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THEATRE PROGRAM TO PRESENT TWO PLAYS IN REPERTORY

A great deal of activity and excitement is mounting in The University of Findlay's Theatre Program, as students and faculty are preparing to open two productions Nov. 2 and 3.

The first production, Arthur Miller's "The Crucible," will open Nov. 2 at 8 p.m., and the second production, "The Illusion" by Pierre Corneille, will open Nov. 3 at 8 p.m. Both shows will be held in the John and Hester Powell Grimm Theatre.

"The Crucible" is a spellbinding examination of the Salem witch trials, and charts a common man's heroic struggle to find his soul in a time of mass hysteria.

"The Illusion" is a fractured fairytale adaptation of Pierre Corneille's 17th century classic by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Tony Kushner. A father in search of his estranged son employs the services of a sorcerer who conjures for him three versions: each a different window into the fate of the prodigal.

Because the plays are being run in repertory, many students and faculty members are involved with both productions.

"The Crucible" is directed by Vicky McClurkin, UF adjunct theatre professor, and Nikki Marie Coe, senior theatre major, is serving as the stage manager. Coe also is playing the role of Melibea/Isabelle/Hippolyta in "The Illusion."

Scott Hayes, director of UF's the-



"The Crucible" opens on Nov. 2 and "The Illusion" opens on Nov. 3.

atre program and associate professor of theatre, is directing "The Illusion," and Nicholas Toland, senior theatre major, is serving as the stage manager.

Senior theatre major Matthew B. Harris is playing lead roles in both productions. He is the Reverend Parris in "The Crucible" and Pridament in "The Illusion."

Other students who are on stage for both productions include: Jeremy Springer, James Stephani, sophomore theatre major; Jaclyn Hilborn, senior middle childhood education major; and Matthew Waugh, sophomore theatre

performance major.

Dr. Marie Loudon-Hanes, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, also is playing a role in both productions. She is Rebecca Nurse in "The Crucible" and Alcandre in "The Illusion."

Show dates are Nov. 2, 4, 10 and 12 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 6 at 6 p.m.

"The Illusion" will be performed Nov. 3, 9 and 11 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 13 at 6 p.m.

Tickets are free for UF faculty, staff and students. Contact the Box Office at 419-434-5335 for more information.

VICE PRESIDENT FOR DEVELOPMENT APPOINTED

David P. Ferguson has been appointed vice president for development of The University of Findlay, effective November 1, 2005. Ferguson will be responsible for the offices of development, public information and alumni affairs.



David P. Ferguson

Dr. DeBow Freed, UF president, said "We are pleased that a person with Mr. Ferguson's background and ability is joining the University. He has had successful experiences at St. Bonaventure University, Ohio State and as managing editor of the Columbus Dispatch. He should be a strong and effective leader of the University's development program."

"I am delighted and honored to have been selected as vice president for development," Ferguson said. "I have been enormously impressed by the trustees, faculty, staff and students I have met, and by the vision and leadership of the University. The enthusiasm all have expressed for Findlay bodes very well for the future. I am eager to join the team."

Ferguson served as vice president of university relations at St. Bonaventure University, Bonaventure, N.Y., for three years. During his tenure, research funding and development activities were substantially increased. He was responsible

for designing and implementing the university's integrated marketing and communications strategy and served as the university's chief spokesperson. He previously served as St. Bonaventure University's vice president for marketing and public relations.

He also served as associate vice chancellor for public relations at The State University of New York; associate vice president for university relations and executive assistant to the senior vice president and provost at The Ohio State University; and played several key roles for The Ohio State University Affirm Thy Friendship Campaign.

Ferguson was the editorial page editor and later managing editor of the Columbus Dispatch from 1981-1989, and was among the finalists for the 1983 Pulitzer Prize in editorial writing.

He earned a bachelor of arts degree in English from Seton Hall University and a master's degree in journalism from Columbia University. He is a graduate of Harvard Management Development Program's Summer Institute and the Center for Philanthropy Fund-Raising School's Summer Institute.

Ferguson has been active in public service organizations including the Thurber House, Columbus, Ohio, and the Columbus Area Leadership Program. He is the co-founder of Leadership Cattaraugus in Olean, N.Y., and is a contributor to Modern Maturity magazine.

LEADERSHIP EXPERT TO SPEAK AT ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE DAY

Dr. Annie McKee, the author of the best-selling book Primal Leadership: Learning to Lead with Emotional Intelligence, will be the keynote speaker at this year's Academic Excellence Day Wednesday, Nov. 9.

McKee is a national expert on leadership and strategic planning. She is the

co-chair and managing director of Teleos Leadership Institute, is on the faculty of the University Pennsylvania, teaches at the Wharton School's Aresty Institute of Executive Education and is the former director of management development services for the Hay Group.

