Ellery Griffis from the Controller’s Office is among the first group of employees to move to UNF Hall.
It’s been nearly 35 years since Annie Willis was hired to work in UNF’s Cashier’s Office. As one of the first employees on campus, she watched as the University was built from the ground up.

“I came in with the carpet,” she said. “I was here when all of these buildings were new.”

Except for a short stint in a portable building when Daniel Hall was being renovated years ago, Willis spent the entire time working in various offices in the first building constructed on campus.

Now a senior payroll representative, Willis was in one of the first groups to move from the main core of campus to UNF Hall last month. “It’s really kind of exciting,” she said. “It seems like the Controller’s Office is always the pioneer to do stuff, so it’s just another adventure to get to move to the new building.”

In addition to the Cashier’s Office, others making the move last month to UNF Hall included the Budget Office, Information Technology Services, Alumni Services and Public Relations. With the exception of the University’s videographer and Alumni Services, which occupy space on the ground floor near the front entrance, these departments are temporarily housed in the east wing of the building on the second floor. While they are there, customized spaces will be constructed in the west wing of the second floor and staff will likely move once again within the next year.

The building also now houses offices and classrooms for the English Language Program, which previously operated from portables on the main campus.

“This is our second move in one year, because we just moved from the Continuing Education building in May 2006,” said Juan Carlos, senior information specialist for the English Language Program. “We’re absolutely excited about the move. The new building has a better infrastructure, a much nicer environment, and we finally have bathrooms in the same building.”

The English Language Program, which simultaneously offers multiple 13-week courses, now holds its classes in two classrooms on the ground floor of UNF Hall and two classrooms on the second floor, both in the west wing.

UNF Hall, formerly owned by AOL, is being leased to the University through a contract with the Police and Fireman’s Pension Fund, which purchased the building for UNF. The intent is for UNF to buy the two-story complex within the next six months.

“The funds have been approved by the Legislature, and we anticipate having the money sometime in the fall so the University can purchase the building,” said Shari Shuman, UNF’s vice president of Administration and Finance.

“Acquiring the building was a high priority for us because it will provide additional classroom space for use during peak hours, as well as additional administrative offices, freeing up the core of campus for the expansion of academic programs,” said UNF President John A. Delaney. “This is an excellent investment for the future of the University.”

Located on Kernan Boulevard just northeast of the main campus, the 120,000-square-foot building provides much-needed space for administrative offices...
and classrooms, as well as another 1,200 parking spaces. A discount parking permit will be required to park in UNF Hall’s parking lot, Lot 53, which is open to all faculty, staff and students.

Beginning in August, UNF will operate a shuttle to provide transportation from more remote areas and parking lots to the main core of campus. UNF Hall will be one of the stops, with shuttles arriving every six minutes during peak hours to take passengers to and from the main campus.

Among the building’s amenities is a ground-floor, full-service cafeteria, a portion of which Chartwells will utilize by opening a small deli-style restaurant called UNF Hall Bistro. It will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday.

“We’ll offer breakfast items, deli sandwiches, salads, grill-to-order items, snacks and convenience/pick-up items,” said Dave Jordan, resident district manager for Chartwells. “It will be very small-scale to start with, since there will be very few people in the building in the beginning, but as the building fills up, we will increase the offerings based on business usage.”

Other perks UNF Hall’s new occupants can enjoy include an outdoor picnic area, two open-air decks, and a gym with weight machines, treadmills and locker rooms.

As they unpacked boxes on their move-in day May 10, a group of die-hard fitness buffs from the Controller’s Office eagerly anticipated the opening of the first-floor gym to faculty and staff. For years Martha Roberts, Karene Melkumova, Rene Ottino, Ellery Griffis and Floyd Hurst have spent their lunch hours and pre- and post-work hours exercising at the Dottie Dorion Fitness Center. Now they’re planning to use the workout facilities in UNF Hall.

“It’s going to be great,” said Griffis, who has been working out at UNF for 10 years. “The gym is right downstairs. It’s here and it’s convenient, so I’m really looking forward to using it.”
University of North Florida athletes have officially placed their mark on the SunTrust River City Rumble series with cross-town rival Jacksonville University.

