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At First Union, we know how valuable a relationship is.
In November alumni employed by the Duval County School Board were invited to an Alumni Workplace Reception sponsored by the College of Education and Human Services alumni chapter and the National Alumni Association. The Jacksonville Jazz Festival began at UNF as the National Alumni Association and AT&T Universal Card hosted the Winner's Reunion. November continued with many out-of-town events for alumni in Orlando, Washington, D.C. and Atlanta. The Association wrapped up the 1997 year in December with its annual holiday party at Epping Forest Yacht Club.

As always, the alumni association wants your involvement. Please contact our office at 904-620-GRAD or 800-UNF-GRAD or by e-mail via our web page at http://www.unf.edu/alumni to learn about how you can get involved with the UNF National Alumni Association.
From the Desk of Dr. Roland E. Buck

As the University celebrated the 25th Anniversary of its first day of classes, October 2, faculty and staff here reminisced on the challenges of not only creating a university but also of guiding it through its maturity. At each major stage in its development - whether the addition of on-campus housing in 1984 or freshman/sophomore classes in 1985 - the challenges have presented themselves and have been successfully met.

In 1997, the challenge for the Division of Student Affairs and the University as a whole is one of preserving a UNF hallmark: maintaining an emphasis on the individual student in a caring and nurturing environment. This latest challenge is intensified by the presence of a student body that has nearly doubled in size since 1984, from 6,000 to 11,500 students this Fall. And with almost 10 percent of them living on campus, they must be engaged in a wide array of activities that will bond them to the campus as we strive to establish a traditional university campus environment.

Several proactive efforts are being made across campus toward meeting this challenge of maintaining a caring, nurturing environment. Examples of these include:

- A customer service program that uses campus volunteers to personalize the experience of the more than 1,000 resident students who all arrived on campus within a three day period to move into their campus homes. About 30 campus non-housing employee-volunteers inspected rooms for cleanliness and proper furnishings several days before move-in day and augmented the Housing staff during check-in. An equal number of UNF athletes and fraternity/sorority member-volunteers also welcomed the new residents by helping student and parents with the physical chores of moving their belongings into their residence halls. By all feedback, this program made a difficult period easier on both students and parents.

- Special support groups for minority students and for non-traditional age students returning to college to assist them in their adjustments.

- A Parents Program that helps ease the separation anxiety often felt by parents as their children leave home for the first time and gives them a central University contact for questions and advice. The program this year published a "Parents' Guide to UNF" filled with advice and information.

- Faculty/staff mentoring programs for UNF students who now represent more than 100 countries from around the world, as well as for minority students.

- Establishment of a campus retention office to proactively seek ways to assure that students continue with their educations to completion.

- Creation of the Office of the Student Ombudsman, staffed by an administrator whose job it is to guide students to the proper office or assist them with problems that have not been rectified elsewhere on campus.

- An outreach program started last year at the suggestion of local clergy whereby UNF offers test preparation workshops at area minority churches and several Duval County high schools to increase the college admission rates of these potential UNF students.

- Recognition of almost 100 student organizations catering to the interests and needs of a diverse student population.

- An Intramural and Athletic Program that meets the interests and abilities of students. In sum, student affairs staff at UNF play a significant role in facilitating student involvement in educationally purposeful activities beyond the classroom. They collaborate with faculty in helping students make connections between the curriculum and their out-of-class experiences.

Roland E. Buck
Vice President for Student Affairs
International Office is UNF's Connection to the World

By Laura Smith
Freelance Writer

Panamanian Ildefonso Madrid remembers well the weary all-nighters spent preparing for exams. He remembers the parties, the friends, the classes, and the beach. But for Madrid, an international student who was awarded two UNF degrees in May, college was also a unique opportunity to learn about another culture and to make connections that would later benefit his career.

And Madrid's recognition of the value of an international education may be contagious. It seems that more UNF students than ever are including some kind of international study in their education. Last summer, 118 UNF students studied abroad.

UNF's Office of International Programs (OIP) provides support and services for international students who have come to Jacksonville to study at UNF and for American students who wish to participate in a program of study in another country. Under the leadership of Dr. Betty Flinchum, the OIP manages the University's faculty and student exchange programs, publicizes international opportunities, and assists students who wish to participate in an international program.

"One of the things that I do is follow up with former international students in their home countries," says Flinchum as she flips proudly through a stack of recent graduation photographs, pointing out students who have become good friends and who have since returned home. "And invariably, through those students I meet other students who want to come to UNF. The word gets around about UNF."

UNF: Home Away from Home

In the past 25 years, students from more than 100 countries have walked the grounds of UNF. This year, more than 500 UNF students are from abroad and following graduation, many of them return to positions of leadership in their home countries.

Ildefonso Madrid is no exception. Madrid first arrived at UNF in August 1993, where he began two programs of study, one in finance and banking and another in marketing and management. He was one of six recipients of four-year scholarships provided by the United States Agency for International Development when he left Panama to study at UNF.

In some ways, it was a difficult adjustment. "First, of all," recalls Madrid, "there was the language. Although I had had some exposure to English, I was not able to speak and understand it 100 percent. But I was determined to succeed, so I asked the housing office to place me with only non-Spanish-speaking roommates, so that I would be forced to speak English all the time."

During the summer before his junior year, Madrid joined INROADS, an American organization dedicated to promoting the success of talented minorities in the United States. Through INROADS, Madrid found a position as an intern at Vistakon, Johnson & Johnson's Jacksonville-based vision products corporation. In four years at UNF, Madrid actually earned two business degrees. He is now a finance assistant for Johnson & Johnson Consumer in Panama City, Panama.

UNF Students Abroad

The OIP does more than provide services to international students studying at UNF. It also helps American students who wish to study abroad. Working with departments and with individual faculty members, the OIP helps to create study abroad programs which allow students to earn academic credit for studying in a foreign country. UNF students have the opportunity to participate in an international exchange program, a semester abroad program, or a summer abroad program. And the number of American students who participate in UNF-sponsored study abroad programs is on the rise. UNF students have recently studied in Paris, London, Ireland, Italy, Africa, Japan, China, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Belgium, Belize, Costa Rica, and Peru.

Roberta Ohman, who graduated with a nursing degree this summer, understands all.

Last May, she participated in UNF's Semester Break in Paris Program last spring, gets her portrait sketched by a sidewalk vendor in the Montmartre District.

Top, Panamanian Ildefonso Madrid poses with Dr. Betty Flinchum, director of UNF's Office of International Programs, following his graduation last spring.

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It's a small world, after all, for the hundreds of UNF students who have included international study in their college careers. The Office of International Programs has been called UNF's "Connection to the World," and it's a connection that will continue to benefit both UNF graduates and the communities in which they live.
Diaz is Not Your Typical Volunteer

By Pat Ponder
Staff Writer

Not many 19-year-olds have a motto ("Service before self and excellence in all we do"), nor do they have a detailed life plan (as an elected official, to enact his vision for the South Florida city of Homestead, hit hard by Hurricane Andrew five years ago).

But Alex Diaz, a sophomore political science major, has both. Diaz recently completed a summer internship in U.S. Sen. Bob Graham’s office, and is the director of student lobbying for the UNF Student Government Association (SGA).

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Completing over 7,000 hours of community service while still in high school also set Diaz apart. His assessment of his own activities sounds like an understatement. “I wasn’t your typical volunteer,” he said. “I wasn’t out visiting nursing homes.”

Instead, Diaz worked with his mentor in his school’s police explorers’ program, Dade County youth resource officer Tony Aquino, starting a program to help at-risk eighth graders to make the transition from junior high to high school. He also initiated a toy gun buy-back program for area elementary schools, where students learned the risks of having guns in the home and traded in the toys for donated movie passes, T-shirts, and other playthings. “We thought if they stopped playing with guns, they would be less likely to pick up a real gun,” Diaz explained.

A tutoring program for learning disabled children to help them build math and reading skills was especially meaningful for Diaz. “Due to an error in how a test was graded, I was labeled, ‘LD’ in third grade,” he explained. “A teacher I had in the fourth grade straightened it out, but I know what it’s like to be labeled and called names by your peers.” The experience helped form his resolve to help others, he added.

Trips to Tallahassee and Washington are part of his job as director of student lobbying. He and his counterparts from the other nine universities within the state system meet monthly to coordinate their agenda for the Legislature.

Internal lobbying is another potential responsibility, although Diaz said there is not as much need for it at UNF as some other schools. “President Herbert and his staff kind of know the mood of the school,” he noted. “They are well aware of the issues of concern.” Those issues, he said, include lack of parking, inadequate library hours, and an understaffed financial aid office.

After graduation, Diaz plans to return home and run for office but he’s not waiting until then to launch an election. He will seek the post of SGA president this spring, and if elected, will be the youngest person, at 20, ever to hold the job.

Diaz’ advice to students is to join in. “To be more well-rounded as people, they need to be involved,” he said. “They should make themselves aware of what we have on campus. There are over 100 clubs.”

He follows his own advice, even though there is a personal price involved with giving so many hours to others, Diaz added. “In high school my participation did have an effect on my grades. One year, out of 180 school days, I went to school for 80. I didn’t make straight As but I didn’t make C’s either.”

The rewards of touching people’s lives is worth the price, he said. “In life, you have to be true to yourself, but you have to do what’s best for others.”
Honors Program Orientation Teaches Trust

By Dan Dunson
Staff Writer

You have just overcome your fear of heights to climb a 50-foot tower and now you place your life in the hands of a stranger who is holding a rope on the ground waiting for you to descend. That's trust. About 80 incoming students in UNF's Honors Program got a chance to experience such trust during a rigorous orientation program this summer.

The "ropes challenge" as it is known, is only one aspect of the orientation, but it is an aspect of the program most students will remember for the rest of their lives. The reaction of Lindie Collins, an incoming freshman from University Christian High School, is typical of the reactions students have after completing the course. "I felt it helped me conquer some of my fears. I had to overcome my fear of heights which I did pretty well going up the tower until I made the mistake of looking down. When I finally got to the top, I had to put my trust in a fellow student on the ground who was holding the rope. It's really an experience to put your life in someone else's hands," she said.

