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UF TO HOST SECOND SYMPOSIUM FOR SCHOLARSHIP AND CREATIVITY APRIL 15

The University will host the second annual Symposium for Scholarship and Creativity beginning at **12:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 15**, on campus. The event gives both undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to share research projects and creative works with their peers and the community.

A welcome and awards ceremony will begin the event in the Alumni Memorial Union (AMU). Activities will continue in the AMU throughout the afternoon. Two students will demonstrate pottery making, and the Student Technology Center will offer workshops.

At **1:15 p.m.**, both the College of Business and the College of Education will host alumni speakers and present student awards. Student academic presentations, a theater presentation and a display of student artwork also will take

place. Student presentations will take place at **1:45 p.m.**

At **2:15 p.m.**, the College of Sciences and the College of Health Professions will host alumni speakers and present student awards. Student presentations and a theater presentation also will be happening at that time. Additional student presentations will take place at **2:45 p.m.**

The College of Liberal Arts will host an alumni speaker and student awards at **3:15 p.m.**, which will coincide with student academic presentations. Another set of student presentations will begin at **3:45 p.m.**, and students will be available to answer questions about their poster presentations in the AMU at **4:10 p.m.**

A reception will conclude the event at **4:30 p.m.** in the AMU. The



UF jazz band will provide entertainment, and awards will be given for the best poster presentations.

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KEYWORD: symposium. Information will be updated as event details are finalized.

More than 80 students from all five colleges participated in last year's symposium, showcasing a range of interests and talent through multimedia and poster presentations, drama and musical performances.

PRSSA PLANS TO KICK BUTTS ON CAMPUS

The Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) is collaborating with the DEBUNKIFY and stand campaigns to provide tobacco-prevention activities for The University of Findlay campus.

The UF PRSSA team will hold a Kick Butts Challenge Wednesday, April 2. Teams will include four to six people and will participate in a series of events such as human spheres, got-to-go racers, Hollywood squares and cliff hanger. Teams will compete to win a \$500 cash

prize. To sign up, visit debunkify.com/findlay or e-mail Robin Bennington, president of UF's PRSSA chapter, at benningtonr@findlay.edu.

As more attention has centered on the tobacco companies' manipulative marketing practices, the tobacco industry has intensified its focus on the youngest demographic it can market to legally: 18- to 24-year-olds, particularly on college campuses.

As a result, 18- to 24-year-old Ohioans have significantly higher

smoking rates than the general population (according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention).

This year, the UF campaign hopes to educate students on tobacco modeling — learning and imitating through observing the behavior of others.

For more information on the Kick Butts Challenge and the stand and DEBUNKIFY campaigns, visit debunkify.com/findlay or contact Bennington at benningtonr@findlay.edu.

DALPIAZ, ARBURN REPRESENT SIFE IN HONDURAS



Senior Pete Dalpiaz visits with a Honduran child in a medical clinic.

Senior pre-law and finance major Pete Dalpiaz had 30 minutes in December to decide if he wanted to go to Choluteca, Honduras, located in the southern half of the country – a place where unemployment, poverty and HIV/AIDS are common. After spending five days at the end of February 2008 working at medical clinics in five different locations, helping 1,250 people get the help they need, he was sure he made the right decision.

As representatives of SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise), Dalpiaz and Gregory Arburn, Ph.D., SIFE adviser, traveled to Honduras with a group of

17 people on a medical missions trip.

During the past few years, SIFE has worked to provide vitamins and other medical supplies to be taken to Honduras. Normally, all of the available spots on the trip are filled by people from a local church and an affiliate church in Columbus. This year, however, two people canceled at the last minute, giving Dalpiaz and Arburn the opportunity to get involved.

Each day for five days, the group traveled from a hotel in Choluteca, which served as a home base, to nearby areas where they set up a medical clinic. Patients lined up in the morning to see a nurse or doctor, stop by the pharmacy to get medications the doctors prescribed and even pick out new clothing.

Dalpiaz worked in the pharmacy, counting and bagging pills, and filling out medication labels so the patients knew how to take them. Arburn worked in the pharmacy, as well as with registration. Because people in Honduras speak Spanish, five inter-

preters were on site from a school in the westernized northern half of Honduras.

