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Alumni

Timothy (Tim) Doyle, BA Criminal Justice, is a new deputy with the Escambia County Sheriff's Office. Tim completed an internship with their narcotics unit during his senior year at UWF.

Joshua Thompson and **Dale Castellucci**, two BFA graduates, were awarded \$5000 scholarships and will attend the Master of Fine Arts Painting program at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia. These students were also final candidates for the MFA program at the New York Studio School in Manhattan. Another BFA graduate, **Gary Batzloff**, is now attending the Minneapolis College of Art and Design, where he received a \$10,000 scholarship in their Sculpture program.

Christine Black, a health education graduate (December 2006), credits UWF with helping her achieve her lifelong goal of finishing her college degree. As a non-traditional student, Black began pursuing her degree at age 48, and despite many personal obstacles and challenges, she remained committed to her dream. Black attributes her accomplishments to personal diligence and the will to complete her goals, as well as the faculty, staff and fellow students in the UWF community who helped her when she was ready to give up. "I can hardly believe I'm graduating," said Black. "There were times when life was overwhelming, but everyone here was so supportive and encouraging. I think this is the beginning of something very good for me."

Athletics & Recreation

Bo Williams - baseball player who just finished his senior season here with our baseball team, and is now playing with the Pelicans, and is currently on a 12 game hitting streak. (Picture Below)



Matthew Galloway - won the 90th Florida State Amateur Championship shooting a tournament total of 4-under par 280 at the Innisbrook Resort and Golf Club in Palm Harbor on June 21-24.

One week after **Eduardo Oliveira** (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil/Concordia N.Y.) became West Florida's first NCAA All-American, two more Argonauts were added to the list. On Thursday, junior **Keith Savage** (Gulf Breeze, Fla./Gulf Breeze HS) and senior **Felipe Lawall** (Sorocaba, Brazil/South Georgia) were named to the 2006 National Soccer Coaches of Association/adidas NCAA Division II Men's Collegiate All-America Team. Savage was named to the first team, while Lawall earned second team honors. They are the first two Argonaut men's soccer players to earn NSCAA/adidas All-America honors.

Less than one week after earning Daktronics NCAA Division II All-America accolades, senior **Lindsay Nemanich** (Houston, Texas/Langham Creek HS) earned her second All-American award. On Thursday, Nemanich was named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America/adidas NCAA Division II Women's Soccer All-America Team. Nemanich was one of 37 NCAA Division II All-Americans and 11 All-American selections at the defender position. She was also one of only four players from the NCAA Division II South Region to earn All-America honors.

Twenty-four teams and 187 runners competed in the NCAA Division II Men's Cross Country National Championship Meet at the Escambia County Equestrian Center in Pensacola, Fla. West Florida's **Michael Padilla** (Pensacola, Fla./Pine Forest HS) competed in his third national championship meet and broke the school record for the best 10K time. Padilla dashed to a time of 30:19.8 for 28th place and NCAA II All-American recognition in his final collegiate career race. The top three 10K race times in the UWF record book belong to Padilla.

Federico Damus, men's golf, finished the second round two shots off the lead. He jumped into first place with a round high 70 and won the Nova Southeastern Classic by three strokes over Greg O'Mahany of NSU. Damus continued to improve from round to round (73-72-70=215). He was one under par for the tournament. West Florida finished two strokes behind winner Florida Gulf Coast.

West Florida won their first tournament of the 2006-07 season by topping the 16-team field at the Flagler College Fall Slam Invitational. Three of UWF's five golfers finished in the top ten out of 85 competitors. **Vicky Jackson** (Forth Walton Beach, Fla. / Fort Walton Beach HS) edged teammate **Sarah Nicholson** (Cedar Falls, Iowa / Cedar Falls HS) by one stroke to win the individual title. Eighth ranked UWF defeated third ranked Nova Southeastern by one stroke.

After completing a 20-15 record, including an impressive run to the NCAA Division II South Central Region Tournament semifinals, two Argonaut seniors were recognized by the American Volleyball Coaches Association. **Naiara Fernandes** (Belo Horizonte, Brazil/Lee Univ.) was named to the All-South Central Region Team while **Carly Moyers** (Eden Prairie, Minn./Louisiana Tech) earned an honorable mention selection. Fernandes and Moyers were named to the All-GSC Team and the NCAA Division II South Central Region All-Tournament Team.

Argonauts starting pitcher **Taren Walton**, Women's Softball, threw a perfect game striking out a career high fourteen batters in West Florida's (17-11) 6-0 victory over Oakland City (6-5).

