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New lecture series highlights fall activities

The beginning of the fall semester at UNF also marks the start of a full schedule of events, including the launch of a revamped lecture series.

Distinguished Voices is the new umbrella name for all of the lecture series at UNF. Some of this year's distinguished voices include Earl Black, a premier scholar of Southern politics; photographer Jerry Uelsmann; John Andrews, with *The Economist* magazine; physicist Brian Greene; Tom Beauchamp, a philosophy professor and a senior research scholar in Georgetown University's Kennedy Institute of Ethics; and Carl Hiaasen, a three-time Pulitzer Prize nominee, author and Miami Herald columnist.

Distinguished Voices complements the many fall musical and theatrical events on campus. The UNF Fine Arts Center season debuts Oct. 14 with *The Ten Tenors* and features a season filled with a variety of artistic productions, including dance, drama and musical shows. The UNF Music Department adds to the entertainment menu with the Great American Jazz Series, as well as performances by the UNF Chamber Orchestra and Wind Ensemble, the UNF Concert and Chamber Choirs and the internationally renowned Jazz Ensemble 1.

With all of the events on campus this fall, the University is providing an unequaled depth and breadth of intellectual thought and artistic entertainment for students and the community.

Even students who aren't able to attend all of the events will benefit in many of their classes. Many of the speakers and guest artists also will spend time with students in classroom settings and rehearsal labs.

"This is a great opportunity for students to have small-group discussions with national and international figures," said Dr. Pierre Allaire, vice president for Institutional Advancement.

Distinguished Voices includes the Inquiry & Insight Lecture, which is sponsored by the UNF faculty; the World Affairs Council lectures; the Presidential Lecture Series; the Jay and Deanie Stein Lecture; the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida Ethics Center Lecture; and the James S. Kemper Lecture Series and Symposium in Globalization and Business Ethics.

Among the speakers coming to campus this fall for the Inquiry & Insight lecture is Black, who will speak on "The 2004 Presidential Election." Black is the Herbert S. Autrey Professor of Political Science at Rice

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Holcombe, Owen win Gabor Awards

Two dedicated UNF employees were recognized by their peers last month for devotion to duty and contributions to the University.

The 12th annual Gabor Employee Excellence Awards were presented to Gabrielle Holcombe of the Library and Jim Owen of Graduate Studies. The two, who are both UNF alumni, were presented with the awards by the presidents of their respective employee associations, Mike Trotter, president of the University Support Personnel Association, and Paul Riel, president of the Administrative and Professional Association.

Holcombe has been executive secretary in the Office of the Director at the Library since 2001. In her post, she manages secretarial support for the Library director, 18 other University librarians, 23 USPS staff and 30 student employees. Her devotion to the job won her the 2003 Library Employee of the Year award for the Public Services Division.

Starting at UNF in 1997, Holcombe worked as a senior secretary in the Curriculum and Instruction Division of the College of Education and Human Services. In 2000, she moved to Financial and Business Services under Administration and Finance and was promoted to executive secretary.

Holcombe also has been involved in many campus organizations. She served as president of the USPA and was head of the USPA delegation to the UNF Constitution Committee. Other activities included serving as a member of the UNF Evaluation Committee on Vendor Selection and as one of two USPA representatives to the University Council on Parking.

Holcombe also completed course work for her master's degree in English. She expects to take her final exam next year. She received her bachelor's degree in communications from UNF in 1995.

Winning the Gabor award was truly an honor, she said. "But I am equally proud of the wonderful nominees. We are fortunate to have such dedicated people on this campus," she added.

Owen is the assistant director of Graduate Studies, but his involvement with UNF is much broader. He graduated from UNF in 1993 with a bachelor's degree in literature. He then received a master's degree in



BETH SLATER

Gabrielle Holcombe, left, who works in the Library, receives a certificate from Mike Trotter, University Support Personnel Association president, for her 2003 Gabor Award for Employee Excellence. The ceremony was Aug. 16 in the Science and Engineering lobby.

English in 1997. He started working for the University in 1997 as an admissions officer.

John Yancey, the current director of admissions and Owen were hired at the same time, and they worked the front desk in Admissions together for about a year.

In July 1999, Academic Affairs established the Office of Graduate Studies. As his responsibilities grew with the new office, Owen was reclassified as assistant director.

Owen also has taught for the English Department since 1998 as a part-time instructor. He usually teaches one course per semester for the UNF writing program.

Owen said he was "overwhelmed" by the award.

"It's very nice to be nominated because my friends and colleagues apparently see something in my activities as being worthwhile and noteworthy. It's always reassuring to get an 'attaboy' from one's superiors, but it's special to receive that recognition from one's peers," he said.

Owen added that he has worked with several of this year's nominees over the years.

"In my opinion, they are some of the most talented people on campus. I consider myself fortunate to work with them," he said.

Runners-up for this year's awards were Kathy Westberry (A&P) from Records & Registration and Cheresa Hamilton (USPS) of the Controller's Office.

The awards began in 1992 when Gabor Insurance established an endowment at UNF to fund monetary awards for outstanding employees. Nominees need to be with UNF for at least two years prior to Dec. 31 of the previous year of the award. They submit an information sheet and three letters of recommendation, including one from their immediate supervisor.

Winners are selected based on their demonstrated involvement and contributions to the University community and for exemplifying outstanding job performance through professionalism, dependability, cooperation and participation in professional development.

Both winners received a plaque and a cash award. The A&P winner also received a parking space for the year.



BETH SLATER

2003 Gabor A&P Award winner Jim Owen of Graduate Studies, left receives a plaque from Paul Riel, president of the Administrative and Professional Association at the 12th annual Gabor Employee Excellence Awards ceremony.

Nix named new director of engineering

By TOM CAIN
Staff Writer

Maybe it's attributable to the new Science and Engineering Building, or maybe it's the relative newness of the engineering program, but whatever the reason, there's an air of expectation and enthusiasm that seems to permeate the Division of Engineering.

