

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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SUMMERTIME BRINGS IMPROVEMENTS

Summertime, with its relatively consistent weather and slower campus traffic, is an ideal time to improve campus facilities.

The grounds staff is making improvements and repairs all over campus.

Staffers replaced sidewalk panels behind Old Main earlier this summer, and work is currently underway to make the sidewalks bordering Parking Lot A handicap accessible.

The physical plant is also restoring the exterior of Morey Hall.

The houses on Cory Street and at 300 Frazer St. will sport new paint for autumn.

In response to increasing enrollment, the classrooms in the Nuclear Medicine Institute have been renovated to accommodate larger class sizes.

Improvements made at Bare and Fox residence halls include new restroom facilities featuring individual shower stalls.

All University parking lots will be re-striped by early August.

Several facilities at the western farm will soon have new roofs.

A new exercise room is being constructed in the Koehler Recreation and Fitness Complex.

The 2,600-square foot room will have about 30 aerobic and strength machines, including treadmills, stair steppers and ellipticals.

The room will be available to students, faculty and staff. The exercise room will feature flexible hours and a supervising staff that will offer assistance with exercise routines.



Photo by Eric Lee

The sidewalks leading to Parking Lot A will soon feature ramps that will improve handicapped access to the walkway.

Another change is the Information Technology Service's Help Desk's move from Howard Street to the Haven. ITS is also hard at work on upgrading the computer labs' computers with Office Professional 2003.

The office is also adding 10 more enhanced technology classrooms, which will be equipped with computers, DVD/VCR combinations and screens that will project information shown on the computers and combinations. Thirty classrooms that already have enhanced technology will be upgraded.

A new voice mail system will be in place for the new academic year. The system will accommodate UF's increased demand for voice mail accounts and voice mail capacity.

Although most voice mail directions will not change, new instructions will be distributed to all faculty, staff and students.



Photo by Anne Risser Lee

Preparations are underway for a new exercise room in the Koehler Fitness and Recreation Complex. Much of the room's equipment will overlook Clauss Ice Arena.

The mission of The University of Findlay is to equip our students for meaningful lives and productive careers.

OT GRADS PRESENT FINAL PROJECTS

Occupational therapy graduate students were back on campus the week of July 12 to present their final research projects on July 14.

According to Director and Associate Professor of Occupational



Sixteen students in the occupational therapy program presented their final projects July 14. All of the students were participants in the three-year, weekend master's program.

Therapy Thomas H. Dillon, Ed.D., the presentations were the culmination in a week of final activities for the master's students.

While the students participated in the May 1 commencement exercises, they only recently completed six months of clinical internships required for their degrees.

These clinicals took place all over the United States, including North Carolina and Florida, and the students had not been back on campus until the week of July 12.

The week also included seminars with faculty.

Although the students had not done clinicals together, they completed the group graduate research projects via e-mail and other communication.

Professors advising the research projects were Dillon, Ruth Ford, Laura Schmelzer and Jacquelyn L. Chamberlin.

PROJECTS PRESENTED

Older Adults' Identification of Barriers to 'Aging in Place' and Implications for Occupational Therapy Practitioners, Ajena Langley, Chessie Peters, Stephanie Swisher, Dottie Thompson
Leaders in Occupational Therapy: A Historical Perspective, Julie Bruskotter, Anna Shaw, Theresa Leto
Lively Activities for Fun and Fitness Camp: Program Development and Design for Children Who Are Overweight, Lori L. Dallacheisa, William E. Danner, Amber H. Gotschall
The Fairy Tale Trail: A Sensory-Based Alternative Halloween Experience, Catherine D. Dodson, Holly A. Morrison, Kristina K. Warren
Leaders in Occupational Therapy: A Historical Perspective, Kristina Boots, Cristina Salazar, Elizabeth Thomas

NEW GRANT AWARDS

Associate Professor of Education **Judy Wahrman** received a \$21,594 grant from the Ohio Department of Education. The grant award serves to support National Board for Professional Teaching Standards candidates. Wahrman has conducted the NBPTS program at the University since 1997.

Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy **Laura Schmelzer** was awarded a \$954 grant from the Findlay Rotary Club Foundation. The grant will support the Lively Activities for Fun and Fitness (LAFF) Summer Camp. This camp, which takes place Aug. 9-13 at UF, is intended to help 25 overweight children make healthy food choices and participate in healthy activities.

42 BUDDING ILLUSTRATORS ATTEND MAZZA ARTS CAMP

Area children created illustrations for their own books during the Mazza Museum's Summer Arts Camp July 5-9.

During each day of the camp, Mazza Graduate Assistant Kate Lantz and volunteer teachers introduced a different art technique and different media to the campers.

The children then produced illustrations using the techniques learned each day.

By the end of the week each camper had a completed book inspired by art displayed in the museum.

The camp took place in two sessions, in the mornings and afternoons. Children who will be in the 4th, 5th and 6th grades this fall attended the morning session, while incoming 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders went to camp in the afternoon session.

The week concluded with a reception in which campers' parents and

friends were invited to view the campers' books. The campers signed their books during this time.

