

Break a World Record, Feed the Community

On Nov. 12, The University of Findlay will participate with Sodexo in Cans Across America and attempt to break the Guinness® World Record for the largest food drive by a non-charitable organization in a 24-hour period.

Both student organizations and faculty/staff groups will compete against each other. The organization that donates the most canned food will win a pizza and bowling party. Individual faculty/staff members who donate at least 15 pounds of canned food will receive a free lunch in Henderson Dining Hall, and the cans will be counted in the team total. The winning team members, who also donate at least

15 pounds of food individually, will be entered into a grand prize drawing. Faculty/staff are divided into three teams: student services and development; academic affairs; and business affairs.

Donations of canned goods will be collected at Henderson Dining Hall between 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. After the items have been counted and recorded, they will be donated to Chopin Hall (Christians Helping Other People in Need) in Findlay.

The WFIN Phone Club with Kelly Greene will broadcast live at the campus drop-off site from 9 to 11 a.m.

In 2007, the University collected 6,544 pounds of nonperishable food

items and was second in the nation in the amount of donations collected. Even with this great effort, the canned goods collected supplied Chopin Hall for only five days.

To count toward the world-record goal, all food items must be within the expiration dates and must not be damaged. Each donated item will be recorded in a log book and witnessed by community and University representatives. Only cans collected on Nov. 12 will count toward the effort.

For additional information or how you can support this event, contact David P. Harr, director of dining service, at 419-434-4542.

Vice Presidential Nominee Visits Campus

By 6 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22, the UF College Republicans and Hancock County Republican party volunteers were ready to go and Republican supporters were lined up outside the Koehler Complex waiting to get through security checkpoints in anticipation of vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin's visit to The University of Findlay.

Members of the University's student media rubbed elbows with more than 50 members of the regional, national and international press corps, which included journalists from Germany, Norway and Sweden.

The enthusiastic crowd of 5,911 was warmed up by Dr. Jo Ann

Davidson, former Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives, current co-chair of the Republican National Committee and a University trustee, and Sen. George Voinovich, who said "We have a true patriot and leader in John McCain ... and he has a partner in Gov. Palin, who is also a fighter."

Sarah Palin took the stage and told her supporters, some of whom had been waiting in the frigid temperatures more than five hours, they deserved more than just a political speech, introducing country star Lee Greenwood, who sang the national anthem and



Gov. Sarah Palin addresses the audience.

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led the crowd in his hit song "God Bless the U.S.A."

Palin introduced her daughters, Willow and Piper, and "Alaska's First Dude," her husband, Todd, before tackling her Democratic opposition in *Continued on page 3*

“Earnest” Opens on UF Stage Nov. 5

“The Importance of Being Earnest” by Oscar Wilde will open at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, in the John and Hester Powell Grimm Theatre, located in the Egner Center for the Performing Arts, at The University of Findlay.

Tickets are \$5 for general admission, \$3 for seniors and students and free for UF students, faculty and staff. Call the UF Box Office at 419-434-5335 to get tickets. Performances are at 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and at 6 p.m. Sunday.

The cast includes Jeremy Springer as Jack; Derin Tolu as Algernon; Peggy Brannigan as Lady Bracknell; Megan Barclay as Gwendolyn; and Kara Wilkinson as Cicely. Students Tom Lalonde, Samantha Woodman, Tim Dunn, Cody Parsons and Ashley Deaton also have roles in the cast. Vicki McClurkin is the director.

Springer also co-designed the set for the production, working with

Jerry Deall, professor of scenic and light design, as part of Springer’s theatre production major. The play utilizes three sets, which will be rotated during two 10-minute intermissions. The set changes will be choreographed, and the set crew will be costumed.

According to McClurkin, Wilde’s purpose in writing the play was to point out the absurdities of the nonsensical upper class in the late 1800s. The cast will wear period costumes, designed and created by UF’s in-house costumer Kathy Newell, to reflect the Victorian era.

The comical play begins with the character Jack, who goes by the name Ernest when visiting the city, telling Algernon that he will propose marriage to Gwendolyn, who will only marry someone named Ernest because “it sounds so solidly aristocratic.” Meanwhile, Algernon meets Jack’s ward, Cicely, and pretends to be Jack’s wicked brother,



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Cast members Jeremy Springer, Megan Barclay, Kara Wilkinson and Derin Tolu

Ernest. Both Jack and Algernon become engaged to the women and, by the end of the play, learn the importance of being earnest.

SIFE Team Earns Prestigious Honor

The University of Findlay’s Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team has always gotten a lot of recognition as a strong group of students.

Recently, they received one of their biggest honors yet: a grant from Goldman Sachs Foundation to educate high school-aged students about capital markets.

Dr. Greg Arburn, assistant professor of economics and finance and the faculty adviser for SIFE, says to be awarded this grant is a great honor.

“Just to be mentioned in the same phrase as Goldman Sachs is prestigious,” he said.