About 40 student leaders and several faculty assisted in the orientation program which also included a four-day-long "Introduction to Service Learning" events at the Davis YWCA, the Clara White Mission, the Sulzbacher Homeless Center and the Humane Society. The orientation program not only gives students an opportunity to become acquainted with fellow Honors students, it also helps to set the tone for the entire Honors experience.

Marnie Jones, University Honors director and associate professor of English, said the orientation provides a powerful visual and emotional symbol of the degree to which faculty assist students in reaching seemingly unattainable goals.

The UNF Honors Program will be an experience available to more students as the result of the Florida Legislature's action this year. In addition to approving one of the most favorable education budgets in years, lawmakers approved $150,000 in recurring funds to expand the UNF Honors Program.

This is the first year of a total three-year request of $450,000 to expand the Honors Program from 100 students to about 600 students. The Honors Program will expand the number of interdisciplinary, experiential seminars offered to freshmen and sophomores.

Although the expansion will mean a great deal of work for Jones and her staff, she emphasizes it will be beneficial not only to students, faculty and the University in general but also the community. Jones says students will benefit because of the expanded course offerings while faculty will benefit because many consider Honors courses to be the best teaching experiences of their careers. The University will benefit because it will be able to attract more talented students to campus and the community will benefit because of the service component of the program.

Jones emphasizes that giving back to the community is an important element of the Honors Program. It is known as "service learning" which is an essential requirement of the Honors Program at UNF. Service learning is defined as a method in which students learn and develop through active participation in experiences which meet community needs and are integrated into the student's academic curriculum.

Last fall, for example, Dr. Jim Crooks, a history professor, taught an Honors Programs course on American poverty in which students were required to provide four hours of service each week at a Jacksonville community service agency. Crooks said the seminar was "the richest teaching experience of my 33-year career."

Service learning is only one aspect of the Honors courses which set them apart from other traditional offerings. The students are given the power and responsibilities in the classroom to plan the curriculum. "Faculty and students are equally responsible for the success of classes. This helps students to buy into the course," Jones says.
UNF Scientist Examines Water Quality Issues

By Dan Dundon
Staff Writer

While thousands of new residents flock to the First Coast every year and the area experiences a development boom, Valerie J. Harwood is seeing some of the consequences of such growth in North Florida waters.

Harwood, an assistant professor of biology at UNF, has become involved in an unprecedented multi-agency study of shellfish harvesting areas in northern St. Johns County and is proposing another water quality study for Duval County.

The task force is the result of action taken by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in late 1994. Because fecal coliform bacteria levels were in violation of state standards, the agency closed a substantial percentage of shellfish harvesting for either commercial sale or recreational usage throughout the entire extent of both the Tolomato and Guana rivers in northern St. Johns County.

The resulting storm of protest led to a task force of citizens and government officials to study the problem. The results, which were recently released, are sobering. It was found that a significant level of fecal coliforms and other pollutants contaminate the entire watershed and fecal coliform numbers tend to be extremely high in several geographically distinct “hot spots.” Failing septic systems are thought to be responsible for part of the problem as well as improper sewage disposal by recreational boaters in the area.

Harwood with assistance from Dr. Yong Hee Kim in Mathematics and Statistics, analyzed and interpreted the data from the samples collected by the St. Johns River Water Management District and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. The report was formally known as the Guana, Tolomato, Matanzas Shellfish & Water Quality Task Force Report.

Since no single source of pollution was identified, the task force came up with a series of wide-ranging recommendations. They include such things as requiring new subdivisions of a certain size to install package treatment plants until central treatment facilities are available and creating an incen-

Dr. Valerie J. (Jody) Harwood, right, assists student Vickie Wagner in taking a water sample. A similar sampling technique was used by Harwood in an unprecedented multi-agency study of shellfish harvesting areas in northern St. Johns County.

tive program for marinas and boaters to install and use pump out facilities.

Harwood admits the problem is complex and the solutions similarly will be complex and probably expensive. However, she notes that it is a price that accompanies rapid development. “It is pretty obvious that the more uncontrolled development you have, the greater the impact on water quality. It is also obvious that there are some definite ways to mitigate environmental impact of development but this costs money. The question is are we willing to hold developers and other people interested in building to a standard that will keep the environment clean?”

Harwood is no novice when it comes to water quality analysis or biochemical research. Since coming to UNF in 1995, Harwood has received a $100,000 Academic Research Enhancement Award from the National Institutes of Health to study an enzyme called prolylendopetidase. The enzyme comes from a microorganism named Pyrococcus furiosus, an appropriate moniker for an organism that lives in the hydrothermal vents of the oceans and grows best at the temperature of boiling water. She is also involved in a related research project with Dr. Elliott Richelson at Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville.

That project has involved several of her students working in the Mayo labs.

Harwood has an extensive research background which is surprising when you consider that she graduated from Iowa State University in 1980 with a bachelor’s degree in French. She returned to her hometown of Plattsburgh, N.Y., unsure of her career and decided she would take some chemistry courses with the possibility of becoming a veterinarian. She earned a second bachelor’s degree in biology in 1982.

From there, Harwood enrolled in the doctoral program at Old Dominion University. She received her doctorate in 1992 in biomedical sciences. During that time, she was also a microbiology consultant at a number of environmental testing laboratories. That was followed by two-and-a-half years of post doctoral study at the Center for Marine Biotechnology at the University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute.

As interesting as the world of research was, Harwood decided to pursue undergraduate education. “I always liked teaching and had a teaching assistantship in graduate school and even taught a lab as an undergraduate,” she says. She turned down a research position at Johns Hopkins University and eventually decided on UNF.
Neuman Finishes in Top 10 at Miss America

By Tom Cain
Staff Writer

Christy Neuman admits she was disappointed when she didn't win the Miss America Pageant last month in Atlantic City. Three phone calls Neuman received less than a week after the pageant and $10,000 in scholarship money helped cheer her up.

Neuman was one of the 10 semifinalists for the title of Miss America. She nearly made the final five, finishing sixth overall. It's the first time since 1992 Florida has had someone in the top 10. Neuman, a sophomore at UNF, qualified for the Miss America Pageant by winning the Miss Florida Pageant in June. She is the reigning Miss UNF.

While she may not have captured the crown, Neuman had her moments at the Miss America Pageant. She picked up $2,000 for winning a preliminary talent competition. Neuman performed a rhythmic gymnastics routine to a song from the movie Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves. She took home $8,000 in scholarship money for her top-10 finish. "I'll be able to graduate debt free," she said proudly.

Then there were those phone calls. They may help keep Neuman, 20, debt-free for a while longer. "I've had some wonderful job opportunities come about from the pageant being televised nationally," Neuman said. "A choreographer called and offered me a job as the dance lead in a Broadway show."

A couple of days later a representative of Pantene Shampoo telephoned Neuman's agent and said the company wanted Neuman to come to South Florida for a photo session and some promotional work. "I don't know where that will lead," said Neuman.

Officials from the Jacksonville Jaguars got in touch with Neuman about participating in some promotional activities for the team. Her affiliation with the Jaguars began when she was the co-host at a Monday Night Football Fest at the Jacksonville Landing.

Neuman, who's majoring in health and specializing in nutrition and dietetics, plans on returning to UNF for her junior year in the fall of 1998.

In the interim, she'll travel the state fulfilling speaking engagements on behalf of the Miss Florida organization.

Tutoring Project Answers Need for Elementary Students

By Ingrid Roebuck
Staff Writer

Many teachers dream of providing a tutor for students who need extra help but there are many obstacles, such as finding the tutor and getting them to the classroom. But a project created by a UNF professor and a Duval schoolteacher has solved the dilemma with the use of distance learning technology.

Dr. Bruce Gutknecht, a professor of Curriculum and Instruction, and his wife, Connie, a fourth-grade teacher at Carter G. Woodson Elementary School and a graduate of UNF, recently joined forces in an extraordinary distance learning project. Called Learning Together Virtually or LTV for short, the project paired UNF preservice teachers with students at Carter Woodson who need assistance with their reading skills.

The project is the result of the Gutknechts' longtime belief that distance learning (or learning across time and/or distance) could be used to help at-risk schoolchildren at the elementary level. The creation of LTV also was prompted by "a challenge that I think Katherine Kasten put out to the faculty to demonstrate that when we say we know how to use it (new technology) or say we want our students to use it, to actually demonstrate it," says Bruce Gutknecht.

Specifically the project links elementary teacher preparation students who are enrolled in reading methods courses at UNF with fourth-grade students at Carter G. Woodson Elementary School for one-on-one tutoring sessions aimed at enhancing reading skills. These sessions were originally conducted from March to early June with the use of computers, viewing cameras and headsets both at UNF's Education Technology Center and at Carter Woodson.

Books have been obtained so that the student at UNF and the student at Woodson each have their own copies. As the fourth-graders read, the preservice teachers analyze their reading skills and made suggestions for improvement. This distance learning takes place during normal school hours and does not interfere with the teaching of other subjects, says Connie Gutknecht.

The technological aspect of the project was directed by Joe Capitanio, manager of the Education Technology Center for the College of Education and Human Services.

The project continued this fall under the name of LATD (Learning Across Time and Distance). More students will be involved both here and at Woodson, according to Bruce Gutknecht. Also, interactive journaling will now be included along with the tutoring.

Connie Gutknecht says she noticed definite improvements in her students' reading skills earlier this year as well as they enjoyed the chance to work with the new technology.

"It has been very effective. They feel really special being able to use the technology. They are fascinated by being able to interact with someone... Now their reading has a purpose," says Connie Gutknecht.

Although the technology makes the special tutoring sessions possible, Connie Gutknecht says, it's the one-on-one attention that really seems to make the difference. "They just enjoy having a person there."
Alum Honored For Work With Special Olympics

By Pat Ponder
Staff Writer

When Dr. Fran Farrell found out why the students in her fourth-grade class had beaten up a group of retarded children, it got her thinking. A little girl volunteered the reason: "God doesn't like them because if he did, he would have made them like us," Dr. Farrell remembered saying. "I knew then that besides teaching reading, writing, and math I needed to teach some values as well, such as that we all have worth and that different just means different."

