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WORDEN, WELTON-PEELER, CPB RECEIVE NATIONAL AWARDS

Sophomore Cora Worden, religious studies major, and Sharinda Welton-Peeler, director of student activities and commuter student services, were each honored for their leadership abilities at the national Association for Promotion of Campus Activities (APCA) conference, "Putting on the Ritz," in Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 28 – March 4.

The University's Campus Program Board (CPB) also was recognized nationally for its activities on the UF campus.

Worden, who served as the CPB student representative, was honored during an awards banquet for demonstrating outstanding leadership qualities while participating in conference activities.

Welton-Peeler was presented with the APCA Annual Leadership Award at a professional awards luncheon during the conference.

Both Worden and Welton also chose to complete certification in the



Sophomore Cora Worden represented CPB at a national conference where she was honored for her leadership abilities.

APCA's Campus Activities Development program. Welton received the professional development certification, and Worden received the student certification and certification as a student programmer.

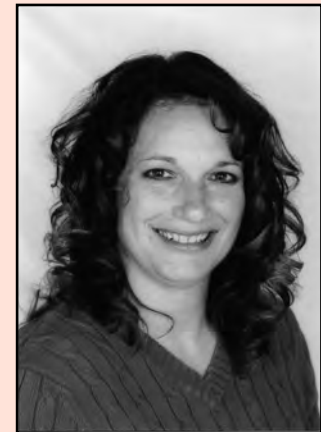
CPB was awarded first place in the nation in the category of Theme Material for its Diversity Week promotion. UF's promotion of Diversity Week included a professionally-made banner, sheet banner, fliers, newspaper articles, T-shirts and pictures. CPB also won second place in the nation in the category of 3-D graphics for the Fall 2006 Homecoming shirt designed around the theme, "Let Your Oiler Pride Flow!"

Additionally, CPB was nominated by agencies and artists to receive the National Outstanding Programming Board of the Year Award.

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SPEAKER TO SHARE EXPERIENCE

The University of Findlay's Campus Program Board (CPB) is sponsoring a domestic violence lecture by Teri Jendusa Nicolai, a woman who has been a victim of spousal abuse, at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, in the Alumni Memorial Union (AMU) Multi-Purpose Room.



Spousal abuse victim Teri Jendusa Nicolai will share her incredible story in hopes of saving others from a tragedy.

There will be a reception for Nicolai before the lecture from 7-8 p.m. in the AMU Atrium, and it is open to everyone.

During the winter of 2004, Nicolai was beaten with a baseball bat by her ex-husband, placed in a garbage can and put on the flatbed of his pick-up truck with their two little girls sitting in the front seat. She was placed in a storage locker and left for

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Sharinda Welton-Peeler, pictured with APCA representatives, was presented with the APCA Annual Leadership Award.

NEW PROGRAM INTRODUCES INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS TO VOLUNTEERISM



American pharmacy student Gerald Jackson helped introduce international students to volunteerism in Findlay.

Connecting with the Community is a new program that pairs international students with American students to experience volunteering in the community.

According to Megan Schroeder, graduate assistant for Campus Compact, "The main idea was to have international and American students volunteer together, and for international students to see what volunteering is and to get involved in the Findlay community."

The first event, a free community dinner, was held Feb. 25. Volunteers assisted in getting the meal ready, serving the meal and talking with those who attended. Vonda, an international student from Taiwan, commented, "I volunteered because I wanted to know about how the community helps people. It is a part of American culture."

A total of two international students and seven American students participated.

The second event was held March 17 at the Knights of Columbus Club. Volunteers assisted with a CHOPIN Hall mobile food pantry and helped carry food to cars. Six international students and 10 American students volunteered. After the service project, the students returned to campus to eat lunch together and to reflect on poverty in Findlay and stereotypes of "poor" people in various countries.

This year was the pilot year for Connecting with the Community, and it is hoped that more students will be involved next school year. Schroeder commented, "It went well for the first time, but it would go even better with more people involved."

The goal is to have 20 students in the program, 10 international students and 10 American students. Schroeder hopes that it will include once-a-month volunteer opportunities.

Those interested in learning more about the program can contact Megan Schroeder, graduate assistant for Campus Compact, at schroederm@findlay.edu or Crystal Jones, Campus Compact coordinator, at cjones@findlay.edu.

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BUSINESS STUDENTS PRESENT AT STATE CAPITOL

Recently, senior April Krout, senior Joanna Sabato and junior Corey Redmond were selected to be the only student presenters at a small business expo in Columbus, Ohio, hosted by the Small Business Development Centers of Ohio.

The three business majors talked about their real-world experience working with a small business, K&K Ornamental, in Findlay. As part of a semester-long project in a business research class taught by S. Chris Ward, Ed.D., assistant professor of business, the students met with the business owners, completed marketing research and developed ideas to improve and grow each business.

Although the students' responsibilities to the project officially ended as soon as final grades were submitted last semester, the students in the group continued to work with business owners Nancy and Russ Krout on



Business students Corey Redmond, April Krout and Joanna Sabato were the only students to present at a small business expo in Columbus.

their own to follow through with their ideas.

"I am so proud of our students," said Ward. "They spoke from their hearts about their experience, and people were impressed. The students really saw value in this real-world project."

In addition to meeting local Ohio state representative

Cliff Hite (R), who ate lunch with the students, the group met other state leaders, as well as many small business owners from various parts of Ohio.

"It was rewarding to attend the expo and be so well received and supported by all of the other business owners and professionals who were there," said Krout.

