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TO THE READER

Dear Alumni and Friends of the University:

Twenty-five years ago in Jacksonville, amid palmetto thickets, scrub oaks and swamps, the University of North Florida emerged as a fledgling upper division and graduate institution. Building this brand new university from scratch was a daunting task. By October 1972, however, four buildings and a library were completed for the first class of 1,996 students who began their studies at Florida's ninth state university. Few of those present when the doors opened for the first time could have predicted that in 25 years the University of North Florida would: serve more than 11,000 students; enroll a freshman class of 1,100; construct almost 1.7 million square feet of buildings; have a total budget of over $85 million; or become a major force in the educational, economic and cultural development of the First Coast region.

We have a truly remarkable story to tell in this issue of the UNF Journal. It is a story of dedicated faculty and staff who had a vision of what a new, innovative university could be and their tireless efforts to accomplish that dream. It is a story of thousands of outstanding students who committed themselves to academic excellence and now are leaders in cities and enterprises throughout the world. It is a story of a community which has stood by and supported the University during critical times to assure that it would become the high-quality educational institution it is today.

The University of North Florida clearly has prospered over the past quarter century. Today, it is one of this country's fastest growing higher educational institutions. Simultaneously, through its strong commitment to high-quality undergraduate education, UNF also has earned well-deserved recognition as one of the most outstanding comprehensive universities in the nation. As you read this edition of the UNF Journal which contains fascinating stories about the University's history and some of its major accomplishments, I know you will agree that we have much to celebrate.

A yearlong calendar of events is published in this issue. Our celebration begins January 25 with a kickoff Gala at the UNF Arena. Please plan to join us for the Gala and for as many other events as possible throughout the remainder of 1997 as we celebrate this very special occasion.

Sincerely,

Adam W. Herbert, Jr.
President
AROUND CAMPUS

UNF has $188 Million Economic Impact

A recent study by the Florida Board of Regents concludes that the University of North Florida had $188 million in direct and indirect economic impact on the region last year. The study shows that the University generates almost four additional dollars for every dollar that is received in tax and lottery funds.

Specifically, the study indicates the University has a direct economic impact which includes such areas as $40 million in state salaries and benefits, $74 million in student expenditures and $6 million in construction. There is an additional $26.7 million in indirect economic impact through such areas as $10 million in federal financial aid to UNF students.

According to the study, the estimated return on investment at UNF was 391 percent or nearly $4 for every dollar expended. This was estimated by subtracting state dollars that were allocated to UNF from the total estimated economic impact.

On a state-wide level, the $1.3 billion allocated to the State University System in tax and lottery funds resulted in another $4.9 billion in economic activity in Florida, Chancellor Charles B. Reed said.

"This economic impact study indicates that our universities are engines of economic growth in Florida," Reed said. "In addition to providing well-educated graduates for our state, we generate a significant return on investment from every dollar invested in us," he said.

The economic impact does not measure all of UNF's contributions to the area's economy. The added earning power of a bachelor's degree is not calculated. U.S. Census figures show that each college graduate will earn an average of $600,000 more in their lifetime than a high school graduate.

We are proud to support The University of North Florida in its commitment to provide an ever increasing level of academic excellence.

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An Apple For The Teacher - And The Students

By Ingrid Roebuck
Staff Writer

To Sister Elise Kennedy, principal of St. Pius V Catholic School, the phrase “an apple for the teacher” has taken on a new meaning.

Dubbed “The Techno Nun” because of her enthusiasm for technology in the classroom, Sister Elise also shows plenty of excitement when asked about the school’s recent involvement in a distance-learning project.

St. Pius V School is a 75-year-old institution located on Jacksonville’s north side serving the area’s minority population. Just a few years ago, the 175 students at St. Pius had to share the use of a few Macintosh Apple computers. Now, due to the enthusiasm of Sister Elise and others at the school, there is an Apple in every classroom. That enthusiasm is probably one of the reasons the school was chosen to be among the six area institutions involved in a distance learning project conducted by the North Florida Distance Learning Consortium. The project was funded by a $590,000 state grant awarded to the consortium and was one of five such projects in Florida.

The project was designed to help at-risk, middle-school students cope with violent situations they may encounter in school, at home and in the community. This age group was targeted because studies have indicated that intervention at this age can be most effective in changing the direction of youngsters’ lives, according to Dr. Marcelle Lovett, project director and dean of Continuing Education at the University of North Florida.

UNF is a member of the North Florida Distance Learning Consortium, along with Continental Fiber Technologies Inc., doing business as AlterNet, Edward Waters College, Clay County Public Schools, Jacksonville Cities in Schools, Continental Cablevision, the Diocese of St. Augustine, Duval County Public Schools, Florida Community College at Jacksonville, Nassau County Public Schools, St. Johns County Public Schools and WJCT Channel 7.

The project gave students a chance to experience teleconferencing, take video field trips and respond to “trigger tapes,” which illustrated potentially violent situations. A teleconference was done with Duval County Sheriff Nat Glover, allowing students at the participating schools to ask specific questions. Video field trips focused on the consequences of choosing violence with trips to University Medical Center’s trauma center and a state juvenile detention center.

Even though the special wiring and computer equipment for teleconferencing are now gone, Sister Elise said the benefits will last for a long time. “It allowed us to show the possibilities and opened up avenues for the future,” she said. “You’re building for the future. This is what these children will be doing in the work world. They won’t be afraid to touch technology.”
Schafer Chosen UNF's 1996 Distinguished Professor

Walk into Dr. Dan Schafer's office on the UNF campus and you are immediately confronted with a giant map of Duval County on one wall. Covering the map are small pieces of paper inscribed with handwritten names. Each piece of paper represents a plantation which existed at one time in Duval County. Each piece of paper also represents untold hours of research work on his latest project.

The map symbolizes the man. Schafer is a meticulous historian whose labor of love is preserving part of history for future generations. On this particular project he has traveled to London to pore over old plat maps of Duval County parcels made by British settlers. He's quick to dismiss his work habits as being disorganized and lacking in academic discipline. But there is no disguising his scholarly work. He has brought to life the story of historical figures such as Anna Kingsley, a former slave and plantation owner who is the subject of a book and a newspaper series.

For his scholarly work and his years of classroom teaching, Schafer has been named UNF's 1996 Distinguished Professor. Schafer is a founding faculty member at UNF. As the University approaches its 25th anniversary, Schafer is just as excited about the school now as he was when he first arrived in Jacksonville in 1972. Then St. Johns Bluff Road was merely a muddy dirt road and the UNF campus nothing more than trees and wetlands.

"I was intrigued by the challenge of coming to a new university and starting with a new faculty, a new campus and building a new tradition," he recalls. He had been an instructor at the University of Minnesota and was acting director of Project Upward Bound when he decided he needed a change. The former high school teacher and football coach decided the new university in northern Florida was the place for him.

The history professor may be one of the most knowledgeable sources to compare today with the good old days. He is the author of the first history of the University entitled "From Scratch Pads and Dreams: a Ten Year History of the University of North Florida." He will be writing the sequel to that book later this year as part of the 25th anniversary celebration.

But the bulk of Schafer's scholarly work has been in the areas of African and African-American history. "It seems to be without question one of the most important areas of American history. The inability of this country through the years to live up to its highest ideals to extend equality to African-Americans."

The trail through African-American history has taken Schafer on many side trips. He readily admits that he gets sidetracked occasionally when he comes across a fascinating story. The story of Anna Kingsley was just such a side trip which occurred when he was researching the biography of Zephaniah Kingsley, Anna's husband.

But Schafer doesn't regret the side trips. As he explores the plantations of Duval County, he knows he may get sidetracked again. But he also knows that whatever research he does will translate directly into the classroom and benefit the students he teaches each day.

And that is why, Dan Schafer is UNF's 1996 Distinguished Professor.

Electrical Engineering Program Accredited

The Electrical Engineering program at the University of North Florida has achieved a milestone in becoming the first such program on the First Coast to earn national accreditation.

The Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) announced the accreditation in September after an intensive year-long review process which included an on-site visit. Receipt of the accreditation means graduates of the UNF program will be qualified to sit for the professional engineering examinations which are given in each state and are a necessary step in becoming a registered professional engineer.

UNF President Adam W. Herbert said the accreditation reflects the outstanding quality of undergraduate engineering education available in Jacksonville. "This accreditation sends a message to the corporate community that the University of North Florida is providing top notch training for the engineers needed to build Jacksonville's economy into the next millennium."

Dr. Charles Winton, acting dean of the College of Computing Sciences and Engineering, said the accreditation is the harbinger of future programs in such core engineering disciplines as civil and mechanical engineering. "ABET accreditation for Electrical Engineering at UNF makes a strong statement about the University's commitment to quality. It is the kind of quality marker for UNF and the First Coast that helps distinguish Jacksonville as a cut above the rest," he said.

The accreditation also reflects the successful partnership between UNF and area corporations through the Engineering Advisory Council. The council is a group of leading engineering professionals in Northeast Florida. The council is committed to assisting the University in engineering programs best suited to the region's developing high technology needs. The Council raised a $100,000 enhancement fund from area corporations to support the accreditation effort and to aid in the development of engineering programs at UNF.

Al Hammack, president of Bessent, Hammack & Ruckman Inc. and chairman of the advisory council, said area engineering firms are pleased to have played a role in the accreditation process. "It is hard to overstate its significance to the students and the future of engineering at UNF," he said.

The Electrical Engineering program at UNF was initially established in 1987 as a joint program administered by the University of Florida and conducted on the UNF campus. The State University System placed the program under sole UNF administration in 1992 to complement the University's existing technical programs in the computing sciences.

The move also recognized the expanding high technology needs of the First Coast Region and the linkage to having a more comprehensive set of technical programs available at UNF. The University has grouped these programs into the College of Computing Sciences and Engineering which expects to develop an increased range of engineering programs over the next several years.

Currently, the UNF Electrical Engineering program has 110 baccalaureate majors and six faculty members.
One of the more obvious examples of how UNF’s campus has changed over the past quarter of a century is the new College of Business Administration. Almost cutting into the lake by the Boathouse on the north side of the campus, the $7.8 million, high-tech facility is sure to catch the eye of any newcomer and even returning alums.

The new facility is the pride and joy of the COBA faculty and staff says Dean Dr. Earle Traynham. “To build a successful college program,” Traynham explains, “you need to focus on four things, getting and keeping outstanding faculty, attracting excellent students, creating high quality, relevant programs, and having a state-of-the-art facility. The first three you work on continuously, but a new facility is an opportunity that comes along every 15 years or so. To have this opportunity now is just tremendous.”