Farrell's work with Special Olympics recently won her the St. Augustine Rotary's "Service Above Self" award, but it wasn't this incident that prompted her involvement with the games. Years later, when she was a professor of education at Flagler College in St. Augustine, a position she has held for nearly 20 years, a friend asked her to line up students to help with the project. She was hooked.

Her commitment intensified over the years, with Farrell now serving as director of the

UNF Grad Follows Political Path

By Ingrid Roebuck
Staff Writer

UNF graduate Barbara Tucker took a roundabout route to find her place in the political arena but she got there nonetheless. Originally from West Palm Beach, Tucker, now 33, moved to Jacksonville at age 16 and graduated from Wolfson High School. During her senior year at Jacksonville University Tucker opened a bookstore in Mandarin. But after struggling to hold down both her studies and the demands of being a business owner, she quit JU to run the bookstore. Eight years later, she returned to college at UNF in 1995 and graduated in May 1997 with a bachelor's in both history and political science. Before graduation she served a nine-month internship working in the office of U.S. Sen. Bob Graham of Florida. Tucker was recently hired as executive assistant to the chief of staff at the House Democratic Caucus, under U.S. Rep. Vic Fazio of California.

Tucker says she had so many hours built up toward a degree she decided to pursue a bachelor's in both history and political science. "Then the opportunity for an internship with Senator Graham's office just fell in my lap, and that delayed me two more semesters."

Her internship in Graham's office lasted from September 1996 to May 1997. During the first semester, Tucker worked as part of a team focusing on transportation, defense and infrastructure issues. She also performed research and wrote letters to constituents. But she especially enjoyed the second half of the internship when she was treated basically like a member of the senator's staff. "They gave me my own issues," Tucker says, including aviation, communications, drugs and military medical concerns.

She was responsible for writing letters to constituents about the progress of these issues. She was also responsible for briefing the senator before hearings.

The next opportunity for Tucker came when a friend in the Graham office told her of the opening at the Caucus office. Now she will make Washington, D.C. her home. "I'm still learning everything," Tucker says. The new job draws on her skills as a business manager and her interest in the political process. "I actually enjoy what I'm doing and being in a political arena."

Her duties include scheduling appointments and travel arrangements for the Caucus chief of staff and supervision of some employees. The Democratic Caucus is the assembly of all House Democrats, and is the forum for building consensus within the party.

Tucker's success is somewhat unusual in that she received a permanent position in the nation's capital, according to UNF Assistant Professor Matt Corrigan, who's in charge of undergraduate internships in the political science program. "We hope to have more permanent placements in Washington, if that's what the students want. But the biggest problem with these internships is the offices don't pay. It's difficult for undergraduates to afford it," says Corrigan.

However, the hope is that such placements will become more of the norm as the program and its internships continue to grow. Currently there are UNF students performing internships in the offices of U.S. Sens. Graham and Connie Mack and Reps. Corrine Brown, Tillie Fowler and Cliff Stearns, as well as with the City Council, Jacksonville Community Council Inc., and the League of Women Voters.
Successful Grad More Than Makes Up For Late Start

By Ingrid Roebuck
Staff Writer

It takes a certain amount of gumption and self-determination to return to school while raising two children to get a college degree and start a belated new life. It takes an extraordinary amount to return at age 32 on a full athletic scholarship. UNF grad Adrian Lilburn Cremen did that and much more.

Adrian grew up in Vermont and New Jersey and dropped out of college to marry and raise a family. Many years later and after a move to Florida her children were all grown up. She began running for both exercise and recreation in the 1980s and in 1983 found herself at Florida Community College at Jacksonville on a full athletic scholarship. While at FCCJ Adrian and her teammates won two, back-to-back cross country national championships. She then received a full athletic scholarship to UNF where she graduated cum laude with a bachelor’s in health promotions in 1986. Among her other accolades: made All American several times and also qualified as an Olympic Trials marathon runner.

After leaving UNF Adrian was employed at Baptist Medical Center as an exercise specialist and at Methodist Medical Center as the director of the Center for Wellness. From 1992 to 1994 she was an account manager for Johnson & Johnson, where she directed health programs for employees at Vistakon, a J&J company. She was recently promoted to a senior account manager for J&J and now oversees the operations of health and wellness programs at 10 Johnson & Johnson companies along the East Coast.

She credits many mentors and friends for her success in her athletic and professional endeavors. “Dr. Terry Tabor, acting chair of the Department of Health Science, for example, was instrumental in my becoming a health zealot,” Adrian says. Jack Kelly, a previous professor at UNF played a big part in forming her enthusiasm for health promotion. She also named Dottie Dorion, a well-known local athlete, as both an inspiration to her personally and a ardent supporter of women in athletics. “She has always been very proactive in female sports. She helped UNF to be in the forefront (of development of women’s athletics). You couldn’t find a better inspiration than her,” Adrian says. Dorion donated $100,000 to the University for the renovation of the fitness center. The facility was named in her honor.

In addition to great experiences during her education Adrian says she’s also been very fortunate in her career choices. “I have not had a bad job,” Adrian says. Her job at Methodist Medical Center was a fantastic opportunity, where she gained experience with drug and alcohol treatment, eating disorders and other health concerns. While there she created a corporate wellness program and a senior wellness program for individuals 55 and up.

One of the highlights of her career has certainly been her involvement with the Well Workplace and Well City programs. During her time at Methodist Medical Center she was part of the team that founded the Wellness Council of Jacksonville. About 10 years later in 1995 Jacksonville was chosen as the first Well City in the United States. The distinction, awarded by Wellness Council of America, indicates that Jacksonville meets certain criteria such as the number of businesses considered to be Well Workplaces. These employers must meet specific guidelines in providing health and wellness programs for their employees. Adrian continues to serve as a member of the Mayor’s Council for Fitness and Wellbeing in Jacksonville.

Part of her job is interviewing and hiring new graduates, and Adrian said UNF grads usually bode well for the University. “Unequivocally UNF’s graduates are one of the best. I’ve really been happy with the candidates from UNF.”

Adrian says she misses the one-on-one contact she had with clients in the earlier part of her career but she feels good about the impact she’s having on others. “It makes my job rewarding to know that I’m affecting the health of 35,000 employees.”
Some things are better experienced first-hand, and to the students in Phillip Stewman's oceanography class at St. Augustine High School, marine biology is one of them.

Course work for the students, who are all SCUBA-certified, includes launching and mapping artificial reefs, observing manatees in Crystal River and sea life in the Keys, and investigating the springs which feed the Florida aquifer.

"I can teach over 50 percent of the state's requirements for an oceanography course in the water," Stewman noted. "Instead of just reading about it in books, the students go out and see this stuff."

Stewman, who earned his undergraduate degree in education at UNF, won a collaborative grant along with St. John's County's Nease High School, and Coral Shores High School in the Keys. The state of Florida awarded the grant to develop a marine science program for high school students. Soon, the three schools will be linked online, allowing students to compare the widely varied ecosystems in their areas.

As part of the grant, Stewman's students are beginning to build their own reefs from molds they design. Businesses, regulatory agencies, and individuals all participate in the effort, he added. "There's no one person who makes this thing go."

Florida Rock Industries, for example, donates concrete "wastings," the material left over in trucks at the end of the day, to fill the reef molds. "Limestone is a naturally occurring material in the ocean," Stewman pointed out, "and using it for reefs keeps it out of the landfill."

St. Johns County provides permits and additional reef materials. Comachee Cove Marina furnishes dock space for Stewman's dive boat, as well as okaying construction of a nearby floating classroom, the project's next major step. St. Augustine's Sea Hunt Scuba, which also sells gear, teaches the students to dive, using the UNF Aquatic Center's 13-foot deep indoor pool for training. The University welcomes having the students on campus, according to Everett Malcolm, UNF's associate vice president for student affairs.

"We thought it was a great recruitment tool," Malcolm said. "All these students are of the caliber that will hopefully choose UNF. In fact, several of Stewman's pupils have gone on to UNF, including a scholarship winner.

When mapping reefs, pupils are "buddied" with members of a research team led by Jim Netherton, a chemist with the University of Florida's Whitney Lab at Marineland. He is working with Stewman's students to make a photo mosaic, or complete photographic record, of a reef dropped in June of 1997 in 60 feet of water about seven miles offshore from St. Augustine Inlet.

The students follow the boat's anchor line to the bottom and find the benchmark, or what the divers believe to be the center of the reef. From there, they run compass courses in each direction, stopping every few feet to make notations on a waterproof slate about reef landmarks. Even the reef's profile, or height, must be mapped because, although higher is better in terms of providing marine life habitat, shipping lanes must be kept clear. When the information is compiled, it's submitted to the Coast Guard for use in navigational maps.

Dive gear, including oxygen tanks and...
Stewman, right, and student Meredith Greiner prepare to follow the anchor line to the center of an artificial reef.

Stewman's wife, Michelle, who earned her master's degree in special education at UNF in 1987, helps student Cheryl Abenchuchan prepare to dive.

St. Augustine High School student Meredith Greiner adjusts her mouthpiece while diving to map an artificial reef.

Two members of the artificial reef dive team measure the outer edge of the structure after running a compass course and dispensing the tape.

Wet suits, are provided but the students expect to work for their opportunities, according to Stewman, who noted they were recently allowed to camp free in the Keys in exchange for cleaning a marina there. Candy and pizza sales and car washes also help finance travel around the state.

Funding wasn't the only problem eight years ago when he tried to launch the program, Stewman noted, adding that he had to recruit the first students. "I finally got 30 students together but when the time came to go on the first dive, only six of them decided to do it," he said. "Today we have about 80 applications for 60 slots." Students are accepted after checking their records, mainly for attendance and behavior, with grades of less importance, Stewman said.

Besides a deeper understanding and love of the environment, Stewman said the oceanography program gives the students another benefit. "Their parents have made a lot of their decisions. They're becoming seniors, ready to graduate, and they're nervous because they've never had to make a decision on their own," he explained. "Here they have to take care of themselves to make the team work. Every time they achieve a goal and reach a new level, they feel better about themselves and that helps them do better in all areas of their lives."

Stewman added that the class gives him a lot, too. "My wife and I have no children, but this is an opportunity to maybe leave something behind," he explained. "I want to feel like I've accomplished something that will carry on after I'm gone."

