

UF Board of Trustees Approves Modified Strategic Plan, Welcomes New Members

The University of Findlay's Board of Trustees approved a modified Strategic Plan for the University at their meeting Friday, focusing the University's actions in five key areas:

- Identity, Vision and Quality
- Recruitment and Retention
- Policy, Procedures and Performance
- Financial Strength and Fundraising
- Physical Plant Master Plan

Next, implementation teams will be recruited to work on each major action area, establishing measurable objectives for each area by the end of the spring semester. Over the summer, each department will

be asked to prepare annual goals and measurable objectives that address the major action areas of the strategic plan.

The work is an update of The University of Findlay's 2005-2015 Strategic Plan. President Katherine Fell, Ph.D., invited members of the community last fall to take part in a revision of the strategic plan to reflect changes that had occurred, both in the institution and the surrounding environment, since its development.

"The University is building upon the good work that has been done

previously, and has defined clear priorities for the next five years," said C. Richard Beckett, D.V.M., chair of the University's Board of Trustees. "We can now move ahead with confidence, unified in our determination to strategically advance The University of Findlay."

New trustees Ed Urbaniak and Jeremy Pemberton were sworn in and welcomed to the board. Urbaniak is president and chief executive officer of AK Tube LLC, a subsidiary of AK Steel Corp., in Walbridge, Ohio. He earned a

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UF Celebrates Black History Month with Comedy Dialogue, Exhibits, Events

The University of Findlay is celebrating Black History Month with a series of events sponsored by the Office of Intercultural Student Services (ISS).

Highlighting the celebration is the Black Jew Dialogues, a two-actor play on the history and absurdity of prejudice and racism within the context of the American black-Jew experience, which will be presented from 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, in Ritz Auditorium in Old Main. The presentation, sponsored by the Student Government Association (SGA) and ISS, is free and open to the public.

Actors Larry Jay Tish and Ron Jones take the audience along on a comic journey as they spend three days together in a cheap hotel room discussing their experiences, the history of their people and why a growing rift has existed between the two since the early 1970s. The pair use humor to take an insightful look at the state of race and cultural relations in America, tracing a shared history of pain, oppression, pride and deep commitment to civil rights and justice as they seek to reunite the two cultures.



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Other events open to the public during February are as follows:

- The Mazza Museum's "Back of the Bus" exhibit, commemorating Rosa Parks' historic action with

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Third Annual Economic Summit Focusing on Free Enterprise System Set March 4

The University of Findlay's third Economic Summit, which will focus on the free enterprise system, will be held from 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. Friday, March 4, in Winebrenner Theological Seminary's TLB Convocation Center.

Kevin Moley, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, will deliver the opening keynote presentation, "Free Enterprise Conquers the Globe," at 8 a.m. Following the keynote, a series of six panel discussion sessions will be held.

"We face many economic challenges in this country, and there seems to be an increasing skepticism about our continued reliance on the free enterprise system to help us address these challenges," said Paul Sears, Ph.D., dean of the College of Business. The purpose of the UF

Economic Summit is to allow our students, as well as other students and members of the greater Findlay community, to critically examine the financial issues of the day, as well as how these issues will impact their futures."

Planned panel discussions include:

- "Venture Capital and the Free Enterprise System," moderated by Greg Knudson, director of Rocket Ventures (9-9:50 a.m.)

- "The Role of Government in the Free Enterprise System," moderated by Terry McGann, principal of California Strategies & Advocacy LLC (10-10:50 a.m.)

- "Getting the Work of Local Economic Development Done," moderated by Chris Ward, Ed.D., associate professor of business administration (11-11:50 a.m.)

- "The State of Area Small Businesses and the Free Enterprise System," moderated by Jim Zellner, marketing manager for Findlay Publishing Co. (1-1:50 p.m.)

- "The Free Enterprise System and Health Care," moderated by Josephine Kershaw, Ph.D., associate professor health care management (2-2:50 p.m.)

- "Future Prospects for the Free Enterprise System," moderated by Paul Sears, Ph.D., dean of the College of Business (3-3:50 p.m.)

The summit is open to all, and there is no cost to attend. The event is sponsored by Findlay Publishing Co., the Hancock County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Rocket Ventures and The University of Findlay. For more information, contact Sears at 419-434-4704.

Students, Community to Put on 'The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas' at UF

The University of Findlay's vocal music and theatre programs will perform "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" at 8 p.m. Feb. 23-26 and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, in the John and Hester Powell Grimm Theatre, located in the Frank J. Egnor Center for the Performing Arts.

The country-western musical, with book by Larry L. King and Peter Masterson and music and

lyrics by Carol Hall, is based on the true story of a legendary Texas brothel known as the Chicken Ranch, which operated from the 1890s to 1973. In the musical, the operation is run by Miss Mona Stangley and protected by good ol' boy Sheriff Ed Earl Dodd.

The cast of more than 40 includes both University students and community members, and the produc-

tion features well-known songs including "Hard Candy Christmas," "Twenty Fans are Turning" and the "Aggie Song."