Such an opportunity, as is common with development at any university, has been no simple task. The movement began in 1990 when the plan for a new business college was put on the list for PECO (Public Education Capital Outlay) funding. At that time a plan had to be submitted to the Board of Regents and the faculty began to discuss what type of building was needed. State funding for the plan was appropriated in 1993, with construction funds being approved in 1994.

Within the new 42,000-square-foot facility are 12 classrooms, each outfitted with the latest technology, including computers, high-tech audiovisual equipment, such as LCD projectors and visual presenters giving faculty the ability to utilize multimedia presentations in their courses. The building also houses an auditorium, offices for faculty, the three departments of the College, the dean and the Student Services Center.

“We believe that this facility will help us recruit outstanding faculty and attract excellent students who want to teach and study in a high-tech environment,” Traynham says.

While input into the new facility came from faculty, staff and students, Traynham is quick to point out those responsible for making this building a reality. He gives much of the credit to UNF President Dr. Adam Herbert. “Without the support of Adam Herbert, the Board of Regents and the Legislature, it would not have happened. Now the local community is enhancing the state’s investment by funding the building’s technology and furnishings. The response has been tremendous.”

Working with his Business Advisory Council, the dean has launched a campaign, The Partnership Initiative, to raise $2.5 million for equipment and furnishings. Over half the goal is already pledged.

The new home of the COBA is another benchmark of excellence for UNF. “It will be the finest business school facility in Florida and will have a major impact on the quality and content of our programs,” Traynham says.

The doors are open, computers are up and running and classrooms are filled with minds eager to learn. This new facility enables UNF to prepare business students for the 21st century and beyond. It also positions UNF among other top level business programs, setting the pace for progress in the next 25 years.
**The Deans Who Built COBA**

**By Ingrid Roebuck**

**Staff Writer**

With the opening of a new $7.8 million facility, the College of Business Administration begins a new chapter in its history. Each of the College's deans has made significant contributions to its success.

The COBA's first dean, Dr. Jim Parrish, served from 1972 to 1984. During his tenure, the COBA built a solid foundation of top-notch faculty and received accreditation from the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business.

Dr. Ed Moses, dean from 1985-1989, initiated the College's external relations program and developed private resources. His achievements include the formation of the Business Advisory Council and the Business Affiliates annual fund drive.

Dr. Ed Johnson, who served as dean from 1989-1993, planted the seeds for undergraduate and graduate programs. He increased in executive and professional development programs and now the opening of a state-of-the-art facility.

**Dr. Earle Traynham, 1994-present**

The seeds of interest in business were planted early on in Earle Traynham by his father, a salesman and business owner.

Born in Greenville, S.C., Traynham received both his bachelor's degree and his MBA from the University of South Carolina. With no definite plans for the future, he took a job in the College of General Studies at USC as an instructor of Business and Economics. He found that he enjoyed teaching very much. He soon returned to graduate school, became the assistant to the director of graduate studies in USCs College of Business Administration and received his Ph.D. in 1973.

Traynham accepted a job as an assistant professor at UNF later that same year. He became associate dean and director of graduate studies in 1983 and chairperson of the Department of Economics in 1987. He served in that post until he became interim dean in August 1993, following the resignation of then Dean Ed Johnson.

Traynham was appointed COBA dean in May 1994. Traynham said he's enjoyed his years at UNF. "The longer you stay here the more you feel a part of the university and a part of Jacksonville."

**Dr. Ed Johnson, 1989-93**

A native of Jim Thorpe, Pa., Ed Johnson originally set his sights on a career in clinical psychology but after five months of working at a mental health facility he decided that wasn't his calling.

After receiving his bachelor's in psychology from Antioch College, Johnson worked at Cornell University, while working on his master's in industrial and labor relations, and he taught at Michigan State University where he received his doctorate. Other academic experience includes positions at West Virginia University, Rochester Institute of Technology, Texas Christian University and the University of Colorado before coming to UNF in 1989. After almost four years as COBA dean, Johnson served as interim vice president for University Relations (now Institutional Advancement) and interim executive director of the University Foundation before returning to full-time teaching last year.

Over the years, Johnson said he has seen many changes in the teaching of business. Educators have had to adjust to the advancements of technology. Colleges now utilize "a different space than was required 15 years ago. We now need more classrooms and laboratories to accommodate to different types of learning experiences."

**Dr. Ed Moses, 1985-89**

When former COBA Dean Ed Moses came to UNF, the faculty and staff needed to build a solid business college was in place. During his four-year tenure, Moses was instrumental in creating the Business Advisory Council.

A native of Augusta, Ga., Moses received his bachelor's degree from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania and his doctorate in finance from the University of Georgia. His academic experience includes teaching positions at the University of Georgia, Georgia State University, the University of Tulsa and the University of Central Florida. He is now the dean of the Crummer Graduate School of Business at Rollins College in Winter Park and the Barnett Banks professor of finance.

Unfortunately, Moses has not yet seen the new COBA facility but he said he lauds the effort. "They all should be very, very proud of it. We are currently adding an executive education center to our existing facility at Crummer and all the funds have to be raised privately. I understand the process. You need the cooperation of both the alumni and the community in order to make it happen."

**Dr. Jim Parrish, 1972-84**

Dr. Jim Parrish, the first dean of UNF's College of Business Administration, enjoys talking about the first time he walked onto the site of UNF's campus more than 23 years ago. "We came to create a university. There were times when we wondered if it was going to work," said Parrish, now retired.

Before coming to UNF in 1970, Parrish had been dean of the College of Business Administration at Drexel University; director of education for the Department of the Army at the Pentagon; and held positions at Mississippi State University, Washington University in St. Louis, and the University of North Carolina. He left the dean's office at UNF in 1984 to be the business dean at Moorhead State University in Minnesota before retiring. Dr. Frank McLaughlin served as interim dean following Parrish's departure from UNF.

Parrish recently received a tour of the new facility. "I am immensely pleased with what they have done," Parrish said. "They've done what a college of business should do, at least the good ones. They have research faculty and have done a marvelous job of getting support for professorships of various sorts. They have hired people with international reputations, and at the same time maintained a quality teaching faculty."
Belize Internship Teaches More Than Journalism

By Denise-Marie Williams
Freelance Writer

Fareed Khimani trudged along the same dirt road, weary from his hours-long and dusty journey in the mid-afternoon heat of Central America.

Maybe a bus would come along soon, he thought, wiping sweat from his eyes. But maybe not.

All he knew was he was hot and he was hungry—and he had a job to do. Fareed and his partner were traveling across Belize to investigate a murder. This was to be Fareed's first assignment as a UNF intern reporter.

"I can't help but think how much easier it would have been (interning) in the States," he smiled, recalling many of the "inconveniences" he encountered covering the news in the Third World country—lack of transportation, libraries, telephones and the Internet, and press freedom policies. "But it made me realize this is really what I want to do with the rest of my life."

Fareed, 22, was one of five UNF students who flew to Belize last summer as communications interns. Placed with a Belizian family to work at "The Amandala" newspaper and KREM Radio, Fareed quickly discovered a career in investigative reporting would not be an easy one.

Fareed spent his five weeks in Belize following a staff reporter around the 9,000-square mile country, watching the reporter interview political figures and research crimes and social issues. For Fareed, learning such journalism skills from a professional journalist was much more meaningful than trying to glean the same information from a college textbook.

The university department chose Belize as an intern site because of already established UNF-Belize relations. The country lies on the Caribbean coast of Central America, bounded on the north and part of the west by Mexico and remainder of the west by Guatemala. It has a population of about 320,000.

Kristy Lassiter, a 26-year-old Jacksonville waitress who worked for the "Reporter," said what she liked best about writing news in a foreign country was working with its people. She said as a journalist, she got a view of the country from the inside—from political, cultural, social and economic perspectives.

Lassiter, like Fareed, spent most of her internship shadowing a staff reporter, she said. She also rewrote press releases and researched articles, which she said were much more difficult than would seem since reference material is hard to come by and information officials often times could not provide needed statistics.

"The whole way information is processed ... and things are written is different," she said. "You don't really have a way to verify a lot of the information. You can't just drop by the library or hop on the Internet to look something up so you have to dig a lot more. The biggest information outlet we have is a one-half inch phonebook."

But it was not all work and no play for the five aspiring reporters. Some snorkeled the world's largest barrier reef off the coast of Caye Caulker, explored Guatemalan rain forests in search of Mayan ruins or went white water cave tubing. Others traveled cross country to ride horses in San Ignacio and visit the world jaguar preserve.

When asked if they would recommend other journalism students participate in the international internship program, opinions were varied. They argued that despite the country's beauty, the environment is not suitable for most Americans. Eric Evans, a communications senior, said he would recommend the course only to students with considerable writing experience.

"If your idea of fun is not hitchhiking down dirt roads in a Third World country in the heat of the day, you don't want to come to Belize," said Lassiter. "There's raw sewage in the streets so it smells, there are no air conditioners and it's crowded."

"You have to be willing to live primitively or don't bother," said intern Jill Rieder, still marveling at prices: $8 for a bag of potato chips, $16 for shampoo, $100 for a pair of pants. "A few weeks here and you'll appreciate what you have at home—the air conditioner, my car, everything."

UNF Offers Master's Program in Belize

A outreach program in the Central American country of Belize is providing teachers there an opportunity to earn a master's degree from the UNF.

Under the program, which started in Belize in June, UNF offered a master's degree program in secondary education as a way of equipping teachers there with the skills needed to cope with a rapidly changing educational environment.

Katherine Kasten, acting dean of the College of Education and Human Services, said the plan is the result of the pressures on Belize schools to expand their student enrollment and courses. Escalating school enrollment is being caused by the influx of immigrants from less stable Latin American countries who continue to settle in Belize.

The basic problem, Kasten said, is the number of faculty members at the tertiary level and school principals in the primary and secondary schools who need advanced degrees and training. These degrees cannot be obtained in Belize, she said.

Several years ago, representatives from University College of Belize contacted UNF regarding the possibility of offering such a graduate program in Belize. The request was the result of a long-term relationship between UNF, the University College of Belize and Belize Teachers' College.

The program will continue over the next four summers.

Kasten explained that the program provides the opportunity for UNF faculty to work with Belizean graduate students and to become familiar with the educational institutions of the country. Four faculty from the College of Education and Human Services taught courses in Belize this summer.

At UNF, the College of Education and Human Services is being assisted in the project by Continuing Education and the Center for International Education.
Assistant Public Defender Jeff Richards

UNF grad Jeff Richards has gone from learning warfare tactics on an aircraft carrier to waging war in the courtroom as an assistant public defender. While his new career isn’t quite as heart-stopping as the first one, he said it’s much more rewarding.