Dr. Stephan Nix, who recently was named director of engineering, looks like a good fit for a young, energetic division trying to make a name for itself in academia and the community.

"It seemed like a unique, interesting setup," Nix said, talking about why he decided to take the job. "It's an engineering program still in its adolescence, trying to figure out where it's going."

For Nix, the answer to where it's going is simple.

"My goal is to make the engineering program the undisputed best in the state," he said. Nix said to become the best in the state, UNF's engineering program needs to establish an identity.

"We give ourselves an identity and say this is what we do, and we are going to do it really well," said Nix, 52, who was the chair of the Department of Civil Engineering at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton prior to coming to UNF.

Nix was born in Forest, Miss., but moved with his family to Homestead in 1956. He has a bachelor's degree in engineering science and a master's and doctorate in environmental engineering sciences, all from the University of Florida. Nix has taught at Florida Atlantic, Northern Arizona University, where he was also the chair of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, the University of Alabama and Syracuse University.

"Dr. Nix is an accomplished engineer, university administrator and professor," said Dr. Neal Coulter, dean of the College of Computing, Engineering and Construction. "He has the mix of academic and professional experiences we need at UNF for the Engineering Division to continue to prosper."

Nix succeeds Dr. Joe Campbell, who will remain at the University as a mechanical engineering professor.

Nix has been to Jacksonville, a city he is quite fond of, many times over the years. About 20 of those Jacksonville visits were to participate in the Gate River Run. He runs about 25 to 30 miles a week. Nix's father and three brothers live in Northeast Florida. Nix and his wife, Aulaire, have four children, Jeffrey, 24, Stephanie, 23, Kathleen, 19, and Gabrielle, 17.



Dr. Stephan Nix is the new director for the Division of Engineering.

Churches named development director

Shortly before starting at UNF, Kim Churches, new director of development at the Coggin College of Business, took a couple of days to lie on a lounge chair at the beach, soaking up the rays and reading a book. It was a welcome respite from what had been a hectic summer.

During a period of about four months, Churches left one job, interviewed for and accepted a new job, sold her house in Boca Raton, and bought and moved into a new house in Fernandina Beach. And her husband, Joel, a federal agent for the Treasury Department, started a new job with the department in Glyco, Ga.

Churches, 34, was the director of development for the Broward Performing Arts Foundation in Fort Lauderdale before coming to UNF. She also has worked as a corporate development specialist for the Museum of Discovery and Science and as a division director for the American Heart Association.

"Kim Churches, who's a Certified Fund-Raising Executive, brings with her a wealth of experience of working with individuals and the business community," said Rod Grabowski, assistant vice president for development. "During her career, she has consistently developed a strong base of support for programs, and I am confident that she will help the Coggin College of Business reach new heights in fund raising."

As a development officer, Churches' primary responsibility will be to raise money for the Coggin College of Business.

"Everybody seemed to be so incredibly professional and committed to the mission of UNF," Churches said about her visit to UNF to interview for the position.

Churches, who graduated from Florida State University with a bachelor's degree in English education, described herself professionally as committed, mission-oriented and a team player. She considers her ability to build relationships to be one of her greatest strengths.



Kim Churches

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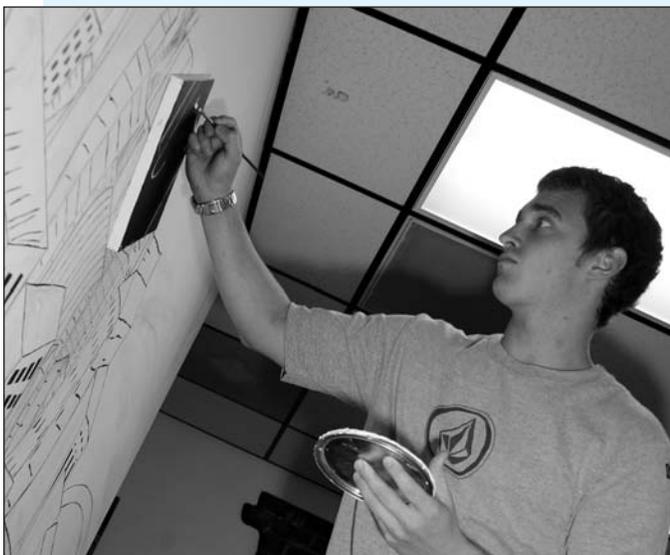
James Sommer and Alex Elias run a ladder drill while Marques Ogden, Todd Yoder and Chris Hanson of the Jaguars look on. They were part of "Football 101," a program on football basics sponsored by the Alumni Association.



Rep. Stan Jordan, left, UNF President John Delaney and Florida A&M President Fred Gainous talk at the July 21 Board of Governors-Board of Trustees Reception. The BOG met on the UNF campus the following day.



Michelle Garcia, far right, has help moving into her residence hall Aug. 8 from friend Janina Ziegelhafer, left, and sister Sandra Garcia. Michelle is a member of the cross-country team and plans to major in biology. More than 2,300 students will live in residence halls this fall.



UNF senior Jeremy Carr works on his mural at Larry's Giant Subs on St. Johns Bluff Road. The full-time student has worked on the mural mornings and evenings since early August. The mural features the word "UNF" among the buildings.

U.S. Olympic team scores at Arena

A man who looked to be in his early 20s uttered what could qualify as the understatement of the millennium as he left the Arena after a four-quarter scrimmage between the U.S. Olympic basketball team and Puerto Rico's Olympic team.

"That's the best group of basketball talent I have ever seen," the man said of the U.S. team, which featured cinch future NBA Hall of Famers such as Allen Iverson and Tim Duncan and young superstars-in-the-making such as LeBron James and Carmelo Anthony.

