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FINDLAY GREEN CAMPUS INITIATIVE EMPOWERS CAMPUS COMMUNITY TO “THINK GREEN”

The Findlay Green Campus Initiative (FGCI) began last academic year with a conversation between Michael Reed, Ph.D., professor of TESOL and bilingual education, and Dwight Moody, Ed.D., professor emeritus of biology.

The idea quickly attracted the attention of students, faculty and staff, and this fall, the group begins the new academic year with a 15-member advisory council and nine FGCI action groups: public relations/outreach, land/built environment, materials/waste management, energy, water, food, transportation, academic and endowments/investments/grants. “Many people were look-

ing for an organization like this, and the time is right,” said Moody.

As a “trans-campus organization,” as Reed explained, anyone – student, faculty or staff – is welcome to volunteer or join an action group.

The group’s intention is not to take sole responsibility for creating an environmentally friendly campus but to be a catalyst and empower the UF community to adopt an environmentally



Tony Wilgus, associate professor of social work, center, and DeBow Freed, Ph.D., president of UF, listen as a consultant makes recommendations for the Alumni Memorial Union.

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KATIE MCGEE, AMERICORPS VISTA VOLUNTEER, CONCLUDES YEAR OF SERVICE AT UF

Katie McGee, who served as The University of Findlay’s AmeriCorps VISTA campus and community collaboration leader in the Campus Compact office for the 2007-2008 academic year, gave her final presentation to a group of community members and UF faculty, staff and students June 17.

McGee highlighted several programs which she was instrumental in organizing and implementing, including Sweet Service Saturdays, a program she initiated. Once a month, students volunteered their time on a Saturday morning to help an organization in the com-

munity. In total, 37 students participated and helped six local agencies.

Other programs included a Bring-a-Senior-Friend-to-Thanksgiving Dinner, during which 53 students were paired with senior volunteers from Chopin Hall and the Hancock Christian Clearing House; and a Valentine’s Day party and food drive, where students created Valentine’s Day cards to give to residents of Fox Run Manor and food was collected for Chopin Hall.

One of her favorite activities, she said, was working with the campus and Hancock County Habitat for

Humanity chapters. She helped with fundraising, traveled to Biloxi, Miss., to work during spring break and helped build two homes in the county.

McGee was active within the community, in addition to her activities with UF students, faculty and staff. She was the youth adviser for ECLIPSe, a grant-making organization for high school students in Hancock County. She also helped teach economic principles to seventh-grade students through Hancock Saves, a program of the Ohio State University Extension Office. And,

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conscious culture and improve sustainability practices.

The FGCI's first goal is to develop a carbon footprint, which will indicate how much energy each building on campus is using. The process will likely take at least one year, and the results will measure everything from the amount of water and electricity being used to the amount of gas being consumed by those who drive to campus to attend class or work.

In June, two experts met with several FGCI members to review ways in which the Alumni Memorial Union

could become more energy efficient. Some solutions are as simple as putting motion-sensored lights in the bathrooms and dimmer switches in the atrium to reduce the amount of electricity used every day.

"We need to think differently about how things are done, not necessarily expensively," said Reed.

In the near future, the group plans to encourage on-campus recycling, working with the physical plant to place recycling bins for items such as plastic bottles and aluminum cans in easy-to-find locations around campus. Currently, the UF community has the opportunity to recycle on

campus once each month when Litter Landing parks a recycling trailer at the end of College Street.

A Web site also is in the works, complete with links to free resources and suggestions for decreasing energy consumption.

As the FGCI continues to grow, ideas will be shared across campus to encourage a "greener" environment. "Think beyond what you do every day," said Reed. "Everything you do affects the whole world."

For more information about getting involved with the FGCI, e-mail Reed at reed@findlay.edu.

THE UNIVERSITY WELCOMES NEW FACULTY, STAFF FOR FALL

Several new faculty members will be teaching courses this fall.