A native of Blowing Rock, N.C., Richards joined the Navy after high school and served for six years. Stationed at Cecil Field, Richards became an anti-submarine warfare specialist. His job involved riding in planes that took off from aircraft carriers in the ocean and dropping buoys equipped with sonar to track submarines. The work was both exciting and dangerous. One rainy night in particular, Richards recalled, caused him to begin considering a change in careers. “We missed landing six times. I started thinking this is not worth it,” he said.

Even before he left the Navy, Richards said he had decided to attend law school. He graduated from Florida Community College at Jacksonville in December 1991 and got his bachelor’s in political science from UNF in January 1992.

He met and married his wife, Amy, while still in the Navy. The couple’s daughter, Sydney, was 3 when Richards began law school at Florida State University. “I couldn’t have done it without a very strong wife,” Richards said of the two years he spent commuting from Tallahassee to Jacksonville. He received his law degree in December 1995.

His time in law school included an internship at the public defender’s office in Jacksonville. “Originally, I thought I wanted to be a state attorney,” Richards said. “But everybody was doing that.” Now an assistant public defender since March 1996, the 34-year-old Richards said he is certain he made the right choice. “I think we get to challenge the law more from this side. There’s a lot of passion in this office.”

Usually the approach taken by the Public Defender’s Office on a case is a reaction to how the state is handling it, said Marty Edwards, director of the UNF’s Pre-Law Program. Edwards taught both Richards and Assistant State Attorney Terri Persellin while the two attended UNF. Richards seemed a natural for the Pre-Law Program.

Richards is handling misdemeanor cases and even for a rookie the caseload is heavy. “But I don’t let them (the prosecutors) walk all over these people. Most of this sounds pretty trivial, like writing bad checks. But it’s not trivial to them (the client),” Richards said.

Richards said his goals are to work his way to the felony division and he feels that long term he’ll probably stay in the public arena. “I’m not sure if I’d like to do the firm thing, I don’t want to get into a situation where all I care about is money. If I ever get that way I don’t think I’ll want to be an attorney anymore.”

Assistant State Attorney Terri Persellin

Assistant State Attorney Terri Persellin recently described her law career as “a love-hate relationship... Before a trial it gets so stressful, I think, ‘I hate this.’ Then I go in there and two minutes into my opening argument I love it,” said Persellin, who joined the State Attorney’s Office in December 1994.

Persellin was born in California, moved to Utah at age 2 and lived there until adulthood. Her first career choice was nursing, which she began studying at the University of Utah. She got married in her last year of the program and never finished. Her (now former) husband is a physician and the couple moved to Minnesota to allow him to do a fellowship at the Mayo Clinic.

Persellin took a job as a bookkeeper at a local Catholic church and gave birth to their first child, a daughter, in February 1983. They later moved to Colorado where her three sons were born. Jacksonville became their home in 1988 when her husband began working at the Mayo Clinic here. The couple later divorced.

She later began taking classes at Florida Community College at Jacksonville, with the ultimate goal being law school. “It’s just something I was always interested in,” she said. She transferred to UNF and received her bachelor’s in criminal justice in 1992.

Persellin then went to law school at Florida State University, traveling home every weekend to spend time with her children: “I studied during the week, I knew studying on the weekend was out.”

She took the shortcut through law school, taking classes through the summer and graduating in 1994. The last year involved an internship with the State Attorney’s Office, allowing her to move back to Jacksonville.

Her career choice has been clear from day one. “I always wanted to do prosecution. This is the only job I ever wanted,” Persellin said.

She now handles all types of felony cases—drug violations, burglaries, robberies—except rape and murder, which are handled through a special division.

One of her pre-law instructors at UNF, Marty Edwards, also director of the Pre-Law Program, said he remembers Persellin’s decisiveness: “That was always her ambition.” Persellin currently serves on the Pre-Law Program’s Board of Advisors.

It’s obvious that Persellin continues to find her job exhilarating: “I love this. I can’t think of anything else I’d rather do.”

When asked about defense attorneys, her counterparts in the courtroom, Persellin responds: “I understand the concept that for the adversarial system to work we need advocates for the defendants, I’d just rather it not be me.” She concedes that the State Attorney’s Office has more power. “We do hold all the cards,” she said referring to the fact that the State Attorney decides whether to charge an individual with a crime and what charge to file, i.e., robbery, armed robbery, battery, etc. “But with that comes a lot more responsibility,” she said.
Teaching in the Land of the Rising Sun

By Peter C. Hendricks
Freelance Writer

On weekdays I am out the door and on my bike by about 7:55 a.m. I swerve my way in and out of the slower moving salary men, office ladies, and uniformed students on a road for those biking it. Fifteen minutes later I arrive at school to the shouts of the girls volleyball team as they gather with brooms and dust pans in hand to sweep the parking lot and main entrance before classes begin.

At 8:20 a.m. the first bell of the day calls all 60 of the full-time teachers to attention. As the room falls quiet, we stand by our desks and face the principal and vice principals to exchange, in unison, the morning greeting. We bow and the day’s briefing begins. I can comprehend about 60 percent of the meeting and luckily sit beside a math teacher who isn’t shy and can explain things in simpler terms. After a cup of green tea, I soon meet one of the six Japanese English teachers and head to the language room where we will team-teach conversational English to 42 yawning students.

Why am I teaching English in Japan? Since arriving last August, I have worked through this question more than once. At UNF, I took various Japanese philosophy and history courses with Dr. John Maraldo and Dr. John Tucker. At the same time, learning Japanese from then instructor Makoto Sugishita reinforced the hope of someday out of the administrative technicalities and having a Japanese language teacher.

Most of the students are very shy and either laugh nervously or bow and walk off if I follow up, “Hello, how are you?” with something like, “What class are you going to?” For a lot of them this is the first time a foreigner has looked them in the eyes and asked a question. The teachers also surprise me with various requests. Along with numerous speeches and letters, I have helped translate anything from a public gymnasium brochure to the marching band’s slogan. I find myself explaining the meaning of everything from song lyrics and movie lines to American football rules. One day a teacher who normally says nothing to me came up, handed me a letter from L.L. Bean, and looked at me as though I was somehow responsible for what was written on it. I became the communicator of bad news when the jacket he wanted was “temporarily out of stock.”

A certain group of faculty members, patient given my poor use of Japanese honorifics, are quite willing to speak to me. Relations with them have taken time and are meaningful. But, there is a handful of teachers—most of them males in their 40s or 50s—who show no interest whatsoever in speaking to me in either Japanese or English. Like most Japanese people their age, they have had little or no experience interacting with foreigners.

Fortunately, Japanese language and calligraphy (shodo) lessons plus time with my wife, Molly, balance out the life at school. Molly, a South Carolinian whom I met at Kansai Gaidai University, is a junior high school ALT. On the weekends we find a local festival, soak in a hot spring (onsen), or run around the moat of a castle built by the Shogun Tokugawa Ieyasu some 400 years ago.

Back at school the usual schedule resumes, ending everything with the ritual transition of the entire school into cleaning mode. Students and teachers gather throughout the school and clean for 15 minutes. When finished, the six students designated to the languages rooms line up against the wall and wait for my dismissal. I usually say, “Okay, you can go now,” and they inevitably respond in Japanese, bow and leave. After the students have left, I often sit and reflect on the day’s lessons or relations with the teachers and remind myself that I am here teaching to learn.
Five UNF Students Have Gone To The Dogs And Snakes And...

By Amanda McGoff
Freelance Writer

From the moment we all met that afternoon in Gainesville, it was readily apparent that these five students—from different age groups and very different backgrounds—were a tight-knit group. Five driven and dedicated students, all former UNF undergraduates approaching the end of their first-year studies at the University of Florida’s College of Veterinary Medicine, and all working toward the same goal: a doctorate in veterinary medicine. And the more I learned about their chosen field, the more I learned that their friendly intimacy was imperative to their success as individuals—it’s nearly impossible to make it in this grueling field of study alone.

In fact, their differences may indeed be what unites them. Prior to entering UF’s College of Veterinary Medicine, 34-year-old Mary Cleary had already spent more than 10 years working as a registered nurse at Jacksonville’s University Medical Center and finding that she was “intellectually stimulated” there, she began attending UNF and found a mentor in Dr. Andrew Buchwalter.

She credits Buchwalter as “instrumental” in her decision to continue her education. She eventually earned a philosophy degree from UF in 1992. Still uncertain about her future, she stepped into the UF/CVM on a whim one day, and after being encouraged by a friendly professor who took the time to show her around, she headed back to UNF in 1993 for her science prerequisites in order to begin studying veterinary medicine.

Thomas Woods, 25, can’t remember a time when he didn’t want to be a veterinarian. Born and raised in St. Marys, Ga., he grew up surrounded by his family’s dogs, cows and horses, and his career goal was always simple: in his words, “What else was there to do?” He commuted to UNF from St. Marys and completed his bachelor’s degree in 1994, only to be denied entrance as an out-of-state applicant to the UF/CVM that year. Thomas admitted that at the time he was crushed, but his faith in God and family support gave him strength, and he used his newfound time wisely, becoming a Florida resident and working at a small animal clinic in Mandarin.

Gaining admission to the College of Veterinary Medicine in 1995 was sweet success for Thomas, who considers himself lucky to be doing what he has always loved. Kathleen Decker, Jacksonville native, had looked toward a career in veterinary medicine for a long time, and ultimately wanted to own a business, but she was put off by her uncertainty about making “that commitment to having four more years of college.” Decker, 25, spent a year at UNF studying business and education before her husband, Brad (then her boyfriend, and a UNF student, as well) told her, “If you want to do it [become a veterinarian], just do it. Don’t worry about how long it takes or how much it costs or anything else.” So, she did, and her husband has since been her biggest cheerleader, living in Gainesville with her and commuting daily to his marketing job in Jacksonville.

Matt Chandler, at 23 years of age, is one of the youngest members of the UF/CVM “Class of 99,” and his energy seems to fuel the entire group. Originally from Cleveland, this longtime Jacksonville resident considered pursuing marine biology while at UNF but after years of volunteering in a small animal clinic, he decided on veterinary medicine instead. Having only limited time for socializing as a veterinary student doesn’t seem to bother him much. “It’s more work than I’ve ever had in my life,” he told me, “but at the same time I’m having more fun than I’ve ever had.”

