

Campus Collects 26,324 Pounds of Food

The University's food drive, held Nov. 10, netted 26,324 pounds of food – 8,499 more than last year – for Chopin Hall in Findlay.

UF, with its dining service, Sodexo, participated in Helping Hands Across America, and its goal was to break UF's 2009 national campus record of 17,825 pounds of food collected in a 12-hour period.

In 2008, The University of Findlay, with support from the Findlay community, collected 12,641.79 pounds of food and doubled its 2007 collection of 6,544 pounds of nonperishable food items.

UF's chapter of Habitat for Humanity, Rotaract Club, Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) and UFOSEA (UF Ohio Student Educa-

tion Association) helped collect donations. Community members also donated food.

In an on-campus competition between student organizations, Theta Chi donated 1,581 pounds of food, Circle K donated 1,162 pounds and Wilderness Club donated 624 pounds.

Among faculty and staff, the offices of Student Services and Development won the competition with 4,879 pounds of food. The Office



David Harr, director of campus dining services, announces the grand total while Roger Fell, Carl Peschel for Chopin Hall and UF students Amanda Ross, Melissa Beaver and Mariah Hohman share in the excitement.

of Academic Affairs donated 1,964 pounds, and the Office of Business Affairs donated 290 pounds.

COE Students Gain Experience, Help Kids

Julie McIntosh, Ed.D., dean of the College of Education, says experience in tutoring gives UF education students an opportunity to work one-on-one or in small groups to help middle school students succeed.

This fall, some of The University of Findlay's middle childhood, adolescent/young adult (AYA) and multi-age education majors were given a tutoring opportunity through a professional development partnership with Van Buren Middle School.

"We have worked with Van Buren schools for many years," said McIntosh. "They work well with us and take many of our sophomore,

junior methods and student teaching students. The College of Education approached Van Buren during the summer of 2010 to begin using our methods students as tutors."

McIntosh says tutoring generally occurs before student teaching, but the students are already prepared to teach in the classroom.

"The tutoring experience gives them the opportunity to work ... to determine areas of concern and provide interventions to help students succeed. They also gain strategies in their content reading course to utilize during their tutoring sessions," said McIntosh.

Jay Clark, Van Buren Middle School principal, says the experience has been beneficial in a multitude of ways.

"It's been terrific having some extra hands to help our students during classes and especially during their resource (study hall) periods," said Clark. "A hidden advantage of these undergraduate and graduate students spending time at VBMS is that our students see a piece of higher education."

Both McIntosh and Clark say they hope to see the relationship between the schools continue in the future.

Math Club Sends Barbie Over the Edge

On Nov. 10, the Euler Math Club hosted a campus-wide event with a focus on linear regression and mathematic equations.

The event: a Barbie doll bungee jumping competition.

Pamela Warton, Ph.D., chair of mathematics, says the event represents a side of the mathematics field that is not often recognized.

“Most people don’t even believe math can be fun,” said Warton. “What better way to start to change this stereotype than to have Barbie doing a head-first dive off of a balcony railing?”

Participants calculated Barbie’s fall in order to find the optimum number of rubber bands necessary for Barbie to “travel the distance.”

“The students attach two or three rubber bands ... then let her fall and measure how far she goes. They then attach additional rubber bands and repeat,” said Warton. “Then they enter the data in a graphing calculator and have the calculator

perform what is called a least squares regression. This will output an equation which best ‘fits’ the data.”

The club has done Barbie bungee jumping before, but this event marks the first time the campus community participated. Lauren Williams, a senior, said the event has been almost two years in the making.

“Taking it campus-wide has taken a lot of time,” said Williams. “We had to adjust some of the rules and add some things like advertising, catering, T-shirts, judges, prizes, more Barbies and a quicker way to get measurements ... It gave us the chance to put our own twist on the math club legacy of Barbie bungee jumping.”

While the event is all about calculations, Williams and Warton agree



Two teams prepare to send their Barbies over the balcony during the Euler Club's Barbie bungee competition.

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the value is immeasurable.

“It gives people the chance to see the fun and more appealing side of math and learn about all of the different applications ... It’s a break from all of the exams and projects and papers, and basically, it’s just something different,” said Williams.

By Hannah Wurm, communication major

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“In an ideal situation we would like to move one of our courses ... to Van Buren Middle School,” said McIntosh. “Then students could attend their UF class and go directly to the middle school classroom to apply the strategies they have learned.”

The mutually beneficial partnership has proven successful thus far, and Clark says he also has high hopes for further development of the program.

“I hope we can continue to refine our relationship and take it to a higher level. From my perspective, there are pieces of our puzzle that always need attention, and UF possesses the resources to help us address these needs: world languages, grant writing, professional development and serving our students

with exceptional needs (including struggling students and gifted students),” said Clark. “There is a high number of passionate pre-service educators coming through UF’s

program — and dedicated faculty as well.”