According to Arburn, Goldman Sachs is one of the premier investment groups in the United States — and it is one of the few that is emerging from this financial crisis relatively unscathed.

This is the first time the group has given out such a grant. Of the nearly 600 SIFE teams in the country, only 45 were selected to receive the grant.

“That quite literally puts our SIFE team in the top 10 percent of teams in the U.S. as it pertains to

financial education,” Arburn said.

Capital markets, which include such financial instruments as stocks, bonds, mortgages and mutual funds are “alien terms” to many students, according to Arburn.

“People tend to learn about these financial instruments later in life,”

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Employee Benefits Fair

The University’s seventh annual Employee Benefit Fair will be held from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, in the Alumni Memorial Union.

BVRHC will offer glucose and cholesterol screening from 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. Pre-registration required. Participants must fast

12 hours prior to tests. Cost is \$5 per test or \$7 for both.

Cosiano Health Services will offer free blood pressure screening and flu shots. Spouses may receive a flu shot for \$15.

Contact the Office of Human Resources for more information, ext. 6964.

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a 20-minute speech that included patriotic themes and jibes at her opponent, Sen. Joe Biden, as well as mentions of hometown hero Ben Roethlisberger, quarterback for the Pittsburgh Steelers, and “Joe the Plumber,” the Toledo journeyman

who was taken to task after questioning Barack Obama.

Following Palin’s energetic address, several supporters received handshakes and autographs from both Palin and her husband.



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Nearly 6,000 people stood shoulder-to-shoulder.



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Dr. Dan May, vice president of academic affairs, and Dr. DeBow Freed, UF president, pose with representatives from Chingu National University of Education, located in Korea.



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Members of the Toledo Opera perform selections from “Rigoletto” as part of UF’s Concert & Lecture Series Oct. 24.



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Comedian Brett Eastburn performed for a full house Oct. 15 as part of Diversity Month at UF.



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Sophomore Robert Braylock concentrates on a game of Connect Four, which debuted in 1974, during a 70s Theme Party.

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he said. “Goldman Sachs and the UF SIFE team want to start the learning and increase knowledge at an earlier age.”

In light of the current state of the economy and housing market, Arburn says he “can’t help but wonder” if the grant was created as a preventative measure against similar problems occurring again. He said Goldman Sachs made predictions back last Christmas that our banking systems would come under substantial financial stress.

Goldman Sachs flew SIFE Vice-President Rachel Hanke to Dallas Oct. 26 and 27 for a training session. During this training, SIFE students attended workshops and seminars on such topics as invest-

ing, debt and equity, and brainstorming on how to teach these topics to high school students.

“Rachel really took the lead on this project,” said Arburn. “She’s put a lot of work into it and it paid off for us.”

Arburn says the SIFE team has delivered programs on capital markets education at local and surrounding high schools over the last several years. He said they will mostly focus on Hancock County and high schools in counties contiguous to it, but would also like to spread their message on the UF campus as well.

“We think there is substantial synergy here between what the SIFE team has been doing and

what Goldman Sachs is trying to accomplish through their grant,” he said.

The team is looking forward to reaching out to these high school students and inspiring some of them to pursue business or finance degrees in higher education as a result of the SIFE team’s teaching.

“This is a great opportunity to interact with high school students in our local community,” said Arburn. “If a student gets interested in stocks, bonds and investing maybe we just recruited a UF student, a business student, a SIFE student or, at the very least, positively impacted a student’s financial knowledge.”

By Paige Aten, communication major, Napoleon, Ohio

Senior Elizabeth Morgan Goes Back in Time

Each student has his or her own way to take a break from the stress of school, activities and work, whether it is hanging out with friends or enjoying a hobby, but, for one UF student, free time means taking a step back into Civil War times.

Elizabeth Morgan is from Findlay, Ohio, and is a senior history major at UF. In her free time, she is a Civil War re-enactor. Morgan started re-enacting during the summer of her freshman year and is still involved with it today.

Morgan has had the opportunity to play many different roles, including men in battle. Her units include the first U.S. sharpshooters and the 21st Ohio Light Artillery. Morgan generally plays a private for both units. Some of her other roles include a powder monkey (keep gun

crew supplied with gun powder), a sharpshooter (the equivalent of a modern-day sniper) and a skirmisher (used to distract the enemy, then disappear). Morgan has also portrayed women’s roles such as cooking over an open fire, sewing and cleaning.

Aside from doing re-enactments, Morgan also does school talks at the Civil War Museum of Ohio in Bowling Green. During these talks she tells stories of the Civil War and answers questions from students.

There is a need for more women re-enactors, and anyone who is interested in being a re-enactor can contact Mike Payden Sr. or Mike Payden Jr. at ultraz_camero@yahoo.com.

By Holly Butler, communication major, Marion, Ohio



Elizabeth Morgan portrays a woman during the Civil War.

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