The scrimmage, played July 29, consisted of four, 10-minute quarters. The U.S. team won the scrimmage 102-76. Duncan had 22 points to lead the U.S. team in scoring. Guard Larry Ayuso was the leading scorer for Puerto Rico with 16 points.

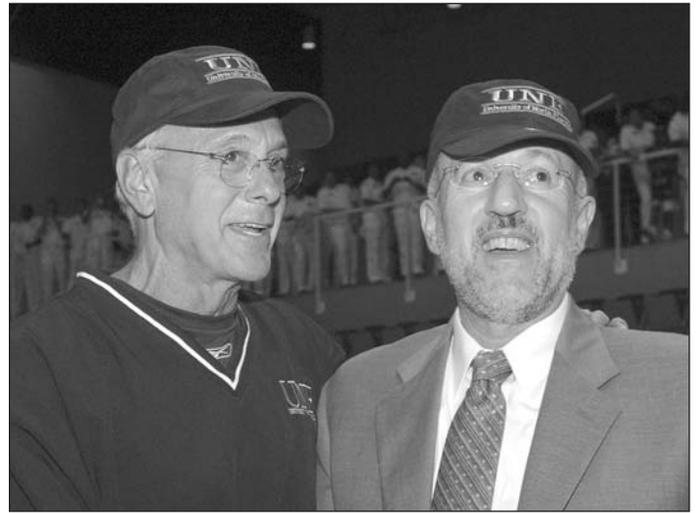
About 1,700 soldiers, sailors and Marines attended the scrimmage as guests of the U.S. team.

"When we go to Athens in a couple of weeks, we are going to do everything we can to represent you like you represent us," U.S. coach Larry Brown said, taking a microphone and addressing the military personnel — the vast majority of whom were sailors — moments after the scrimmage ended.

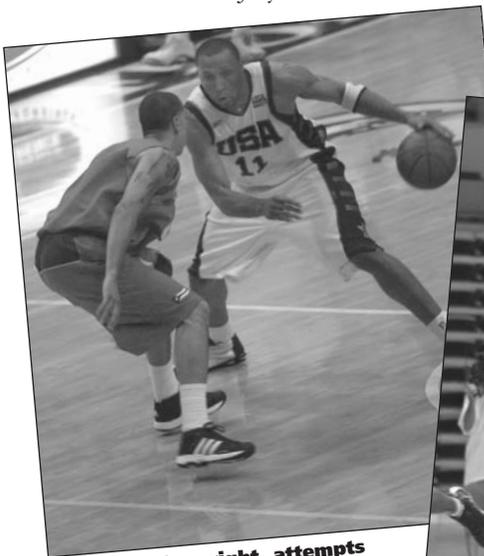
The scrimmage had its share of fouls and turnovers by both teams, which is to be expected since the U.S. team had only practiced together for a couple of days. The teams played hard, and there were several flashes of individual brilliance, including a pair of rim-rattling dunks by James, a three-pointer by the 7-foot Duncan and some lightning-quick drive-penetrations by Iverson.

The overall crowd was estimated at 3,000. UNF was allotted several hundred passes so staff, faculty, administrators and guests could attend the scrimmage. The U.S. Olympic team practiced in the Arena from July 26-30.

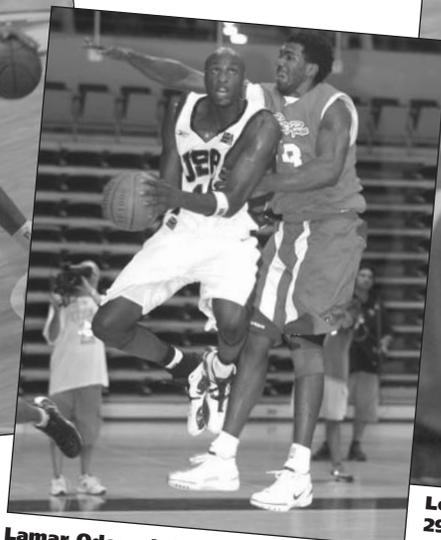
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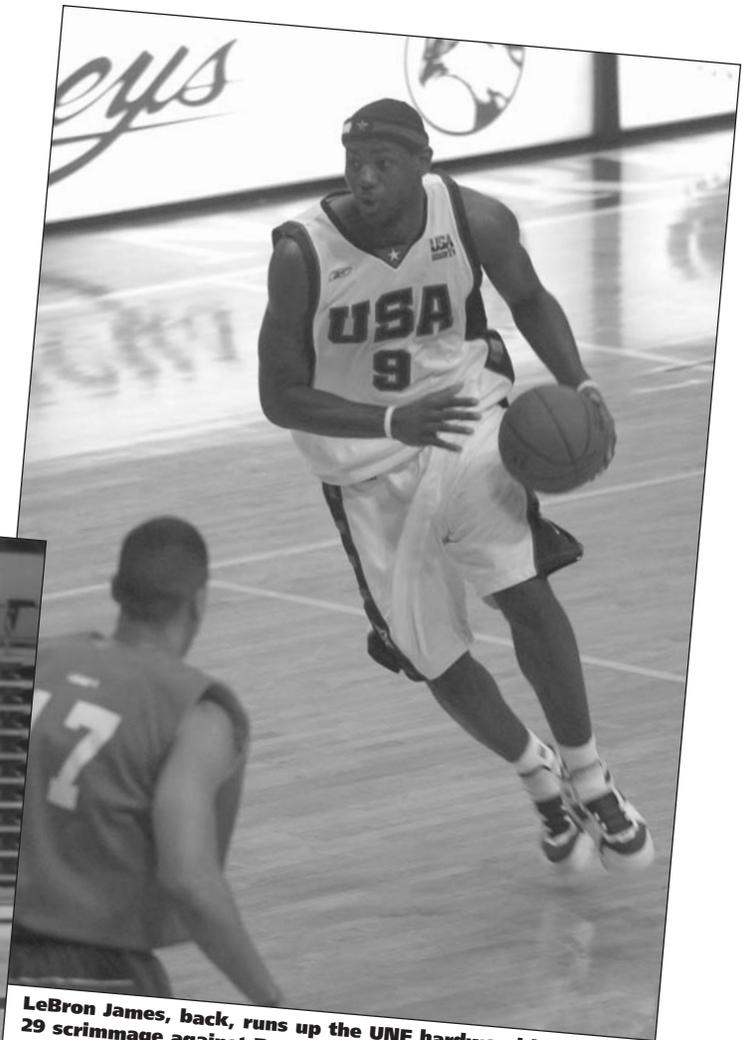
USA Basketball head coach Larry Brown, left, meets UNF Provost Dr. Gerry Giordano.



