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## NIEKAMP REACHES 500 WINS WITH OILERS

UF Oilers basketball Coach Ron Niekamp earned his 500th win with the team on Saturday, Jan. 19, after a victory against Lake Superior State University in Croy Gymnasium.

Coach Niekamp's first win at Findlay came during his first collegiate game as he guided the Oilers to a 101-

88 victory over Tri-State University on Nov. 23, 1985, which was followed by his 100th win against Wilmington College during the 1989-90 campaign.

In 1995, Niekamp picked up his 200th career win with a 75-74 victory against Malone College and his 300th came in an 85-78 decision over

Saginaw Valley State University on Dec. 4, 1999. Win number 400 followed on March 5, 2004, when Findlay defeated Northwood University 74-61 in the semifinals of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Tournament.

In between Niekamp's 400th and 500th career victories was his 431st, which came on March 13, 2005, and allowed him to move past Dr. James Houdeshell for the most wins ever at UF.

The 63-49 win over Wayne State University sent them to the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional finals where they defeated Ferris State University 94-73 and earned their first ever trip to the Elite Eight.

The four-time GLIAC Coach of the Year and two-time NABC Great Lakes Region Coach of the Year now has a career record of 500-172 with the Oilers to add to his impressive 208-86 record in the prep ranks with Parkway, Ottawa-Glandorf and Lima Senior. Niekamp reached three final fours while in high school, taking Ottawa-Glandorf in 1977 and 1978 as well as Lima Senior in 1982.

A limited edition bobblehead was created in Niekamp's likeness to commemorate the achievement. There are 500 bobbleheads available and may be purchased for \$12 at a home basketball game or by calling 419-434-4663.



*Coach Niekamp, who scored his 500th win, coaches the Oilers to victory. A bobblehead in Niekamp's likeness was created to commemorate the achievement.*

## RES LIFE TO HOST SALUTE TO OUR TROOPS

Salute to Our Troops, an event sponsored by The University of Findlay's Office of Residence Life, will take place from 8-10 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30, in the Alumni Memorial Union (AMU).

It will offer UF students an opportunity to show their support for the men and women who serve our country. Students will put together care packages, write letters and sign cards to be mailed to currently deployed soldiers.

Donations are being accepted, and

collection boxes are available in the dormitories, the AMU and the Student Services office in Old Main. Suggested items to donate include sunblock, lip balm, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving cream, lotion, soap, DVDs, beef jerky, candy and energy bars. Positive newspaper clippings about current events in the United States also will be included in the care packages.

Any student is encouraged to submit the name and address of a friend or family member currently in service, and a

care package will be sent to that person.

On the day of the event, students are asked to wear red, white and blue to display appreciation for all those who choose to serve our country. Students also will be given a yellow ribbon that symbolizes support of the troops (while supplies last).

For more information, contact resident assistant Kelsey Swenson at [swensonk@findlay.edu](mailto:swensonk@findlay.edu).

## KAWAMURA TRAVELS TO VIETNAM AS VISITING SCHOLAR

Hiroaki Kawamura, Ph.D., chair of the department of language and culture and associate professor of Japanese, recently returned from a trip to Vietnam. There, Kawamura was a visiting scholar with the Viet Nam – U.S.A. faculty exchange, a grant program funded by the American Council of Learned Society through the ASIANetwork, a consortium to promote Asian studies in U.S. liberal arts colleges.

The University hosted Dr. Tran Le Hoa Tranh from Vietnam during spring semester 2007. Kawamura visited the National University of Vietnam, University of Social Sciences and Humanities (USSH), in Ho Chi Minh City, where Tran teaches.

While there, Kawamura gave two public lectures geared toward faculty and master's program students at the Japan Research Center and another public lecture for faculty, master's and doctoral program students in the department of cultural studies at

USSH. In addition, he presented "Law, Culture and Politics Among Contemporary Native Americans: Hunting, Fishing and Plant Gathering Practices Among Nez Perce Indians in Idaho" to a group of undergraduate anthropology students.

"I met Vietnamese faculty and staff I truly respect," said Kawamura. "I also met young, bright scholars through my public lectures. It was simply a great joy to meet these people and spend time discussing various issues."

Before returning to UF, Kawamura stayed four days in Hanoi, where he met Vietnamese scholars and visited Japanese automobile companies.

Kawamura will continue to work with USSH faculty and staff to develop a faculty and student exchange program.



*Dr. Kawamura attends an event where he visits with Dr. Sen, rector (president) of the university where Kawamura was a visiting scholar.*



*Left, Dr. Kawamura speaks to a classroom of students at the University of Social Sciences and Humanities in Ho Chi Minh city.*

## EQUESTRIAN STUDENTS TRADE PRIZES TO HELP OTHERS

Last month, UF equestrian students surprised Julie Brown, director of Chopin (Christians Helping Other People in Need) Hall in Findlay, and several volunteers, with \$1,000 – enough to purchase 10,000 pounds of food for local individuals and families.

With encouragement from Sandra



*Becky Baumel rides Napoleon, a UF owned horse, at the horse show in December.*

McCarthy, director and riding instructor of the English equestrian program, the senior class decided to donate the proceeds from the Dec. 1 and 2 Senior Holiday Horse Show to a local charity. After researching charities in the community, the group voted to help Chopin Hall. To increase the donation, students re-used contestant numbers from past shows and opted for smaller prizes compared to the usual prize ribbons awarded to winners.

Approximately 80 freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors participated in the hunter/jumper show, which served as a venue for final riding exams for all students and for the seniors' horse show management exam. Show participants paid a

class entry fee for each class in which they wanted to compete. Fees averaged \$10 per class.

