

THE UNIVERSITY OF FINDLAY

Summer Student Newsletter

Residence Halls See Improvements, New Housing Option Nearing Completion

Each summer, Physical Plant undertakes a long list of repairs, renovations and remodeling. This summer is no different, with a few extra projects added.

Residence Halls

All residence halls are being repaired and painted as needed, and rooms in Fox, Bare, Lovett and Deming all are receiving new doors and locks. The UF Cottages are being repainted and recarpeted.

Oiler Pointe

This fall, 19 returning students will be the first to live in Oiler Pointe, UF's newest housing option, on the corner of Morey Avenue and West Foulke Avenue.

The apartment complex, which recently was purchased by the University and is undergoing renovations, is substance-free housing. The apartments have been repaired and painted, and each unit has its own new heating and air conditioning controls, as well as new appliances. The outside walkways and railings have been redone to meet OSHA and ADA specifications.



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Oiler Pointe, UF's newest housing option, is shown here with new walkways, doors and sidewalk.

Students who were interested in living in Oiler Pointe submitted ap-

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Pre-Veterinary Medicine Major Learns About Marine Mammals in Zoo Internship

As an intern at the Milwaukee County Zoo, Amanda Gladczak gets up close and personal with sea lions and seals.

Gladczak, an animal science/pre-veterinary medicine major from Waukesha, Wis., is working at a seal and sea lion show, Oceans of Fun, where she is learning how to care for marine mammals and maintain their facilities.

Gladczak prepares meals each day for three California sea lions and two harbor seals. She also cleans their dishes, the main stage and two holding pens, and skims and brushes a 250,000-gallon pool.

She assists the animal trainers during training sessions, and she

assists with daily animal observations. They observe, for example, how an animal reacts when a new object is placed in its environment. Some evenings, after the shows are finished, Gladczak participates in workshops where she learns more about animal behavior, training and socialization of seals and sea lions.

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Photo provided

Amanda Gladczak gets a kiss from one of the stars of the Oceans of Fun show at the Milwaukee County Zoo, where she is an intern this summer.

Davis Street Building Progress Continues

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plications in the spring. They were selected primarily based on their answers to several questions, including why they were interested in a drug- and alcohol-free experience.

Oiler Pointe has space for 20 students in nine double units and two single units, one of which will be occupied by a resident director. Room and board cost is similar to other single rooms in on-campus apartments.

Davis Street Building

Construction is well under way on a new science building, which is being constructed as an addition to the existing Davis Street Building. The new building will add eight cutting-edge science laboratories, high-technology classrooms and lecture halls, eight faculty offices and student lounges.

Since last fall, four campus houses on Davis Street have been removed – two in the fall and two after students moved out in May – and a fifth house, 346 Davis St., is serving as construction headquarters until construction is complete.

With Charles and Assoc. as the general contractor for the project, the concrete foundation was completed in June, utilities are being installed and walls are going up.

The new addition is expected to be complete in June 2012 and is being funded through the Uni-



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Progress is visible on the Davis Street Building addition, which has a finished foundation, and walls are being built.

versity's Give Voice to Your Values fundraising campaign.

Oiler Mart

The Oiler Mart is getting a face-lift, with new paint, new energy-efficient lighting, new flooring and a reorganized floor plan.

Internship is Beneficial to Gladczak

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Gladczak's favorite part of her internship, however, is interacting with zoo visitors. Gladczak hosts four 20-minute shows each day, helps with a kids' camp and other interactive programs and works at a merchandise booth. For the shows, Gladczak memorized a six-page script from which she pulls segments for each show.

"I love getting up in front of people to talk," said Gladczak. "Being able to combine that with the ability to work with animals and educate the public on these animals is just amazing."

In addition to her internship at the zoo, which is unpaid, Gladczak works at her local humane society in Waukesha, where she has worked since high school.

UF College of Pharmacy Receives Accreditation

The College of Pharmacy at The University of Findlay was awarded full accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) board of directors during its June 22-26, 2011, meeting.

Dr. Katherine Fell, University president, said, "We are delighted to have completed the process of accreditation. The first two classes of UF pharmacy graduates have performed exceptionally well in their professions, and we look forward to graduating classes of excellent pharmacists for many years to come."

The ACPE is recognized by the U.S. Department of Educa-

tion as the national agency for the accreditation of professional degree programs in pharmacy and providers of continuing pharmacy education.

The University's Pharm.D. program received pre-candidate status in 2006, was granted candidate status in 2007 and awarded its first doctor of pharmacy degrees in 2010. A program must graduate its first students before it can be awarded full accreditation. Graduates of a program designated as having candidate status hold the same rights and privileges as those of a fully accredited program.

UF Students Get International Education in South Korean Elementary School

In June, four education students had the opportunity to experience the educational culture of South Korea through a visit to Chinju National University of Education, a cooperative partner with The University of Findlay. Chris Sippel, coordinator of international education, and Chris Moser, Ed.D., assistant professor of education, accompanied the group.

