

Beckett Building Open for Business

The new Dr. C. Richard Beckett Animal Science Building at UF's South Campus on State Route 68 was built with students in mind. The new space, with all of its amenities, allows students to get more of the hands-on experience with animals that The University of Findlay is known for, said Farabee McCarthy, Ph.D., director of the Center for Equestrian & Pre-Veterinary Studies at UF.

Classrooms are located within the facility, just steps away from more than 100 breeding goats, sheep, beef cattle and pigs. Prior to the completion of the building, many classes were held on the main campus, and additional time was scheduled to meet at the farm.

In addition to classrooms on site, the new building has many benefits that the old barn lacked. Automatic waterers were installed in pens, eliminating the need to schlep water hoses around, and carts are available to haul feed. There are working chutes to move livestock, heated rooms for animals that are sick or giving birth, a heated bucket washing room and an adequate hot water tank to ensure proper washing of equipment. There also is a student lounge and a laboratory.

On Jan. 23, livestock moved in, and on Jan. 26, the first classes were

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A group of students stands outside a sheep's pen, where the lamb, pictured lower left, was born just minutes before as C. Michael Kerns, D.V.M., director of veterinary services, led a tour of the new building.

A. Rissler Lee

Jugglers, Acrobats and Snake Handler to Appear in "Carnival" Feb. 18-22

The musical "Carnival" will be performed at The University of Findlay at 8 p.m. Feb. 18-21 and at 2 p.m. Feb. 22 in the John & Hester Powell Grimm Theatre, located in the Frank J. Egner Center for the Performing Arts.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens. Call the UF Box Office at extension 5335 for tickets.

"Carnival," which earned two Tony Awards after it opened on Broadway in 1961, is based on a book by Michael Stewart. Music

and lyrics were written by Bob Merrill. The show also is based on material written by Helen Deutsch.

Micheal F. Anders, Ph.D., is producer and music director for the show.

The production staff for "Carnival" has staged a true carnival on the stage of the John & Hester Powell Grimm Theatre with jugglers, acrobats, magicians, aerialists, vendors, a unicyclist, a strongman, handmade puppets and even a snake handler.



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held there. “The atmosphere is so much better than the other facility,” said McCarthy. “It’s open, and it’s bright. The student response has been great. They love it.”

More than 35 donors have thus far contributed more than \$350,000 toward the project, a 31,000-square-foot facility that incorporates a functioning barn, 100 feet wide by 170 feet long, with an academic component, the

Peck-Kerns Academic Wing, featuring classrooms, faculty offices, a student lounge and other facilities.

A dedication ceremony and public open house will be held in May.

Students Experience Historic Inauguration

Students Nick Burkholder, Sarah Everly, Adam Houser, Tiffany Umin, Desmond Strooh, and Josh Zeigler, and Diana Montague, Ph.D., chair of communication, traveled to Washington, D.C., Jan. 10 and attended a Presidential Inauguration Seminar held by The Washington Center, which focused on the president and the media and culminated with the inauguration of President Barack Obama.

Houser, a junior applied philosophy major, was pleasantly surprised by the quality of the seminar and trip, and he spoke for the group when he said that the trip went beyond what he had anticipated.

“The trip surpassed my expectations by far. The theme at the seminar was politics and the media. I have an interest in politics, but not media, so I thought it would be good, but not great,” said Houser.

The seminar featured many notable speakers, including Dana Bash, Cal Thomas and Bob Beckel, Brian Lamb, Ted Koppel, Clarence Page and His Excellency, Ambassador Hussain Haqquni of Pakistan.

Umin, a junior education major, was most impressed by the concept of common ground, one of the main themes presented at the seminar.

“The idea of common ground was the most striking thing to me about the trip. It was not new to me, but Cal Thomas and Bob Beckel presented it in a fresh way that made it seem new. Their message was that we can come together and accomplish things for the

greater good, in spite of being from different political parties or beliefs. It was inspirational to see so many high-profile journalists and politicians actually practicing this as they gave their presentations,” said Umin.

Burkholder, a sophomore social work major, was struck most by the people he encountered during the trip.

“My favorite part of the trip had to have been meeting all the different people, from all walks of life,” said Burkholder. “Whether that be fellow students from Findlay or another country.”

In addition to the seminar, the six students were given tickets by U.S. Rep. Jim Jordan to attend the inauguration of President Barack Obama. All six braved the cold and thronging crowds on inauguration day to witness the historic event.

“The energy of the crowd was astounding,” said Zeigler. “I have been to NBA games and other big crowd events, but the crowds at the inauguration were different. The people that were there were ...



Seated in the IMAX theater of the new Capitol Visitor Center are (from left): ONU student Miranda Wade, and four of the UF student participants: Desmond Strooh, Nick Burkholder, Josh Ziegler and Adam Houser.

S. Everly

friendly, positive and pumped, in spite of adverse weather and uncomfortable conditions.”

Houser also was struck by the unique spirit of the crowds. “I think people just enjoyed the common purpose of being there. There was an enormous amount of people jammed into a series of small spaces,” he said. “Usually in that kind of situation, people get hot and grumpy, but the crowds at the inauguration were the friendliest I have ever encountered.”

“I think the Washington Center did a great job organizing the seminar and other experiences for us,” said Everly. “For the money, you can’t get a better experience.”