Rick Sutliff, who lives in Gainesville during the week but often spends weekends at home in Jacksonville with his wife and their two children, has traveled a longer road than most to get here. It’s a road that included heading back to school at UNF after years of training horses. His work experiences only solidified his desire to become a veterinarian, and working on the weekends as a horse trainer and riding instructor is one way he makes ends meet.

Originally from Cleveland as well, this 37-year-old student feels that being older makes him “a lot more focused.” However, he jokingly adds that being older also means, “I have a lot more wisdom to impart to the youngsters.”

Rick is quick to point out that the classes [at UNF] that each of us participated in, varied as they may have been, prepared us very well for this term.” All five gave high marks to UNF and its professors. Mary, in particular, spoke of the “great instructors” at UNF’s Department of Natural Sciences, and of starting an undergraduate degree at UNF, only to finish that degree at UF.

Although they have three more hard years ahead of them, they can revel in their newfound camaraderie, a closeness born from their shared experiences, hopes and dreams. Thomas, Matt and Kathleen hope to practice close to home after graduation. Mary and Rick will probably leave the area. Mary has connections on the west coast, and Rick doesn’t know where he’ll end up, since his wife’s Navy career is far from over. But there is no doubt these five will always share a special bond, that of friendship forged under fire.

“We’ve all made the same sacrifices to get here,” Rick agreed. “There’s a lot of closeness among the people [at UF/CVM], and it seems to be growing as we go along.”
1974

ANDY J. BROADUS (MED) is headmaster at The Oakridge School. He resides in Arlington, Texas.

WILLIAM LARRY NELSON (BBA) is employed as comptroller for Electronic Security Service Subsidiaries. He resides in Metairie, La.

1975

JAMES R. POWELL (BBA) was named director of the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOEs) Atlanta Regional Support Office. He and his wife, Karen, and sons, Andy and Matt, reside in Snellville, Ga.

JAMES V. WILLIAMS JR. (BBA) has been appointed as director of Human Resources at Jacksonville University. He resides with his wife, Linda, and two sons, Justin and Jordan, in Jacksonville.

1976

JULIA HARVARD (MSH) and Gerald Adams were married in May 1996. She is employed by the Duval County Public School District as supervisor of health education. He is employed at Appalachian State University. The couple reside in Jacksonville Beach.

1977

WALTER PROPER (BA) accepted a position as resident advisor for a family planning project based at the Ministry of Health in Amman, Jordan.

1978

DAVID S. GARDNER (MBA) has retired from Wall Street. He now lives in New York City, and Longboat Key, Fla.

1979

CHARLES FAUBION (MSH) was appointed hospital administrator for Satilla Park Hospital in Waycross, Ga. He resides in Jacksonville.

ROBERT V. HAAS (BBA) is employed as executive director of the Flint River Habitat for Humanity. He resides in Albany, Ga.

BURTON L. MASTERS (BA) is a mobilized Army reservist serving with the Seventh Army Reserve Command in support of Operation Joint Endeavor peace mission (Bosnia) in Germany. He is on a 270 day active duty tour as an army major as a result of the president's second selective reserve call-up. He resides in Heidelberg, Germany.

1981

KATHY A. ARMINGTON (BA), was promoted to regional business manager, Primary and Comprehensive Care at Zeneca Pharmaceuticals. She resides with her husband, Kenny, and daughter, Kaitlyn, in Alpharetta, Ga.

MELANIE MACLEAN CROSS (BA) was appointed executive director of The Spina Bifida Association of Jacksonville. She was formerly with the Downtown Development Authority. She resides in Jacksonville.

LESLIE D. POTTER (MED) is an assistant professor of Educational Leadership at the State University of West Georgia. PAULA POTTER (MED) is employed by The College Board, a membership organization that facilitates transition from high school to college, as director. They reside in Douglasville, Ga.

1982

ROBERT POOLE (BT) is project manager for Kvaerner Construction. He will be constructing a $20 million replacement hospital for Southlake Hospital in Clermont, Fla. He resides in Orlando.

TERRY ROSCOE (BA) is a partner of Moon & Star Fine Jewelry in Jacksonville. They have opened a new store at the Deerwood Village Mall. He resides in Jacksonville Beach.

1983

SUSAN BRANDON BROCK (BAE) is employed as principal at Calvary Christian Academy where her husband is a high school teacher. The academy is located in Pisgah Forest, N.C. The couple resides in Brevard, N.C.

BRAD CHRISCHILLES (BBA) and LeAnne Croy were married on May 25, 1996. He is self-employed. She is employed by U.S. Sen. Connie Mack. The couple reside in Jacksonville.

JOY BATTEH-FREIHA (BA) has accepted the position of assistant director of public relations for Methodist Medical Center. She resides in Jacksonville.

1984

LARRY ECKERT (MBA) and Kelsea Wilber were married in June 1996. He is employed by PIE Nationwide Inc. as treasurer. She is a shareholder in the law firm of Sartorius & Wilber, PA. The couple reside in Orange Park, Fla.

NANCY YOUNGBLOOD (LACLAIR) (MA) is employed by the Michigan Department of Corrections as a psychologist for the prison system. She and her husband, Dave, have five sons, the family resides in St. Charles, Mich.

1985

KANDACE L. KNUSTON (BA) is pursuing a law degree at Florida Coastal School of Law in Jacksonville, Fla. She resides in Jacksonville.

GRAYLYN TANNER (BBA) is employed as an account executive at Women's Digest Magazine. She resides in Jacksonville.

1986

STEVEN F. DOUGLAS (BAE) has retired after eight years as a history teacher and chairman of the Social Studies Department at St. Joseph Academy in St. Augustine, Fla. He resides in St. Augustine, Fla.
SYBIL K. GRISSETT  
(MBA) is employed as a community planning & development representative for the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development. She was selected to participate in an executive leadership training program at Harvard University.

THOMAS L. HAZOURI  
(BBA) is employed by First Union National Bank of Florida as the estate tax manager. He is also a certified public accountant. He resides with his family in Jacksonville.

GONZALO C. OLIVA  
(MBA) is owner of GOS International Dist. Inc. He resides in Jacksonville.

DAVID H. SINASON  
(BBA) completed the PhD program in accounting at Florida State University. He joined the faculty of Northern Illinois University in the Fall of 1996.

1987

LINDA SWEAT ANHALT  
(BA) had a baby boy, Gareth Max, on April 8, 1996. The family resides in Jacksonville.

DAVID CURTIS  
(BA) received his PhD. in English from the University of Tennessee in 1994. He is now assistant professor of English at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn. He resides in Knoxville, Tenn.

LORI ANN DELANEY  
(BA) and Walter L. Loving were married in April 1996. She is employed by Barnett Banks, N.A. as a marketing specialist for the Private Client Services. He is employed by Airborne Express as a field services supervisor. The couple reside in Atlantic Beach.

RICK PREVATT  
(BA) was appointed agent for State Farm Insurance Companies on September 1, 1996, in Lovejoy, Ga. He has continued his education and has received the insurance designations of CPCU, CLU AND ChFC. He resides in Atlanta.

MICHELLE ROBERTS  
(BA) and Charles Welch were married in March 1996. She is employed by Prudential Insurance Co. as a programmer/analyst. He is employed by the Clay County Sheriff's Office as a deputy sheriff. The couple reside in Orange Park.

1988

SHEILA R. ALLPORT  
(BA) is public relations specialist for Daniel Memorial, Inc.—the oldest child serving agency in the state of Florida. She resides in Jacksonville.

1989

SHANE GREY  
(BS) and Leigh Ann Wilburn were married on May 3, 1996. He is employed by Eagle Auto Transport as a driver. She is employed by Jacksonville Electric Authority as senior applications analyst. The couple reside in Jacksonville.

SCOTT PARRISH  
(BBA) has been named assistant operations manager at Gaylers. He resides in Jacksonville.

SALLIE STUART  
(BAE) and Darren Cagle were married in May 1996. She is employed by the Duval County School Board as a teacher. He is employed by the City of Jacksonville as a lieutenant in the Fire Department. The couple reside in Jacksonville.

1990

JODI CAIL  
(BA) and Richard Farmer Jr. were married in June 1996. She is employed by the Duval County School Board as a counselor. He is employed by United Parcel Service. The couple reside in Jacksonville.

NANCY DAVIS  
(BBA) and Michael McKenney were married in May 1996. She is employed by Aubrey Organics in marketing. He is employed by Environmental Remediation Services as general manager. The couple reside in Middleburg, Fla.

1991

HALGARD DELEON BATOON  
(BBA) and Pamela Sue Wygal were married in June 1996. Both are employed by CSX Corporation. The couple reside in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

GERALD SANFORD BENNETT  
(BBA) and Lori June Algard were married on April 27, 1996. He is employed by the U.S. Treasury Department. She is employed by Proctor Ace Hardware. The couple reside in Jacksonville.

TIM ZDRAZIL  
(BBA) and CHRISTINA “TINA” M. JENNINGS-ZDRAZIL  
(BA ’94) had a baby boy, Zachary Carlisle born on August 12, 1995. The family resides in Coralville, Iowa.

1992

ROBERT E. CLARK JR.  
(BBA) was named president of the local National Association of Life Underwriters (NALU). He is employed by Prudential Financial Services as a registered representative and has earned his L.U.T.C.F. designation. He resides in Palatka.

ROBERT WAYNE COMBS JR.  
(BBA) passed the certified public accountant examination in May 1996. He is employed as an accounting information systems analyst at Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc. He resides in Jacksonville.

TRACEY SUZAN FRICK  
(BSH) and Wesley Wilds Arnold Jr. were married in June 1996. She is employed by Australian Body Works, Northside, as program manager. He is manager of Golf Warehouse. The couple reside in Atlanta, Ga.
GIFTS & GIVERS

You Are Never Too Young For A Will

We often think the preparation of a will is for someone older or wealthier than we are. Actually, the need to have a will begins when we leave home and establish ourselves as independent adults with major responsibilities such as a family. Wills are part of your estate planning which should be taken seriously no matter what your age.

The hardest part of the will-making process is finding time to sit down and plan, but it is also the most important part. In most cases you need only a few hours to outline your basic wishes and goals.

Planning can save you money, too. By assembling the needed information beforehand, you save your attorney time. Since attorneys charge for their time, professional fees will be less.

To start the planning process, it may be helpful to use the “four Ps” method:

- People: First, write down the names of the people you want to include in your estate such as a spouse, children or grandchildren, close friends and employees. Also note birthdays and relationships to you.
- Property: Second, list your property. Besides cash, note other assets like real estate, stocks, life insurance, retirement plans, business interests, investments and collections of value. Try to estimate the dollar value and the cost of your property. List the income it produces.
- Plans: The third “P” will be your plans for matching people and property. List which property you want to go to each person named. And what about bequests to charitable institutions (do not forget UNF) you have supported during your life?
- Planners: Finally, list the planners you will need to put your plans in motion. An attorney should be involved and possibly an accountant. A life insurance agent, stockbroker, real estate appraiser and representative of the charitable institution you wish to remember may also take part.

