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NEW ACADEMIC YEAR BEGINS WITH ENTHUSIASM

Faculty and staff members were officially welcomed to the start of the new academic year during the Opening Session Aug. 19 in the Koehler Complex.

DeBow Freed, Ph.D., president of the University, welcomed those in attendance and congratulated all on the success of last academic year. "We are in a place with students who want to learn and teachers who want to teach," he said, also mentioning several favorable factors of the University: committed faculty, strong academic programs and the types of students enrolled.

Freed noted that approximately 1,400 students will live on campus this year, which is roughly half of the undergraduate student population. The

number of students living on campus continues to increase each year, and the University has accommodated that demand with a variety of housing options.

Looking forward, work is being done to expand clinical and internship offerings for students. Use of science laboratories continues to increase, as does use of the cardio center. Technology is continually improved and updated. All of these factors and more create a positive atmosphere, which leads to successful students.

"There is a good spirit about this



Bonnie Sims, administrative assistant to the dean of the College of Liberal Arts, and Diana Montague, Ph.D., chair of communication, applaud during UF President DeBow Freed's welcoming address Aug. 19.

place," said Freed. "We want an atmosphere where concern and kindness are part of everyday life."

WELCOME WEEK ACTIVITIES ON CAMPUS

Welcome Week activities are listed below:

Monday, Aug. 25

- Community Church Fair, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., AMU
- Fort Pastor hosts a Letters to Military campaign, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., AMU
- Fort Pastor concert, 8 p.m., Cory Street Mall (AMU rain site)

Tuesday, Aug. 26

- Findlay's Market on the Mall, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Cory Street Mall (AMU rain site)
- Dr. Todd H. Albert "Climate Control," 7 p.m., AMU MPR (Ritz Auditorium rain site)

Wednesday, Aug. 27

- Team M&M Roving Artists, 10 a.m. –

2 p.m., Cory Street Mall (AMU rain site)

- Student Government Association's Ice Cream Social, 7 p.m., Cory Street Mall Gazebo (AMU rain site)

Thursday, Aug. 28

- Mike Da Roving Guy and Body Art by Susan, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Cory Street Mall (AMU rain site)
- UF's Martial Arts Club demonstration and Learn to Defend Yourself class, 8 p.m., Koehler Complex

Friday, Aug. 29

- U.S. Navy Game Day, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Cory Street mall (AMU MPR rain site)
- LIVE comedian Buzz Sutherland, 8 p.m., AMU MPR

Saturday, Aug. 30

- Game room in the AMU open noon – 9 p.m., Clauss Ice Arena, open skate for faculty, staff and students, 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. – midnight

Sunday, Aug. 31

- Women's soccer game, noon; men's soccer game, 2:30 p.m.; both at DeHaven Field

The Findlay community offers activities and events off-campus, as well.

Look online at www.visitfindlay.com.

One such event is the Hancock County Fair, which will begin Wednesday, Aug. 27, and close Sept. 1. The fairgrounds are located at 1017 E. Sandusky St. in Findlay, just a short drive from the University.

BUSINESS FACULTY RESEARCH FORTUNE 500 CEOs

What does it take to be the leader of a Fortune 500 company? Joseph Martelli, D.I.T., associate professor of business, and Patricia Abels, D.B.A., assistant professor of business, are conducting research that may answer that question.

Using the 2008 Fortune 500 company list, Martelli and Abels have gathered data on each company and its CEO. Basic information gathered includes ethnicity, gender, age, where each leader received his or her education and what each leader studied.

“We want to push the current state of knowledge further and profile the leadership of corporate America,” explained Martelli.

Martelli and Abels started the project by developing a comprehensive research study code book – the first step in organizing the more than 40 variables used in the study, which translates to roughly 23,000 data points for analysis.

There are codes for each company

headquarters’ geographic location according to the census bureau classification system, codes for each company’s North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) number, codes to differentiate

whether the CEO attended a public or private college, codes to indicate the CEO’s area of study and codes that indicate if the CEO’s college was an Ivy League or a Big Ten school, among others.

To make data entry more efficient on such a large data set, the University’s Teaching and Learning Technology



Joseph Martelli, D.I.T., associate professor of business, and Patricia Abels, D.B.A., assistant professor of business, review research they are conducting on leaders of Fortune 500 companies. Photo by Anne Risser Lee

Center (TLTC) purchased and installed a data entry module within the SPSS predictive analytics software, which is available for use to the University community.

Martelli and Abels will use the data to conduct extensive cross-tab analysis. They will look at how CEOs differ from industry to industry, how many CEOs received a liberal arts education compared to those who received a business education and if CEOs from the same industry have similar characteristics, among many other comparisons.

“Leadership is a critical variable in institutional success,” said Martelli. “I hope that we can address the leadership gap in America.”

Martelli and Abels plan to present their research beginning this spring.

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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.

A.T. GRADS PRESENT RESEARCH



Recent athletic training graduates David J. Chorbha and Rita S. Chorbha presented “Use of a Functional Movement Screening Tool to Determine Injury Risk in Female Collegiate Athletes” at the National

Strength and Conditioning Association 2008 national conference in Las Vegas in July. Lucinda E. Bouillon, Ph.D., associate professor, served as a mentor for the project.

