

UF wrestler under local investigation

By Becky Skiver, Editor

Joseph W. Simcoe, a senior criminal justice major and wrestler at The University of Findlay, was charged last week by Findlay Municipal Court with assault, a fourth-degree felony, according to the county prosecutor's office.

Simcoe's charges are a result of an incident that occurred early Sunday, Feb. 8, outside a Tiffin Avenue bar. Police arrested Simcoe after a conflict in the parking lot of the establishment and placed him in a police cruiser. Patrolman Tom Siegel approached the cruiser after Simcoe began kicking the car window. *The Courier* Feb. 11 report said when Siegel opened the door, Simcoe kicked the officer, allegedly breaking his nose.

According to *The Courier*, Simcoe's bond was set at \$10,000. It said he waived his right to a preliminary hearing and his case was bound over to Hancock County grand jury. At *Pulse* deadline Simcoe had not been indicted.

The University will wait for an outcome from legal proceedings before any decisions will be made regarding UF punishment, said David Emsweller, vice president of student services. "Most institutions want civil proceedings to determine guilt first before any action by the institution is taken," he said.

Steve Rackley, UF athletic director, said he and wrestling coach Shawn Nelson have addressed the situation and will continue to do so. According to Jim Givens, associate athletic director, there is no standing policy on punishment for students who have committed a crime. "It is up to the discretion of each coach to make a decision."

Simcoe is attending classes at UF.

Students invited to Feb. 24 forum

On Monday, The University will welcome the Higher Learning Commission Accreditation Review Team. Members of the University community are encouraged to attend the scheduled forums.

- **A faculty forum** will be held at noon, Monday, Feb. 23, in the Alumni Memorial Union Multipurpose Room. Lunch will be served "faculty lunch" style with the usual \$4.50 charge at the door.

- **A student forum** will be held at 3:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, in the AMU MPR. All students are welcome.

- **A staff forum** will be at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, in the AMU MPR.

Those invited to the specific forums are the intended guests. If there is a meeting of support staff, for example, teams do not expect supervisors to be present.

Most teams start with a list of questions for each group, but they will also delve further into areas that suggest another line of inquiry.

In order to reaccredit UF, teams are expecting to learn:

- Extent of involvement of each group in the development and analysis of the self study.
- Validation of self-study findings.
- Areas of strength, challenge and recommendations.



View the UF Self Study at www.findlay.edu/academics/hlc



Photo courtesy of Donna Smith.

Calista Edens, a junior hospitality management major, will hand out moo-merabilia this week.

Trustees OK Mazza expansion, Frazer closing, new aerobic room

The UF Board of Trustees discussed a range of topics at its Feb. 5 meeting, including the unanimous approval to extend President Freed's contract for a year.

By the Numbers

Spring 2004 enrollment stands at 3,705, compared to 3,746 last year, a decrease of 1.1 percent. A total of 410 international students are enrolled.

Student housing occupancy is 1,069 this spring, compared to 1,164 in Fall 2003. This is a decrease of 8.1 percent.

The number of student contracts for the dining service has increased from 761 last year to 860 this year. This is an increase of 1.3 percent.

There were 155 full-time faculty members and 151 adjunct faculty who began the 2003-04 academic year. Of the full-time faculty, 43.8 percent are tenured, and 50.3 percent hold terminal degrees in their fields. Full-time faculty members taught 78 percent of total teaching.

Faculty News

Trustees awarded tenure and promotion to several faculty members.

Michael Kerns, D.V.M., animal science, was promoted to professor. Promoted to associate professor and awarded tenure were Mary Cameron, Ph.D., education; Jeanette Drake, communication; Hiro Kawamura, Ph.D., Japanese; Mark Polelle, Ph.D., history, political science and law and the liberal arts; Judith Wahrman, Ph.D., education. Quentin Skrabec, Ph.D., assistant professor of business, was also awarded tenure.

Sabbatical for spring semester 2005 was approved for Donald Collins, assistant professor of psychology and student-athlete academic counselor, and for Diana Montague, Ph.D., professor of English and director of the first-year seminar program.

The resignation of John Fahl from the Board was accepted, and Johnnie Johnson was elected trustee emeritus, effective after the April 2004 Board meeting. Extension of President Freed's contract for a year was unanimously approved.

Action to implement recommendations of the faculty task

force on teaching and more equitable compensation will be implemented in the spring and will be effective in Fall 2004.

Academic Affairs

Faculty members are directing the production of an online course for the Occupational Safety and Health Association.

