

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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## STUDENTS SPEND BREAK ENGAGING IN SERVICE AND EXPERIENCING CULTURE

A number of UF students used their spring break, March 6-10, to provide service to others and experience American history and culture.

Thirty-two members of the University's chapter of Habitat for Humanity traveled to Valdosta, Ga., to spend their week building a home for a deserving family.

Thirteen members of the Black Student Union (BSU) spent part of the week in Atlanta, Ga., learning about the impact African-American culture has had on both the cultural and economic environment in the south.

And 14 of UF's international students spent a few days in Cleveland attending a Cavaliers basketball game and touring the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

During the Habitat trip, the students put in full eight-hour workdays



MBA students Anubhav Argal and Aayush Agarwal were among the group of students who traveled to Cleveland to experience an NBA game.

to build a house from the cement footer up.

The BSU group visited the homes of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Coretta Scott King and a number of museums. The students also toured the CNN studios, the Coca-Cola factory and other economic centers in Atlanta.

According to Desmond Buford, executive director of intercultural student services, the students returned to campus more culturally enriched. "Atlanta is the capital of the new south. We chose the city because we wanted to expose our students to the cultural, social and historical differences that occur in different regions," explained Buford.

The international students' trip was arranged by the Office of International Student Admissions and Services to help the students experience more aspects of American life.

During their trip, the students watched their first professional basketball game as the Cavs beat the Toronto Raptors.



Students from UF's Habitat for Humanity chapter pose in front of the house they built from the cement footer up during their week in Georgia.



Almar Walter, the graduate assistant for the Office of Intercultural Student Services, poses with the Freedom March exhibit at The King Center in Atlanta, Ga.

Craig Haines, assistant director of immigration, later escorted the group, who hail from China, India, Saudi Arabia and Taiwan, to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

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

# STUDENT DEVELOPS TUTORING PROGRAM FOR AREA HIGH SCHOOLERS

Senior Melanie McCrory recently had the experience of enjoying the successful implementation of an idea she had to help her better connect with her students.

McCrory, who is double majoring in English with a teaching emphasis on adolescent/young adult education, organized a tutoring workshop for Findlay High School students on March 14 to help them with writing research papers for a class at the high school.

McCrory's efforts were supported by the Academic Support Center and Dr. Nicole Diederich, associate professor of English.

Ten students from the high school spent the evening receiving help from McCrory and five other Writing Center Tutors including Levi Perkins, Lindsey Fenstermaker, Sarah Brown, Courtney Carnes and Torrie Stump.

According to McCrory, the goal of the workshop was to give the high school students a college-like experience. "We wanted to help them strengthen their writing for their high school papers, as well give them an idea of what it would be like to write in a college setting," explained McCrory. "I hope the students learned a little about the process of writing papers. I wanted them to see that revision is a good thing and that



*Melanie McCrory, a senior education major, developed a workshop to provide area high school students with writing tutoring assistance.*

you are never really done with a paper because there are always things to work on and think about."

# FACULTY AND GUESTS LEND EXPERTISE TO SENIOR FORUM

A number of UF faculty and staff members are lending their varied expertise to help make the programming for the spring Senior Forum successful.

Senior Forum, a six-week series of learning experiences for people age 50 and older, takes place each Wednesday through the end of April.

Three sessions take place each day, one in the morning, one at lunch and one in the afternoon.

On March 29, Dr. Gwynne Rife, associate professor of biological sciences and science education, will lead "Animal Behavior: Not Just Biology!"

On April 5, Donna Smith, director of the Academic Support Center, will explore Italian heritage during her presentation "Roots: Italian Style!"

On April 12, Maria Gamba, associate professor of business, will give a presentation titled "Energy."

On April 19, Dr. Gregory Arburn, assistant professor economics and finance, will lecture on the economic position of China and India.

To wrap up the Senior Forum on April 26, Anita McCandless, adjunct professor of art and an avid gardener, will present "How Does Your Shade Garden Grow?"

The cost for the series is \$65 for singles, \$125 for couples and \$5 for any single session.

For more information, contact Dr. Doris Salis, assistant vice president for curriculum and accreditation, at 419-434-4672 or at [salis@findlay.edu](mailto:salis@findlay.edu).