Shawn Marion, right, attempts to dribble past a defender.

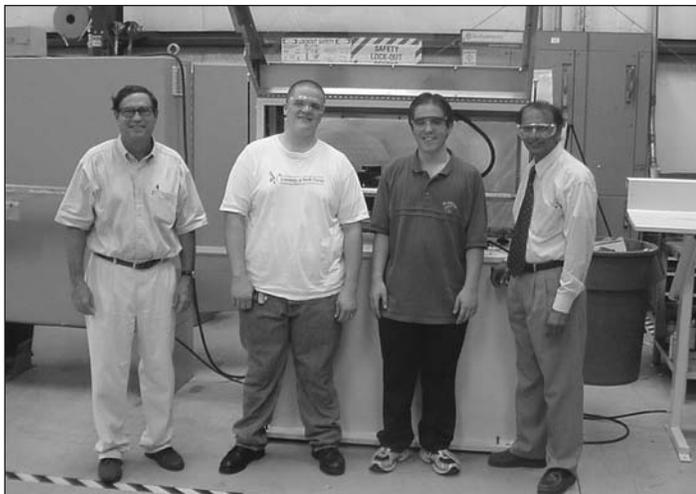


Lamar Odom, left, goes up for a shot against Puerto Rico's Sharif Fajardo.



LeBron James, back, runs up the UNF hardwood in the July 29 scrimmage against Puerto Rico.

Students help develop machinery for St. Augustine company



Dr. Daniel Cox, from left, students Darius Trunk and Stephen Giles, and Kumar Orekondy, coordinator of special projects for The Ronco Group, stand in front of a core winder at The Ronco Group's St. Augustine facility. Students Shaun Delong and Michael Noe also are working on the project.

By TOM CAIN
Staff Writer

Instead of flipping burgers or delivering pizzas for a part-time job, some UNF mechanical engineering students and a computing sciences student are working to develop a piece of machinery that could open new American and foreign markets for a St. Augustine company.

Dr. Daniel Cox, a mechanical engineering professor, helped obtain a contract with the St. Augustine division of The Ronco Group to either modify an existing machine called a core winder or to design a new core winding machine. Since the one-year project is still in the preliminary stages, the decision to modify or create a new machine hasn't been made yet.

The Ronco Group, which has divisions in Scranton, Pa., Brazil and Mexico, manufactures and sells machinery for the paper-processing industry.

The core winder is a machine that makes the cardboard core around which products such as paper towels are wrapped. The students will work with engineers from The Ronco Group to make the core winder capable of producing cores that can be used for gift wrap.

Part of the process will involve modifications to the cutting head of the core winder. The new core winders could then be sold to gift wrap production facilities. This is a market The Ronco Group hasn't tapped yet because their existing core winders are unable to produce the proper size cores for gift wrap.

"We want it to be a win-win for everyone," Cox said of the project, or partnership as he calls it. "It's beneficial for several reasons. The key benefit is it helps the University better prepare students for what they'll face in industry."

Cox was quick to point out that even though it's a part-time job, the work for Ronco, the majority of which will be done at UNF, will never interfere with the students' classes.

Darius Trunk, a senior mechanical engineering major, is the student project leader.

"I like it. It gives us a chance to see what we might be doing as a job. We are learning the industry," he said. Trunk then quickly added a more immediate consideration. "I'm married, and the money is a definite part of it."

The Ronco Group isn't the only company using UNF mechanical engineering students to work on projects. In a lab at the Science and Engineering Building, Cox spoke with three students who were working on an automated system to assemble a drug testing kit for Armor Holdings. UNF students also work on projects for Dura Automotive and Predator Products, a leading pool cue manufacturer.

The Ronco Group project is the most ambitious to date in terms of engineering expertise required.

"The students are getting a valuable learning experience," Cox said.

UNF Drum Line formed



Members of UNF's newly formed drum line practice on the Green for their debut at a Jacksonville Jaguars game last month. Under the coordination of UNF alum Michael Patterson and Andrew Nixon, the drum line will perform at all Jaguars games this season as well as at UNF events. The drum line consists of 26 percussionists drawn from throughout the state.



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UNF sophomore Marcus Mills and transfer student Christa Pletcher hold cymbols for snare drummers Omar Staley, Michael Patterson, Matt Rensen and Marc Zivica during a drum line practice.

Sea cows to grace UNF campus

Sea cows are coming to UNF. We aren't talking about the aquatic creatures that many Floridians watch in the St. Johns River or the state's springs. These sea cows are the whimsical creations of artists.

More than 40 fiberglass sea cows will be displayed this fall around Jacksonville, including three on the UNF campus, as part of a fund-raising project for children. Area artists are decorating each sea cow. Faculty members are creating the three UNF sea cows that are being sponsored by the President's Office. A fourth sea cow, sponsored by America Online, is being decorated by the UNF Child Development Research Center.

The project is being coordinated by the Otis Smith Kids Foundation. Called Sea Cows for Kids, the project is modeled after similar projects, including Cows on Parade in Chicago, New York City and Atlanta; Catfish Out of Water in Nashville, Tenn.; LizArt in Orlando; Go Fish! Richmond in Virginia; and

Herd About Buffalo in New York.