The College of Health Professions plans to convert the physician assistant program to a master's degree program, and a collaborative contract was signed in Fall 2003 with Lourdes College to formalize a bachelor of science in nursing program. Accreditation of the master of athletic training program has been approved, and the occupational therapy program received a 10-year accreditation. The feasibility of initiating a pharmacy program is being researched. Expansion of the English equestrian program was also discussed.

The Board plans to create a program of high-quality service to students, faculty and the public. Extended office hours will be implemented where needed.

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Absentee voting is easy

By Tasha Schroeder
Associate Editor

Student voter turnout is low in Hancock County, but the Board of Elections wants to change that.

Lori Miller, director of the Hancock Board of Elections, said that only 531 people of college age in Hancock County voted in the 2000 presidential election. In comparison, there were 4,511 students enrolled at the University of Findlay at that time, according to the UF Web site.

Low voter turnout is a serious concern, said Miller. "Voting really does matter, and one vote does make a difference." Those who choose not to vote may miss an opportunity to make their opinions known to the government.

'Many people are dead wood. Even if they are registered, they don't vote.'

Lori Miller

Low voter turnout is not only a problem with students; a mere 50.4 percent of all Americans of voting age do so, according to the Web site of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Miller cites apathy and a lack of action on the part of citizens as

How to Register

On campus
7 p.m. March 16 in the AMU.

Board of Elections
online at <http://www.hancockboardofelections.com/votinginformation.htm>, print the provided absentee ballot form, and mail it to:
Board of Elections,
209 W. Main Cross St., Ste 103
Findlay, Ohio 45840

Other sites

- Bureau of Motor Vehicles
- Public or vocational schools
- Public libraries

Ohio residents may register to vote in any county, but must vote in the state of election.

Voting dates & deadlines
Ballots are due Oct. 30 for the Nov. 2 General Election. Absentee ballots must be received two days before the general election. For the March 2 Ohio Primary, ballots are due Feb. 28.

reasons for low turnout. "Many people are dead wood. Even if they are registered, they don't vote," she said.

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CampusCalendar

Friday Feb. 20	Winter Weekend College Atom, the World's Fastest Painter 10 a.m.-2 p.m. AMU Atrium Musical Performance "Shenandoah" 8 p.m. Grimm Theatre Hypnotist Michael Anthony 9 p.m. AMU MPR
Saturday Feb. 21	Winter Weekend College Musical Performance "Shenandoah" 8 p.m. Grimm Theatre
Sunday Feb. 22	Winter Weekend College Tae Kwon Do 4 p.m. FRC Mac Kappa Chi meeting 5 p.m. C God Parlor FIAT Meeting 6 p.m. C God Fellowship Hall Musical Performance "Shenandoah" 6 p.m. Grimm Theatre Catholic Mass 7 p.m. St. Michael downtown Black History Month "Mississippi Burning" 7 p.m. GFAP Pfeiffer Sigma Kappa Meeting 7:15 p.m. Malcolm Dining Room Theta Chi Meeting 8:45 p.m. Malcolm Lecture Hall
Monday Feb. 23	HLC visit; faculty forum, noon, AMU MPR Sign up for Spring Intramurals I begins Pulse Meeting, 4 p.m. 302 Frazer CRU Meeting 7 p.m. AMU Slough Pre-Vet Club Meeting 9:15 p.m. GFAP Pfeiffer Lecture Hall SIFE Meeting 9:15 p.m. Main 312 CPB Meeting 9:15 p.m. Deming Rosewood
Tuesday Feb. 24	HLC forums AMU MPR: staff, 8:30 a.m.; students, 3:15 p.m. Movie Ticket Distribution 1-2 p.m. & 6-7 p.m. CPB Office Social Security/Shopping 1:30 & 5:30 p.m. Intl Admissions In House George House 4:15 p.m., Food 4:45 WTS 2nd Floor Habitat for Humanity Meeting 5 p.m. Shafer 104 Special Dinner: "Soul Food Night" 5 p.m. Henderson Dining Hall PT Meeting 6 p.m. BCHS 209 PRSSA Meeting 7 p.m. 300 Frazer Tae Kwon Do 8:30 p.m. FRC Mac BSU Meeting 8:30 p.m. Malcolm Dining Room Bible Study 9 p.m. WTS 250
Wednesday Feb. 25	"What Makes a Good Photograph?" 7:30 p.m. Pfeiffer Health Professions Club Meeting 6 p.m. Frost 319 Spanish Club Meeting 8:30 p.m. AMU Terry International Club Meeting 9 p.m. Malcolm Dining Room FCA Meeting 9:30 p.m. BCHS 100
Thursday Feb. 26	SOTA Meeting 12 p.m. BCHS 206 Tae Kwon Do 8:30 p.m. FRC Mac Thursday Nite Live 9 p.m. WTS
Friday Feb. 27	Platters, Coasters and Drifters, 8 p.m., WTS auditorium.
Through March 12	Senior Art Exhibition, Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion 9:30-4:30 M-F

Get tickets to the Platters, Coasters & Drifters!