By virtue of winning 11 of 20 events in 2006-07, UNF won control of the “Old Wooden Barrel” for the 2007-08 season. The trophy will be displayed in the lobby of the UNF Arena.

The Ospreys baseball team ensured the victory by winning two of three games against the Dolphins May 4-6 on the JU campus.

“We are excited about winning the SunTrust Old Wooden Barrel for the first time,” UNF Athletics Director Dr. Richard Gropper said. “This victory is a direct reflection of the hard work, passion and success on the field of play our student-athletes have enjoyed over the past year. We intend to display the barrel proudly and hope to keep it on our campus for many years to come.”

Each year since fall 2005, UNF and JU have competed in 20 head-to-head matchups, with the winner of 11 or more events claiming the SunTrust Old Wooden Barrel for the upcoming academic year. If there is a tie, the school with the barrel retains possession.

JU won the inaugural competition in 2005-06 by an 11-9 tally – the same margin by which the Ospreys claimed victory this season. The barrel has been on display at JU for the past 12 months.

In addition to winning the two baseball games, UNF’s other “Rumble” wins this season came in women’s soccer, volleyball (twice), women’s cross country, men’s cross country, women’s tennis, men’s tennis, men’s golf and softball.

For a complete history and explanation of the SunTrust River City Rumble, visit the UNF Athletics Web site at www.UNFOspreys.com/ot/rcr.html.
The Spaniardi’s beard

I may be one of the few people in Jacksonville who cultivates Spanish moss. I spread it around the trees in my garden, toss pieces back after winds blow them down, and water it during extended droughts. Spanish moss is sensitive to fertilizers, but I find that quarter-strength liquid fertilizer (without minor elements) will make it grow faster. A friend in the Bahamas ties clusters of Spanish moss to clothespins so he can move them around his garden as decoration.

Did you know that Spanish moss is neither Spanish nor moss? Reportedly, this name arose from a French name that translated as “Spaniard’s beard,” a French comment about their rivals in colonial America. A cluster certainly looks mossy, but Spanish moss is a bromeliad, a flowering plant in the same plant family as the pineapple. In spring, tiny green flowers appear in the centers of the individual plants.

About 2,000 different kinds of bromeliads exist, mostly native to the tropical Americas. Several Tillandsia species are native to Florida. They are “air plants” that grow on trees and collect moisture and dust from the atmosphere. A large number of Tillandsia species are gray and somewhat fuzzy in appearance due to a covering of tiny leaf scales that help trap moisture. Many species form clusters on trees, but a few species produce series of plants along slender stolons. Eventually, they develop into long strands of many plants that hang down from the trees. Spanish moss is one of these plants. Botanists know it as Tillandsia usneoides. According to reports, Spanish moss grows as far north as coastal Delaware and south to Argentina and Chile.

The story that red bugs live in Spanish moss is not true. In the recent past, people gathered Spanish moss on a commercial scale to stuff cushions. Most likely, they got red bugs from the grass below the trees. Several other animals are reported to live in Spanish moss. Among them, owls and bats will hide in large clusters during the day. Birds use it in their nests. Interesting in color, history and wildlife value, Spanish moss can be an interesting garden plant.

Mobile Platforms,” at the SRE Defense and Security Symposium.

Dr. Adel El-Safty attended the American Concrete Institute (ACI) and Precast-prestressed Concrete Institute (PCI) seminar, “Design, Build, and Maintain Concrete Parking Structures” in April. He also participated in the Bridge Design Committee meeting during the ACI conference in April. In addition, El Safty was appointed interim coordinator of Florida’s Statewide Course Numbering System (SCNS) Committee, Florida Department of Education.

Dr. Pat Welsh, Alicia Wasula and Dr. Lance Bosart had their paper, “Mesoscale Aspects of the Rapid Intensification of a Tornadic Convective Line across Central Florida: 22-23 February 1998,” published in the April issue of Weather and Forecasting. Welsh also participated in the LA Grid Hurricane Mitigation Project meeting at Florida International University in April to prepare the research strategy for the LA Grid Hurricane Mitigation Project to improve hurricane modeling.

