

Three Join Board of Trustees at Meeting

Three new members, A.R. Charnes, Judge Robert A. Fry and Dr. Thomas L. Lucas, attended The University of Findlay's Board of Trustees meeting Oct. 2-3.

Charnes, a 1966 graduate of UF, was vice president of marketing of Getty Petroleum Marketing Inc., a subsidiary of Lukoil Oil Co, prior to his retirement last year. Charnes and his wife recently relocated to McCormick, S.C.

Judge of the Findlay Municipal Court Robert A. Fry, J.D., has served in his current position since 2007. Prior to that election, he was the Hancock County prosecutor, chief assistant prosecutor and assistant prosecutor in Findlay. He resides in Findlay with his wife, Cindy, and they have two sons.

Dr. Thomas L. Lucas is a partially retired associate pastor with the East Pennsylvania Conference. He previously was interim executive director of the Eastern Regional Conference. Lucas resides in Dillsburg, Pa., with his wife, Judith.

At the board meeting, trustees discussed substantial investments being made in teaching faculty and academic programs.

Thirty full-time faculty members have been added in the past four years, and external approvals have been completed for two professional doctoral degree programs: doctor

of pharmacy and doctor of physical therapy. Also discussed was the new animal science facility currently under construction on Route 68 near the western equestrian farm and pre-veterinary center. The budget was balanced for the 2007-08 fiscal year and is projected to be balanced for the current fiscal year.



New trustees, left to right: A.R. Charnes, Robert A. Fry and Thomas L. Lucas

FGCI to Give Bicycles to Students; Oberlin Students Share Experiences

The Findlay Green Campus Initiative (FGCI) hopes to increase the use of bicycles on campus as part of its effort to encourage UF's campus to be more environmentally conscious. Students who attend an FGCI event Oct. 30 will be entered into a drawing to win one of two free bicycles. Other bicycle drawings will be held at future events.

At 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, several students from Oberlin College will be in the Endly Room of the Alumni Memorial Union to talk about their experiences living in

the SEED (Student Experiment in Ecological Design) house on Oberlin's campus. Those who live in the SEED house meet weekly to brainstorm ideas about how to reduce energy usage – by saving water and electricity, reducing waste and more.

UF students who attend the entire presentation Oct. 30 will be entered into the drawing for a bicycle. A student subcommittee of FGCI will set guidelines as to who

is eligible to receive a free bicycle.

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Elizabeth Hillman is one of a growing number of students who choose to travel by bicycle.

Toledo Opera to Preview “Rigoletto”

The University of Findlay will host a performance of the Toledo Opera at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, in Winebrenner Theological Seminary, as part of the 2008-2009 Concert & Lecture Series.

Tickets are \$25 for general admission, \$20 for senior citizens, \$15 for UF faculty and staff members and free to UF students. Call the UF Box Office at 419-434-5335.

Directed by Renay Conlin, the performance will feature Rachel Watkins, soprano, Audrey Babcock, mezzo-soprano, Yoonsoo Shin, tenor, Jason Stearns, baritone, Randall Jacobsch, bass, and Keith Chambers, pianist. Cast members of “A Rigoletto Tapestry” by

Giuseppe Verdi will perform a preview of the full opera, which will open in Toledo two weeks following the Findlay performance.

When Verdi was a young man and newly arrived in Milan with his family, he experienced a great tragedy that was to mark the rest of his personal and creative life. In the span of a few short years, his wife and both his children, a son and daughter, died tragically of mysterious fevers. Understandably, the loss nearly drove the young composer into complete and utter despair, but he eventually began writing again.

The theme of fathers and daughters, and parents and children in general, figures prominently in

many of Verdi’s operas. In Rigoletto, the father is a reviled and deformed man, shunned and mocked by society, and in possession of a cruel and mocking wit in his role as court jester to the Duke of Mantua’s court. He is nevertheless portrayed as deeply human and selfless in his love for his only daughter, Gilda, whom he keeps isolated and under guard, protecting her from the lecherous reaches of the Duke’s court.

This performance is made possible, in part, through the generosity of Dr. George Whitson and Mrs. Shirlee Whitson, Whitson Properties, Country Inn & Suites and Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites.

Visiting Executive Ron Stupi to Give Lecture

The University of Findlay’s College of Business welcomes visiting executive Ron Stupi ’91 to campus Oct. 23 and 24. Community members are welcome to attend a lecture, “An Insider’s View of the Real Estate Crisis: How Low Will Our Economy Go?” at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23, in the Winebrenner Theological Seminary.

Stupi, principal and managing member for Quality Project Management LLC, is responsible for business development, real estate acquisitions and divestments and strategic planning for the \$16 million organization. QPM has more than 100 employees across the United States and in 2007 was named one of Inc magazine’s top 5,000 fastest growing privately held companies.

Prior to joining QPM, Stupi worked for Travel Centers of America where he served as director of real estate and strategic planning. Under Stupi’s leadership, Travel Centers of America grew significantly from 75 sites to more than 130.