Performing in the UF Concert & Lecture Series at 8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 27 in the WTS Auditorium. Contact Kristy Funk at 434-5335 or funkk@findlay.edu.



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>>>newsBRIEFS<<<

Passport events feature painter, hypnotist Feb. 20

"Atom, the World's Fastest Painter," will perform from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, in the AMU Atrium. That same day, Michael Anthony, hypnotist, will perform at 9 p.m. in the AMU MPR. Both events are sponsored by Campus Program Board and the Student Government Association.

A few seats remain for 'Shenandoah'

The colorful Civil War-era drama, "Shenandoah," will be performed Feb. 18-22 in the Grimm Theatre in Egner Center for the Performing Arts. While most shows are sold out, there may be seats remaining for the Feb. 21 dinner-show. They cost \$50 and are available through the Red Cross at 422-9322.

Senior art show to run until March 12

The Senior Art Exhibition will be on display from 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday in the Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion through March 12. The show features works by 14 UF artists.

Education majors plan for Fall 2004

Education majors planning to register for the sophomore block for Fall 2004 must complete Level I assessments prior to registration. Level I Assessments include completion of EDUC 151, EDUC 161, and SPED 134 with a "C" or better; maintenance of a GPA of 2.75; or a composite ACT score of 21, SAT score of 970, or a score of at least 172 in reading, writing and math on the PRAXIS I pre-professional skills test.

Student teacher forms due for fall

Students planning to student teach in Fall 2004 must have a Student Teaching Application and Personal Data Form on file with the College of Education office at 1114 N. Cory St. by April 1.

'Village Cafe' is open for business!

Hospitality Management students have begun serving three- to four-course meals in white linen style at the Village Cafe. To view menus and make reservations, visit villagecafe@findlay.edu.

UF Physical Therapy is accepting apps

The Traditional Physical Therapy Program is accepting applications for fall enrollment.

UF's Traditional Physical Therapy Program allows students to take three years of pre-requisites and three years of professional study. At the end of the fourth year, students receive a bachelor's degree in Health Sciences with a pre-physical therapy emphasis. After completion of the sixth year, students receive a Master of Physical Therapy degree. For an application, call 434-5666.

Students need valid ID to eat

Students now are required to have a "SP04" validation sticker on their ID card in order to use it as a meal card. Stickers are provided by the Business Office to students who have taken care of their financial obligations to UF.

Motivational speaker will be March 17

Joe Martin will be speaking in Ritz Auditorium on March 17 at 3 p.m. Martin is a nationally known speaker, respected professor, author and educational consultant, who has worked as a top sales trainer for a Fortune 500 company and as a public relations professional. His web sites were designed to motivate, inform and retain new teachers.

Celebrate Black History Month

"Mississippi Burning" will be showing at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22 in the Malcolm Lecture Hall.

A special dinner, "Soul Food Night" will be served at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24 in Henderson Dining Hall.

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Opinion

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we've got issues

Q: What do you know about cows on campus and reaccreditation?



Gregg Wozniak
Senior, Theatre Performance
"Reaccreditation is what allows our degrees to mean something. It's really important. You wouldn't want to go to a school that isn't accredited."



Alicia Ellerbrock
Sophomore, Psychology
"I know that one day I came into work and there was a big cardboard cow there and now it's gone."



Kim Mullins
Senior, Spanish Education
"I know they're going to observe the campus and ask students questions, so we should know the mission statement of the school and of our own specific colleges."



Matt Heldman
Freshman, Business Sports Management
"I just know that they were handing out stuffed cows at orientation so I took one."

Ponder This TOM RYERSON



Mel Gibson's motion picture "The Passion of the Christ" is making headlines. Newsweek asked, "Who really killed Jesus?" Mr. Gibson answers that question by making his only appearance in the film, (according to reviews), as a nameless hand that assists in nailing Jesus to the cross. While pundits and special interests of all stripes debate anti-Semitism and other issues, the central message often missed is that the sinfulness and rebellion of the entire human race against the perfection and holiness of God is responsible for the death of God's human form he voluntarily placed himself in 2000 years ago. Simple translation: You and I killed Jesus. The fact of Jewish involvement in Jesus' death is secondary.

