Student Activities

Athletics
The men’s and women’s Intercollegiate Athletic program is a competitive member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II and the Gulf South Conference. The UWF Athletic program provides high quality competition in 11 varsity sports. The sports include baseball, men’s and women’s basketball, men’s and women’s cross country, men’s golf, men’s and women’s soccer, softball, and men’s and women’s tennis. To date, there have been 144 athletic All-America and 62 academic All-America. In 1997-98, the UWF athletic department captured the men’s and the women’s All-Gulf South Conference trophies with 16 women’s and 15 men’s teams in contention for the titles. UWF won conference championships in softball, golf, men’s tennis, and women’s tennis. Orjan Larsen became the first NCAA UWF golf champion. The Argonaut golf team placed fourth nationally.

Black History Month
Black History Month is celebrated nationally throughout the month of February to highlight achievements and contributions of African Americans. The university community celebrates Black history with a variety of programs such as educational and historical lectures, performing artists, plays, and oratorical contests. All programs are open to the public.

For specific program activities call 474-2387 or 474-2320.

Campus Programming
The Campus Activity Board provides a wide variety of programs of general interest to the student body and the rest of the University community.

Students interested in the planning and implementation of campus programs are urged to come by the Campus Activity Board or University Commons Student Activities Office located upstairs in the Commons. Office staff can help you get involved in the areas of campus programming which interest you. The Campus Activity Board sponsors six series:

Catch a Rising Star: This series presents many “up and coming” contemporary artists, bands, comedians, and novelty performers. Artists who have appeared in this series includes comedians T.P. Hearn and Carrot Top.
**Spectrum Productions:** This series includes programs ranging from jazz concerts to modern dance performances, from Chinese acrobats to dinner theatre. Artists appearing in this series have included performance artists Denny Dent; pianist/composer, Liz Story; The Joseph Holmes Chicago Dance Company; storyteller Jackie Torrance; and jazz artist Jay Hoggard.

**Cinemagic:** This series presents approximately 35 films a year for the university community. A wide variety of films are offered ranging from foreign and independent films to classics and recent releases. Recent offerings included *Kiss the Girls, As Good At It Gets, Chasing Amy, LA Confidential, The Jackal,* and *The Game.*

**Special Events:** This series offers innovative and participatory programs for the university community. These activities include game show formats such as Roommate Game and Campus Feud and other traditional recreational and special events such as Twister Competition, Two Steppin Tuesday and Exam Jam.

**Center Stage:** The Center Stage Committee sponsors programming which utilizes and showcases student talent within competitive environments. Programs featured in this series include: Annual Student Talent Show, Lip Sync Competition, Gong Show and Karaoke Night.

**Lagniappe:** This program provides students with leadership training opportunities and resources, personal development opportunities and career preparation programming plus assists with leadership recognition and awards programs.

**Gamester Series:** The traditional “student union” recreational activities include chess, billiards, table tennis, spades, hearts, and other fun tournaments as well as special events like the Corporate Monopoly game.

**Web Spinners, The Web Servers Development Organization:** This student-managed service project provides support for student groups who wish to establish or maintain a web site. Web Spinners volunteers gain great experience working with their student organization clients and can earn community service credit from CLOVE, the Center for Learning through Organized Volunteer Efforts.

**Ticket and Attendance Policies**

In most instances, students are admitted free of charge to programs sponsored by the Campus Activity Board, Theatre, Music, and other events funded by Activity and Service Fees. When a major concert is scheduled, students must purchase tickets but will find them priced lower than those sold off campus.

Students should pick up their free tickets at UC Service Desk in advance. A current student I.D. is required.

**Funding**

All programs, with the exception of some major concerts, are funded by Activity and Service Fees allocated by the Student Government Association.

**Facilities**

**Commons Auditorium:** This facility seats 422 for a concert. It contains dressing rooms, full stage lighting and cinemascope movie screen.

