

# UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA



8057 Arlington Expressway / Post Office Box 17074  
Jacksonville, Florida 32216 / Phone 904-725-7730

## directions

VOLUME 1, ISSUE 4

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

FALL, 1972

### Student Affairs Stresses Counseling

"The core of the Student Services Program is career counseling and advisement," says Dr. William Baggett, Dean of Students at the University of North Florida.

It is this fact which makes the Office of Student Affairs at UNF different. Dr. Baggett and his staff have come to grips with the major concern of the upper-level college student—his future.

The UNF Office of Student Affairs is under the administration of Dr. Roy L. Lassiter, Vice President and Dean of Faculties, who is committed to the idea of a Student Services Office geared to the students' academic as well as extra-curricular experiences.

From the day of admission, students are made aware of the emphasis on career planning. Each student is assigned a faculty-advisor in his major department. This advisor stays with the student throughout his stay with the UNF. The student meets with his advisor before registering for classes.

The advisor guides the student in making course selections after they determine together the student's educational goals. In addition to individualized schedule planning, counselors are available for consultation on personal problems.

Dr. Baggett explained, "Through our counseling service we hope to establish a strong rapport with our students as a by-product, and to

build up relationships which will enable the students to come to us with their problems."

Under the direction of Dr. Johnny Arnette, Associate Dean of Students, thirteen instructor-advisors were carefully recruited for their interest in students. They spent their first month at UNF in in-service training before student counseling began August 1.

During the training period the advisors were briefed on the academic service and support units of the University, such as Financial Aid, Cooperative Education and Instructional Communications. Professionals discussed such topics as sensitivity to behavior, minority problems, drug education, referral procedures and tests in the advisory processes.

Drs. Baggett and Arnette feel they have developed an integrated academic and career counseling program which will help students plan not only for their career goals, but for their life goals as well.

The Career Counseling Program works with the cooperation of the support units of the Office of Student Affairs such as psychological services and placement.

The Division of Psychological Services is directed by Dr. Travis Carter, previously Associate Professor of Comprehensive Logic and Education at the University of Florida. He is always available to handle

students' day-to-day problems as well as other psychological problems.

Also included in the Office are the Divisions of Off-Campus Housing, Student Activities, and Health Services.

Student Health Services will be facilitated through a first-aid station with a full-time staff, including LPN's. The office will be open all University hours with direct connections with local hospitals for emergencies. Only non-prescription drugs will be dispensed.



*Instructor-counselor Dr. Richard Bizot talks to registering student Mrs. Wansa Wilson about her course requirements before she makes out her schedule.*



Michael Argento, Housing Director, looks on as Mrs. Boyles helps a student coordinate her classes around her co-op employment schedule.

## Students May Earn and Learn

The University of North Florida is offering its students the opportunity to get on the inside track toward the future with its cooperative education program initiated this fall.

Mrs. Carol Ann Boyles, Director of Cooperative Education and Placement, describes it as being "an educational program for career development providing learning situations for students through planned and supervised field experiences in a work environment."

Employers offering students jobs are providing them with opportunities to gain valuable skills needed for employment after graduation. Consequently, cooperative education graduates have proved to have a high market value upon graduation. In addition, UNF students may earn more than \$2 per hour and as many as 15 hours of credit through the co-op program.

"Cooperative education students are given a choice of programs," explained Mrs. Boyles. "He may choose the traditional program, alternating quarters of full-time work with quarters of full-time study, or he may choose the 'academic practicum' program, providing part-time employment and part-time study throughout the quarter."

The latter program involves work experience of a relatively short duration, extending for one or two quarters. The work experiences will be internships, apprenticeships or field experiences considered an integral part of student academic pro-

grams.

The work experiences a student participates in should be a supplement to his classroom studies rather than just a part-time job. The student will progress in level and responsibility as he progresses in his on-campus course work.

Jacksonville businesses and agencies have shown great interest in the UNF cooperative education and placement program. To date, UNF students have been placed with Southern Bell, Cain & Bultman, Inc., The University Christian School, Dantzer Lumber and Export Company, Florida Junior College and the Calhoun School, to name only a few.

To assure communication between the University and participating employers, a co-op committee is planned, made up of Mrs. Boyles, representatives from each of the three colleges, some students participating in the program and two or three employers.

The committee also will evaluate the co-op experiences, resolve credit issues, assist in the development of co-op education and experimentation.

Beyond the advantages of the Cooperative Education Program to the students involved, the employers will be able to identify and train prospective employees in their methods of operation. Employers may hire a student only for a particularly busy period with no obligation to continue employment beyond this period.

## Student Apts. Limited in Jax

Faced with the problem of no on-campus housing and limited apartment availability in the area close to campus, UNF students are turning to the Office of Student Affairs for help.

Dean of Students William Baggett conducted a survey and compiled a list of apartments in the area.

The list, made with the help of the Beaches Chamber of Commerce and the Jacksonville Apartment Association, includes rent scales to aid students in finding housing suitable to their budgets.

The Jacksonville Housing Authority identified a new low-income housing complex under construction west of Southside Boulevard as possible student housing. However, students must meet certain low-income qualifications. Moreover, the waiting list is already long and the project won't be completed in time for the fall quarter.

A Gainesville firm experienced in providing apartments for University of Florida students purchased approximately 100 acres of land adjacent to the UNF campus. The representatives of the firm indicated a desire to provide reasonably priced one-, two-, three-, and four-bedroom apartments for UNF students and staff.

The new Off-campus Housing Coordinator, Michael Argento, works full time to help students and staff find housing in the right location and price range.

This public document was promulgated at an annual cost of \$2,580.55 or 12.9 cents per copy to inform students and the general public about the development of the University of North Florida.

