

UF Further Strengthens Academic and Student Programs

The University continues to expand and further strengthen academic and student programs. The number of full-time faculty has increased from 160 in 2005 to 195 in 2009.

Enrollment in science-based programs continues to increase. The first doctor of pharmacy degrees will be awarded in 2010 and the first doctor of physical therapy degrees will be awarded in 2011. The Physician Assistant Program will move to the master's level beginning in the Fall of 2009.

The new animal science facility on the property adjacent to the

Western Equestrian Farm, six miles south of Findlay has been completed and is being used.

A balanced budget is projected for the current fiscal year, which ends June 30, 2009.

Construction planned for the summer includes \$2 million of maintenance and renovation projects on campus, including air conditioning of two major residence halls.

Men's basketball and western equestrian teams won national championships in their areas.

The above information and actions were part of a meeting of The

University of Findlay Board of Trustees on April 30 and May 1. Thirty-six regular trustees and four special trustees attended the meeting.

"We had a good meeting," Board Chairman C. Richard Beckett said. "Trustees are pleased with the progress and direction of the University. We are systematically strengthening the academic, teaching and student programs, while improving finances. The University is adding exciting new educational features which will serve well long into the future."

Many Graduate During Commencement



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Nina Smith chats with other graduates during Dr. and Mrs. DeBow Freed's reception at their home May 1.

More than 730 students graduated during spring commencement ceremonies at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 2, in the Koehler Complex.

Dr. James D. Houdeshell, professor emeritus, gave the commencement address, "Some Simple Thoughts," sharing wisdom gleaned from his 54 years of coaching and educational administration.

Following the address, Dr. Kathleen Crates, an alumna of then-Findlay College as well as Bowling Green State University, from which she received a master's and doctorate, received an honorary doctor of education degree.

More than 300 graduate degrees

were awarded, and more than 380 undergraduate degrees were awarded, including approximately 60 bachelor of arts degrees and approximately 320 bachelor of science degrees.

More than 40 associate of arts degrees were conferred.

Among the UF graduates are more than 100 international students who received master's degrees and eight international students who received bachelor's degrees. Those students represent the countries of India, China, Taiwan, Nepal, Japan, Burma, Ghana, Thailand and Korea.

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Commencement Brings Celebrations



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A new graduate smiles for the camera on the front lawn of Old Main.



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Hitomi Maru, from Japan, celebrates by throwing her cap into the air.



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Dr. Marie Loudon-Hanes congratulates Brian Ceraldi.



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Stephen Reichley, Linda Harmon, Lisa Perry, Rachel Hammond and Sam Holmes pose for a photo.



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MBA graduate Scott Trimmer shares a moment with his father, to whom he gave one of his stoles of gratitude.



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Dr. Jennifer Fennema-Bloom celebrates with student Wen-Hsiu "Jami" Liu, from Taiwan, after the Arch Ceremony.



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Laura Maurer is all smiles after walking through the Arch.

Academics Continue on Campus



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Heather Eichner, AmeriCorps VISTA with Campus Compact, gives a presentation on her year of service at UF to a group of campus and community members.



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Dr. Christine Tulley, Jens Hatch, Dr. Diana Montague and Dr. Nicole Diederich discuss a poster presentation at the SEED Conference.

New Student Registration Days Welcome New Oilers

The first New Student Registration day was May 11. The next scheduled days are May 21, June 10 and 18 and Aug. 20 for new students entering as freshmen for the 2009-2010 academic year.

Students will meet with academic advisers at 10 a.m. and then will visit the One Stop Shop, which will be open from 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Alumni Memorial Union.

With questions about New Student Registration, please con-



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Nearly 200 future Oilers attended the first New Student Registration May 11. Above, four new students show off their foam fingers from the Office of Student Services.

tact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at 1-800-548-0932 or admissions@findlay.edu.

