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Alum honors Bowman with environmental gift

UNF alum Chuck Ged recently made a \$250,000 gift to UNF to establish the Raymond D. Bowman Endowment Fund to support the University's Environmental Center.

The gift, which qualifies for \$125,000 in state matching funds, was in honor of Dr. Ray Bowman, a former professor of Ged's. Bowman is the director of the Environmental Center.

Ged graduated from UNF in 1986 with a chemistry degree. In 2004, he made a \$100,000 gift to the University for the Science and Engineering Building. He also established the Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ged Science Scholarship for chemistry students in 2003.

said Dr. Matthew Corrigan, associate professor and chair of UNF's Department of Political Science and Public Administration.

For the last 40 years, Hopkins has served as a professor, researcher and administrator in higher education. She is currently a part-time political science professor at UNF and was president of the University from 1999 to 2002. Prior to her position at UNF, she served as provost and executive vice president for Academic Affairs at Miami University; vice president for Arts, Sciences and Engineering at the University of Minnesota; vice provost at the University of Tennessee; and political science chair at Hobart and William Smith Colleges.

Not only has she been involved in academics, but also various aspects of practical politics during the course of her career. Hopkins was a registered lobbyist for 12 years in Florida, Minnesota and Ohio, working with legislators, executive officials and others in higher education.

Over the years, she has been actively serving the community and the state. Locally, she has served on the boards of the Chamber of Commerce, Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra, WJCT Public Radio and Television, the Ritz Chamber Players and the Super Bowl Host Committee. In 2006, Gov. Jeb Bush appointed Hopkins as a commissioner of the Florida Commission on Human Relations.

Ged is the owner and president of Advanced Environmental Laboratories, a company primarily involved with environmental testing of water and soil samples.

Ged's gift will provide academic discretionary funds to the director of the Environmental Center. The director can use the money to support research projects, Environmental Center programs, scholarships, curriculum development and equipment purchases.

InterFaith Center's program wins national award

Student Life's InterFaith Center recently won the Silver Award in the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) Awards program.

The association cited the InterFaith Center's success in marketing Religious Awareness Week at UNF in October as worthy of the second-place award.

More than 40 events and activities during Religious Awareness Week initiated a dialogue about the role of religion in higher education by raising awareness in regard to faith, religion and spirituality on campus. Angela Davis, office manager of the InterFaith Center, and Sharon O'Brien, acting director of the InterFaith Center, orchestrated, staffed and directed the week's activities.

The honor includes a NASPA Excellence Awards certificate of silver; national recognition through the NASPA Forum; inclusion in NASPA's Excellence Awards Web resource center; and letters of commendation to President John Delaney and Dr. Mauricio Gonzalez, vice president for Student and International Affairs.

Florida Division of Cultural Affairs.

Matthew Clay-Robison had his prints "Expressions and Impressions" exhibited at the Mosely Gallery at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore in Princess Anne, Md.

Stephen Heywood exhibited his work, "The Firm at BYU," at Brigham Young University.

BIOLOGY: Dr. John Hatle and graduate student Raimo Fronstin published "A Cumulative Feeding Threshold Required for Vitellogenesis can be Obligated with Juvenile Hormone Treatment in Lubber Grasshoppers" in *The Journal of Experimental Biology*, published online in December.

English: Dr. Leslie Kaplan, Stephanie Perry, and Dr. Wendy Sapolsky published "Achieving Healthier Weight Children: Local Initiatives and Practical Recommendations" in

Northeast Florida Medicine Vol. 58, No. 4.

Michele Leavitt's poem "Seven-to-Life" appeared in the *Webzine Underground Voices*, December 2007.

Dr. Clark Lunberry published "Staring Sightlessly: Proust's Presence in Beckett's Absence," in *The Journal of Dramatic Theory and Criticism* Vol. 22, No. 1, Fall 2007.

HISTORY: Dr. Denise Bossy's article "Indian Slavery" has just come out in the "Gale Encyclopedia of Race and Racism," published by Macmillan.

Dr. J. Michael Francis was appointed research associate at the American Museum of Natural History in New York. **Dr. Elizabeth Lane Furdell** presented "Jesuits' Bark and Controversies in 17th-Century Medicine" to the Southern Conference for British Studies in Richmond, Va.

Dr. N. Harry Rothschild's book

"Wu Zhao: Woman Emperor of China" was published by Longman in December.

Dr. Aaron Sheehan-Dean's book "Why Confederates Fought: Family and Nation in Civil War Virginia" was published by Chapel Hill in 2007.

MUSIC: Lynne Arriale performed at the Ellington Club in Genoa, Italy; the Clearwater Jazz Holiday, Jazz-Gala in Salzburg, Austria; with jazz legend Benny Golson in Neuburg, Germany, and in Ravenna, Italy, with Benny Golson in his tribute to Clifford Brown.

Dr. Marc Dickman conducted the UNF Jazz Ensemble III in a performance at the Amelia Island Jazz Festival, and he was a featured performer at the Amelia Island Jazz Festival. The Marc Dickman Jazz Trio with **Barry Greene** performed for the Mayor's Tailgate Party before the Florida-Georgia game. Dickman, along with the entire jazz