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MORE THAN 600 MARCH THE ARCH

More than 600 graduates, as well as more than 4,700 friends and family members, gathered at The University of Findlay on Saturday, May 5, to participate in spring commencement ceremonies.

The traditional baccalaureate service was held Saturday morning. Students who participated in the service included graduating seniors Brooke Bosse, Elizabeth Hayes, Jessica Morris and Bryson Stair. Members of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes served as ushers. The morning's speaker was pastor Edward Rosenberry, conference administrator for the Eastern Regional Conference, Churches of God.

Following the service, nearly 900

people gathered in the Alumni Memorial Union for a commencement brunch. Graduates, including those who had completed their courses online and were visiting campus for the first time, enjoyed visiting with other students and their families as they prepared to become UF alumni.

At 2 p.m., ceremonies began with the faculty processional, followed by the graduates. Kathryn D. Sullivan, Ph.D., the first American woman to walk in space, gave the com-



Left to right: Holly Siebeneck, Jeffrey Radde, Kimberly Pifber, Milt Peters, Ph.D., professor emeritus, Rachel Wiemken and Justin Steele.

ment address.

Crediting a book by author Meg

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MANY PARTICIPATE IN MAZZA MUSEUM DEDICATION



Left to right: Peter Rabbit, Clifford the Big Red Dog, Wild Thing, Michael and Robin Gardner, Larry Miles, Dr. Jerry Mallett, Dr. DeBow Freed, Dr. C. Richard Beckett and Barbara Meyers.

Friends of The University of Findlay's Mazza Museum of International Art from Picture Books dedicated the brand-new 9,000-square-

foot addition during a ceremony May 4.

As more than 200 guests took their places underneath a standing-room only tent, they were greeted by children's storybook characters Wild Thing, Clifford the Big Red Dog and Peter Rabbit. Dr. DeBow Freed, president of the University, began the program by noting the commitment of the

many people involved in making the museum possible.

"We are here to celebrate the accomplishments of Mazza and those

who have amply shown the drive, determination and generosity to make the addition possible," said Freed. "The success of the fund raising campaign is testament to the devotion of a great number of people to the Mazza concept and practice, and to their persistence, good spirit and willingness to work. As with all campaigns, we are grateful to those who have contributed, whether the amounts are large or small."

Jerry Mallett, Ed.D., director of the Mazza Museum, offered a message of gratitude to all involved. "To all of you patrons who helped with this addition, just know what a great thing you have done for our University, our local community, and indeed, for our national and

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The mission of The University of Findlay is to equip our students for meaningful lives and productive careers.

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international communities,” he said.

Mallett continued to discuss future plans for the museum, including the installation of the Miller Bronze Statuary in the Charles J. and Mariann Dana Younger Board Room, as well as a children’s reading garden outside.

Following Mallett’s comments, friends, supporters and docents of the museum described what visitors would see as they toured the new facility, including the Larry L. and Joann M. Miles Mazza Students’ Art Exhibit, the Mazza Enthusiasts’ Gift Shop, the Board Room, the Alec and Sandy Reinhardt Children’s Art Studio and the Dr. Philip and Mrs. Peggy Havens Art

Resource Center.

Michael Gardner then shared his thoughts on the museum and noted that his family instilled in him a love for the University. Gardner and his wife, Robin Gardner, both Findlay residents, donated \$1 million last year, which enabled the campaign for the Mazza Museum addition to exceed its \$2.2 million goal and to begin work so construction would be completed in time for the 25th anniversary of the Mazza Museum.

The dedication ceremony concluded with a ribbon cutting. Participants included Beckett, Freed, Mallett, Mazza



Peggy Havens posed for a photo in the Dr. Philip and Mrs. Peggy Havens Art Resource Center.

Enthusiasts president Barbara Meyers and campaign chair Larry Miles.

