

Fell Named the University's 17th President

The University of Findlay's Board of Trustees named Dr. Katherine Rowe Fell the University's 17th president March 25 during a gathering in Winebrenner Theological Seminary. The announcement was met with cheers and applause.

Fell is currently serving as vice president for advancement at Centenary College, Shreveport, La. She will officially begin her tenure on July 1.

"Dr. Fell's experience in the administrative affairs of a fine institution, having served on the Cabinet for six years, complemented by her solid academic credentials and success in fundraising, give us great confidence in her ability to set the future course for The University of Findlay. She is extremely articulate in making the case for private higher education, with poise, grace and confidence. Dr. Fell will build on the fine work done by Dr. DeBow Freed to take us to the next level of prominence," said Dr. C. Richard Beckett, chair of the Board of Trustees and of the search committee.

The selection of Fell comes after a national search announced in October 2009 with a search committee representing University constituencies including trustees, faculty, staff, students and community members.

"The University of Findlay's strengths include multifaceted academic programs, outstanding

faculty, eager students, a close-knit community, student-centered pedagogy, vibrant student life, a strong and balanced connection to the Churches of God, a long and honorable history, a commitment to broadening the student population, and

a beautiful setting," Dr. Fell said. "The dual role of professor and administrator [at Centenary] has been a gift, allowing me to observe and play a part in the wonderful growth of intellect and spirit of students. Because The University of Findlay is clearly a place where such growth is nurtured, a place of transformative learning, I welcome the opportunity to lead the University."

During Fell's tenure in development at Centenary, she assisted with the successful completion of a fund-raising campaign for which the institution set an initial goal of \$70 million, increased it to \$90 million and reached a total of \$103 million.

Fell began her tenure at Centenary in 1986 as a faculty member in the Department of English.



Dr. Katherine Fell, who will become the University's 17th president on July 1, greets students following the announcement by Dr. Richard Beckett naming her as the next president.

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During her 14 years as a professor, she developed an interdisciplinary major in communication, which grew to become one of the college's strongest majors.

A native of Stamps, Ark., Fell earned a bachelor of science in education in English, with a minor in speech, from Southern Arkansas University, Magnolia, and a master of arts in English from Louisiana Technical University in Ruston. She completed a Ph.D. in English from Texas A&M University at College Station.

"Roger and I are honored to be invited into the wonderful University of Findlay community. All of us together will shape and communicate Findlay's distinctive mission and vision," Fell said.

'Sylvia' Will Complete Theater Season

The Findlay will present "Sylvia," UF's final theater production of the 2009-2010 academic year, at 8 p.m. April 14-17 and at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 18, in the John and Hester Powell Grimm Theatre, located in the Egner Center for the Performing Arts on campus.

Tickets are \$5 for general admission, \$3 for non-UF students and senior citizens and free for UF faculty, staff and students with a valid I.D. Tickets may be reserved in advance by calling the Box Office at 419-434-5335 or may be purchased at the door.

"Sylvia," by playwright A.R. Gurney, paints a charming, zany and sometimes cynical picture of what occurs when a high-powered couple encounters a touch of "empty nest" syndrome.

Kate and Greg's children are in college, they moved from the suburbs to the city and the couple is socially well-established. They have everything they could ever want — almost everything. Kate is pleasantly inspired by her work as an English teacher, but Greg is suddenly dissatisfied with his career as a stockbroker.

Enter man's best friend, a strong willed and cunningly charming poodle-lab mix named Sylvia (played by a human actor). Greg is so taken with the pooch that Sylvia, much to Kate's dismay, becomes the "other woman" in his life.

The production is recommended for mature audiences due to adult language.



Left to right: Michelle Billen, as Kate; Samantha Woodman, as Sylvia the dog; and Kevin Subler as Greg.

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SIFE Puts Grant Award to Good Use, Educates Students About Use of Credit

The Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team maintains a busy schedule.

Between holding a professionalism week in the fall, résumé and interview skill workshops, an international etiquette dinner and an ethics workshops at local high schools, preparing taxes for others at the Ohio Benefit Bank, holding budgeting assistance programs at Findlay City Mission, running a radio program called "Money Lunch," starting a catering business with the hospitality management program and more, it seems as if these students would have little time to spare for anything else.

But, these activities are just the norm. In 2008, SIFE received a grant from the Chartis (formerly AIG) Credit Counseling Challenge, which has enabled SIFE members to create, prepare and present programming for college students

to educate them about responsible use of credit.