Ten years ago, IM-ing wasn't even a word. The English language does expand frequently to include new vocabulary, and the article in last week's *Pulse* concerning unhealthy effects of instant messaging could not be timelier. I myself use IM occasionally, but I often feel it can interrupt serious work and make a project take twice as long. I have occasionally allowed it to make me waste an hour. But why is it wasted when we are supposed to enjoy a world of "connectedness?" The truth is we all long for spiritual connect-edness, whether it is to have friends or to find God. We are fooling ourselves if we think blue IT cables will adequately substitute.

I find it interesting to note that the only person I usually have found it worthwhile to speak with via instant chat is my brother, who is away at another school. The key factor being I already know him well.

Believe me, I love technology just as much as every other young person and sometimes I think I'm falling for the line that doing everything on a computer is better and easier. But an honest evaluation shows that so often any so-called friendship is purely an invention of fantasy. This naturally happens even to the most discerning of persons because the human spirit requires emotional interaction, so the brain must fill all the many gaps left by lines of text by drawing from its own resources.

My advice? Limit the IM and go make real friends. Human nature has not changed and true friends are the ones you connect with in person where tone of voice, body language, and other things are just as much a part of communications as the words.

>>>NEWSBRIEFS<<<

Movie tickets to be distributed

Tuesday, Feb. 24, Campus Program Board will distribute 100 free movie tickets from 1-2 p.m. and 6-7 p.m. in the CPB office located on the north side of the AMU.

Tickets will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets are not guaranteed to those waiting in line. All full-time undergraduate students with a UF ID are eligible.

UF-TV offers yoga

Need a way to relax and reduce mid-semester stress? Yoga classes are held Monday and Wednesday evenings at 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. in Egner 7. To register, call Barb Glock at 434-6775.

Want your 15 minutes of fame?

UF-TV, the University's student television station, welcomes students from all majors to be a part of making the news and producing the sports and entertainment shows. For more information, call 434-6775.

Need health help?

Students are invited to stop by the Cosiano Health Center for medical needs. Services are free to all students, regardless of whether they are insured.

No appointment is necessary. Cosiano Health Center is located at 120 W. Foulke Ave. and is open from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 434-4550.

Help is a click away

Students who need help with everything from research to learning MLA or APA style should check out the library online or in person.

The UF website provides easy-to-use information on a particular style for papers or bibliographies.

Scores of electronic databases provide full-text articles that students may access from home. UF is part of a state-wide consortium that gives UF students access to books in virtually any college library in the state.

Another service is available to help students with questions. Students may "Chat with a Librarian" at www.ohiolink.edu.

For details about library services, stop by or call 434-4700.

What makes a good photograph?

Terry Berrett, Ph.D., professor of art education at The Ohio State University, will speak on "What Makes a Good Photograph?" at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, in Pfeiffer Lecture Hall.

With expertise in contemporary art and photography, teaching art criticism and aesthetics and museum and multimedia arts education, Barrett has received the Distinguished Teaching Award for his course in criticism. The lecture is free to the public.

Remember to vote

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Trustees...

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Balanced Budget

The operating budget for 2003-04 is projected to be balanced with a surplus of \$1.1 million. A salary increase, averaging three percent for UF employees, was effective Jan. 1. Indebtedness has been reduced by \$2 million since July 1, 2003. About \$900,000 in expenses has been cut overall. Expenses have been increased by approximately \$100,000 for security personnel and for the implementation of 24-hour live-person telephone answering capability.

Preliminary budget planning for 2004-05 is based on projected level enrollment and improvement in residence halls. The Board also has assumed a tuition increase of five percent, a room and board increase of three percent, the addition of three to five teaching faculty in areas of need; increases in wages and salaries; competitive financial aid; minimal change in athletic costs; and improvement in student services.

Fund Raising

Grant funds received from outside agencies from July 1 through Dec. 31 totaled \$905,000. Eight grants awarded during the same time totaled \$1.9 million. Most of the grants are in the area of homeland security and are for an alert center under consideration.

Fund raising is in process for expansion of the Mazza Museum. A total of \$850,000 has

been committed to the \$2.2 million project.

