

UF's Global Economic Summit is Feb. 11

The University will convene a Global Economic Summit, during which UF will host leading executives from the business and automotive sectors from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, at Winebrenner Theological Seminary.

An opening keynote by Roy Armes, CEO and president of Cooper Tire Co., and three additional sessions featuring a variety of panelists will examine how important global business is in creating local opportunities for our region through global linkages, especially in an uncertain economic environment.

The summit will look closely at the automotive sector because of its importance to Ohio's economy and the fact that it is a leading example

of a global business sector. Discussion topics include:

- The Global Automotive Sector's Impact on Ohio: How linked are we to the global economy? (9:30 – 10:45 a.m.)

- Blending Cultures: What we can learn from the experiences of Japanese executives managing Ohio companies (11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.)

- Blending Cultures: What we can learn from the experiences of non-Japanese executives working in Japanese-owned Ohio companies (2 – 3:15 p.m.)

- How Should Students be Preparing Themselves for Opportunities in the Global Business Sector? (3:30 – 4:45 p.m.)



The Global Economic Summit is open to all, and there is no cost to attend. For more information, contact Paul Sears, Ph.D., dean of the UF College of Business at 419-434-4704.

The event is sponsored by Findlay Publishing Co., GreaterFindlay Inc., the Hancock County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Rocket Ventures and the University.

Students Help to 'Green' a Gas Station

Three UF seniors are helping a local 24-hour Marathon gas station make some changes that not only help the environment but also save the station owners money.

Marathon Oil Co. approached Timothy Murphy, Ph.D., associate professor of environmental safety and occupational health management, for help in generating ideas to "green" existing stations.

The project became an assignment for three students enrolled in an advanced topics course, taught by James Jaffe, J.D., in the fall of 2009. Seth Hartings, Jeff Linstedt and Kelly Walter, all seniors with varied interests in their field, were charged

with generating ideas that were cost effective and could be implemented without interrupting daily operations.

According to Jaffe, the trend across the country is to tear down and rebuild stations to make them "green," however, Marathon wanted to be able to make



Seniors Seth Hartings, Jeff Linstedt and Kelly Walter apply classroom knowledge to a local business.

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changes to existing stations and continue daily operations.

The students visited the station many times to observe and study lighting, building structure, water usage and even types of signage used at the site.

After collecting data, the students worked with an engineer at Marathon who calculated energy savings and costs of all the students’ findings and suggestions.

Several changes could be implemented almost immediately with little cost and quick payback. Switching to LED lights from fluorescent lighting, for example, would pay for itself in less than one year for some and up to eight years for others. Moving a thermostat away from hot ovens would be an

instant savings because it would reduce energy needed for the air conditioners to cool the space.

Another simple suggestion is to add a drain guard to storm drains on the property, which will eliminate trash and debris from clogging the drains.

The students made other recommendations, as well, including building up a partial wall inside the station, between the oven and refrigerator areas. By building up the wall, the heat from the ovens will be blocked from the refrigerators, and less energy will be needed to keep the refrigerators at the proper temperature.

In addition to meeting with the station owners and representatives from Marathon’s retail and engineering departments, the students

also contacted suppliers to ask about using recyclable shipping materials when delivering their products.

Jaffe noted that it was interesting to observe students working with real-world constraints. “They were in new situations they’d never dealt with before. It was fun to watch them develop,” he said.

Each student prepared a report showing the potential savings and cost for each item. The reports were compiled and presented to personnel at Marathon and also will be presented at the Scholarship for Symposium and Creativity this spring.

“This project merged the efforts of our students, faculty members and companies within the community to provide a service,” said Murphy.

Member of Little Rock Nine to Kick Off Black History Month Activities Feb. 2

In recognition of Black History Month, the University will host Jefferson Thomas, a member of the historic Little Rock Nine, at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, in the Alumni Memorial Union (AMU) Endly Room. There is no cost to attend.

Thomas made history on Sept. 25, 1957, when he and eight other high school students risked their lives to attend Central High School in Little Rock, Ark.

Confronted by a hostile crowd and escorted by the Screaming Eagles of the 101st Airborne, they shouldered the burden of integrating a then-segregated public school system.

Although the Supreme Court’s Landmark 1954 decision in *Brown v. Board of Education* struck down racial segregation in public schools, it was the actions of these nine students that tested the strength of that decision. Their actions helped to define the civil rights movement, and they

became known as the Little Rock Nine.

Thomas was a track athlete at all-black Dunbar Junior High School in Little Rock when he volunteered to integrate all-white Central High School as a sophomore in 1957. He graduated from Central High School in May 1960.

