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UF TO HOST DRESSAGE COMPETITIONS

Although many people don't know much about dressage, it has become one of the fastest growing spectator sports in the United States.

Dressage means "training," according to Janet Harms, The University of

Findlay's head dressage instructor. "The horse and rider work together in harmony with each other as one unit," she said.

Dressage has been described as

"ballet on horseback" and "dancing horses," she explained, and can take as long as seven to 10 years of training to reach the upper skill levels.

UF's major in English riding allows for an emphasis in either dressage or hunter-jumper. More than 40 students have selected the dressage emphasis, with 35 students participating on the dressage team, which is a club sport.

Findlay's dressage team was the leading team in the region for the Intercollegiate Dressage Association (IDA) in 2003-04 and was the reserve team in 2004-05. Riders from all levels went to the nationals the past two years for individual competition. Riders must place first or second in every show in the regional competitions in order to

qualify for nationals, Harms noted.

To advance through the skill levels, riders perform tests as individuals in front of judges. They are scored for each movement, and figures and placement of the movements must be accurate. Riders should be balanced and centered on the horse, and the horse needs to have equal muscle development and strength training on both sides. Much like the sports of figure skating and gymnastics, dressage requires lots of repetitive practice, Harms pointed out.

Harms works with her students to make sure they are well prepared to be placed in jobs with top dressage professionals. In addition to their horse training skills, Harms works with her students on attitude. They should expect that their careers may begin as a trainer's right-hand person, involving traveling shows and show preparation such as grooming, braiding and cleaning stalls, she said.

These experiences are valuable opportunities to meet other professionals and open doors for future advancement, according to Harms.

She also encourages work experiences and summer internships as important in making contacts for jobs after graduation. Harms emphasizes to students the enormous financial investment required of employers to run a business, and that as employees they will need to be good stewards of that investment.

Several of UF's students who have stayed in the Findlay area over the summer months will compete in an open schooling show sponsored by the Flatlanders Dressage and Combined Training Association on Saturday, June 25 at the western farm. UF also will host the Intercollegiate Dressage Association competition on Nov. 20 at the Child Complex.



Janet Harms, UF's head dressage instructor



A student practices her dressage technique at the James L. Child Jr. Equestrian Complex.

SUCCESSFUL SPORTS SEASONS COMPLETED

The 2004-05 sports season has come to a successful close for many of the University's athletic teams.

Soccer: The men's soccer team finished with an 8-8-1 record.

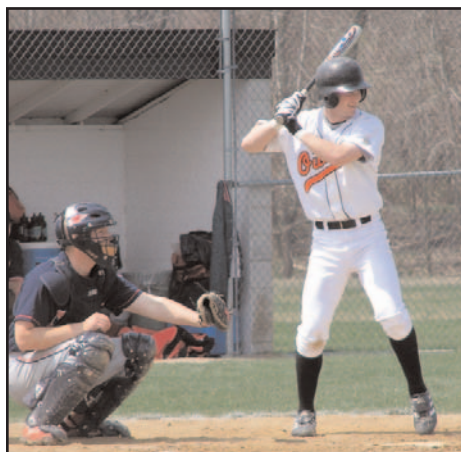
The women's team also closed the season with an 8-8-1 record.

Six athletes were named to the GLIAC All-Academic team from the men's team and seven from the women's team.

Football: The team's season ended with their third consecutive winning season at 6-5, placing 21 athletes on the GLIAC All-Academic team.

Cross Country: The men's team placed eight of nine athletes on the GLIAC All-Academic Team.

The women's team won three meets and placed nine athletes on the GLIAC All-Academic team.



The baseball team finished a successful season in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference as tournament runner-up.

Volleyball: The women's volleyball team finished with a 24-8 record, and the men's team completed one of their best seasons at 16-14. Seven players from both the women's and men's teams were named to the All-Academic team.

Wrestling: The Roughnecks finished fifth at the national championships and crowned an individual national champion for the fourth year in a row.

Overall, the Roughnecks had four All-Americans.

Indoor Track: The men's team placed fourth at the GLIAC championships and 32nd at nationals.

The women's team placed fifth at the GLIAC championship and 14th at the national championship. Twelve athletes from the men's team and eleven from the women's team were named to the All-Academic team.

Basketball: Men's basketball won a second consecutive GLIAC Tournament and their first Great Lakes Regional championship, sending them to the Elite Eight. They finished first in the nation in the final poll with a 30-4 record.

The women's team finished with an 11-16 record. They placed eight athletes on the GLIAC All-Academic team.

Tennis: The women's team battled through a season full of injuries, placing five athletes on the All-Academic Team.

The men's tennis team finished the season ranked eighth in the GLIAC.

Baseball: In their first trip to the GLIAC Tournament, the baseball team finished as the runner-up.

Softball: Findlay's softball team battled injuries to a 12-28 finish. They had the second highest team GPA in the nation at 3.655.

Swimming: At the GLIAC championship, the men's and women's teams finished seventh and ninth respectively. The women's team ranked second nationally with a combined GPA of 3.44.

Outdoor Track and Field: The men's track and field team placed 25th at NCAA Division II National Championship. The men's team earned two All-American awards and placed 12 athletes on the GLIAC All-Academic Team. The team also competed at the All-Ohio Championship, placing in several events.

The women's team finished 46th at the NCAA Division II National Championship, and third at the GLIAC



UF senior Sanchaze Ross reached All-American status after placing fourth in the 400 meter hurdles at the NCAA Division II track and field national championships.

championship this season. The women's team earned two All-American awards, and placed 11 athletes on the All-Academic team.