Trustees approved a gift proposed by the classes of 1954 and 2004, provided the classes raise the necessary funds. The gift will be three to six 16-foot ornamental clocks to be placed around campus.

There is an expected loss of tuition in the English equestrian program because of enrollment limits. There will be additional losses from hockey players. In several graduate programs, enrollment is below capacity.

Physical Facilities

The upper deck of the Clauss Ice Arena will be converted into an aerobic exercise facility in the summer of 2004.

Trustees approved the partial closing of Frazer Street and the construction of two cul-de-sacs with safe walkways across the street, when funds are available. The first area to be closed is near Main Street, which will eliminate through-traffic on Frazer Street from Main to Cory streets. The cost of the first phase will be split between UF and Winebrenner Theological Seminary.

The Board also approved the purchase of property at 330 College St. The house will provide space for health professions. The five-car garage will be used as storage.

Chair of the Board is C. Richard Beckett. Richard E. White serves as Vice Chair. The next meeting will be held April 30.

Artisans display talent

By Shauna Shepler
Staff Reporter

Fourteen students get a chance to shine at this year's Senior Art Exhibition, kicked off with an informal reception for the artists on Sunday, Feb. 15, in the Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion.

This year's show features an eclectic array of works, including oil, acrylic and watercolor paintings; black and white, digital and color photography; ceramic, clay and mixed-media sculptures; monotypes; drawings and etchings; digital designs; and wood carvings.

University of Findlay faculty, staff and students, as well as members of the Findlay community, have an opportunity through March 12 to view 134 works of art displayed in the Dudley and Mary Marks Lea Gallery and in Lape Great Hall.

"This art exhibit is cool because we have a melting pot of works on display, and we have students with different majors, such as education and design (displaying their work)," explained Eric K. Lee, a senior majoring in graphic design, who has 10 pieces at the exhibition. "It's an opportunity for personal growth and an opportunity for the students to showcase their talents."

Other artists who are displaying their work in this year's exhibition include seniors Lara Baum, Heather Charles, Abigail Decker,

Elizabeth Humphrey, Shannon Hayes, Bradley Hess, Zsofia Horvath, Mirriah Jackson, Adam Keiser, Kate Lantz, Nate Moore, Kerstin Reinhart and Jodi Wurst.

"There are a lot of wonderful artists here," Hayes said of the exhibition. "I'm really proud to be able to show my work."

Lee and UF art professor and Lea Gallery Director Doug Salveson both said that students have been working on their exhibits since their freshman year. According to Salveson, the students did most of the work in planning and organizing the exhibition and in hanging the art work to be displayed.

According to Lee, another show will be held this spring. This future exhibit will feature student pieces chosen by art. For the Senior Art Exhibition, students selected which of their pieces to display.

"We have very strong work from everyone," Salveson said. "I think the high caliber of the work reflects well on the students, the art department and on the university. It's a very good exhibit."

The 2004 Senior Art Exhibition is free and open to the public. Fifty-five of the 134 works displayed at the exhibition will be available for purchase. Buyers may take artwork home after the show ends March 12. Anyone interested in purchasing a piece may contact Salveson at salveson@findlay.edu or 434-4577.

Findlay draws eateries, business, better cinema

By Becky Skiver
Pulse Editor

New businesses have been popping up along Tiffin Avenue on the east side of Findlay on a regular basis.

Some of these include the International House of Pancakes, Buffalo Wild Wings, Menards and Panera Bread. Olive Garden, Best Buy, an expanded cinema and a Walgreens will soon follow.

According to Russ Rogerson, director of community planning in Findlay, the good employment base in the commu-

nity provides a basis for this business growth.

In addition to the 40,000 people living in Findlay, there are 72,000 people living in the surrounding Hancock County who work, shop and eat in Findlay. In fact, there is a 30-mile market radius that includes some 300,000 prospective consumers for Findlay, Rogerson said.

According to the 1990 and 2000 census reports, the city has experienced a 9 percent population growth. Said Rogerson, "Retail certainly does follow."

'Big Fat Greek... Tragedy' takes home Triage awards

By Ryan Webster
Staff Reporter

The third annual Triage Theatre took the stage at the University Feb. 6-7 in front of more than 150 audience members.

This year's theme was "Historical People in Reality Shows."

Awards went to "Channel Surfing" for audience favorite and to "My Big Fat Average Historically Accurate Fascist Greek Tragedy" for best writing. "Greek Tragedy" also won the top cash prize that was judged by three faculty.