**Field House:** The Field House can seat 2,800 people for a concert or special event.

**Saenger Theatre:** This renovated theatre located in downtown Pensacola seats 1,750, boasts excellent acoustics, beautiful furnishings, and full-scale Broadway productions.

**Center for Fine and Performing Arts Music Hall:** This facility was designed with acoustics in mind and can seat 309.

**Center for Fine and Performing Arts Theatre:** A fully operational theatre seating 480.
Forensics Team-Speech and Debate
The University’s Forensics Team has a strong history of success. The team travels to colleges and universities across the Southeast United States and competes in public speaking, debate and interpretation events. Students do not need any past experience but those with an interest in mock trial or theatre are encouraged to join. UWF Forensics is open to all majors and all students. Scholarships are available. Forensics meets twice a week for practice sessions. The team competes four to six times a semester and travels to national tournaments. Meetings are in Building 36, room 124. For further information contact Toni Whitfield at 474-2874.

Greek Affairs
Greek life (i.e. social fraternities and sororities) is an important component of campus activities at UWF. With seven national fraternities, five national sororities and one local sorority there are plenty of options from which to choose. Membership in a Greek organization has many advantages: a diverse support group, social opportunities, special leadership experiences, and the opportunity to be involved in service activities. For more information about fraternities and sororities, contact the University Commons Student Activities Office.

Homecoming
Homecoming has become an exciting fall tradition at UWF. Centered around UWF’s outstanding soccer team, Homecoming involves a variety of activities from recreation to entertainment to spirit. Become a part of Homecoming at UWF. For more information contact the University Commons Student Activities Office.

Leadership Development Programs
The University Commons Student Activities Office in conjunction with the Campus Activity Board provides a number of student leadership development programs. Programs are available to serve the needs of all students regardless of leadership experience. Sessions include: leadership styles, team building, program planning, communication skills and organizational skills. Leadership development programs are open to all students at no cost. For information contact the University Commons Student Activities Office.

Mentors
Students selected as university mentors work as peer advisors to incoming freshmen and sophomores during the Summer Orientation program and throughout the fall semester. They also work with transfer students during the summer transfer student orientation. Approximately 24 sophomores, juniors, or seniors are chosen each fall to acquaint new students with the university and its resources. University mentors are eager to help make your transition to college life smoother and happier and to let you know about all the great things UWF and Pensacola have to offer. For more information about the University Mentor program, please contact Student Affairs at 474-2384.

Music Opportunities
Music at the University of West Florida is housed in the $9 million Center for the Fine and Performing Arts, which creates a stunning environment for music
studies and performances. The Department of Music’s spacious quarters include classrooms, practice studios, a multipurpose rehearsal hall, and a music performance hall integrated with the theatres, gallery, and studios of the Center’s two other occupants, Art and Theatre.

The university and the Pensacola community are a mecca for musicians and for those who appreciate fine musical performances. The department sponsors an annual chamber music series which brings an array of internationally known artists and ensembles to the campus. All concerts sponsored by the department are free to UWF students. Community groups such as the Pensacola Symphony Orchestra, Pensacola Opera, Pensacola Little Theatre, and Music at Christ Church all serve to make Pensacola one of the most culturally alive cities on the Gulf Coast. Ticket information for these and other musical events in the Pensacola area can be obtained from the annual calendar of events published by the Arts Council of Northwest Florida.

All UWF students who enjoy making music are encouraged to become a part of the most exciting performing groups on campus. Whether you choose UWF’s Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, Jazz Combo, University Singers, UWF Madrigal Singers, Show Choir, Gospel Choir, or the UWF Opera Workshop, your experiences in each of these groups will enhance your growth both musically and socially. Each group performs a wide variety of music from jazz to classical, spiritual to popular. Rehearsal times vary for each group, with most meeting from 12:30 pm to early afternoon. Regular performances and tours are scheduled by individual directors throughout the year.