“I would encourage people, especially students, to find a way to participate in a trip like this,” Dalpiaz noted. “It does wonders for the perspective that you have on everything in life. If someone would have offered us plane tickets back home that first day, we may have taken it. But we were both able to gain a lot out of the experience and grow from it – not only for SIFE but also on a personal level.”



SIFE adviser Gregory Arburn helps register patients waiting in line at a medical clinic.

STUDENTS SPRING BREAK IN PANAMA CITY

Traveling to Panama City and the beach is a fairly common spring break destination. In fact, it was voted the number one spring break destination in the



Graduate student Laura Tietje plays for an audience of more than 600 students.

world by The Travel Channel. But 10 UF students didn't choose the vacation hotspot for traditional reasons.

The students partnered with the University of Toledo's Campus Crusade for Christ group to attend Big Break 2008, Campus Crusade's Spring Break conference that gathers students from colleges and universities from all over the country for four weeks, back-to-back, in Panama City Beach, Fla.

Several UF students attended the conference last year, and through TNL (Thursday Nite Live) and FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) on campus, encouraged other students to go, as well.

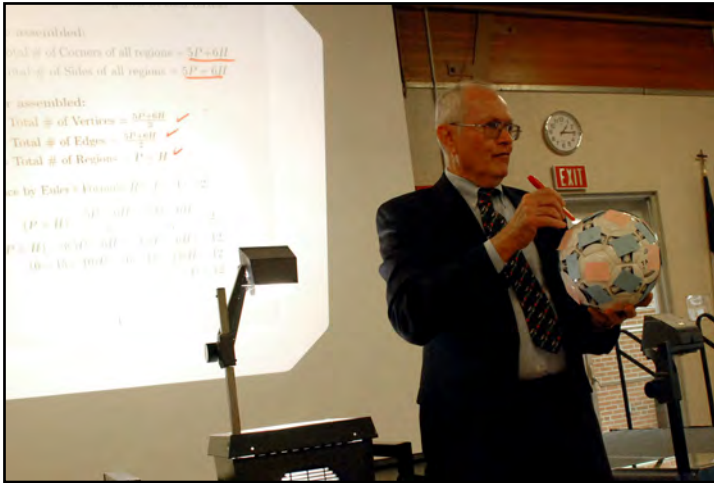
Laura Tietje, a May 2007 graduate and a student in UF's MBA program, attended the conference last year and went again this year as a bass guitar player in the worship band. “Playing at church is

one thing, but when you get in front of a group of 600 excited students, you kind of feel like a little bit of a rock star,” she said. “It was awesome. I've never had so much fun playing my guitar.”

Part of the purpose of the conference is to help students feel comfortable sharing their faith with others through conversation and relationship building. “It's a cool experience to go somewhere beautiful like the beach and share your faith with college students who are on a ‘traditional’ spring break,” Tietje said.

Other students on the trip included Audra Dundore, Martin Travis, Shane Rieke, Kira Pierpoint, Christine Osborne, Hannah Howell, Heidi DeLong, Kelly Burgard and Lisa Stadleman.

Students interested in attending the Big Break conference next year should visit <http://big-break.com/>.



Leo J. Schneider, Ph.D., is the featured speaker during the 21st Annual Mathematics Day March 12. Photo credit: Anne Risser Lee



Award-winning poet Tom Hunley read some of his work on campus March 13. Photo credit: sophomore Mike Blinn



Dennis Foster, visiting executive, speaks to students in a business class taught by Robert Rustic. The College of Business hosted Foster, who also gave a public lecture. Photo credit: Anne Risser Lee



Chelsey Anglin (left) and Amy Lack (right) use a table saw to prepare a board for the house behind them. The students traveled to Biloxi, Miss., for a Habitat for Humanity Alternative Spring Break.

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DRIVE TO RAISE FUNDS TO ESTABLISH UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES IN SHAFER LIBRARY

During 2007, its 125th Anniversary year, The University of Findlay accumulated numerous historical pieces and now needs a home for treasured items from our past.

