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AUGUST BRINGS STUDENTS, FACULTY, OPENING OF FALL SEMESTER

The summer is quickly coming to a close, and preparations for a successful 2005-06 academic year are well underway.

Students began returning to campus on Aug. 3 with the arrival of the football team. The eight resident directors started their training on Aug. 6 and 38 resident assistants will start on Aug. 14.

The volleyball team came back to UF Aug. 7, and the soccer teams returned Aug. 9. Other sports teams and student groups will continue to arrive throughout the remainder of the month.

The University also held its fourth new student registration on Aug. 8. This summer, approximately 600 new first-time, full-time students have attended or will attend summer registration, during which they meet with their advisors, sign up for classes and familiarize themselves with the campus.

To celebrate the start of the new year, President DeBow Freed will host a breakfast on Aug. 23 at 7 a.m. in the Koehler Complex. In addition, an all-University and Seminary family picnic will be held later that day beginning at 5 p.m. in the Koehler Complex.

A full-time faculty meeting will be held Aug. 24. Individual colleges also will hold faculty meetings during the orientation week.

UF will welcome a strong and talented Class of 2009 with the traditional Arch Ceremony on Aug. 28.

Classes begin Aug. 29 at 7 a.m.



The women's volleyball team were among the first group of students to return to campus. The team arrived on Aug. 7 to begin preparing for the new season.

IMPORTANT OPENING EVENTS

President's Breakfast	Aug. 23, 7 a.m.
College of Science faculty meeting	Aug. 23, 3 p.m.
All University and Seminary Family Picnic	Aug. 23, 5 p.m.
Full faculty meeting	Aug. 24
College of Education faculty meeting	Aug. 24, 1:30 p.m.
College of Liberal Arts faculty meeting	Aug. 24, 3:30 p.m.
New faculty and staff orientation	Aug. 25, 8 a.m.
New students arrive	Aug. 26
New Student Orientation	Aug. 26, 27, 28
College of Business faculty meeting	Aug. 26, noon
First Year Experience service day	Aug. 27
Arch Ceremony	Aug. 28, 5:00 p.m.
Undergraduate classes begin	Aug. 29, 7 a.m.
College of Health Professions faculty meeting	Aug. 29, 4 p.m.

The mission of The University of Findlay is to equip our students for meaningful lives and productive careers.

HLC VISIT SUCCESSFUL

President DeBow Freed hosted a thank you breakfast on Friday, Aug. 5 to celebrate the good work and fine spirit of those who prepared for the recent visit of the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) on July 25 and 26.

The visit addressed The University of Findlay's requests for endorsement of plans for the doctor of physical therapy and the doctor of pharmacy degrees, and authority for UF to offer master's programs without prior approval by the HLC in each case.

Dr. Freed noted that the members of the HLC team, in their verbal exit report, endorsed the University's plans for the two doctoral programs but asked for continuing follow-up on offering masters programs without prior approval.

Dr. Dan May, vice president for academic affairs, also praised the efforts of the faculty in the health professions and pharmacy programs and others. He pointed out this was the sixth accredi-



President DeBow Freed, Dr. Lisa Dutton, Dr. Dan May and Dr. Don Stanslawski reported that the HLC's recent visit to campus was favorable.

ing team visit since December 2004.

Dr. May said provisional status will likely be recommended for the doctor of pharmacy and doctor of physical therapy programs. Several additional review steps with the HLC are required.

A written report of the visit is expected by early September, and a conclusive outcome should be delivered by mid-October.

EQUESTRIAN ARENA NAMED FOR DALE WILKINSON

The University dedicated the indoor equestrian arena at the Center for Equine and Pre-Veterinary Studies in recognition of Dale E. Wilkinson on Saturday, Aug. 13.

After the ceremony, the Ohio Cutting Horse Association, which held



Dale E. Wilkinson

a show that day at the arena, also hosted a reception in his honor.

The arena is named in recognition of Wilkinson's leadership in the field of western equestrian competition and horse training, and his role in the founding of UF's equestrian studies program. He also received an honorary doctorate from UF in 1997.

Wilkinson helped found the western equestrian studies program at then Findlay College in 1976. He provided the use of his 72-acre farm and indoor arena located on County Road 40 for hands-on training of students. He served as the program's first supervisor of riding, a position he held until 1984 when he sold the farm to The University of Findlay and moved his horse training business to Waynesboro, Ga.

Raised on a farm near Tiffin, Ohio, Wilkinson is a legend in western riding,

where he is known as a trainer, showman, judge and teacher. Called the "Father of Reining," he created many of the horse training techniques and helped write the original reining horse competition guidelines.

Wilkinson is the only professional horse trainer to win both the National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) and National Cutting Horse Association (NCHA) championships.