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-Phil Stewman

Despite all Stewman's success with the program, one hurdle remains, he said. "Grades are the worst problem. How do you grade on this, when they're all going out, all doing the work?" he asked. "One of my fellow instructors went with us and said, 'Phil, you need some paper, some ditto sheets, something.' But how do you carry a handout on a 60-foot dive?"
Michael Cooper Embarks on the ‘Adventure’ of His Life

By Melissa Allen
Freelance Writer

No matter what your job is, it is the most important job there is.” — Michael Cooper, 1997

A transplant to Jacksonville, by way of UNF, Michael Cooper has lived by his words from the beginning. Born and raised in Miami, Michael leads a very intense, very full life. “You’ve got to explore life while it is here, there is nothing you can’t do,” is another of Michael’s axioms. Like all of his truisms, Michael is the first person to grab hold of what he is saying and run with it.

Beginning his college career at Miami Dade Community College, Michael heard about UNF in a round about way. He helped to charter the National Volunteer Organization for the State five years ago. While at a volunteer seminar, Michael was introduced to Doreen Daly, who at that time was involved with the Volunteer Center on UNF. Daly recruited one of the most energetic people on campus. In 1991, Michael came to UNF.

“UNF was the perfect size for me, and now all of this growth is just making the campus even more exciting,” says Michael. “I’ve learned so much at UNF, it is a great school and it did a great job in preparing me for the real world - both in the classroom and out.”

Michael was involved in quite a few areas of UNF, but may be best known on campus as part of the inaugural cheerleading squad, and of course, as Ozzie, UNF’s mascot.

“I loved being on the inaugural cheerleading squad. I like to bring out the best of people - get them to loosen up, have fun, relieve stress, and I was able to do that as part of the cheerleading squad.” He was part of the squad for two years. The third year, Michael became Ozzie.

“I went to a basketball game, and noticed that we didn’t have the mascot out there. I went to the back, and said "Where’s the bird suit, I’m wearing the bird suit.” He promptly put on the suit, and went out to have the time of his life! The crowd loved how he interacted with them, and soon began to imitate Ozzie’s trademark six-gun salute. At the end of that first game, President Herbert came up to me, and told me that I had to do this at every game!” he recalls.

His wish is to come back as Ozzie (in the old mascot uniform) at a game. “You’ve got to have fun with what you’re doing, be yourself, be crazy, don’t get caught up on what other people think,” advises Michael. “Being a mascot may not seem very important, but having the people rally around the enthusiasm you produce, can affect the game, the team, the season.”

Michael exhibits that excitement and commitment in every aspect of his life. He graduated from UNF with a double major in management and marketing. Michael was the only one of six children in his family to graduate from college. Through a contact he made at UNF, Michael got an interview with the general manager of Adventure Landing, one of 14 facilities throughout the United States owned by Adventure Golf and Games.

“That first meeting, I was dressed in a three-piece suit, it was summer, and the general manager’s office was out at the beach,” laughs Michael. “I was sitting there sweating, while the general manager was in shorts and a T-shirt.” He was called back for a second interview and given the job.

In his new job, Michael got to experience everything there was about the new Adventure Landing facility. Soon after being hired, he was challenged by the owner to take on the responsibility of constructing a Laser Tag game. “I really went at it and used my marketing and management background to do the research,” Michael says. Shortly after completing that task, he was asked to become the assistant general manager.

Michael and his college sweetheart, Pam Ossi, were married in October 1997 and soon after he was offered the job of general manager of the Adventure Landing at Blanding. Pam graduated from UNF in December 1995, with a degree in secondary education, and is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha.

“This was a very surprising and wonderful experience,” says Michael. “In just two years, I had a lot of responsibility put into my hands.” His new position can be very stressful at times, but according to Michael, it is now his goal to teach his managers what he was taught - to accept a challenge head on, and that no matter what your job, it is the most important one there is.
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- UNF Jazz Ensemble plays to a crowd of more than 70,000 at the stadium during halftime.

- Renowned UNF tenor Bill Brown sings the national anthem.

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Mayor John Delaney congratulates UNF on 25 years of educational excellence.

Founding faculty and staff join Dr. Herbert on UNF Plaza for a birthday party photo.

Founding faculty member Dr. M. Reza Vaghefi talks with Dr. James Parrish, original dean of the College of Business Administration, at a reception following the birthday celebration.

Libraries Director Andrew Farkas and Dr. Roy Lassiter, UNF's first provost.

Daily Billboards carried this UNF greeting throughout the city.
Charleston's New Chamber Leader Has Ambitious Agenda

By Dan Dundon
Staff Writer

Anyone who spends any time in Charleston, S.C., soon will become familiar with the name Anita Zucker.

To describe Zucker as a civic leader in Charleston is like describing a hurricane as a stiff breeze. She is the new president of the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce, community relations director in her husband's $1 billion manufacturing corporation, The InterTech Group, and part owner of the South Carolina Stingrays hockey franchise.

Through it all, Zucker has maintained a strong interest in education, an interest which was fostered at the University of North Florida. Zucker was an elementary teacher in the Putnam County Schools in 1976, when she heard that UNF was offering classes in Green Cove Springs. “I wanted a master's degree and this was an excellent way for me to return to school,” she says.

Zucker received her degree in 1978 and found her perspective on education had changed. “I had been on the county negotiating team and was involved in collective bargaining. The training at UNF helped me understand how the educational system worked. It also made me change some of my positions on issues,” she recalls.

Zucker moved to Charleston shortly after graduating from UNF and taught for four years in the Charleston schools. With the birth of her second child, Zucker devoted more time to raising her family but she found she was “not a stay at home type of person.” Thus began her involvement in educational issues. She is on the board of the Chamber Education Foundation, participates in the School to Work Task Force and is past chairman of the Business Education Council and the Business Education Partnership Committee.

But educational interests are just one facet of Zucker's extremely busy life.

She and her husband Jerry Zucker are partners in a one-fourth ownership of the East Coast Hockey League winning Stingrays team. That separate venture includes the construction of a $15 million ice skating and entertainment complex in North Charleston to be known as the Carolina Ice Palace. It will serve as a practice arena for the Stingrays as well as a location for a variety of ice activities. “It seemed like every time the Stingrays wanted to practice, our coliseum was not available,” Zucker notes.

Ice skating will be only part of the facility. It will also have a variety of games, including a virtual reality game room, meeting rooms, and a pro shop. “It will be very different than anything else in the Charleston area. It will be non-alcoholic and very family oriented,” she says.

Zucker's involvement in the community springs from her position as community relations director for The InterTech Group of which her husband is chairman and president.

The InterTech Group is considered South Carolina's second-largest privately held company. A related enterprise, known as the Polymer Group, is a public company traded on the New York Stock Exchange. Through mergers and acquisitions, the companies have acquired plants throughout the United States as well as Mexico, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany and other countries. The plants employ more than 15,000 workers.

The company manufactures non-woven textiles which are used around the world in such things as hospital surgical gowns, wiping cloths, feminine hygiene products, diapers and battery separators.

Zucker's business background and community involvement are ideal credentials for her role in the Chamber which is the oldest Chamber of Commerce in the United States. It is also only the second time that a woman has led the 2,800-member organization. She has an ambitious list of goals for her one-year term of office. Topping her list is an effort to increase collaboration between agencies on both economic development, social and educational issues.

One of the major educational issues in Charleston is the schools and Zucker will play a major role as Chamber president.
Drawing of $15 million Carolina Ice Palace now under construction.

The consolidated Charleston county schools serve 46,000 students and have overlapping boards serving different geographic areas. There is a move to break up the district into smaller parts. "We need to address governance issues in the schools and as a Chamber come up with our vision of what we feel the schools governance should be."

Another one of her Chamber goals is to lift a federal restriction which prevents cruise ships from regularly stopping at Charleston. The regulation requires that foreign-flagged vessels must stop at a foreign port before they can stop at another U.S. port. This makes it impossible, for example, for many cruise ships to stop at several U.S. ports before embarking on a cruise. "We want to obtain a waiver from this regulation. I think this is something that would affect Jacksonville as well," she says.

Civic involvement is not limited to the Chamber. Zucker also is spearheading the construction of a Holocaust Memorial in Charleston. Through the Charleston Jewish Federation, more than $300,000 has been raised for the 7,000-square-foot open air memorial. "It is a place where people will be able to come, remember, and contemplate. It's like an outdoor sanctuary. We've tried not to put the horror in it as much as we tried to evoke the memories. Our main purpose is for the memorial to serve as a reminder that we can never allow this type of thing to happen again," she says.

Zucker has a personal connection with the Holocaust. During World War II, Zucker's parents, Carl and Rose Goldberg, hid in the woods in Poland for nearly three years to avoid the concentration camps.

In recognition for all of Zucker's civic and business contributions, the UNF alum was recognized last year by Gov. David Beasley with the "Order of the Palmetto," the highest civic honor for an individual in South Carolina.

That civic pride and involvement has extended to her family. One of her three children, Andrea, recently received the "Order of the Silver Crescent" for her involvement in the Youth Service Charleston program. The Silver Crescent is a similar award by the governor to recognize young people for community service in South Carolina.

In summarizing her civic role in Charleston, Zucker recalls advice given to her by her parents who moved to the United States after the war. "They said that you don't need to have money to serve people, and I believe in giving back to the community, making this place a better place to live."

Anita Zucker (right) is active in a variety of Charleston civic organizations including the United Way campaign.

Anita Zucker speaks with Dr. Chip Zullinger, superintendent of the Charleston County School District, prior to speaking to the district's principals' association.
Alum Captains Frigate Based at Mayport

Commander Earle Yerger is probably one of the only Navy captains who flies a Jacksonville Jaguars flag from the mast of his frigate when he's underway. It reflects his connection to Jacksonville and his love of the area.

Yerger, a 1977 UNF graduate, is the new captain of the USS Doyle, a guided missile fast frigate based in Mayport. It's an assignment he loves, calling the frigate class the "Porsche of the Navy" because of its speed and maneuverability. He's proud of his 453-foot ship and the 200 crew members who have sailed it around the world.