Sea Cows for Kids will raise funds for education and arts initiatives for disadvantaged children in Jacksonville while enhancing awareness of the foundation and its programs and services. The project is designed to give residents and visitors a chance to

see the wealth of artistic talent in Jacksonville.

Faculty members Paul Ladnier, Ken McMillan and Claudia Scaff are creating the UNF-sponsored sea cows.

Ladnier's sea cow is called SEA-LESTIAL-MOOON-A-TEE. An avid sailor, he said he got the idea one evening watching the manatees play and feed in the shallows.

"As they played, the moon and stars reflected on their backs and in the surrounding water," he recalled.

McMillan's creation is called Kling-A-Ding. It's the artist's idea of what a Klingon warrior from "Star Trek" fame would look like as a sea cow.

Scaff's work is called MANAlphabeteE. This creation displays a variety of capital and lower case letters and sports a mortarboard.

Pam Bell, director of the Child Development Research Center, became a manatee fan after swimming with them in Crystal River.

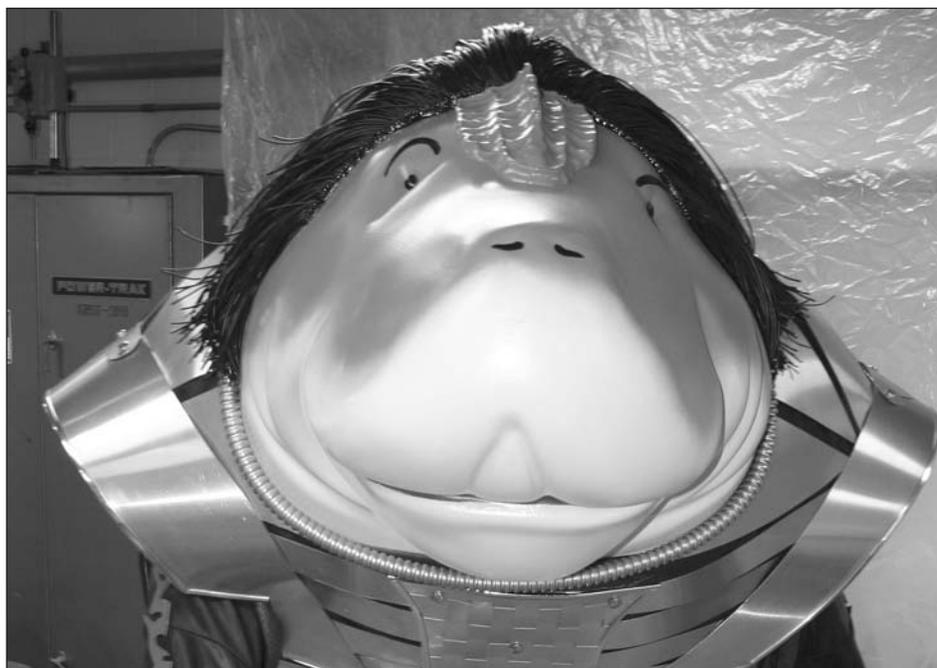
"I wanted to design a manatee so the children would enjoy it. It will be up to them when they grow up to continue to protect them," she said.

Bell is decorating her sea cow with seashells, fish and other inhabitants of the ocean.

The fiberglass sea cows are designed by Jacksonville's Sally Corp. Shortly after Jacksonville's Super Bowl in February, the sea cows will migrate to a temporary habitat for rest and rehabilitation before resurfacing in March for a gala auction event.



Ken McMillan, UNF assistant professor of ceramics and sculpture, stands with his finished sea cow Kling-A-Ding.



Kling-A-Ding the sea cow is one of more than 40 sculptures that will decorate Jacksonville in the months leading up to the Super Bowl. Kling-A-Ding is modeled after "Star Trek's" Klingons, but without the scary features to make it more friendly for children, according to McMillan.

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PAM BELL

faculty & staff

The Faculty & Staff page appears each month in Inside UNF and is designed to recognize professional achievements and accomplishments of faculty and staff. To submit items, please contact Amy Parmelee or your college dean.

College of Arts & Sciences

ART & DESIGN: **Karen Carter** presented "Suggestion and psychologie nouvelle: The Spectatorship of Fin-de-siècle Posters" at the Society for French Historical Studies Conference in Paris in June. The international conference marked the 50th anniversary of SFHS and was co-sponsored by Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales and New York University.

Dominick Martorelli has his photograph Virgin of the Night Sky selected from thousands of submissions for a group Internet exhibit of the Mediterranean Foundation for the Arts in Calabria, Italy. Martorelli is one of 21 artists featured and one of only two American artists represented.

BIOLOGY: **Dr. Doria F. Bowers** presented "Arbovirus research at UNF: seeking virus footprints" at the Northeastern Florida Collaborative Meeting for Prevention & Control of West Nile Virus in July.

Dr. Joe Butler published his article "Nests, Nest Predation and Hatchling Emergence of the Carolina Diamondback Terrapin, *Malaclemys terrapin centrata*, in Northeastern Florida" in *American Midland Naturalist*, Vol. 152.

Dr. Michael Lentz presented the poster "Phosphate Site Mapping of the Papillomavirus E1 Helicase" at the Molecular Biology of DNA Tumor Viruses

Conference in Madison, Wis. Undergraduates Joshua Raynes and Nancy Elkhoury were co-authors, along with Stanley Stevens of the University of Florida Protein Chemistry Core.

ENGLISH: **Dr. Richard Bizot's** article "The Dark School of Childhood: Yeats, Joyce and Montague's Time in Armagh" has been published in *Well Dreams: Essays on John Montague*, ed. by Thomas Dillon Redshaw.