Facing their second top five team in as many days, top-ranked West Florida (**Men's Tennis**) dominated fourth-ranked Drury, 7-2, on Sunday. West Florida (15-2) won their second straight, while Drury (7-1) dropped to 1-5 all-time against West Florida.

Not only was the 2006 season a success athletically for the West Florida **men's and women's cross country teams**, it was also successful in the classroom. The United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association recently named both squads to the USTFCCA Division II All-Academic Teams. **Brian Gowin** and **Lauren Brooks** also received 2006 NCAA Division II All-Academic honors.

Tiffany Vollmer, Facility Supervisor and Lifeguard, was accepted to Florida State University Medical School. (Picture Below)



Pete Isaac, Facilities Operations GA, was hired as the Greek Affairs / Risk Management Coordinator for Texas State University.

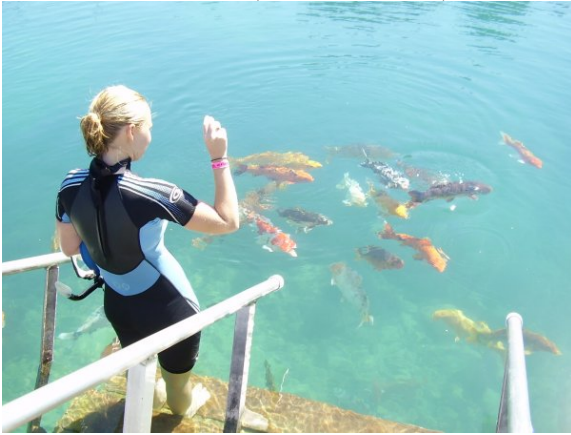
William Abbott, President of the Sailing Club, was awarded with the Sport Club Student Leader of the Year Award at the UWF Student Leadership Banquet.

Lifeguard, **Kendra Loucks**, completed a half-iron marathon in Orlando on May 19th – 1.25 mile swim, a 56 mile bike, and a 13.1 mile run. (Picture Below)



Tiffany Vollmer, Aquatic Facility Supervisor, recently took the MCAT and is in the process of applying to Medical School. Tiffany is a member of the Office of Recreation Student Recognition committee and served as a Play Fair volunteer during Welcome Week.

Wendy Eash, Aquatic Facility Supervisor, spends a lot of time in and around the water. She is the Co-President of the Aquatic Racing Club and a Challenge Biathlon Coordinator. Wendy spent her summer working for summer camps and volunteered with stranded dolphins at Clearwater Marine Aquarium. As a junior in Marine Biology, Wendy has been studying the effects of salinity and TMAO on the Atlantic stingray's thermal tolerance. (Picture Below)



Alyssa Turcotte, Fitness Center Monitor, and **Bryant Chase**, Group Fitness Instructor, were presenters at the National Collegiate Honors Conference in Philadelphia, PA November 16 – 19, 2006. They did a presentation on Student Leadership.

Tara Clark has been named the Outdoor Adventures "Employee of the Semester" for Fall 2006.

Marlaine Hagopian received a Real Estate Scholarship Award in March 2006. (Picture Below)



Michelle Sansome and **Lindsay Nemanich** both participated in the Camp LaJolla Summer 2006 Internship in San Diego, California. (Pictures Below)



Michelle



Lindsay

Letter from Richard Romero, Associate Director - Department of Campus Recreation,
University of Arizona

I trust your new year is going well. Once again it was my pleasure to work with you and your magnificent staff this past year at the 28th ACIS Flag Football National Championships. From start to finish your student and professional staff worked extremely well and were very instrumental in hosting the best tournament that I have been involved in. As we transition back to New Orleans I would like to request that you simply send them all to help us out next year.

*I especially would like to recognize a few people who made my specific responsibilities very easy. First up is Amy Robinson who helped to coordinate air travel and ground transportation for me. She was very helpful and patient as I could have been considered a high maintenance traveler. Next there was Shaun Boren who just seemed to appear every time we had a need and fortunately was not called upon to un-secure any buildings. Finally, **Jackie Mathews** and **Adam Morgan** responded every time a request was made and provided valuable input to remedy or improve the situation. They both worked very hard and maintained an upbeat attitude in spite of stormy weather.*

While I look forward to returning to New Orleans, I will always remember our two years in Pensacola as a highlight of the twenty-five tournaments that I have been involved in.

Thanks again to you and your staff and I look forward to working with you and your staff in the future.

