

## All-Campus Communication is Focus

On Friday, Jan. 13, the University community will convene at 8 a.m. for the first in a series of all-campus meetings.

In an effort to improve communication across campus, all faculty and staff are expected to attend the meetings from 8-8:45 a.m. in Winebrenner Theological Seminary. The first meeting on Jan. 13 will highlight the new Oiler Success Center and how the staff works with many other departments and personnel to support students. Other general campus updates will be shared.

The academic schedule was adjusted for the spring semester so that classes are not held on Fridays between 8 and 9 a.m. Classes that previously were scheduled during that time frame on Monday, Wednesday and Friday are now held from 7:30-8:45 a.m. on Monday and Wednesday.

All campus offices will be closed during that hour, as well.

On Jan. 20, President Katherine Fell and members of the general education committee will present the guiding principles, as defined

by the Identity, Vision and Quality Committee, for the University's new vision statement.

On Jan. 27, members of campus are invited to a special presentation by Peter Taksoe-Jensen, Danish ambassador to the United States, who will talk about Hamlet Protein, a new agribusiness that will open a facility in Findlay.

Hamlet Protein is a Danish company that specializes in using soybeans to make animal feed.

## Broadway Sensation Karen Mason Will Perform with Phil Reno on Jan. 22

The University of Findlay will host "An Evening with Karen Mason, featuring Phil Reno" at 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22, in the Winebrenner Theological Seminary. Mason is the seventh annual Mary Snyder Kirk Musical Theatre Guest Artist to grace the WTS stage.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and senior citizens over the age of 65. Tickets are available at the UF Box Office. Call 419-434-5335. Tickets may be available at the door; however, Mason's performance is expected to sell out.

Mason has starred on Broadway, off Broadway, and as a television and recording artist. She is a 10-time MAC (Manhattan Association of Cabarets and Clubs) Award

winner and has won the MAC Award for Major Female Vocalist of the Year for six consecutive years. She also has won the 2006 Nightlife Award for Major Female Vocalist and has three Bistro Awards.

Mason most recently originated the role of The Queen of Hearts in the pre-Broadway production of "Wonderland" at The David A. Straz Center for The Performing Arts in Tampa, Fla. She originated the role of Tanya on Broadway in Abba's



"Mamma Mia!" and was awarded a 2002 Drama Desk nomination as Best Actress.

She is beginning rehearsals for a new Broadway production,  
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# 8th Annual Unity Walk and Program Slated

The University of Findlay and the Black Heritage Library and Multicultural Center of Findlay will host the 8th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Walk and program at 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15.

The walk will begin at 6 p.m. at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, located at 800 S. Main St., Findlay. Participants will proceed from the main church doors to Dorney Plaza for a short prayer and reflection, returning to the church at the conclusion.

The program will begin at approximately 6:45 p.m. at St. Mark's, where Dr. Glenn Thomas Walter will speak. Walter is president of Leadership Training Consultants Inc. and was the first African

American to serve as CEO of Columbus Works Inc., a central Ohio training conglomerate nationally recognized for its best practices in occupational skills development and training.

The purpose of the event is to recognize and honor the contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a Nobel Prize winner and leader in Ameri-



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Participants in last year's Unity Walk brave cold temperatures to recognize and honor the contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

can history. For more information, contact the University's Office of Intercultural Student Services at 419-434-6967.

# Mason, Reno Faculty Art Show Through Feb. 3 in Lea Gallery

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"Rebecca," which will open at The Broadhurst Theatre in New York in April.

Phil Reno will accompany Mason on the piano. A native of Tiffin, Ohio, Reno is a Grammy-nominated Broadway conductor of "The Drowsy Chaperone," "Elf," "Promises, Promises" (featuring Kristin Chenoweth and Sean Hayes), "The Producers" (starring Matthew Broderick and Nathan Lang), "Cats," "Thou Shalt Not" (composed by Harry Connick Jr.) and "Broadway Under the Stars." He recently conducted the pre-Broadway tryouts of "Minsky's" and "Sleepless in Seattle: The Music" in Los Angeles.

This performance is made possible by The University of Findlay Mary Snyder Kirk Musical Guest Artist Chair, Curtain Raisers Society for the Performing Arts, the Convocations Committee and the UF music and theatre programs.



Art by faculty members Anne Beekman, Ed Corle, Spencer Cunningham, Valerie Escobedo, Dr. Diane Kontar, Dr. Marie Loudenhane, Anita McCandless and Jeff Salisbury will be on display from Jan. 9 through Feb. 3 at The University of Findlay's Lea Gallery, located inside the Virginia B. Gard-

ner Fine Arts Pavilion. The gallery is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. An artists' reception will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20, in the gallery.

Pottery by Corle is pictured above, along with other faculty art in the background.

