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“INTO THE WOODS” COMPLETES SUMMERSTOCK SEASON



“Into the Woods,” which opens July 25, will complete the SummerStock 2007 season at The University of Findlay.

The show will run at 8 p.m. July 25 through 28, 2

p.m. July 28 and 6 p.m. July 29 in the Egner Center for the Performing Arts in the John and Hester Powell Grimm Theatre. Tickets are \$15 per person. For ticket information, please call 419-434-5335, or e-mail boxoffice@findlay.edu.

Among the cockeyed characters in James Lapine and Stephen Sondheim’s

fractured fairy tale, “Into the Woods,” are an ambivalent Cinderella, a blood-thirsty Little Red Riding Hood, a Prince Charming with a roving eye and a witch who raps. When a baker and his wife learn they’ve been cursed with childlessness by the witch next door, they embark on a quest for the special objects required to break the spell, swindling, lying to and stealing from Cinderella, Little Red, Rapunzel and Jack (the one who climbed the beanstalk).

Everyone’s wish is granted at the end of Act One, but the consequences of their actions return to haunt them later, with disastrous results. What begins as a lively, irreverent fantasy in the style of “The Princess Bride” becomes a moving lesson about com-

munity responsibility and the stories we tell our children.

Taking the stage will be SummerStock’s core professional company members Rachel Brinker, Doug Cordes, James Holden, Aaron Keller and Emma Lorraine Giffen. Additional cast members include both college interns and high school apprentices.

Katherine Smart, who also directed SummerStock’s production of “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown” (revised) and is originally from Marion, will join the cast as the witch. Joann Chase, a UF alumna who served as casting director for all three SummerStock productions, will portray the baker’s wife.

REED TO TEACH ENGLISH AT WUHAN UNIVERSITY

Michael Reed, Ph.D., professor of TESOL and bilingual education, has been selected to travel to Wuhan University in China July 10 through Aug. 16 to teach English to a select group of 400 students who were chosen from a student population of approximately 20,000.

Through The Ohio State University, a sister school to Wuhan, Reed was among 30 teachers from across the country selected from a pool of candidates. Reed was chosen to serve as one of six team leaders within the group, giving guidance to his peers.

Many of the students chosen for the program have learned the grammatical rules and technical aspects of the

English language, but this program is designed to enhance students’ understanding and use of the language by exposing them to conversational English with native speakers. Each teacher will cover one of 15 subject areas; Reed will cover American culture and values as manifested through sports and recreation.

To illustrate his lessons, Reed has taken advantage of the technology available to him. He videotaped his family, friends and neighbors participat-



Michael Reed, Ph.D., (right) practices speaking Chinese with his tutor, Chia-Chi Chang, a student in the masters of business administration program at UF.

ing in a variety of high and low impact athletic activities and is in the process of

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WORTH NOTING: THE UNIVERSITY'S GAMBA, LUCADELLO



Maria Gamba poses with the Fan sisters - Amy, Ava and Ada - on a recent study trip to China.

Maria Gamba, associate professor of business, recently returned from China. She visited two factories in Shenzhen that supply products such as handbags and backpacks for Factory Direct International, a Findlay-based designer,

manufacturer and distributor of accessory products for the specialty fashion, action sports and lifestyle markets. Shenzhen is known as the factory capital of Asia.

According to **Gamba**, the factories exceeded her expectations with spacious, well-ventilated buildings; dormitories for employees who live far from the factory; and well-balanced meals provided to employees.

In Hong Kong, **Gamba** also visited three UF alumni Amy Fan '91, Ava Fan '92 and Ada Fan '95. Gamba first visited the city more than 25 years ago and noted that it "has truly emerged as a developed Asian City." She was

impressed by contemporary airports, roads and bridges, as well as by the historical and cultural offerings in Hong Kong, Beijing, Xian and Shenzhen.

The work of **Toni Lucadello**, adjunct art faculty member, is currently on display in the "Small Yet Mighty" Sculpture in the Garden exhibit at the Schedel Arboretum & Gardens Trellis Gallery in Elmore, Ohio, and in Sculpture in the Village at Williams Park in Gibsonburg, Ohio.

If you know someone who has done something "worth noting," on campus or within the community or professional realm, send the information to Brianna Patterson, public relations officer, at pattersonb@findlay.edu.

THE PULSE FIRST TO RECEIVE ONA MEMBERSHIP

The University of Findlay's campus newspaper, The Pulse, is the first college or university newspaper to receive membership in the Ohio Newspaper Association (ONA), an organization established in 1933, which brings together daily and weekly newspaper staffs in Ohio.

ONA recently established a new category of membership to assist the staffs of college and university newspapers.

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transferring those clips to DVD. In addition, he will take a flash drive full of still photos of his home and the University.

At a meeting earlier this year, the program coordinator asked the teachers to prepare a special activity to share with students in the evening. Reed has chosen to introduce the students to disc golf. Armed with 10 discs, Reed plans to set up a course throughout the Wuhan campus, using trees as targets rather than the baskets seen in the United States.

In preparation for the trip, Reed has been practicing speaking Chinese, which he has been studying for five

years. With help from tutor Chia-Chi Chang, a former IELP student and current student in the master of business administration program, Reed hopes to increase and improve his vocabulary to help him navigate the country as well as communicate better with his students.

Another benefit Underation mentioned is the ability to electronically share content with other ONA mem-

bers, including The Courier in Findlay, when The Pulse Web site goes live. "That helps the campus newspaper because it helps us network, and it helps the students understand what the current issues are that Ohio newspapers are dealing with," he said. "It also allows The Courier to become more familiar with our campus."

