

UF Begins Accreditation Self-Study Process

The University has begun a self-study process in preparation for a fall 2013 accreditation visit by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association.

President Katherine Fell and Daniel May, vice president for academic affairs, selected Dale Brougher, Ph.D., professor of religious studies, and Andrea Koepke, Ph.D., dean of the College of Health Professions, as co-chairs of the self-study steering committee.

Nine members of the steering committee will attend the HLC Annual Conference, to be held April 8-12 in Chicago, and separate committees have been established for each of the five criteria within

the self study, which focus on:

1. Mission and Integrity
2. Planning and Resources
3. Student Learning and Teaching
4. Acquisition, Discovery and Application of Knowledge
5. Engagement and Service

Committees held initial meetings beginning in February and a Black-board site has been established to facilitate communication and coordination among the committees.

UF's HLC liaison will visit the University for both a campuswide meeting and meetings with the criterion and steering committees in September, with all faculty and staff invited to participate in the analysis and evaluation process. A rough draft of the self study is expected

to be developed by fall 2012. After a review and comment period, the final document will be submitted to HLC in June 2013.

The Higher Learning Commission, UF's primary accrediting agency, is a component of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, which is one of six regional institutional accreditors in the United States, and accredits degree-granting post-secondary institutions in 19 states.

The University of Findlay hosted its last comprehensive visit in 2003 and at that point received the maximum period of accreditation, 10 years.

Power of Positive Celebration Concludes

The "Power of Positive" yearlong celebration of human goodness will conclude in April with several events, which focus on the attributes of humility and forgiveness.

At 7 p.m. Monday, April 4, local students will join the campus community in a culminating celebration of Paying Positive Forward, a focused effort to complete acts of kindness to others. Motivational speaker Bruce Boguski will speak at the event.

When a good deed is done, a Paying Positive Forward card is passed to the recipient of the good deed, and the recipient is encouraged to do the same. Completed

cards may be submitted to the Shafer Library or to the Alumni Memorial Union Information Center.

At 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, Dr. Christopher Peterson and Dr. Nansook Park, professors of psychology at the University of Michigan and leaders in the national Positive Psychology movement, will present "What Makes Life Worth Living: Lessons from Positive Psychology" in Winebrenner Theological Seminary.

Peterson and Park also will speak at the annual Psychology Conference, which begins at 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 6, in Winebrenner Theological Seminary.

Also on Wednesday, April 6, "The Power of Positive: Personal Stories" will be presented by Maile Doyle, Gillian Graber, Jim Rooney and Phyllis Smith during the noon Senior Forum session in the Alumni Memorial Union.

The UF Film Series in April will feature "Secondhand Lions" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, and "Bella" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 20, in the Alumni Memorial Union Endly Room. Both films demonstrate humility and forgiveness.

With questions about the lecture or the Power of Positive, contact John Malacos, Ph.D., at malacos@findlay.edu.

First Students Accepted into Accelerated Accounting-MBA-CPA Program

The University formally accepted its first four students into a new CPA-MBA Track that will allow students in the accounting program to complete both a bachelor of science degree in financial accounting and a master's degree in business administration, and be qualified to sit for the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam, all in five years.

"This is an exciting day for the College of Business," said dean Paul Sears, Ph.D., at a breakfast March 15 attended by business faculty, accounting students and their alumni mentors. "We have developed a new option to provide our high-achieving students with a fast-track program to success —

the only such program in the state of Ohio."

Accounting majors Treylyn Gerlinger of Miamisburg, Molly Homan of Coldwater, and Tori Mosser and Thomas Tomlins, both of Findlay, were presented with certificates of acceptance.

Douglas M. Asbury, C.P.A., assistant professor of accounting and director of the accounting program, explained that the CPA-MBA Track option comprises a 124-credit-hour undergraduate degree in financial accounting and a 33-credit-hour MBA. Each will



Treylyn Gerlinger, Molly Homan, Thomas Tomlins and Tori Mosser will complete the new CPA-MBA Track.

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take the International Certification exam at the end of his or her undergraduate program, which will help to provide an indication of

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UF Student Gives Account of Living in Japan During Earthquake

Many UF faculty, staff and students have personal ties to colleagues, friends and family members living in Japan. The University community continues to support the people of Japan in the aftermath of the disaster earlier this month. Following is a first-person account of what it was like living in Japan during the week following the earthquake. Kim Welenc is a UF student studying in Japan; this article was submitted March 21.

I live in the foreign students' dormitory of the University of Fukui, in Fukui City, Fukui Prefecture, on the west coast of Japan. I was home on March 11, the day of the earthquake, and thus wasn't a first-hand witness to what happened on the east coast. There is not a moment I am not grateful I can say that all my friends and loved ones in that area were spared.

On the afternoon of the 11th, I attended rehearsal as normal. Someone mentioned that there had been an earthquake, but didn't

elaborate, and I didn't think much of it. After all, there are earthquakes in Japan literally every day. I had been in them before — varying degrees of that unmistakable smooth, rolling feeling. When I got home, the first thing I saw was a news article. It was still only a few hours after the quake, and the report was rather vague.

