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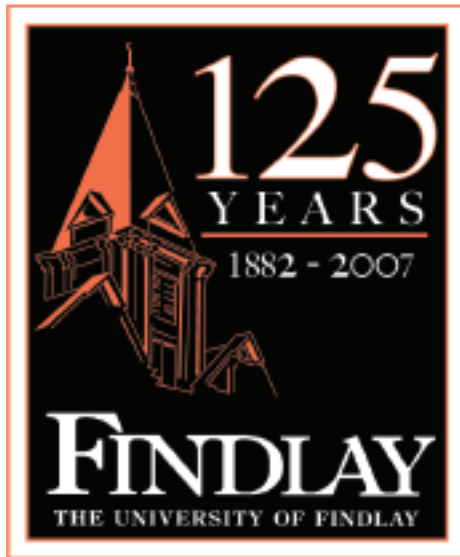
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UNIVERSITY TO CELEBRATE ITS 125TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2007

The University of Findlay will celebrate the 125th anniversary of its founding beginning with a Founding Day celebration Feb. 8, 2007, and concluding with Homecoming in October 2007. All events will be based on the theme, "Celebrating the Past, Embracing the Future."



The Founding Day celebration will include a convocation, dinner and performance by The University of Findlay Symphonic Band.

Many activities will take place both in the community and on campus. Will Miller, director of campus ministry, is coordinating student activities such as a kick-off dinner in Henderson, a UF history quiz bowl tournament, a campus-wide service project and more.

The Hancock County Historical Society is planning a year-long exhibit with five large display cases in the community room. Three separate UF-related exhibits will be rotated throughout the year. In May, there will be a May Day maypole dance organized by the historical society and involving UF students.

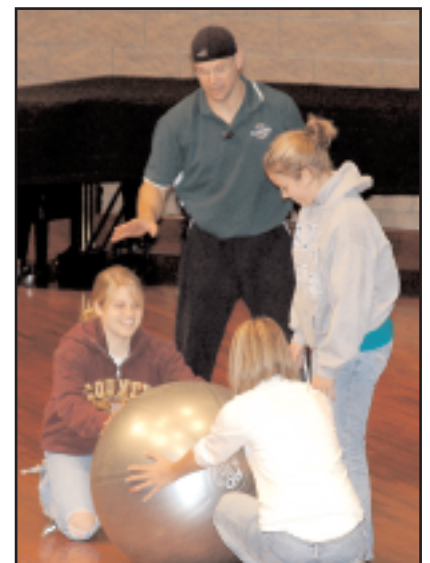
Dr. James Houdeshell, special assistant to the president, is chair of the 125th steering committee. Dr. Marie Loudon-Hanes, dean of undergraduate education, and Dr. Luke Bartolomeo, professor of chemistry, are serving as vice chairs.

There are a number of other anniversaries being celebrated in 2007, among them the Mazza Museum (25th) and English equestrian program (15th), while other programs are marking anniversaries in 2006 including the Nuclear Medicine Institute (40th), the Western Equestrian program (30th) and SEEM (20th).

Those interested in planning an event to coordinate with the 125th anniversary should contact Houdeshell at 419-434-4551.

FRESHMAN CONVOCATION FUN, EDUCATIONAL

To a low rumble of "Jim! Jim! Jim!" from the audience, Jim Steffen completed five squats on an exercise ball while holding a 100-pound barbell over his head. Steffen, owner of Jim's Gym Family Fitness Center and known as the fun, family fitness coach, was the keynote speaker for The University of Findlay's freshman convocation on Oct. 18.



Jim Steffen, center, explains to three freshmen how to use the exercise ball during his presentation in WTS.

"Thinking in New Directions" was the theme of the convocation, designed for all first-year students. In Steffen's presentation, he showed that fitness can be fun through things such as juggling and somersaults, and he talked about the impor- See Freshman, Page 2

WESTERN EQUESTRIANS CELEBRATE MILESTONE AT CONGRESS

Equestrian studies alumni, faculty, staff and students gathered at the All American Quarter Horse Congress Oct. 14 to celebrate the 30th anniversary of UF's western equestrian studies program.

"The great success of the equestrian program is a result of the efforts of many dedicated people," said Dr. DeBow Freed, University president, as he addressed the crowd. "You have built today what is routinely characterized as one of the best programs in the country with clearly the best staff."