Despite his success in the Navy, a career at sea was the farthest thing from Yerger's mind when the Jacksonville native graduated from Bolles High School in 1971. He enrolled at the University of South Florida for two years then took a series of odd jobs ranging from truck driving to selling insurance. In 1975, he decided to return to school and enrolled as a business major at UNF. That's when his thoughts began to turn to the Navy.

"Many of the guys I went to school with at UNF were going on the GI Bill. I spent a lot of time talking to them about their experiences. All of the services were represented but they all said the Navy was the place to be," Yerger recalls.

After graduating in 1977 with a bachelor's in business administration, Yerger decided he needed some management experience and decided to give the Navy a try. He enlisted in the Navy and completed Officer Candidate School in 1978. It was the start of a 20-year career which has taken him from warships to the Pentagon and back again.

His first assignment was aboard the USS Forrest Sherman, a steam powered destroyer. His experience on the Sherman led to him becoming a steam engineering instructor on the staff of the Fleet Training Group in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. He then attended Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, Ca., where he earned a master's degree in national security affairs in 1984.

Yerger then arrived back in Jacksonville in 1985 for the first of three Mayport assignments, this one as chief engineer on the USS Belknap, Sixth Fleet flagship homeported in Gaeta, Italy.

A tour of duty in Washington with the Chief of Naval Operations Staff, led to another 1991 sea tour this time as executive officer on the USS Stark, again homeported in Mayport. The Desert Storm assignment was the first time the Stark had returned to the Persian Gulf since it was heavily damaged in 1987 when hit by two Iraqi missiles. The Stark performed escort duties for NATO minesweepers and assisted in enforcing United Nations sanctions against Iraq.

Yerger's most recent assignment before the Doyle was at the Naval War College in Newport, R.I., where he earned his second master's degree, this one on national security and strategic studies.

Despite his continuing education and tours of duty in Washington, Yerger is glad to be back at sea. "Nothing compares to being at sea. This is the best job in the world," he says. In his first 12 weeks as the Doyle's captain, Yerger was at sea nine of those weeks.

In the 20 years that Yerger has been an officer, the Navy has changed considerably. However, Yerger says the one thing which hasn't changed is the necessity to have a goal. "Regardless of whether you're in the Navy or going to college, you must have a goal. Don't get sidetracked. I really enjoyed UNF, it was the first time I went to school with a goal and it worked."

Above: Capt Yerger watches as the Doyle is docked in downtown Jacksonville at the end of a "Family & Friends" trip down the St. Johns River from Mayport.

Below: A missile is launched from the deck of the USS Doyle. The 453-foot frigate is based in Mayport.
Compiled by Tracy Geake

1975

ALPHONSO MITCHELL (BA) has been promoted to purchase contract manager in the purchasing department for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority in Los Angeles, Calif. He resides in Hawthorne, Calif.

1976

GAIL CASTELLANOS (BA) has been named Broadcast Newsperson of the Year by the Florida Farm Bureau. She is the news director and operations manager of WAPC-FM in Clewiston, Fla. Also, she is a director of the Clewiston Chamber of Commerce.

VALVETA LUVENIA TURNER (BAE) received her Doctorate of Education degree in April 1997 from Florida State University. Her dissertation is titled, "Career Development Concerns of African-American Employees of Florida Community College at Jacksonville, Florida." She resides in Jacksonville.

1977

LISA DAVIS (BT) received her Doctorate in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from The Union Institute in Cincinnati, Ohio. She is employed at the Jacksonville Electric Authority as an engineer III/training advisor. She resides in Jacksonville, Fla.

BRIAN GREENWOOD (BA) and Jacqueline Gardner were married on September 20, 1997. He is employed by Holnam Inc. as a market manager. She is employed by Southeast Atlantic Beverage (Canada Dry) as an executive assistant. The couple reside in Neptune Beach, Fla.

CHRISTINE JOHNSON McNAIR (MED) has been named guidance counselor at the A. Philip Randolph Academies of Technology of Duval County Public Schools. She resides in Jacksonville, Fla.

1978

GERALDINE E. PARSONS (BA) is the founder/director of The Teen Dream Foundation, a non-profit education foundation providing postsecondary education to economically disadvantaged teens from Central Florida. She resides in Oviedo, Fla.

FRED DeWITT (BT) president and founder of Dakota & Company, Inc. received the 1997 Award of Excellence for construction projects under $2 million dollars, from the First Coast Chapter of the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC). In addition, he has been named chairman of the Commercial Builders Council for the Northeast Florida Builders’ Association (NEFBA) and appointed to their board of directors.

1980

CAROlynn HALLinan (BA) received her master’s of social work degree from the University of Georgia in June 1997. She is employed by Charter-By-The-Sea as a social worker with geriatric patients. She resides in St. Simons Island, Ga.

CHRISTOPHER S. LIGUORI (BA) has become affiliated with the Diocese of St. Augustine as a candidate for the priesthood. He was accepted at St. Vincent De Paul Regional Seminary, Boynton Beach, Fla to begin academic, spiritual, and pastoral formation toward priesthood. He resides in Boynton Beach, Fla.

CLYDE C. PORTER (BBA) has been promoted to Commander in the U.S. Navy. He continues to serve as a naval flight officer and is presently assigned to Washington, D.C. He and his family reside in Fairfax, Va.

1981

KATHERINE HEREFORD (BBA) and Billy Brown were married in October 1997. She is employed by AT&T Solutions Customer Care. He is employed by Castleton Beverage Corp. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

1982

RICHARD DONOGHUE (MBA) has been promoted to colonel in the Florida Army National Guard. He is assigned to the United States Property and Fiscal Office, St. Augustine, Fla. He is the base transition coordinator at NAS Cecil Field. He resides in Jacksonville, Fla.

CHRYSANDRA PERRY (BAE) and Jerry Reynolds were married in July 1997. She is employed by the Atlanta Public Schools as an educator. He is employed by the Atlanta Police Department. The couple reside in College Park, Ga.

1983

PURISIMA ACOSTA BALGOS (MSH) is the recipient of the 1997 Community Service Award from the Fil-Am Community Council of Northeast Florida. She resides in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

PUL J. BUSH (BT) has opened his own business, Bush Construction Company, Inc., which is a new commercial construction company with its own custom cabinet shop facility. He resides in Jacksonville, Fla.

SUSIE GREEN (BA) and Bruce Scott were married in June 1997. She is retired from Epping Forest Yacht Club. He is president of Scott Alarm. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

LISA HARTEG (MBA) and Rick Alexander were married in June 1997. She is employed by AT&T as a senior manager. He is employed by the State Attorney’s Office as a prosecutor. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

1984

VICTORIA FOSTER (BA) and David Gowen were married in July 1997. She is employed by Paxson Communications as a senior account executive. He is employed by Johnson & Johnson in sales and marketing. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

H. LEE GRIFFIN (BA) and Kim Noreen Johnson were married in July 1997. He served in the U.S. Air Force and is now employed by the Florida Department of Corrections. She is employed by State Farm Insurance Company. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

KELLY McGREGORY (BAE) and Carlton Harris were married in July 1997. She is employed by the Duval...
Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, and served on the staff of the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce.

LINDA MARGARET WOOD (BBA) and ERIC PAUL HALTER (BBA '94) were married in August 1997. He is employed by Paradigm Mortgage Associates, Inc. as vice/president/product manager. She is employed by Associated Marine Institutes as a volunteer coordinator. The couple reside in Jacksonville.

1989

GREGORY GERALD BEEMAN (BS) and Patricia Anne Williams were married in September 1997. He is employed by Landstar Corporate Services as a project manager. She is employed by Office Specialists as an account manager. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

SUZANNE CALLIHAN (MBA) is a telecommunications accounting manager with the SABRE Group. She resides in Owasso, Okla. with her husband, Keith, and their daughter, Sarah.

PATRICIA J. CORNELIUS (BA) has joined Dri-Eaz Products in Burlington, Wash. as a marketing specialist. She and her husband, Shelby, reside in Anacortes, Wash.

KIMBERLY ANN LASHELEY (BAE) and Stephen Frazier Weir were married in June 1997. She is employed by Columbia Memorial Hospital as a manager in the managed care department. He is employed by a health care consulting group as a director of information systems. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

BETH L. RADTKE (BA) has been named a senior account executive in the National Advertising Department of The Atlanta Journal & Constitution. Her clients include the Georgia Lottery, the Atlanta Braves, the Atlanta Hawks, the Atlanta Falcons, and all Turner media properties. She resides in Atlanta, Ga.

ROBERT W. WATTS (BA) has been appointed as the executive director of the Speech and Hearing Center, Inc. He has worked also with the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, and served on the staff of the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce.

1991

BILL BRINKLEY JR. (BA) and Charline Smith were married on September 21, 1997. He is employed by B.F.I. as a major account representative. She is employed by CelluLife in cellular sales. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

RICHARD W. GOELDNER II (MBA) and his wife Sandra, had a baby girl, Alexandra, born in January 1997. He is employed by Sheldrick, McGehee & Kohler as a valuation manager. The family resides in Jacksonville, Fla.

DANE GRAY (BT) and MICHELLE MEREDITH (MED) were married in October 1997. He is employed by Technical Services Inc. as an environmental consultant. She is employed by the Duval County School Board as a kindergarten teacher. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

CHRISTINE HURST (BAE) and Navy Lt. “Chuck” Putman Jr. were married in April 1997. She received a Fulbright award and traveled to Japan in October 1997. While there, she learned about the educational system through visits to schools and colleges. She stayed with a Japanese family to learn about the Japanese culture. She has served as an adjunct instructor in the Division of Curriculum and Instruction at UNF.

CHRISTINE HURST (BAE) and NAVY LT. PAT MCLAUSIJWTJ were married in June 1997. She is employed by the Duval County School Board as a fourth grade teacher. He is employed by the U.S. Navy as a pilot. The couple reside in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

SHERRI ELIZABETH STINE (BBA) and Michael John Mulvey were married in February 1997. She is employed by Barnett Banks, Inc. as a compliance control manager. He is serving in the U.S. Navy as a nuclear missile technician. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

PATRICIA B. WACHHOLZ (MED) has been named the 1997 Teacher of the Year at Lane College in Jackson, Tenn. She is an assistant professor of English Education.

