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UF GROUP BUILDS ON SPRING BREAK

Sixteen students, staff and faculty members from UF are helping build a home for a family of seven during spring break, March 5-12, as part of the mission of Habitat for Humanity International.

The University group will travel to the Habitat for Humanity affiliate in Branson, Mo., where they will work a minimum eight-hour day on a fully functional construction site with the guidance of a construction manager and often with the future homeowners. Students learn some basic building techniques, but also much about the conditions leading to the need for Habitat homes in various communities around the United States.

"The trip is much more than fun in the sun," Dr. Wayne Sneath, faculty adviser to the UF HFHI chapter, said. "While there is time for fun and exploration of the local community, the work

is hard, but also very educational in many ways."

The UF group consists of Sneath, Dr. Diana Montague, director of the First-Year Seminar Program and professor of English, Crystal Jones, Americorp VISTA Service Leader, and students Heidi Mercer, Kylee Fent, Jessica VanHook, Christina Summers, Stephanie Myers, Im Dang Kwon, Megan Shelton, David Grieve, Linda McCarty, Danielle Martinez, Sam Haynes, Heather Harman and Vanessa Boutwell-Dietsch.

This is the third year that the UF HFHI Chapter has participated in HFHI's Collegiate Challenge — a program in which more than 10,000 U.S. high school and college students spend their spring breaks building homes in partnership with future Habitat homeowners. In 2004, the UF campus chapter traveled to Naples, Fla., to help in

the construction of a 125-home subdivision and in 2003 to Americus, Ga., to build a home in Plains, Ga.

These trips are part of the university's larger community service, service learning, and civic engagement initiative through the Campus Compact Center for Service & Learning. UF strives through these kinds of activities to create student citizen leaders who will fulfill the institution's mission "to prepare students for meaningful lives and productive careers."

HFHI is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry that seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world.

It was founded in 1976 by Millard and Linda Fuller and has built more than 175,000 houses around the world, providing more than 750,000 people in 3,000 communities with safe, decent, affordable shelter.

UF ESTABLISHES BURGOON SCHOLARSHIP

The Arden H. and Dorothy L. Burgoon Scholarship Endowment Fund has been established at The University of Findlay through a \$266,000 bequest from Mrs. Burgoon, who passed away in November 2003 at the age of 98.

The scholarship will be awarded annually to students enrolled in at least 12 semester hours at UF. Recipients must have a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate financial need as defined by the University Office of Financial Aid. Mrs.

Burgoon's bequest will provide more than \$13,000 annually in scholarship awards to UF students.

Mrs. Burgoon was born in Sidney, Ohio, in 1905. She was married to James J. Sarver from 1927 until his death in 1966. She married Mr. Burgoon in 1971, and he died in 1992.

Although Mrs. Burgoon never attended college, she had been a teacher for deaf children. She also was a homemaker and the former owner of the L and W Sandwich Shop.

Mr. Burgoon retired as an account-

ant for Marathon Oil Co. He was also a realtor, and he worked in farm management.

"She was a delightful lady," David Kuenzli, Mrs. Burgoon's attorney, said. "She had a wonderful outlook on life."

According to Mr. Kuenzli, Mrs. Burgoon decided to leave a bequest to the University because she wanted to give other people the opportunity to go to college that she didn't have.

She took comfort in the idea that she could help young people go to college, he said.

PT PROGRAM WELCOMES BURN REHAB EXPERT

Burn rehabilitation specialist Paula Rasnick will speak at UF on Friday, March 18, at 11 a.m. in the Winebrenner Theological Seminary Auditorium.

Rasnick is the center coordinator of clinical education and a burn clinical specialist for the Shriner's Hospitals for Children in Cincinnati.

Rasnick's talk is an educational opportunity for area physical therapists, rehabilitation professionals, students and faculty.

Her presentation will focus on a variety of topics pertaining to the physical therapy rehabilitation of clients with burns. Some topics to be covered are: positioning programs, management of contractures and hypertrophic scars, edema control techniques and other intervention considerations.

For more information, contact the Physical Therapy Program at 419-434-4863 or e-mail fry@findlay.edu.

SERVICE LEARNING WORKSHOP TAKES PLACE MARCH 18

Dr. Janet Eyer, professor of leadership, policy and organizations at Vanderbilt University, will present a workshop on academic results from service learning Friday, March 18 in the Endly Room in the AMU from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Eyer will discuss the Higher Learning Commission's new accreditation requirements in the area of service learning and civic involvement.

For more information, contact Dr. Wayne Sneath at the Campus Compact office at 419-434-5310 or sneath@findlay.edu.

MAZZA ENTHUSIASTS GIVE \$125K TO MUSEUM CAMPAIGN

The Mazza Enthusiasts have donated \$125,000 to the Mazza Museum of International Art from Picture Books. The Mazza Enthusiasts are a group of more than 400 members throughout the country who help support the museum through financial contributions and volunteering their time to give tours of the museum, run the Gift Gallery and help with special events.

The gift, which was raised through profits generated by the Gift Gallery, is directed to the museum's \$2.2 million building addition campaign. The campaign is raising funds to expand the size of the museum to more than 11,000 square feet to increase the space available for educational programs and for the preservation and protection of its valuable artworks. The completion of the new addition is scheduled for 2007.

The Mazza Enthusiasts' gift will be used toward the construction of a new Gift Gallery, which will have more room to display items and will be more accessible to the public. The gallery sells books, plush toys and other items related to the artwork in the museum.

