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## MALLETT HONORED WITH OHIOANA CITATION

Jerry J. Mallett, Ed.D., was awarded the 2007 Ohioana Citation in the field of Education and Children's Literature Oct. 27, 2007, by the Ohioana Library Association at the annual Ohioana Day Luncheon held in Columbus, Ohio.

Ohioana citations are given annually to Ohioans for unique and outstanding accomplishments in various fields of the arts and humanities.

According to Linda Hengst, executive director of the Ohioana Library Association, Mallett was chosen for the honor for his "exceptional achievements as an educator and author, as well as developing a vast public appreciation and understanding of the importance of art reflected in the illustration of

children's literature and the founding of the nationally acclaimed Mazza Museum of International Art from Picture Books."

Mallett has devoted his life's work to teaching children to read and promoting an appreciation of language arts, children's literature and children's book illustrations.

He was an elementary school teacher and principal in Toledo, Ohio, before coming in 1968 to Findlay College, where he served as a professor of education until retiring in 2007.

He also has authored or co-authored 54 books, about half of which are children's books and the other half professional tools for teachers and librarians. As a

consultant for Perma-Bound Inc., he was known as "The Reading Doctor," giving 50 to 100 presentations a year for 25 years.

Capping this notable career, Mallett founded the Mazza Museum of International Art from Picture Books in 1982 and served as its director for 25 years before becoming museum curator this year.



*Jerry Mallett, Ed.D., receives the 2007 Ohioana Citation.*

## SODEXHO CAMPUS-WIDE FOOD DRIVE NOV. 7; GUINNESS® WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT

On Nov. 7, The University of Findlay's dining service, Sodexho, will participate in an attempt to break the Guinness® World Record for the largest food drive by a non-charitable organization in a 24-hour period.

UF's Habitat for Humanity and dining services will offer the following prizes to on-campus participants:

- **Student organizations** – Each organization that makes a donation of at least 200 pounds of canned goods will receive either a pizza party or an ice cream social. The organization that donates the most pounds of canned goods will receive a bowling party.

- **Residence hall floors** – Students of the residence hall floor who donate the most pounds of canned goods will receive their choice of a submarine sandwich bar, taco bar or nacho bar party.

- **Cottages/townhouses/student houses** – The house members who donate the most pounds of canned goods will receive \$10 Munch Money for each member of the participating cottage, townhouse or house.

- **Campus departments** – Faculty or staff members who donate the most pounds of canned goods will receive a catered lunch for the department.

The campus community is invited

to drop off donations to Henderson Dining Hall between 7:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. or to Café a la Cart in the Davis Street building between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7.

Community members also may drop off canned goods at Henderson Dining Hall, or they are welcome to use the drive-by drop-off point in front of the Alumni Memorial Union from 7 to 9 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 4 to 6 p.m. After the items have been counted and recorded, they will be donated to CHOPIN Hall in Findlay.

To count toward the world-record

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## BIOLOGY STUDENTS GAIN REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

Biology students are stepping out of the lab and into the field, literally. Six students, accompanied by faculty adviser Dwight Moody, Ph.D., professor of biology, are using their knowledge to help a group of farmers near North Baltimore.

The students are conducting a search of a headwater stream of the Portage River that runs through farm fields in search of an endangered fish species, the western banded killifish. According to studies conducted by an environmental expert, the fish was known to have been in the stream, however, the timeline is unknown. If found, the fish could save the farmland from being taken over through eminent domain by a CSX Corp. railroad expansion.

The students have searched the stream three times since the beginning of October, but have yet to locate the western banded killifish. According to Moody, the students have discovered a number of other interesting species through their trapping and seining, or dragging, processes. "We didn't do too bad, but not all we can do either. We

did the best we can without a fish expert. We might still find the species. We don't know," he said.

The students welcome the chance to get their hands dirty and put their classroom experiences to the test. "All the kids want to be biologists, and they are doing all the hard work on this assignment. They have been bitten by countless mosquitoes and endured labor-intensive work in tremendous heat. They are bent over all the time, lifting heavy rocks, dragging nets and pulling traps," said Moody.

The students have worked for approximately eight hours thus far, but are not giving up hope. "We appreciate the sensitivity of the farmers to the creek, the nice woods and the habitat. Ultimately, that is what drew us to the cause. We are hoping to get a fish



*Gavin Schulenberg and Megan Tietje search for the western banded killifish in Wood County.*

expert from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources out to the stream in the spring to continue the process," stated Moody.

No matter the result, this was a significant learning experience for students. "This is a neat and important experience for budding biologists," Moody said.

*By Kim Haddix '07, M'08, Fostoria, Ohio*

## CHOIR ALUMNI STILL SINGING AFTER 50 YEARS

"It's been a good many years and campus has changed quite a bit," said Abigail Schultz, a 1950 alumna of Findlay College. Abigail and her husband, Oscar, a 1949 alumnus, were back on campus during the 125th Homecoming celebration to sing in the choir alumni reunion.

"When we first came to campus there was just Old Main, no other buildings. Everything was in Old Main: the cafeteria, the library, everything. There was a beautiful forest on the north side of campus and there used to be nice big trees on the front lawn. They have since been torn down and replaced by new landscaping," remembered Schultz.

"Oscar and I met at my freshman initiation and then sang in the choir together under directors Jones, Royer and Van Nice. There wasn't much in

the way of social activities [on campus]. There was the YWCA, and most of the homecoming participants came from that group, and there were a few football boys mixed in, too."

During Homecoming 2007, the couple returned to campus and joined approximately 60 other alumni for a choir reunion. Kelsy Cloutier, 22, a member of the class of 2007, was the youngest alumna at the reunion Oct. 13. "I miss choir. I really miss choir," said Cloutier, who drove from Columbus where she is studying veterinary medicine at The Ohio State University.