*Alan Stouder of Operation Lifesaver gave a presentation on railroad safety during the March 22 Senior Forum.*

# CAMPUS ENERGY IS STRONG!



*The 2006 NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships attracted thousands of athletes and spectators to the Koehler Complex March 10-11. Sophomore wrestler Antonio Guerra won a national title in the 149-pound weight class. Overall, the Roughnecks finished eighth, with 55.5 points.*

*Scott Erikson, global project manager for Procter & Gamble's Iams Company and a 2003 UF MBA alumnus, returned to campus to give a presentation on helping new managers develop leadership skills on March 15.*



Photos by: Anne Risser Lee

*Students, faculty, staff and community members turned out to write letters of encouragement to special children during UF's fifth annual Absolutely Incredible Kid Day March 14. The co-sponsored event is organized by the Office of Student Activities and Commuter Student Services, the Office of Development and Campfire U.S.A.*



*More than 150 local third-, fourth- and fifth-grade students who have written and illustrated their own books at home or in a school book-making program attended the Young Artists and Authors Conference on March 18. The conference was organized by the Mazza Museum.*

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## DISABILITY ACTIVIST TO SPEAK MARCH 28

Johnnie Tuitel, professional motivational speaker, will present "Don't Make Me Get Out of This Chair" at 7 p.m. March 28 at the Mazza Museum.

Even though Tuitel is required to use a wheelchair for mobility, he has never let his cerebral palsy slow him down. Tuitel has addressed the value of acceptance to hundreds of audiences, including sports teams, schools, universities and businesses.

Tuitel is also the co-author and inspi-



Johnnie Tuitel

ration of The Gun Lake Adventure Series, which includes five books.

In 1995, Tuitel and business partner George Ranville started the non-profit organization Alternatives in Motion to help provide wheelchairs for those in need. Donating more than 300 wheelchairs and raising more than \$1.4 million in donations to date, the organization is the only one of its kind to give 100 percent of its earnings to purchasing wheelchairs.

In recognition of his hard work, Tuitel has received the WOOD TV 8 Unsung Hero Award from President Gerald R. Ford, the National Easter Seals Society's prestigious Equality, Dignity, Independence Award, and the United Way of Michigan's Speaker of the Year Award. He was also recently re-appointed to Michigan's Commission on Disability Concerns.

The presentation is free and open to the public, and is geared to an adult audience.

## SPRING PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

As the 2005-06 academic year races to a close, a host of music and theatre performances will be held during April.

The schedule is as follows:

- **April 5: Senior Instrumental Student Recital -**  
7 p.m., Winebrenner Theological Seminary TLB Convocation Center
- **April 9: Choir Concert performed by the Concert-Chorale -**  
3 p.m., Winebrenner Theological Seminary TLB Convocation Center
- **April 19: Studio Voice Recital,**  
7 p.m., Ritz Auditorium
- **April 20: Studio Piano Recital**  
7 p.m., Ritz Auditorium
- **April 22: University Singers Performance: Family Concert**  
3 p.m., Ritz Auditorium
- **April 23: UF Wind Ensemble & Symphonic Band Concert**  
3 p.m., TBA
- **April 26-27: Instrumental Studio Recitals**  
7 p.m., Ritz Auditorium
- **April 26-28: Theatre Production - *Shakespeare's Histories: An Original Adaptation***  
8 p.m., John & Hester Powell-Grimm Theatre
- **April 30: Spring Jazz Ensembles by the University Jazz and Oiler Jazz**  
3 p.m., TBA

For tickets or additional information about any of the productions above, call the Box Office at 419-434-5335.

## SEEM TO PRESENT EMERGENCY RESPONSE WEBCAST

The University of Findlay School of Environmental and Emergency Management (SEEM) will present a live training webcast instructing the emergency response community on dealing with clandestine methamphetamine labs at 3 p.m. Thursday, April 6.

The 60-minute live ALERT webcast will be a full-blown simulation of the verification, entry, arrest, decontamination and medical response that ensues from the report of a suspected methamphetamine "cooking lab." Actual police, emergency medical technicians, hazmat specialists and social service providers will conduct the simulation.

Anyone interested in learning about this unique training event that deals with the growing health and safety crisis that illegal meth labs have become is encouraged to participate.

A PC with speakers/soundcard and broadband Internet access are required to participate in the free training. Advance registration is required at <http://events.streamlogics.com/exponent/apr06-06/index.asp>.

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