**"directions"**  
is published periodically  
for the University of  
North Florida by the  
Division of Public Relations  
Editor: Jacqueline K. Briggs

## Choice of Financial Aid Available

Work-study Programs, Economic Opportunity Grants, National Defense Loans, and Federally Insured Loan Programs are only a few of the many types of financial assistance the University of North Florida can offer a student with need.

The Financial Aid Program at the UNF has been developed to provide assistance to students who, without such aid, would be unable to attend college. All aid awards are based upon individual need, university costs, and availability of funds.

Financial awards may consist of scholarships, loans, grants and employment, singly or in various combinations.

Rufus Jefferson, UNF Director of Financial Aid, will try to place 20 percent of the college work-study students in off-campus jobs. "The jobs will be with agencies working in the public interest," explained Jefferson, "such as federal agencies, social and community action groups, some hospitals, and city and state departments like recreation and rehabilitative services."

Students involved in the work-study program will earn \$1.75 to \$3.50 per hour during periods of non-class work, for a maximum of 40 hours per week. During class periods, they may work 15 hours per week. There are a limited number of these jobs available for full-time summer employment, so priority must be given to those with extreme need.

Economic Opportunity Grants come in two categories: 1) Renewal year EOG, awarded to those who received such a grant the previous year; and 2) Initial year EOG, awarded to students for the first time or after a break of over one year. The University has received \$64,000 in funds for the EOG grants.

National Defense Loans are the largest source of federal funds the University of North Florida offers. These are designed for those who can demonstrate financial need. The loans should be considered investments in students' futures which

they later repay, Jefferson said.

While the Economic Opportunity Grants are funded entirely from the federal government, the National Defense Student Loans and the College Work-Study Program are funded through a combination of federal appropriations and institutional matching funds. These matching funds come, in part, from the University of North Florida Foundation, Inc. Gifts by Volunteer Alumni have totaled approximately \$30,000.

The single largest financial aid fund available to the UNF is the Florida Student Loan Fund used to fill the gaps left by federal funds. These funds will satisfy the total anticipated need of \$771,000 among UNF students. This is based on the estimate that 35 percent of the UNF students will receive some type of financial assistance.

Through institutional resources a number of academic scholarships will be awarded to those showing academic potential as well as need. The scholarship will generally be for the amount of fees for an academic year, averaging about \$570 per year.

Students in need of a short-term loan for purposes other than or in addition to academic needs, may borrow from \$10 to \$300 from the University on a revolving fund. The

loan must be replaced within the academic quarter. (It is actually a 30-day loan with a 90-day extension.)

How is one assessed as qualified for financial assistance? To ascertain financial need, the UNF uses the American College Testing program and the College Scholarship Service of the College Entrance Examination Board. These two are recognized by the federal and state governments as official agencies of assessment of student financial need. All UNF recipients must show needs based on instruments used by these agencies.



*Johnny Kirby, Dr. Johnny Arnette and Dr. William Baggett, meet to discuss the Student Affairs Programs in which all are involved.*

## Activities Enrich Experience

Johnny Kirby, Director of Student Activities, plans to help students enrich their UNF experiences by developing with them a wide variety of extracurricular activities.

All student activities, from intramural sports to visiting performers, are coordinated through Kirby's office. He will work with interested students to establish academic honoraries, religious groups, social organizations, leadership and service groups, political and cultural groups, and groups for almost any special interest for which there is a determined need or desire.

"The goals of the Division of Student Activities include aiding students in discovering interests outside the classrooms," explained Kirby. "We want to cultivate their ability to lead and to cooperate, help them find opportunities to serve the University and community, and develop desirable, constructive personal habits and qualities."

The Division of Student Activities will also help students develop new programs, provide liaison between student groups, faculty consultants and administration, and coordinate activities with other University departments.

# General Assembly to Govern UNF

A unique experiment in governing a university got underway in September when ten members of the UNF non-administrative staff were elected to serve on the UNF General Assembly.

While most institutions are governed by a faculty senate in which students and staff have little or no legislative powers, the University of North Florida is involving the entire University community in its governance.

The ten representatives were elec-

ted from among the 159 career service employees. Fifty students will be elected in October.

The balance of the assembly is composed of all faculty and administrators and five members appointed from the University community at large by the president.

Dr. Roy L. Lassiter, Jr., Vice President and Dean of Faculties, will be the presiding officer of the Assembly. A vice-chairman is to be elected by the representatives and a secretary will be appointed by the

chairman.

The first meeting of the legislative body is scheduled for October 20. Members will at that time be nominated for membership on the various standing and special committees of the assembly.

The committees include the Steering Committee, Committee on Rights and Responsibilities, Committees on Faculty Affairs, Student Affairs, Academic Standards, Academic Programs, the Nominating Committee and the Committee on the Constitution.

The General Assembly will meet at least once during each term. Other meetings may be called by the chairman or on petition for twenty-five members.

The General Assembly will "have the authority to establish educational, academic or other policies of general university interest and shall make such rules, regulations and bylaws as are deemed necessary to effectuate these policies," as stated in the Interim Articles of Governance.

Dr. Lassiter said the articles of governance are to be considered an interim formula, effective until January 1, 1975. "By that time," he said, "we should have an idea of their effectiveness and of their acceptance by the various sectors of the University community."



*The wooded areas surrounding the campus are evident in this aerial photo, taken prior to the completion of the parking lots. The lots are now paved and curbed and the immediate grounds are seeded for grass.*

**directions**  
**University of North Florida**  
**Box 17074**  
**Jacksonville, Florida 32216**

Nonprofit Org.  
 U.S. Postage  
 Paid  
 Jacksonville, Fla.  
 Permit No. 3558