With this well-thought-out list, you are ready to meet with your attorney. After the first meeting, your attorney will prepare a draft for your approval. Once all details are settled, the will is ready for signing.

If UNF is in your plans for a charitable bequest, I encourage you to follow the four Ps. A charitable bequest to UNF offers donors a way to make a significant gift to areas of need such as scholarships or endowed endowed bequests in the form of cash, securities, real estate or other property. They may be stated in terms of a percentage of the entire estate. A bequest of the residue refers to property remaining after all bequests to family and others have been satisfied.

Memorials often originate in wills. A memorial commemorates a family or particular individual(s) and contributes to the benefit of future generations.

Remembering UNF in this fashion offers a flexible and thoughtful way to give, regardless of age. Supporting education is a great way to provide opportunities for future generations. Make an appointment today and discover the peace of mind provided by a well planned will.

If you have questions about ways in which you can remember UNF in your will, please call me at (904) 646-1080.

New Staff Named In Institutional Advancement

Three new staff members have been added to the Division of Institutional Advancement in recent months.

The new additions are: Elizabeth Head, associate vice president for Institutional Advancement; Brad R. Mankin, director of Corporate and Foundation Relations; and Alejandra Castaneda, development officer for the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Computing Sciences and Engineering.

Pierre Allaire, vice president for Institutional Advancement, noted that collectively the three individuals bring more than 20 years of fund-raising and alumni experience to the division. “The University of North Florida continues to attract some of the best candidates to fill key positions. They will have a positive impact in their specific areas of responsibility,” he said.

Head, who has been director of community affairs in the College of Business Administration for the past seven years, assumed her new duties in September.

Head has managed fund-raising and public affairs activities for two College of Business deans. During her tenure in the college, the level of annual giving has increased by more than 300 percent and the endowment has grown by $1 million. She is involved in a campaign to raise $2.5 million to furnish and equip the college’s new building. (See related story on page 6)

Prior to her work at UNF, Head was governmental and civic liaison at Barco-Duval Engineering Inc. from 1983 to 1988. She also worked in the real estate industry in the early ’80s.

She has been active in the community serving on a number of boards and commissions.

Mankin came to UNF in August from Malone College in Canton, Ohio where he had worked since 1995. He was involved in writing grant proposals and cultivating and soliciting Fortune 500 companies in Ohio, Pennsylvania and Michigan.

Prior to going to Malone, Mankin was the director of development at Evangelical Christian School in Fort Myers from 1993 to 1995. He started his development career at the University of Florida where he was associate director for development and director of career planning and placement in the College of Law from 1988 to 1992.

Castaneda started in her new position in September coming from Hospice of Northeast Florida where she had been development manager since January of this year.

Before moving to Jacksonville, she was development officer at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, from 1994 to 1995 and was director of development and alumnae relations at the University of the Incarnate Word, also in San Antonio from 1991 to 1994. From 1987 to 1991, she was a marketing assistant and an asset administrator at NationsBank in San Antonio.

She has a bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of the Incarnate Word and a master’s degree in urban studies from Trinity University.
UNF Announces Partnership With Genesis Health Inc.

A major partnership which will have a long-range impact on rehabilitation services in Northeast Florida was announced earlier this year by the University of North Florida and Genesis Health Inc.

The partnership involves a gift of $1.4 million from Genesis Health Inc. representing the largest single cash gift in the history of UNF. It will be matched with $1.05 million in state funds. The resulting $2.45 million will be used to establish a distinguished professors program and Genesis Health Scholars in the College of Health.

Davis Johnson, chairman of the Genesis Health Foundation Inc., said the gift recognizes the longstanding importance of education as it impacts people's lives. "There can be no finer demonstration in support of this principle than making this gift."

"We particularly are enthused at the long-term impact of this investment and how it will grow over time."

Similarly, Dr. J. Brooks Brown, chairman and CEO of Genesis Health Inc., said the partnership is an example of continued support and investment in the community. "This contribution will assist many individuals in their pursuit of a health care education. This, in turn, benefits the overall health of our community," he said. "It is always a pleasure when you are able to enhance the educational opportunities of our community members," he added.

UNF President Adam W. Herbert said that this public/private partnership will benefit both the University and the community at large. "We are announcing more than a corporate gift. We are announcing an alliance which will benefit our students and enhance research. The support from Genesis will enable UNF to enrich opportunities for its faculty through professorships and research initiatives. Good faculty attract good students, but innovative ideas and research in areas that might not have been pursued otherwise."

The Genesis Health Distinguished Professorship will be established to recruit or retain outstanding senior faculty members for their work in areas of rehabilitation. The professorship will be available in four areas: nursing, physical therapy, athletic training and rehabilitation counseling.

The Genesis gift and resulting state match will provide for the establishment of seven scholarships annually to the best and the brightest College of Health students whose interests are in the rehabilitation professions. Students who otherwise might be unable to become rehabilitation specialists are expected to come to UNF to study because of the opportunities provided through the Genesis Health Scholars Program. The program will begin in 1997.

The balance of the endowment will provide additional professorships designed to encourage and support outstanding research. This is expected to stimulate innovative work throughout the college.

Genesis Health Inc. operates the 110-bed tertiary rehabilitation hospital and its four outpatient centers. The hospital has gained national recognition as a regional Center of Excellence for children and adults in need of acute medical rehabilitation for illnesses such as stroke, brain injury, orthopedics, neurological disorders and spinal cord injury. Genesis Rehabilitation treats patients referred from hospitals in North Florida and South Georgia.

COBA Partnerships

The UNF College of Business Administration recently launched a Partnership Initiative to complete the University's vision for a state-of-the-art undergraduate business program.

The public announcement of the fundraising campaign was made at a special Business Affiliates Breakfast held at the new $7.8 million facility which recently opened for classes.

With a goal of $2.5 million, donations raised through the Partnership Initiative will provide needed technology, such as classroom computers and visual presenters, and furnishings for the new facility. Half of the Partnership Initiative's goal has already been reached and volunteers are enthusiastically recruiting additional donors.

Below is a list of the Partnership Initiative Gift Clubs and donors.

The Dean's Cabinet ($250,000 or more) — CSX Transportation, Inc., First Union National Bank of Florida, Jim and Jan Moran/JM Family Enterprises, Inc., and Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc.

Senior Partners — ($100,000-$249,999) — BellSouth, Mr. and Mrs. Layton E. Smith, SunTrust Bank, North Florida, N.A.

Partners ($10,000-$99,999) — Arthur Andersen, CAS Memorial Foundation, Ernst & Young LLP, Harden & Associates, InTuition, Inc., KBJ Architects, Inc., KPMG Peat Marwick LLP, Merrill Lynch, the family of Mr. Philip Michelman, Mr. Duane L. Ottenstroer, the children of G.F. and Ella Pappas, Reynolds, Smith and Hills, Inc., Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Paul III, State Farm Insurance Companies, Vestcor Equities, Inc.

Investors ($1,000-$9,999) — Alpha Sigma Pi Accounting Club, American Express Foundation, Dr. and Mrs. Seth C. Anderson, Dr. and Mrs. Frederick M. Cole, Dr. and Mrs. Robert D. Davis, Ms. Patricia L. Eason, Dr. and Mrs. Gary Fane, Finance and Investment Society of the UNF College of Business Administration, First Coast Black Business Investment Corporation, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Alan Goetz, Dr. and Mrs. Craig Harms, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Head, Jr., Jax Valve and Fitting Co., Dr. C. Bruce Kavan, Dr.* and Mrs. Richard de Raimes Kip, Dr. and Mrs. Douglas M. Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Olson, Dr. and Mrs. John B. MacArthur, Dr. and Mrs. Frank McLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Moore, Dr. and Mrs. Steven K. Paulson, the Prudential Insurance Company of America, Mr. Marion Tillman Porter, Jr., Mr. David Ristau, Sablestone, Inc., Dr. Lowell M. Salter, Mr. Ernest Saltmarsh, Mr. Gert H. W. Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Schupp, Lewis Siplin Enterprises, Inc., Swisher International, Inc., Mr. Michael W. Tanner, Dr. William Holmes and Suzanne S. Tomlinson, Dr. and Mrs. Earle C. Traynham, Dr. and Mrs. M. Reza Vaghefi, Peggy and Bob Ware, the family of Mr. Walter Wells, Mr. Robert Mitchell Young. (*deceased)
### Calendar

#### JANUARY
25th Anniversary Gala Dinner featuring concert, video and entertainment with nationally renowned Public Radio musician and lecturer Karl Haas, UNF Arena.

#### FEBRUARY
- 10th Annual Koger-Matteson Jazz Festival, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Theatre, free.
- UNF Alumni Jazz Ensemble, free, 7:30 p.m. - U.S. Airmen of Note, free.
- Great American Jazz Series - Arturo Sandoval, trumpet, UNF Jazz Ensemble, 8 p.m., Theatre.
- Otis Holloway Owens and co-authors of "Wearing Purple," discuss their book, 12-1 p.m., reception and book signing, 1-3 p.m., UNF Theater.
- Honors Love Day, UNF Honors Program and Duval County's "Communities in Schools" program join for community service project.
- Black History Month guest lecturer, noon to 1 p.m., Theatre, free (Speaker TBA).
- 15th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Awards Luncheon, 1-2 p.m., Andrew A. Robinson Student Life Center.
- All-Schubert Concert, Florida Arts Trio, 3 p.m., Theatre, free.
- Alumni-Faculty Jazz Ensemble Concert, 8 p.m., Theatre.

#### MARCH
- Inaugural Presidential Lecture by international author and Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel, 8 p.m., Theatre.
- All-Schubert Concert with Steven White, baritone; Scott Watkins, piano, Theatre, free.
- UNF Concert Band presentation, Don Zentz, conductor, Theatre, 8 p.m.

#### APRIL
- 5th Annual International Fashion Show & Luncheon, Andrew A. Robinson Student Life Building, Room 1601, noon.
- John Francis Reilly Irish Studies poet, Evan Boland. (Schedule TBA)

#### MAY
- Andrew Farkas lecture on Enrico Caruso, at The Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens, 7 p.m.
- College of Arts & Sciences UNF Day at the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens in honor of UNF's 25th Anniversary Year - Concert of Contemporary Music with UNF faculty and students, 3 p.m.