HISTORY: **J. Michael Francis** published "The Resguardo, the Mita, and the Alquiler General: Indian Migration in the Province of Tunja, 1550-1636" in the *Colonial Latin American Historical Review*, Vol. 11, No. 4.

Dr. Aaron Sheehan-Dean spoke at the NEH Conference ROOTS: Teaching the African Dimensions of the History and Culture of America, hosted by the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities in July.

MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS: **Dr. Dan Dreibelbis** presented a talk, "The Geometry of Flecnodal Normals," at the eighth International Workshop on Real & Complex Singularities in Marseille, France, in July.

MUSIC: **Dr. Gordon R. Brock** performed a guest recital in honor of the 100th anniversary of Abernethy, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Barry Greene produced a new compact disc, "Urban Jazz." In addition, Mel Bay has published recordings of two of Greene's solo guitar arrangements on CD and published six of Greene's guitar ensemble compositions. Greene also was an invited performer at the Classic American Guitar show in New York in May.

Aida Ribeiro, adjunct instructor of music, is the new music director of the Steinway

Piano School.

Dr. Gerson Yessin's recording with Leopold Stokowski of Bartok's Sonata for Two Pianos and Percussion, originally recorded in 1952, has been reissued in Europe. In addition, an illustrated article about Yessin's experience making this recording with Stokowski appeared in the journal *Toccata*, published by the London Stokowski Society.

PHILOSOPHY: **Dr. Bert Kögler** presented the invited talk "Normality in Modernity and Postmodernity: Risks and Opportunities for Reflexive Identity Construction" in the yearlong lecture series "Normality and Normalization" at the Institute of Art & Science in Vienna in June. He also published a review-essay on Karatani's theory "Transcritique: On Kant and Marx" in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*.

POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION: **Dr. Ted Stumm** and Pamela Mann had their manuscript "Special Assessments in Florida Cities and Counties; Dodging Amendment 10?" published in the issue of *Public Budgeting, Accounting, and Financial Management*, Summer 2004, Vol. 16, No. 2.

PSYCHOLOGY: **Dr. Linda A. Foley** and graduate student Dawn Hurst presented a poster on "Filicide: Legal Authoritarianism and Empathy as predictors of guilt and insanity defense" at the American Psychological Society conference in Chicago in June.

Dr. Lori Lange was promoted to full membership in Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society. Promotion to full membership is based upon her noteworthy achievement as an original investigator in scientific

research.

Dr. Susana Urbina published *Essentials of Psychological Testing*, a new text that was published by John Wiley & Sons in July.

SOCIOLOGY, ANTHROPOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE: **Dr. Ronald Lukens-Bull** published his Indonesian language book *Jihad ala Pesantren di Mata Antropolog Amerika (Jihad ala Indonesian Islamic Boarding Schools in the Eyes of an American Anthropologist)*.

Coggin College of Business

ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE: **Drs. Tom Barton and John MacArthur** were awarded a Certificate of Merit by the Institute of Management Accountants in the annual manuscript competition for their article "Activity-Based Costing and Predatory Pricing: The Case of the Petroleum Retail Industry."

MARKETING, MANAGEMENT AND LOGISTICS: **Dr. Ronald Adams** presented "Retailer Responsibility for Public Health: Fast Food and Obesity in the United States" in July at the annual conference of the European Institute of Retailing and Services Studies in Prague, Czech Republic.

Dr. A. Coskun "Josh" Samli presented "Using Globalization to Overcome Third World Resentment" in Stockholm, Sweden, at the 2004 Conference of the Academy of International Business.

College of Computing, Engineering and Construction

COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCES: **Dr. Sanjay P. Ahuja** had three of his research

papers, "EJB and CORBA: A Performance Evaluation," "Performance Evaluation and Comparison of Java Servlets and CGI Scripts in Web-Based Applications" and "On the Performance Evaluation of a Campus LAN," published in the Proceedings of the Eighth World Multi-conference on Systemics, Cybernetics and Informatics (SCI 2004) in Orlando in July.

ENGINEERING: **Dr. Susan Vasana** had the article "A Demodulation Method for Baseband M-ary FSK Signals Using Quadrant Crossings and Soft-Decision Detection" published in the conference proceedings of Wireless 2004 – The 16th International Conference on Wireless Communications in July.

College of Education and Human Services

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION: **Dr. Cathy Cavanaugh** presented the keynote address, "From Here to Their Dreams: Student Success through 21st Century Skills" at the Northeast Florida Educational Technology Conference in July.

Dr. Jace Hargis and student Yashira Belliard had their paper "Assessing Student-Centered Project-Based Learning: Insight from a Student" published in the August edition of Theories and Practices.

Dr. Nile Stanley has published "Interview with Jonathan Kozol: Hold'en Fast to the Dream of Equal Education" in The Florida Reading Quarterly.

Dr. Richard Chant, Tina Heafner and Kristin Bennett had their article "Connecting Personal Theorizing and Action Research in Preservice Teacher Development" published in the

journal Teaching Education Quarterly, Summer.

SPECIAL EDUCATION: **Dr. Lynn Woolsey** was elected secretary for the Council on the Education of the Deaf in July. She also presented the preliminary results of her federally funded research in the poster "An Ecobehavioral Assessment of High and Low Performing Deaf Students with Exemplary Teachers" at the Office of Special Education Programs Director's meeting.

College of Health

PUBLIC HEALTH: **Dr. Catherine Christie** was the associate editor for Nutrition and Well-being A to Z, published in June by Macmillan Reference USA. **Christie** and **Drs. Judy Perkin, Judy Rodriguez, Simin Vaghefi** and **Sally Weerts** were contributing authors.

Dr. Judy Perkin received one of the 2004-05 Presidential Service Awards from the Florida Public Health Association in July.

