

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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TOLEDO SYMPHONY TO OPEN NEW UF SERIES

The University of Findlay's Concert and Lecture Series will premiere with a concert by the Toledo Symphony on Saturday, Jan. 31, at 8 p.m. in the Winebrenner Seminary TLB Auditorium.

The program for the evening will include the following pieces: Brahms' *Hungarian Dance No. 1*, Medelssohn's *Sinfonia No. 12*, Lecuona's *Malaguena from Andaluia Suite* and Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No. 4*.

Tickets for UF faculty and staff are \$15. UF and high school students can attend for \$10. General public tickets are \$25.

The UF community also is invited to attend a dinner prior to the performance at 6:30 p.m. in the Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion. Cost of the dinner is \$10.

For information, call the Box Office at x5335 or funk@findlay.edu.

Chelsea Tipton will conduct the concert. The 2003-04 season is Tipton's first season with the Toledo Symphony as resident conductor. He is known for his exuberant spirit and infectious enthusiasm at all performances. He is committed to building a solid musical foundation for audiences young and old and is taking an active role in developing and implementing educational programs for the Toledo Symphony.

Tipton has guest conducted many well-known orchestras, including the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Houston Symphony Orchestra, Columbus Symphony Orchestra,

Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, New York Philharmonic and Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra.

Prior to his appointment with the Toledo Symphony, Tipton was associate conductor with the Savannah Symphony Orchestra for four seasons.

He has held faculty positions at Central Michigan University, where he was director of the CMU Symphony. He served as visiting professor in clarinet and chamber music at Western Michigan University. Tipton has served on the faculty of the Apple Hills Chamber Music Festival in New Hampshire and was assistant conductor for four seasons for the Eastern Music Festival in North Carolina.

Tipton has a master of music degree in orchestral conducting from Northern Illinois University and a bachelor of music degree in clarinet performance from the Eastman School of Music, where he was also awarded the performer's certificate. He studied at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music and the Pierre Monteux School for Conductors in Hancock, Maine.



He appeared on the NBC *Today Show* with Wynton Marsalis and has performed as a clarinetist with many orchestras in the United States and abroad and on classical music recordings with the RCA Classical, CBS Masterworks and Pro Arte labels.

UPCOMING CONCERT AND LECTURE SERIES EVENTS

The Platters
Feb. 20, 2004

7:30 p.m.

Winebrenner Seminary
TLB Auditorium

Kathy Sullivan
Former NASA Astronaut
April 7, 2004
Winebrenner Seminary
TLB Auditorium

Watch for ticket information in the coming weeks.

HEALY NAMED DANA CHAIR

The University of Findlay has selected David S. Healy as the Dana Chair Executive-in-Residence for the 2003-04 academic year.



The chair was established through a gift from the Dana Corporation to strengthen ties between the academic and practicing sides of the business community.

In his capacity as Dana Chair, Healy is teaching in the College of Business and serving as a guest lecturer in classes throughout the University. He is also serving as adviser for outstanding undergraduate business students who are designated as Dana Scholars by the College of Business faculty.

Healy was owner of Spencer Patterson Insurance in Findlay for 25 years, having retired in 1996. He also sold commercial insurance and medical

malpractice insurance for the company. He served as president of the Findlay • Hancock County Chamber of Commerce for a time as well.

Prior to his work with Spencer Patterson, Healy was regional manager for Maytag from 1966-71, representing 20 counties. He also previously worked at 3-M and Bendix Corporation in New Jersey.

A graduate of Hanover College with a bachelor's degree in business, Healy is a member of the Independent Insurance Agents Association.

Active in his community, Healy is a member of the Community Foundation and Hancock Parks Foundation boards, is past-president of the Arts Partnership of Greater Hancock County and the Findlay Rotary Club. He has been a deacon, elder, trustee and choir member at First Presbyterian Church.

An avid sailor, Healy also sings in a barbershop chorus and barbershop quartet called Just 4 Fun.

NEW BOARD MEMBER NAMED

The University of Findlay Board of Trustees has named Bruce K. Lee to serve as a trustee.



President and CEO of Fifth Third Bank in Toledo since 2002, Lee began his career in the banking industry in 1983 with Adrian State Bank in Adrian, Mich., where he held numerous positions. He worked with Trustcorp Bank of Toledo from 1984-88 and then became senior vice president and senior loan officer at Capital Bank, N.A., in Sylvania, Ohio, in 1988. When Capital Bank was acquired by Fifth Third Bank in 2001, Lee served as executive vice president of commercial banking until 2002 when he assumed his current duties.

