak volumes about the work done by the staff of the Counseling Center: “The services I received from the Counseling Center have given me my life back” and “My counselor has saved my life.”

To read more about the Excellence Award Program, including a program overview, awards criteria and awards presented to recipients, visit www.unf.edu/unfinfo/awards.
**Good Question!**

United Faculty of Florida and the University administration. Both groups recognize that salary compression is an issue that needs to be addressed and have implemented a provision in the salary article of the bargaining agreement to do just that. The provision is a market equity/compression, which contains a formula that ties UNF faculty salaries by rank, discipline and years of service to salaries reflected in the annual salary survey conducted by the College and University Personnel Association. Both the UFF and the University administration will continue to monitor faculty salaries to ensure that we allocate monies for salary increases in recognition of meritorious performance as well as to address the issues of compression and inversion.

**Q: From Penny Genter (Environmental Health & Safety): Will we be hearing any positive information from all the questionnaires we completed about our job descriptions any time soon?**

A: From Rachelle Gottlieb (Human Resources): As stated on our Web site (www.unf.edu/dept/humanres/), we are in the second phase of the Classification Re-design project. This involves a thorough review of each PDQ to determine the most appropriate job title. This is the framework that will aid in the development of UNF’s own classification/compensation system. We anticipate ongoing collaboration with departments and will post project updates on our Web site.

**Q: From Signe Evans (Library): Workmen like to park their cars and trucks behind the Library while they go to repair elevators, etc., and at the same time deliveries to the library and Starbucks are going on and Library staff load/unload at the back loading dock. Wouldn’t it be great to add 5-8 parking spaces just for those workmen to park off the narrow road, connected to the handicapped parking area and add a paved turnaround at the dock to accommodate the multiuse at the back of the Library?**

A: From Shari Shuman (Administration and Finance): The contractors are completing the Library elevator work but should be parking to the east of the generator and not interfering with the loading dock needs. They have been reminded of this direction. This is a temporary arrangement and we do have plans for this area that include installing a trash compactor, improving the turn-around area by the loading dock and adding additional disability spaces along the roadway.

**Get to Know:**

**Sgt. Shawn Faulkner**

Department: University Police Department

Job: Midnight Shift Sergeant of Patrol (soon to be on dayshift)

Years at UNF: Eight plus

**WHAT’S/WHO’S YOUR FAVORITE**

Author – Margaret Mitchell (“Gone with the Wind”). You have to love a southern writer. The late great Lewis Grizzard is a close second.

Movie – Any Marvel Comics movie: “Spiderman,” “Fantastic Four,” etc.

Actor/Actress – John Wayne (you have to love the Duke) and Sandra Bullock.

Musician/Musical Group – The Eagles/Bob Seger

Sports Team – FSU, “Go Noles.” UNF Ospreys are a close second.

Vacation destination – Key West and the North Carolina/Tennessee mountains; any beach in Florida

Hobby – Playing pool, golfing, fishing and any activity at the beach; playing videos with my son and watching the UNF Ospreys baseball team.

Proudest Accomplishment – My 12-year-old son, Dalton, the love of my life. The second proudest accomplishment was being able to ’con’ my wife, Michelle, into marrying me. We have been married for over 16 years.

Most Memorable Moment at UNF – When I became a supervisor. To become a supervisor, you have to go through an oral board, which is very difficult. The competition for the supervisor’s position I received was filled with a lot of great officers who had more years of experience than I did. I was shocked that I received the position and have since been working hard to become the best possible supervisor.
One of the things I enjoy about North Florida is the abundance of colorful, native wildflowers. In particular, spring brings us a diverse assortment of blue, lavender and purple flowers. I have come to look forward to these springtime blues.

Among the first to appear are the native violets (Viola species) and lyre-leafed sage (Salvia lyrata). I am sure you know the violets. The lyre-leafed sage sits quietly along the roadside as a flat rosette of leaves until the weather warms in late winter or early spring. For several weeks, its blue-violet flowers emerge on upright spikes about a foot tall. Nurseries and garden catalogs are just starting to carry this plant. It might volunteer a little aggressively for a small, formal garden but it is just right for a wildflower garden.

A little later, blue-eyed grasses (Sisyrinchium species) begin to flower. These small relatives of the iris have short, grass-like leaves. When the small flowers are abundant, they appear as a blue haze over the awakening grasses. A purple-blue flowered Florida native called ‘Suwanee’ blue-eyed grass was introduced recently into the nursery trade.

Spiderwort (Tradescantia ohiensis) blooms heavily starting in early spring and can have scattered flowers throughout the year. Flowers are usually blue but range from white to purple-blue. It is a common wildflower in moist soils. One of my friends grew up in Jacksonville calling it “ditchweed.” It is another wildflower that can spread aggressively in a small, formal garden but is well-suited for a wildflower garden.

Two wild iris species flower along ditches. Iris hexagona and Iris virginica stand about two feet tall and have blue to purple-blue flowers that can reach eight inches in width. These two iris species are worthy of a moist spot in any garden.

As summer approaches, pickeral weed (Pontederia cordata) produces its blues in the ditches and native lupine (Lupinus diffusus) shows off on the dry sand ridges.

These are among the showiest of the local blue and near-blue spring wildflowers. A few others exist for the observant. I hope Jacksonville’s springtime blues will bring a smile to your face, too.