After a warm welcome from Steve Brown, director of the western riding program, guests enjoyed a dinner buffet followed by a history of the program

and recognition of graduates introduced by Dr. C. Richard Beckett, chair of the UF Board of Trustees.

Special guests included Dr. William "Jack" McBride, former academic dean at UF, who was instrumental in starting the equestrian program, and two alumni of the first class to graduate from the program.

Dan Webb, business manager of the south campus, gave the group a look at today's western equestrian program at UF. After closing remarks, all were invited to a reception at the UF booth on Stallion Avenue.



Graduates of the first western equestrian class, Darrell Bevelhimer of Leetonia, Ohio, and Ellie Quinlan of Findlay, attended the special event to reminisce with UF faculty, staff and other alumni.

FRESHMAN CONVOCATION, CONT.



Scott Hayes, right, watches as two freshmen students practice stage fighting — a technique learned during one of the break-out sessions.

tance of patience and perseverance in the gym and throughout life, among other things.

In addition to Steffen's presentation, the convocation featured break-out groups, hands-on activities and group discussions among first-year students and faculty members.

One break-out group participated in "Touch the Future: It's a Blast Launching Rockets," a session presented by Michael Homsher, Ph.D., associ-

ate professor in the School of Environmental and Emergency Management, and Andrew Kerr, Ph.D., assistant professor of physics. Teams learned to safely prepare and launch rockets, measure rocket performance, recover launched rockets and calculate and post performance data.

"Sock! Pow! Zok! The Illusions and Techniques of Stage Combat" was another option. The session, presented by Scott Hayes, director of the theatre program, introduced students to the non-contact techniques used to portray violence on stage and screen. Hayes explained how an actor and fight choreographer must understand the audience and its subconscious expectation of violence to successfully execute a fight scene.

Other sessions covered topics such as problem solving, leadership, creativity, innovation, foreign cultures, forensic science and children's literature.

The convocation was coordinated through the First-Year Experience program, which is designed to provide a helpful transition from high school to university life for first-time, first-year students.

WORTH NOTING

Bronze sculptures made by **Toni Lucadello**, adjunct art faculty member, were chosen for juried art exhibitions in New York City.

"Luminary I" was on display in the Catherine Lorillard Wolfe 110th Annual Open Juried Exhibition through October, and "Phytic Form" will be on display at the Allied Artists of America 93rd Annual Juried Exhibition during November.

Richard Martin, Ed.D., professor of criminal justice, was a member of accreditation teams that assessed the Lake Charles, La., police department and the University of Richmond police department.

Suzanne English Sullivan, director of the office of public information, led a workshop titled "Media Relations: Helping to Handle the Hard Calls," at the Educational Office Professionals of Ohio Fall Conference. More than 40 professionals attended.

If you know someone who has done something "worth noting" on campus or in the community, send that information to Brianna Patterson at pattersonb@findlay.edu.

HOMSHER FEATURED IN COS LECTURE SERIES

Michael T. Homsher, Ph.D., will present “Online Technology Applications in Science Curricula” at 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, in Martin Lecture Hall as part of The University of Findlay’s College of Science Seminar and Lecture Series. This event is free and open to the public.

Homsher is an associate professor in the School of Environmental and Emergency Management and the College of Science 2006-2007 faculty chair.

In his presentation, Homsher will discuss a combination of teaching strategies that are being used at The University including Blackboard technology and a national science education model.

PT STUDENTS TO PRESENT RESEARCH

Students in The University of Findlay’s master of physical therapy weekend program will present a fall research forum at 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, in the Alumni Memorial Union Multi-purpose Room.

The forum is being held in partnership with The University of Findlay and the Northwest District of the Ohio Physical Therapy Association.

Poster presentations will be held from 4 – 5 p.m. Nancy Landgraff, Ph.D., P.T., will present the keynote address, “Implementation of the Comprehensive Assessment Toolbox for Stroke,” from 5:15 – 6 p.m. Beginning at 6:15 p.m., three students will present information on research they’ve completed on a variety of topics.



Physician assistant (PA) day was held earlier this month. Students in the PA program played a competitive game of corn hole as part of the activities.



Jille Walker, a senior marketing major from Benton Ridge, Ohio, thanked donors who attended the Business Affiliates Breakfast and talked about what it means to her as a scholarship recipient.