SCHOOL OF COMPUTING:


Dr. Ken Martin presented his paper, “Procedures or Objects First? An Analysis for Computer Science Majors,” at the 18th International Conference on College Teaching and Learning in April. Dr. Charles Winton served as the chief judge for the Georgia Region Botball Robotics Tournament in April.

College of Education and Human Services:

CHILDHOOD EDUCATION:

Dr. Jacqueline Batey recently appeared on WJXT Channel 4’s “Ask the UNF Expert” to discuss peaceful conflict resolution. Dr. Christine Weber also recently appeared on WJXT Channel 4’s “Ask the UNF Expert” to discuss how to recognize and develop a child’s genius. To watch any of these interviews, visit Media Relations’ Television News Coverage page at www.unf.edu/development/news/coverage/index.html.

Dr. Lunetta Williams, with Richard Allington, Anne McGill-Franzen, Gregory Camilli, Courtney Zmach, Jacqueline Love-Zeig, and Jennifer Graff, presented...
UNF grows by leaps and bounds

BY JULIE WILLIAMS AND TOM CAIN

2007 marks the beginning of a building boom unparalleled in the University’s history, with more than $150 million in new construction. In addition to the recent acquisition of UNF Hall, multiple construction projects have already begun or will begin this year. They are as follows:

Parking Lot 18 Expansion — An additional 1,000 parking spaces will be added to this lot on the north end of campus, just beyond Hodges Stadium, increasing the capacity to 2,200 parking spaces. This project began in February and is expected to be completed ahead of schedule by the end of June.

North-South Road — This one-and-a-quarter-mile road will extend from parking lot 18 to parking lot 14 near the Child Development Research Center. It will make it possible to drive from the campus core to the north end of campus. This project also began in February and is expected to be completed the first week of August.

Parking Services Building — This 5,000-square-foot building on UNF Drive is under construction, located across from the UNF Police Department just past the parking booth. Construction began in March and is expected to be completed in September 2008.

Brooks College of Health Addition — This 60,000-square-foot expansion to the Brooks College of...
Leadership, Counseling and Instructional Technology: Dr. Betty Bennett was interviewed for an article titled “Bullying, My Way or No Way: Bullies!” that appeared in the April edition of H Magazine, a publication of The Florida Times-Union.

At the international conference for the Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education (SITE) in San Antonio, Dr. Terry Cavanaugh presented the following papers: “Using the Cell Phone for Class Content: An Exploration,” “Virtual Schools and the School Library” with Dr. Cathy Cavanaugh, and “Electronic Book Technology and Gifted Readers” with Dr. Chris Weber. He also had an article published on “Technology and Phonological Awareness” in the Florida Reading Quarterly. In addition, he has been selected as a member of the State Instructional Materials Committee (SIMC) for the 2007-2008 K-12 Reading Adoption by the Commissioner of Education.

Cathy Cavanaugh recently addressed the southern state virtual schools’ leaders about current virtual schools’ research at their annual symposium in Atlanta. The Southern Regional Educational Board (SREB) sponsored the symposium. She also addressed leaders of the national education associations about virtual schools’ research at the CEO Summit in Washington, D.C., in May. In addition, she and Terry Cavanaugh presented a full-day workshop on e-books and literature circles to the teachers of Franklin, Tenn., in May. They also presented a session on Technology-Enhanced Literature Circles at the International Reading Association meeting in Toronto.

Dr. Jennifer Kane presented a paper titled “Service Learning in Sport Management” at the annual conference of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance in Baltimore.

Dr. Sebastian Foti was selected as Top Online Educator for 2007 by the Surfquarium Web site. To review the complete list of Top Online Educators for 2007, visit http://surfquarium.com/TOE2007/index.htm. Foti also presented “Soft Machines for Learning” in March at the Duval County Technology Showcase.

During spring break, Dr. Carolyn Stone traveled to England to participate in the 2007 Oxford Round Table, which brought together 20 government and business leaders with a mutual interest in a topic of public policy. The topic for this round table was...

Health building is tentatively scheduled to begin in July, with a completion date of July 2008. All four floors will be expanded with a new wing on the west side of the building.

