

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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## LAW PROGRAM JOINS CONSORTIUM

UF's Law and Liberal Arts Program has joined the Consortium for Undergraduate Law and Justice Programs.

The consortium serves as the national clearinghouse for information about teaching in and administering law and liberal arts programs. Acceptance into the consortium is based on a program's history, faculty members, structure and curriculum.

According to Dr. Mark Polelle, director of the Law and the Liberal Arts Program, being accepted to the prestigious consortium is a great distinction for the program.

"Dr. Paul Chwialkowski (UF associate professor of social science, criminal justice and public administration), I, and our students are honored by the Consortium for their decision to include our program in its group," Polelle said. "Consortium membership will help spread news of the UF Law and Liberal Arts Program throughout the nation. This will make it easier for our students to gain even more favorable consideration when they apply to law schools. Consortium membership will also help our recruiting efforts, both for the program and the University as a whole."

As a part of the consortium, UF's Law and the Liberal Arts Program will benefit from the collegial support and intellectual exchange in the three major areas critical to the success of undergraduate law and justice programs: the structure and organization of programs; pedagogy and pedagogical techniques;

and theory and research in law and justice.

The University of Findlay Law and the Liberal Arts Program is an interdisciplinary program that enables students to gain a broad-based liberal arts education that focuses on the law. The program is intended to stand as both an

independent major within the College of Liberal Arts and as a preparatory program for students interested in law school. As part of the program, UF has articulation agreements with several law schools in Ohio, including Ohio Northern University and Capital University.

### POLELLE TO STUDY MILITARY HISTORY

Dr. Mark Polelle, director of history, political science and the Law and the Liberal Arts Program, has been selected for the West Point Summer Seminar in Military History. The seminar will be May 31-June 23 at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.

The seminar is a three-week program designed to help historians increase their understanding of the study of war and military history. Participants for the seminar are selected based on their potential contributions to the field of military history and upon the contribution the program can make to their future study and teaching.

"It is an honor to be accepted into the program," Polelle said. "I look forward to learning from world-class scholars in the field of military history. This knowledge will help us expand and grow our own history program here at UF. Many students have expressed great interest in military history and this seminar will allow us to offer more courses in the area in the future."

During the seminar, Polelle will attend seminars and lectures on a series of topics including late medieval warfare, the Civil War, World War II and the Cold War. In addition, Polelle will participate in a Civil War tactical exercise and study American Revolution and Civil War battlefields.

Polelle adds that he was motivated to apply for the program after seeing the interest and enthusiasm his students expressed when local VFW members visited his History of the Vietnam War class last semester.

"Students are hungry for more new knowledge about the effects the nations' wars still have on the country today. This seminar will help me continue to feed their interest in military history," Polelle said.

Polelle has taught in the areas of history, political science, law and geography at The University of Findlay since 1998. His book *Raising Cartographic Consciousness* was published in 1999.



Polelle

# STUDENT RAISES THOUSANDS FOR UF

Lauren Crooks, a senior early childhood education major, spends about 10 hours each week calling complete strangers and asking them to support the University. She is one of more than 20 students that work for the University's Phonathon, which utilizes current students to contact alumni to ask them to donate money to the University.



Crooks

Photo courtesy of Lauren Crooks

Crooks has been involved with the Phonathon since her freshman year. During that time, she has raised thousands of dollars for the University.

According to Kendall Richardson, director of Annual Giving, Crooks is one of the most successful and dedicated students that has worked for the Phonathon.

"Lauren's impact has been primarily based on the success of her communicating a positive message and providing information on the latest develop-

ments to our alumni," Richardson said. "Many of our alumni have not been in touch with us over the years. Therefore, this is an opportunity for our students to reach out to say thank you and share a moment of college experiences. Lauren is just one of the many Phonathon callers that have made a difference for The University's students and alumni."

Crooks added that her favorite part about working for the Phonathon is the long discussions she has with alumni.

"It can be hard to ask someone to donate money, but it makes the job easier when you can have a sincere conversation before even talking about the donations," Crooks said.

One of her favorite exchanges that she's had with a donor is when she called an older gentleman, and he talked about what Findlay was like when he went to school here.

"He told me that the entire college was contained inside Old Main and that the two sets of stairs in Old Main were built so the women and the men did not interact going up and down

them," she said. "After the entire story, he then explained that he donated every year, but he never graduated from UF because he had been kicked out for sitting on a bench with a female at noon."

Crooks stressed the importance of students supporting UF after graduation.

"I truly hope that I have made an impact on the future of the University. I do, however, wish that the current students would understand how important alumni support is to the University so when they graduate they will be more willing to help out in whatever way they can," Crooks said.

"Tuition only covers a portion of what it costs to educate every student. So it's important that they realize that someone gave money so they could go to school -- especially those on scholarship," she said.

The Phonathon runs now through April 21. Any student interested in becoming a part of the Phonathon is encouraged to contact Richardson at ext. 5319 or Jessica Adelsperger at ext. 4008.

## ATTORNEY THEBES DISCUSSES DEATH PENALTY, MURDER

Capital crimes attorney John Thebes spoke at UF on Monday, March 21, at 2 p.m. at the Malcolm Dining Room.

