

Board of Trustees Hears Report on Faculty, Academic Expansion

The University continues to expand and further strengthen academic and student programs. Substantial investment has been made in teaching faculty and the academic program. Thirty full-time faculty members have been added in the last four years.

The first class of students to receive Doctor of Pharmacy degrees will graduate in 2010 and the first Doctor of Physical Therapy degrees will be awarded in 2011.

Construction of the first-rate animal science facility on Route 68 south of Findlay is complete. It probably is the best facility of its type in the country, and supports

the extensive pre-veterinary and other animal science programs well.

The operational budget was balanced for the fiscal year, which ended June 30, 2008, and is projected to be balanced for the current fiscal year, which ends June 30, 2009, with the possible exception that unrealized investment losses may occur.

Physical plant improvements for next summer include air conditioning two major residence halls. Total construction, renovation, maintenance and improvement projects amounted to about \$5 million during the last fiscal year and are expected to be about the same

amount for the current fiscal year.

The above information and actions were part of a meeting of the University Board of Trustees on Feb. 5 and 6. Thirty-three regular trustees and four special trustees attended the meeting.

“We had a good meeting,” Board Chairman C. Richard Beckett said. “Trustees are pleased with the progress and direction of the University. We are systematically strengthening the academic, teaching and student programs and maintaining a strong financial standing. The University is adding exciting new educational features which will serve well for many years into the future.”

UF Named to Presidential Honor Roll For Community Service

The Corporation for National and Community Service selected The University of Findlay for a place on the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary service efforts and service to America’s communities.

“The entire UF community should feel proud to have its service recognized with this distinction,” said Crystal Weitz, coordinator of Campus Compact. “We also want to thank our community partners for welcoming our faculty, staff and students into their important work in our local community. Working

together, we can continue to be the difference in our community!”

Launched in 2006, the Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. Honorees for the award were chosen based on a series of selection factors including scope and innovation of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service, and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses.

During the 2007-2008 academic



year, UF students engaged in 11,910 hours of service. At UF, faculty members work both independently and with Campus Compact to

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develop academic service-learning opportunities for students. Sweet Service Saturdays, Bring a Senior Friend to Thanksgiving Dinner, the UK-Kake Ambassadors service initiative, a Therapeutic Relationships academic service-learning course and an international student orientation service project are a handful of the many opportunities for civic engagement that are coordinated through Campus Compact.

For more information on service

opportunities or Campus Compact, contact Weitz at cjones@findlay.edu or 419-434-6671.

The Campus Compact Center for Service and Learning is coordinated by students, faculty, staff and community partner representatives who seek to nurture service activities of many types with a belief that learning through service will benefit the individual as well as the community in lasting ways. The University of Findlay is a member of the Ohio Campus Compact and

the National Campus Compact, an organization of more than 930 colleges and universities.

Overall, the corporation honored six schools with Presidential Awards. In addition, 83 were named as Honor Roll with Distinction members and 546 schools as Honor Roll members. In total, 635 schools were recognized. A full list is available at www.nationalservice.gov/honorroll.

UF Economic Summit Draws Hundreds

More than 250 business professionals attended The University of Findlay's Economic Summit Feb. 6, as well as several hundred UF students and some area high school students.

A complete list of panelists and session topics can be viewed at www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Economic Summit. All sessions soon will be available online for viewing.

The Economic Summit featured national experts who discussed factors leading to the current economic conditions. Panelists predicted that the economy is expected to bottom out by the fourth quarter of 2009, and it may be as late as 2014 before things are "back to normal."

Guest participants concurred that the lack of consumer confidence and the predominance of negative news in the media has served to deepen the recession. They also concluded there is reason to hope that out of crisis will come new inventions and ingenuity of lasting importance to the economy.

In addition, a session addressed the impact of the economic crisis on today's students in terms of financing education and finding jobs after graduation. Concluding the day was a discussion of the economic impact on the local business sector.



Amy Hackenberg, left, Huntington National Bank, discusses the economic impact on the local business sector as Andy Dale, right, Fifth Third Bank, waits to respond.

Alternative Energy Panel Discussion Feb. 26

The University will host a panel discussion on alternative energy at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, in Ritz Auditorium, located in Old Main. This event is free and open to the public.

The discussion will focus on the use of wind, solar and alternative energy as a means to lower our green house gases emissions and increase our planet's ability to become sustainable.