Robert W. Watts, '88

1990

JANET HUESY (MBA) and Doug Atkins were married in September 1997. She is employed by Information Systems of Florida as a client partner. He is employed by Dayspring Village as executive director. The couple reside in Fernandina Beach, Fla.

MICHELLE MASSON (BAE) and Rick Stinson were married in July 1997. She is employed by the Duval County School Board as a teacher. He is employed by Precision Shooting Equipment as a regional sales manager. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.
ELENA CAMPBELL BARBRE (BA) has been named public relations specialist in the media relations office at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. Her husband, Blaze, is a management consultant at American Management Systems. The couple reside in Centreville, Va.

SCOTT CHURCHILL (BBA) and Dana Cunningham were married in February 1997. Both are employed by Humana Inc. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

ANAN HOWELL (BBA) and Kathy Blair were married in May 1997. She is employed by Blue Cross and Blue Shield as a senior examiner. He is employed by Kat Man Du as an executive manager. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

ANTONIA PETSKA (BAE) and David Daniels Metcalf were married in July 1997. She is employed as an elementary school teacher. He is employed by Sverdrup Corp. as the Tallahassee office manager. The couple reside in Tallahassee, Fla.

JULIA ANN RAINES (BA) and David Lee Broadus were married in September 1997. She is employed by Xerox as a customer account associate. He is employed by Hewell and Son Funeral Home as a funeral director. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

SHARLENE SANTIAGO (BAE) and JEFF PATTERSON (BAE '93) were married in August 1997. Both are employed by the Fayette County School Board. The couple reside in Atlanta, Ga.

MARY BETH SOUCEK (BA) and Kevin Eric Engels were married in October 1997. She is employed by LSI as a graphic artist. He is employed by VPD, Inc. as assistant branch manager. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

DONNA LYNN STARLING (BA) and Robert Bruce White were married in March 1997. She is employed by Glenn Overman & Associates as a public relations account manager. He is employed by Vistakon, Johnson & Johnson, as a microbiologist. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

RICHARD STOBE JR. (BBA) and Jodi Bonno were married in June 1997. He is employed by Buttner Hammock Ranes & Co. as an accountant. She is employed by AT&T Solutions Customer Care as a benefits analyst. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

KEVIN WIGGINS (BA) has accepted a position with the law firm of Haynes & Boone, L.L.P. as an employee benefits attorney. He and his wife, Beth, reside in Dallas, Texas.

BARRY BURNS (BBA) and Mona Peters were married in October 1997. He is employed by Garrard & Garrard as a certified public accountant. She is an advanced nurse practitioner at Jacksonville Heart Center. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

LISA DECKER (BA) and Kenneth Bielling Jr. were married in September 1997. Both are employed by the Department of Corrections as probation officers. The couple reside in Gainesville, Fla.

MARTY GOTTLIEB (BA) is self-employed at MGA and RSI, two management companies. He and his wife, Shari, reside with their son, Noah, in Jacksonville, Fla. The couple is expecting their second child in February 1998.

TAMECA HODGE (BBA) and Osborn Murray III were married in September 1997. Both are employed by the Fayette County School Board. The couple reside in Tallahassee, Fla.

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were married in July 1997. She is employed by Coca-Cola USA as a software support analyst. He is employed by Soft Touch Installations. The couple reside in Orlando, Fla.

ANJIE KING (BSN) and her husband, Chris, had a son, Andrew, on August 27, 1997. They have one other son, Graham, age 2. She is employed in the Labor and Delivery department of Wake Medical Center in Raleigh, NC. The family resides in Raleigh.

GEORGE W. KRUGER (MBA) has been named chief financial officer for Columbia Beaumont Regional Hospital in Beaumont, Texas. He and his wife, Mandy, have two children, Justin and Katy. The family resides in Beaumont.

COLLEEN MASON (BBA) and Greg Miscally were married in September 1997. She is employed by Merrill Lynch as a senior accounting clerk. He is employed by Weather Engineers as a HVAC journeyman. The couple reside in Lawtey, Fla.

ANGELA MAYBERRY (BSH) and Heinrich Kilgore were married in October 1997. She is employed by PrimeCo. He is employed by Orange Park Medical Center as a surgical technician. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

WENDY MILLER (BA) and Jason Griffis were married in June 1996. She is employed by Sherrod Vans as a key dealer coordinator. He is employed by Intel as a customer service representative. The couple reside in Neptune Beach, Fla.

LISA MICHELLE PAPSON (BA) and Larry Lawrence Blount Jr. were married in August 1997. She is employed by Nationwide Insurance Company. He is employed by Cook Electrical Company. The couple reside in Orange Park, Fla.

GINNY PRESTIN (MBA) and Doug Schlosser were married in June 1997. She is employed by First Union. He is employed by BellSouth. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

JOHN EUGENE SCHROEDER (BBA) and Mary Barbara Dion were married in June 1997. He is co-owner of Master-Fit Golf, formerly Pro-Fit Golf, with stores in the South and in Ireland. She is a teacher in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

HEATHER STINSON (BA) and Vaughn Balter were married in August 1997. She is a physical therapy student at UNE. He is employed by the Jacksonville Electric Authority. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

MARY BOUL (BAE) and Capt. FR. Carlson were married in June 1997. He is employed by the U.S. Army as a captain. The couple reside in Monterey, Calif.

SHANNON M. CAMPBELL (BA) and Ryan M. Lien were married in October 1997. She is employed by American Heritage Life Insurance Company as the legal/compliance analyst. He is employed by ADT Security Services. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

ANDREA CONTRADO EBERHARD (MED) is a first grade teacher at San Juan Del Rio Catholic School. She resides in Jacksonville, Fla.

TONY FOLDS (BBA) has been named a management analyst at the Naval Aviation Depot at Naval Air Station Jacksonville.
He resides with his wife, Julie, and two sons, Jason and Jeremy, in Jacksonville, Fla.

STANLEY H. GRIFFIS (MBA) graduated cum laude from the Florida State University College of Law in May 1997. During his final year of law school, Griffith was employed by the Florida House of Representatives as a legislative intern with the Health Care Services Committee. He is employed as an attorney at the Law Offices of Victor Lawson Hulslander. He resides in Gainesville, Fla.

ERIN MARIE LANGEN (BA) and Jason Michael Flatch were married in September 1997. She is employed by St. Vincent’s Medical Center as a physical therapist/rehab manager at West Paces Medical Center. The couple reside in Atlanta, Ga.

JOHN MATHES (BS) and LORRIE EDWARDS (BBA ’96) were married in June 1997. He is employed by ALTTEL as a programmer/analyst. She is employed by Wal-Mart as an assistant manager. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

STEPHANIE ANNE MCDONALD (BA) has begun the graduate program of studies at Florida State University College of Social Work. She is currently employed by the Jewish Family & Community Services as a family facilitator. She resides in Jacksonville, Fla.

MATTHEW OEHLE (BBA) and Kerry Kulaszewski were married in October 1997. He is employed by Gateway Chemicals as an office manager. She is employed by St. John’s Internal Medicine as a registered nurse. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

BRIAN SALTER (MBA) and MARTA MAUNEE (BSN ’96) were married in October 1997. He is employed by Stein Mart as a certified public accountant. She is employed by St. Vincent’s Medical Center as an operating room nurse. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

MARC STICKNEY (BBA) and Lisa Balcomb were married in October 1997. He is employed by The Bank of New York Trust Company of Florida. She is employed by Barnett Bank. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

SCOTT RUPERT SWAIN (BA) and Leigh Erin Patrick were married in September 1997. He is pursuing a master of Theology degree at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. She is employed by the Wake County Public Schools. The couple reside in Wake Forest, N.C.

BRIAN K. VAN BRUNT (BBA) Ensign, was designated a naval flight officer while serving with Training Squadron 86, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fl. Presentation of the “Wings of Gold” marked culmination of 18 months of flight training. He joined the Navy in October 1995.

LUCELLE LENOIRE WHEELER (BAE) and Michael Lee Morton were married in October 1997. She is employed by the Duval County School Board as a third grade teacher. He is a professional surfer, skater and wakeboarder. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

KATRINA Y. WILLIAMS (BBA) and BRIAN S. JENNINGS (BBA ’95) were married in June 1997. He is employed by Bombardier Capital. She is employed by Crowley American Transport. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

CARRIE ZITTRAUER (BBA) and William Taylor were married in February 1997. She is employed by the Federal Reserve Bank. He is employed by the State of Florida. The couple reside in Broward County, Fla.

SAMANTHA HILL (BBA) and Jonathan Livingston were married in October 1997. She is employed by Cooper & Lybrand L.L.P. as an auditing associate. He is employed by Capernaum Inc. as project manager. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

JOHN HUYNH (BS) and GENEVIE BAROSO (BSN) were married in July 1997. He is employed as a chemist. She is a registered nurse. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

VICTOR RONNIE JUBRAN (BA) and ALICIA NIC-HOLE LOUH (BBA) were married in August 1997. He is owner and jeweler of Jimmy’s Jewelry and Pawn II. She is employed by WellSpring Resources as a benefits analyst. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

MICHAEL KEE (BA) and Tanya Mundy were married in October 1997. He is employed by the Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office as a patrolman. She is attending UNF. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

WILLIAM R. KUHN III (BA) has been named a technical recruiter with COMSYS Technical Services. The consulting firm specializes in nationwide computer services for public and private clients. He resides in Tallahassee, Fla.

JOHN B. LEWIS (BSH) and Mary Lou Jones were married in July 1997. He is employed by Clearvision. She is employed by Walter Lorenz Surgical. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

MICHAEL E. VANHORN (BA) and Lisa Marie Grabowski were married in June 1997. He is employed by the Florida Times Union as a graphic designer. She is employed by Head to Toe as a hair designer. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

KATHLEEN WHITAKER (BBA) and James Tribble King II were married in August 1997. She is employed by Fulton Fish Market. He is employed by American TelCom. The couple reside in Neptune Beach, Fla.