The Department of Music has the largest scholarship endowment of any single department at UWF. Scholarships are available to talented students who wish to pursue intensive training in music, as well as to non-majors who participate in any of the departments’ performing organizations. If you would like to be a part of MUSIC AT UWF, please call the Department of Music at 474-2147 for more information.

**Nautilus News**

Nautilus News Radio and Television keep the university community informed about educational events and activities. In the process of producing the news program, students learn how to write and report broadcast news and how to operate state-of-the-art electronic news gathering equipment. Nautilus Radio airs weekly on the local commercial radio station, WCOA-AM. Nautilus Television airs weekly on UWF’s cable access channel.

**Organizations**

Guidelines and university policies related to student organizations are published in the Student Activity Handbook and may be secured in the University Commons Student Activities Office. For information regarding a specific organization, contact Student Activities, 474-2406.

The following list of organizations is as current as possible. Officially registered student clubs and organizations are:

**Academic Organizations:**
- Anthropology/Sociology Club
- UWF Archaeology Club
- Biology Club
- Gerontology Club
- Health, Leisure and Sports Club
- History Club
- Mathematics Association
- Much Ado (English)
- Socratic Society (Philosophy)
- Statistics Club

**Greek Life:** (Fraternities (F), Sororities (S))
- Alpha Delta Pi (S)
- Alpha Gamma Delta (S)
- Alpha Kappa Alpha (S)
- Alpha Phi Alpha (F)
- Alpha Tau Omega (F)
- Delta Sigma Theta (S)
- Delta Tau Delta (F)
Interfraternity Council
Kappa Alpha Order (F)
Order of Omega
Panhellenic Council
Phi Sigma Sigma (S)
Sigma Alpha Epsilon (F)
Sigma Alpha Mu (F)
Tau Kappa Epsilon (F)
Zeta Psi Eta (S)

**Professional Organizations:**
Alpha Epsilon Delta
(Pre-Med Honor Society)
American Chemical Society
—Student Affiliate
Association of Information Technology Professionals
Beta Alpha Psi
(Student Accounting Society)
Club Ad
Criminal Justice Society
Delta Omicron
Delta Sigma Pi (Business)
I.E.E.E. (Inst. of Electrical & Electronic Engineers)
Legal Society
Marketing Association
Medical Technology Student Association
Middle School Educator’s Association
UWF Student Nurses Association
Society for Human Resource Management
Society of Physics Students
Society of Public Administrators
Student Council for Exceptional Children
Student Psychology Association
Student Social Work Organization
UWF Associated General Contractors
—Student Chapter
UWF Student Nurse’s Association

**Religious:**
Baptist Campus Ministry
Campus Harvest
Catholic Campus Ministry
Eckankar
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Intervarsity Christian Fellowship
Pagan Campus Ministry
Wesley Foundation

**Special Interest:**
African American Student Association
Amateur Radio Club
Argonaut Peer Educators (APES)
Best Buddies

Cadet Club
Chinese Student Association
College Democrats
College Republicans
Collegiate 100 Black Men of Pensacola
Emerging Leaders
Environmental Club
Filipino-American Club
Financial Investment Club
The International Club
NAACP College Chapter
Ovations
Queer Student Union
Pacific Bridge Club
S.P.E.A.K. O.U.T. (Student Partnership for Education Awareness, and Knowledge on University Topics)
Student Humane Association
SWANS (Students With Alternative Needs)

**Honor Societies:**
Alpha Delta Sigma (Advertising)
Alpha Sigma Lambda (Continuing Education)
Beta Gamma Sigma (Business)
Golden Key
Kappa Tau Alpha (Journalism)
Lambda Pi Eta (Communication Arts)
Phi Alpha (Social Work)
Phi Alpha Theta (History)
Phi Eta Sigma (Freshman)
Phi Kappa Phi (General Scholarship)
Pi Alpha Alpha (Public Administration)
Pi Mu Epsilon (Math)
Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science)
Psi Chi (Psychology)
Rho Pi
Sigma Pi Sigma (Physics)
University Honors Club

**Fort Walton Beach Center:**
UWF Psychology Association
Eligibility for Leadership Positions

Students on probation are not eligible for office in any student organization and cannot represent the university in any official capacity during the term of probation.

