

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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## FACULTY MEMBERS HONORED DURING ANNUAL RECOGNITION DINNER



*From left to right are special award recipients Raymond J. McCandless, Gwynne Stoner Rife, Jack M. Taylor, Anne G. Albert, Stephen F. Brown and Douglas M. Asbury.*

UF faculty were recognized for their service and accomplishments at a Recognition and Appreciation Dinner Feb. 16 in the Alumni Memorial Union.

Faculty members honored for twenty years of service to the University include **Dale Brougher**, Ph.D., associate professor of religion; **John F. "Skip" Cindric Jr.**, Ed.D., professor in the College of Education; **Diane Groth**, instructor of mathematics; **Diana Montague**, Ph.D., professor of English and director of First-Year Experience; **Linda Peck**, D.V.M., director of pre-veterinary studies and professor of animal science and biology; and **Tom Stuckert**, assistant professor of English.

Other faculty members were honored for their ongoing commitment to

the University as well as for their dedication to students. Each one has made significant contributions to the UF community. Honorees include the following faculty members:

David L. Allen Award for Teaching Excellence, **Stephen F. Brown**, director of the western riding program and instructor of riding.

Founders' Academic Excellence Award for Faculty, **Anne G. Albert**, co-director of mathematics and assistant professor of mathematics.

Elizabeth S. Gupta Award for Excellence in Teaching Fine Arts, **Jack M. Taylor**, professor of music and director of bands.

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## FIRST FRESHERS DAY HELD AT UF

The new year is a new start for many, with promises of change and new beginnings in many ways. For some, this means a long trip from another country to study at UF. This year, total enrollment at UF increased, and the number of international students has more than doubled since 2005 with 815 students enrolled for spring 2007.

To help ease the transition to a new country, EKTA, the Indian Students Association, welcomed the new faces with Freshers Day on Feb. 11 in the AMU. Organized by students in EKTA, the event was open to all students – both international and domestic – as well as faculty and staff. Approximately 250 attendees experienced an evening full of genuine Indian culture through food, music, dance, trivia games and prizes.

EKTA took on the project because nearly 40 percent of the new international students hail from India. Freshers Day also marked the celebration of Indian Republic Day, which was Jan. 26.

"EKTA, the name of our organization, means 'unity' in Indian, and that was very well-represented through the evening," said Kavya Shree, MBA student and vice president of EKTA.

In addition to welcoming students from abroad, Freshers Day allowed American students to experience

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authentic Indian culture first-hand, which is a rare opportunity and one that EKTA members hope more students will take advantage of.

Another benefit of the evening was that, "Freshers Day allowed students to meet their professors and deans face-to-face before classes begin, which wouldn't normally occur," said MBA marketing student Syed Lal.

According to Dr. Nabarun Ghose, professor of marketing and business and EKTA adviser, during this difficult transition for students "An event like Freshers Day showed the students that someone cared about them. In addition, it also helped them to gain social opportunities that may not have normally occurred and be the beginning of lifelong networks."

In addition to celebrating culture, the first recognition award for Contributions to the Indian Student Community was awarded to Dr. Shiv Gupta, professor of marketing and economics, based on criteria set by the student leaders of EKTA.

The group will host additional events in March and May, both of which will be open to all UF students, faculty and staff.

*By Carolyn Schaeffer, Senior, Interpersonal and Public Communication Major, East Canton, Ohio.*

## FACULTY MEMBERS HONORED, CONT.



*John F. "Skip" Cindric, Diana Montague, Diane Groth and Dale Brougner were honored.*

Shiv Kumar Gupta Award for Excellence in Teaching Business, **Douglas M. Asbury**, director of the accounting program and assistant professor of business.

Faculty Chair in College of Liberal Arts, **Raymond J. McCandless, D.A.**, director of academic technology services and professor of political science.

Faculty Chair in College of Science, **Gwynne Stoner Rife, Ph.D.**, associate professor of biology.

## BSU HOSTS 10<sup>TH</sup> BLACK TIE AFFAIR

The Black Student Union hosted the 10th Annual Black Tie Affair Feb. 16 in the Alumni Memorial Union. UF students, faculty and staff dressed for the red carpet and danced as long as the music played.

Chosen through student votes, king and queen of the Black Tie Affair royal court were seniors Johnnie Jackson, business major, and Kim Jackson, social work major.

Serving as prince and princess were juniors Des Perry, business major, and Brittany Davis, art major. Duke and duchess were sophomores Ryan Bryson, law and the liberal arts major, and Carissa Strickling, pre-veterinary major. Freshmen Corey Clark, criminal justice



*Two students posed for a quick photo during the Black Tie Affair. Photo credit: Yekaterina Kontar, Senior.*

major, and Jamie Poston, middle childhood education major, were selected as lord and lady.

## WORTH NOTING

*If you know someone who has done something "worth noting," send the information to Brianna Patterson at [pattersonb@findlay.edu](mailto:pattersonb@findlay.edu).*

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## MAZZA TO HOST NEWBURY WINNER

The University of Findlay's Mazza Museum will host 2005 Newbery winner Lynne Rae Perkins at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25. Her talk is part of the Helen Reimund Author/Artist Series.

As an author and artist, Perkins has written and illustrated several books, including her most recent book, "Crisis Cross," a 2005 Newbery winner. She is also the author of several other novels, including "Snow Music," a Boston Globe-Horn Book Honor Book and a Book Sense Top Ten Pick, "Home

Lovely," "The Broken Cat" and "All Alone in the Universe."

Perkins earned a bachelor of arts degree at The Pennsylvania State University and a master of arts degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Tickets are required for this event and may be purchased for \$5 by contacting the Mazza Museum at 419-434-5521 or [mccrory@findlay.edu](mailto:mccrory@findlay.edu). Tickets are free with a valid UF I.D.



