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FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR PROVIDES EXPERTISE IN IMMIGRATION

Hancy Pierre, dean of the College of Human Sciences at the State University of Haiti in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, is serving as The University of Findlay's first Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence for the 2006-2007 academic year.

While serving as a member of the social work faculty at UF, Pierre will educate students, faculty and staff on issues relating to immigrant and refugee populations. Social work majors and other students will have the opportunity to participate in courses that are not normally offered at the University such as Social Work with Immigrant and Refugee Populations in the fall and International Non-Governmental Organizations: Structure, Funding and Process in the spring. Pierre will introduce new material, perspectives and teaching methods to both students and faculty.

In addition to teaching his own courses, Pierre will be speaking to First-Year Experience students and a variety of other classes, as well as several on-campus clubs and organizations. He also will observe and participate in additional graduate and undergraduate class sessions.



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"Mr. Pierre's presence helps the University continually move toward a more thoroughly internationalized campus community. His active involvement in the life of the campus, his engagement with undergraduate and graduate students, and his interaction with faculty provide opportunities for multiple levels of cross-cultural conversations, dialogues and discussions. As a Fulbright Scholar-in-

Residence, Mr. Pierre's presence openly invites the academic community to get involved in an international exchange of ideas and scholarship," said Dr. Marie Loudon-Hanes, dean of undergraduate education.

Pierre will offer his expertise to the community as opportunities arise through the academic year. The scholar looks forward to networking with multiple local agencies and professionals.

UF's request for a scholar-in-residence with knowledge of immigrant and refugee populations is based on U.S. Census Bureau data indicating the number of foreign-born inhabitants of Ohio increased by more than 30 percent between the 1990 and 2000 census. As a result, social **Fulbright, page 2**

UF HOSTS NINE JAPANESE AMBASSADORS

The University of Findlay was recently host to eight students and one faculty member from the Kake and Takahashi educational institutions in Japan as a part of the Kake Ambassadors Program. UF returned the generosity of the Kake and Takahashi Institutions; the two groups hosted 11 UF representatives for three weeks in the summer during the Kake Bridge Program.



Yosuke Seike, a Kake Ambassador Program participant and Dr. Fumiko Harada, special assistant to the president and professor of Japanese, help beautify a patio at the Findlay City Mission.

The purpose of the visit was "for Japanese students to experience the United States at a personal level, not abstract," said Dr. Hiro **Japanese, page 2**

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workers and other professionals employed in a variety of agencies are being asked to provide services for individuals who face economic, social, linguistic, educational and occupational difficulties.

In his teaching, Pierre talks about the impact that the global marketplace has had on immigration. He points out that immigrants and refugees are coming from all parts of the world into all parts of the world, and communities

around the globe need to understand how to handle the influx of people and the related challenges.

The University has a 10-year academic exchange history with Haiti. Barry Mickey, director of the social work program and professor of social work at UF, has traveled to Haiti each year for the past 10 years with social work students, giving students an opportunity to experience social work

systems in a country other than their own. Mickey hopes to take another group of students in the spring, depending on the country's political situation, using Pierre's expertise to heighten the learning experience. In 2003, Mickey served as a Fulbright Scholar in Haiti, further strengthening academic ties with the country.

Pierre resides in Findlay with his wife and two sons.

UF HOSTS 5K TO BENEFIT CITY MISSION

As part of homecoming activities, The University of Findlay will host the 2006 Homecoming 5K Run/Walk and Little Oiler Fun Run, led by Derrick the Oiler, on Saturday, Oct. 7. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Findlay City Mission.

The cost for each participant in the 5K run/walk is \$20. All entry fees are nonrefundable. Participation in the Little Oiler Fun Run is free.

Participants will be eligible for door prizes, including an airplane ride for two above Findlay and the surrounding area, gift certificates to The University of Findlay bookstore, gift certificates to area restaurants and more.

The race begins and ends in front of Old Main on the University campus. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. with the fun run starting at 8:45 a.m. and the 5K starting at 9 a.m.

The event is hosted by The University of Findlay and primarily sponsored by BioLife Plasma Services.

To register, visit www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: 5K, or call Beth Skulina in the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at 419-434-4517.

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Eight students and one faculty member from the Kake and Takahashi educational institutions in Japan pose with UF students during a game of dodgeball. The group visited the UF campus as part of the Kake Ambassadors Program. Photo credit: Jake Pinkava '07

Kawamura, UF associate professor of Japanese. The trip also allowed the Japanese students to experience The University of Findlay from international students' viewpoints.

While the visitors spent some time in class learning English and taking Intensive English Language Program courses, "the main activity was interaction with UF students," said Kawamura.

Some of The University of Findlay's students, professors and athletes were introduced during tours of the environmental safety and health management program, physical therapy program and occupational therapy program as well as the equestrian farms. The students took part in some non-academic American activities,

as well, including a game of dodgeball.