According to Ben Sapp, deputy



Ben Sapp and Mazza Enthusiasts Jan Miller and Lee Myers pose in the current Mazza Gift Gallery, which will expand thanks to a gift from the Mazza Enthusiasts.

director of the Mazza Museum, "The Mazza Museum is so appreciative of all the work the Mazza Enthusiasts do through their operation of the Mazza gift shop and also their generous donation toward the building addition. They are a vital part of the daily operations of what happens at the museum."

"The Mazza Museum and Gift Gallery is an upbeat and positive place to spend time, whether working or visiting," Sandy Reinhardt, chairperson of the Mazza Enthusiast Board, said. "We encourage anyone who has not visited the museum to come see this rare gem we have right here in Findlay, Ohio."

BALLET WRAPS UP CONCERT AND LECTURE SERIES SEASON

The Ballet Internationale-Indianapolis will perform at UF on Saturday, March 19 at 8 p.m. as part of the Concert and Lecture Series.

The ballet will present "The Romance of Ballet" with selections from *Swan Lake* by Tchaikovsky, *Dying Swan* by Saint-Saëns, *Don Quixote* by Minkus and *The Sleeping Beauty* by Tchaikovsky.

The performance will take place in the Winebrenner Theological Seminary Auditorium.

Tickets are free for UF students and \$15 for UF faculty and staff and are available at the Box Office in Egner 200 or by calling 419-434-5335.



The Ballet Internationale-Indianapolis will return to campus to present scenes from various famous ballets on March 19.

ACTIVITIES MELT WINTER AWAY



UF alumnus Dr. Vimal S. Kumar discussed attaining goals and entrepreneurship in Ritz Auditorium Feb. 23.



Students visited with potential employers during Spring Career Day March 1. More than 30 businesses were represented at the event at Koehler.



UF's theatre and music programs presented the musical Promises, Promises Feb. 23-27. Matthew Harris and Jaclyn Hilborn, left, starred as characters C.C. "Chuck" Baxter and Fran Kubelik, accompanied by 26 other UF students in various roles, right.



Facing the prospect of only six weeks left in the semester after spring break, many students focused on studying during the first week of March.



UF student Angelic Muhammed was the featured speaker at the O.I.L.E.R. Leadership Lunch Feb. 23. Muhammed spoke about turning negative circumstances into positive ones.

DR. PECK ADDRESSED FUTURE VETERINARY STUDENTS FEB. 26

Linda Peck, D.V.M., director of UF's Pre-Veterinary Studies Program and professor of animal science and biology, spoke at the Ohio Veterinary Medical Association's Pre-Veterinary Medicine Conference on Saturday, Feb. 26 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.



Peck

The conference was geared for undergraduate college-level students, as well as high school students in the junior or senior year.

Dr. Peck, who has been involved with UF's Pre-Veterinary Medicine Program since 1986 and continues to practice as an associate veterinarian with the Findlay Animal Hospital Inc., discussed "Choosing and Applying to a Veterinary College: What You Need to Know," beginning at 1:30 p.m.

As director of UF's pre-vet program, Dr. Peck advises countless pre-vet majors through the highly competitive and detailed process of choosing and applying to veterinary school. Graduates of the University's Pre-Veterinary Medicine Program have a 60 percent acceptance rate into professional school;

the national average is between 30 and 33 percent.

Dr. Peck credits the high acceptance rate to the exceptional students the program attracts.

"We have some of the best pre-vet students from all over the country in this program," she said. "Many of students are not only very talented in the classroom and out in the field, but they also are some of the most active students on campus. They are involved with the various student organizations, the arts and athletics."

According to Peck, students are attracted to UF's program because of its unique focus on giving the students hands-on experience with animals beginning in their freshman year.

"Many schools' pre-vet programs are all class work," Peck said. "At UF, our students spend much of their time out at the UF barns working with the horses, cows, pigs and the other animals, in addition to their class work. This experience is more important now than ever because fewer and fewer students are growing up on farms and around animals. They don't have the basic understanding of how animals act and how to act around them. Our program helps to give them that experience."

UF, FINDLAY INVITED TO WRITE TO INCREDIBLE KIDS MARCH 15

The community is invited to grab a pen and make a positive impact on area kids by participating in Camp Fire USA's ninth annual Absolutely Incredible Kid Day® on Tuesday, March 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Alumni Memorial Union.

Faculty, staff, students and community members are encouraged to write letters of support and encouragement to special children in their lives or to any child who might need encouragement. The University will supply

markers, colored pencils and other art supplies to decorate the letters. Raffle prizes also will be given away.

According to Sharinda Welton, director of Student Activities and Commuter Student Services, "A letter can be so powerful and such a positive force in a child's life – and it's an extremely rewarding and emotional experience for the letter writer as well."

Last year, University students, faculty and staff wrote more than 300 letters to children in the community.

FACULTY, STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Scott Walthour, information technology officer, was the keynote speaker at the

Ohio SchoolNet Conference in Columbus Feb. 16. His presentation, "King Arthur and Merlin: The Relation-



Walthour

ship between the Superintendent and the Technology Coordinator," discussed how school administrators and technology staffers can work together to improve school performance. Ohio SchoolNet is Ohio's K-12 educational technology agency.

Dr. Hiroaki Kawamura, associate professor of Japanese, organized the 2005 Ohio Japan Bowl for the Ohio Association for Teachers of Japanese, which took place at UF on Feb. 19. Fifteen teams from Ohio high schools



Kawamura

put their Japanese skills to the test in three levels of competition. The day included a performance by a Japanese choir, an awards ceremony and remarks from Keiji Miura, deputy consul general of Japan in Detroit and Yukio Hino, associate director of the Japan-America Society of Washington, D.C.

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