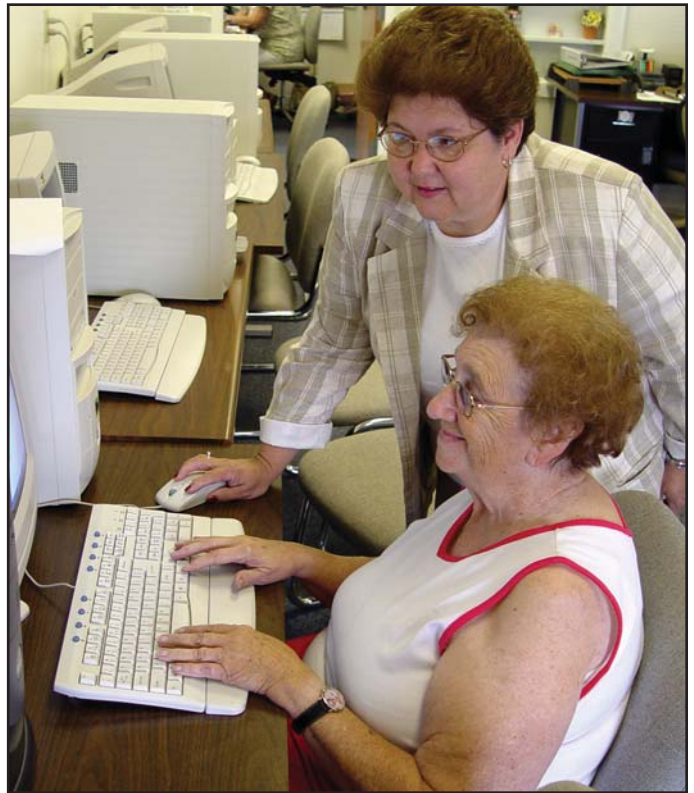


Mazza staffers and volunteers, such as Mazza Graduate Assistant Kate Lantz, taught new art techniques that were included in books that the children illustrated during the week.

INTERNSHIPS PROVIDE CAREER EXPERIENCE



While working as a communication intern for United Way of Hancock County, senior communication/journalism major Shauna Shepler participated in the United Way's annual day of volunteering at a local soup kitchen. Shepler's principal duty is recruiting corporate volunteers for the United Way's September Days of Caring event. "This internship has given me a great opportunity to learn more about the Findlay community and what it has to offer people in need," she said.



Graduate human resources student Betty Davidson teaches Mary Fisher (seated) about the Internet. For her internship, Davidson is developing a plan to offer basic computer lessons for seniors at the Hancock County Agency on Aging. Classes following Davidson's lesson plans are set to begin this fall.



Photo courtesy of Cooper Tire & Rubber Co.

Junior small business/entrepreneurship major Sean Abbott interns at Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. He is working as a productional supervisor in the company's warehouse distribution center.



Miho Hayashi, a graduate student from Japan, developed lesson plans in basic Japanese to teach to local elementary school students during her internship with the Findlay After and Before School Sessions. With the help of other UF students and area volunteers, Hayashi taught the classes throughout July.

UF FACULTY MEMBERS' WORK IS RECOGNIZED

Kathy Mason, assistant professor of history, has published her first book, *Natural Museums: U.S. National Parks, 1872-1916*. The Michigan State University Press published the book, which may be purchased at Amazon.com.

Assistant Professor of Spanish **Julia Perez-Gamboa** presented a paper, "The Use of Video Clips in a Spanish Language Classroom," at the Ohio Foreign Language Association conference in Columbus March 25-27.

Assistant Professor of Business **Quentin Skrabec** has been named to the University of Michigan's Manufacturing Advisory Board. Skrabec is a Michigan graduate, and he has been the recipient of many national



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Perez-Gamboa



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manufacturing awards, including the *USA Today* National Quality Management Award and the American Society of Quality's Automotive Man of the Year. He already serves on Owens Community College's Advisory Engineering Board and two Toledo corporate boards.

Louis Stulman, professor of reli-

gion, contributed an essay, "The Prophet Astride Two Worlds," to the book *Reading the Book of Jeremiah*, which will be distributed by Eisenbrauns Publishers in August. Stulman also presented "Reading the Prophets Canonically" at the Eastern Great Lakes Biblical Society Annual Conference in Wheeling, W.Va., in April.

OHIO BUSINESS WEEK VISITED UF JULY 11-17

The University of Findlay hosted 125 high school students as they participated in the Ohio Business Week program. This was the tenth consecutive year that the program, which educates high school students about business and entrepreneurship, was held at the University.

During OBW, which began July 11 and concluded July 17, participants met with successful business leaders and created mock companies, in which teams of 10-12 students plotted mar-

keting, advertising, financial and growth plans.

"It's a lot of hard work," recent Columbus high school graduate Shannon Scott said. Scott, who served as chief executive officer of her company, will attend Alabama A&M University in the fall, majoring in psychology and marketing.

Participants were challenged to consider numerous aspects of starting a business, many of which, such as insurance costs, were unexpected to compa-

ny members. Jonathan Burke, of St. Marys, Ohio, said that before OBW he'd had no idea that there were so many decisions involved in a business set-up.

At the end of the week, the teams presented their plans to a panel of judges, who selected the best plans in each category and best overall business venture.

The program is tailored to high school students who are interested in business, and each accepted participant receives a \$400 scholarship to the program from a local business or service organization.

OBW participant Jasmine Johnson said she decided to attend the program to gain "last-minute pointers" before she starts her own business. Johnson, a Cleveland high school junior, plans to sell gift baskets for various occasions. Johnson's teammates elected her CEO of their company, which designed dishwashers that fit inside kitchen cabinets.



Wait Until Dark, starring Gayle Lopez, UF alumnus Josh Hilborn and Chris Ikner, ran during July 21-25 as SummerStock 2004's second presentation.

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