

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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OPEN HOUSE PLANNED FOR UF VILLAGE

The University of Findlay Pavilion and Village will host an open house Tuesday, March 23, from 5 to 7 p.m. The UF Pavilion and UF Village are on Frazer Street, the former site of Winebrenner Retirement Community.

A ribbon-cutting by the Findlay • Hancock County Chamber of Commerce will begin events at 5 p.m., followed by tours and a reception.

Offices located in the University's new facility are the Office of Career Services, Office of Web Services, Office of Development, Reading Center, the hospitality management program and Residence Life.

The event is free and open to the public.



'UNICORNS, EXTRATERRESTRIALS' TOPIC OF APRIL 2 PUBLIC LECTURE

Robert T. Rood, Ph.D., professor of astronomy at the University of Virginia, will give a public lecture on "Searching for Unicorns and Extraterrestrial Civilizations" Friday, April 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room, Alumni Memorial Union, at The University of Findlay.

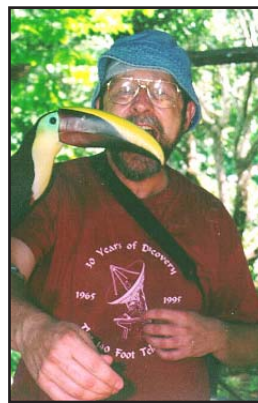
Rood has taught in the Department of Astronomy at the University of Virginia since 1973, working his way from assistant professor to professor. He also has served as chair of the department since 1999. Prior to his work at Virginia, Rood did research at the California Institute of Technology and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Rood earned his bachelor's degree in physics from North Carolina State

University and his doctorate in physics from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Rood's lecture is part of The Harlow Shapley Visiting Lectureships in Astronomy.

In addition to the lecture, the UF Planetarium will host an open house Saturday, April 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Shows will be conducted at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The Newhard Planetarium is located in the Brewer Science Hall at UF.

The lecture and open house are free and open to the public.



EDUCATOR, AUTHOR TO ADDRESS UF AUDIENCE

Nationally-known speaker, respected university professor, author and educational consultant, Joe Martin will speak at The University of Findlay Wednesday, March 17, at 3 p.m. in Ritz Auditorium, Old Main.

At the age of 24, Martin became the youngest faculty member ever hired to teach at a state university in Florida. He also has the distinct honor of being the youngest professor at his institution to be nominated twice for the Distinguished Teacher's Award.

Martin is the founder and president of Real Work University, an award-winning college success Web site designed to help students meet the personal and professional challenges of college and life. The Web site is www.RWuniversity.com.

The event is sponsored by Aristos Eklektos.

C.S. LEWIS EXPERT TO GIVE LECTURE

The religious studies and English programs at The University of Findlay will sponsor a lecture on "C.S. Lewis and the Christian Imagination: Re-enhancing the 21st Century" by Bruce Edwards on Wednesday, March 24, at 7 p.m. in the TLB Foundation Convocation Center, Winebrenner Theological Seminary.

Edwards is professor of English and associate dean for distance education and international programs at Bowling Green State University. He has been teaching and lecturing on the works of C.S. Lewis in undergraduate and graduate seminars, summer workshops, church retreats and scholarly forums for more than 25 years.

POETRY READING PLANNED

A poetry reading by Ray McNiece will be held Wednesday, March 31, at 8 p.m. in the Endly Room, Alumni Memorial Union, with a reception and book signing to follow.

McNiece has earned a national reputation as a poet and performer for almost 20 years through his solo theatre pieces, poetry and music shows, captaining of two National Poetry Championship teams, educational children shows and workshops and yearly country-wide tours of performance poems, stories and songs.

Sponsored by the English program and the Convocations Committee, the event is free and open to the public.

PT STUDENTS TO SERVE MEAL

Physical therapy program students will hold a spaghetti dinner Monday, March 15, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the basement of the College First Church of God.

Cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 5 years old.

The money raised will go toward a national grant for research evaluating the effectiveness of PT interventions.