SPRAW NAMED DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI AND PARENT RELATIONS

Dee Dee M. Spraw has been named director of alumni and parent relations, effective Nov. 1,

2005. Spraw will be responsible for organizing alumni and parent meetings, activities and services, as well as coordinating events



in conjunction with *Dee Dee M. Spraw* other offices related to Homecoming, Family Weekend, Senior Day and others.

Spraw previously served as executive director of career services at UF since 2002. Employed at the University since 1985, she has held positions as director of career placement, office manager for the National Center of Excellence for Environmental Management, academic recorder in the Office of the Registrar and secretary for the Division of Natural Science.

She earned an associate of arts degree in business administration and a bachelor of arts degree in marketing from UF, and she is scheduled to receive a master of arts in education in human resource development from The University of Findlay in May 2006.

Spraw has been active as a member of the University's Alumni Association Board of Governor's since 2003 and is a member of the University's United Way Committee.

She is a board member for Hancock Federal Credit Union and Millstream Cooperative Education and is a member and the current president of the Hancock Leadership Alumni Association. She is a graduate of the Hancock Leadership Class of 2002 and served on the Hancock County Task Force on School Violence Committee.

FALL COLORS ENRICH CAMPUS SPIRIT



Senior biology major Shane Myers (left) and senior biology and equestrian studies major Laura Dietrich (right) examine a carrion plant in the greenhouse during Kathy Noblet's (center) Biodeversity Lab. The plants gives off an unpleasant odor to attract flies.



Distinguished Alumnus Dr. Stanley L. Swartz, professor of education at California State University, was on campus Oct. 6 to deliver a lecture on literacy. The lecture was part of an education symposium held during Homecoming weekend.



Students, faculty and staff gathered Wednesday, Oct. 12 as part of a public forum on the University's new plus-minus grading scale. The event was organized by the Student Government Association.



Students in Dr. Jeanette Drake's Principles of Public Relations Class enjoy a healthy snack last week. The apples were part of the students' reward after a competitive game of "Research Jeopardy."

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A student works on his interpretation of Frankenstein in hard edge acrylic in Doug Salvesson's Techniques of Painting Class.



FACULTY ART EXHIBITION FEATURES 10 ARTISTS

The artistic talents of 10 faculty members are on display at the Dudley and Mary Marks Lea Gallery through Oct. 28.

The University's Art Faculty Exhibition features 21 works done in a number of media ranging from bronze to watercolor.

The exhibit includes works by: Ed Corle, Lans Holness, Dr. Diane Kontar, Dr. Marie Loudon-Hanes, Toni Lucadello, Harry Melroy, Anita McCandless, Jeff Salisbury, Doug Salvesson and Phil Sugden.

The exhibition is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



SEEM CONDUCTS BIOLOGICAL CONTAMINATION EXERCISE

The School for Environmental and Emergency Management conducted an emergency exercise simulating a release of a biotoxin on Oct. 5, at the Blanchard Valley Regional Health Center. The exercise was part of a live, interactive Webcast training scenario.

During the exercise, a simulated release of a biotoxin contaminated a group of victims. The bulk of the exercise took place outside of the health center's Emergency Department as the victims arrived for treatment.

The exercise focused on the coordinated response of emergency medical staff, police, firefighters and hazardous materials management professionals to emphasize pre-planning, mass decontamination, patient triage, incident command and mistakes that can be avoided



SEEM's biological contamination Webcast was filmed at the Blanchard Valley Regional Health Center.

in a real emergency situation.

The exercise was video recorded and streamed live via the Web.

Approximately 500 members of the public health medical community across the country logged on to watch the Webcast. Participants were able to interact with the trainees by asking questions and helping decide what action should be taken throughout various stages of the scenario.

The event was funded by the federal health and human services budget.

UF RECEIVES HONOR

The University of Findlay has been recognized as one of "America's Best Private Colleges" for the second consecutive year.

The selection of the University was based on an evaluation of the nation's private colleges and universities by Institutional Research and Evaluation, Inc., an independent research organization specializing in higher education. The company surveyed 1,459 four-year institutions to identify schools with an academically superior student body.

To be considered for this designation, an institution must be an accredited, non-publicly supported four-year institution offering bachelor degrees; provide full residential facilities, including residence halls and dining services; and have an entering freshman class in the fall with a high school grade point average and/or ACT/SAT score equal to or above the national average for freshmen entering private institutions of higher education.

DIVERSITY WEEK OCT. 31-NOV. 5

The Office of Student Activities and Commuter Student Services, in partnership with the Office of Intercultural Student Services, is hosting a series of events to celebrate diversity Oct. 31-Nov. 5.

The events include: Diversity Day on Oct. 31; "One People, One Race, One World" violet wrist band distribution on Nov. 1; a presentation titled "Get to Know Your Neighbor" by senior business management Tom Chavana; an American Sign Language Social on Nov. 2; a presentation by John A. Powell, a nationally recognized authority in the areas of civil rights, on Nov. 3; comedic duo Alfred and Seymore on Nov. 4; and a special concert by Tony Melendez, the successful toe-pickin' guitar player and vocalist, on Nov. 5.