1995

CHARLES BRENT ABOLAFIA (BAE) and Kimberly Anne Holmquist were married in June 1997. He is employed by Stallings Financial Group. She is employed by Outback Steakhouse. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

DAWN MICHELLE ASPINALL (BAE) and GREGORY ALAN THOMAS (BA ’96) were married in June 1997. He is employed by University Christian School as a teacher and coach. She is employed as a special education teacher. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

ROBERT DAVID DUNSTON (BBA) has been promoted to 1st Lieutenant on August 4, 1997. He is serving at the Marine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni, Japan, as an aircraft maintenance officer. He resides in Iwakuni, Japan.

MARY BROOK FLEMING (BAE) and Jonathan Robert Hicks were married in July 1997. She is employed by the Baker County Schools as a teacher. He is employed by ADT Security Services as a sales representative. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

SHANON FOGARTY (MAC) and Thomas Braden were married in July 1997. She is employed by Genesis Rehabilitation Hospital as a cognitive rehabilitation therapist. He is employed by the Department of Health as a network administrator. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

1996

STEPHANIE AGIN (BAE) and Matthew Avera were married in June 1997. She is employed by Southside Elementary School as a teacher. He is employed by Cecil Field Naval Air Station as a rescue squad fireman. The couple reside in Starke, Fla.

JENNIFER ARNEY (BSN) and Steve Wilkson were married in August 1997. She is employed by St. Luke’s Hospital as a registered nurse. He is employed by E.S. Products in inside sales. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

LAURIE LEE BASSO (BA) and Stephen Walton were married on July 26, 1997. She is a teacher for the emotionally handicapped 4th and 5th graders. The couple resides in Atlanta, Ga.
JOYCE BAUER (BS) and Rick Snell were married in May 1997. She is employed by Corbel. He is employed by Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

CHARLES “CHUCK” BISHOP JR. (BA) and TAMMY EBANKS (BA) were married in June 1997. He is employed by Lake Shore Radiator as a staff accountant. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

NICOLE BODENSCHATZ (BA) and Hughlyn Henderson were married in October 1997. She is employed by Provine Studios as a photographer. He is employed by Fortune Insurance Company as a computer operator. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

CYNTHIA BOURQUE (BA) and John Coffey were married in October 1997. She is employed by the law firm of Howell & O’Neal. He is employed by Lifelight at Baptist Medical Center. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

ERIC BRIGMOND (BM) and Lucy Brown were married in July 1997. He is a professional musician in the Jacksonville area. The couple reside in Jacksonville Beach, Fla.

DAVID W. BYRD (BBA) Ensign, participated in the Navy’s “Fleet Week ’97” in New York City aboard the guided missile frigate USS Samuel E. Morison. Fleet Week recognizes the dedication of members of the armed forces. He joined the Navy in 1984.

TERESA CAIARRA (BBA) and Peter Citron were married in June 1997. She is employed by NationsBank as a consumer/mortgage lender. He is employed by the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale as a territory manager. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

CINDY FAULKNER (MBA) and Robert Clark Jr. were married in July 1997. She is co-owner of Challenges, Inc. He is employed by Kingsdown, Inc. as a sales representative. The couple reside in Richmond, Va.

JAMES T. HOLT JR. (BBA) and AMY WARREN (BSH) were married in August 1997. He is employed by William R. Cesery Company. She is employed by Prudential. The couple reside in Jacksonville.

KIM KELLY (BFA) has been hired as graphic designer to vice president of National Advisory Group, Convenience Stores/Petroleum Marketers Association which represents in excess of 13,000 convenience stores in 43 states. He resides in Jacksonville Beach, Fla.

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FELICIA ANITA KENNEDY (MS) and Arthur Waters III were married on February 15, 1997. She is employed by Excell Agent Services as a data analyst. He is employed by Harris Semi-Conductor as an electronic engineering technologist. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

MAI-LIN LEE (BBA) and Wayne Scott Pope were married in August 1997. She is employed by Transworld Healthcare. He is employed by Lentes Design Inc. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

ROBBIN MICHELLE SAMUELS (BA) and Christopher Lamar Jackson were married in September 1997. She is employed by The Children’s Crisis Center as a case manager. He is employed by Alemacani Elementary School as a third grade teacher. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

ANDREA MARIE SCHLATER (BAE) and Andy Allen Hicks were married in September 1997. She is employed by the Duval County School Board as a third grade teacher. He is serving in the U.S. Navy as a Petty Officer 2nd Class. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

MELICIA DOTTIN (BBA) and Robert J. Johnson were married in July 1997. Both are employed by McWhorter, McWorther & Daniels, P.A. She is employed by the Clay County School Board. He is employed by Colonial Convenience Stores/Petroleum Marketers Association which represents in excess of 13,000 convenience stores in 43 states. He resides in Jacksonville, Fla.

CINDY FAULKNER (MBA) and Robert Clark Jr. were married in July 1997. She is employed by NationsBank as a consumer/mortgage lender. He is employed by the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale as a territory manager. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

MELISSA JEANNE HURST (BBA) and Kevin Kier were married in July 1997. Both are employed by American National Bank. She is attending graduate school at UNF. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

MELINDA LEE KLAYBOR (BA) was hired as the publications assistant for the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists. She resides in Jacksonville, Fla. with her daughter, Kayla.

G. THOMAS LAUBACH III (BA) and Candace Johnson were married in July 1997. Both are employed by the Duval County School Board. The couple reside in Neptune Beach, Fla.

JESSE D. LEISCH (MED) has been hired by Daniel Memorial, Inc. as a family clinician. He provides therapeutic services to foster care children and families and is currently attending UNF. He resides in Doctor’s Inlet, Fla.

BRANDI MCCOY (BA) is a dancer for the Charlotte Hornets professional basketball team. She resides in Charlotte, N.C.

JOSEPH H. HOWTON (BBA) has been promoted to vice president of National Advisory Group, Convenience Stores/Petroleum Marketers Association which represents in excess of 13,000 convenience stores in 43 states. He resides in Jacksonville Beach, Fla.

MEREDITH TRACY (BAE) and Philip Harrnage were married in July 1997. She is employed by the Duval County School Board as a teacher. He is employed by Colonial Points Condominiums. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

1997

JOEL ATKINS (BBA) and J. Aisley Quaglia were married in June 1997. He is employed by the Veterans Administration. She is employed by Coopers & Lybrand, L.L.P. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

SHERE S. BROWN (BSH) and Joseph L. Dorsey were married in August 1997. She is employed by Prudential as an underwriter. He is employed by Prudential as an underwriter. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

KELLY CARTER (BS) and Nathan English were married in August 1997. She is employed by Software Architects, Inc. as a consultant. He is employed by Software Architects, Inc. as a consultant. He is employed by Smart Systems, Inc. as a consultant. The couple reside in St. Petersburg, Fla.

KARI K. CHASE (BA) and Johnathan Mills were married in July 1997. He is employed by the Great Atlantic T-Shirt Company. The couple reside in Atlantic Beach, Fla.

MELISSA JEANNE HURST (BBA) and Kevin Kier were married in July 1997. Both are employed by American National Bank. She is attending graduate school at UNF. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

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BRENDA K. SHRIVASTAVA (MED) and her husband, Himanshu, had a son, Neel, on August 22, 1997. She is employed at the Child Guidance Center as a mental health therapist II. Himanshu is employed at American National Bank as assistant vice president of Small Business. The family resides in Jacksonville, Fla.
Football Dreams Lead to Baseball Reality

By Bonnie Semappe
Staff Writer

To be making his living as a professional athlete is no surprise for former University of North Florida baseball player Todd Dunn. The unexpected is that he's playing major league baseball, and not suiting up for the NFL.

"It was my dream, probably every kid's dream, to be a professional athlete," Dunn said. "But mainly, I wanted to play pro football."

But Dunn detrouted along the way, and ended up as one of baseball's elite - those who actually make it through five minor league levels to play in the majors.

Now an outfielder/designated hitter with the Milwaukee Brewers, Dunn rose to the major league level in four years. An Osprey outfielder from 1991-93, he set numerous UNF records in his three years. The summer following his junior year he was drafted in the first round by the Milwaukee Brewers and was a member of Team USA that summer before signing with the Brewers. Dunn was assigned to Helena, Mont. (Rookie League) and then advanced to Beloit, Wis. (Class A) in 1994, then to Stockton, Calif. (high level Class A) in 1995 for half a season before hand surgery. In 1996, he played at El Paso (Double A) and was called up to Milwaukee when they expanded their rosters for the last month of the season.

This past year he played for the Brewers' Triple A affiliate in Tucson, Ariz., as well for Milwaukee, getting the call to play in the majors for several stints throughout the season. However, the decision to play baseball was mainly an afterthought for him.

The former Oklahoma state wrestling champion lettered in football, basketball and baseball for Bishop Kenny High School. He earned a scholarship to Georgia Tech, where he was a redshirt his freshman year on the football team. He left Georgia Tech following that season and began looking at what other universities could offer.

But after meeting and playing for UNF Head Baseball Coach Dusty Rhodes, his decision was made. Not only was the location perfect (his family lives in Jacksonville) and he was able to major in building construction at UNF, but he was convinced he wanted to be a part of Rhodes' baseball program.

"I saw Dusty and how he worked with the team and how he developed players and was impressed," Dunn said. "It was funny, because although I was ineligible for most of my freshman year and didn't really start playing until near the end of the season, scouts started coming around to see me play back then. Dusty told me to put some work into it, and I could make some money at it. I decided to go with baseball and see what happens."

What's happened so far is that Dunn hit .304 with 31 doubles and 18 home runs with 66 RBIs for the Tucson Toros in Triple A as well as hitting three homers and five doubles in limited action for the Milwaukee Brewers. "My first major league hit was a pretty big thrill and this year I hit my first major league home run - those were both big moments for me," he said. His first home run gained national recognition, as he became only the third right-hander to homer into the third deck of Yankee Stadium, and the video was picked up by ESPN's Sportcenter.

For Dunn, the move from college ball to pro ball was not too great of a transition. As a collegiate athlete, he already had big league size (6-5, 230 pounds), speed (he consistently ran 4.1 seconds from home to first) and power (benched 450 pounds, hit 19 homers as a junior).

"Dusty runs the UNF baseball program like that of a pro team other than the fact that he'd run us after a loss; you can't do that in pro ball," Dunn explains. Despite all the hard work he has put in himself, Dunn credits Rhodes with much of his success. "If it wasn't for Dusty, I wouldn't be in pro ball. He took a chance on me and he didn't have to. He saw I was fast and had a lot of power, but I was raw and would take some work."