Gregory Arburn, Ph.D., SIFE adviser, says that the application for the grant was lengthy, but ultimately worth it.

"Essentially, our goal is to educate college freshmen and

seniors about how to responsibly use credit," said Arburn. "The predominant concern is that college students have too much access to credit, and they may not be prepared to deal with it ... in many cases, students don't have the

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Jazz Ensemble to Perform

The Jazz Ensemble will present its annual spring concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 28, in the Winebrenner Theological Seminary.

A variety of music will be performed, ranging from standards of the Big Band Era to more contemporary jazz and big band selections.

Jack Taylor, UF professor of music and director of bands,

will lead the program.

Light refreshments will be served and table seating will be available on a first-come basis.

General admission tickets are \$5, students and senior citizens are \$3 and UF students, faculty and staff with a valid I.D. are free. Tickets may be reserved in advance by calling the UF Box Office at 419-434-5335.

Spring Activities Abound on Campus



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Dr. DeBow Freed, far right, talks with students during the Relay for Life, hosted by the University on March 19.



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High school students get hands-on learning experience during a Health Professions Visit Day March 19.



E. Granger

Brian Lauer and Dr. Gary Johnson played "Are You Smarter Than a Faculty Member?" in the Alumni Memorial Union March 17.



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Youth advocate and former professional athlete Rob Dixon spoke about academic achievement to a large audience March 16. His visit was sponsored by the College of Education.



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Juanita Sanchez '02 shared her experiences with education and language/multicultural classes on March 23. She is the first Latina to be named to the Ohio Board of Education, and the first UF alum to serve on the OBE.



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Pharmacy major Alexander Smith entertained a group of students and faculty in front of Old Main on St. Patrick's Day, March 17.

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income or experience to back up their credit, and oftentimes students don't realize that if it has your name on it, you're responsible."

The team has presented its programs in classrooms and is looking to schedule more presentation dates. By scheduling presentations in Oiler Experience and wellness classes, the group hopes to reach a majority of freshmen in order to give them vital information about credit and spending.

Arburn says the group put a lot of effort into the challenge, and as a requirement for the grant, they must report their progress to Chartis on a regular basis.

"We generally go into a classroom and do a pretest about the students' understanding of credit," said Arburn. "Then, we teach what they may not know during our

presentation and follow up with the same test again. That way, we have data proving that we have seen an increase of knowledge."

Julie Cusick, sophomore accounting major and project leader, says the experience has been beneficial and has given her a multitude of opportunities.

"It's given me a chance to take a great leadership position ... I've had a lot of responsibilities, including communicating with faculty members, organizing presentations and working with SGA," said



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Students take part in an international etiquette dinner, one of the many events hosted by SIFE this academic year.

Cusick. "I've never personally had a credit card, so it's taught me a lot about credit for my future, too."

SIFE meets Wednesdays at noon in Old Main, Room 301; students are welcome to join.

By Hannah Wurm, public relations major, Bucyrus, Ohio

Visiting Executive on Campus Thursday

A public lecture by visiting executive and UF alumna Diane L. Pleiman '92 will be at noon Thursday, April 1, in the William and Martha

Lape Great Hall, located in the Fine Arts Pavilion on campus. She also will talk with health professions students during selected classes.

Pleiman is vice president of hospital operations at Miami Valley Hospital, the largest hospital in the Dayton area.

Speaker to Discuss Language Translation

The University will host a public presentation on language translation at 6 p.m. Monday, March 29, in the Davis Street Building, Room 102. A reception will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Davis Street Building lobby.

Dr. Judy Wakabayashi, associate professor at the Institute for Applied Linguistics at Kent State University, will present "Translation as Decision-Making – and as a Career."

As demonstrated by the results of machine translation, successful translation involves far more than a mechanical process of word substitution. Even with seemingly straightforward texts, the translator has to decide whether and how to adapt the text to best meet the needs of the target audience.

The act of translating demands creative solutions as well as fundamental decisions about the relationship between the two texts and

the two cultures. All this highlights the choices that translators constantly need to make in the course of their work.

Wakabayashi's talk will present some theoretical principles that help guide translators in their decision-making, and also introduces translation as a rewarding professional career.

Contact Cathy Donovan at ext. 4711 or Donovan@findlay.edu for additional information.

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