By Desmond Strooh, senior communication major, Elida

Stellar Performances Abound at UF



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The Toledo Symphony Orchestra performed a classics concert Jan. 23. The next Concert & Lecture Series performance is at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20. Tickets are available from the UF Box Office at ext. 5335.



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Derin Tolu, Megan Barclay, Kristina Pritchard (back) and Gary Flowers dance during their first-place skit, "It's a Pageant, Don't Cha Know," at Triage Theatre Jan. 24.

It's Easy to be Green on UF's Campus

Join the Findlay Green Campus Initiative in making campus a "greener" place. Visit www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: fgci, for more information, and do your part to help.

Next time you reach for a bottle of water, think about these facts:

- Most disposable water bottles are made of PET plastic. According to the American Recycling Institute, only 14 percent of these

bottles are recycled. Most of the PET bottles end up in litter or trash where they can take up to 1,000 years to biodegrade, filling our landfills and injuring wildlife.

- Americans are currently adding 30 million PET water bottles to our nation's landfills every day.
- Even if PET bottles are sent to the recycling center, they are really

being "down-cycled," converted to a lower form of plastic, much of which goes unused.

- PET is a petroleum-based plastic. Manufacturing and transporting bottled water (especially from distant countries) unnecessarily burns fossil fuels – approximately 1.5 million barrels per year according to the NRDC.

Simply To Go Expands Dining Options

Simply To Go is the newest addition to the lineup of on-campus dining options available at UF.

Located in Henderson Dining Hall, Simply To Go gives customers flexibility, control, variety and portability. Simply To Go opened Jan. 5 and has been used most by students hurrying between classes and those traveling to the equestrian farms.

Customers may choose their to-go meals in three steps: select any featured entrée labeled with the number one; choose a side labeled with the number two; and pick any beverage labeled with the

number three. In addition, customers may choose a complimentary treat labeled with a plus sign.

Entrees include sandwiches, wraps, subs, salads and microwavable meals such as baked ziti, chili-stuffed baked potato, broccoli alfredo and macaroni and cheese, among others. Limited-time entrees will be offered, as well.

Sides include salads, chips and whole fruit, and treats include cookies, brownies and Rice Krispie treats.



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David P. Harr, director of campus dining services, stands in the Simply To Go service area.

The new option is the first resident dining Simply To Go to open in the nation. Additional recipes are being developed and tested.

Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble Concert Planned

The UF Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble will present a Pops Concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, in Winebrenner Theological Seminary.

“All That Jazz” is the theme of the program. The bands will perform music from Dixieland to swing with songs by Duke Ellington, Glenn Miller, Louis Armstrong, George Gershwin and others.

Toledo jazz singer and recording artist Lori LeFevre-Johnson will be the featured guest artist along with the rhythm section of the Toledo Jazz Orchestra.

Director of bands Jack Taylor will

conduct the program. Four of Taylor’s own arrangements for band, jazz rhythm section and vocalist will be featured.

Table seating will be available as well as traditional auditorium style seating and light refreshments will be offered at no cost during the program.

Tickets are \$5 for general admission, \$3 for students and senior citizens and free for UF faculty, staff and students with valid I.D. Tickets may be purchased at the door or reserved in advance by calling the UF Box Office at 419-434-5335.

Malletts to Present Thoughts on Entrepreneurship

The University of Findlay’s College of Business will host a community lecture at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, in Winebrenner Theological Seminary. “The Ins and Outs of Entrepreneurship: Two Views From the Mallett Family” will be presented by Michael Mallett, UF alumnus and president and CEO of Corporate Research International (CRI), and his father, Jerry Mallett, Ed.D., founder and curator of the



Mazza Museum and professor of education at UF.

Valentine’s Day Food Drive

The University of Findlay will host a Valentine’s Party and Food Drive 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, in the Alumni Memorial Union.

UF faculty, staff and students are invited to donate food and other items and also make Valentine’s day cards for residents of local nursing

homes and others of the maker’s choosing.

The food drive will benefit Chopin Hall and the City Mission. Accepted donations include canned food and new cleaning supplies, toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, hygiene supplies and shampoo.

Black History Month Activities Welcome All

For more information on any of the following activities, contact Almar Walter, director of intercultural student services, at extension 6967.

- **7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6;** “Skin Deep,” a documentary on race in college, dialogue to follow the film; Malcolm Lecture Hall, Frost Science Center.
- **9-10:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10;** Black Student Union meeting, all invited; Malcolm Dining Hall, Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion.
- **9 p.m. – 1 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 14;** 12th Annual Black Tie Affair, Be My Valentine theme; Multipurpose Room, Alumni Memorial Union.
- **5:45 – 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19;** tour of the Black Heritage Library and Multicultural Center; meet at Fireside Lounge, AMU, at 5:45 to ride UF vans to library.
- **5-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24;** Soul Food cultural dinner; Henderson Dining Hall.
- **7-8:15 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25;** A Celebration of Culture: an Experience with the African American Culture, which includes food sampling, cultural dialogue and historical artifacts; Buford Intercultural Student Services Center.

Senior Art Show

The University of Findlay will present a senior art show Feb. 9-18 in the Lea Gallery, located in the Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion. An artists’ reception will be held 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, in the gallery.

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