Student Housing — This five-story, 365,000-square-foot building will have space for 1,000 students. It will be built on UNF’s East Ridge, which is less than a mile from the University Center. Construction begins in August and is scheduled to be completed in July 2009. This project is now being called Osprey Fountains.

Student Union — This three-story, 147,000-square-foot building will be constructed on what is now parking lot 4, adjacent to the Boathouse. Construction begins in August and is expected to be completed in July 2009. The portables in that area are scheduled to be removed in June or July.

College of Education and Human Services — This three-story, 110,000-square-foot building will be constructed on what is now parking lot 3, not far from the Carpenter Library. Construction begins in December and is scheduled for completion in August 2009.

Traffic-Analysis Study — This study, which is scheduled to begin this year, will look for ways to improve traffic flow and traffic control on campus and recommend improvements.

Way-Finding Consulting Services — UNF hired a consultant to help improve signage on campus and to generate a cohesive system of directional signs, both for pedestrian and vehicular traffic. The design has already begun for this multi-year project. Completion will be based on availability of funds.

Expansion to Osprey Café — The University is adding a new dish room to the Osprey Café to improve the sanitation and management of soiled dishes. This project is expected to be completed by July.
Welcome:
New employees include: Thomas E. Bailey, law enforcement officer for UPD; Marie Jean-Baptiste, custodial worker in Physical Facilities; William L. Carbaugh, groundskeeper in Physical Facilities; Ricky E. Dowling, law enforcement officer for UPD; Cornet Ellison, maintenance mechanic in Physical Facilities; Scott R. Furtwengler, assistant director in the Honors Program; Felicia A. George, assistant director in Human Resources; Cameron G. Gibbs, maintenance mechanic in University Housing; David E. Guthrie, police communications operator for UPD; Jana Holkon, student financial aid coordinator in the Enrollment Services’ Processing Office; Rebecca L. Kuca, career development services coordinator in Career Services; Douglas A. Leas, adjunct professor in the School of Computing; Zori J. Miller, custodial worker in Physical Facilities; Ginette Osse, custodial worker in Physical Facilities; Allison R. Russo, senior computer programmer analyst in Information Technology Services; Toninette Sledge, office assistant in the Training and Services Institute; Bulent Tolu, computer system control coordinator in Information Technology Services; and Billy Woods, groundskeeper in Physical Facilities.

June Milestone Anniversaries:
25 years – Paul C. Karabinis, Arts and Sciences
20 years – Robert W. Farnsworth, Library
15 years – Tracey L. Britton, Library; Robert E. Myers, Small Business Development Center
10 years – Raymond Bunch, Athletics (Soccer)
5 years – Deborah Berard, Collections Department; Myron J. Kelly, Physical Facilities; Raymond G. Kober, Training and Services Institute; Thomas J. Van Schoor, Student Life

Congratulations:
Lindsay Bryant (Student Life) now reports to Student Government Director Laurel Kendall and assists with the overall advisement and leadership development of Student Government. Bryant continues to advise Osprey Productions and Club Alliance, which are both Student Government organizations. Bryant also recently passed the oral and comprehensive exams for her doctorate. She is now ABD – all but dissertation.

Dr. John Kemppainen (College of Education and Human Services) won the 2006-07 Outstanding International Service Award. He will receive a plaque and a monetary award at the fall 2007 convocation.

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Dr. Otilia Salmon will begin serving as interim chair in the College of Education and Human Services’ Department of Childhood Education. Current Chair Dr. Nile Stanley will return to faculty in the Fall 2007 semester.

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Engagements:
Stacy Biwer (College of Education and Human Services) recently became engaged to Jarret Graff.

Other Departments/Divisions:
Continuing Education:
Michelle Mouton recently presented a session titled “Graduate Student Services: Re-energizing a Graduate Student Organization” at the 2007 Annual Conference of the National Association of Graduate Admissions Professionals (NAGAP) in Orlando.

Student Affairs:
Jocelyn Heck was awarded a fellowship to attend the 7th annual summer institute, “The Slovak Seminar on the Free Society” in Bratislava and Sipiska Kapitula of the Slovak Republic. This honor is available to 10 Slovak students and five American students who will come together from June 26 to July 5 to explore the three systems of free society – political, economical and moral culture – in the social thought of Pope Benedict XVI, “The Federalist Papers,” Alexis de Tocqueville and others.

