

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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CAMPUS TO HOST MANY SUMMER GROUPS

The University of Findlay has a very active summer planned with 37 groups scheduling summer camps and conferences on campus.

HOBY Seminar

The season opened with the annual Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY)

Leadership Seminar, sponsored by Kiwanis on May 21-23.

Sophomores from 140 high schools across northern Ohio, along with 40 advisers, developed community service projects.

This year's seminar included a special guest appearance by founder Hugh O'Brian.

UF students may have vacated residence halls at the end of classes, but approximately 1,800 campers from 19 camps and conferences will fill those rooms, turning campus into one big slumber party.

Riding Camps

English and western riding camps, June 13-18, will introduce teenagers to equitation skills, as well as Findlay's outstanding equestrian facilities and instruction.

Ohio Business Week

Ohio Business Week, July 11-17, will return to Findlay for another year. High schoolers from across the state come to campus to hone their entrepreneurial skills, along with a host of

advisers and business consultants who guide the participants and judge the resulting projects.

Athletic Camps

Another 13 athletic camps, ranging from baseball and basketball to cheerleading and swimming, provide skills improvement and healthy exercise.

Mazza Activities

The Mazza Museum will host several hundred enthusiastic teachers and librarians who come to hear 15 prominent children's book artists and authors for the annual Mazza Summer Institute, July 26-30. Youngsters will be treated to a Mazza Art Camp, July 5-9.

SummerStock

Campus guests include the cast and crew for Findlay's SummerStock Theatre for a two-month stay from June 6 to Aug. 9.

Several thousand youths and adults will take home impressions of UF's facilities and friendly people. Some will return in a year or so as enrolled students to UF as a result of their experi-

ences at camps here. Each contact is important in maintaining the University's reputation and promoting UF's programs and services. Hopefully, every visitor will find their stay at UF something to write home about.



Hugh O'Brian

SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

June 17-20	USA Hockey Selects 16/17
June 18-20	Men's Basketball Freshman/JV
June 19-20	Lady Oiler JV Team Basketball Camp
June 20-24	USA Hockey Selects 14
June 20-25	Equestrian -- Western Riding II
June 21-23	Baseball Skills Day Camp
June 21-24	Lady Oiler Individual Skills Day Camp
June 25-27	Men's JV/Varsity Basketball Camp
June 28-30	Baseball Pitching/Catching
July 3-4	American Youth Basketball Tournament



Findlay's summer camp season began in late May with the HOBY Seminar's annual campus visit. High school sophomores from 140 Ohio schools attended the seminar, which featured a special visit from its founder Hugh O'Brian.

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

2003-2004: A GREAT YEAR FOR UF SPORTS

The 2003-2004 sports season has come to a close. The season was a year of firsts for The University of Findlay and its athletic teams, including league championships and national tournament appearances.

Soccer

During the fall campaign, Findlay saw its men's soccer team reach the NCAA Division II Final Four. The final four appearance was the first by any UF team since joining the NCAA ranks in the late 1990s.

The women's soccer team also had a winning season, with a 9-7 finish.

Volleyball

The women's volleyball team, which competed in the NCAA National Tournament for the third time in four years, captured its fourth consecutive Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference South Division title while advancing to the semi-final round of the GLIAC Tournament.

The men's volleyball team finished with an even 15-15 record.

Golf

Findlay's men's golf team also earned national recognition, winning its first NCAA Division II Regional Tournament in the fall. The team closed out the spring season with an eighth-place finish in the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Super Regional Tournament.

The women's golf team, in a rebuilding season, finished the season strong with a sixth place finish in the GLIAC Championships.

Football

The Oilers' football season ended with their second consecutive winning season at 6-5.

Cross Country

The cross country season saw the men and women compete in 15 different events. The men finished the Great Lakes Regional in 19th place, and the women finished 11th at regionals.

Tennis

The women's tennis team, having

lost many starters from the 2002-2003 season, posted a 3-7 record.

Men's tennis also had a tough season, with a 3-14 record.

Wrestling

Wrestling highlighted the season as the Roughnecks once again grappled their way to the NCAA Division II National Tournament. The Roughnecks finished seventh in the event, while Waylon Lowe captured his third consecutive national championship.

The team finished second in regional competition.

Basketball

Men's basketball, nationally ranked for most of the season, also competed in tournament play after winning its third consecutive GLIAC South Division title. The Oilers also captured their first GLIAC Tournament championship and attained a two-seed in the NCAA Division II Regional Tournament, their highest yet.

The women's team posted a 14-13 overall record with a 6-11 record in conference play.

Swimming

The men's and women's swimming teams spent the year battling injuries while rebuilding the program. The Oilers finished sixth in men's competition and eighth in women's competition in the GLIAC.

Hockey

Findlay's women's hockey team experienced one of its more successful campaigns as it finished 16-15-4 for the year.

The men's hockey team got off to a bang with a win over Michigan State University and closed the season with a record of 11-22-5. The Oilers reached the semi-finals of the College Hockey America Tournament.

Indoor Track and Field

The men's indoor track and field team finished second, trailing Grand Valley State, at the GLIAC championships.



Junior Frank Phillips helped capture the men's basketball team's first GLIAC Tournament championship.

The women's team finished fourth at the GLIAC championships.