According to Ward, other Small Business Development Center regions plan to use the University's program as a benchmark to develop similar programs around the state.

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dead. Miraculously she survived, but she lost all of her toes to frostbite and lost her unborn baby with her second husband from her injuries.

She hopes that by sharing her experience and the signs of domestic abuse that she can save someone else from this tragedy.

The domestic violence lecture, sponsored by CPB and funded by the Student Government Association, is a passport event. The presentation is free for UF faculty, staff and students. Community members will be charged \$1, which will cover both the reception and lecture. For more information on the event please contact the Office of Student Activities – Commuter Student Services Office at 419-434-4606 or studentactivities@findlay.edu.

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UF hosted a panel discussion featuring Catherine Ryan Hyde (right), the author of the 2007 Community Read featured book "Pay It Forward," on March 9. UF faculty on the panel included Marie Louden-Hanes, Ph.D., dean of undergraduate education; Gwynne Rife, Ph.D., associate professor of biology; Lansford Holness, assistant professor of graphic design; and Mark Olthouse, social worker for Hancock County Department of Job and Family Services.

UF REMEMBERS BLUFFTON UNIVERSITY



Many UF faculty, staff and students showed their support for Bluffton University on Friday, March 16, just 14 days after the baseball team's bus crashed in Atlanta, Ga., killing four students and two bus drivers. Above, a small group of the many people who wore purple, one of BU's school colors, posed for a photo on the steps of Shafer Library. In addition to the sea of purple on campus, more than 500 wrote messages on a banner and more than \$1,100 was donated to a fund for victims and their families. The banner and donations were delivered to BU.



Findlay High School's *Pantasia* performed Friday, March 16, in the Alumni Memorial Union Multipurpose Room as part of the Bach's Lunch Series. The group is comprised of 20 FHS students who play 35 pans and a drum set.



Children's book illustrator Tim Bowers showed a room full of school children how he creates his illustrations at the Mazza Museum's Young Artists workshop March 17.

MBA STUDENTS PRESENT RESEARCH AT CONFERENCE



From L to R: Nabarun Ghose, D.B.A., professor of marketing and business; Syed Lal, MBA student; Dr. F. Dominic Dottavio, president, Heidelberg College; Pramod Prakash, MBA student; and Hozaiifa Quresh Quayam, MBA student.

Three students in The University of Findlay's MBA program presented their scholarly research at the 14th annual Minds At Work research conference at Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio, on Tuesday, Feb. 20. The students who

presented their work were Pramod Prakash, Syed Lal and Hozaiifa Q. Quayam.

Prakash and Lal presented their paper, "A Comparative Analysis of Leadership Traits: Jack Welch vs. Fred Smith." Their study was a comparative analysis of the leadership styles of Jack Welch, former chairman and CEO of General Electric, and Frederick Smith, chairman and CEO of FedEx Corp., with a focus on traits commonly found in leaders. It explored various leadership theories such as: The Great Man Theory, Trait Theory, Behavior Theory, Contingency Theory, Influence Theory and relational theories. From this it was concluded that people might lead different organizations through different times and

markets, but there's something constant about leadership and character.

Quayam presented his study, "Importance of Communication in Situational Leadership: A Look into Crisis Situations." This study dealt with the idea that poor communication causes ineffective performance and that situations are uniquely environment-specific. Effective leadership communication is when leadership communications are followed willingly. However, qualities that make a leader effective in one particular situation may not result in success in another. Thus, the ideal way to handle any situation would be to use proper communication and the right communication channel.

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STUDENTS BUILD, DECONSTRUCT HOMES IN N.C.

During spring break, some students traveled to the beach, a few enjoyed an exotic cruise – and 28 others deconstructed a two-story home, built stairs and decks, measured and cut baseboards, primed and painted walls and installed fixtures on the exterior of four homes in Raleigh, N.C.

The University of Findlay's Habitat for Humanity student chapter, accompanied by four UF faculty or staff members, traveled south March 4-10 to work with the Wake County Habitat for Humanity affiliate in Raleigh. The trip was organized as part of the Collegiate Challenge, Habitat for Humanity's year-round alternative break program that provides opportunities for students from youth groups, high schools and colleges to spend a week of their school break building or deconstructing a house in partnership with a local affiliate.

During three out of the five days of the trip, the group worked from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to de-nail, measure, cut and bind lumber for resale and salvage other

reusable materials, such as pipes and electrical wiring, from a two-story home. The materials will be sold at the ReStore in Raleigh, operated by the Habitat for Humanity affiliate.

According to Crystal Jones, Campus Compact coordinator and Habitat for Humanity group adviser, students were surprised to learn just how much material could be recycled or reused. Jones also noted that out of the five Collegiate Challenges in which UF has participated, this is the only one that included deconstruction. "It was like seeing a house built in reverse," she said.

During the other two days of the trip, the group split into teams of two to six people and did finishing work in four Habitat for Humanity homes. "My favorite part of the trip was getting to work on the interior of a Habitat house with one of its future owners," said sophomore Jacqueline Wilhelm, physical therapy major. "Being able to actually see



Sophomore Min A Kim of Seoul, South Korea, painted interior doors in a Habitat house in Raleigh.

who we were helping and see that we were making a difference was incredible."

On campus this semester, all students are welcome to participate in Act! Speak! Build! Week, an international, student-initiated week of advocacy, April 14-20. During that week, all are welcome to take part in Box City April 14, and a Hunger Awareness Meal April 18.

There are currently 65 dues-paying members in UF's chapter. For additional information, contact Jones at 419-434-6671.