Public v. Private Education:
Stone presented “Charter Schools: A Progressive Policy Tool or the Privatization of Public Education?” at the round table.

Exceptional Student and Deaf Education: Dr. Kristine Webb was the featured speaker on postsecondary education for students with disabilities at the Secondary Transition State Planning Institute in Charlotte, N.C., in May. The goal of the institute is to improve states’ implementation of research-based transition practices. The Institute is sponsored by the National Secondary Transition Technical Assistance Centers, and is a federally funded project housed at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte.

Dean’s Office: In March, Dr. Marsha Lupi and six student interns made the journey to Plymouth, England, where the students spent three weeks at the College of St. Mark and St. John. They continued their internship in three Plymouth elementary schools and were observed by Dr. Jennifer Kane. This trip was partially funded by a Transformational Learning Opportunity grant.

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Continuing Education:
Steven J. Borowiec received the Distinguished Service Award from Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity in April at the UNF Chapter’s 20th anniversary gala. Borowiec has held many local, national and volunteer positions and has traveled throughout the country presenting educational programs and initiatives.

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First day of healthy lifestyle starts now

BY DAVE ROMAN AND SHARON ASHTON

Think of it as a campus-wide New Year’s resolution. Eat better, exercise regularly, stop smoking, maybe even take a yoga or tai chi class on the path to living well.

It’s called “Healthy Campus 2010: Making It Happen.” And for those who haven’t already figured it out, it’s coming soon to the University of North Florida campus.

“I’m totally supportive of it,” said Dr. A. Russell Smith, chair of the Athletic Training and Physical Therapy Department in the Brooks College of Health. “Of course, being in Brooks College, it gives us a chance to practice what we preach. Clearly, the best way for us to teach students is to model the behavior. So this gives us an opportunity to model healthy behaviors.”

Sponsored by the American College Health Association, Healthy Campus 2010 has two overarching goals: to increase the quality and years of healthy life among campus participants, and to eliminate health disparities. The idea is to create on-campus opportunities for students, faculty and staff to learn how to lead healthier lives and participate in activities and events that will help them do so.

“One of the goals is lifestyle modification so that even beyond UNF, individuals will still participate in activities that promote their health,” said Kevin Modglin, alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention services coordinator in the Campus Alcohol and Drug Information Center (CADIC) and one of the Healthy Campus administrators. “We don’t want this to just happen while they’re at UNF. We want them to do it for a long time.”

Just exactly what that is hasn’t been decided, but Healthy UNF: 2010, as the University’s program is called, is looking at results from student surveys to determine the areas of greatest need, according to Modglin.

The surveys ask students questions about 10 major public health issues, including: alcohol, tobacco and other drug use; diet and exercise; mental health; sexual behavior; preventive health and physical health. The surveys divided the students into three categories: athletes, greeks and the general student body population.

The results of those student surveys are eye-opening. Of the students who responded to the survey, it appears binge drinking is a potential problem among athletes and greeks, while unprotected sex and depression are areas of concern in the general student population.

But Healthy Campus 2010 impacts more than just students. For the entire campus to be healthy, faculty and staff must also make healthier choices for themselves, as well as contribute to programs and services that make UNF a healthy campus.

“A project like this becomes a shared responsibility. We all need to take responsibility for our own health and even the health of others,” said Modglin. “One of the goals of moving in this direction is to understand who is responsible for promoting healthy changes. The answer is that it is not the responsibility of one person or department but rather the collective responsibility of the entire University community to get involved and participate.”

At a recent UNF leadership retreat, administrators, deans, directors and vice presidents were asked to come up with creative ways to make UNF a healthier campus. The Division of Student Affairs is compiling those ideas, which range from making UNF a smoke-free campus to creating competitions among departments to see which group can lose the most weight. While some of the suggestions may not come to fruition, UNF already has some healthy ideas on the drawing board. For instance, the new Student Union may include a pharmacy, making it easier for faculty, staff and students to get medicine.
Bernadette Buckley and Christopher Joyce of the Brooks College of Health serve as marshals for their college at the Spring Commencement Ceremony in the Arena last month. They are shown here going over some printed instructions before the ceremony begins.