NURSING: **Dr. Kathy Bloom, Michele Bednarzyk** and **Donna Van Loock** had their article "Barriers to Prenatal Care for Homeless Pregnant Women" published in the July/August issue of the Journal of Obstetric, Gynecologic, and Neonatal Nursing. This article reports the results of a survey of homeless pregnant women that was supported by a grant from the Northeast Florida Healthy Start Coalition.

HR News

Athletics - Joe Collins as strength and conditioning coach; Tom Strother as sports information director; Jim Scholler as head athletic trainer; Shawn LaFata as assistant sports information director.

Coggin College of Business - Cheryl Campbell as director of student services.

Computing, Engineering and Construction - Larry Snedden as coordinator; and Elaine Poppell as senior broadcast engineer.

Continuing Education - Scott Gaillard and Gloria Merritt as program assistants.

FIE - Brian Gifford as coordinator.

Fine Arts Center - Danielle Deyton as coordinator.

Information Technology - Dmitriy Bondarenko as coordinator.

Library - Scott Peden as computer coordinator.

Physical Facilities - AC Lauramore as pest control technician; and Carmen Pinkett and David Mitchell as custodial workers.

Postal Services - Christian Martinez as clerk.

Public Opinion Research Laboratory - Kristen Anderson, Bradley Klement, Kathleen McCallion and Justin Solomon as laboratory technicians.

Purchasing - Belinda Bernard as program assistant.

Residence Life - Scott Burgess as assistant director; and Heather Weeter as coordinator.

University Conduct - Rachel Bukanc as assistant director.

Promotions

Academic Center for Excellence - Kay Haltiwanger as office manager.

Computing, Engineering and Construction - Jeffrey Bowen as coordinator.

Controller's Office - Floyd Hurst as controller.

Physical Facilities - Phuong Nguyen as senior fiscal assistant.

Births

Dee Robertson Lee of the Library and her husband, Dan, welcomed their first grandchild July 26. Faeryn Isabelle Lee weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

Achievements

Dr. Robert L. Mitchell, founding dean of Continuing Education and Community Services, is now presiding elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. He celebrated 50 years in the ministry Aug. 13.

Evelyn Serrano of the Cashier's Office and her husband, John, recently celebrated their 22nd wedding anniversary.

Assistant Athletic Director **Jim Kelley** will retire at the end of September.

The Division of Continuing Education awarded **Beth Ford** the Staff Outstanding Achievement Recognition Award for her hard work, dedication and willingness to help in marketing services.

DEADLINE

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Donna Hicken set for UNF appearance

First Coast News anchor and author Donna Hicken will speak to College of Health students and the University community on Sept. 23.

The talk will be at 10:50 a.m. in Room 1600 of the Robinson Student Life Center.

Hicken will talk about her new book, "The Good Fight," which details her experience with twice-diagnosed breast cancer and the subsequent treat-

ments. Much of the book includes excerpts from her online journal, which was shared with others in the breast cancer community.

The book will be on sale at the event. All proceeds will go to the Hicken Foundation, a fund for breast cancer victims with limited financial resources. After the lecture, Hicken will hold a question and answer session and book signing.



Get to Know...

Sandra Lucas Hager

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Years at UNF: Six

WHAT'S/WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE

Author — James Herriot because he was a gentle, humble and compassionate man who cared deeply for animals and their welfare, a subject near and dear to my heart. After reading *All Creatures Great and Small*, I felt I had made a friend in Mr. Herriot. I admire his warmth and courage, and appreciate his ability to tell wonderful stories filled with beauty, hope and humor. I had always wanted to help animals, but did not know what path I should follow to pursue my dream. His stories inspired me to get involved with rescuing abused, neglected and abandoned dogs.

Movie — I am a hopeless romantic, and my favorite movie is *Wuthering Heights*.

Actor/Actress — Nicholas Cage, Cary Grant, James Spader, John Travolta, John Cusack

Musician/Musical Group — Kansas, Boston, Metallica, Moody Blues, Fleetwood Mac

Sports Team — I started watching football with my dad when I was very

young, and I developed a serious passion for college football. My favorite team is the Florida Gators. I married a great guy who is a University of Florida alum, turned him into a football fanatic, and we never miss a game!

Vacation destination — I enjoy the ocean because it is so relaxing and the mountains because they are a pleasant change of scenery.

What am I most passionate about — To say that I love dogs is an understatement! We have five dogs — Scruffy, Roscoe, Chessie, Bailey and Buddy — who have been rescued from a variety of different circumstances. Scruffy is blind and Buddy is deaf and almost blind, but their physical limitations do not slow them down or prevent them from living a quality life. Our dogs bring so much love and joy to our lives, and they mean the world to us.

I am most passionate about helping abused, neglected and abandoned dogs get adopted into loving families because

they deserve to live a happy life. I focus my rescue efforts on senior and special-needs dogs because they have a very special place in my heart. I volunteer with

several rescue groups, including Pet Rescue North, Coastal Poodle Rescue, Small Paws Rescue and CockerNMore.

Proudest Accomplishment

— I am most proud that I am a loving daughter. I was blessed with wonderful parents with whom I have always shared a respectful relationship and a special friendship.



Sandra Hager

ALANA REICHERT

The love my parents shared with me and the values they taught me have helped me throughout my life to be a kind and loving person. My mother passed from this life five years ago, but her spirit lives in my heart and her love and wisdom continue to guide me.

My husband and I moved from Avondale to Green Cove Springs to live closer to my dad. This has been a blessing because we are able to share more quality time together, and I am able to do more for him.

Hobby — Tennis, restoring antique furniture.

New lecture series

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University in Houston. He studies politics of the American South, American political parties and American national government. Black has written several books, the most recent being *The Politics of the Modern South*. Black's Sept. 28 lecture in the Fine Arts Center's Lazzara Performance Hall is five weeks before the election.