NIRSA 2007 William Wasson Leadership and Academic Awards Winners:

Region II

Undergraduate Students - **April Moore** – University of West Florida

Graduate Students - **Sonja Toth** – University of West Florida

**These students will be recognized at the upcoming NIRSA Conference.

Four recent graduates have been offered and have accepted Graduate Assistantships in the area of Recreation –

Asha Mata – Facilities GA at Texas State University

Michelle Sansone – Group Fitness GA at Texas State University

Rachel Boxell – Facilities GA at the University of Tennessee

Shane Conti – Intramural Sports GA at Southeast Missouri State

Katie Lowe – Group Fitness Supervisor – accepted a Graduate Assistantship with the UWF Psychology Department.

Ian Waldron – Fitness Center Supervisor – accepted a summer internship with the Marketing Department for the Cincinnati Reds of Major League Baseball.

Ian Fitzgerald, Climbing Wall Instructor, participated in an internship at Yellowstone National Park. I've attached a photo of him climbing in the park.



Diana Sitar – Group Fitness Instructor – accepted a summer internship with Camp La Jolla as an Exercise Nutrition Counselor in San Diego, CA.

Conferences, Conventions & Competitions

Doug Mock, Graduate Student -- American Religious Freedom Conference at the University of Portland, Oregon; Florida Political Science Association (FPSA) Conference.

Travis Braidwood, undergraduate – Florida Political Science Association Conference.

Holly Griffin, undergraduate – Florida Political Science Association Conference.

Jacob Brennan, graduate student – Florida Political Science Association Conference.

Ryan Cunningham, graduate student – Florida Political Science Association Conference.

Olivia Lagergren, graduate student – Midwest Political Science Association conference; Southwest Political Science Association conference; American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning conference; and Florida Political Science Association Conference.

Ryan Smallen, graduate student – Southwest Political Science Conference; Florida Political Science Association Conference.

Earlier this fall, our **Beta Alpha Psi accounting fraternity** planned and executed the best recruiting and networking event that we have ever had for our accounting and finance students. Thirty-three companies attended and set up information booths in the Conference Center. Many of the attending firms also took that opportunity to hand out merit based scholarships to a number of students. No one student can be recognized for this accomplishment since it was truly a team effort. The entire event was very professionally done.

The University of West Florida Emerald Coast has announced that the student marketing team, Nautical Promotions, received first place for its work in the Chevrolet Marketing Scholastic Achievement Award Competition. The competition was a unique opportunity for students to gain industry insight by applying their classroom work in a "real world" situation.

The team, comprised of UWF students enrolled in the "Integrated Marketing Communications" class on the Fort Walton Beach campus, developed a marketing campaign and recommendations for Chevrolet's new HHR and Cobalt vehicles. Working with Preston Hood Chevrolet, the students conducted research, held a special campaign

event on the Okaloosa-Walton College Niceville campus and designed advertising and public relations tools to promote the vehicles. (Picture Below)



Logistics Competition:

Four University of West Florida marketing students traveled to Denver Jan. 25 through 27 to compete in the national supply chain and logistics case competition, “Operation Stimulus,” hosted by the Denver Transportation Club. The team placed second, beating nine other teams from Michigan State University, Syracuse University, University of Arkansas, Texas Christian University, Colorado State University, University of Houston, University of Denver (two teams) and Georgia Southern University and coming within one percent of Ohio State University and first place.

“Michigan State University and several other of the participating universities have top-rated programs in logistics, so our students’ performance in this national competition confirms that UWF business students can compete successfully with the very best students,” said Ed Ranelli, dean of the UWF College of Business.

Undergraduate students **Joshua Kennedy**, **Kristen Justus**, **Michael McGee** and **Christopher Knuth** analyzed a graduate-level supply chain management and logistics case and presented their analysis and recommendations to more than 70 industry professionals and academics. (Picture Below - standing left to right: Joshua Kennedy, Christopher Knuth, Kristen Justus, Michael McGee, and professor Scott Keller)



James Worsham, University of West Florida Department of Art student, senior, is one of only four students from the Florida university system chosen to participate in the 18th Annual University Student Exhibition at the Atlantic Center for the Arts (ACA) in New

Smyrna Beach. The exhibition has provided outstanding state university students an opportunity to exhibit in a professional gallery space since 1989. The exhibit will run from June 30 through Oct. 6

Samantha Rich and **Tesa Burch** were selected in a statewide competition of both graduate and undergraduate art students to exhibit a body of their work at the Atlantic Center for the Arts last spring. This annual exhibition features the work of only five student artists each year. Nominations must come directly from the Art Departments of each Florida institution of higher learning. To garner two slots out of five in this annual competition is noteworthy, especially for an undergraduate program. To do so two years in a row, really sets UWF's art department and its students above the rest.

