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UF BALANCES BUDGET, STRENGTHENS AND EXPANDS ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

The University of Findlay's Board of Trustees met Oct. 4 and 5 on campus. Twenty-seven trustees attended, as well as student special trustees Mr. Braden Kriegel and Mr. Kevin Kramer; faculty special trustee Dr. John Malacos; five staff members; and President Freed.

Emphasis will continue to be on further strengthening academic programs, improving facilities and services for students and faculty, and continuing to improve finances.

The University balanced its budget for the fiscal year, which ended June 30, 2007, and net assets increased. For the 2007-08 fiscal year, prospects are fair to good to balance the budget with a satisfactory margin.

Fall semester enrollment of regular full-time and part-time students is 4,455 compared to 4,261 last year. Full-time equivalent enrollment is 4,306 compared to 4,105 last year. The increase in enrollment is primarily from more domestic full-time undergraduate students and more international graduate students.

The number of students living on campus in University housing is 1,363, compared to 1,285 last year. Residence halls continue to be remodeled. Tentative plans are to refurbish and air condition the older halls within three years. The total cost of improvements is expected to be \$800,000 in 2007-08 and annually for the next three years.

Two new deans and 19 new faculty

members will add new views and strength to the academic programs. The academic ability of the incoming freshmen is the highest ever. Dean Lisa Dutton will leave the University in December because her husband's job was transferred out of state. She has provided outstanding leadership to the College of Health Professions.

New academic majors include pharmacy, now in its fourth year; forensic science and chemistry, now in their second years; and animal science, in its first year. Programs in the allied health sciences have been expanded and have high enrollment.

A proposal to convert the physical therapy master's program to a doctoral program has been submitted to the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) in Chicago. The physician assistant program recently received continuing accreditation following reviews last spring. Proposals will be submitted to HLC and to the Ohio Board of Regents to convert the program to the master's level.

Teaching and close relations between faculty and students continue to be strengths and hallmarks of the University. There remains a need to strengthen in-class and out-of-class student learning.

The board approved the purchase of a parcel of land adjacent to the western equestrian farm. It will provide space for further development of the equestrian, pre-veterinary, animal science and related programs.

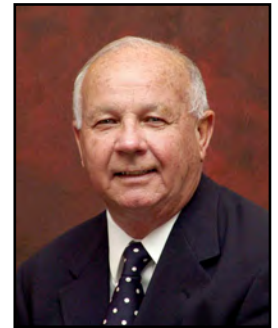
Plans to establish a private college

division within the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) are progressing. Tiffin

University has joined the southern division, which will consist of six private schools initially; two additional private colleges will be added.

Kriegel and Kramer reported student satisfaction and student concerns in several areas. Malacos reported on the value of national searches for faculty and administrators, loss of first-year experience and the resulting diminished opportunity to interact with freshmen, as well as other items. Activities related to the 125th anniversary and the Alumni Association and Office of Alumni and Parent Relations also were reported.

"We had a good meeting," Board Chairman C. Richard Beckett, D.V.M., said, "Trustees are pleased with the exceptional progress of the University. We are expanding teaching capabilities, systematically strengthening programs of the University, improving finances and making the already-beautiful campus more attractive."



Board Chairman C. Richard Beckett, D.V.M.

THE UNIVERSITY HOSTS PROFESSOR MURTALA BIDMOS, PH.D.



Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Murtala Bidmos, Ph.D., talks to a group of students about the role of religion in society. Photo credit: Yekaterina Kontar

What is the relevance between religion and society? What does religion contribute to our lives to make it better? These are questions that Murtala Bidmos,

Ph.D., has asked for 26 years and continues to do so as he studies these issues in the United States.

The University is hosting Bidmos, Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence, through Oct. 26. He began his six-week visit Sept. 10 – marking his first time in the United States – and has interacted with faculty, staff, students and community members. Bidmos has been a guest in many classrooms on campus, coordinating lessons with religious studies faculty; he has attended on-campus events, several off-campus community service projects and presented a public lecture at Ohio Northern University.