The Panhandler

The Panhandler, a national magazine of poetry and fiction, is published by the English Department. The purpose of The Panhandler is to foster interest in creative writing and to provide the opportunity for experience in magazine editing and production. Students interested in working on The Panhandler should contact the English Department for further information.

Recreation & Sports

The Office of Recreation provides a wide variety of recreational activities designed with you, the student, in mind. The program is set up in five basic areas: informal recreation, aquatics, fitness, intramurals and sports clubs. Involvement is the key to successful campus living. Regular and wide participation in the five areas listed permits the individual to acquire and maintain muscular strength, coordination, and endurance; to become proficient in the specific physical skills of a number of recreational activities which may be enjoyed throughout life; to relieve emotional and nervous tensions developed in the more sedentary activities on campus; to create a maturing experience that becoming a member of a number of different teams involves; and, most important, to have FUN. Feel free to call us any time concerning any phase of the program. Call 474-2482.

Intramurals

The primary function of Intramurals is to promote a broad program of competitive and recreational activities (team, individual, dual, and co-rec) for the voluntary participation of the university community. The Intramural bulletin board is in the lobby of the Field House. All schedules, standings and pertinent information can be found on this bulletin board. Intramural posters can be found on every bulletin board on campus (dorms, Commons, library, etc.). These posters list the activities offered every semester, with entry deadlines and play dates. All students can periodically check these posters and become aware of the happenings in Intramurals and be participants. Intramural champion t-shirts are awarded
to winners in various team and individual sports. Students can also earn extra cash by becoming an Intramural Sports Official. Students need to show a reasonable knowledge and skill of the sport to become an official. For further information on how to become involved, telephone Intramural Sports, 474-2486.

**Fitness**

The Fitness Center is in Rooms 145 and 146 of the Field House. Fitness equipment includes: lifecycles, stirmasters, cable crossover, treadmill, gravitron, universal equipment, and free weights.

Fitness Supervisors can design a workout program to fit your individual needs. Aerobic classes are offered weekly including step, high/low, and resistance training. Hours of operation and ID requirements are the same as those listed for open recreation at the Field House.

**Informal Recreational Activities**

The Office of Recreation encourages university students, faculty, and staff to use the recreational facilities any time during the regular Field House hours.

**Regular Field House Hours:**
- Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.–10 p.m.
- Friday, 8 a.m.–7 p.m.
- Saturday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
- Sunday, 3–8 p.m.

**Indoor racquetball courts**—Hours are Monday-Saturday 8 a.m.–12 midnight; Sunday, 12 noon–12 midnight.

Equipment may be checked out by any university student, faculty and staff holding a current UWF Nautilus card. The check-out room is located in the lobby of the Field House. The following equipment is available:

- Badminton
- Basketballs
- Bocce set
- Canoes
- Croquet set
- Footballs
- Horseshoe set
- Pickleball
- Racquets
- Racquetball racquets
- Softball
- Soccer balls
- Outdoor volleyball kit
- Tennis rackets
- Volleyballs
- Walleyball set
- Outdoor facilities consist of twelve tennis courts, four three-wall racquetball courts, three basketball courts, one large multi-purpose field, jogging and fitness trails, mountain bike trails, and Oak Grove Picnic Area. Make worthy use of your leisure time.

*NOTE: Canoes may not be taken off campus.*

**Sports Clubs**

The Sports Club program at the University of West Florida is designed to provide recreation, instruction, and competition for university students, faculty, and staff. Any group of individuals sharing a common interest in some sporting activity is encouraged and assisted by the Office of Recreation to form a sport club.