UF to Convert Ice Rink to Recreation Center

The University is planning to convert the ice arena, located in the Koehler Fitness and Recreation Complex, to a student recreation center. The new recreation center is expected to be operational by August 2010; the ice rink will continue in operation until March 31, 2010.

The new student recreation center will include two basketball

courts, a walking/jogging track, a rock climbing wall, student lounges, a varsity/student weight room and a juice bar on the first floor and two new racquetball courts on the second floor, off the cardio center.

The change is in response to student requests for more student recreation opportunities, as identified by an undergraduate student

Worth Noting

Andrea R. Adams-Miller, CHES, MS, adjunct instructor, is a member of the 2008-2009 Hancock Leadership class, which is raising funds for a fitness facility in the Agency on Aging.

B. Ann Brossia, development officer, recently earned a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) designation by meeting a series of standards set by CFRE International. Those standards include tenure in the profession, education, demonstrated fundraising achievement and a commitment to service to not-for-profit organizations.

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Artwork by UF Alumnus on Display in Lea Gallery

Artwork by ceramic artist Justin Kruczkowski is on display at The University of Findlay through June 6.

Kruczkowski's ceramics are on display in the Lea Gallery, located in the Virginia B. Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion, Monday through Sunday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

"My artwork is a reflection of the circumstances that surround me and how I interact with those forces," said Kruczkowski in an artist's statement.

"My current body of work is a reflection of how I see my hometown, Toledo, Ohio. This body of work titled 'World of the Proletariats' reflects my interpretation of the current state of blue-collar factory workers and the industrial landscape of the city. I use a vocabulary of large stacks and vessel forms to express the industrial landscapes and the people who work in them."

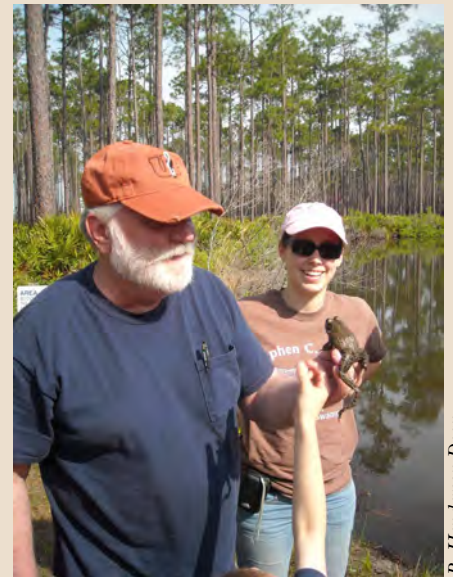


Students Study at Swamp

Students in a field biology course taught during the spring semester traveled to Okefenokee Swamp in Georgia May 3-9.

Faculty members Dr. Michael Edelbrock, Dr. Michael Reed, Terry Schwaner and Dr. Bethany Henderson-Dean accompanied nine students and several family members on the trip.

The field biology course focused on the ecological dynamics of indigenous flora and fauna of the Okefenokee Swamp. Also during the semester, the students studied the history of the swamp. Traveling to the swamp is the conclusion of the course; students are able to apply information gathered during the course to what they see in the swamp.



Dr. Terry Schwaner and Sarah Flipse study a frog in the Okefenokee Swamp.

B. Henderson-Dean

New Animal Science Building Dedication Held

More than 150 people attended as The University of Findlay hosted a public dedication and open house Friday, May 1, at its new Dr. C. Richard Beckett Animal Science Building, located at the University's Animal Sciences Center on State Route 68.

Speakers included Dr. Farabee McCarthy, University president Dr. DeBow Freed, graduating senior Brandon Forshey and others.

The Beckett Building honors the efforts of Dr. Beckett for conceiving and helping to start the pre-veter-



Dr. Farabee McCarthy, Dr. DeBow Freed, Dr. C. Richard Beckett, Dr. Linda Peck and Dr. Michael Kerns cut the ribbon at the dedication ceremony.

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inary program at the University nearly 30 years ago, and for his unending support of the program since then.

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