At home in Lagos, Nigeria, Bidmos, a practicing Muslim, is a professor of Islamic education and imam at the University of Lagos. The campus boasts 48,000 students in the city of approximately two million people. Classes

there hold as many as 8,500 students. In addition to teaching, Bidmos' duties as imam include officiating weddings, counseling and other pastoral duties.

Bidmos' interest in religious education began in secondary school, and it has continued since. "There is always something to look into," he said, talking of his quest to learn more about the role of religion in society.

With a number of published articles to his credit, Bidmos also has authored six books on the topic of Islamic studies.

He will offer a public lecture, titled "Islam in Modern Times," at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, in the Alumni Memorial Union.

Bidmos is married with four grown children.

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY RECEIVES CERTIFICATION

The Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) has granted The University of Findlay's School of Pharmacy candidate certification.

This certification means that students who graduate from the program may sit for the licensure examination. Students are prepared to sit for the examination following completion of the six-year program, during which they earn a doctor of pharmacy degree.

The University has 240 students enrolled in the six-year program this

academic year. Sixty students are enrolled in each of the first, second, third and fourth years. In this program, the first two years cover basic science and general education courses. Years three, four and five cover the basic and upper-level pharmacy courses. Year six consists of advance experience rotations at a variety of pharmacy settings.

UF's School of Pharmacy will receive full accreditation from ACPE after at least one class has graduated from the program. Dr. Donald

Stansloski, dean of the School of Pharmacy, said, "We didn't expect to be this far along [in the accreditation process] this soon. We're fully staffed and fully enrolled and occupying a wonderfully refurbished building."

The School of Pharmacy is housed in the Davis Street building, the largest addition of academic space since the building of Old Main. The University purchased the building in 2006 and completed renovations in 2007.

CELEBRATING THE PAST, EMBRACING THE FUTURE

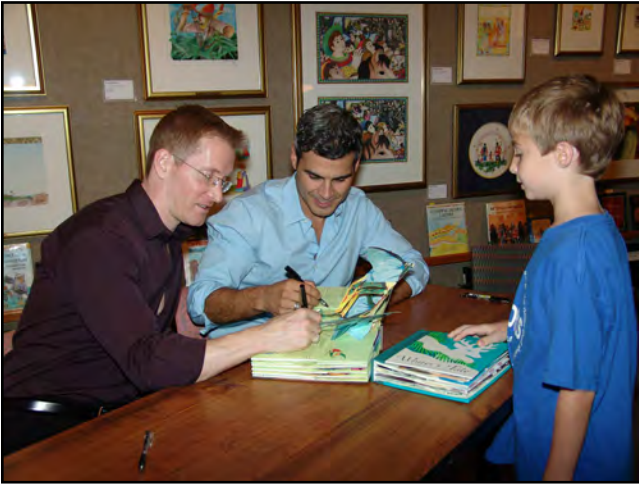


The University of Findlay will celebrate Homecoming 2007 Oct. 13 and 14. Preparations have begun, and many activities are planned in preparation for the weekend.

The festivities on Saturday will begin with a 5K, and the golf cart parade and Celebration on the Front Lawn will begin at 11:30 a.m.

Visit www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: **homecoming** to view all events for the entire week.

Students selected for the Homecoming court include Gregory Dunlap, Amanda Boyce, David Grieve, Heather Hochstetler, Aaron Mierzwiak, Danielle Matson, J. Desmond Perry, Laura Tietje, Devin Pritts and Virginia Wills. King and queen will be announced during halftime of the football game, which begins at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13.



