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FORENSIC SCIENCE MAJOR ADDED

The University has established a new forensics science major.

The major, which will be available fall 2005, will be housed in the University's College of Liberal Arts criminal justice administration program and offered as a bachelor of science degree. Forensic science uses physical science and biological science methods to analyze and evaluate physical evidence related to matters of criminal and civil law.

According to Todd Beitzel, co-director of the program and instructor

of criminal justice administration, the program was developed because there has been an increase in interest in careers in forensics.

"A major in forensics is one of the most asked about programs by both our current students and potential students," explained Beitzel. "Forensic science television shows have certainly helped to increase awareness and interest in the profession."

Beitzel adds that the job market demand for forensics professionals is also increasing.

"There is a lot of turnover in the industry because of retirements. The demand from prosecutors and defense attorneys to get evidence tested is also increasing," he said. "It then becomes a matter for the state to get funds to hire more forensics professionals."

Students in the program will take a variety of criminal justice and science courses including entomology, chemistry and forensics science.

Students also can specialize in a particular area like DNA/serology or chemistry/toxicology.

TASK FORCE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING

Members of the University faculty, staff, student body and trustees are serving on a Strategic Planning Task Force. The Task Force is to define a clear direction for the University for the next few years, to develop courses of action to achieve the direction which is established, and to strengthen the University in all feasible ways.

The Task Force's 48 members serve on functional committees in such areas as programs, resources, outreach, and students. The initial meeting of the Task Force was on January 4.

Purposes of the task force include ensuring that planning guidance for the University provides a clear roadmap for the future. Academic and student programs, their quality and their appeal are central ingredients of a successful plan and will be carefully considered.

Needs which were noted are to balance graduate and undergraduate work,

to blend the small campus and its intimate setting with aggressive outreach, and to consider related academic and student factors.

Those factors include enrollment, costs, student charges, financial aid, net costs to families, and net income to the University.

Part of the task force report will be an implementation plan with specific goals to be accomplished as well as dates and methods by which they will be reached. The implementation plan will include timetables and measures by which progress will be assessed as a means of determining whether or not goals are being met and actions to be taken if goals are not met.

It was noted that the future of the University, which will be defined in the task force plan, should include visionary features that will stretch University personnel. It was also noted that, while the

plan likely will be quite hopeful, it should also be practical, realistic, and balanced with respect to strengths, weaknesses, assumptions, goals, accomplishments, funds, and all other matters which affect University life.

Intangibles having to do with spirit, sense of community, quality and other factors play an important role in University life. The Task Force was asked to include them as essential features of the plan, as well as ways of promoting and assessing them.

Functional committees undertook their work in early January 2005 and are meeting regularly. The expectation is that a draft in each functional area will be available in March.

A draft report for the task force is expected to be available in April for consideration by various elements of the University during the current academic year with a final plan completed in May.

VILLAGE CAFE OPENS FOR SEMESTER

The University of Findlay's Village Café will open for the spring semester with a Comfort Food theme lunch on Feb. 1.

The Village Café, located at 424 Frazer St. in Findlay, is open Tuesdays and Thursdays through April 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$7.50.

The facility utilizes students from three classes to create a dining experience for patrons. The freshmen, learning the fundamentals of dining room management, will be the servers. The juniors have mastered cooking basics and are now learning to cook in large quantities. The seniors, as managers of the facility, have devised the menu. The dining room serves as a living classroom for those in the University's hospitality management program.

Different themes will be featured each time the Village Café is open, including Ottawa's Finest, All American, A Little Corner of Italy, Classic French, Elegant and Hearty, Hearty Ohio Meal, West Coast Delight, Lunch by the Fire, Mama Mia's Italian Feast, Caribbean Style and the Irish Jig.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling 419-434-4097 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Those calling are asked to leave a name, phone number, number in the party and any special requests. Reservations also can be made online at www.findlay.edu/villagecafe. Menus can be accessed via the Web site.

In preparation for the opening of UF's Village Café on Feb. 1, students in the Hospitality Management Program served lunch at Findlay's Salvation Army soup kitchen on Tuesday, Jan. 25.

While most of the food for the lunch was prepared at the University, final food preparation, table setting and serving took place at the soup kitchen.

UF's Hospitality Management Program offers a four-year



Paula Wolper oversaw her students' food preparation and serving efforts when hospitality management students served lunch at the Salvation Army's soup kitchen on Tuesday, Jan. 25.

baccalaureate degree, a minor and an emphasis in the MBA curriculum. The rigorous program, which is housed in the University's College of Business, prepares graduates for careers in the lodging, food service, travel, tourism and recreation industries. Students take classes such as food production management, lodging operations and hospitality financial management along with marketing, business management and accounting classes.