Dr. Judy Solano, chair of the School of Computing, serves as the chief marshal for the Spring Commencement Ceremony.

Two Physical Facilities employees work behind the scenes at the commencement ceremony.

Jamie O’Brien of the Office of Orientation and Campus Events removes diploma covers from their boxes.
Board of Trustees member Wilfredo Gonzales (left) chats in the robing room with Dr. Larry Daniel, dean of the College of Education and Human Services.

Matt Iannatto (from left), Kathy Westberry and Nick Cantrell of the Office of Orientation and Campus Events wait to arrange diploma covers on a table set up on the stage at the Arena.

Ron Hanson, videographer in the Department of Marketing and Publications, waits in the wings as students prepare to graduate.
The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs announces the following grants and contracts, awarded on or before April 30:

**Gregory Ahearn** (Biology), “RUI: Heavy Metal Detoxification in Crustaceans 2006-07,” National Science Foundation, $145,344

**Catherine Cavanaugh** (Leadership, Counseling, and Instructional Technology), “Florida Enhancing Education through Technology (EETT) Evaluation,” Lake County Schools/Florida Department of Education, $13,500


**James Fletcher** (Engineering), “Maintenance and Optimization of the Data Acquisition (DAQ) System Used to Monitor the Operational Condition of the Heavy Vehicle Simulator (HVS),” Florida Department of Transportation, $187,937; and “UNF Clean Energy Research,” JEA, $50,000


**N. Mike Jackson** (Engineering), “Harmonization of Texture and Skid Resistance Measurements,” Florida Department of Transportation, $150,000

**Barbara Kruger** (Nursing) and **Nancy Winterbauer** (Sociology and Anthropology), “Family-Nurse Care Coordination Partnership 2007-2008,” National Institutes of Health, $136,381


**Len Roberson and Janice Seabrooks** (Exceptional Student and Deaf Education), “Virtual ESE Program: Social, Personal, and Career Skills for Exceptional Learners,” School Board of Putnam County/Florida Department of Education, $5,000

**Alexandra Schonning** (Engineering), “Fixture for Pullout Testing of Screws,” Biomet Microfixation Inc., $5,498

**Adam Shapiro** (Sociology and Anthropology), “Elder Services Needs Assessment,” ElderSource, $50,000

**Adam Shapiro** and **Nancy Winterbauer** (Sociology and Anthropology), “Research and Evaluation for the Duval County Health Department, 2007,” Duval County Health Department/Florida Department of Health, $23,532

**Jeffry Will** (Sociology and Anthropology), “Pre Conception Care Plan Pilot Studies in Clay and St. Johns Counties,” Northeast Florida Healthy Start Coalition, Inc./Florida Department of Health, $7,253
Once again, UNF is one of the nation’s best-value undergraduate institutions, according to The Princeton Review. The New York-based education services company profiles UNF in the 2008 edition of its book, “America’s Best Value Colleges.” UNF also made the list in the 2007 edition. The guide profiles 165 colleges chosen for their excellent academics, generous financial aid packages and/or relatively low costs of attendance.

The Princeton Review selected the best-value colleges based on data from administrators at 650 colleges during the 2005-2006 academic year and surveys of students attending the schools. The Princeton Review used more than 30 factors in four areas to identify “best value” colleges. They included: academics, tuition GPA (the sticker price minus average amount students receive in gift aid scholarships and grants), financial aid (how well colleges meet students’ financial need) and student borrowing.

“Once again, the University of North Florida is proud to have been selected as one of America’s Best Value Colleges by the Princeton Review,” said UNF President John A. Delaney.

“America’s Best Value Colleges” includes three-page profiles on each college, as well as advice about applying for college admission and financial aid. The Princeton Review is an education services company known for its test-prep courses, books and college and grad school admissions services.

The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) has awarded UNF LEED certification (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) for the 63,000-square-foot building. LEED is the USGBC's leading-edge system for designing and constructing the world's greenest, most energy efficient, high performing buildings.