Two years ago, Sippel and Moser traveled to Chinju to discuss this type of opportunity with Chinju representatives. In the years that followed, two student groups from Chinju visited UF during January 2010 and 2011 for the English Language Teaching Practicum Program (ELTP), and a group of College of Education faculty members visited Chinju last summer. This year, Chinju welcomed the chance to return the favor and host visiting UF students. "They provided us with very diverse experiences during the program," said Sippel, "from a traditional Korean tea ceremony to karaoke to sight-seeing." In addition, they reunited with students who were in Findlay in January and met the next group who will travel to UF next year.

"Knowing this would be my first time traveling abroad, I was looking forward to being taken outside of my comfort zone because the end result would be learning and personal growth," said Jessica Burkett, an early childhood education major from Gibsonburg. "I participated in the ambassador program at the University, and I knew this trip would give me the opportunity to reunite and learn from the students who visited Findlay." UF students



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Jordan Kirwen, Kim Adams, Marina Nye and Jessica Burkett teach a class at the lab school, which is on the campus of Chinju National University of Education.

serve as ambassadors, or hosts, when the Chinju students visit each winter.

The UF students traveled to their Chinju hosts' homes during one weekend. Both the American and Korean students especially enjoyed that experience because they all had been paired together in January for the ELTP.

The group also toured the elementary school that is part of the university; it is considered a "lab school" because it is where many of the university students complete their student teaching. The group taught two classes while there and collaborated with other educators, who gave the Findlay group suggestions for their lesson plans.

"The opportunity to teach abroad allowed me to grow as an educator because though the framework of the lesson was similar, the delivery was different because I was more aware of language barriers," said Burkett. "This trip really helped bring out my appreciation for people and the type of person and teacher I want to be."

For most of the trip, the students stayed in dormitories at Chinju.

Sippel encouraged the group to find Korean students to sit with in the cafeteria and to try some of the Korean food available to them.

One of Burkett's most memorable experiences happened in the cafeteria during lunch time when a first-grade boy asked her, in English, how she was doing. "He and I carried on a whole conversation about his hobbies and school day," she said. "This little boy reminded me that people are people with the same essential needs, all over the world."

To prepare for the trip, the group met weekly during the spring semester. They completed some cultural and basic language training, with some help from Kristine Park, a native of Korea who is enrolled in the TESOL program at Findlay.

According to Sippel, the partnership with Chinju will continue to develop and expand, ideally giving more students opportunities to travel to South Korea.

Camps Welcomed at UF Through July

The University welcomes the following summer camps during July:

July 5-7, Defiance High School football

July 8-10, Western Ohio women's basketball team camp III

July 10-14, On the Ball soccer camp

July 10-15, Mazza Summer Institute

July 11-14, men's basketball day camp

July 15-16, volleyball team

July 17, men's basketball elite day camp II

July 18, men's basketball elite day camp III

July 21-24, National Cheerleading Association

July 22-24, soccer boys team camp

July 25-26, Napoleon high school football

July 25-29, Mazza art camp

July 26-28, volleyball middle school day camp

July 27-30, Churches of God Bible quizzing

July 29-31, soccer girls team camp



A. Risser Lee

Two students enjoy basketball team camp in June.

Findlay Welcomes New Faculty Members

College of Education

Kathleen Crates, Ph.D., educational administration and supervision, Bowling Green State University; M.Ed., special education, Bowling Green State University; B.S., education, Findlay College; assistant professor of education.

College of Health Professions

Cara Davies, Ph.D., biomedical science, The University of Toledo; B.S., psychology, Heidelberg College; assistant professor of health sciences.

Joyce Jackson, M.S., education, in progress, The University of Dayton; M.A., education, The University of Findlay; B.S., education, The University of Findlay; instructor and director of the health and physical education program.

Heather Meredith, M.O.T., The University of Findlay; B.S., health sciences, The University of Findlay; A.A.S., occupational therapy assistant, Muskingum Area Technical College; clinical coordinator and instructor of occupational therapy.

Ronald Niekamp, M.S., education, University of Dayton; B.S., education – health and physical education, Miami University; instructor of health and physical education.

Miranda Tippie, M.O.T., The University of Findlay; B.S., occupational therapy, The University of Findlay; clinical coordinator for community-based practice in occupational therapy.

College of Liberal Arts

Courtney Bates; Ph.D., English, in progress, Washington University in Saint Louis; B.A., English, Mount Holyoke College; visiting professor of English.

Sarah Fedirka, Ph.D., English, Arizona State University; M.A., English, Arizona State University; assistant professor of English.

Gregory Griffin, M.F.A., stage design and technology, Western Illinois University; B.S., criminal justice, University of Wisconsin, Platteville; assistant professor of theatre practice

College of Pharmacy

Andrea Hvizdos, Pharm.D., University of Cincinnati; M.B.A., Massey University; B.Sc., pharmacy, Albany College of Pharmacy.

College of Sciences

Dan Baczkowski, Ph.D., mathematics, University of South Carolina; M.A., mathematics, Miami University; B.S., mathematics, Kent State University; assistant professor of mathematics.

Troy Fagan, M.S., ecology, evolution and conservation biology, in progress, Bowling Green State University; B.S., biology, Bowling Green State University; instructor of biology.

Stella Prescott, B.S., animal science, The University of Georgia; riding instructor and director of the hunter-jumper program.

Garrett Rea, Ph.D., mathematics, University of Arkansas; M.S., mathematics, University of Arkansas; B.A., computer science, University of Arkansas; assistant professor of mathematics.

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