Panelists will include Don Sherer of Green Energy Ohio, Dale Arnold, director of energy

services for the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, and Mike Koralewski of First Solar Inc.

This is the second event in a series of events on issues of global environmental sustainability. The first event was held in the fall and featured Dr. Todd Albert, who spoke on global warming and the effects of rising CO2 levels on the earth's temperature.

The panel discussion is coordinated by Timothy Murphy, Ph.D., College of Science faculty chair.

UF Hosts NWO Future Teachers Conference



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Above left, students listen to Salome Thomas-EL, above right, author of "I Choose to Stay," during the Northwest Ohio Future Teachers Conference Saturday, Feb. 3. The College of Education hosted the conference, which brings together pre-service teachers and others to connect with future colleagues; explore classroom teaching and assessment strategies; and more.



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Sarah Schroeder, right, delivers dessert to Chili Cook-Off judges Pete Sehnert, mayor of the City of Findlay, and Ed Ingold, Hancock County commissioner, as they tally their scores.



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Kara Wilkinson portrays Lili in the musical "Carnival," which opened Feb. 18 and runs through Feb. 22.

Students drop off canned good donations during a Valentine's Day Party and Food Drive Feb. 10 in the Alumni Memorial Union. Radio DJs from WLFC broadcast live from the event.



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Band Members Selected as Members of OPCICA All-State Honors Bands

Several UF students rehearsed and performed with the Ohio Private College Instrumental Conductors Association (OPCICA) All-State Collegiate Honors Concert and Jazz Bands Jan. 23-25 in Cincinnati at the College of Mount Saint Joseph.

More than 100 students from Ohio private colleges and universities were selected to participate. UF sophomore Kim Funk, trombone,

was a member of the All State Jazz Ensemble. Seniors Heather (Maltsbarger) Smith, French horn; Joe Dudics, trumpet; and Samantha Bormuth, clarinet, were members of the All State Concert Band.

“It’s always a particularly proud moment for us in the UF music program when our students, who are non-music majors, are selected to perform with the ‘best and brightest’ in the state, most of them

being music majors in these honors groups,” said Jack Taylor, UF director of bands.

Taylor served as a conductor of the All State Concert Band. The group performed “Benediction” from Taylor’s “Hymnal.” He also was elected president of OPCICA for 2009. In that role, he will coordinate the 2010 festival, which will be held at Mount Vernon Nazarene University next January.

Hofer to Read Poetry from New Book

Marianna Hofer, associate professor of English at The University of Findlay, will present a poetry reading at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, in Malcolm Dining Hall, located in the Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion on campus.

Hofer will read poetry from her book, “A Memento Sent by the

World,” recently published by Word Press. A reception and book signing will follow the reading, which is free and open to the public.

Hofer has published poems, stories and book reviews in a variety of journals and anthologies. Her photographs have hung in various juried shows and local eateries.

Many of the poems in her recent collection were inspired by people or places from Findlay and the surrounding areas.

For additional information, contact Hofer at 419-434-4721 or hofer@findlay.edu.

Rotaract Students Return from Belize

From Jan. 28 thru Feb. 1, four members of UF’s Rotaract Club traveled with Bob Rustic, group adviser and assistant professor of business, and his wife, Jeanne, as well as Lynn Child, a member of the local Noon Rotary Club and a trustee of the University, to Belize City to participate in the Uniendo Project Fair.

Uniendo, which means ‘uniting America,’ creates awareness and understanding about areas where there is the greatest need, specifically in Central America. Rotary clubs from all Central American countries presented highlights of local service projects with the hope

of soliciting partner clubs in the United States to provide monetary, physical and emotional support.

Allison Bowers, Stephanie Heydinger, Casey Lauger and Melody Snyder represented not only the University Rotaract Club, but also Rotary’s District 6600, which encompasses all of Northwest Ohio. They gathered information about the various projects at the conference and will present their findings at the district conference in Ohio in April. The students will provide contact information so that club partnerships can be formed.

While in Belize, the students

also conducted a service project at the Dorothy Menzies Child Care Center. Each person on the trip took a suitcase full of donated items, ranging from soap to toys, equaling nearly 300 pounds in total, to distribute to the children. UF representatives interacted with the children by playing games, coloring and reading with them. For the students – and their adviser – the project was the most moving and rewarding part of the trip.

The students were able to experience the culture and the people of Belize, and they lived up to the Rotaract motto, “Service above self.”

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