Uelsmann also will speak in the Lazzara Performance Hall. The photographer, who visits Oct. 15, has exhibited his work around the world, and many of his works are included in permanent collections of such museums as the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, the Bibliotheque National in Paris, the National Museum of American Art in Washington, D.C., and the Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Photography. Uelsmann's work also will be on display in the University Gallery from Sept. 9 to Oct. 21.

Andrews, West Coast editor and bureau chief for *The Economist* magazine, will speak in the University Center on Oct. 18 as part of the World Affairs Council Global Issues Forum. He will discuss "How Europeans See the U.S." Andrews has written two books on Asia and co-authored a book on Europe. Prior to his assignment in Los Angeles, Andrews spent four years as Paris bureau chief for *The Economist*, analyzing French politics and the French economy.

Physicist Greene is another World Affairs Council lecturer coming to UNF. He is the author of *The Elegant Universe*, in which he recounts how the theories of general relativity and quantum mechanics transformed people's understanding of the universe. Greene also in the book introduced string theory, a concept that could be the key to a unified theory of the universe. His Nov. 15 lecture in the University Center is titled "Beyond Global."

The Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida Ethics Center Lecture in the University Center on Jan. 27 will feature Tom Beauchamp, who is a philosophy professor and a

briefs

UPD OFFICERS VOLUNTEER TO HELP IN HURRICANE AREA

A half dozen UNF Police Department officers have volunteered to help in the southwest Florida counties ravaged by Hurricane Charley.

The UPD officers volunteered to relieve emergency services staff who have been working around the clock since the hurricane struck last month.

"We here at the UNF Police Department would like to volunteer our assistance by sending volunteer off-duty officers with three of our police vehicles to assist these affected areas for three to five days at a time," said UPD Chief Mark Foxworth.

The project will not impact the University from a police and public safety standpoint since the officers are volunteering during their normal days off, Foxworth said. The vehicles used for this assignment still leave an adequate number of police vehicles for daily functions, he added.

CENTER FOR ECONOMIC EDUCATION GETS GRANTS

The Center for Economic Education, run by Mollie Lawrence and Stephen L. Shapiro, has received several grants for 2004-05.

The Financial Fitness for Life Grant was received from the National Council on Economic Education for Parents at Peterson Academy in October, and K-2 and 3-5 teachers in the 14-county area of service for fall.

In addition, the center has a grant from NCEE and McGraw Hill Cos. for the CAPSTONE project for high school economics teachers and a Security Industries Association Project identifying FCAT testing related to economics, mathematics and language arts for grades 3-12 related to the Stock Market Game, a hands-on economics and finance strategy for the classroom.

senior research scholar in Georgetown University's Kennedy Institute of Ethics.

His research interests are in the history of modern philosophy and practical ethics, especially biomedical and business ethics. He has been on the staff of the National Commission for the Protection of Human Subjects of Biomedical and Behavioral Research since 1976.

Hiaasen, who is scheduled to speak Feb. 28 in the Arena, perhaps is best-known for his pro-environment stand in his columns for *The Miami Herald* and in his best-selling books, which use South Florida at its most bizarre. Hiaasen also wrote *Hoot*, his first children's book, which was recognized in 2003 as a Newbery Honor Book.

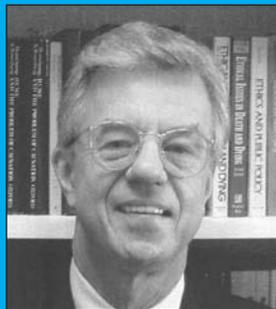
All of the lectures are open to the public and are free, although tickets may be required at some events.

"This is a great opportunity for students to have small-group discussions with national and international figures."

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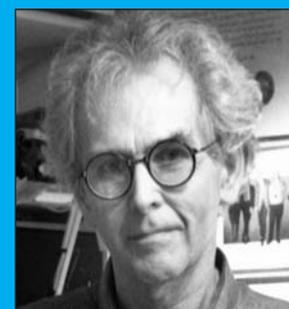
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Nursing student stops to help victims

By TOM CAIN
Staff Writer

On Interstate 10 outside Jacksonville, in the late afternoon of a hot August day, UNF nursing student Haley Thomas and her husband, Ben, came upon the bloody aftermath of a horrible wreck.

Haley Thomas did what most people would like to believe they would do, but can never be certain. She stopped to help.

Thomas and her husband were traveling from their home in Macclenny to her nursing convocation in the Robinson Theatre. Thomas, 21, was to receive her nursing pin at the convocation. The following day, she would be awarded her bachelor's degree in nursing at the summer graduation ceremony.

A mile west of Interstate 295, a car crossed the I-10 median and was struck by another car going in the opposite direction. The accident happened just moments before the Thomases got there.

"I've got to help. I'm a nurse. I have to stop. I've got to do this, right?" The words came tumbling out as Thomas talked a few days later about what she said to her husband as they approached the accident scene. She admitted she wanted to stop, but also wanted reassurance from her husband that it was the right thing to do.

Her husband pulled over, and Thomas jumped out of the car, quickly sized up the situation and immediately shouted to some people already on the scene, "Does anyone need CPR?"

It was too late for the first victim Thomas came to. The woman didn't have a pulse. She had been thrown from the car and suffered massive internal injuries.

Not far from the woman, a man was lying face down. The man had a severe head injury, but did have a weak pulse and gasped for air occasionally. Thomas performed CPR on the man until an emergency heli-



Ben and Haley Thomas

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BARBARA OLINZOCK

copter transported him to a hospital, where he later died. Ben Thomas and another person pumped the man's chest before the helicopter came.

"I'm really proud of her," said Barbara Olinzock, a nursing professor who has known Thomas for two years. "She is just a spiritual and a caring-type person."

After all she had been through, Thomas still made it to the convocation and received her pin. She was slipping her graduation gown on as she ran across the Green. Her dress had dried blood on it from shards of glass she had kneeled in at the accident scene.



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