FRENCH SINGER TO PERFORM AT UF

French singer Eric Vincent will perform in concert at The University of Findlay on Monday, March 22, at 8 p.m. and Tuesday, March 23, at 11 a.m. in the TLB Foundation Convocation Center in Winebrenner Theological Seminary.

SINGERS SOUGHT

The University of Findlay Concert-Chorale is inviting all Findlay-area singers to perform Franz Joseph Haydn's *The Creation* on Sunday, April 18, at 3 p.m. in the TLB Foundation Convocation Center, Winebrenner Theological Seminary.

The goal is to have 100 singers in the chorus. A community orchestra of about 35 players and three professional soloists will also perform.

Six special rehearsals will be held for *The Creation*, on March 9, 16, 23 and 30 and April 6 and 13 from 7 to 9 p.m. in Ritz Auditorium on the second floor of Old Main.

Dress rehearsal for the show will be Saturday, April 17, at noon in the TLB Center.

For more information, contact Dr. Micheal Anders at x4717 or anders@findlay.edu.

MATH DAY EVENTS SET

UF has planned its 17th annual Mathematics Day for Tuesday, March 30.

A presentation titled "Exponential Functions" will be given from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room, Alumni Memorial Union. From 1 to 2 p.m. in the same location, "Imipramine, Flight Plans and the Internal Revenue Service: What Do They Have in Common?" will be presented.

The presenter for the day is Ed Laughbaum, who has taught mathematics at the college level for 24 years. He is the director of the Ohio Early College Mathematics Placement Testing Program and associate director of the Technology College Short Course Program.

Vincent, who is also a songwriter, guitarist and television personality, has performed in more than 130 countries around the world and has appeared with American stars such as Dan Fogelberg. His songs are a blend of folk, jazz, rock and ethnic rhythms.

Tickets are required but are free to UF faculty, staff and students. Tickets for off-campus guests are \$3. For tickets, contact Cathy Donovan at x4711 or donovan@findlay.edu.

The concert is sponsored by the Convocations Committee, Student Government Association, the French Club, the Language and Culture Area and the College of Liberal Arts.



IRISH DANCERS TO VISIT

Students from the Heinzman School of Irish Dance will perform at UF on Thursday, March 18, at 7 p.m. in Ritz Auditorium, Old Main. Dancers ages 5 years and older are welcome at the Heinzman School of Irish Dance. Participants can choose to dance competitively or just for exercise or fun. Classes are taught in Toledo and in eight cities in Michigan. Irish step-dancing has become very popular in the United States in recent years due to the tours of River Dance and Lord of the Dance. The performance is free and open to the public.

HLC VISIT, CELEBRATION HIGHLIGHTS RECENT WEEKS



Barb McCrory, administrative assistant for the Office of Admissions, gave a heartfelt and inspiring address regarding what the University has meant to her.



Mrs. Freed greeted guests at a breakfast celebration of successfully completing the HLC site visit.



HLC consultant-evaluators met with groups of students, faculty and staff as part of their site visit at the University.



The Stars of the Platters, Drifters and Coasters included Dr. Marie Louden-Hanes, dean of University College, in their show Feb. 27 at UF.



Ben Sapp, deputy director of the Mazza Museum, explains a rendering of the building addition to an interested party.



Students in the hospitality management program served the food at the Mazza Campaign Kick-off event Feb. 26.

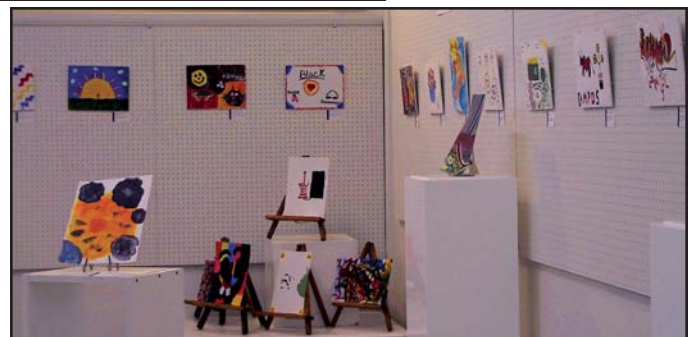


A sizable crowd enjoyed the music of The Stars of the Platters, Drifters and Coasters as part of the University's new Concert and Lecture Series.