Golf: The men's team placed second at the GLIAC championship and had two athletes compete at nationals.

The women's team had a successful year, finishing fourth at the GLIAC championship.

Equestrian: The western equestrian team won the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association national championship this season. This is the second time they have won the championship, making them one of only three schools with two championships.

The English equestrian team finished fifth at the national championship, with two athletes placing in the individual competition.

The dressage team finished seventh at the Intercollegiate Dressage Association national championship.

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MAY ACTIVITIES KEEP CAMPUS BUSY



Dane Erford picks up an informational packet from Katha Pancake during UF Appreciation Day, May 19. Fifty representatives from campus and the community visited 70 area businesses to raise funds for the University's Annual Fund.



Findlay's summer camp season began in late May with the HOBYSeminar's annual campus visit. High school sophomores from 143 Ohio schools attended the seminar. Speakers at the conference included Jim Tishe from NBC 24 WNWO, Jim Knott from the Social Security Administration and Cherie Blair from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.



Summertime construction projects have begun on campus. Some of the bricks in the sidewalks around parking lot P1 have been refurbished or replaced for safety and aesthetic reasons. Renovations of the chemistry laboratories on the third floor of the Frost Science Center also is underway. The labs are being renovated to meet students' growing need for updated chemistry facilities.

Photography by Anne Risser Lee

SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE, JUNE 6 - 24

June 6-9	Tennis Day Camp	June 13-16	Swim Camp I	June 18-19	Women's Basketball
June 6-17	Kidsart Kamp	June 14-16	Baseball Hitting Day		Junior Varsity Team
June 9-11	Church of God Great Lakes Conference	June 14-16	Lady Oiler Youth Basketball Day Camp	June 19-24	Mazza Summer Institute
June 12-16	Wrestling	June 15-16	Volleyball Position Camp	June 19-24	Western Equestrian II
June 12-17	English Equestrian I	June 17-18	Men's Basketball Junior Varsity Team	June 19-24	English Equestrian II
June 12-17	Western Equestrian I				
June 13-14	Junior High Women's Volleyball Camp				

UF STUDENTS INDUCTED TO HONOR SOCIETY

The Beta Delta Chapter of the Phi Beta Delta honor society for international education recently inducted four UF students.

Chosen because of their scholarship and contributions to promoting international understanding on the UF campus, the inductees are: **Holly Ferris**, a junior pre-medicine and nuclear medicine technology major/French minors and president of Cercle Français; **Bradley Hess**, a junior international studies/intercultural communication major/French minor; **Jussara Kleeberg De Melo**, a senior international business major/international studies minor; and **Devin Miles**, senior pre-medicine and history major, and International Club president.

Requirements for membership in Phi Beta Delta are a GPA of 3.2 or above and junior standing for undergraduates. Graduate students must have a 3.5 GPA.

The nomination process is initiated by a current member, approved by officers, then voted upon by the full membership. Candidates are eligible from the

student body, staff, faculty and administration. Essential to candidacy is the quality of having distinguished oneself through international activities and scholarship.

During the 2004-2005 school year,

members volunteered for a variety of international functions including the Harvest Food Drive. Eight members volunteered to help welcome school children and the Findlay community to campus for International Night.



Beta Delta Chapter Spring Induction Ceremony 2005: Jussara DeMelo, Brad Hess and Devin Miles; junior and current member Holly Ferris and UF faculty and staff members Jan Taylor, Bettye Myer, Jon Gordon, Ellen Fish, Fumiko Harada, Leroy Morgan and Kathleen Grant pose with the new members.

WASHINGTON NAMED AS A TRUSTEE

The Board of Trustees have elected Brian X. Washington to serve as a trustee.

Washington is corporate recruitment account manager and manager of U.S. Search & Support for GlaxoSmithKline in Philadelphia, Pa. GlaxoSmithKline is one of the world's leading research-based pharmaceutical and healthcare companies. Washington's responsibilities include strategic planning for finding and attracting the best talent for available positions at GlaxoSmithKline.



Previously, he was recruiting manager for PriceWaterHouseCoopers in Philadelphia, Pa., where he managed the functional and technical recruiting

for the Information Technology Group in 2000-01. He also held positions as consultant for university relations and recruiting for Unisys Corporation in Blue Bell, Pa., from 1997 to 2000; manager of human resources for Keystone Mercy Health Plan in Philadelphia, Pa., from 1993 to 1997; assistant director of admissions for Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, from 1990 to 1993; program officer generalist at Kent State University from 1985 to 1989; and admissions counselor at The University of Findlay from 1984 to 1985.

Washington is a member of Beta Phi Di Gamma fraternal organization, the Delaware Valley Human Resources Association, the Society of Human Resource Management, the Greater Valley Forge Human Resource Association and Becks Pond Maintenance Corporation. He serves

as an officer in the African American Alliance, an employee network at GlaxoSmithKline.

In 2002, Washington received the Unity Award for Service from GlaxoSmithKline. He was inducted into both the Morrison R. Waite Athletic Hall of Fame and The University of Findlay Athletic Hall of Fame for his football achievements.

Washington graduated from UF in 1984 with a bachelor of arts degree in marketing/business administration. He earned a master of arts in organizational management from the University of Phoenix in 2000 and received a certificate in human resource management from Villanova University.

Washington and his wife, Carol, who is a 1987 UF graduate, have two children, Jamar and Jasmine, and reside in Bear, Del.