The winning play was about a woman going on a date with four guys and choosing Mr. Right. "Channel Surfing" was a sketch about two guys sitting on a couch surfing channels to see what reality shows are on TV.

Other acts that night included: "One Man Out," a play about two women picking among three guys; "Tecumseh-Ultimate Makeover," about Tecumseh getting a makeover from three girls to prepare for a date with his love; and "American Idolatry," a sketch about four people trying to be the next American Idol.

Triage Theatre, run by Director Scott Hayes, is a unique opportunity for non-theater majors and community members to have some fun on stage. In just 24 hours, participants experience every aspect of putting together a play.

Alpha Psi Omega and the University of Findlay theatre program sponsored this event in the Grimm Theatre, Egner Center for Performing Arts.

Gun fired at Bluffton

By Tom Ryerson
Staff Reporter

An unknown person fired a gun inside a Bluffton College dorm last week, causing property damage, according to a campus official. Bluffton police have interviewed students and are investigating to determine the origin of the shooting.

The shooting occurred about 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, in a hallway of Hirschy Annex, a men's dormitory. At this point it has not been determined whether an outsider was responsible or if the incident was perpetrated by someone from the campus community.

Donald Schweingruber, Bluffton College vice president of student life, said that there had been no similar incidents that he could remember. The gun was not pointed at anyone and no one was endangered, but Schweingruber said "it is not a minor event."

Schweingruber said police, who are Bluffton College's "primary security force," have stepped up patrols of the area and the college is now electronically locking the dorms at all times.

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Reality R.O.C.S., a new student organization on campus, will address social issues on college campuses within students' lives. For more information, contact their office at 434-8194.

This is Quiz 1 of 2. A winner will then be picked at random for a \$30 Spring Break Basket!!! Please submit your answers to the REALITY R.O.C.S. Mailbox in the mail room. We will contact you if you win.

- The Most Common STD is _____.**
a.) Chlamydia
b.) HIV
c.) HPV (Human Papillomavirus)
d.) Herpes

- What percentage of the adult population is estimated to have this STD?**
a.) 25%
b.) 50%
c.) 75%
d.) 98%

- Most teenage deaths due to motor vehicle accidents occur on weekends**
a.) True
b.) False

- More than 5,700 teens died in vehicle crashes in 2001.**
a.) True
b.) False

- Which of these are NOT one of the most common risk factors for teen drivers:**
a.) Night-Time driving
b.) Speeding
c.) Breathing
d.) Alcohol and Drug use
e.) Presence of a peer

Watch out next week for part 2 of our quiz!

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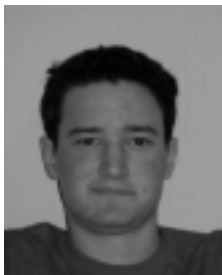


Study break

(Editors Note: Zach Pina is spending a semester abroad with an exchange group studying in Ibaraki, Japan)

Turning Japanese "Putting the 'Lag' In 'Jet lag'"

The photographs that I had previously seen of the majestic Mt. Fuji completely failed to prepare me for the awesome and humbling sight of the real thing. A day after my arrival here in Koga (Ibaraki prefecture) Japan, I caught my first glimpse of "Fuji san" in the early morning sun, finally putting to rest the surreal feelings surrounding this great adventure, and cementing the fact that I had arrived.



The sighting of Mt. Fuji from Sanoh's corporate office headquarters was the first, but certainly not the last, reminder that my new home was very far away from UF Townhouse #17 on Defiance Avenue.

Speaking of "avenue," here in Japan, street names for addresses and navigation are noticeably absent. This creates all sorts of challenges. For the first week, even the shortest five-minute bike trips turned into blind, hour-long excursions across town searching the narrow streets for any familiar landmarks in Sanoh's vicinity.

My sleeping schedule has yet to return to normal as I find myself waking before the sun, while retiring for the night just before television's prime time. Jet lag is a serious foe to contend with, as it binds travelers of any age or physical strength in its drowsy spell. At any rate, I should be through it in another day or so.

Despite everything I was told about Koga, it is actually a fairly large and bustling "bed-town" (commuter city to the nearby Tokyo) filled with both modern and traditional Japanese architecture. Due to space constraints, buildings are constructed almost on top of each other, leaving neighborhood residents with little personal space.

Yet, it's in these small personal spaces that the simple pleasures of Japanese art and life are found. Some houses have a single room with tatami (straw) floor mats, and a kami dana (altar), or a ceremonial kimono (robe) on display. The quiet beauty of a small rock or flower garden adjacent to one's home is common.