A 1985 graduate of Siena Heights University in Adrian, Mich., Lee is a member of the Sylvania Country Club, the Toledo Club and the Ringneck Ridge Hunting Club. He is a member of the Board of Trustees for Siena Heights University, Medical College of Ohio at Toledo Foundation and Toledo Area Chamber of Commerce.

RACKLEY PUBLISHES NATIONAL COLUMN

Steve Rackley, director of athletics at UF, published a column titled "Creating an Atmosphere of Academic Excellence in Division II Athletics" in the December issue of *Athletics & Administration*, a publication of the National Associate of Collegiate Directors of Athletics.



The article focused on five key elements that create an atmosphere of academic achievement and help student-athletes excel academically.



Kylie Fent (left) of the UF Student Chapter of Habitat for Humanity attended a Habitat for Humanity Work Day Dec. 18, 2003, for the future home of Cheri Campbell (pictured). Also attending the event were Rep. Mike Oxley and Rhett Power, director of national service programs for Habitat for Humanity. The program was part of Congress Building America, a partnership that brings together members of Congress with local Habitat affiliates, volunteers, corporate sponsors and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to build decent, affordable houses for families in need.

ANOTHER SEMESTER OF LEARNING & PLAYING BEGINS



These former UF basketball players returned to campus for the Alumni Basketball Game on Jan. 3.



This group of students gathered in the Alumni Memorial Union one afternoon for lunch and conversation.



The game room in the Alumni Memorial Union is a great place to take a break between classes.



It is never too early in the semester to start hitting the books, as this student was found doing in Shafer Library.



During the week of Jan. 12, the fraternities and sororities on campus held recruitment events, including this pool party.

DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN AT RETENTION CENTER

By Kelly Hancock
Student Intern

The Student Retention Center is a place where students are encouraged to go with any questions or concerns.

The office is rather new to the University. It began with the creation of University College in January 2003.

The office has three people who play very important roles. Dr. Ed Erner, professor of education and executive assistant to the president, vice president of academic affairs emeritus, is considered the “mentor.” He enjoys listening to students and helping them establish and sort through options that will take care of problems they may have.

Sharlyn Premuda was hired for the position of coordinator of student retention services. She plays the role of the “interim mom.”

Dr. Marie Loudon-Hanes, director of the master of arts in liberal studies program and professor of art, is the dean of University College. Mostly, the three work together as a team to make the office a success.

The primary goal of the Student Retention Center is to be a point of contact for students. The office specializes in offering confidential assistance and encouragement to students on a wide variety of issues.



Dr. Ed Erner serves as a mentor to students at the Student Retention Center.



Dr. Marie Loudon-Hanes, dean of University College, (right) and Sharlyn Premuda, coordinator of student retention services, discuss how their focus is on meeting the needs of UF students.

Oftentimes, a student will have a question or concern. That student can go to the office and find the solution to his or her problem or will get assistance in finding where to go for the answer. The office is the central place for helping students.

Loudon-Hanes commented that there are various offices throughout campus that want to help students, but “we needed a centering place.” The office takes questions, comments or concerns and directs students to the appropriate office that can take care of the particular problem.

Students are openly welcomed at the Student Retention Center. A student who is struggling with school work, financial aid, personal life or anything else is encouraged to stop by the office.

Erner noted that they “take you where you are and assist you to make decisions and develop an action plan.” He also commented that this is not a place to just get cut and dried answers. The Student Retention Center will suggest options and help in finding the best solution for the problem at hand. Premuda said, “Everyone wants to see students succeed.”

Sometimes, the Student Retention Center is the connection between a professor and a student. For example, a professor may be concerned because a

student has not been in class for a couple weeks. The professor can contact the Student Retention Center, and the office will contact the student to see if there is something they can do to help.

In addition to helping students, the Office of Student Retention Services is available to parents. Parents call occasionally to get questions answered about services offered at the University. The office will also send out letters to parents in an effort to keep them informed and involved in their children’s lives.

In one month alone, the office served 111 students. The retention services team cannot wait to see what kinds of success stories will unfold in the future. No problem is too big or small, and they are ready to do whatever it takes. The office is available for any problem, concern or compliment at any time.

As Premuda said, “The doors are always open.”

FILM SCREENING SET

“And I Died Sharing,” a short film featuring a cast of UF international students, will be previewed Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 7 p.m. in the Alumni Memorial Union, North Multipurpose Room.

A reception for Manu Warriar, the director/producer and a graduate of UF’s MBA program, will follow the screening.