Students get hands-on experience through service hours, working in the program's Village Café where meals are entirely planned, prepared and served by students, and through internships at places like Walt Disney Resorts at Walt Disney World in Florida and the Westin Hotel on Hilton Head Island in South Carolina.

MAZZA'S ART FEATURED IN MICHIGAN SHOW

Ben Sapp, deputy director of the Mazza Museum, helped organize "From Pencil to Pixel: Animation and Illustration," an exhibit displayed at the Jordan River Art Center in East Jordan, Mich. The exhibit, which focuses on original book illustrations and books from the Mazza Museum, will be featured at the center through Feb. 25.

The exhibit demonstrates how illustration enhances a story and can convey movement. Films and animation cells are included in the show.

BACH'S LUNCH TO FEATURE PANTASIA



Findlay High School's Pantasia Steel Band is scheduled to perform in the University's next Bach's Lunch event on Feb. 11 at noon. The students will perform a variety of upbeat music. The free performance will take place in the North Multi-Purpose Room in the Alumni Memorial Union.

NEW SEMESTER IS IN FULL SWING



The Toledo Symphony Orchestra visited campus for the second time this academic year, as part of the Concert and Lecture Series. Directed by Chelsea Tipton II, the symphony played three pieces, including one featuring a string quartet.



Yubua Ji, professor of English teaching and international business English at Guangxi Normal University in Guilin, China, visited campus in mid-January, speaking to classes and lecturing on "Language Teaching in China: Similarities and Differences with the U.S."



The spring semester is underway, and classes are progressing. Although the end of the semester on April 28 seems far away, January is nearly over and every minute of class and study time counts toward a successful exam week.

PHYSICAL THERAPY SEMINAR TEACHES SCREENING

The University of Findlay's physical therapy program will host the Northwest Ohio Clinical Education Consortium's "Medical Screening and Differential Diagnosis: Chest and Abdominal Pain" clinical faculty development seminar on Friday, Feb. 4.

The seminar will take place from 8:15 a.m. to noon in the University's Malcolm Dining Room in the Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion.

Physical therapists are now taking patients without a physician's referral, so physical therapists have increased responsibility to screen patients for medical problems that may or may not be related to the initial symptoms.

The seminar will help physical therapists to check for problems in the cardiovascular, pulmonary and gastrointestinal systems. At the completion of this program, participants will be able to perform appropriate medical screening of physical therapy patients, discuss the differential diagnosis of chest and abdominal pain and determine appropriate medical referral in response to

medical screening findings.

The seminar's speaker will be Dr. Michael Stump, assistant professor of health professions at UF. Dr. Stump currently works as UF's head team physician, medical director of UF's Cosiano Health Center, and as medical director of the Blanchard Valley Regional Health Center's Sports Medicine Center.

The seminar will be conducted in partnership with Marion Technical College, North Central State College and the Northwest District of the Ohio Physical Therapy Association.

Participation in the seminar is limited to 30 people, and cost of participation is \$15. To register and for more information, call 419-434-5531.

UF's physical therapy program trains ethical, entry-level practitioners who are prepared for the ever-changing health care environment. The program enables students to complete a master's degree in six years, including three years of prerequisite coursework and three years of professional study.



UF's physical therapy program is training students and current practitioners to screen their patients for physical problems that could or could not be connected to their initial need for physical therapy.

ACTION NEEDED TO MINIMIZE TSUNAMI DAMAGE

Yevgeniy Kontar, adjunct professor of geology, will discuss "The Southeast Asia Tsunami Disaster Aftermath: Urgent Action Needed to Reduce the Effects of Natural Disasters in the Indian Ocean Region and Elsewhere" on Feb. 3 at 4 p.m. as part of the COS lecture series. His presentation will take place in Martin Lecture Hall.

Kontar will discuss what steps should be taken in the Indian Ocean region and other areas to better prepare the populace for a similar disaster. According to Kontar, scientists can and should help to save human lives by providing governments with accurate predictions and disaster plans.

DUARTE HOLDS NEW POST IN ALUMNI RELATIONS OFFICE

Marvella Duarte joined UF Nov. 10 as international alumni relations associate, a new position in the Office of Alumni Relations.

Among her first tasks is to compile a database of UF's international alumni. This database will help to establish programs for international alumni living in the United States and abroad. The database will eventually serve as a means for international alumni to meet with potential international students in their native countries.

Duarte, a native of Caracas, Venezuela, holds a bachelor's degree in

human resources from Universidad Católica Andrés Bello in Caracas.

She enrolled in Findlay's Intensive English Language Program in 2001, and she completed the program a year later.

She earned a master's degree in business administration from UF in 2004. She was a graduate assistant for the College of Business from 2003-04.

"I feel excited to work here," Duarte said. "I just want the best for the University."



Duarte

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