#### JUNE
- Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours, 5:30-7:30 p.m. (Site TBA).

#### JULY
- Rotary International Luncheon, UNF Arena (Date TBA).

#### AUGUST
- Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce Morning Network, 7:30-9 a.m. (Site TBA).
- Percussion Concert by Charlotte Mabrey and Friends, Theatre, 8 p.m., free.

#### SEPTEMBER
- College of Health Symposium on rehabilitation health. Special ceremony honoring donors and volunteers. (Time TBA).
- Presidential Lecture Series (Date and speaker TBA).
- College of Business Administration Corporate Executive Program (Site, date, time TBA).

#### OCTOBER
- Birthday celebration for faculty, staff and students, including recognition ceremony for founding faculty and staff, atrium, UNF Library, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Parents' weekend featuring entertainment, sports activities and refreshments for the entire family at various locations on campus. (Schedule and times TBA).
- International Student Association Dinner Dance, 7 p.m., Arena.
- College of Computing Sciences & Engineering, Technology Exposition, 2 p.m., and reception, 3 p.m.
- Student Health Services Health Fair, University Green, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

#### NOVEMBER
- Second annual College of Education Conference "25 Years of School Success" (Time & site TBA).
- Nest Fest, fun-filled week of entertainment, student activities, games and food at various campus locations (Complete schedule TBA).

#### DECEMBER
- "The Next 25 Years," a major symposium to discuss the future of the First Coast region. (Site and time TBA).

Times and dates are subject to change. Additional anniversary events will be included in a subsequent calendar to be published in the spring edition of the UNF Journal. For information on events, call (904) 646-2450.
These two aerial photos show the dramatic development of UNF’s athletic facilities since the athletic program started in 1983. In the photo at left, the Fitness Center is the only major athletic facility on campus. The now-demolished racquetball courts are at the bottom right of the photo. The recent photo at right shows the Arena, Aquatic Center, and Harmon Baseball Stadium. Construction of a new 10,000-seat track/soccer stadium is set to begin in early 1997.

By Chad Jackson
Assistant Sports Information Director

The University of North Florida athletic program has grown immeasurably since its humble beginnings in 1983 with just a couple of “country club” sports. In 1996, the Ospreys stand on the verge of national prominence with a 12th-place finish in the Sears Directors’ Cup All-Sports competition and four Sunshine State Conference all-sports championships out of a possible six in three seasons.

This success did not happen without a plan, and Senior Counsel to the President and Director of Governmental Affairs Dr. Thomas Healy was an integral part of implementing that plan. First as a member of the UNF faculty and the Osprey Club athletic booster organization, then later as the athletic director from 1985 to 1990, Healy was instrumental in building the athletic program to the success it is today.

“There are three things that we sought when building the program,” Healy said. “First, coaches who believe in the philosophy of recruiting good student-athletes who would be a positive influence in the classroom and in the community as well as on the field. Second, getting those student-athletes to graduate with useful degrees. And finally, the quality of facilities needed to be top notch, not only to attract the student-athletes but to generate school and community support.”

Healy has seen the increase of the facilities, first hand on campus. Healy has been involved in projects from the building of the first set of six tennis courts to the current planned construction of the UNF track and soccer stadium.

The first major step in upgrading the facilities came in 1985. Searching for a team sport that would spark interest, Healy turned to Dusty Rhodes and baseball. “It was crucial that baseball have the kind of success it did,” Healy said.

When plans were made for the first baseball stadium, however, they simply consisted of a field to play on and a few bleachers. But once the community support from people and businesses started pouring in, it was possible to build not just a field, but a stadium. “We’re sitting here with a million-dollar facility when we started out to build a $50,000 one,” Healy said. “The support was outstanding.”

This kind of commitment to not only building the facilities for new sports, but building top-notch facilities began with baseball and continued through to the construction of the UNF Arena. “Originally we were going to build a gymnasmium that seated 2,000 but that got traded in the last hours of the legislative session for Building 15, the computer center,” Healy said.

“That arena was going to cost $4 million, but we ended up building a $10 million arena that seated 6,000, giving us a wonderful facility for basketball, intramurals and for commencement.”

Now with construction of the new 10,000-seat track/soccer stadium set to begin in early 1997, UNF will have another superior facility to call its own.

“The important thing about the new stadium is that it will give us the full complement of facilities that we need to attract major events and teams which are training for competitions such as the Pan Am Games or the Olympics,” Healy said.

“It’s great to have world-class athletes come onto this campus and everybody in this community getting the chance to see them.”

The 1995-96 athletic season was a successful one for the Ospreys as they placed 12th in the Sears Directors’ Cup national all-sports competition—ahead of the other Sunshine State Conference schools. The growth of the UNF campus over the past decade, exemplified with the construction of new facilities, goes hand in hand with the success of UNF on the field. UNF’s athletic teams look forward to more success in 1997 as part of the Peach Belt Athletic Conference.

“T think you’ll find us being a very good Division II program for a number of years to come,” Healy said.
"25 Years of Education, Learning for a Lifetime"

THE DIFFERENT FACES OF UNF
The University of North Florida has taken on different faces in different places during its 25 year history.

The UNF Downtown Center (left) was in operation from 1978 to 1987 in the Galleria building.
Out on St. Johns Bluff Road, a new campus was taking shape in 1971 (top right) which bears little resemblance to the campus today (bottom).

UNF FIRSTS
A new school has many firsts, the first graduating class of 35 students in 1973 (bottom) and the first freshmen and sophomores (right) who came to campus when UNF added a lower division in 1984.

FUN AND GAMES
The lakes at UNF have been a focal point for many activities over the years including this Earth Fest celebration in 1984.

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We selected a few of the first graduates at Blue Shield of Florida. In 1986, he moved to Jacksonville with Metropolitan Life. Hollister is active on the National Alumni Association Board and is the president and one of the founding members of the Tampa Chapter of the UNF Alumni Association. He is also the co-chair for the West Coast Health Underwriters.

"I had a unique time because UNF was still very new and the population was small enough that students and professors knew each other on a first name basis—you were not a number."

Dr. Mary Elizabeth Rose D’Zamko
Master’s Education – March 1974
Jacksonville, Florida
As a graduate student at UNF, “Liz” D’Zamko was the first graduate assistant in the special education faculty. After graduation, D’Zamko was hired as a faculty member of UNF, where she recently retired as a full professor after 22 years.

Since graduating, D’Zamko has earned her doctorate in educational leadership with a cognate in special education. She has also received two Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Awards, as well as being chosen as the Outstanding Alumni in the College of Education in 1995.

D’Zamko has five children and seven grandchildren. She works with St. Paul’s by the Sea at a soup kitchen for the homeless once a month. Each week, she takes food to the homeless.

“UNF is a very special place. I’ve enjoyed my time here.”

William King Hollister III
Bachelor of Arts – March 1974
St. Petersburg, Florida
“Bill” Hollister was married and working at Larry’s Shoes in Regency Square while he completed the studies for a bachelor’s of arts.

After graduation, Hollister started his career in the insurance industry in Jacksonville with Metropolitan Life. Hollister then moved to Gainesville with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida. In 1986, he moved to St. Petersburg and, in 1991, opened his own insurance agency—Hollister Insurance Services.

Now married to Sandy, he has two children from a previous marriage. Christopher and Suzanne, who both live in Orange Park, Florida. Suzanne is thinking about attending UNF in the fall of 1997.

Hollister has also published a book on health issues and is a member of the Tampa Chapter of the UNF Alumni Association. He is also the co-chair for the West Coast Health Underwriters.

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Larry Lee Pelton
Bachelor of Business Arts – March 1974
Palm Beach, Florida
Larry Pelton was a member of the Society for Advancement of Management, one of the first students involved with the co-operative work experience, president of the Economics Club and listed in the Who’s Who in America’s Colleges and Universities.

After graduation, Pelton worked at the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce for eight years, followed by jobs at Florida National Bank, Barnett Bank and ITT before becoming the president of the Palm Beach County Business Development Board in 1990.

In 1975, Pelton helped get the UNF Alumni Association off the ground by chairing an alumni advisory council that recommended that the association be created as well as serving on the Foundation Board for six years.

Pelton is currently on the board of Florida Atlantic University’s research and development park and the business advisory council of the Palm Beach Community College.

He has four children and one grandchild.

“I am amazed at the growth of the University. It is a fine academic university.”

Dawn Fisher Halter
Bachelor of Arts of Education – March 1974
Orange Park, Florida
At UNF, Dawn Halter was involved in Student Government as a senator, completed an internship at Jacksonville Heights Elementary School as well as holding a job at a surgical supply company.

After graduating, Halter was a first grade teacher for five years at Jacksonville Heights Elementary School. She has since taught first grade at Grove Park Elementary School (nine years), kindergarten and sixth grade at W.E. Cherry Elementary School (nine years), and is currently teaching at Orange Park Elementary gifted class for kindergarten through sixth grade.

At W.E. Cherry Elementary and Grove Park Elementary schools, Halter received...
the Teacher of the Year Award.
In 1993, Halter became one of 23 teachers selected nationwide to participate in a two-week NASA Educational Workshop for Elementary Teachers (NEWEST).
Married to Steve, and they have two children, Shawn, a senior at St. John's Country Day School and Jonathan, a tenth grader at Orange Park High School.
"UNF was a great school to go to, a lot of the people I teach with are from UNF. My son wants to go, too. I already have a niece who is attending UNF, and my sister also graduated from UNF."

Huggins is currently a captain select in the U.S. Navy. During her 17-year career, she has served at Pearl Harbor, the Naval Academy in Annapolis, in Desert Storm aboard the U.S.S. L.Y. Spear, and at the Navy Yard in Washington, D.C.
Married to Navy Captain Periodonti, they have three cats and one dog.
"My time at UNF was very, very pleasant. My favorite professor was Dr. Ray Bowman, who greatly influenced my life. He made school and learning fun."  