Dr. Diana Montague, professor of English, and Don Collins, assistant professor of psychology, were only two UF faculty and staff members honored by the women's hockey team at an appreciation ceremony Feb. 25.

Studying in front of a fire in the Alumni Memorial Union helps students bear up under the cold of winter.



The results of Joy Shepard's master of arts in liberal studies graduate thesis research were celebrated with an opening reception, Feb. 26 at the Findlay Art League.

RIDING INSTRUCTOR JUDGING HORSE SHOW IN AUSTRALIA

by Kelly Hancock
Student Intern

Steve Brown, director of the western riding program and instructor of riding, just returned from Melbourne, Australia, where he judged a horse show.



Brown was this year's only judge at the annual event. For three days, he judged the Australian National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) event.

For another three days, he judged the Australian showcase.

For three years, Brown helped an Australian horse team. They showed at the Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus. This enabled him to make contacts that led to this opportunity. He was invited in previous years, but there was always a conflict. "This year it worked out," he commented.

Brown has been an AQHA (American Quarter Horse Association) judge since 1992. AQHA is the world's largest single breed association, and the Australian Quarter Horse Association is one of its affiliates. Brown is one of approximately 320

AQHA judges in the country. He travels all over the country and the world, and he usually judges up to 10 horse shows each year. He's been to places such as Oklahoma City, California, Arizona and England. He also judged the world show last November.

He decided to become a judge in hopes of improving the industry. "I showed for years," he noted, "and I thought I could try to give back to the industry . . . by being a judge, I was giving back."

Not only does Brown receive personal satisfaction from judging events such as this, but The University of Findlay benefits as well. "Anytime I go judge a horse show, I'm promoting the University," he said. Brown takes literature about the equestrian programs at UF wherever he goes.

He feels that it also keeps him updated on the industry in general, which helps University students. As he travels to all these places, Brown always watches for contacts and job opportunities for students.

Finally, he feels that showing horses can offer an important life lesson, which he tries to stress to his students. Brown said that he tells his students, "If you complain about judging, become one." He noted, "Be critical of yourself, but not others."

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR ALUMNI AWARDS

The Distinguished Alumni Committee is accepting nominations for several awards to be given out at Homecoming 2004.

The Distinguished Alumni Award is presented to people who have exhibited the highest standard of achievement in professional and/or personal endeavors and who have demonstrated loyalty and support of UF. An alumnus must have graduated more than 10 years ago in order to be considered for the award.

The Old Main award is presented to UF alumni who have demonstrated achievements in a career, civic involvement and/or service to the University and who are under the age of 36.

The Gold Medallion Award is presented posthumously to an alumnus who had a superb record of career accomplishments and served the University but who was not previously recognized.

To nominate someone, contact beall-harp@findlay.edu.

ALUMNI OFFICE REORGANIZES STAFF

The Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at The University of Findlay has adjusted its personnel to better serve its constituencies.



Jennifer Beall-Harp, formerly the assistant director of alumni and parent relations, has been named co-director of alumni and parent relations.

Charles Shepard II, currently working as a development officer at UF, has added the responsibility of co-director of alumni relations to his duties.



Beall-Harp has worked with the University since 2000. Previously, she was program coordinator for The Arts Partnership of Greater Hancock County.

A 1998 graduate of The University of Findlay with a bachelor's degree in business administration and marketing, Beall-Harp has gone on to earn her master of business administration degree from UF.

She is a member of the Findlay Service League, a graduate of Hancock Leadership and has served in many volunteer positions within the community.

Shepard has been with UF since 2001, having previously served as coordinator of donor research. Prior to coming to the University, he was director of the Cobham Youth Program for the Salvation Army in Warren, Pa.

A cum laude graduate of Asbury College with a bachelor's degree in history, Shepard was a member of the History Honor Society. He participated in "Lead On," a professional development program. He is a graduate of Hancock Leadership.

Shepard is pursuing his master of arts in liberal studies degree at the University, anticipating graduation in spring 2004.