The alumni were joined by approximately 40 members of the current University choir to sing for the homecoming crowd in front of Old Main. The combined choir performed several selections after only one rehearsal together that morning.

"I heard many of the alumni remark about how thrilled they were to be back on campus but wow, how much it had changed since they were here," said Micheal Anders, Ph.D, professor of music and director of the music program.

"The reunion was a fun day for me personally. It was exciting to have a cross section of my choir alums from the past 25 years with the '80s, '90s and '00s all represented. It was also exciting for me to have a student from my very first choir, a second-generation student and many of my past student assistants all in attendance," said Anders.

The University choir's next performance will be on Sunday, Nov. 18, at 3 p.m. in Winebrenner Theological Seminary.

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Aesha Jashwantbhai Makwana and Chaitanya Deepthi Kedariseti, both of India, learn the art of pumpkin carving Oct. 24. Photo credit: sophomore Mike Blinn



Andrew Denhoff, left, a Business Affiliates scholarship recipient, speaks to area business men and women at the annual Business Affiliates scholarship breakfast.

Findlay mayoral candidate Pete Sehnert, right, is interviewed by a local reporter during a mayoral debate between Sehnert and opponent Thomas Knopf. The forum was taped and aired live from the UF television studio in Egner.



Tenor Adam Klein and soprano Ji Young Lee perform in "An Evening of Opera" Oct. 26. The performance by the Toledo Opera was the second in the 2007-2008 Concert & Lecture Series. The concert was underwritten and made possible, in part, through the generosity of George and Shirlee Whitson. Future performances in the series include the Toledo Symphony Orchestra at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25, 2008, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17, 2008.



The 1997 national championship football team returned to Donnell Stadium Oct. 27 for a reunion. The family of Darrell Ramsey, Jr., left, represents the recently deceased team member. Pictured are Darrell's nephew; sister, Bethany Sarchet, a former UF cheerleader; father, Darrell Ramsey, Sr.; and daughter, Brenee. Photo credit: sophomore Mike Blinn

The appearance of UF hoodies and the disappearance of shorts and flip-flops are surely indications of fall on campus as students walk to classes on a sunny October day.



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# ESOH SENIOR DOUBLES AS HAUNTED HOUSE GURU

By day, senior Alan Perkins is completing an internship as a safety director for Melco at Sun Oil Refinery in Toledo. By night (at least during Halloween season) Perkins is a scary eight-foot clown, crazy man in a straight jacket, burn victim, mad scientist or a number of other horrifying creatures.

Perkins, an environmental safety and occupational health management major, became interested in scaring people when he was 16 years old. As a Boy Scout, he started planning harvest parties for group functions and eventually started creating and assisting in building haunted houses.

"I get a thrill out of scaring people," said Perkins. "Whenever someone comes through a haunt, they are paying money



*Perkins' haunting skills include costume makeup, as pictured here.*

to be scared. If I can accomplish that, then I have had a good night."

During the past seven years, Perkins has accumulated an impressive collection of haunted house props and costumes, including the eight-foot clown costume he was recently seen wearing during the UF Homecoming golf cart parade and during the City of Findlay Halloween parade. He owns the painter's stilts, which he found online, and his mother helped him create the rest of the costume. She did the sewing work, and Perkins did the finishing work to make it scary.

He also owns a variety of masks, an emergency vehicle light he purchased from a police auction, a life-like skeleton, a Jeepers Creepers costume, wings that open and close using air pressure and numerous other pieces. In addition to being scary, Perkins also does costume makeup, which he learned on-the-job.

Locally, Perkins helped the Northwest Ohio Railroad Preservation Inc. create the first and second Train of Terror and Haunted Engine House on County Road 99. In the past three years, Perkins helped build sets for the Fear Factory on Pine Street.

Because of his involvement with the



*Perkins (as an eight-foot clown) and Kelly Vereker pose for a photo with a young spectator during the UF Homecoming golf cart parade Oct. 13. Photo credit: Yekaterina Kontar*

Fear Factory, Perkins had the opportunity to attend the by-invitation-only TransWorld Haunt and Attractions trade show, the largest Halloween trade show in the United States. He went wearing full burn makeup on his face and neck and was able to get a glimpse of the new scary products, including high-end items used by movie makers.

Perkins, a Findlay native, will graduate in December.

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goal, all food items must be within the expiration dates and must not be damaged. Each donated item will be recorded in a log book and witnessed by community and University representatives. Only cans collected on Nov. 7 will count toward the effort.

In 2006, the event, Cans Across America, was introduced to all college campuses across the United States. Last year's canned goods collections fell just short of the current world record of 221,028.85 pounds. The University collected 1,040 cans, which translated to 994.66 pounds of nonperishable

food items. Findlay was third in the amount of donations collected in Ohio and first in its region. Western Illinois University collected the most donations in the nation with 8,290 pounds.

For those who are unable to get to a grocery store, cans will be available for sale in Henderson. Sodexho will have canned goods available for purchase at cost and will not make a profit on the sales. Students may use cash, bonus dollars or munch money.

The on-campus food drive is sponsored by campus dining services and the UF chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

## FALL PERFORMANCES

Tickets for UF faculty, staff and students are free with valid UF I.D.

- Theatre productions "Brighton Beach Memoirs" and "A Streetcar Named Desire," Wednesday, Oct. 31, through Sunday, Nov. 11, in the Grimm Theatre.

- UF Concert-Chorale Christmas concert, "An International Christmas" at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18, in Winebrenner Theological Seminary.

- UF Symphonic Band and UF Wind Ensemble Christmas concert, "A New Twist on Some Old Holiday Favorites," at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, in Winebrenner Theological Seminary.

Contact the Box Office at 419-434-5335 for ticket information.