UF FACULTY, STAFF, FAMILIES WELCOME



Above left: Chris Mitchell, graduate admissions and recruitment coordinator; DeBow Freed, Ph.D., president of UF; and Dan Yates, Ph.D., assistant professor of business, share a laugh during the opening breakfast Aug. 19.

Above: Bethany Henderson-Dean, Ph.D., assistant professor of biology, and her son enjoy the UF picnic in the Koehler Complex.

Left: Diana Quate, administrative assistant for the Office of Admissions, creates the perfect dessert at the ice cream sundae bar during the picnic.

Photos by Anne Risser Lee

The women's volleyball team returned to campus Aug. 9. Pictured right: Lindsey Reiff, Amanda Binggeli (front), Courtney Niemeyer (back), Ashley Lewis, Jessie VonIns, Jenna Zeisloft and Sarah Schroeder. Far right: Coach Wick Colchagoff talks to team members.



The Oilers football team began arriving on campus Aug. 6 and will begin its new season Aug. 30 in Urbana, Ohio.

The Marching Oiler Brass practices in the field beside the Koehler Complex to prepare for fall performances.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS APPOINTS NEW LEADERSHIP, FOCUSES ON QUALITY AND ACADEMIC ADVISING

UF's College of Business (COB) has undergone some changes this summer, all of which are designed to enhance the effectiveness of the college's programs and to better serve students.

New academic leadership was appointed for the college:

- **Maria Gamba**, associate professor of business, is the chair of the Department of Quantitative and Global Business Studies and will oversee the areas of accounting, finance, economics, systems analysis and international business.
- **John Wolper**, Ed.D., associate professor of business, is the chair of the Department of Business Administration and will oversee the areas of marketing, business management, human resources, hospitality management and entrepreneurship.
- **Scott Freehafer**, Ph.D., assistant professor of business, is the director of the

master of business administration (MBA) and non-traditional business programs, which includes the Business Degree Completion and the Allen Correctional Institute programs.

- **Robert Rustic**, assistant professor of business, is the director of undergraduate advising.

The newly appointed leaders within the college are responsible for the academic progress of both the undergraduate and graduate programs.

In addition, the college is putting a focus on student academic advising. "We're going to ramp up our focus on advising," said Paul Sears, Ph.D., dean of the COB.



The College of Business will put more focus on serving students. Pictured left to right: Scott Freehafer, Ph.D.; Robert Rustic; Paul Sears, Ph.D.; John Wolper, Ed.D.; and Maria Gamba. Photo by Anne Risser Lee

"We want the process to be more personalized to each student's needs."

Graduate advising will be overseen by Freehafer, and undergraduate advising will be directed by Rustic. Both will be working to make academic advising for all students more effective.

REGISTER FOR HOMECOMING 5K RUN/WALK BY SEPT. 3

The University of Findlay will host a Homecoming 5K Run/Walk and Little Oiler Fun Run Saturday, Sept. 20, beginning in front of Old Main. The event is sponsored by BioLife Plasma Services, Findlay Optometry Clinic and The University of Findlay, and proceeds will be donated to Habitat for Humanity – UF campus chapter.

Registration will begin at 6:30 a.m.; the 5K will begin at 8 a.m.; and the Fun Run begins at 7:45 a.m.

The entry fee for the 5K run/walk is \$15 if postmarked by Sept. 3. Entries received by that date are guaranteed a T-shirt. Entrants also may register the day of the race for \$20, but a T-shirt is not guaranteed. UF students may enter the run/walk for \$10 with a valid I.D. in advance or the day of the race, but only entries received by Sept. 3 will be guaranteed a T-shirt. All entries are non-refundable. Participation in the Fun Run is free and will be led by Derrick the Oiler.

Awards will be given to the first male

and first female; first male and first female master (age 40+); and first male and first female UF alumni and students. Awards also will be given to the top male and female finishers in each age division. All Fun Run participants will receive an award.

All participants in the run/walk will be entered in a drawing for door prizes. The grand prize is a Findlay weekend

getaway, which includes hotel accommodations, dinner for two and movie tickets. Other prizes include gift certificates to The University of Findlay book store, area restaurants and more.

With additional questions about the 5K or Fun Run, contact Beth Skulina, assistant director of alumni and parent relations, at 419-434-4175 or skulina@findlay.edu.

CONCERT & LECTURE SERIES 08-09 SEASON ANNOUNCED

The University's Concert & Lecture Series 08-09 season will bring four professional performances to the stage at Winebrenner Theological Seminary. Each concert is at 8 p.m.

Sept. 12, Toledo Symphony Orchestra, Pops and the Piano with Julie Spangler.

Oct. 24, Toledo Opera, "A Rigoletto Tapestry."

Jan. 23, 2009, Toledo Symphony Orchestra, Classics Concert.

Feb. 20, 2009, Toledo Symphony Orchestra, Classics Concert.

Admission for UF undergraduate and graduate students is free, but a ticket is required. Contact the Box Office at 419-434-5335.