

Cordray to Speak at UF Commencement

More than 430 students will graduate from The University of Findlay during fall commencement ceremonies at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, in the Koehler Center on campus.

Richard Cordray, newly elected attorney general of the state of Ohio, will give the commencement address. In 2008, Cordray received a Financial Services Champion award from the U.S. Small Business Administration and the Government Service Award from NeighborWorks America.

A graduate of the University of Chicago Law School, Cordray clerked for two U.S. Supreme

Court justices and has argued six cases in the nation's highest court. He worked for 20 years in private practice and taught for 15 years at Ohio State University's Moritz School of Law. Cordray was the state's first solicitor general and also was a senior adviser to the attorney general. In 2006, Cordray was elected as state treasurer.

More than 260 graduate degrees will be awarded, and more than 150 undergraduate degrees will be awarded, including approximately 30 bachelor of arts degrees and approximately 120 bachelor of science degrees.

Almost 20 associate of arts degrees will be conferred.

Among the UF graduates are 173 international students who will receive master's degrees and two international students who will receive bachelor's degrees. Those students represent the countries of India, Nepal, Taiwan, China, Japan, Korea and Venezuela.

The University's traditional Arch Ceremony will immediately follow commencement at approximately 3:30 p.m. at the Griffith Memorial Arch.

Equestrian Teams Honored at Banquet

It has been quite a season for the UF equestrian teams. Having won after win is call for celebration and recognition; and that is just what took place at the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) and Intercollegiate Dressage Association (IDA) dinner.

The dinner gave coaches and team members an opportunity to show their appreciation for each other and to reflect upon an awesome season. All coaches and team members were invited to attend, as well as special guest Bob Cacchione, IHSA founder and executive president.

Cacchione expressed his praise for the UF teams. "I gave you the IHSA, but every single one of you

is the IHSA." He spoke of how proud he is of the impressive program at UF.

Cynthia Morehead, western equestrian team coach, said the UF teams are "teams with a winning tradition." In 35 individual classes, 14 blue ribbon winners came from the UF teams. This is an incredible feat for the teams and reflects



Equestrian team members Christina Hesse and Samantha Keklak enjoy a special banquet, hosted by Dr. Freed, to celebrate their successful competition season.

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years of tradition and feelings of accomplishment and pride.

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Campus Ministry House Open for Use

A new meeting and hangout spot has been added to UF's campus.

The Campus Ministry house, purchased by the College First Church of God, is now available for use by any student or group of students.

William D. Miller, director of Christian ministry, saw potential in the house.

"It was going to be sitting vacant, so I said 'This doesn't sound good,'" he said. He then suggested the house be made available for student use.

Located at 1130 N. Main St., the house is behind the church and is easily accessible from campus. It can be reserved through the facilities office, just like any other building or room on campus and it falls under all University policies

for facilities.

Miller says the house is there for anyone whenever they want to go there.

"We don't want to put any hour restrictions on it," he said. "It's open to anyone on campus who wants to use it."

Even though the house is a new addition to the campus property, it has already seen a lot of use. Students have hung out there after Thursday Night Live, had pizza parties, and it will be used by the Office of International Admissions and Services for its graduate assistant Christmas party.

There are several rooms available for reservation in the house, including a kitchen, great room, basement, office and one smaller upstairs living room. The down-

stairs great room is equipped with a 47-inch television, a DVD player, surround sound and a Nintendo Wii gaming system.

"It's open but it's not quite done," said Miller. "There are still no Internet, cable or phone lines."

Despite this, Miller encourages students who are looking for a place to go to check out the house. He says it can serve almost any purpose a student or group of students is looking for, and individual rooms can be reserved if there are a small number of people.

"It's a place to go and chill out. It's bigger than a dorm lobby but smaller than the AMU," said Miller. "It's open for whatever."

By Paige Aten, communication major, Napoleon, Ohio

UF Ranks Third Out of More Than 400, Collects More Than 12,000 Pounds

The University of Findlay, with tremendous support from the Findlay community, ranked third among more than 400 college campuses nationwide for pounds of food collected during the Cans Across America food drive Nov. 12.

David P. Harr, director of dining service at the University, said

Curry College was first nationally with 49,401 pounds of food collected, Western Illinois University second at 15,176 pounds and The University of Findlay third at 12,641.79 pounds.