College of Business

Josephine Kershaw, Ph.D., social sciences and education, Florida State University; M.B.A., interdisciplinary specialization in health services policy and administration, Florida State University; B.A., Latin, Florida State University; associate professor of business.

College of Health Professions

Andrea Koepke, D.N.S., nursing administration, Indiana University; M.A., nursing education, Ball State University; B.S.N., nursing, Ball State University; dean of the College of Health Professions.

Christy Nelson, Ph.D., nutritional sciences, University of Missouri-Columbia; M.S., nutrition, University of Iowa; B.S., occupational therapy, University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston; associate professor of occupational therapy.

Laura Perry, Pharm.D., Ohio Northern University; assistant professor of pharmacy practice

James Yaggie, Ph.D., biomechanics, University of Toledo; M.S., exercise physiology, University of Toledo; B.S., kinesiology/exercise science, University of Toledo

College of Liberal Arts

Anne Beekman, M.F.A., graphic design and illustration, Marywood University; B.F.A., illustration, Cleveland Institute of Art; assistant professor of graphic design.

Evelyn Buday, Ph.D., developmental psychology, University of Illinois at Chicago; M.A., University of Illinois at Chicago; B.A., University of Puget Sound; assistant professor of psychology

Jens Hatch, M.A., education, The University of Findlay; B.S., visual communications technology, Bowling

Green State University; instructor of digital media.

Song-Chong Lee, M.A., philosophy, Georgia State University; M.A., Southeast Asian studies, Ohio University; B.Th., theology, Asian United Theological University; assistant professor of religious studies and philosophy.

Jeff Salisbury, B.S., business administration, Morehead State University; instructor of photography and assistant director of Mazza Museum.

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she volunteered as a mentor with the Children's Mentoring Connection.

McGee was involved in many service projects during her year at UF and assisted in providing 452 volunteers to 30 agencies, which equaled 2,370 volunteer hours given back to the community.

Pictured right, McGee delivers a white paper presentation, outlining the many activities in which she was involved during her year of service at the University. She plans to pursue a master's degree.



SUMMER CAMPS CONTINUE ON CAMPUS

The following groups will be on campus in July:

- July 6-10, On the Ball Soccer Camp
- July 7-10, Men's Basketball Day Camp
- July 10, Volleyball Setters Clinic
- July 11-13, Volleyball Team Camp
- July 12-13, Oiler Senior Combine
- July 13-18, National Sheriff's Association
- July 14-18, Mazza Summer Institute
- July 15-16, Defiance High School Football
- July 15-17, Pharmacy Summer Camp
- July 15-17, Anthony Wayne Hockey
- July 18-20, Women's Basketball Team Camp Session III
- July 18-20, On the Ball Soccer Girls



Above, a men's basketball team practices in Croy Gymnasium. At right, a young athlete practices his swing during baseball hitting camp. Photo credits: Anne Risser Lee (above) and Mike Blinn (right)



- Team Camp
- July 21-25, Project BeST
- July 21-28, Impact 2008
- July 25-27, Soccer Boys Team Camp
- July 28-30, Volleyball Jr. High Camp
- July 28-Aug. 1, Mazza Art Camp

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MAZZA MUSEUM RECEIVES SUMMER VISITORS



Above left, U.S. Sen. George Voinovich visits the Mazza Museum of International Art from Pictures Books. His wife visited and toured the museum, as well. Above right, Ben Sapp, museum director, shows Tom Hoaglin, CEO of Huntington Bank, Amy



Hackenberg, district president of Huntington Bank, and UF President DeBow Freed some of the museum's artwork. Photo credit: Anne Risser Lee.

TREECE INSPIRES OTHERS TO LIVE HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

Brian Treece, assistant dean of students and director of housing and residence life, was one of two people chosen this summer to be a national spokesperson for Nestlé HealthCare Nutrition Inc.'s OPTIFAST program, a medically monitored weight loss program through which Treece lost more than 100 pounds in 2006.