Matthew Reinhart and Robert Sabuda sign one of their popular pop-up books for a young fan. Reinhart and Sabuda were on campus Sept. 30 for the Mazza Museum's 25th anniversary celebration. The artists gave a presentation, talking about their wildly popular books. Photo Credit: senior Yekaterina Kontar



Students gathered around the flagpole to pray in front of Old Main at 7 a.m. Sept. 26 in recognition of See You at the Pole™, a national student-initiated and -organized event. See You at the Pole™ is held annually on the fourth Wednesday in September. Photo credit: sophomore Mike Blinn



Junior education major Kevin Hoersten talks to local fourth graders about early American life as a woodworker on the McKinnis farm at Litzenberg Memorial Woods Sept. 27. UF's College of Education coordinated with the Hancock Parks District to bring history to life for local students. Photo credit: staff photographer Anne Risser Lee

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A group of 19 students plays "Elves, Giants and Wizards" during a leadership retreat, "Be the Change...Be the Dog...Break on Through," Sept. 15 at Camp Berry, facilitated by Troy Stende of Stende Inspirations Inc. The retreat was open to all UF students.



The Saudi Student Union hosted Ramadan: Fasting for Understanding Sept. 28. Pictured above are featured speaker Murtala Bidmos, Ph.D., Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence; DeBow Freed, Ph.D., UF president; Eihab Hassan Nassier, Saudi Student Union president; Marie Loudon-Hanes, Ph.D., dean of undergraduate education; and Penny Gerdeman, director of international student admissions and services.

FAMILY WEEKEND BRINGS STUDENTS, FAMILIES TOGETHER

Families began arriving on campus Friday, Sept. 28, for Family Weekend, starting off the day by attending classes with their students.

Other activities included a tour of the city of Findlay and an evening at the western equestrian farm with a bonfire, hayrides and door prizes.

Students and their families enjoyed breakfast together on Saturday morning before attending the "A Day in the Life of a Student" panel.

The Family Equestrian Festival and Mini-Jumping Prix drew a crowd of more than 600 on Saturday afternoon at the English equestrian farm.

On Saturday evening, Michael Anthony, live hypnotist, wowed the audience with his hypnotic performance.

Family Weekend is organized by the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: alumni.



A group of students is hypnotized by Michael Anthony during Saturday evening's performance. Photo credit: sophomore Mike Blinn



More than 400 attended the bonfire at the western equestrian farm Sept. 28, including the family pictured above. The evening featured a bonfire, hayride, snacks and door prizes, given by the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations. Photo credit: sophomore Mike Blinn

SHAFER LIBRARY MAKES CHANGES TO BETTER SERVE THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Shafer Library recently underwent a few changes to better serve the campus community. The changes include updating the library's online services, re-configuring furniture and creating group study rooms. Most of these changes are a direct result of the Faculty Library Committee survey that was administered last spring, according to Robert Schirmer, director of Shafer Library.

The library's Web site includes a few new features. Now available is a link to OhioLINK's E-Book search. This is a new service that allows users to search and view e-books directly from the publisher. The link currently has approximately 18,000 titles available and is growing rapidly. "OhioLINK is in talks with two more publishers to include their books in the online collection," Schirmer said.

Another addition to the Web site is

the Ohio Private Academic Library (OPAL) catalog interface. This link features a tab format allowing the user to easily see all the capabilities of the site on the homepage. It also includes a new advanced search engine that allows users to easily narrow or limit their search topics.

Also added online are the instructions and forms for faculty to reserve materials and for all users to apply for interlibrary loans. According to Schirmer, these templates were created and are managed by Rebecca Quintus, information services librarian and director of the honors program. "These how-to forms shorten the turnover time of the requests, thus enabling us to better serve our users."

The library also made a few space adjustments. Throughout the library, tables were re-configured to make them more accessible to laptop users. "We

put a lot of the tables along the walls and placed a power strip on each of them. We also created individual study tables that have become very popular," stated Schirmer. More tables and computers were also added.

Finally, the library created group study rooms in what used to be used for archives, offices and classrooms. Each of the study rooms has a table, chairs, a white dry-erase board and numerous power outlets.

Schirmer prides himself on the library's commitment to continuously improving its services. "We are looking into getting electronic copies of interlibrary loan requests instead of paper copies to speed the process along even more because we are here to help teachers teach and students learn."

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