The Churches of God denomination and Winebrenner Seminary hosted a living history presentation Feb. 11 in Ritz Auditorium. Above, John Latchaw, first president of Findlay College, was played by Robert Guy, pastor of the Barkeyville Church of God, and the interviewer was played by UF's Dale Brougher. Photo credit: Yekaterina Kontar, Senior.



"Lucky Stiff," the hysterical musical that follows a young shoe salesman, played by sophomore Eric Hertenstein, and his uncle's corpse, played by junior Chris Leitner, to Monte Carlo, opened Feb. 21. Photo credit: Mike Blinn, freshman.



A reception was held for 16 students on Sunday, Feb. 11. Each student submitted artwork to the Senior Art Exhibit, which will be on display in the Lea Gallery of the Virginia B. Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion until March 16. Photo credit: Yekaterina Kontar, Senior.



Led by coach Ron Niekamp, The University of Findlay men's basketball team, ranked third in the nation, ran its winning streak to 22 games of the season with an 86-60 rout of Mercyhurst College on Thursday, Feb. 15, in Croy Gymnasium.

Jazz and ragtime pianist John Cleveland performed Friday, Feb. 9, in the AMU Union Multipurpose Room for the Bach's Lunch Series. The next and final performance in the Bach's Lunch Series will feature Pantasia, a steel drum band, at noon March 16.



# UF FACULTY PROMOTION AND TENURE ANNOUNCED

The University of Findlay Board of Trustees approved four faculty members for promotion during the recent board meeting.

The following faculty members have been promoted from associate to full professor:

- **William Carter**, professor of environmental, safety and health management. Carter holds a Ph.D. in inorganic chemistry from Syracuse University and an A.B. in chemistry from Williams College.

- **Gwynne Rife**, professor of biology. Rife holds a Ph.D. in biological sciences from Bowling Green State University (BGSU), an M.A.T. in science education from BGSU, an M.S. in marine science from the University of Southern Mississippi and a B.S. in biology from BGSU.

The following faculty members have been promoted from assistant to associate professor:

- **Christine Tulley**, associate professor of English. Tulley holds a Ph.D. in English from Bowling Green State University (BGSU), an M.A. in English from Cleveland State University and a B.S. in education from BGSU.

- **Kerry Volansky**, associate professor of physical therapy. Volansky holds a D.Sc. in orthopedics from Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions, an M.B.A. in executive health care from Baldwin-Wallace

College and a B.S. in physical therapy from Bowling Green State University.

The following faculty members have been approved for tenure:

- **Greg Arburn**, director of finance, economics and SIFE, assistant professor of economics and finance and Investments Club adviser. Arburn holds a Ph.D. in applied economics from Clemson University, an M.S. in agricultural economics from Clemson University and a B.S. in agricultural economics from Purdue University.

- **Judith Lanzendorfer**, assistant professor of English. Lanzendorfer holds a Ph.D. in English literature from Arizona State University, an M.A. in English literature from Arizona State University and a B.A. in English literature from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

- **John Leach**, director of master of arts in liberal arts and assistant professor of psychology. Leach holds a Ph.D. in experimental psychology from Bowling Green State University (BGSU), an M.A. in experimental psychology from BGSU and a B.A. in psychology from The University of Findlay.

- **Chris Moser**, director of human resource development strand and assistant professor of education. Moser holds an Ed.D. in human resource development, an M.A. in adult education, an M.A. in health science and a B.S. in health science from Ball State

University.

- **Tim Murphy**, associate professor of environmental, safety and health management. Murphy holds a Ph.D. in environmental science from The Ohio State University, an M.S. in environmental management from The University of Findlay and a B.S. in environmental health from Ferris State College.

- **Laura Schmelzer**, assistant professor of occupational therapy. Schmelzer is in the process of completing a Ph.D. in occupational therapy from Nova Southeastern University. She holds an M.O.T. in occupational therapy from Chatham College and a B.A. in psychology from Capital University.

- **Christine Tulley** (also promoted).

- **Sharon Walsh**, assistant program director for physical therapy. Walsh is in the process of completing a D.Sc. in neurology from Rocky Mountain University. She holds an M.A. in special education from Walsh College and a B.S. in allied health from The Ohio State University.

- **Jean Weaver**, assistant professor of physical therapy. Weaver is in the process of completing a Ph.D. in public health from the Nova Southeastern University. She holds an M.B.A. in health care from The University of Findlay and a B.S. in allied health professions from The Ohio State University.

## TRIP TO EUROPE PLANNED FOR STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF

Faculty members at The University of Findlay are planning a special December trip to Vienna, Budapest and Prague. Travelers will depart Dec. 26 and return Jan. 5, 2008. UF students, faculty and staff are invited to experience the splendor of a European Christmas.

The trip will offer a unique cultural opportunity to see the grand cathedrals, famous museums and historical treasures of Vienna, Budapest and Prague.

Vienna has exceptional art collections from the Hapsburg Empire. Buda and Pest share historical landmarks on the Danube River. Prague is the most sought-after European destination today and offers amazing views as the City of One Hundred Spires.

There is an optional extension to the trip for three nights in Salzburg, Austria. Also, because of the timing of the trip, travelers will be able to enjoy the Eastern

European holiday season and see seasonal lights and Christmas markets.

The cost of the trip is approximately \$2,400 from Detroit, Mich., until Feb. 28. Register early to keep costs at 2006 prices. Those interested should contact Phil Sugden (419-422-0498) or Carole Elchert (419-365-7131) as soon as possible.

*By Brooke Jacobs, Pre-Medicine Major, Bucyrus, Ohio.*