Freshman pre-vet students Kelsey Swensen of Rockford, Ill., and Caitlin Corbet of Bedford, Texas, visited with Dr. DeBow Freed at the pre-vet bonfire, hosted by Linda Peck, D.V.M., director of pre-veterinary studies. Photo credit: Yekaterina Kontar, junior communication major

UF COLLECTS 1,040 CANS FOR NATIONAL EFFORT



On Oct. 18, The University participated in Cans Across America, Sodexo’s national effort to attempt to set a Guinness World Record for the most canned goods collected in a 24-hour period. The UF community collected a total of 1,040 cans for a total of 994.6 pounds, which was donated to CHOPIN Hall.

Winners of the on-campus competition included CPB for the most

cans collected by a student organization; the Office of Development/Public Information for the most cans collected by an office/department; and the first floor of Fox Residence Hall for the most cans collected by a residence hall. UF’s Habitat for Humanity chapter helped Sodexo staff members count and weigh all of the cans collected during the event. The group is pictured above.

THEATRE PROGRAM TO PRESENT "1984"

The University of Findlay theatre program will present "1984," based on the book by George Orwell, Nov. 8-12 in the John and Hester Powell Grimm Theatre.

Performances are at 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and at 6 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$5 for general admission, \$3 for seniors and students and free to UF faculty,

staff and students. Tickets are available by calling the box office at 419-434-5335.

In his book, Orwell depicts the horrors of man's fate in a society where Big Brother is always watching and censoring thoughts and behavior. "I do not believe that the kind of society I describe necessarily will arrive, but I

believe that something resembling it could arrive. The moral to be drawn from the dangerous nightmare situation is a simple one: Don't let it happen. It depends on you," wrote Orwell.

"1984" follows Winston Smith, a character who lives in London in a totalitarian society. Winston is disgusted with his oppressed life and secretly longs to

join the fabled Brotherhood, a supposed group of underground rebels intent on overthrowing the government. Winston meets Julia, and they secretly fall in love and have an affair, something which is considered a crime. The rest of the story is one of deceit, torture and heartbreak.



Sophomore Crystal Soto, junior James Stephani and sophomore Derin Tolu will perform in UF's production of "1984."

MILLER TO SPEAK IN UF'S RELIGIOUS STUDIES LECTURE SERIES

Pastor William Miller, UF director of campus ministries in partnership with College First Church of God in Findlay, will be the third speaker



Pastor William Miller

in The University's Religious Studies Lecture Series at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31, in Ritz Auditorium, located in Old Main on the Findlay campus. This event is free and open to the public.

Miller will discuss protestant Christianity. The first two speakers in the series, Father Michael Hohenbrink and Rabbi Samuel Weinstein, discussed Catholicism and Judaism.

The purpose of the series is to provide an enhanced learning environment

for both religious studies students and the larger community.

Miller holds a master of divinity degree from Winebrenner Seminary and a bachelor of science degree in technology management from UF. He has held numerous positions with the Churches of God Ohio Conference and currently sits on the church planting commission of the Great Lakes region.

Miller resides in Findlay with his wife, Beth, and three sons.

The final speaker in the series will be Imam Farooq S. Abo-Elzahab, imam and director of The Islamic Center of Greater Toledo, Nov. 7.

For more information about the Religious Studies Lecture Series, please contact Dale Brougher, Ph.D., associate professor of religion, at 419-434-4729 or brougher@findlay.edu.

ON A ROLL NOV. 6

Watch "On a Roll: Family, Disability and the American Dream" at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 6 in WTS. The film is based on Greg Smith, a dynamic public speaker and radio talk show host who also lives with muscular dystrophy.

OT STUDENT RECEIVES STATE AWARD

Heather Meredith of Zanesville, Ohio, a graduate student in the weekend occupational therapy program at The University of Findlay, was awarded the Occupational Therapy Student of the Year award from the Ohio Occupational Therapy Association (OOTA) at its 2006 annual conference in Cincinnati.



Heather Meredith, an occupational therapy graduate student, received the OT Student of the Year award. Pictured with Heather: UF faculty Cynthia Goodwin and Thomas Dillon.

Meredith was nominated for the award by Thomas Dillon, Ed.D., dean of graduate and professional studies and associate professor of occupational therapy.

"Heather has shown excellent leadership as part of the UF Student Occupational Therapy Association. Her efforts to obtain voting rights for students in the OOTA have been exceptionally outstanding," said Dillon.

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