J.D. Olitzky, Chris Clanton, and Dr. Lazslo Ujj received the award for Best Undergraduate Research Presentation (for the poster session) at the Society of Physics Students Zone 6 Meeting hosted at Florida Institute of Technology on February 17. The project, titled Development of Coherent anti-Stokes Raman Spectroscopy, won the R.S. Jin Award Certificate of Excellence. The group competed against 40 research projects, of which 20 were posters, from schools in Alabama, Florida, and Puerto Rico; including University of Central Florida, University of Alabama Huntsville, University of Florida, Florida Institute of Technology, University of Puerto Rico, and Stetson University.

Samuel Park, junior Music Performance major in violin, won first prize, October 28, 2006, at the Florida State Young Artist Competition, which is sponsored by the Music Teachers National Association. He will go on to represent the state of Florida in February 2007 at the MTNA 9-State Regional Competition. The winner of the regional competition will participate in the MTNA national finals March 23-27, 2007. This year's competition was the 2nd year that both UWF and Mr. Park participated, last year Mr. Park earned second place. (Picture Below -I've also attached a picture of Samuel Park with Dr. Yanovskiy and Korean students from their recital/masterclass tour in May of 2006 in Seoul, Korea.)



Howell "Huck" Montgomery, a junior in Political Science, and **Clayton Williams**, also majoring in Political Science, will spend their summer as interns in Washington, D.C. **Huck** will participate in the Congressional Leadership Program with the opportunity to work on such critical issues as national defense, homeland security, environmental

protection, tax policy, social security, health care, and the Middle East peace process. **Clayton** will participate in the Law and Criminal Justice Program. This program prepares students for careers in law, civil litigation, law enforcement, administration of justice, criminal defense and prosecution, and environmental law. The program introduces students to basic legal writing and research and provides training in public speaking.

Student Awards

Corey Young - Campus Activity Board Outstanding Executive Leadership Award

Marc Stone & Rachael Masek - Award of Merit at the Fourth Annual PCom Creative Web Design competition

Pete Isaac – Outstanding Graduate Student Leader Award

Katie Barker – Emerging Leader Award

Ericka Roland & Calvin Chester – Female & Male Intramural Sports Hall of Fame Inductees

Katie Lowe – Linda O. Dye Award for Leadership and Service

Victor Teschel – Kenneth L. Curtis Award for Leadership and Service

Katie Lowe, Aimee Helbig, Sonja Toth, Michelle Sansone, & Mai-Vi Callahan – Who's Who Among College Students

Ashley Roberts – William M. Healey Leadership Award

Christina Genualdi – Hal Crosby Leadership Award

Gold ADDYS Awards, in addition to \$250 scholarships for Judges Awards, went to **Jessica Bowie** and **Kristoffer Poore**. Silver ADDY Awards went to **Kristoffer Poore** (3), **Stephanie Black** (2) and **Fernanda Burgel** (2).

Katerina Pugh, Computer Science and Electrical Engineering major, has made the President's List or the Dean's List every semester. Katerina received the Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award in 2005 and Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award in 2005. She is the recipient of the John C. Pace Scholarship, a Gulf Power scholarship, an Alumni scholarship, and the Boeing SWE scholarship. She is a charter member of the Society of Women Engineering at the University of West Florida. She served as the Vice President for one year and currently serves as the President and the Treasurer of the charter. She is also a volunteer of the University of West Florida Engineering Mentoring Program.

Christopher Kay received undergraduate research award from the campus this spring

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Papers, Presentations & Publications

Dawn Beyer is an Emerald Coast Criminal Justice graduate and currently working on a Master's Degree in Special Education at UWF. An article about Dawn's battle against drinking and driving titled "A Mother's Fight to Save Lives" was published on the front page of the Northwest Florida Daily News. (Picture Below)



Dawn Beyer.pdf

A competitor on the forensics team, **Stephanie Wideman**, recently had her persuasive speech (presented at the 2006 Interstate Oratorical Association National Championship) published in the journal WINNING ORATIONS. The speech was entitled "Planning for Peak Oil: legislation and Conservation. This is the first time in nearly a decade that UWF student has earned this honor

Chasidy Hobbs, a graduate student in Environmental Science, was featured in an article that was written for The Florida Council of Graduate Deans newsletter. The article was entitled "Following a Passion in Environmental Science." Chasidy is expected to graduate in Spring 2007. (Picture Below)



Graduate student **Joseph Moss** published a paper from his thesis in Applied and Environmental Microbiology.