The University collection nearly doubled last year's total of 6,544 pounds. In 2006, the University was

second in the nation among college campuses that participated. All of UF's donations were delivered to Chopin (Christians Helping Other People in Need) Hall in Findlay.

The canned food drive was part of a nationwide effort, organized by the University's dining service,

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A slideshow was presented showing pictures from throughout the season. Outstanding athletes were recognized, including Katie Morehead, Spencer Zimmerman and Ryan Sims.

"My favorite IHSA memory for the 2007-2008 season was when Matt Piccolo recorded an 88 at nationals in the Cacchione Cup. Matt

Piccolo was a graduating senior last year, and when we started our competition year, we had a goal to be the Cacchione rider for our zone. He ended up third overall in the most prestigious equitation class that the IHSA has to offer. It was really fun to horseshow with Matt because he had such a tremendous will to win," said English equestrian team coach Sandra McCarthy.

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Yu-Ting Li, Jheng-Huei Lee, Ping-Yi Wu and Rui Yan choose from a variety of traditional American Thanksgiving dishes at the annual Office of International Admissions and Services' Thanksgiving lunch Nov. 25.



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Students in a Politics of Genocide course team taught by Ray McCandless, D.A., and Beth Stewart visited the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills, Mich., last month. The tour guide, center, was a Holocaust survivor and shakes hands with UF student Janak Patel.



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Findlay native David Coolidge, professional actor, writer and director, gives advice to student Kara Wilkinson during a musical theater audition workshop.



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Krista Schwiebert, Amanda Nelson, Sarah Barlow and Amanda Wolford participate in the Pop Culture Quiz Bowl tournament Nov. 19 in the AMU.



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Students Alex Malloy and Nikki Greenwood compete in a Rockband tournament hosted by the Technology and Gaming Club Nov. 11.



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Valerie Escobedo, right, talks to Diane Susdorf during a water-color art class.

Wilderness Club Cleans Blanchard River

In October, hundreds of volunteers pitched in to clean up one of the most infamous parts of Findlay.

The University of Findlay's Wilderness Club, along with volunteers from Marathon Petroleum Co. and other students from UF, held its first Blanchard River cleanup of the year with the goal of continuing to clean up Findlay and make it a better place to live.

Bethany Henderson-Dean, Ph.D., assistant professor of biology and adviser to the Wilderness Club, said the effort was a success, as usual.

"We had about 105 or 110 students there," she said. "About 60 were from Wilderness Club, and the rest were from classes that wanted to help out."

The match with Marathon for this cleanup came through a group the Wilderness Club regularly collaborates with for river cleanup.

"We always call the Blanchard River Watershed Committee, and they had been contacted by Marathon so they paired us up," said Henderson-Dean.

The volunteers worked at two sites, one near a park on Howard

Street and the other on Township Road 139.

Among other things, the group pulled 250 tires out of the Blanchard. Henderson-Dean said this year's efforts saw quite different results than the last cleanup.

"We were there last year right after the flood and we pulled a lot of household things," she said. "There were still remnants from the flood this year."

She said other items volunteers found in the river included a purse from 1969 that still contained IDs, a children's slide, a bike, clothing, an inflatable pool, a tractor tire and an empty oil barrel. There was also a lot of other, more common, refuse in the water, which was sorted before being disposed.

"We always separate the recyclables," said Henderson-Dean. She also cited several other ways college students (and others alike) can help the environment. It's easy, she said.

"Don't leave your lights on if you aren't in your room; think about your energy consumption," she said. "And there's no excuse not to

recycle. Utilize the recycling trailer that comes to campus and Litter Landing."

The Wilderness Club will host its second Blanchard River cleanup the Saturday before spring finals, April 25.

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UF students rest on the giant tire that was removed from the Blanchard River.

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Sodexo, to break the Guinness® World Record for the largest food drive by a non-charitable organization in a 24-hour period. In 2006, Cans Across America was introduced to all college campuses across the United States. In 2007, the national canned goods collections fell short of the current world record of 396,832.07 pounds.

This year, several area churches,

as well as several local businesses, collected canned goods and dropped off donations at Henderson Dining Hall. Students at Wilson Vance Intermediate and Bigelow Hill Intermediate donated more than 2,000 pounds of food. On campus, UF students and student organizations worked together to exceed last year's total.



David Harr, left, is interviewed by Kelly Greene of WFIN's Phone Club, which broadcast live from the collection site Nov. 12.

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