Equestrian

Findlay's English equestrian team earned reserve honors and the western team placed sixth at the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association National Championship in the spring. In western competition, junior Dee Ann Whitehead won a championship in novice individual horsemanship.

Outdoor Track and Field

In men's track and field, the team finished 21st in overall competition at the NCAA Division II National Championships. The team was also second in GLIAC rankings.

The women's team again ranked fourth at the GLIAC championships.

Softball

Findlay's softball team battled injuries on its way to a 13-33 finish.

Baseball

The baseball team had one of its more successful campaigns, going 23-28 on the year.

FYI ASKS: WHAT ARE YOU READING THIS SUMMER?



Ron Phillipp (*left*)

Praxis II Coordinator

The Book of Revelation, The Holy Bible

“I’m studying the book with my Sunday school class, and it is quite interesting and quite scary.”

Duane Phillipp (*right*)

Teacher Licensure Officer

The Puzzle Palace: A Report on America’s Most Secret Agency

By James Bamford

“A book detailing what the National Security Agency is all about. My daughter is employed by the U.S. Defense Department, and I’d like to learn a little more about what she does.”



Maria Gasbarro

Catering Coordinator, Sodexho Marriott

Hard Eight: A Stephanie Plum Novel

By Janet Evanovich

“I’m reading a series of fluff mystery novels whose main character is a bounty hunter who’s not very good at it. It tells about all her trials and tribulations of trying to bring in the bad guys. It’s hysterical!”



Desmond Buford

Executive Director of Minority Student Services

Mapping Human History: Genes, Race and Our Common Origins

By Steve Olson

To Kill a Mockingbird

By Harper Lee

“These are books that shed some light on areas that I’m intrigued by—one being race and the south, and the other being the evolution of man.”



Meg Flemion

Administrative Assistant, President’s Office

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban

By J.K. Rowling

“I started a tradition with my husband’s cousin’s daughter to read the Harry Potter books and to see the movies when they’re released.”



Terri Olthouse

Education Coordinator, Mazza Museum

Boundaries: When to Say Yes, When to Say No to Take Control of Your Life

By Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend

“It’s a wonderful book that I’d recommend to everyone, because it helps you define how to prioritize things in your life.”

PROFESSORS' WATER RESEARCH SHOWS RESULTS

While Dwight Moody and Gwynne Rife spend most of their year in the classroom, summers are spent out in fields and ponds collecting, counting and evaluating wildlife. Dwight Moody, Ed.D, professor of natural science and Gwynne Rife, Ph.D., associate professor of biology, have served as biology investigator/evaluators for the Soil Conservation District in Defiance in a project that began in 1997.

The team of Moody and Rife won a multi-year grant to study a method to remediate farm run-off before it flows into local water systems and then into Lake Erie. In 2003, they were invited to return for a follow-up evaluation by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

An irrigation/drainage system was developed in farm fields that included a man-made, shallow pond connected to a deeper reservoir. Excess water in the fields would be pumped into the pond. During times of drought, the same system of tiles and pumps would operate in reverse to irrigate the cropland from water in the reservoir.

The theory was that the ponds would support natural organisms, such as insects, macroinvertebrates and plant and animal bacteria. The organisms, in turn, would improve the water quality by breaking down pesticides, fertilizers and soil sediment that collect in the pond water.

Moody and Rife investigated the advantages to wildlife of the man-made wetlands at farms in Defiance, Fulton and Van Wert Counties over the past six years. They discovered that the conversion from man-made ponds to natural wetlands was indeed occurring over time. The ponds supported plants, animals, fish, frogs, birds, microscopic insect larvae, worms, and more, according to their 2003 sampling.

"It doesn't happen overnight," Moody commented. "It may take 15 or 20 years. From 1997 until 2003, great progress was made. It is a start in the right direction." This summer, the



Professors Dwight Moody and Gwynne Rife have devoted the last several summers to biology research projects examining water quality in Northwest Ohio. Among their findings is evidence that farm run-off water is cleaner when it flows through slow-moving streams as opposed to when it runs through fast-moving ditches.

duo will analyze the data and write about their findings.

In another project, the Great Lakes Protection Fund of The Ohio State University Research Foundation invited Moody and Rife to participate in a study of the Wood County Portage River watershed.

The two sampled macroinvertebrates in 2001, 2002 and 2003 along the streams and ditches, which they then identified and cataloged. Eleven students assistants were paid through the research grant and also benefited from the hands-on field experience. "We found what we expected," Rife said. Low numbers of animals were present in the straight, high ditches, which promote swiftly running water. The water quality in the ditches was only fair to poor according to Ohio EPA standards because wildlife couldn't thrive in the fast-flowing environment. Greater biodiversity was present in the smallest tributaries. The shallow, winding streams supported fish, crawfish, insect larvae, leeches, aquatic beetles and clams needed to help filter the water.

Moody and Rife's research on the Portage River watershed was published in the April issue of *The Ohio Journal of Science*, Vol. 104, No. 2, pg. 29-35.

DOUGLASS JOINS UNIVERSITY RELATIONS TEAM

Summer Douglass joined the University Relations team June 7 as news and media officer.



Douglass

Douglass brings journalism experience to UF through her years at *Coin World* as a staff writer and as publicity coordinator for the Wallpaper Project, a state and local history organization based in Wapakoneta. Douglass, a Lima resident, graduated from Miami University, with a bachelor's degree in English/journalism.