EQUESTRIAN TEAMS EARN NATIONAL TITLES



Becky Baumel, English team competitor

The University of Findlay’s western equestrian team captured its third national title on Sunday, May 6, in Springfield, Mass. The Oilers’ national championship is their second in three years.

“It was kind of neat this year because the last year we won, it went right down to the last class – down to the wire – to know if we were going to win,” said Cindy Morehead, head western team coach. “This year, we knew a lot sooner because we had won five out of six classes.”

Findlay’s Trevor Dare, a native of Hilliard, Ohio, was named the high point rider for the event, finishing with 175 points in the two phases of competition.

UF riders placed first in five out of six classes in the team competition. Raffi Kechejian, Adam Smith, Travis

Womer, Ryan Sims, Jimmy Frebes and Val Siegel each captured individual championships in their respective events. Andrea Shaffer was reserve national champion in the individual novice western horsemanship classes.

“It’s nice to have the trophy home again,” said Paula McRill, office manager of the Center for Equestrian and Pre-Veterinary Studies.

McRill also noted “the teams really meshed this year.” Morehead echoed the same thoughts. “It was a good team effort. I love the camaraderie that has taken place with the English and the western teams. They were all supportive.”

In the English competition, UF’s English equestrian team captured the 2007 reserve national championship on Saturday, May 5, in Springfield, Mass. The Oilers finished the event in a tie with Mount Holyoke College.

“Travis Womer won the individual fences for intermediate, so right out of the gate, we won the first class at the horse show,” said Sandra McCarthy, director of the English riding program and the head coach for the English team.

Kathryn Johnston won the individual open hunter equitation on the flat while Laura Baldine placed third in the collegiate cup open equitation over

fences. Becky Baumel, Travis Womer, Ashley Gallo and Zoe Steele-Rand also won events for Findlay.

Both McCarthy and Morehead expressed much appreciation for McRill and Tonya Truszkowski. “They are the glue that holds the teams together. They are fantastic. They make sure we have rental cars and food money and all of the other things we need,” said McCarthy.

The dressage team also ended the year on a positive note with a seventh place finish at national competition in Centenary College in Long Valley, N.J., April 28 and 29. Students who placed individually included Danielle Cirelli, Kevin Goodman, Kate Marsi and Joanna Sabato.



High point rider Trevor Dare

Equestrian photo credits: Dave Duncan

WORTH NOTING

Lucinda E. Bouillon, Ph.D., associate professor in the College of Health Professions, and **Robert S. VanZant, Ph.D.**, assistant professor of physical therapy, recently co-authored "Strength Cycle Training: Effects on Muscular Strength and Aerobic Conditioning." Their research was published in the *Journal of Strength and Conditioning Research*, 2007.

Mary Beth Dillon, BS, COTA/L, academic fieldwork coordinator and instructor of occupational therapy, **Rosalie M. King, MA, OTR/L**, assistant professor of occupational therapy, and **Precia Stuby**, director of the ADAMHS Board, gave a presentation titled "Interfacing with Community Mental Health Services: Opportunities for Occupational Therapy and Fieldwork Education" at the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) annual conference in St. Louis, Mo., April 20-23.

The presentation described an innovative grant-funded project, sponsored by The Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation, in which master's-level fieldwork students in UF's occupational therapy program provide occupational therapy services to seriously mentally ill people in the community.

Richard Smith, Ph.D., professor of philosophy, attended the annual conference of the Central Division of the American Philosophical Association April 19-21 in Chicago. He attended symposia and conference sessions on a variety of topics in philosophy.

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.

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A farewell reception was held for four retirees: **Milt Peters, Ph.D.**, professor emeritus of psychology; **Doris Salis, Ph.D.**, assistant vice president for curriculum and accreditation; **Barbara Hartman**, housekeeper; and **James Schmidt**, assistant professor of mathematics.