Betty Smith Holzendorf
Master of Education
-March 1973
Jacksonville, Florida
At UNF, Betty Holzendorf was an "adult with a job and getting a degree." After graduation, Holzendorf was the director of Institutional Research at Edward Waters College from 1971 to 1975. She then worked for Jacksonville Mayors Hans Tanzler from 1975 to 1978 and Jake Godbold from 1978 to 1981.
Holzendorf ran for state representative and served for two terms, 1988-1992. In 1992, she was elected to the Florida Senate and is currently serving her second term in office.
A few highlights from Holzendorf's distinguished career include: serving as the chairperson for the Education Committee, Appropriations Committee and the Economic Development and Tourism Committee of the Florida Senate; helping in the reorganization of HRS; was instrumental in getting the Multi-cultural center funded at UNF; and worked to get an Urban Studies internship program at UNF. Her most current award, which Holzendorf received in 1996, is the Florida Teaching Profession-National Education Association "Friend of Education."
Married to King Holzendorf, Jr., they have three children, Kim Lockley King Holzendorf, Kevin Holzendorf and Kessler Holzendorf. Kim graduated with a degree in criminal justice. Kevin graduated with a master's degree in public administration and a bachelor of arts in accounting. Kessler will receive his degree in computer science in December 1996—all from UNF.
"UNF is an anchor in our community and supplies much needed educational background for our community. I am proud to have been a part of the charter class."

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Black tie optional
gala dinner & concert $125
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CHANTAL G. HOOK (BBA) is a third-year student of law at the University of Florida. She resides in Orange Park.

JIM JOHNSON JR. (BBA) has been named as Jacksonville Zone Manager by Tenneco Automotive. He resides in Jacksonville.

KELLY KENNEY (BAE) and John H. Waeltz were married in May 1996. She is employed by the Clay County School Board. He is serving in the U.S. Navy. The couple reside in Jacksonville.

KELLY GREENE MCLendon (BAE) obtained her master’s of arts in Clinical Psychology from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas on August 17, 1996. She resides in The Woodlands, Tx.

WES PINKLEY (BBA) received his masters of divinity degree and is pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church in Plainville, Ga. He and his wife, Melissa, have a son, Benjamin Paul, born on May 13, 1996. The family reside in Rome, Ga.

SCOTT ROGERS (BBA) has been appointed senior insurance analyst for Walt Disney World Company. He resides in Orlando, Fla.

ANTHONY TASSO (BA) has been promoted to senior business analyst in the custom programming area of Alltell Information Services - Mortgage Division. He was commissioned as an intelligence officer (to the rank of Ensign) in April 1996 in the United States Naval Reserve. He and his wife, Natalie, had a baby boy, Christopher Shafer, on July 22, 1996. The family resides in Callahan, Fla.

HALLIE TESORI (BBA) and Scott Barnford were married in August 1996. She is employed at The Pain Relief Centre in office management. The couple reside in St. Augustine, Fla.

AMY WESLEY (BA) and James Gambone were married in May 1996. She is employed by the University of North Florida as a complex coordinator for the office of university housing. He is a student at the university. The couple reside in Jacksonville.

CHRISTOPHER YOERGES (BBA) and Connie Fisbee were married in May 1996. He is employed by Print Craft of Jacksonville. She is employed by Integrated Health Services of Orange Park as a unit manager, registered nurse.

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FREDERICK W. BERG (BS), Navy Lt.j.g., has completed a six-month deployment with Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Five, embarked aboard the aircraft carrier USS George Washington. His squadron flies the SH-60F Sea Hawk, a multipurpose helicopter capable of conducting search and rescue, anti-submarine warfare and reconnaissance. They patrolled the Mediterranean and Adriatic seas where they supported the U.N. peace efforts in Bosnia.

RICHARD M. CRATEM (MBA) and Pamela K. DeAngelo were married in July 1996. He is employed by John Searcy and Associates Inc. as an electrical engineer. She is employed by BellSouth as an engineer. The couple reside in Jacksonville.

TROY CRUM (BBA) and STACEY COLEMAN (BBA) were married in June 1996. He is employed by Crummy Ts as president. She is employed by Capital Credit Corp. as staff accountant. The couple reside in Orange Park.

MICHAEL JOSEPH ELIA (BAE) has been promoted to team leader of the behavioral team at Clay County Behavioral Health Center. SONJA ELIA (BA ’96) has been promoted to customer service manager at Consumers Electronics, Inc. The couple reside in Orange Park.

MELISSA J. GRAMMER (BAE) married 2nd Lt. Charles T. Byrd in July 1995. She is currently a teacher. The couple reside in Ewa Beach, Hawaii.

BERNARD HOFMANN (BS) graduated from the University of Florida College of Dentistry in May 1996. He was commissioned into the U.S. Navy as Lieutenant and is stationed at Kings Bay, Ga.

HELEN DELORES JACKSON (MPA) is president of the Hubbard House Board of Directors. She is director of Community Health Services with the Duval County Public Health Unit. She resides in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

RENEE JINKS (BAE) and Robbie Kemp were married in June 1996. Both are employed by Clay County Schools. The couple reside in Green Cove Springs, Fla.

STEPHEN A. LABRATO (BAE) joined Labrato Insurance Inc. as an associate in June 1995. He is now a general lines agent in commercial insurance. He resides in Jacksonville.

KENNETH KELLY LONG (BS) graduated from the University of Florida Veterinary School in May 1996. He is in private practice and will open a mixed animal practice in Live Oak, Fla. next year. He resides in Live Oak, Fla.

JOSEPH SAMUEL MARK (MED) has completed the licensure process for mental health counseling in the state of Florida and is also a national certified counselor. He is employed as a counselor by Psychological Services of St. Augustine. He resides in St. Augustine, Fla.

LOLITA C. MASSENGILL (BS) graduated with a masters degree in Nursing at the University of Florida in May 1996. She is employed as an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP), at PA. Personnel Services to work with the Family Practice Physicians at Methodist Medical Center. She resides in Jacksonville.

BOBBIE LYNN MUSSELMAN (BAE) and her husband, Keith, had a baby boy, Chase Allyn, on October 29, 1995. The family resides in Middleburg, Fla.

MITCHELL M. OWENS (MPA) married Jean N. Robar in July 1996. He is employed as a teacher with the Duval County School Board. She is employed as a registered nurse at Baptist Medical Center. The couple reside in Jacksonville.

KELLY PARKES (BS) and Mike Wilson are to be married in March 1997. She is working at the Arnold Palmer Hospital as a pediatric registered nurse. He is the assistant superintendent at Windermere Country Club. The couple reside in Orlando, Fla.

DONNA LYNN PENNEY (BBA) and David Darr are owners of Marine Electronics Solutions, Inc. The couple reside in Jacksonville.

ELLIOt PRESHIA (MED) has been employed by Florida Psychiatric Associates as a psychotherapist. He is licensed as a mental health counselor and certified as an addiction professional. He resides in Jacksonville.

KIMBERLY REES (BA) and Tony Stidham were married in June 1996. She is employed by University Christian School as a teacher. He is employed by John W. Boley Construction. The couple reside in Jacksonville.

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TRISH A. BOHANNON (BBA) founded her own interior design firm in January 1996. She specializes in residential, commercial, and marine clients. She resides in Fernandina Beach.

FRANCINE MACLENNAN BROOKS (BAE) is a third grade teacher at St. Anthony Cathedral School. Last year her class won the Reynolds Aluminum Recycling Award. She resides in Beaumont, Tex.
SELENA SHERISE EVANS (BA) and Clarence Hodge III were married in June 1996. She is employed by INROADS/Jacksonville as the manager of market research and development. He is employed by the City of Jacksonville as a firefighter/emergency medical technician. The couple reside in Jacksonville.

WILLIAM JAMES FLANAGAN JR. (BA) and Christina Michele Clowers were married in June 1996. He is employed by Van Kampen American Capital. She is employed by Van Kampen American Capital Trust Co. The couple reside in Houston, Tx.

LORIS GRANDSTAFF (BA) is employed by the Duval County School Board as an English teacher at N.B. Forrest High School. She resides in Middleburg, Fla.

NATHANIEL HERRING (BBA) and Janister Cox were married in May 1996. He is employed by First Union as branch manager. She is employed by NCR Corp. as a customer engineer. The couple reside in Jacksonville.

MARY CLAIRE HOLLOWAY (BA) and Kirk Charles Reber were married on May 4, 1996. He is owner of Creative Glassworks. The couple reside in Jacksonville Beach, Fla.

TARSHA MITCHELL (BAE) has taken a position with the Newport News Public School System as a third-grade teacher. Her husband is a radioman in the U.S. Navy on the John C. Stennis CVN -74. They have one son, Tevin James. The family resides in Newport News, Va.

RODNEY G. SAFFLES (BS) Navy Lt., participated in the largest maritime exercise in the Baltic Sea, BALTOPS '96, aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Hue City. He participated in more than 227 surface and air events, which included search and rescue, coastal surveillance, custom enforcement and other maritime operations.

SHELLEY A. YOUNG (BBA) and C. Edward Tudor were married in September 1996. She is employed by Merrill Lynch as a cash management analyst. He is employed by CBS as a promotions producer. The couple reside in Jacksonville.

CHRISTINE RENE ALLEN (BA) is to be married on February 15, 1997 to Cpl. Timothy M. Sticha of the U.S. Marine Corps. She is employed by Prudential as a claim examiner and is pursuing her paralegal certificate through UNF's Continuing Education. She resides in Jacksonville.

ROBERT C. CARLSON (BS) accepted a brewing group manager position with Anheuser-Busch. He was formerly employed as an analytical chemist at Environmental Conservation Laboratories. He resides in Jacksonville.

JENNIFER ERVIN (BBA) and Michael Voight were married on June 15, 1996. She is employed by Tulita Elementary, Redondo Beach, Calif., as a kindergarten teacher. He is attending the University of Southern California. The couple reside in Redondo Beach, Calif.

JUDITH L. H(image removed) (BS) has accepted a position with NationsBank as a systems engineer. She resides in Marietta, Ga.

DEON GANDY (BS) has accepted a position with SunTrust Bank as a department manager. He is employed by State Farm.
DAVID J. KEYES (BBA) is a special agent with the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service. His job consists of conducting criminal investigations of tax evasion, tax fraud, money laundering, currency violations, and related offenses. He resides in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

SHARON MATHEWS (BAE) and Jeremy Mathews are parents to their second child, Hunter David, born on March 14, 1996. The family resides in Jacksonville.

SUSAN MCPHUN (BBA) is employed by Jacksonville Faculty Practice Association as an internal auditor. She resides with her husband, Tom, in Jacksonville.

JEFFREY H. PERRY (MBA) and Kimberly Kristine Smith were married in June 1996. He is employed by Marco Ophthalmic Inc. as controller. She is employed by Enterprise Support Services as vice president of human resources. The couple reside in Atlantic Beach, Fla.

SHANNON NOEL POURCIAU (BBA) and Robert Jeffrey Gorsuch were married in June 1996. Both are employed by Federal Express Corp. The couple reside in Orange Park, Fla.

POLLY PRICE (BA) and Lance Mitchell were married in June 1996. She is attending the University of North Florida in the master's program. He is employed by Vistakon as a quality engineer. The couple reside in Jacksonville.