The Social Sciences Building, which opened in 2006, is the second LEED-certified facility in Jacksonville and the first “green” building on campus. The building houses the College of Arts and Sciences departments of sociology, anthropology, psychology, criminal justice, and political sciences and public administration, as well as various labs, several research centers and the dean's office.

The Coggin College of Business hosted a retirement reception April 26 for Dr. Gary Fane, who retired at the end of the spring semester after 32 years of service to UNF.

Fane was interim dean of the college from 2003 to 2005, when former dean Dr. Earle Traynham stepped down until Dr. John McAllister began serving as Coggin College’s dean. Fane has also served as chair of Accounting and Finance, as well as associate vice president and interim vice president of Academic Affairs.

Ralph Moore, a senior information specialist in Continuing Education’s Center for Quality, has been recognized for his dedication in making the Northeast Florida Chapter of the Society for Maintenance and Reliability Professionals (SMRP) a reality.

Moore received a letter of excellence from SMRP in April after Continuing Education hosted the grand opening reception for the new local SMRP chapter, demonstrating Continuing Ed’s commitment to being the “First Choice Training Provider” within Jacksonville’s higher education community. The Center for Quality provides training programs such as Lean Enterprise, Six Sigma, ISO Standards, Kepner-Tregoe and many more seminar offerings to improve profitability, productivity and customer satisfaction.
Get to Know: Janice Ishii

Name: Janice Ishii
Department: Office of Alumni Services
Job: Executive Secretary
Years at UNF: 22

If you could choose any other career, what would it be and why?
I would choose to be a set designer. I think it would be fascinating to take a theme or concept and then build a set around it. Work would certainly be creative and ever-changing!

What would you like to do when you retire?
Travel the 50 states, take up painting again and get a tattoo.

Last book read: “A Prayer for Owen Meany” by John Irving

Favorite thing about working at UNF:
It’s definitely the people. I have made lifelong friends here, and my UNF family keeps growing. My personal family is in Maine, Canada and California, so my UNF family is very dear to me. Just this morning an alumna visited me who had worked here as a student back in the ’80s!

Tell us something that would surprise people to know about you:
I love to sing Broadway show tunes, especially Andrew Lloyd Webber.

First concert you ever attended; most recent concert you attended:
I saw The Association in Bangor, Maine, when their big hit “Windy” was out. I paid $2 for the ticket. The most recent was Corey Smith at the Florida Theatre on Florida/Georgia weekend. Lynn Brown gave me two tickets in the second row, and Judy Vaesa went with me. What a night!

What person had the greatest impact on your life?
My daughter, Sarah. I was 37 when she came into my life, and it’s never been the same since. What a wonderful experience it’s been, and she certainly keeps me laughing and on my toes! She’ll be entering high school at Douglas Anderson in the fall, and I can’t wait to see what she becomes.

The most famous person you ever met was:
Lily Tomlin at a backstage party when she performed here last year.

Tell us something about you that even your friends don’t know:
I would like to sing in a barbershop quartet.

What do you hope to accomplish that you have not done yet?
I would like to somehow overcome my fear of heights and take a hot-air balloon ride.
**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.

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**Q:** From Phil Kaplan (History Department): I understand that the low-flow, motion-sensor-triggered, cold-water-only faucets installed in many of the restrooms on campus were inspired by the laudable desire to conserve water and energy, but since nasty viruses have been circulating on campus recently, wouldn’t it be more hygienic to have faucets that stay on for more than three seconds at a time and dispense an adequate amount of hot water?

**A:** From Shari Shuman (Administration & Finance): The practice of not using hot water in bathrooms was first introduced in the Department of Management Services’ Energy Policy written in 1980, revised in 1987 and adopted by resolution by the governor at the time. According to the CDC and other public health agencies, hot water is not necessary for effective hand washing. In fact, one could not tolerate the water temperature required to kill most pathogens (i.e. boiled-water advisory). It is the anti-microbial properties of the soap and the friction from hand rubbing that remove the dead skin, oils and the microbes adhering to them. The motion-sensing faucets in campus restrooms can be activated multiple times to allow for soap removal. Here’s a quick guide to proper hand washing: 1. Turn on the water. 2. Use approximately a dime-sized squirt of liquid hand soap. 3. Lather and rub hands together for at least 15-20 seconds. 4. Be sure to wash well between fingers and under nails. 5. Rinse all soap off hands. 6. Use paper towels to dry hands completely. and 7. Turn off faucet with paper towels, and then discard towels in garbage can. For more information on recommended hand-washing techniques, visit www.handhygiene.org and click on “Hand Hygiene.”