Several alumni of the physical therapy program returned to campus May 4 for a dinner and reception. Pictured left to right: (top row) **Becky (Burrows) Winans**, **Robin (Denny) Kloepfer**, **Jill (Anderson) Gruber**, (bottom row) **Linda Chambers**, **Jeff Gulch** and **Mary Muscarella**.



SEED CONFERENCE 2007



Dr. Ray McCandless, **Dr. Dan May** and **Scott Walthour** presented a session titled "Establishing Policies, Procedures and Priorities for Academic Technology: Viewpoints from Three Administrators."

The final panel session of the SEED conference was "The Role of TLTCs in Supporting Research and Scholarship in Higher Learning," featuring **Dr. Kristine Blair**, Bowling Green State University; **Dr. Faye Chechowich**, Taylor University; **Dr. Jeffrey Pellegrino** (pictured), Kent State University; and **Dr. Elizabeth Raker**, UF, panel chair.

UF EXPANDS AND STRENGTHENS ACADEMIC PROGRAMS, BALANCES BUDGET



*Dr. C. Richard Beckett,
chairman of the Board of
Trustees*

The University of Findlay continues to expand and further strengthen academic and student programs. Substantial investments are being made in

teaching faculty and the academic program. Two new deans are being recruited, and 10 new faculty members are being added in the fall as part of a build-up to increase the number of full-time faculty from 160 in 2005 to 190 by 2009.

Forensic science and chemistry majors were added for the current year, along with progression of the six-year doctor of pharmacy program through its third year. An animal science major will be added in the fall to complement the strong pre-veterinary and equestrian programs.

A balanced budget is projected for the current fiscal year, which ends June 30, 2007, and for the next fiscal year.

Physical plant projects for the current year have included \$4.4 million for the renovation and assimilation of the former Owens Community College property, which the University purchased, and \$2.2 million for expansion of the Mazza Museum. Both projects are on time and on budget. Both are attractive and functional facilities. The Mazza addition is entirely from donat-

ed funds and was dedicated May 4. Total renovation projects for the current year are about \$9 million.

The above information and actions were part of a meeting of the University Board of Trustees on May 3 and 4. Twenty-seven regular trustees and three special trustees attended the meeting.

"We had a good meeting," Board Chairman C. Richard Beckett said. "Trustees are pleased with the progress and direction of the University. We are systematically strengthening the academic, teaching and student programs while improving finances. The University is adding exciting new educational features which will serve well long into the future."

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Wheatley, Sullivan encouraged students to develop "one competency that may be crucial to your success: conversation, authentic and meaningful conversation."

A total of 289 graduate degrees were awarded. A total of 423 undergraduate degrees were conferred and a total of 64 associate of arts degrees were conferred.

Among the UF graduates were 82 international students who will receive master's degrees and six international students who will receive bachelor's degrees. Those students represent the countries of Nepal, India, Taiwan, Thailand, Switzerland, China, Japan, Czech Republic, Kenya, Korea, Hong Kong and Canada.



Faculty, friends and family congratulated the graduates as they "marched the Arch."



Braden Kriegel and Bryson Stair celebrated their accomplishment on the front lawn.

TRIBUTE MAY 23

A Tribute to Memorial Day will take place at The University of Findlay at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 23, on the front lawn of Old Main near the flagpole. The tribute is sponsored by UF organizations and offices including the Student Veteran Association (SVA), Campus Ministries, the Office of Safety and Security and the Office of Student Activities and Commuter Student Services, as well as by Clear Channel Radio.

The Wright Patterson Air Force Base Honor Guard will perform the posting of colors. Retired Cpl. Geoffrey Schultz, a recent UF graduate, will welcome guests and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

A U.S. Army officer will perform the Oath of Enlistment with newly enlisted service men and women from the area. Sgt. Luke Olney, current UF student, will read the Soldier's Prayer.

The program also includes a Final Roll Call. A 21-gun salute and taps, played by Casey Lauger, UF student and daughter of a soldier, will conclude the program.

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