I've found so much of this culture refreshing and in stark contrast to the "go big or go home" attitudes of the West, where value and self-worth are found in the size of one's possessions. Japan is a place where great things really do come in small packages.

I look forward to the coming weeks. Each day brings exciting discoveries.

Zach
Zach Pina, Freshman
Communication
Journalism

Hiro Yoneda (left), a freshman exchange student from Japan, and Satsuki Ueki, a first-year graduate student from Japan, study in the AMU.

[Editor's Note: *As a member of the National Guard, Jennifer Allcorn was called to active duty in January.*]

Student takes hiatus from school to ship out with Guard

We're finally here. After a month at Camp Atterbury in Indiana and a long 22 hours of traveling, we are at Camp Navistar. The flight was about 18 hours plus four hours of layovers. We got to get off in Ireland, though, and we all drank some Irish beer.

They took us off the plane onto a bus once we got in Kuwait. The bad part was we had a flat tire on the way to camp. We all had to get off and wait in an open field while the driver changed the tire. Having no guns, we felt like sitting ducks.

It was pretty cool, though. There were people with herds of sheep grazing right along the highway. I guess I knew all the people here wore robes and head scarves, but it was different when I really saw it.

So far we have not left camp.

We are learning from the unit we are here to replace and only the NCOs (the bosses) have gone on missions.

There are about 5,000 troops at Navistar, mostly American but also British and Korean. The people who work here are from Pakistan, India and other countries. Most do not speak English, but they are really nice for the most part.

I'm really looking forward to running some missions and getting away from camp for a few days. Hopefully, they'll trust us pretty soon, but I am not looking forward to wearing all the heavy gear on the road.

Hope all is well in Ohio.

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Candidate Connection

Editor's note: In order to allow readers to become more knowledgeable about presidential candidates and their platforms, The Pulse is running a series of informational spots throughout the semester. The Ohio primaries are March 2 and the national election is Nov. 2.

UF's Campus Compact and Raise Your Voice campaign will be hosting a "Candidate Convention" to further discuss the candidates. The convention will be held March 16. For more information, contact Wayne Sneath at 434-5310 or sneath@findlay.edu.

Dennis Kucinich

Democratic Party

Political Experience: Representative, U.S. House of Representatives, 1996-present; Senator, Ohio State Senate, District 23, 1995-1996; Democratic Candidate, U.S. House of Representatives, 1972, 1988, 1992; City Council member, Cleveland, 1969-1973, 1983; Mayor, Cleveland, 1977-1979; Clerk of Courts, Cleveland, 1975; Independent Candidate, United State's House of Representatives, 1974.

Organizations: National Association of Social Workers, Ohio Chapter, Senator of the Year, 1995; Croatian American Lodge; Polish National Alliance; St. Paul's Catholic Church.

Caucuses/Non-legislative committees: Co-Chair, Baltic Caucus; Children's Task Force; Vice-Chair, Congressional Aerospace Caucus; Chair, Congressional Progressive Caucus; Vice-Chair, Executive Committee, Congressional Steel Caucus; National Guard and Reserve Components Organization.

On the issues:

Drugs: If elected, Kucinich would expand federally sponsored drug education and treatment programs and would cut funding for "the war on drugs." Kucinich supports the decriminalization of marijuana and would allow doctors to prescribe medical marijuana.

Education: Kucinich supports affirmative action in public university admissions and believes that all Americans should have access to free, universal education, from pre-kindergarten through college.

Employment: Would increase the federal minimum wage and supports the right of workers to strike without fear of being permanently replaced.

Fun facts: Kucinich likes matzo and drinks hot water instead of coffee or tea.

Endorsements: Kucinich is endorsed by the American Vegetarians; the National Coalition of Organized Women; the Northwest Ohio Green Party; and by Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield, co-founders of Ben & Jerry's Homemade Ice Cream.

Contact Kucinich at www.kucinich.us/contact.php or visit www.kucinich.us.org. Kucinich has a Web BLOG at www.denniskucinich.us.



Boulerice



Kucinich

Jacques Yves 'Chief Jack'

Boulerice

Native American Party

Political Experience: Has no prior political experience.

On the issues:

Drugs: Boulerice supports the decriminalization of small amounts of marijuana, and, if elected, would allow doctors to prescribe marijuana for medicinal purposes. He would, however, increase border patrol in order to stem the flow of illegal drugs into the U.S.

Education: Boulerice would increase funding of programs to help students pay for college, and supports federal tax incentives to help families save for college.