# Students, Faculty Return to Campus



*Students enjoyed walking to and from classes in unseasonably warm January weather.*



*David Foster, associate professor of communication, welcomes students back during the first day of classes Jan. 9.*



*These students are happy to be back on campus and begin the semester with smiles.*



*A group of students poses for a photo during an ice skating event outside the Alumni Memorial Union Jan. 10.*

A. Risser-Lee

## Welton-Peeler Receives Regional Honor

The Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities (APCA) recently recognized Sharinda Welton-Peeler, director of student activities and commuter student services, with the Regional Advisor of the Year Award for the APCA Midwest Region during its annual conference in Coralville, Iowa.

Welton-Peeler was selected from advisers at more than 100 schools, which are members of the APCA in the 12-state Midwest Region. Welton-Peeler will move on as a finalist for the National Advisor of the Year Award, which will be presented in March 2012 at the APCA

National Programming Conference in Jacksonville, Fla.

Welton-Peeler was nominated by Findlay student and Campus Program Board Homecoming chair Lauren Timperman for her “dedication to her students.”

In the nomination letter, Timperman said of Welton-Peeler: “... She pushes her students to become the leaders she knows they can be and to make their own decisions, while at the same time never allowing us to fall too hard on our faces. ... Her energy and enthusiasm is contagious, and her presence immediately encourages people to relax

and join in. Her personality pulls out even the most timid from their shells ...”

The Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities is a national campus activities organization that was founded in 1994 and services the needs of campus activities programming departments throughout the United States.



## 'Envoy' Becomes 'Ink,' Gets New Look

This year, The University of Findlay's literary journal saw a complete revamp, starting with its name.

Formerly known as Envoy, the literary journal is now called Ink.

"We wanted a new identity," says Marianna Hofer, Ink adviser and associate professor of English.

"Envoy, which was the journal's name since the mid-1980s, had sort of run its course. Ink allows us to present a slightly edgier image."

In the past, the journal's content has mostly included student-written poetry and fiction but, with the redesign, the all-student staff hopes to draw more creative non-fiction, art and even creative scholarly pieces for submission.

"Hopefully, once we get established, we can continue to try new things, such as theme issues and different looks for the journal itself," says Hofer.

Ink's staff contains eight students and the journal generally publishes 20 submissions, with room for more. Hofer says the students make all the decisions when it comes to the journal.

"The staff came up with the name and completely run the journal," says Hofer. "It's important for the students to have the chance to run things, as some of them may end up going into a job that requires this experience."

Kristen Climes, senior English major and Ink public relations director, said that the name change was an opportunity to use a clean slate to rebrand the magazine and try new things.

"We hope that this new name and image will bring more people to Ink," says Climes. "Whether it be more submissions or more people for staff, we just want to get the word out that we exist and

... to show the University what students are truly capable of in a creative setting."

Students wishing to submit their work may visit <https://sites.google.com/site/inkliterarymagazine/> for more information. Climes says that her favorite part about the process is reading the submissions.

"Reading someone's work is almost like reading their soul, it's so enlightening," says Climes. "It amazes me every time I read someone's story or poem because I know, having written for a long time, how hard it is to give up a piece of your writing."

The official launch of the new journal will be on Wednesday, March 28, at 8 p.m. in Malcolm Dining Hall. At the launch, there will be a reception with cake, snacks and readings by the contributors.

*By Katie Baumgart*

## TSO to Perform Jan. 27 in Winebrenner

The Toledo Symphony Orchestra will perform at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27, as part of the Concert and Lecture Series. The performance will be held in the Winebrenner Theological Seminary TLB Convocation Center.

The performance will include "Roman Carnival Overture" by Hector Berlioz, "II Convegno (The Meeting) Divertimento for Two Clarinets and Strings" by Amilcare Ponchielli, "Selections from Spartacus" by Aram Khachaturian and "Symphony No. 7" by Ludwig van Beethoven.

Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for senior citizens and \$10 for students. Admission for UF undergraduate and graduate students is free, but a ticket is required. UF faculty and staff may purchase tickets for \$15. Tickets are available by calling the Box Office at 419-434-5335 or emailing [boxoffice@findlay.edu](mailto:boxoffice@findlay.edu).

Jeffrey Pollock, resident conductor, will direct the orchestra. He is known for the "musicality of his performances, his innovative concert programming and for his ability to make connections with audiences," according to the TSO website.

Georg Klaas and Jocylyn Langworthy will be featured as clarinet soloists.

Klaas has served as the principal clarinetist of Toledo Symphony since 2001. Langworthy joined the TSO as second clarinetist in 2000.

Both performers have an impressive list of professional accomplishments.

Klaas and Langworthy are married and live in Toledo with their 1-year-old twin daughters, Elsa and Freya.

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