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ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE DAY IS EXCEPTIONAL

More than 50 students and faculty members presented some of their best research projects and academic endeavors on Wednesday, Nov. 10 as part of the University's fourth annual Academic Excellence Day.

The event showcased academic excellence, scholarship and research done by students and faculty throughout the school year.

"It is important to recognize that each of the dozens of booths showcased here display the purposeful intellectual activity that is the lifeblood of a college," Vice President for Academic Affairs Dan May said.

The day started with a keynote address from Walter Mosley, the author of more than 19 books including *Devil in a Blue Dress*, *Black Betty*, and his most recent work, *Little Scarlet*.

The event closed with a theatre performance of a scene from the recent production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.



Mosley



Presentations given on Academic Excellence Day covered a wide range of topics, such as Brandon Hollopetter and A.J. Kissh's discussion of "Catapults: A Lesson in Operation."

SEEM DEVELOPS BUSINESS TRAINING PROGRAM

Thanks to a \$150,000 grant from the U.S Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the School of Environmental and Emergency Management is establishing a training program that will help small businesses develop in-house ergonomic programs. The programs are aimed at reducing the number of injuries and days of work employees miss because of injuries associated with repetitive motions like grasping tools and lifting.

William Carter, associate professor of environmental safety and occupational health management, leads the new program.

"What makes this program unique

is that participants will be trained by a cross-discipline group of experts including industrial hygienists, ergonomists, occupational therapists and physical therapists," Carter explained. "This approach will give participating businesses the tools they need to develop a comprehensive ergonomics program for their company."

The Susan B. Harwood Training Program is managed under SEEM and is a collaborative effort involving faculty members in the College of Science and College of Health Professions.

According to Carter, ergonomics-related health issues account for a significant amount of labor costs and on-the-job injuries.

The training program is targeted to suppliers in the automobile stamping industry and will consist of six training sessions over a six-month period. The sessions will address a number of issues including contributing ergonomic factors, an analysis of work areas and the health effects from poor ergonomic design and rehabilitation and return-to-work programs.

"Thirty-four percent of injury and illness are related to musculoskeletal disorders," Carter said. "Just sprains and strains of the back alone account for 43 percent of the injuries resulting in lost days of work."

The program will begin its first sessions in January.

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

FALL SPORTS SEASON ENDS POSITIVELY

The University's fall sports season has come to a close. Oiler teams and individuals placed well in conference play.

Football

The Oilers finished the 2004 season with a 6-5 record solidifying their third consecutive winning season. Michael Simpson led the charge by totaling 1,659 yards rushing, the second-best single season record in Findlay football history. His 19 touchdowns this season ranked third in Findlay records. Simpson, along with teammate Harry Garland, was named to the First Team All-Conference.

Men's Cross Country

The men's cross country team ran well this season in what many called a rebuilding campaign. Dan Corson led the way, leading the Oilers' times in every meet this fall.

Women's Cross Country

The women's cross country team



Findlay's volleyball team posted a 24-8 season. Erin Puthoff, right, was among four team members honored as GLIAC player of the week.

enjoyed much success this season after winning three meets this fall. Nicole Mathews was the leader much of the season, taking home first-place honors in two meets before finishing 41st out of 148 competitors at the NCAA Great Lakes Regional competition.

Men's Soccer

The men's soccer team finished its fall campaign with an 8-8-1 overall record. After last season's appearance in the NCAA Division II Final Four, the Oilers played one of the toughest schedules in the country with mostly underclassman players. Jacob Schramm led the Oilers with 25 points on the season.

Women's Soccer

The women's soccer team, like the men's soccer team, finished the 2004 season with an 8-8-1 record. Jessica Booth led the Oilers with 28 points on the season while Corie Moore netted four game-winning goals.

Men's Golf

The Oilers had a strong autumn after finishing second at the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championship. David Morgan led the team throughout the season, grabbing two tournament titles and one runner-up finish.

Women's Volleyball

The women's volleyball team finished their 2004 campaign with a 24-8



Photos courtesy of David Buck

UF's football team posted a 6-5 record, with help from top rusher Michael Simpson, right.

record. Their hold on the GLIAC South championship ended this season as they fell short of their fifth consecutive South Division title. Four players were awarded player of the week honors by the GLIAC on the season — Kelly Byrnes, Kelly Pohlman, Erin Puthoff and Susan Huelskamp.

Women's Tennis

The Oilers struggled through their 2004 fall campaign, losing all of their matches. As the season progressed, however, the Oilers showed signs of improvement.

FACULTY ATTEND CONFERENCE

Six members of the occupational therapy faculty attended the Ohio Occupational Therapy Association's annual conference Oct. 1-2 in Zanesville, Ohio.

During the conference, Tom and Mary Beth Dillon presented a 90-minute workshop on "Reducing Anxiety About Taking the National Certification Exam."

Also, Mary Beth Dillon and Rosalie King presented another 90-minute workshop on "Interfacing with the Community: Opportunities for Occupational Therapy and Fieldwork Education."

Cyndy Goodwin, Jackie Chamberlin and Laura Schmelzer also attended the conference.