- Aikido/Chun Fa
- Badminton
- Cheerleading
- Dance
- Fencing
- Goju Karate
- Kali
- Outdoor Adventure
- Rugby
- Sailing
- Scuba
- Soccer
- Sports Officials Assoc.
- Surf
- Swim
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Volleyball
- Water Ski

If you are interested in joining a club and would like additional information, drop by the Office of Recreation, Room 153 Field House, or call 474-2486.
Student Activities

**Natatorium**

The university pool is an Olympic-size, solar-heated indoor facility complete with a whirlpool and sauna. UWF students are admitted free by showing a student I.D. A hydraulic lift and an easy ladder facilitate use by physically challenged individuals. Swim lessons, water safety instructor, lifeguarding, and CPR classes are offered year-round.

Swim club membership is available to students, faculty, staff, active alumni, and pool members for a fee of $4 a month. Coaching in proper stroke technique and increased efficiency is available.

Pool memberships are available to a student’s family on a semester basis: spouse $30; family $35.

Enjoy a leisurely swim or aerobic workout, soak up rays in the sun yard, or take a credit or non-credit swim class. Intramural events include innertube water polo, water volleyball, and a swim meet. Come join the fun.

Facility Hours

**Recreational Swim**
- M-F: 1-6:45 p.m.
- S&S: 12-5:45 p.m.

Persons under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Adult Lap Swim**
- M-TH: 6:45-8:45 p.m.

**Swim Club**
- MWF: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- M, T, TH, F: 6:30-8:00 a.m.

**Residence Hall Association**

The Residence Hall Association, better known as “RHA,” consists of students selected by their peers to represent them.

The purpose of your RHA is to promote a favorable environment for study, relaxation, and community living for resident students.

The RHA strives to promote and maintain wholesome and enjoyable living conditions in the residence halls at the University of West Florida.

All residents are eligible to run for a Residence Hall Association officer or representative position. Each residence hall representative is responsible for seeking out the ideas, concerns, and needs of the people in his/her building, and for speaking on their behalf at the RHA meetings.

Your Residence Hall Association has been responsible for some of UWF’s most successful programs. Some of those include: Guest lecture series, such as Gene Roddenberry, creator of Star Trek, and Terry Hart, Space Shuttle astronaut; Midnight Breakfasts during exam week; and a variety of up and coming rock groups. RHA is funded through University Housing from the proceeds of vending and laundry machines and plays a vital role in providing students with an opportunity to learn and express themselves concerning residence hall life.
Student Government Association

The Student Government Association is authorized to represent the student body on all matters concerning student life. The basic purposes of the Student Government are: to provide students an opportunity to participate in the decision-making process of the university; to review, evaluate, and allocate all student activity and service fee monies, approximately $1,050,000, as allowed by state law; to coordinate the selection of Distinguished Teacher Awards; to consider and make recommendations on all phases of student life at the state and university level; to serve as the principal forum for discussion of matters of broad concern to the students and to establish rules of order and procedures as necessary to implement all of the above purposes.

The S.G.A. office is located in the Commons, Room 227, 474-2393.

University Theatre

All UWF students are welcome to participate in a varied season of full-scale productions and workshops given by the University Theatre for the entertainment and cultural advancement of the UWF student body and the surrounding community. Non-majors and others with interest in theatre are encouraged to participate in any capacity, and are further encouraged to enroll in theatre courses according to their interests. There are many opportunities for artistic growth and expression in all phases of Theatre Department productions.

1998-99 SGA president Herbie Thorpe, and vice president John Hosman inspect the University Village.

The summer theatre program "New Voices," which develops new plays in workshop and production, is open to all, but participation is restricted to those selected by audition or interview. Academic credit is available. Admission to University Theatre plays is free to all UWF students.

Voyager

The Voyager, UWF’s student newspaper, is distributed to the entire university community. It includes news and information about UWF people, programs, and events, and provides services vital to a university and its students, including a forum for student opinions, and free classified ads for all students. Published weekly and distributed free, the Voyager is planned, written, edited, and produced by students. Voyager offices are in Building 36, Room 108.