Outside of UF, the group had the opportunity to interact with community members while volunteering at Findlay's City Mission, a local nursing home and area schools. The group continued cultural relations with visits to Cedar Point, Amish Country, a local football game and the Hancock County Fair.

While this is an exchange designed to give its participants diverse cultural and educational experiences, Kawamura notes, "UF students should use this special opportunity as a way to broaden their perspective of the world as well."

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Students in a photography class taught by Jeff Salisbury, lecturer of photography, become familiar with their cameras during the first week of classes.



Area churches visited campus to give students the opportunity to visit with representatives from various congregations. Above, a member of College First Church of God talks to a student about the church's activities.



Team Rootberry entertained students on the mall during the first week of classes. Above left, resident director Kim Jackson assists one of the performers in a sword-swallowing stunt. Above right, another student demonstrates his own spinning skills.

Toga bowling was just one of many events that took place during Greek Recruitment. Above, Michael Strahm, senior law and liberal arts major, prepares for his next round. Right, a group takes a break from the game to pose for a photo.



Derrick the Oiler and Dr. DeBow Freed, UF president, visited with local vendors during Market on the Mall.

RUSE NAMED NEW UF DANA CHAIR

William E. Ruse, J.D., president emeritus of the Blanchard Valley Health Association, will serve as The University of Findlay's Dana Chair and executive-in-residence for the 2006-2007 academic year.

Each year, the University chooses a distinguished executive to serve as the Dana Chair, a position funded by the Dana Corporation. The Dana Chair serves as a mentor for a chosen group of Dana Scholars who work as a group for the year. They take a class together, work on group projects and visit many local industries where they interact with top-level executives.

Ruse will share his business expertise with the group of 10 top business students throughout the year. The group will interact with top-level representatives from area organizations such as Findlay Publishing Co., Moyer Financial Services, Key Bank, Fresh Encounter Inc., Findlay Ford Lincoln Mercury and many others. Ruse also will be available as a guest speaker to UF classes and other campus functions.

Business students will benefit from Ruse's extensive business background. Last year, he joined the firm of CareTech Solutions Inc. as a consultant and business development executive. In 2003, he was named interim president and CEO of Galion Community Hospital until an individual was found to permanently fill the post, and he was appointed by the Federal Bankruptcy Court in Toledo, Ohio, to manage

MediCare Orthopedics and Hospital Equipment Co. Ruse continues to serve as the firm's liquidating trustee. He retired from Blanchard Valley Health Association in 2001 after serving as its president and CEO for 36 years.



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Ruse also has been associated with the Findlay, Ohio, law firm of Drake, Phillips, Kuenzli and Clark where he served as attorney-at-law and specialized in health care law and health care strategic planning.

At The University of Findlay, Ruse serves on the board of trustees and the pharmacy advisory board. In 2003, he was appointed by Governor Taft to the Ohio Workforce Policy Board. A Rotarian since 1983 and a member of the Findlay Rotary Club, Ruse is active in community affairs. He has served as

the Findlay Rotary Club's president, and he has Chaired the past president's committee. Following two terms as an assistant governor of Rotary International, Ruse served three terms as Chairperson of the assistant governors committee and served as governor for the Rotary's District 6600 for the 2003-2004 Rotary year.

In addition to Rotary, he has been involved with the Findlay-Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, the Findlay-Hancock County Community Development Foundation, the Arts Partnership, St. Michael Church building committee and Ohio Patient Safety Institute.

Also during his career, Ruse taught health care law at the University of Toledo and Lima Technical College and courses in hospital management at Bowling Green State University.

After graduating from Collinwood High School in Cleveland, Ohio, Ruse received a bachelor of science in pharmacy from Ohio Northern University. He went on to earn a M.B.A. in health administration from Xavier University and a doctor of jurisprudence degree from the University of Toledo. The University of Findlay awarded Ruse an honorary doctor of healthcare management degree in 1997, and Ohio Northern University granted him an honorary doctor of public service degree in 2003.

The new Dana Chair lives with his wife, Donna, in Findlay.

TOLEDO OPERA OPENS CONCERT AND LECTURE SERIES

The University of Findlay's Concert and Lecture Series opens its fourth season at 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22, in the Winebrenner Theological Seminary TLB Foundation Convocation Center with a performance by the Toledo Opera.

Now in its 47th year, the Toledo Opera is recognized as one of the best regional opera companies in the United

States and is northwest Ohio's only fully professional regional opera company.

Under the leadership of Renay Conlin, general and artistic director, the ensemble will open the Concert and Lecture Series with a performance including selections from "Romeo and Juliet," "Don Pasquale," "From Russia with Love" and "Tosca."

Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for senior citizens and \$10 for students. Admission for UF undergraduate and graduate students is free, but a ticket is required. UF faculty and staff may purchase tickets for \$15. Tickets are available by calling the Box Office at 419-434-5335.