Wilkinson was the first person to be inducted into the NRHA Hall of Fame, and he also was named to the Halls of Fame of the NCHA and the All-American Quarter Horse Congress, the largest horse show in the world. In 2001, he was the first person to be awarded the Zane Schulte Memorial Trainer of the Year Award.

Wilkinson continues to ride and train horses in Waynesboro, Ga.

Photo courtesy of The American Quarter Horse Journal

CAMPUS BUZZES WITH LATE SUMMER ACTIVITIES



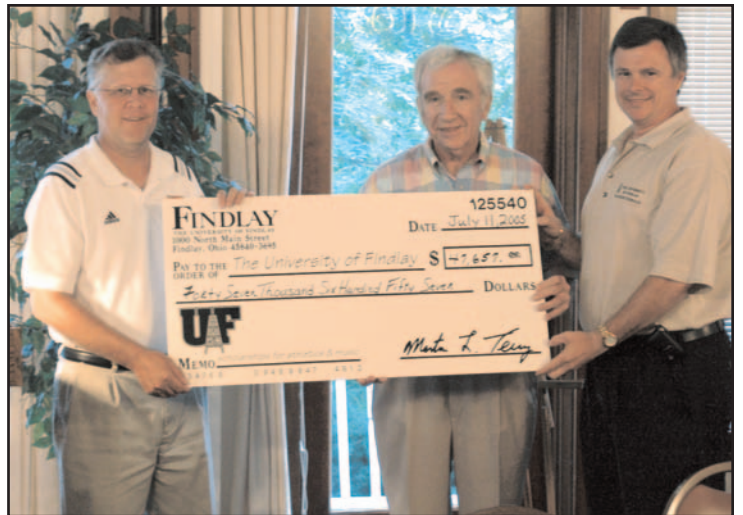
Scott Hayes (center) talks with supporters during an alumni ice cream social Aug. 5, held prior to a performance of the SummerStock theatre production of Big River.



New students go over class schedules with their advisers during new student registration on Aug. 8.



A group of 42 international students and their chaperones visited Amish Country in Holmes County July 22. The trip was planned to teach the students more about the Amish culture.



Steven Rackley, athletic director, President DeBow Freed and Dr. Micheal F. Anders, director of choral activities, were presented with a \$47,000 check for the University during UF's annual golf outing, July 11. The money will be used to support the athletic program and the music department.



New furniture for the third floors of Bare and Fox residence halls was moved in with the assistance of a lift during the last week of July. The rooms and student lounge areas were renovated this summer, and now feature new paint, carpet and furniture.

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NEW TENNIS COURTS COMPLETED

The new tennis courts at the University's Armstrong Sports Complex have been completed.

They were dedicated on Friday, Aug. 12. The complex is located at the corner of Trenton and North Blanchard Avenues.

Following the dedication, a UF Tennis Tournament was held.

The new facility includes six tennis courts that were constructed by the same contractor that built and maintains courts for Flushing Meadows, home of the annual U.S. Open event.

"Building a new tennis facility will enhance our tennis program's ability to attract more student athletes. The new tennis courts will put us near the upper echelon of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) in terms of playing surfaces," said Steven Rackley, athletic director.

The new tennis courts will serve as the site for intercollegiate matches and recreational activities for students, faculty and staff.

The tennis courts were completed through donations from corporations

and individuals.

Due to the support of more than 40 donors, one of the courts was named in honor of John Weaver, who is a long-time local tennis competitor and a former

varsity tennis player for UF. Two courts are named for Richard and Sally Hollington. Richard Hollington Jr. is a Cleveland attorney and a UF trustee.

The six tennis courts are the second phase of the sports facilities to be completed at the Armstrong Sports Complex, which was established in 2002. The Armstrong gift allowed for installation and construction of the



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basic infrastructure of the entire sports complex.

Two football practice fields have been used for the last two years.

When completed, the Armstrong Complex will include a baseball field, a softball field, an eight-lane all-weather track.

SEMINAR TEACHES THE IMPORTANCE OF EFFECTIVENESS

As part of the University's new First Year Experience Program, a group of freshmen will learn about the "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People."

The students will learn the tools developed by FranklinCovey as part of the freshmen seminar titled "Getting From Here to There," taught by Donna Smith, executive director of the Academic Support Center.

Smith, who is a FranklinCovey facilitator, also taught several sessions on the program to faculty and staff this summer.

According to Smith, she hopes that by teaching the program to freshmen they will be able to use the techniques encouraged by the program to be more successful in college and in a career.

The program is based on the book,

Seven Habits of Highly Effective People, by Stephen Covey. The book is widely used among the business community and focuses on a step-by-step approach to teaching fairness, integrity, honesty, human dignity and taking responsibility for one's behavior.

As part of the seminar, the students will team up with the Hancock Youth Leadership program. This fall, the UF students will take what they learned in the classroom



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and teach to learn some of the concepts to area high school students in Hancock Youth Leadership.