The following Political Science students are/will be presenting papers at professional political science conferences:

Doug Mock, Graduate Student -- American Religious Freedom Conference at the University of Portland, Oregon; Florida Political Science Association (FPSA) Conference.

Travis Braidwood, undergraduate – Florida Political Science Association Conference.

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Scholarships

Okeye Mitchell and **Rachael Bridges**, Interdisciplinary Humanities AA to BA program students received the Emerald Coast Advertising Association (ECAAF) scholarship of \$500.00 each. They were presented the scholarships at the ECAAF annual ADDY advertising awards banquet on February 17, 2007.

Nicole Morris, a graduate student in Biology, will be defending her thesis (The artificial reef effect of World War II era shipwrecks in the northern Gulf of Mexico) on Feb 24th.

Nicole was awarded a Sea Grant Knauss Fellowship to work with NOAA's Ocean Explorer program. *She is the first UWF student to be awarded a Knauss Fellowship*, a prestigious honor that only 30 students attain each year among all the of the nation's Sea Grant programs.

Tiffany Johnson, **Dedra Wiggins**, and **Xylina Reed**, Social Work majors, were awarded academic scholarships. The scholarships were created by an anonymous donor and presented to the students by Dr. Glenn Rohrer, Department Chair. (Picture Below in order of names above)



Tiffany Peterson, a senior student, received a \$ 2500.00 scholarship (Emil von Behring Scholarship), through a national competition. This scholarship is awarded by Dade-Behring Corporation , a global leader in Clinical Diagnostic instruments and reagents. The scholarship awards are administered by the American Society for Clinical Pathology. Tiffany is currently holding a GPA of 3.9, is on the Dean's honor list each semester , recent past president of CLS Students Association and an over all excellent student. She is currently completing her clinical rotations at Sacred Heart Hospital and will graduate at the end of Summer 2007.

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One of our undergraduate majors, **Laura Vittetoe**, is one of 7 accepted on full scholarship with a \$15,000 cost of living stipend to Rice's doctoral program.

The Faculty Merit Scholarship
The 2006-2007 Award Winners:

College of Business:

Myah Monjure & Louann Rusch

College of Arts and Sciences:

Brenda Doss & Veranika Zahkaryeya

College of Professional Studies:

Kathryn Haywood & Rachel Roe

Volunteer Services

A recycling program, conceptualized by Dr. Diane Dodendorf and run completely by **UWF student volunteers**, began operation at the Joint Fort Walton Campus, Hurlburt Field Office, and W.E. Combs Campus this summer. Students distributed blue recycle wastebaskets to individual offices and classrooms for newspaper, white paper, and colored paper collection in May. Plastic and aluminum recycling bins were distributed in July. The student volunteers began recycle pick up on Wednesday, May 3rd. An arrangement with Hurlburt Field provides pick up service at all three UWF-Emerald Coast locations as the result of negotiations between students and military personnel.

Our student chapter of the Council for Exceptional Children (SCEC) has been active all year.

In the fall these pre-service teachers (special education majors) worked in various capacities at the new Miracle League Ball park.

1. They volunteered as “buddies” to help children and young adults with disabilities bat and run the bases. They also volunteered in the ticket and concession booths. (I have attached a picture of our chapter president – Sherian Mattingly with one of the Miracle League participants)
2. Many of the SCEC officers have volunteered at the Leaning Post Ranch with helping children with disabilities participate in horseback riding. I will try to get a picture of this if you want it. **Krystal Rhodes** is one of our officers who has spear-headed this activity. She has completed training at the ranch to be a side walker with the child and horse. She also conducted a study at the ranch and was the main presenter of the study at the State SCEC conference. (Picture Below)



3. The SCEC officers have been involved in helping to get the MOVE Program established in Northwest Florida. MOVE stand for Mobility Opportunities Via Education and is a mobility program to help individuals with physical disabilities

- to sit, stand and walk in order to increase their participation in life. They have volunteered in Betty Whitaker's class at T.R. Jackson Pre-K classroom in Santa Rosa Co.
4. As part of SCEC support of MOVE, they planned and held a fund raising event in November. The event had two goals: to raise awareness of MOVE, and to raise funds for mobility instructional equipment for Ms. Whitaker's MOVE class. The students enlisted the help of a local chef and the event raised over \$6,000.00. (I have attached a picture of the SCEC officers, the Drs. Whinnery, and Chef Andrew Selz presenting the check for MOVE equipment to Betty Whitaker, the teacher, at the Santa Rosa Co. School Board meeting in January.) The officers are **Sherian Mattingly, Krystal Rhodes, Staci Lawson, and Stephanie Jackson**. (I have also attached a collage of the equipment purchased and used at T.R. Jackson).
 5. Last October the SCEC presented a poster session related to their work at the Leaning Post Ranch at the CEC state conference held in Panama City.