Micheal Anders, Ph.D. will serve as producer and music director, Vicki McClurkin, stage director and Brenda Hoyt-Brackman, choreographer.

Due to an overwhelming response, tickets for this production are no longer available.

UF to Host 2011 NCAA Wrestling Tournament

The University of Findlay is proud to host the 2011 NCAA Division II Super Region 2 Wrestling Tournament on Feb. 25-26 inside the Malcolm Athletic Center, a part of the Koehler Fitness and Recreation Complex.

Findlay played host to the regional tournament in 2003 and hosted the 2006 NCAA Division II National Championship as well.

Along with the UF Roughnecks, Ashland University, University of Central Missouri, University of

Central Oklahoma, Limestone College, St. Andrews Presbyterian College, Ouachita Baptist, University of Nebraska-Omaha, Truman State University, King College, Belmont Abbey College, Lake Erie College and Tiffin University will compete.

Students, Community Celebrate Winter Festivities



A. Risser Lee

The University of Findlay inducted six former athletes, Brian Taylor '98, Araya (Brantley) Cantrell '95, Mianda Watts '00, Russ Wallace '74, Marc Bishop '99 and Jerry Buti '77 into its Athletic Hall of Fame during an induction ceremony Feb. 5.



Students gather in Bare Lobby to enjoy favorite summer food at Theta Chi's Midwinter Cookout.

E. Granger



A. Risser Lee

Trustee William H. Reist '73, pastor of College First Church of God, led a dedication service for the newly renovated Carrothers Home on Feb. 10.



E. Shaffer

Students try to solve the case during Alpha Psi Omega's Murder Mystery Dinner held Jan. 26 in the AMU.



A. Risser Lee

Tony Award-winning actress Beth Leavel performs Jan. 30, serving as The University of Findlay's Mary Snyder Kirk Musical Guest Artist Chair for 2011. Grammy-nominated Phil Reno accompanies her.



A. Risser Lee

Area high school students conduct a variety of hands-on lab experiments during UF's DNA Day held Jan. 28 in the Davis Street Building.

Power of Positive Celebration Continues

The University's 'Power of Positive' celebration began in November, and each month has been dedicated to a different aspect of human goodness.

While January was the month of wisdom and creativity, February is the month of compassion and love. In observance of this month's theme, Linda Draper, Ph.D, will present a lecture at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, in the Alumni Memorial Union.

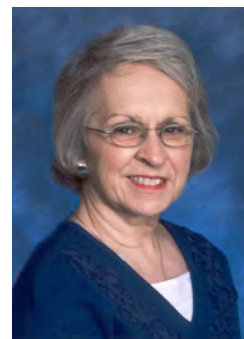
Draper is a spiritual director and formational counselor who also serves as a communications consultant for Winebrenner Theological

Seminary. As a leader, teacher, editor and published author, she is active in both ministry and education.

Her ties to The University of Findlay are strong. Draper is the leader of a bible study for international students at the University. After attaining her undergraduate degree in elementary education from Frostburg State University, she earned a master of arts in theological studies and a master of divinity equivalency from Winebrenner Theological Seminary. She later earned a doctor of ministry degree in formational counseling from Ashland Theologi-

cal Seminary.

In summarizing her message for the lecture she will present, Draper said: "Life was never meant to be lived alone. We have the privilege of both sharing and receiving from others two significant gifts: compassion and love. Learn how both to give and discover these essentials of life."



Linda Draper

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bachelor's degree in accounting from then-Findlay College in 1977. Pemberton is the chief executive officer and founder of Avatas Capital, a real estate investment banking/private equity company in Ridgefield, Conn. He is a 1996 graduate of the University with degrees in economics and finance, and earned an MBA from UF in 1997.

Also reappointed to the board for three-year terms were James M.

Appold, Pamela K.M. Beall, Mark D. Cassin, Clifford C. Cook, Frank A. Cosiano, Craig A. Crotteau, Mary A. Etter Dissinger, Robert A. Fry, Gary M. Harpst Jr., Richard R. Hollington Jr., Thomas L. Lucas, L. Don Manley, Edward L. Rosenberry and Richard E. White.



Jeremy Pemberton '96, M'97



Ed Urbaniak '77

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art from Floyd Cooper's 2010 book "Back of the Bus," is currently on display at the Mazza Museum in the Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion. Hours are 1-5 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday, and the museum is always free.

• A Black History Month Art Exhibit, featuring a local collection

of related art and artifacts, will be on view in the Shafer Library main display case from Feb. 14-28, sponsored by ISS and the Black Heritage Library and Cultural Center.

Events held for the campus community include the 14th Annual Black Tie Affair, "Mardi Gras Masquerade," on Feb. 12, hosted by BSU and sponsored by SGA;

the annual "Soul Food" Cultural Dinner on Feb. 22, sponsored by Dining Services, BSU and ISS; and an International Fashion Show, Feb. 28 in WTS TLB Auditorium, hosted by BSU and the Indian Student Association (EKTA) and sponsored by SGA and ISS.

For more information, contact the Office of ISS at 419-434-6967.

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