Thebes is one of the attorneys who is representing Father Gerald Robinson in the Toledo investigation into the 1980 murder of Sister Margaret Ann Pahl. Father Robinson is a murder suspect in the case.

During his presentation, Thebes addressed a variety of issues, including the Father Robinson case, capital murder, serial murders, criminology, causes of crime, problems with our criminal justice system and appropriate defense techniques.



One hundred sixty-five third-, fourth- and fifth-graders from schools in Hancock County and Bluffton in Allen County participated in the Mazza Museum's Young Authors and Artists Conference Saturday, March 12. All of the children attending the event wrote and illustrated their own books. During the conference, children's book artist Wendy Anderson Halperin, left, met with the children and signed autographs.

# SPRING HAS SPRUNG ON CAMPUS



*Springtime means babies at the western farm. On March 9, Dr. C. Michael Kern and his students cuddled piglets from a litter born that week.*



*This year's Concert and Lecture Series concluded on March 19 with a performance by the Ballet Indianapolis-Internationale.*



*Members of the University community, including Findlay High School student Kara Kleatsch and her stepmother Kristi Obenour, wrote letters to children in their lives in the Alumni Memorial Union on Absolutely Incredible Kid Day on March 15.*



*Construction is underway at the Russ and Peg Armstrong Sports Complex at the corner of Trenton and Blanchard. Ground has been broken for the new tennis courts.*



*An appreciation breakfast was held by Dr. Freed on March 17 to thank those who played a central role in making the GLIAC and NCAA regional basketball tournaments at UF such a success. Some of those who attended are shown.*



# FACULTY GIVE PRESENTATIONS ON E-LEARNING, TECHNOLOGY

Several faculty members gave presentations on e-learning and the use of technology in education at the Ohio Digital Commons for Education (OCDE) 2005 Conference in Columbus on Tuesday, March 8.

The OCDE 2005 Conference took place March 6-8, offering workshops and sessions on instruction, libraries and electronic media, e-learning and technology-enabled education in Ohio.

Dr. Natalie Abell, professor in the College of Education, and Dr. Corey Lee, academic technology specialist, presented "Guidelines for Teaching an Online Course." The guidelines are used to assist educators in examining and improving the quality of online courses.

Dr. Judith Lanzendorfer, assistant professor of English; Dr. Nicole Diederich, associate professor of English and director of the Writing Center; Christine Denecker, assistant professor of English; and David

Essinger, assistant professor of English; participated in a panel discussion titled "Using Digital Space Across Disciplines: Literature, Creative Writing, Teacher Education." The discussions focused on several topics including the use of digital discussion in order to create a student/faculty community in a literature classroom.

Dr. Robert Frampton, director of UF's Physical Therapy Program and associate professor of physical therapy, and Mark Carroll, assistant professor of physical therapy, led a presentation titled, "Development of an Interactive CD-ROM of Use in Instruction," at the conference. The presentation showed participants the basic steps needed to implement CD-ROM technology into their own learning environments.

The faculty members were invited to present at the conference based on their expertise in the area of digital education.

# 'LIVING LEGEND' ARREDONDO TO SPEAK AT PSYCH CONFERENCE

The Psychology Program will present its third annual Psychology Conference on Friday, April 1, in the Virginia B. Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion.

The conference will feature two presentations by Dr. Patricia Arredondo, who is recognized as a living legend by the American Counseling Association for her contributions to multicultural counseling. She is president-elect for the ACA.

Dr. Arredondo, associate vice president and senior adviser for Academic Initiatives and associate professor of counseling at Arizona State University, will discuss "Dealing with Organizational Responsibilities of Diversity and Multicultural Issues" from 9-10:30 a.m. She will present "APA Ethical Guidelines Related to Diversity and Multi-

culturalism" from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

The conference also will feature a poster session in which undergraduate psychology students from various area universities will present research projects. The poster session will take place from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m., and a continental breakfast will be available until registration ends at 9 a.m.

The conference is free and all are invited to attend. To register, call Jane Bender, social sciences administrative assistant, at 419-434-4587 or e-mail [bender@findlay.edu](mailto:bender@findlay.edu).

Social workers and counselors attending may earn 2.5 contact hours in continuing education credits from The University of Findlay's Social Work Program or Century Health Inc.

## NEW GRANT AWARD

The University of Findlay received a grant for \$3,500 from the Ability Center of Greater Toledo (ACY) to support "Project GAIN (Golf: Accessible and Inclusive Networks)." The University of Findlay is one of five local communities in Northwestern Ohio that was selected to initiate this project. This project will be conducted in collaboration with Hillcrest Golf Club for persons with disabilities in this community. The project, developed by the National Alliance for Accessible Golf and National Center for Accessibility, will involve 12 individuals with disabilities who want to learn to play golf and 12 mentors. Lori Colchagoff, director of disability services, is the coordinator for the project at Findlay. The project started March 1 and is scheduled to end on June 30, 2006.



*When the Oiler men's basketball team advanced to the NCAA Division II quarter-final game in Grand Forks, N.D., members of the University community took a bus trip to the game. The Oilers fell 66-75 to Lynn University, finishing the season with a 30-4 record.*

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