At the recent Teacher of the Year Recruiting Event held by the Division of Teacher Education, the SCEC officers set up a demonstration room of the activities that they had conducted this last year

On October 7, 2006, **Construction students worked for Habitat for Humanity**, helping to build a house in the Pensacola area. Thirteen students, along with faculty members Glenda Mayo and Charlie Wentz, met early on the 7th to participate in this initiative. Students assisted in setting trusses and adding decking.

It was a beautiful day with cool temperatures, which made a perfect workday. Students assisting were: **Percy Brown, Rogers Conolly, Brandon Houx, Kimberly Luzano, Justin Mahaney, Jessie Mayo, Stan McDaniels, Patrick Weeks, and John Zito**.

Liann Lofton, Vice President of UWF's Society of Women Engineers (SWE) chapter, maintains a SWE mission of inspiring women to choose an engineering career path by volunteering in campus activities such as Fall Frenzy and UWF's Women in Engineering Initiative. Her contributions for such activities involve facilitating programs that encourage young girls to participate in math and sciences and providing support to peer students who are pursuing an engineering degree. Liann recently received a Harris Corporation scholarship that recognizes female students pursuing an engineering degree

UWF Students Raise \$45,000 for Families of Sick Children. This year, students in the Leadership class in Communication Arts began Day One with a challenge: "Learn leadership and communication skills while you do something important for the community." After a visit to the Ronald McDonald House in Pensacola, the class unanimously decided on their project – they would buy a van to transport families with seriously ill children to and from the hospital. The class named themselves **Project-Care-A-Van**. They were successful. On November 29, they presented the Ronald McDonald House with a new 12-passenger van. But that's not all. The students also raised enough money to have a wheelchair lift installed in the van and pay for 7 years of maintenance, 9 years of gas, and 4 years of insurance. In total, this class of 26 UWF students raised more than \$45,000.

Accomplishments and Recognition

Lawrence Gantt, senior in Interdisciplinary Humanities and Pastor of Gregg Chapel AME Church, applied his studies in religion and music to produce his first gospel album. Lawrence, "the Horn Blowin' Preacher" released *Go for It (Heaven)* in Fall 2006. His bachelor's degree is a stepping stone to further study; he will enter the Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary upon graduation.

Christophe Frei, a combined Computer Science / Mathematics major, has been contributing to a research project in Software Engineering for the past year. The project is perfecting the *TraceGraph* tool to help manage large software systems. *TraceGraph*, initiated in earlier projects at the University of West Florida, lets Software Engineers locate those lines of code that may need to be fixed within a system that may have millions of lines in total.

The current project is financed by **Motorola, Inc.** through the Software Engineering Research Center (SERC). Christophe's particular part of the project has been to develop a new user interface for *TraceGraph* incorporating several suggestions from Motorola engineers, and to integrate *TraceGraph* with *Eclipse*, a programming environment used at Motorola and at many other companies. Christophe attended two SERC Showcase meetings highlighting this work, one at Motorola headquarters in June and one at Ball State University in November. Christophe was born in Switzerland and just received his American citizenship this November. (Picture Below)



Mrs. Alison McDowell, a graduate student in the Department of Environmental Studies, has been doing environmental research in the Sylvania Heights Community in Destin. The community has been traditionally underserved in the area of basic services. In addition, they are an older community, built on a wetland, sited in an "undesirable" area near an industrial park, a debris- and sediment-choked creek (Gap Creek) and a military installation. In short, they have a lot of environmental concerns. When Mrs. McDowell got involved with the community, she thought that maybe she could begin to help them address their environmental issues. She didn't know a lot about grass roots efforts but realized that the community was embarking on one and wanted to help. To date, **Mrs. McDowell** has:

- Written 3 grants to help fund environmental testing and stormwater relief (all pending)
- Sampled soils for heavy metals to address residents' environmental concerns
- Taken part in meetings that brought together partners and stakeholders to discuss possible solutions to the community's stormwater issues. These meetings began last year

with just a few participants. This year, they had a walk down Gap Creek attended by 19 people from city, county, DEP, NFWFMD, 3 surrounding community's and Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance.