Treece was approached by the company after participating in a national television commercial taping last spring in Los Angeles, Calif., where he and 15 others shared their weight loss testimonials.

Earlier this summer, a representative from the company's public relations agency met Treece in Findlay to train him how to deal with the media – television hosts and cameras, newspaper and magazine reporters and radio interviewers.

"It was intensive training," Treece

said. "I learned how to redirect an interview and answer tough questions." He commented that the media training he received also will help him deal with tough media situations that may arise on campus.

In June, Treece traveled to Dallas, which is a major media market, where he was given multiple 'talking points,' or key messages, to focus on during interviews. In one exhausting day, Treece was interviewed on a local television news show; met with a reporter for a major women's magazine in Dallas; and spoke with a reporter from the Fort Worth Star newspaper. He also will do interviews in Los Angeles and New York City this year.

The OPTIFAST media team even created tell-all trading cards with Treece's photo, as well as his health statistics,



Brian Treece poses for a photo prior to being interviewed on a Dallas morning news show.

including previous and current weight, weight lost, blood pressure, cholesterol and body mass index. The cards were given to media as part of the interviews.

"If just one person reads a newspaper article or sees me on TV, and it helps them achieve their own weight loss goals, then sharing my own story is worth it," Treece said.

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College of Sciences

Chandra Dinavahi, M.S., mathematics, Texas A&M University; M.Sc., mathematics and computing, University of Hyderabad; B.Sc., mathematics, Andhra University; assistant professor of mathematics.

Benjamin Dolan, Ph.D., forest ecology, Purdue University; M.S., forest ecology, Purdue University; B.S., biology, Presbyterian College; B.A., French, Presbyterian College; assistant professor of biology.

Shelly McGee, Ph.D., applied mathematics, Texas Tech University; M.S., mathematics, Texas Tech University; B.S., mathematics, Southwestern Oklahoma State University; assistant professor of mathematics.

Charles Norris, Ph.D., environmental/analytical chemistry, University of South Florida; M.S., analytical/environmental chemistry, University of South Florida; B.S., chemistry, University of South Florida; assistant professor of chemistry.

Christopher White, M.S., ocean

science, Nova Southwestern University; B.S., biology, Bowling Green State University; instructor of biology and biology lab coordinator.

Staff

Brandi Ankney, M.A., elementary education, Converse College; B.A., physical education, St. Andrews Presbyterian College; assistant to the athletic director/senior woman administrator.

Ryan Blazer, B.S., athletic training, New Mexico State University; assistant athletic trainer.

Kevin Collert, B.F.A., graphic design, Bowling Green State University; graphic designer for admissions and academic programs.

Jill Gear, B.A., history, Purdue; director of grants and contracts administration.

Carole Luke, B.S. communications/public relations, Rio Grande College; cashier.

Megan May, B.A., communications/public relations, Ohio Northern University; administrative assistant, School of Pharmacy.

Chris Sippel, M.A.,

education/TESOL, Boston University; B.A., history, Rhodes College; coordinator of international education.

Heather Van Giesen, M.B.A., The University of Findlay; B.S. small business/entrepreneurship, equine business management and English equestrian studies; equestrian admissions counselor.

Physical Plant

Julie Schlievert, housekeeper

Traci Brooks, housekeeper

Amy Flores, housekeeper

Carolyn Thompson, housekeeper

Change in title, status or responsibilities

Julia Briggs, B.A., education, The University of Findlay; A.A., applied science, Owens Community College; director of health services. Ms. Briggs was a part-time nurse.

Heather Taylor, B.A., management and finance concentrations, Bluffton University; accounts payable data entry clerk. Ms. Taylor was a part-time fiscal clerk.

Susan Eiserle, administrative assistant, Office of Facilities Scheduling and Events. Ms. Eiserle was a housekeeper.