NOVEMBER EVENTS SHOW PROGRESS AT UF



Students in the weekend master's in physical therapy program presented a research forum Nov. 4 in the AMU.



Gregory Wozniak, Jaclyn Hilborn, Chelsea Riggs, Sean Kecskes and Marie Loudon-Hanes (not pictured) presented Edna St. Vincent Millay's *Aria da Capo* Nov. 10-14.



UF's Women's Basketball Team celebrated the opening of the winter sports season at *Moonlight Madness* Nov. 9.



The University Singers traveled to Cincinnati Nov. 13 to perform at an event for Cincinnati-area alumni.



Art by students in the master of arts in liberal studies program, such as this series of self portraits, "Reflections on the Mirrored Self," by Nancy Frankenfield, is on display in the Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion through Dec. 10.



Acclaimed actress Mercedes Ruehl gave a master class in acting with UF theatre students during her visit to campus Nov. 3-4.

Photo courtesy of Eric Lee

STULMAN, SKRABEC WRITE NEW BOOKS

Louis Stulman, Ph.D., professor of religious studies, has published his fifth book, *Inspired Speech: Prophecy in the Ancient East. Essays in Honour of Herbert B. Huffmon*.

Stulman served as editor for the book, along with John Kaltner, Ph.D., professor of religious studies at Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn. Stulman's book is a work honoring Huffmon, professor of ancient Near Eastern studies at Drew



Stulman

University. Huffmon, a well-known authority on the study of prophecy in biblical Israel and the ancient Near East, was Stulman's teacher and mentor.

"Over the course of 25 years, Professor Huffmon has been not only an esteemed teacher and wonderful mentor but also a treasured friend and colleague," Stulman said. "Working on 'Inspired Speech' with Dr. John Kaltner has been a real labor of love and one which I consider a highlight of our career."

The book includes a tribute to

Huffmon and 30 essays that explore themes related to the study of religion and prophecy in the ancient Near East. Contributors include leading biblical scholars from around the world. Among the contributors are some of Huffmon's teachers and students from his many years of teaching.

Stulman's essay, *Jeremiah as a Polyphonic Response to Suffering*, explores three theological responses to the collapse of ancient Israel in the sixth century B.C.

Published by T&T Clark International, the book may be ordered online through Dove Booksellers, Barnes and Noble and Amazon.

Stulman is the author of four other books, all of which discuss Jeremiah's prophecies.

Titles include *Troubling Jeremiah*, *The Prose Sermons of the Book Jeremiah: A Redescription of the Correspondence with Deuteronomistic Literature in Light of Recent Text-Critical Research*, *Order Amid Chaos: Jeremiah as Symbolic Tapestry* and *The Other Text of Jeremiah: A Reconstruction of the Hebrew Text Underlying the Greek Version of the Prose Sections of Jeremiah with English Translation*.

Quentin Skrabec Jr., Ph.D.,

assistant professor of business, has recently published a book, *The Boys of Braddock: The Genealogy of a Town that Changed Industrial History*.

The book, published by Heritage Books Inc., traces the lives of a group of boyhood friends from Braddock, Pa., a steel mill town.

The boys eventually headed three of the top ten industrial firms in the country at the turn of the 19th century. According to Skrabec's book,



Skrabec

these men helped to change the United States' industrial history, to advance the science of management and bring social considerations to the workplace.

The Boys of Braddock: The Genealogy of a Town that Changed Industrial History may be purchased online at Amazon.

An expert in business, manufacturing and industrial history, Skrabec is the author of *St. Benedict's Rules for Business*, *Saintly Lessons and Divine Concepts for Business* and *In Search of the Grail of Middle Management*.

PROFESSIONAL GROUP HONORS FOLKERTH

Jean Folkerth, director of the recreation therapy program and associate professor of health sciences, is the recipient of the American Therapeutic Recreation Association's Scholarly Achievement Award.

Folkerth received the award due to her "significant contribution to the body of knowledge of therapeutic recreation," according to the ATRA.

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ACTRESS MERCEDES RUEHL SPEAKS TO THEATRE STUDENTS

Oscar and Tony award-winning actress Mercedes Ruehl visited UF Nov. 3 and 4 as the second recipient of the Don and Barb Hennings Chair for Theatre Guest Artists.

During her visit to UF, Ruehl spoke to acting classes, attended a luncheon and dinner with UF theatre students and faculty and was the guest of honor at a reception for students, faculty and staff.

Ruehl gave a public interview and question and answer session, hosted by Scott Hayes, on Wednesday, Nov. 3, at 8 p.m. in the John and Hester Powell Grimm Theatre. The program, modeled after Bravo's *Inside the Actor's Studio*, traced Ruehl's career using film clips and stills from her acting career. Ruehl told the audience about the audition processes, acting decisions and what happened behind the scenes in many of her roles.

She also gave advice to actors in UF's production of *Aria da Capo*.

Ruehl won an Oscar for best supporting actress in *The Fisher King* in 1992 and a Tony award for best actress in a play for *Lost in Yonkers* in 1991.