**Q:** From Mary Stumph (Office of the General Counsel): I see that the nations’ flags have been removed from the light poles. What’s up with that?

**A:** From Tim Robinson (International Center): The flags were removed for cleaning and repair. Some of the flags’ stitching had come undone, so the stitching will need to be fixed before they can be put back up. Also, we’re waiting to find out how the new Brooks College of Health addition will affect the number of flagpoles on campus. Once we have that information and the flags have been cleaned and repaired, they’ll go back up. We’re hoping the project will be completed by the end of the summer.

**Q:** From Maria Atilano (Carpenter Library): I have a question regarding wildlife on campus, mainly due to concerns with the number of goslings and other animals roaming around campus now that it is springtime. In case of possible injury or maltreatment, is there a number or organization contact at UNF that is available to get in touch with in case an animal on campus is threatened or in trouble?

**A:** From Ryan Meyer (Nature Trails Office): Although no one on campus, to my knowledge, is trained to rescue, handle or rehabilitate wildlife, there are those who can assist you. First, if wildlife on campus is mistreated or fed, UPD is our first line of law enforcement. No wild animal should eat people food; with many animals, such as alligators, this is against the law. UPD will contact the appropriate Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission officers or Animal Control if needed. To report sick or injured wildlife, there are a couple of groups you can contact on campus. Environmental Health and Safety, the UNF Wildlife Sanctuary and UPD all work together to keep our campus wildlife as safe as possible. They can direct your concern to the appropriate place. Beyond these campus groups, there are a few mainly volunteer-run rescues in town for various animals. We maintain a list of these operations in our office and I imagine other offices do as well. For more information, contact the Nature Trails Office at 620-1810.
Hungry for more Osprey pride, the LeadershipUNF 2006/07 class is taking on a project to build school spirit through the creation of a student-run Spirit Advisory Board.

Although UNF already has more than seven spirit groups on campus, they do not coordinate events and, as a result, often end up competing with each other for the attention of the same students. A Spirit Advisory Board (SAB) could change that. An SAB would have at least one representative from each group, becoming a central clearinghouse for all topics related to school spirit.

"By having the seven organizations work together, it would help them avoid duplications and strengthen the events that they put on," said Julie Carter, assistant director in the One Stop Center and member of the LeadershipUNF class.

With a Student Union, more student housing on the way and greek housing on the drawing board, UNF is poised to rid itself of its commuter school reputation and join the ranks of other Division I universities bursting with school pride.

"There’s a lot of great things happening here within the next three years with the increased housing on campus," said Elliot Darkatsh, director of marketing and promotions for UNF Athletics and a member of LeadershipUNF. "With 1,000 more kids living on campus, it will be a huge help."

Darkatsh said the Student Union and new student housing will help create more of a sense of community on campus, giving students reasons to stay on campus after class and on weekends. He also said that eventually having greek housing near the athletic facilities will have a "huge impact because they’re our most spirited fans."

The Spirit Advisory Board would not be limited to athletic events. It would include fine arts events, greek events, Osprey Production events, concerts, any event that gets students involved and helps create a sense of community.

"There’s a lot of stuff to do, and we want to make sure everyone’s aware of it," Darkatsh said.

The class of LeadershipUNF plans to present the idea to the different groups—Athletics, Osprey Productions, Student Government, Alumni Association, Recreation, Residence Life, Greek Life and the Swoop Squad—to make sure they agree that it’s needed and that they would participate since it would be student-run. Several members of LeadershipUNF said they would agree to serve as advisers.

"For me, I am a UNF alum. I went here for my undergraduate degree and, personally, I would love to see more school spirit and involvement and the pride that I feel for the school," Carter said.

As with all classes of LeadershipUNF, the group was asked to identify a need and develop a strategy to address it.