It has been exciting for her to be a part of this grassroots effort from the beginning. One of the most rewarding aspects for her is to be able to make science accessible through community meetings, informational talks (formal and informal) and community sampling efforts. Together with **Brooke Saari**, another Environmental Studies graduate student, Mrs. McDowell performed water sampling in Choctawhatchee Bay for the Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance (which currently is Mrs. McDowell's employer). They collected basic water quality parameters and data for the UF Lakewatch program. Mrs. McDowell is involved in these efforts because she is a native of the area and wants to conserve our precious water resources, and because it is FUN science. (Picture Below)



Alicia Barton: She was an outstanding Hall Director during summer semester. She was over the Village West and Southside. She maintained excellent records, motivated our summer RAs and enhanced a quality living environment for summer residents. She worked diligently to promote programming and build community.

Haley McMinn: She was an outstanding Hall Director for summer semester. She was directly responsible for all guest resident groups. Haley was terrific in working with our UWF groups and efficiently met needs as they arose. She motivated a large Camp Assistant staff and worked to develop her staff through trainings and social events. She also worked closely with our facilities team, as we utilized the CA's to do several summer painting and work projects in the halls.

Max McGowan: Max is our lead tech person for ResNet services. He worked tirelessly this summer to meet the IT needs of our Resident students. He is courteous and prompt with students. He also takes the time to answer IT questions for staff. Max is critical to maintaining our Res Net operation for the residence hall population.

Quentin Baker has been offered and accepted an ACUHO-I Summer Internship at North Carolina State University, in Raleigh, North Carolina! He will gain invaluable knowledge from their institution as well as be able to share all the wonderful things we do here at UWF! Just to give you an idea, this is a very competitive program, this year there were 379 candidates, 148 Host sites and 274 positions available.

Chuck Straley is a non-traditional student leader in the COB. He serves as President of Delta Sigma Pi, the professional business fraternity, and as a member of the Dean's Student Advisory Council. Chuck's son, **Willy Straley**, is also a student in the COB. As President of the Eta Upsilon Chapter of Delta Sigma Pi, Chuck presided over the ceremony to induct the pledge class into full membership. It turns out that Willy pledged Delta Sigma Pi and was elected president of his pledge class. It appears that leadership runs in the family! Chuck has already completed one successful career and, although returning to school as an older adult, he is still fully involved with student driven activities in the COB. Chuck was re-elected to his position for the spring semester, as well.

Kenny Lopez was named Hall Director of the Year 2006-07 by the staff of Housing & Residence Life. Kenny was a first year Hall director in the Southside with over 300 residents. This summer he is overseeing the Village East apartments with 200 summer residents. Kenny has completed his first year in the College student Personnel masters degree. (Picture Below)



Steven Pepper was a member of the University of West Florida College Bowl Team competing in a regional academic championship (12 southeastern universities) in February at FSU. Other members of the team were **Grant Hutchinson** (English), **Charles Allen** (History), **James Campbell** (Mathematics) and **Ryan Adams**

(Mathematics). The UWF team placed 4th in the playoffs behind FSU (3), Georgia (2) and Florida.

Julio Valeriano, a native of Peru, is currently doing an internship with Cox Communications. In addition, he is taking 4 classes with plans to graduate this semester. He is very involved with the Spanish-language local newspaper and with the county. Through his PR class he is working on an integral PR program for Learn To Read of Northwest Florida (LTR) to address the 20% illiteracy rate in Escambia County. He has also become a certified basic literacy tutor.

The following students were inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma, the honor society for schools of business: **Jennifer O'Neil, Kristina L. Styrna, Shalya Simmons, Sharon K. Jimenez, Michael Graham, Douglas Dangelo, Holly Carnley, Ashley Deem, Preston Murphy, Joanna Ward and Tracy Laidacker.**

Cindy Lee Williamson, a junior at the University of West Florida, majoring in journalism and political science, has been chosen as one of twelve students from across the U.S. to serve on the Pearson Student Advisory Board for a one-year term. The first meeting of the advisory board was held in Boston June 18-20 where students participated in a summit meeting with senior executives of Pearson's publishing companies.

Shannon Elliott and **Michael White** passed the Ed.D. Comprehensive Exam in December 2006 and were Advanced to Candidacy. Currently, Shannon is working on writing her dissertation and Mike is working on dissertation research. These are the first 2 students from Biology to seek the EdD Science Specialty. Expected graduation is August and December 2007, respectively.