Other membership benefits include guidance on matters of public records and open meetings; monitoring and updates on all media-related legislation in the Ohio General Assembly; job placement and referral service; advertising assistance; and access to a legal hotline. Underation hopes that UF students also will be able to take advantage of professional-level writing contests sponsored by the ONA.

To apply for ONA membership, The Pulse was required to submit an application as well as copies of its most recent issues. After an application and editorial content review, the ONA board of trustees voted to accept The Pulse into the association.



Summer Residence Life staff: (first row) Kevin Kramer and Whitney Jackson; (second row) Alicia Aldrich, Carissa Strickling, Stephanie Walchli and Brittany McCauslin; (third row) Andrew Klausing, Ashley Fox, Miquela Rogers and Josh Niese. Not pictured: Kim Haddix. Photo provided by the Office of Student Services.



Junior Caitlin Spence and senior Jonathan Fehrman take a look at what's under the microscope as Bethany Henderson-Dean, Ph.D., assistant professor of biology, observes.



Steven Rackley, athletic director, DeBow Freed, Ph.D., president of the University, and Micheal F. Anders, Ph.D., professor of music and director of the music program, accept a check in the amount of \$52,135, at the UF Oiler Golf Outing. Proceeds from the outing benefit students through athletic and music scholarships.



Stand-out golf team member Eric Atsma helps a foursome boost its score at Hole 10 at the Oiler Golf Outing.

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Nearly 50 current and former members of The University of Findlay and Findlay College concert band, symphonic bands and wind ensemble gather for a photo July 1. Directed by Jack Taylor, professor of music and director of bands, the group performed at the Riverside Park Allen P. Dudley Band Shell. Photo credit: Pat Taylor.

FACULTY PRESENT ERGONOMICS STUDY, DISCUSS ACCREDITATION AT CONFERENCE

Ergonomics training and accreditation were the topics of two presentations given by William Carter, Ph.D., professor of environmental, safety and health management, at a recent American Industrial Hygiene Conference and Exhibition in Philadelphia, Pa. Gordon Gillespie, assistant professor of environmental safety and occupational health management, also attended.

Carter's first presentation was "Multi-Level Evaluation of Ergonomic Training," based on a study he conducted during 2004, 2005 and 2006 in coordination with Jenna Encheff, assistant professor of physical therapy; Laura Hoehne, technical analyst for SEEM; Laura Schmelzer, assistant professor of occupational therapy; and Jean Weaver,

assistant professor of physical therapy.

The interdisciplinary team provided ergonomic training for more than a dozen companies, affecting nearly 6,000 employees in northwest Ohio. They have followed the results of the training, and Weaver works with graduate students who continue to follow the positive effects on the employees of these companies by reviewing injury rates.

He also presented "Academic Assessment: Comparing ABET, EHAC and HLC Methods." During the past four years, Carter, Gillespie and others have worked to gain accreditation for both the undergraduate and graduate environmental, safety and health management programs. In 2005, the department gained accreditation from the Environmental Health Science and

Protection Accreditation Council (EHAC). Carter spoke about the process involved in preparing for accreditation review and approval.

While at the conference, Carter was one of several to receive an award as an outstanding volunteer. He was recognized for his participation on the Training and Communication Committee of the American Industrial Hygiene Association and his writing of a chapter in the recently-released "Industrial Hygiene and Safety Auditing: A Manual for Practice," second edition, edited by Craig Hollenbeck.

Also, Carter and Chad Dowell '01, an employee of the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, judged graduate students' poster presentations.

SUMMER SEND-OFFS PLANNED IN COLUMBUS, FINDLAY

The University of Findlay alumni in both the Columbus and Findlay areas will be hosting "summer send-offs" in August for students from those areas who are preparing to go to UF as first-time freshmen.

According to Deanna M. (Dee Dee) Spraw, director of alumni and parent relations, the Summer Send-offs "give the incoming freshman and his or her family an opportunity get to know others from their area. This is also a great opportunity for the alumni in that area to get connected with the students and

a chance for the alum to share his or her experiences while a student at Findlay College/The University of Findlay."

The Columbus Summer Send-off will be organized by the regional alumni committee and is being held at the home of Robert '57 and Catherine Pritts. The Findlay area send-off will be organized by the Alumni Board of Governors and will be held at the Stout Alumni Center on The University of Findlay campus.

Currently, send-offs will only be held in the Columbus and Findlay loca-

tions. However, according to Spraw, "We really hope to get the program built in these two established locations and then begin to branch out to some future locations."

Alumni are looking forward to meeting new UF Oilers. Alumni interested in hosting a Summer Send-off can contact Spraw in the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at either spraw@findlay.edu or at 419-434-4516.

By Brooke Jacobs '07, Pre-Medicine Major, Bucyrus, Ohio

STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL CLINIC PROGRAM

The western farm was one of a small handful of universities to receive a grant from the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) that has enabled four UF equestrian students to participate in AQHA's International Clinic Program throughout Europe.

Students left Findlay July 7 and will return Aug. 2. The four-day clinics are being held in Germany, Norway and Sweden and are organized by the host

country's quarter horse association. UF students are sharing training techniques and demonstrating principles they have been taught at the University.

Senior Chelsea Calhoun, senior Jennifer Johnson, junior Andrea Shaffer and senior Travis Womer were selected to participate. Senior Monya Kolascz was the alternate. All junior and senior equestrian students were encouraged to apply. The selection process included a

short presentation during an interview with a panel of judges as well as an assessment of horsemanship ability. Grade point average also was considered.

David Avery, AQHA director of international affairs, has expressed excitement at having UF involved in the International Clinic Program as AQHA continues to see increased international interest in quarter horses.