Stupi earned a bachelor’s degree

in business with a minor in hazardous materials from The University of Findlay. He is a member of several organizations including the International Society of Shopping Centers (ICSC), CORNET Global and the American Society of Healthcare Engineering.

Stupi is a philanthropic supporter of the University, and also contributes to other causes, particularly those related to cancer research and patient support. He

and his family are involved with the American Cancer Society.



Ron Stupi '91

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For example, each student entered into the drawing may be asked to sign a pledge that he or she will use the bicycle for traveling short distances, as opposed to using a motorized vehicle. The ultimate goal is to reduce the carbon footprint of the campus and encourage bicycling as an alternative mode

of transportation.

FGCI will purchase the bicycles this fall at a planned sheriff’s unclaimed bicycle auction. After they are purchased, the bicycles will be voluntarily cleaned, checked and repaired if necessary by members of Hancock Handlebars, a local bicycling club.

Applause! Reception Honors Two Couples



Standing next to Dr. DeBow Freed, UF president, are the 2008 Distinguished Associates Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Catherine Pritts and Mr. and Mrs. Bill and Donna Ruse.



Donna Ruse, left, and Margaret Palmer, right, share good conversation with a friend following the Applause! event Oct. 10 in the Alumni Memorial Union.

Bake Sales on Campus Raise Funds for Causes



Social work students take advantage of the fall weather and sell baked goods to those passing by.



Physician assistant students capitalize on foot traffic in the AMU and raise awareness of PA Day.

Funday Sunday Series Begins on the Farm



The Mazza Museum's first Funday Sunday of the academic year was Oct. 5. The theme "Down on the Farm" was conveyed through story telling, art projects and costumes. The next Funday Sunday is Nov. 2, and the theme is Superman.

Far left: Bonnie Sims, administrative assistant, poses for a photo with her grandchildren, Jordan and Andon. Left, Micah Stevens reads to his daughter, Kirsten, 2.

UF Hosts Regional Business Educators

The University of Findlay hosted area business educators at the ACBSP (Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs) Great Lakes Council Region 4 Annual Conference, which began Oct. 16 and concluded today.

The topic of the conference was Curriculum for Growth: Improving Student Competencies. Two

tracks were offered: Best Practices for Teaching Excellence in Business Education Delivery and Best Practices for Teaching Excellence in Working within the Changing Global Business Environment.

On the agenda were W. Paul Worstell, president of Pro-Tech Coating Co., and Iris Cooper, director of entrepreneurship and small busi-

ness division for the State of Ohio.

Session presenters included representatives from The University of Findlay, University of Saint Francis, Tiffin University, Trine University, Owens Community College and Indiana University East.

An ACBSP business meeting also was held during the conference.

Fiction Writer Poissant to Read Work

The University will host a reading by fiction writer David James Poissant at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30, in the Malcolm Dining Hall of the Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion as part of the Fall Writers Series.

The reading is a free event and is open to students, faculty, staff and community members. Poissant's

visit is sponsored by the University's English department, Convocations Committee and the College of Liberal Arts.

Poissant's short stories have appeared in Playboy, The Chicago Tribune, Willow Springs, The Chattahoochee Review, Southern Indiana Review, Redivider and in

the anthologies "Best New American Voices 2008" and "New Stories from the South 2008."

He won the Playboy College Fiction Contest, the AWP Quickie Contest, the George Garrett Fiction Award, second place in the Atlantic Monthly Student Writing Contest and other honors.

Students Get 'Crash Course' in Sales

A group of students from The University of Findlay is making its debut with the Cleveland Cavaliers basketball team.

And it's probably not who you'd expect.

Upper-level marketing students at UF have been invited to help the Cavs out as honorary sales staff members.

Paul Bee, the group events specialist for the Cavs, visited campus recently to talk to students about a marketing and sales project that will pit the new salespeople against each other to see how many game tickets they can sell.

The student who ends up with the highest revenue wins a guaranteed job interview next year with the sales staff for the Cavs. The contest runs through the team's

regular season, which ends Dec. 12.

Bee said this is a great way to learn about the profession.

"This is a crash course in the sales process," he said. "It's a great way to get experience."

There will be one winner from each class that participates in the project. Bee said he spoke with several classes about the opportunity during his visit to UF.

Students may opt out of the contest, and those who do choose to participate will get weekly updates from Bee about who is the top seller for each class.

Bee encouraged students to get information about the tickets they're selling, which are available at a discounted price, to as many people as possible.

"Think outside the box," he said,

"and think big."

He also told his new sales staff that this process would be helpful to them even if they did not intend to go into the sales profession.

"At some point in your life you will have to sell yourself, whether you're trying to get a job or trying to get a date," he said.

Chris Ward, Ed. D., assistant professor in the College of Business and professor of some of the classes participating in the contest, said this challenge is something both the faculty and the students at UF just can't pass up.

"When there are opportunities to do things like this, we always say yes," she said.

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