For this reason, UF is working to establish a dedicated University Archives area in Rooms 215 and 217 of Shafer Library. The \$34,000 goal will furnish the archives as well as establish an endowed fund for the care of the

archives and provide start-up funding for a part-time curator.

While this drive will be formally associated with the Classes of 1958 and 2008, preserving our history is everyone's responsibility. All gifts will be recognized, and those making gifts of \$1,000 or more will receive special recognition.

Faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends of the University are asked to

consider joining in this drive to preserve our history, for those who already love Findlay and those who will come to love this institution in the future. All gifts over \$1,000 will be honored on a special plaque located at the University Archives. For additional information, please call Jim Houdeshell at extension 4551.

ROTARACT MEMBERS WIN IRON CHEF COMPETITION, PROVIDE MEALS FOR OTHERS

Members of the University's Rotaract Club are not only generous, but they also know how to cook a prize-winning plate of food.

Students on the Rotaract team recently competed in Dining Services' annual Iron Chef competition, winning both the Master Chef and the People's Choice awards for their stuffed French toast recipe.

"We made it really stand out by

adding cinnamon to the cream cheese filling and using cinnamon raisin bread instead of standard white bread," said team member Greg Kramp.

Instead of putting all of the money – a total of \$750 for both awards – toward a club activity or splitting the cash between them, the winning chefs decided to donate a portion of the winnings to purchase meals for people in need in the community. The group is working

with Sodexo to make that happen.

According to Marilyn Sear, administrative assistant for Sodexo campus services, groups are judged creativity, taste and presentation. Staff members from the Office of Student Services choose the Master Chef winner, and the People's Choice award is decided by popular vote from anyone eating in the dining hall that evening.

WOLF EXPERT PETERSON TO SPEAK MARCH 27

The University of Findlay will host wolf expert Rolf O. Peterson, a professor in the School of Forest Resources and Environmental Science at Michigan Technological University, Thursday, March 27.

Peterson will present a public lecture titled "The Wolves of Isle Royale After 50 Years" at 1 p.m. in Winebrenner Theological Seminary. There is no cost to attend the presentation, and there will be time for questions from the audience.

Peterson also will visit a class while on campus and provide an illustrated talk on comparative behavior of wolves

and foxes.

For 38 years, Peterson has researched the wolves and moose in Isle Royale National Park. As an expert in the field, he has been mentioned in National Geographic, Newsweek, Ranger Rick, National Wildlife, Wall Street Journal and other publications. He holds a Ph.D. in wildlife ecology from Purdue University and a B.A. in zoology from the University of Minnesota at Duluth.

This program is hosted by the UF Convocations Committee and the College of Sciences faculty chair.



Rolf Peterson researches wolves on Isle Royale.

UF CONCERT-CHORALE TO PRESENT MUSICAL SATIRE "OF THEE I SING"

The University of Findlay Concert-Chorale will present "Of Thee I Sing," a Pulitzer Prize-winning political musical satire, at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 6, in Winebrenner Theological Seminary.

Admission is free, but tickets are required. Contact the UF Box Office for tickets at 419-434-5335.

With music by George Gershwin, lyrics by Ira Gershwin and a book by George S. Kaufman and Morrie Ryskind, the satirical political operetta "Of Thee I Sing" opened at New York's Music Box Theatre in 1931 and went on to be the first musical to win the coveted

Pulitzer Prize for drama. Popular songs from the show include "Love Is Sweeping the Country," "Who Cares?" and "Of Thee I Sing."

The satire targets institutions and establishments that are just as pertinent and lively in 2008 as they were in 1931: political issues ("that everyone cares about but that don't matter a damn"), circus-like party conventions, back-room double-dealings, political double-talk, the judicial absurdities of the Supreme Court, international diplomacy, a non-entity vice president, the shady dealings of Congress, beauty con-

tests, marriage and even motherhood.

The story covers the fantastic success of the Presidential ticket of John P. Wintergreen and his running mate, Alexander Throttlebottom – abetted by Wintergreen's bride, Mary Turner – that sweeps through the country on a platform of love. Once in office, however, the President is threatened with impeachment, because he jilted Diana Devereaux (a southern Miss America contest winner of French descent) that he had promised to marry.