Mike Dance is a Biology Master's student who has been working with me for the past couple years on a project examining fish community structure and the effect of fishing at artificial reefs off Pensacola. He has developed some very valuable skills here and has been offered a PhD research assistantship to begin this fall in the lab of Dr. Jay Rooker at Texas A&M. Jay is widely thought to be the top young (< 45) academic fisheries biologist in the Gulf and turns away many more students than he accepts. I am very pleased for Mike that he'll be able to work with Jay, and I am also very pleased with the product Mike is producing here. He will defend his thesis later this spring or early this summer.

Sean Creekmore and **Steve Garner** are two Biology undergraduate students who have been working in my lab since last year. Both have done directed studies with me. Steve also has worked with Dr. Bennett and Sean was a T.A. in our department last semester. Both worked as paid interns last summer on UWF research projects, Sean here and Steve at the National Marine Fisheries Service's Panama City Laboratory. Steve has been offered graduate research assistantships at both Louisiana State University (LSU), the top fisheries school in the southeast U.S., and Auburn, perhaps the top freshwater fish ecology program in the southeast. Sean has been offered a research assistantship to work with Dr. Kenny Rose at LSU. I have known Kenny since I was a graduate student as he and my PhD advisor, Jim Cowan, have done much groundbreaking work since the mid 1980s. He is a generous person who happens to be one of the top 5 fisheries modelers in

the country. I am particularly pleased for Sean because he is a student with great potential who got off to a rough start at the University of Tennessee. He essentially started over at UWF but has been knocking it out of the park since he got here. With his solid performance here, including much hands-on research experience, and his high GRE scores, LSU accepting him was a no-brainer. I am glad for him that this validation of his hard work here might finally erase the memory of his shaky start at UT.

Recently, President Cavanaugh received the following note from Elizabeth D. Vickers, Vice President and Program Chair – Pensacola Historical Society. “My respect for the UWF History Department and the Public History program has escalated to new heights. Recently, **Jennifer Adkins**, **Heather Hohman**, and **Tim Roberts**, graduate students in Public History, presented a program on the history of the 1930s Pensacola Beach Casino at the membership meeting of the Pensacola Historical Society. The research, the power point presentation, and the interviews of people associated with the Casino in the early days were excellent. Their media publicity attracted an enthusiastic audience that broke all previous attendance records at a Society membership meeting. I hope that the Historical Society and the UWF History Department can continue this cooperative relationship and explore innovative ways to effectively present the history of Pensacola to the community.”

Scott Jordan and **W. Marshall Clifton** have created a toy exhibit at the T.T. Wentworth Museum for the holidays. *America at Play: A Century of Toys and Games* displays various toys and games from each decade of the twentieth century and places them in the context of America at play. The exhibit also investigates how technology has shaped elements of play in our society throughout the past century

Tim Roberts, Graduate Student in Historic Preservation helped coordinate the History Channel Grant and supervise the students from Ferry Pass Middle. The Colonial Archeology Trail consists of seven markers and covers an area where the British Fort of Pensacola was located. Students are working with the partnering organizations to create a series of educational units that follow the Trail as it intersects with Historic Pensacola Village. The final product will be an activity book that summarizes the area's history and provides an overview of the Trail's importance. The History Channel awarded the West Florida Historic Preservation, Inc. in Pensacola, Fl. with a \$8,668 Save Our History grant to partner with local students to revitalize the Colonial Archeology Trail in Pensacola.

Linda Borgen, senior in the Interdisciplinary Humanities-AA to BA program student was chosen as the Philosophy & Religious Studies Department Outstanding Student for the 2006 calendar year. She was recognized at the UWF Honors Convocation on March 30, 2007.

Jonathan Epperson was commissioned as the first cadet out of our program ever accepted into Medical School. He will be attending the Lake Erie College of Medicine this Fall, where he will be utilizing the full scholarship he just received under the Army Health Professions Scholarship Program.

Brenda (Carol) Barberree, RN was awarded The Lamp of Nursing Leadership Award by the faculty, senior students, and administration of the OWC-UWF Cooperative BSN Program. The purpose of this award is to recognize a graduating senior student whose nursing practice has positively influenced people, processes, or programs. The recipient should be a senior student and a leader whose nursing practice reflects care, commitment and creativity to promote the nursing profession or healthcare. The student recognized should be in the top of his or her class in the OWC-UWF Cooperative BSN Program.

Attached is a picture of Carol (R) receiving the award on May 4, 2007 at the nursing pinning ceremony and a copy of the presentation that was made.