Other Black History Month events include the following:

- 9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, AMU Endly Room, Black Student Union meeting
- 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, AMU Multipurpose Room, Black Tie Affair Prelude Show featuring guest flautist Galen Abdur-Razzaq
- 9 p.m. – 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, AMU Multipurpose Room, Black Tie Affair, “A Night in Paris”
- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17,



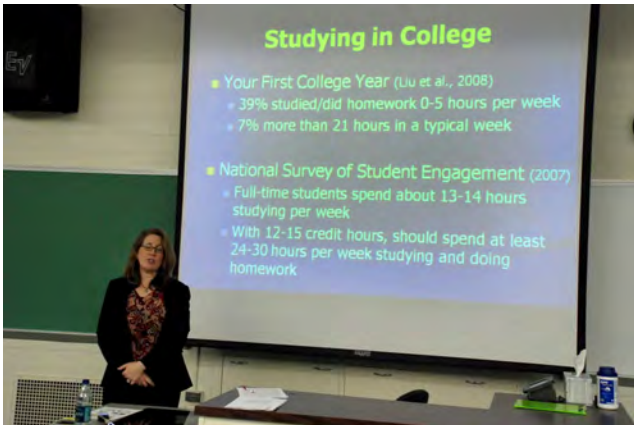
“Testament,” a sculpture of the Little Rock Nine, stands at the State Capitol in Little Rock, Ark.

meet in the AMU Fireside Lounge, travel to the Black Heritage Library and Multicultural Center for a tour

- 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, Henderson Dining Hall, annual Soul Fool cultural dinner

- 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, Buford Intercultural Services Center, A Celebration of Culture: an Experience with the African American Culture

Campus Activities are Inside and Out



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Dr. Maureen Wilson, associate professor at BGSU, discusses “Teaching Today’s College Students” as part of the College of Sciences Lecture Series.



E. Granger

Luther Mayfield, center, conducts the UF Anointed Worship Gospel Choir during the MLK Celebration Jan. 15.



A. Risser Lee

Brenda Do, Bev Beavers and Hannah Kramer help unpack boxes of food in preparation for a Mobile Food Pantry at Chopin Hall Jan. 23.



A. Wright

Several UF students take advantage of the snow on the Cory Street Mall earlier this month.



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Visitors to the Lea Gallery browse the art exhibit featuring art by UF faculty members.



S. English

Kevin Subler, Michelle Billen, Katrina Hasbrouck and Kathryn Sobczyk perform in their original play, “Looney Relations,” during Triage Theatre Jan. 16.

'Take the Chill Off a Bill' Raises Funds to Help Local Families with Heating Costs

Local families will be warmer this winter, thanks to faculty, staff and students in both the College of Education (COE) and the College of Pharmacy (COP).

Julie McIntosh, Ed.D., dean of the COE, challenged Donald Stansloski, R.Ph., Ph.D., dean of the COP, to Take the Chill Off a Bill in 2010 Jan. 11-19. Only loose change

– no bills – were accepted, and the progress was recorded on large paper thermometers in the lobby of the Davis Street Building.

The COE won the competition by collecting \$648.87. The COP collected \$268.42. Some additional donations came in after the challenge ended, bringing the total to approximately \$950. Half of the

money was distributed through AEP and the other half through Hancock-Wood Electric; each company will select a family in need of financial assistance and donate the funds on behalf of the University.

"The students really got into it ... It was a good way to involve our students and a way to help others," said McIntosh.

UF Hosts 18 South Korean Students

According to Chris Sippel, coordinator of international education, 18 students have an especially busy month ahead of them. The students, from Chinju National University of Education, traveled more than 15 hours by plane for a month-long academic exchange that began when they arrived in Findlay on Jan. 19.

The exchange is a new cooperative program between The University of Findlay and Chinju, and Sippel says that this first program is, hopefully, the stepping stone to a long-term relationship between the universities.

"This is the first evolution of the program ... our relationship with Chinju is a new one, but one we want to promote and develop on many levels," said Sippel. "The emphasis and goal is to find ways for our students to go to Chinju and South Korea and continue the exchange."

Jung-Sook Kim, Ph.D., professor in the department of English education and director in the Office of International Affairs in Chinju, accompanied her students to UF and is optimistic about the program's impact.

"Chris (Sippel) put a lot of effort into designing these programs, which really satisfy my students," said Kim.

While in Findlay, the students are participating in an English language enrichment program, and they observe elementary classes in three schools within Findlay City's school district. They study the interaction between teachers and students, attitudes elementary teachers should display, how to create a positive classroom environment and even how desks are arranged.

Kim said her students are amazed by the way the classrooms they have observed are freer than those in South Korea, yet they are still controlled.

"I think a lesson our visiting students are learning is that children are children everywhere," said



Yeong-mi Kim and Sra Lee learn signs for foods in American Sign Language from Jason Reitenbach.

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Sippel. "All children have the same sense of curiosity and wonder that is endearing and really universal."

Observations are not the only thing on the agenda for the Chinju students — they also have been paired with 16 student ambassadors in UF's College of Education. With the ambassadors, the students participate in planned activities as well as social activities during free time.

The Chinju students also visit UF classrooms and attend seminars. They will leave Findlay Feb. 18.

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