DEBORAH L. QUACKENBUSH (BS) and Robert B. Guild were married on April 26, 1996. She is employed by Barnett Technologies as a systems consultant. He is employed by Matthews and Hession as a partner attorney. The couple reside in Jacksonville.

CHRISTOPHER RITCHIE (BA) and CHRISTA LORANTOS (BA) were married in June 1996. He is attending Nova Southeastern University Law School. The couple reside in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

GREG SMITH (BBA) and STEPHANIE GRUBBS (BAE) were married in May 1995. He is employed by Osceola Middle School as a special education teacher. She is employed by Romeo Elementary School as a third grade teacher. The couple reside in Ocala.

1995

CHERILYN ANDERSON (BAE) and Mark Beckworth were married in July 1996. She is employed by the Duval County School Board.

KARL ERIC CARTER BOSTWICK (BBA) and Leigh Allison Akin were married in June 1996. He is self-employed. She is employed by Olsten Staffing Services as a human resource generalist. The couple reside in Columbia, S.C.

SUSAN ELIZABETH BRASS (BAE) and Richard Robert Gross were married in June 1996. She is employed by the Duval County School Board as a teacher. He is employed by First Union Bank as a commercial finance specialist. The couple reside in Jacksonville.

NATALIE BUTLER (BA) received her master's of Tax Accounting from the University of Alabama in August 1996. She is a staff accountant for Ernst & Young LLP. She resides in Orlando.

CHRISTOPHER RITCHIE (BA) and CHRISTA LORANTOS (BA) were married in June 1996. He is attending Nova Southeastern University Law School. The couple reside in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

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games as well as keeping stats for the UNF men's and women's basketball teams. She resides in Ponte Vedra Beach.

DEBBIE CHASTAIN (BSN) and Thomas O. Henschen were married in June 1996. She is employed by the State Attorney's Office as a paralegal specialist. He is employed by Henschen Motor Cars, Mercedes & BMW. The couple reside in Jacksonville.

WINTER

DEBBIE CHASTAIN (BSN) and Thomas O. Henschen were married in June 1996. She is employed by the State Attorney's Office as a paralegal specialist. He is employed by Henschen Motor Cars, Mercedes & BMW. The couple reside in Jacksonville.

TODD HARDIE (BA) is the internet coordinator for the Jacksonville Jaguars. He oversees the daily functions of Jaguars Online at www.jaguarsinfl.com. He updates the roster, injury reports, editing all video and audio, moderating live chat sessions and email and administering the overall site and content. He resides in Jacksonville.

JULIANE MARIE KUGELMAN (BAE) and Vance Roland Buffington were married on June 22, 1996. She is employed as a preschool teacher at the Red Schoolhouse. He is employed as a chef at First Street Grille. The couple reside in Neptune Beach, Fla.

HALLY LIN LAFlamme (BAE) married Daniel Joseph Adams on June 15, 1996. She is teaching at Middleburg High School in Clay County. The couple reside in Orange Park, Fla.

TRUDY LOVE (BAE) is employed as a teacher by the Clay County School Board. She resides in Jacksonville.

THOMAS LEONARD MARTIN II (BA) and Laura Leigh Leach were married in May 1996. He is employed by the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office. She is employed by the Jacksonville Electric Authority. The couple reside in Jacksonville.

GEORGE MASTORIDIS (MED) has accepted an offer to be an assistant principal in Palm Coast. He and SARAH JANE MASTORIDIS (MED) are parents to Elijah Colin, born April 22, 1996. The family resides in St. Augustine, Fla.

JANEAN MAUGHAN (BAE) and Gary Allred were married in June 1996. She is employed by the Clay County School Board. He is self-employed. The couple reside in Lake Asbury, Fla.

MICHAEL MCCALLUM (BA) and Molly Long were married on March 24, 1996. He is employed by Winn-Dixie as an accountant. She is employed by Reinman, Harrell, Johnson, Black and Mantia PA., as a paralegal. The couple reside in Jacksonville.

TIM MILLER (BS) and DARLENE CARLTON (BAE '94) were married in June 1996. He is employed by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida Inc. as a programmer analyst. She is employed by the Duval County School Board as a teacher. The couple reside in Jacksonville.

ROBERT BRADEN PARRAMORE III (BA) has rejoined Michelin Tire Corporation after having completed his bachelor's degree. He will continue his education. He resides in Jacksonville.

TRACI DIANE ONSTOTT-PEACOCK (BA) and Gregory Keith Livingston were married in May 1996. She is employed by St. Johns County Day School as a physical education teacher. He is attending the University of North Florida. The couple reside in Jacksonville.

KIMBERLY K. PETERS (BBA) and Michael R. Higgins were married in June 1996. She is employed by The Haskell Co. as a tax accountant. He is employed by Sco-Don Millworks as a production manager. The couple reside in Jacksonville.

LINDA MARIE RICHTER (BAE) and Edward Ross Lamb were married in May 1996. She is employed by the Duval County School Board as a substitute teacher. He is employed at The Treasure Chest as a manager. The couple reside in Jacksonville.

RON A. WALTON (BBA) Navy Petty Officer 1st Class, is completing a six-month deployment aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Gettysburg. He is supporting the NATO-peace implementation force operating in the Mediterranean and Adriatic seas. He resides in Jacksonville.

DAN WESSELS (BA) was accepted into the professional sales associate program as a management associate for retail banking for Barnett Bank, Jacksonville. He resides in Jacksonville.

1996

KURT P. BOENISCH (BBA) Navy Ensign, was commissioned to his present rank upon graduation with Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Unit, Jacksonville, Fla. He completed naval science courses combined with annual summer training aboard ships and shore installations, which served to prepare him for duties and responsibilities of a commissioned officer.

LUCIA BRIGHTWELL (BBA) married her present rank upon graduation with Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Unit, Jacksonville, Fla. She completed naval science courses combined with annual summer training aboard ships and shore installations.

CHRISTOPHER CRESWELL (BM) and JENNIFER HUEMOLLER (BAE '95) were married in June 1996. The couple reside in New York City, NY.

DAN WESSELS (BA) was accepted into the professional sales associate program as a management associate for retail banking for Barnett Bank, Jacksonville. He resides in Jacksonville.

VICTOR JORDAN (BA) and Wendy Hall were married in July 1996. He is employed by Sound Advice. She is employed by Airtouch. The couple reside in Jacksonville.

MELISSA MILES (BAE) and Jody Barry II were married in June 1996. He is employed by Napa Auto Parts as the distribution center sales representative. The couple reside in Jacksonville.

KATHY POTTER (BBA) and Travis Williams were married in July 1996. She is employed by Merrill Lynch Insurance Group as a commission specialist. He is employed by Coggin Nissan in sales. The couple reside in Jacksonville.
Many exciting things have happened with your National Alumni Association since the last issue of the UNF Alumni Journal. The National Alumni Board of Directors held a strategic planning meeting, and we now have a plan to take us into the 21st Century. The major initiatives of the plan are to increase alumni participation and to enhance awareness of the association both on and off campus. A marketing plan constitutes a large component of the overall strategic plan.

Other exciting initiatives are underway:
- Implementation of a Seiko watch program
- Publication of an alumni directory
- Creation of an alumni affinity credit card program
- Provision for chapter programming for alumni in Belize, Central America
- Groundwork for an alumni chapter in Tallahassee, Florida
- Preparation for a membership dues program
- Creation of a UNF merchandise offering for alumni

The National Alumni Association will continue to implement and administer programs like the Alumni/Student Recruitment Program, the UNF Parents Program, and the Alumni Career Connection. We will also pursue association sponsored programs typical of those found in other universities, such as insurance programs, alumni travel programs, hotel and car rental discount programs, and an alumni long distance discount program. These programs will strengthen our young but vital organization.

If you are interested in becoming involved in the National Alumni Association or if you have comments or suggestions, call me at (904) 646-2513 or 1-800-UNF-GRAD. Our e-mail address is unf-alum@unf.edu and can be accessed through our alumni association web page at www.unf.edu/alumni.

The UNF National Alumni Association web page has undergone a facelift. "Until now the information that people saw on the UNF alumni web page was accurate, but it didn't change," says Ron Natherson, director of alumni services. "The information we initially posted to the web site—things like our association purpose and board rosters—didn't need to be constantly updated. But other information, such as a calendar of events, needed to be changed on a regular basis," he said.

With a small staff, shifting resources to the web page project was not feasible. Alumni Services decided to contract with UNF graduate student Tom Kustura to update the page. "We encourage other graduates who would like to contribute to visit our web site at http://www.unf.edu/alumni."

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.
Upcoming Events For The UNF National Alumni Association And Its Chapters

January 8
Jacksonville Alumni Chapter Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

February 8
South Florida Alumni Chapter Pregame Basketball Reception (vs. Barry University) (Miami, FL)

12
Jacksonville Alumni Chapter Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

12
Tampa Bay Alumni Chapter Pregame Basketball Reception (vs. University of Tampa) (Tampa, FL)

15
Central Florida Alumni Chapter Pregame Basketball Reception (vs. Rollins College) (Orlando, FL)

24
March 2 - UNF HOMECOMING 1997

24
Third Annual UNF Alumni Homecoming Golf Tournament

28
UNF National Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting, 8:00 a.m.

March 12
Jacksonville Alumni Chapter Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

April 9
Spring Music Fest

May 2
Commencement

14
Jacksonville Alumni Chapter Social

UNF Alumni Gatherings

Barnett Corporate Reception
UNF President Adam Herbert addresses alums who attended recent Barnett Corporate Reception.

Tampa Bay Alumni Picnic
Tampa Bay alumni enjoy good weather and company.

Have We Got It Right? Let Us Know!

All University of North Florida Alumni were recently notified of our upcoming new Alumni Directory and asked for their input. If you have not already done so, please return your questionnaire today. This will ensure that your personal information will be accurately included in this great new reference book.

Within a few months the verification phase of this project will begin. Alumni will be receiving a telephone call from Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company, Inc., the official publisher of our Directory. Please give the representative who calls you a few moments of your time to verify your listing.

To place a reservation for the University of North Florida Alumni Directory, please advise the Harris representative during this conversation, since this will be the only opportunity alumni will have to order the book.

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February 28 - March 2, 1997
Homecoming Highlights

• 3rd Annual Golf Tournament
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• Fastbreak 5K Walk/Run

• Charter Class Reunion

• Alumni Recognition Reception and Dinner

• Kennel Club Classic Baseball Tournament

• 25th Celebration Parade, Picnic and Children's Activities

• Baseball Alumni Exhibition Game