According to Michelle Arnold, riding instructor and senior class coordinator, students were eager to sign up for additional classes because the money was going to a local charity. "They really wanted to help raise money for the people of Findlay and the flood victims," she said.

"Chopin Hall has a 23-year legacy of kindness in Hancock County and is completely reliant on the generosity of local donors and volunteers to continue this service," said Brown. "We are blessed by the support of the UF English equestrian hunter/jumper staff and students."

# WINTER FUN BINGO! STARTS SEMESTER WITH SMILES



Students play bingo in the Alumni Memorial Union Jan. 11. The Office of Student Activities sponsors multiple events each semester to give students a break from academics and an opportunity to build

friendships. Above, twin sisters Shavon and Lauren Jones share a snack during the game. Photo credits: sophomore Mike Blinn



Larry Turner, forensic science expert, gave a presentation Jan. 17 in the Ritz Auditorium. His visit was organized by the Criminal Justice Club. Photo credit: Yekaterina Kontar '07, graduate student



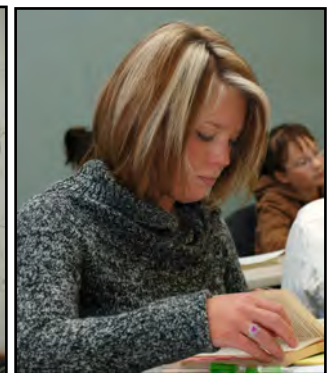
Students in a Seminar in Entrepreneurship class help dedicate the College of Business' Be Entrepreneurial display case on the second floor of Old Main. The inaugural display features Bay Corp., a company founded in 1979 by the late Larry Hull '69 and his wife. Brooks Hull, brother of the company's founder, is now president and CEO. Senior Jennifer Johnson and senior Rachel Cole are on the far right.



Junior strength and conditioning and business major Justin Lyons takes notes during an accounting class.



Christine Denecker, Ph.D., assistant professor of English, teaches a literature class during which senior education major Lauren King follows along.



## ALPHA PSI OMEGA TO HOST TRIAGE THEATRE FEB. 1-2

The University of Findlay Theatre Program and Alpha Psi Omega, the University's honorary co-educational theater fraternity, will host the seventh annual Triage Theatre event with a performance at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2.

Triage, which is the process of writing, producing and performing a five- to 10-minute skit in 24 hours, will

begin at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1. Participants are given a theme and are turned loose to create unique shows.

Exactly 24 hours later, at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, a paying audience will watch each skit and cast votes to determine the best one. The winning group will receive a cash prize, which comes from a \$5 entrance fee every participant pays.

Past themes in Triage Theatre have challenged students to use Top 40 song lyrics as dialogue, show what superheroes are like in their time off and combine classic fairy tales to tell a new story.

Admittance to Triage is \$5 for community members and free to all UF faculty, staff and students with a valid I.D.

## UF'S IT STAFF FEATURED IN MICROSOFT'S OHIO BROCHURE

Microsoft recently featured The University of Findlay's information technology (IT) department in a new brochure, which will be used in direct mail campaigns, executive briefings, tradeshows and public relations activities. The information also will be posted on the Microsoft.com/education Web site:

<http://www.microsoft.com/education/partnerships.msp>

The University was chosen as a featured college in Microsoft's Ohio brochure because UF's partnership with Microsoft demonstrates "how schools are leveraging technology to implement 21st century solutions to address complex business challenges along with enhancing the teaching and learning process and outcomes,"

according to Microsoft.

Since 2000, the University has used Microsoft SQL Server™ for data storage and Web operations, as well as Microsoft Systems Management Server (SMS) for system maintenance. UF also



*Kelly Vackert works with Microsoft as UF's IT licensing and contract coordinator.*

participates in the Microsoft Campus Agreement subscription licensing program, which allows students to purchase the latest Microsoft products at a greatly reduced price.

Kelly Vackert, IT licensing and contract coordinator, explained that since UF implemented the SMS product, the IT staff can install software on computers across campus remotely and maintain an inventory of hardware and software applications on campus computers. Prior to using the SMS, staff members needed to individually schedule visits to a faculty or staff member's computer and manually install the software. Also, the University relies on Microsoft's SQL Server for data storage, Web operations and handling data for the Blackboard Academic Suite.

## THE UNIVERSITY TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONWIDE TEACH-IN

On Thursday, Jan. 31, The University of Findlay will participate in Focus The Nation, a teach-in model on global warming solutions centered on using education, civic engagement and leadership to find a solution to global warming. More than 1,100 colleges and universities in all 50 states will participate.

The teach-in will kick off nationally Jan. 30, with the "2% Solution" webcast produced by the National Wildlife Federation and aired by the Earth Day Network.

On campus Jan. 31, students in an environmental studies class taught by Julie McIntosh, Ed.D., assistant professor in the College of Education, will

host poster presentations from 11 a.m. until noon in the Winebrenner Theological Seminary (WTS) atrium.

At noon, author, public speaker, filmmaker and Web designer Chad Kister will present "Arctic Melting" in the WTS auditorium. He will offer an overview of the impacts of climate change on the Arctic and Alaska, including ice melting, polar bear and other animal population changes and permafrost decline, and he will address what people can do to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Kister also will talk about his own 700-mile journey by foot and raft across Alaska.

Both the poster presentations and

Kister's presentation are open to the public.

Nationwide, another piece of Focus The Nation's teach-in model will be the "Choose Your Future" vote. All students, faculty and community participants will be encouraged to vote on what they think are the top five solutions to global warming from a list of 10 to 15 that will be available Jan. 21 at [www.focusthenation.org](http://www.focusthenation.org). Vote results will be presented nationally in mid-February. All students who vote on the "Choose Your Future" ballot will be eligible to win a \$10,000 leadership scholarship for a project to be completed by end of August 2008.