Rhodes feels fortunate that a player of Dunn's athleticism ability was part of the Osprey baseball program.

"In all the years I've been associated with coaching, Todd Dunn is one of the best athletes I've seen," Rhodes said. "The longer he plays baseball, the better he'll get."

A lot of what Dunn learned as an Osprey has carried over to his professional ranks. "Even on days that you didn't want to work hard, Dusty made you work hard," Dunn says. "If you didn't hustle the ball out, he'd take you out of the game. That's carried over for me now. It's kind of like a little kid being brought up by good parents. If you're taught the right way, it's the only way you know."
A Special Thanks

First, as the holiday season approaches, I want to thank all our alumni and friends for their continuing support of UNF. Whether you volunteer, make a contribution, or say a few kind words to a friend about the University, you are helping us grow and become the best we can be. During the first 25 years, UNF has made great strides. Just imagine what the next 25 years will be like!

Year-End Giving

Your primary motivation for giving to a charity is because you care about the cause, the institution, and its effect on the lives of people. When you give to UNF, it's because you understand the positive impact education can make on individuals and in the character of our community. We have seen this occur on many, many occasions.

At the same time, minimizing your income taxes is an important part of personal and financial planning. When making any important fiscal decision, including those concerning charitable contributions, the income tax consequences must be considered. The tax laws have changed almost every year since income taxes were enacted, but one thing remains constant: Congress grants favorable tax treatment to individuals making charitable contributions.

A special consideration for the 1997 tax year, with a dynamic stock market on Wall Street, is the donation of appreciated stock or mutual funds. You might avoid all or part of the capital gain assessment by establishing a trust or by making an outright gift. For example, you receive a charitable deduction for the fair market value of an outright gift.

New Foundation Board Members

Several new board members were recently named to the University of North Florida Foundation Inc. The Foundation provides counsel and financial support for UNF and is non-profit and tax-exempt. It also seeks to strengthen the University's ties to the community among alumni, friends, foundations and corporations, and to increase private gifts to the University. Trustee terms are for three years. The new board members include:

- Phillip E. Wright, chairman and chief executive officer of SunTrust Bank, North Florida, N.A. Wright received a bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia and master's of business administration from the University of Utah. He joined Trust Company Bank, an affiliated company, in 1973, after serving in the U.S. Air Force.

- Edward Skinner Jones, lawyer and real estate investor, is a graduate of Stetson University College of Law. A Jacksonville native and Bolles School graduate, he received his bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, which he attended on a swimming scholarship.

- Thompson S. Baker II is president of the Aggregates Group of Florida Rock Industries, Inc. Before accepting the presidency of FRI Aggregates earlier this year, Baker served as vice president of the division.

- Ronald Townsend is former president of Gannett Television Group. During more than 35 years in the broadcast industry, Townsend was also president and general manager of W*USA-TV Channel 9, the Washington, D.C. area Gannett-owned CBS affiliate, and director of field services for the Children's Television Workshop in New York.

- Robert M. Rhodes is senior vice president and general counsel for St. Joe Corporation. A graduate of the University of California, Rhodes also completed his Juris Doctor degree at UC's Boalt Hall School of Law and earned a master's of public administration from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. Prior to his association with St. Joe, he was a partner in the Tallahassee law firm, Steel, Hector & Davis, and served as senior vice president and general counsel for Arvida/Disney and Disney Development Co.
Raines High School Students Benefit from $1.75 Million Kesler Scholarship Fund

Generations of students from Raines High School will benefit from the generous $1 million gift by prominent Jacksonville business leader Delores Kesler.

Kesler, founder and a former director of AccuStaff Inc. and chairman and chief executive officer of Kesler, Pass & Associates, made the announcement to a packed auditorium of 1,000 students at Raines High School in September. Her gift will be combined with state matching funds to generate a total of $1.75 million for the endowed scholarship which is part of the Pathways to Success program.

Kesler said she is excited about working with UNF to make a college education possible for more Raines’ students. “When it is the time in your life to give back, you look where there is the most need and the greatest opportunity to make a real difference. The UNF Scholarship Fund for Raines High School students is just that opportunity,” she said.

University of North Florida President Adam W. Herbert said the Kesler Scholars endowment will make available up to $5,000 in need-based scholarship funds annually for about 10 to 20 Raines students. “This gift will provide an opportunity for students to attend college, improve their lives and ultimately give back to their community. We are gratified that Delores Kesler has chosen the University of North Florida as a vehicle for perpetuating this lasting legacy to the Jacksonville community.”

Business Administration receives $350,000 gift from Coggins

Through the generosity of a well-known, community-minded couple, the College of Business Administration has received a $500,000 gift, which will be used to fund scholarships and a professorship.

Blanche and Luther Coggin have donated $350,000 to the College, which will be matched with $150,000 in state funds. The gift will establish the Blanche and Luther Coggin professorship of management and the Blanche and Luther Coggin endowed scholarships in business administration. The professorship will be funded by $200,000 of the gift, and the scholarships will be funded by $100,000. The remaining $50,000 will be used for the purchase and maintenance of computer and audiovisual equipment.

The Coggins have a “strong interest in the University and the College of Business Administration and the Coggin Automotive Group obviously has an interest in high quality management education,” said Dean Earle Traynham. Plans call for the professorship and scholarships to be fully funded by 1998, Traynham said.

Luther Coggin began a career in the automotive industry in 1948 in Birmingham, Ala., as a salesman and worked his way up to the position of general manager of a large Oldsmobile dealership. In 1968, he moved to Jacksonville to establish Coggin Pontiac-GMC Truck. After starting with 40 employees, Luther Coggin is now chairman and chief executive officer of Coggin Automotive Group, which operates 10 dealerships and has more than 1,000 employees. Blanche Coggin is active in the community serving on the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army, Cypress Village and the Florida Christian Center. The Coggins have been married for 47 years and have four daughters.
UNF Alumni at Home and on the Road

This November, alumni gathered in Orlando, Washington, D.C., and Atlanta to welcome UNF President Adam Herbert as he visited each area. The focus of the visits was to meet alumni and provide them information on what was happening at UNF. Additionally, Dr. Herbert explained the significance of our University’s 25th anniversary and gave insight on future plans for the University. Hopefully this will be the first of many opportunities for us to bring Dr. Herbert to alumni outside of the First Coast area. It is important for our alumni to know that we have grown outside of the bounds of the Jacksonville area and it gives the President a chance to interact with alumni that might not otherwise have had the opportunity to meet him. Each of the areas the President visited has large concentrations of UNF alumni, therefore the prospect of sustaining active alumni chapters in these areas is attractive to broadening the scope of our alumni programming.

Many events were planned this fall for alumni participation. In September, a pre­lecture reception was held for alumni and friends of the University prior to the Maya Angelou lecture. In October the National Alumni Association sponsored a pregame tailgate party for alumni going to the Jaguars game. Alumni also participated in the Jacksonville Agricultural Fair’s Collegiate Night, which provides scholarship dollars to competing teams. The Office of Alumni Services also sponsored Parents Day at UNF.

In November alumni employed by the Duval County School Board were invited to an Alumni Workplace Reception sponsored by the College of Education and Human Services alumni chapter and the National Alumni Association. The Jacksonville Jazz Festival began at UNF as the National Alumni Association and AT&T Universal Card hosted the Winner’s Reunion. November continued with many out-of-town events for alumni in Orlando, Washington, D.C. and Atlanta. The Association wrapped up the 1997 year in December with its annual holiday party at Epping Forest Yacht Club.

As always, the alumni association wants your involvement. Please contact our office at 904-620-4723 or 800-UNF-GRAD or by e-mail via our web page at http://www.unf.edu/alumni to learn about how you can get involved with the UNF National Alumni Association.

Visit the UNF National Alumni Association site:
www.unf.edu/alumni

UNF National Alumni Association Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, December 9
  UNF National Alumni Association Holiday Party, Epping Forest Yacht Club - 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, December 12
  Fall Commencement
- January 1998
  Alumni Workplace Reception - Merrill Lynch
  Call 620-4723 for details
- January 14
  Jacksonville Alumni Chapter Meeting
- February 6-8
  UNF Baseball Alumni Weekend
- February 11
  Jacksonville Alumni Chapter Meeting
- February 20 -22
  HOMECOMING 1998
- March 11
  Jacksonville Alumni Chapter Meeting
- April 8
  Jacksonville Alumni Chapter Meeting
- May 1
  Spring Commencement
- May 13
  Jacksonville Alumni Chapter Meeting
- June 10
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UNF Alumni Gatherings

Maya Angelou Reception

More than 100 alumni and friends gathered in the UNF Foundation Board room for a reception prior to the September Presidential lecture by internationally known poet, Maya Angelou.

Doreen Perez (BSN '91, MSH '94) meets fellow alumni at the reception sponsored by the National Alumni Association.

Dan Dixon (BA '75, BT '85), President of the National Alumni Association, and his wife Nancy discuss alumni issues with other UNF grads at the pre-lecture reception.

First Ever UNF Alumni Tailgate Party

More than 350 alumni and friends of UNF came together for a pregame tailgate party and to root for the Jacksonville Jaguars as they took on the Cincinnati Bengals on Sunday, Oct. 5 at Alltel Stadium. October 5 was recognized as UNF Day at the Jaguars game in celebration of UNF's 25th Anniversary. Of course, the home team won!

Margie Quintana (BBA '85, MBA '86) and her husband Tony show their Jaguar spirit at the Alumni tailgate party.

Support the University of North Florida

The University of North Florida tag is now available at your local tag agency for $25 plus a nominal processing fee. The $25 will help strengthen student scholarships at the University of North Florida. Contact your local county tag agency to find out exact costs, and mail the correct amount with your annual registration renewal, proof of insurance, and a note saying that you wish to purchase a University of North Florida collegiate license tag.
If you haven't visited the UNF homepage recently, you're in for a surprise. The homepage along with many of the linked University pages have been redesigned. A committee of University faculty, staff, and students spent months redesigning the pages to be more user-friendly and eye-appealing. To reach the site point your browser to: www.unf.edu.