By Hannah Wurm, communication major

Holiday Concert is Dec. 5

The University of Findlay Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble will combine for a special holiday concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, at the Heminger Auditorium of Findlay High School.

“Holiday Portraits ... Images of the Season, Captured in Music” will be the theme, and senior children’s book illustration major Lauren Bagley

will create those images while the audience watches. Bagley will create a painting on stage during the concert, and at the end of the program, she will display her artwork to the audience.

Stephen Piowar, a senior hospitality management major from Valley City, Ohio, will be the featured soloist on the program.

Call 419-434-5335 for tickets.

Campus Activities Involve Community, Giving and Celebrating



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Hiro Kawamura, Ph.D., chair of the department of language and culture, and his daughters, Miki and Emi, enjoy an afternoon at the Mazza Museum's Funday Sunday, Nov. 7, with Uncle Sam.



A. Rissler Lee

Audra Searfoss helps move canned goods to be counted and recorded during Helping Hands Across America Nov. 10.



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The University's theatre faculty and students hosted a high school theater workshop Nov. 13. Above, two students learn how to tie knots to rig scenery.



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Amanda Smith, assistant dressage coach, Janet Harms, head dressage coach, and Dr. Katherine Fell, president, pose for a quick photo following the equestrian team dinner Nov. 10.

Toys for Tots

The University is a drop-off location for Hancock County's U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots toy drive.

Please drop off new, unwrapped toys outside the Office of Student Activities through Friday, Dec. 3.

Last year, UF collected 347 toys and \$226 in cash donations. This year's goal is 375 toys.



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John Malacos, Ph.D., presents a lecture on gratitude, which was well attended by community members, as well as the UF community, on Nov. 9. Malacos' lecture was part of a series of events in The Power of Positive: Celebrating Human Goodness.

Business Students Teach Children About Financial Responsibility

On Nov. 10, 16 faculty and students from the College of Business, in conjunction with the accounting firm Knueven, Schroeder & Co., participated in a new national financial literacy program called FETCH!™ (Financial Education Teaches Children Healthy Habits™) at Bigelow Hill Elementary School.

The goal of the new game is to help teach children how to manage money early in life.

The Ohio CPA Foundation created FETCH!™ in response to requests from teachers and the Ohio Society of CPAs to address financial literacy basics such as budgeting, saving and spending at the elementary level.

FETCH!™ requires student teams to manage the finances of owning a pet. With each turn, they use critical math and think-

ing skills to earn money for basics like a leash and collar, budget for unexpected expenses and save money for the future. If a dog is 'naughty,' players may end up paying to fix the neighbor's fence. If a dog learns a new trick or wins first place in a dog show, players get rewarded with money to put into a savings account.

The game teaches children that sometimes they must delay buying what they want right now so that they can afford what they need later. The team that ends the game with the most money in its savings account, and the most items for its pooch, wins.

The program presented fundamentals in accounting, business, economics and finance in order to meet a growing need to understand personal finance and to create responsible financial habits.



Rachel Vaughn guides elementary school students through the next step in FETCH!

Additionally, the program enabled volunteers to promote careers in accounting and business and to become mentors. The event concluded with a pizza party and further interaction with the students.

By Patti Abels, D.B.A., C.P.A.

Local Businesses Benefit from Students

Students in BUAD 390, business research, are not only learning how to do market research but they also are learning how to use that information to help local businesses.

This semester, 10 businesses are benefiting from the students' work, under the direction of Dan Yates, Ph.D., assistant professor of business.

Craig Brown at the Small Business Development Center at Rhodes State College, reviews requests from small business owners and passes appropriate business owners' contact information to Yates and Chris Ward, Ed.D., associate professor of business, who also works with students through classes and student organizations to help local businesses.

In Yates' class, the work the students do with business owners accounts for approximately two-thirds of their class work.

The students are broken up into small teams and have initial meetings with business owners. Two presentations are required of the students. The first, given after students have met business owners and completed initial research, includes SWOT, competitive and industry analyses, among others. The second presentation is the culmination of completed business plans that the students can hand over to business owners.

According to Yates, business owners seeking help may already have a business but are looking to expand, or they may still be in the idea phase and want some help getting started. Either way, the students include an action plan for the business owner with each completed business plan.

Yates says feedback from business owners has been overwhelmingly positive. "The students have had

great ideas. They're coming up with creative solutions," he said.

UF students, with guidance from both Yates and Ward, have helped more than 60 businesses with business plans since 2006 when the College of Business partnered with the Region 3 Small Business Development Center. Several businesses that have utilized UF's knowledge include Bread Kneads, a local bakery; Maag Foods Ltd., which sells food items both locally and elsewhere; and Garden-Aire, which has had its products featured on the television shopping network QVC.

The University became part of a Small Business Resource Partnership in May 2009. Ten local organizations make up the partnership, which was formed to streamline assistance given to entrepreneurs and small business owners.