Right after that, I found panicked messages from my family. As requested, I called and assured them I was safe. Over the next few hours, the details began to file in, and we had our first glimpses of the scope of it. Frantic messages were sent and received that night and all through the next day, both inside and outside Japan. Some messages came back right away, others in a few hours; some didn't come back at all.

Understanding what had happened was a process of a few days, our minds still numb with shock. I

can more clearly remember when the shock ended, and the painful truth began to set in. The Japanese newspapers published the first even roughly accurate death count — 10,000 people — and I couldn't get that line of thick black characters out of my mind, like it had been stamped across my eyeballs. I can play the horror-filled TV footage over in my mind as easily as if it were on a spool.

From that point, as the situation in Fukushima deteriorated, things were much as they are even today. No matter where you are or what you're doing, it is a constant topic of conversation. Several times we have made pacts not to speak on it for a whole dinner, or the length of a game of cards, but never once have I seen it succeed. It makes up our reality, and new information, none of it good, is important to

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Students, Speakers Take Center Stage



A. Wright

Art majors Angela Smith and Chani Marquis pose for a photo with Valerie Escobedo, assistant professor of art, during a Senior Art Exhibit reception.



E. Granger

Blogger Anastasia Goodstein presents “Totally Wired Teens” March 17. The College of Education sponsored the event.



B. Patterson

Michael Agunga prepares to test egg packaging developed by fellow students. Louann Cummings used the exercise to teach students about the costs of product development.



A. Risser Lee

Vijay Talwar '92, CFO of Blue Nile, the world's largest online diamond retailer, speaks to a group of students as a College of Business Visiting Executive March 15.



E. Shaffer

Two students show off their talents at Live Band Karaoke March 19 in Winebrenner Theological Seminary.

Concert-Chorale, Orchestra to Perform

The UF Concert-Chorale will present “Anthem for Spring” at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 3, in the Winebrenner Theological Seminary TLB Auditorium.

The Findlay orchestra will perform music from Edvard Grieg’s “Peer Gynt” at 8 p.m. Friday, April 8, in the Winebrenner Theological Seminary TLB Auditorium.

Tenure and Promotion Announced

The Board of Trustees recently approved five faculty members for promotion and two for tenure.

Faculty members approved for tenure:

- Cheri Hampton-Farmer, Ph.D., communication, assistant professor
- Dan Yates, Ph.D., business, who was also promoted from assistant professor to associate professor

Faculty members approved for promotion from associate professor to full professor:

- Mary Cameron, Ph.D., education
- Quentin Skrabec, Ph.D., business

Faculty members approved for promotion from assistant professor to associate professor:

- Richard States, D.H.Sc., nuclear medicine

- Sharon Walsh, D.Sc., physical therapy

Faculty members approved for sabbatical leave:

- Paul Chwialkowski, Ph.D., social science, criminal justice and public administration
- Nicole Diederich, Ph.D., English
- Ron Tulley, Ph.D., English

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readiness to take the CPA exam.

In addition, each student in the program will be assigned a professional accounting mentor to assist them in their professional socialization, and all will be strongly encouraged to complete at least one accounting-related internship to

begin to fulfill the practical experience requirement for the CPA.

Entry into the program is possible in one of three ways: As a freshman, as a current accounting major or as an MBA student. Entering freshmen must have maintained a minimum 3.5 high school grade point average and received an ACT

score of at least 22 to qualify for the program, with similar standards required of existing UF students and entering MBA students. For more information regarding the program, visit www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: CPA-MBA Track.

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exchange, but painful and exhausting to hear and process.

The emotional strain of this extended horror and fear is unlike anything I have experienced before, and I think that's true for most of us.

In the evening, the despair is at its strongest. Once everyone is alone in their rooms, away from the temporary distractions of friends, work or study, there's little to provide a barrier from raw reality. Panic and grief consumes the television, radio and Internet; even if you do avoid all these, there is nowhere you can run from your own mind when it is just as saturated with the misery of hundreds of

thousands of people. I can't speak for those around me, but I can see the strain in their faces, hear the fear in their voices, and see the loss in their eyes.

Within the group of my foreign friends, the stress sometimes makes us snap at each other, or at those in our countries of origin. Of course, we all feel grateful for our friends and family, and we understand that they are worried, but sometimes their questions can be even more stressful than watching the news. Will everything be okay? Can they help everyone who needs it? Will you be safe? Will they stop the radiation? Will it harm anybody? How can we possibly give them a satisfactory response when we don't

even know the answers ourselves — when not even the government or those fighting to cool the reactors know the answers?

In the end, all I can say with certainty is that there is no such thing as a person in Japan who isn't suffering, even if it is only suffering with the knowledge of what has happened and is happening to our countrymen. I know that this will be with all of us for the rest of our lives. I can only continue in my own small relief efforts, and ask my community in the United States to do everything they can to help my beloved Japan now, when she needs us the most.

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