Employment: Would increase funding for national job-training programs that re-train displaced workers. Boulerice would provide tax credits or grants to businesses that offer childcare services to employees.

Fun Facts: Boulerice is known as "Chief Jack," and his hobbies and interests include radio, paleontology, archaeology, travel, and photography.

Contact "Chief Jack" by e-mailing jackmohawk@hotmail.com or visit his campaign Web site at <http://www.msnusers.com/ChiefJack4Prez>.

Voting...

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In an attempt to reverse this trend, many cities have set up voting booths in public places such as shopping malls, Miller said.

In Hancock County, the Board of Elections asks high school administrators to register students enrolled in senior-year government or civics classes, in order to register a larger number of young voters.

Miller said voting is becoming easier than ever before. Polls are open on election days from 6 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. and voters may file change-of-address forms on election day.

In addition, 17-year-olds may now vote for their chosen candidates in primary elections if they turn 18 by the November election. They may not vote on other issues.

Absentee ballots are available to students who attend a university in a county other than their home county. They may be obtained from the Hancock County Board of Elections and mailed to

the appropriate county or returned to the Hancock County Board of Elections, which will then forward the application. The actual ballot for the election will be mailed to the student at the appropriate school address. The ballot must be returned by the day of the election, Miller said.

At the University of Findlay, the Raise Your Voice campaign, part of UF's Campus Compact program, will host a videoconference that will focus on "The New Student Politics," a document that argues the merits of the role of service learning in politics. The videoconference will be held today at 1:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Winebrenner Theological Seminary.

On March 16, Raise Your Voice and Campus Compact will also host a Candidate Convention to discuss presidential candidates and their platforms. Students may fill out registration forms for absentee ballots at this event, which will be held in the Alumni Memorial Union Multipurpose Room at 7 p.m. Both events are free and open to the public.

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- Are not incarcerated for a felony conviction.
- Have not been deemed incompetent for voting purposes by a probate court.
- Register to vote at least 30 days before the election.

A citizen's residence is the place to which, when absent, he or she intends to return. If a citizen continuously resides outside of Ohio for a period of four years or more, he or she is no longer a resident of the state for voting purposes. Those who are absent from the state because of federal or state government employment, including military service, are exempt from this rule.

Source: The Ohio Secretary of State Web site, <http://serform.sos.state.oh.us/sos>.



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BOOKreview 'In the Presence of Mine Enemies' by Harry Turtledove

**Review by
Nathan Pope
Staff Reporter**

Harry Turtledove, author of many series, including "The Great War" and "Crosstime Traffic" series, returns to the alternate history genre in an expansion of his previously published short story titled "In the Presence of Mine Enemies."

The author clearly demonstrates his ability to alter his reader's perception of history through his twisting of one key event during World War II.

"In the Presence of Mine Enemies" opens with the revelation that Germany's Jewish community was never totally exterminated. As in the short story version, Heinrich Gimpel, his family and a small group of Jews



mask themselves as part of the "master race" after Germany retained control of parts of Europe and North America

more than six decades. The author's lengthened version showed the Gimpel family similar to Anne Frank's family and depicted a similar world. The historical research needed to pen such an engaging novel is extremely massive and proves that Harry Turtledove will stop at nothing to create believable characters and an alternate history even more intriguing than some history textbooks.

The expanded "In the Pres-

ence of Mine Enemies" includes an increased involvement of the "master race" throughout their strict society. Turtledove also pulls his readers into the shoes of the Gimpel family with the new plot twists. Turtledove, one of the many alternate history bestselling authors including Kim Stanley Robinson and S.M. Stirling, keeps his readers on a tight leash, always keeping the readers and his novels inseparable. He never strays far from this recently born genre, originally part of the science fiction genre.

The extent of the information inserted into "In the Presence of Mine Enemies" increases the value of the entire work. Along with this short story, the author has also written other alternate history "novettes" in various other anthologies that could benefit from

an expansion and an elaboration on the "history" of that world.

This genre's "hall of fame" consists of Turtledove's "Alternate Generals" anthology and novels loosely based on various historical wars. The alternate history genre is exploding at an impressive rate with the help of this Turtledove masterpiece, and this genre will undoubtedly influence other genres.

Turtledove alters history again in his upcoming novels. "Return Engagement," the continuation of a current-era American civil war, is due in May 2004. "Homeward Bound," the final novel in a series where World War II was interrupted by "barbaric" extraterrestrials is due in 2004 along with "Curious Notions" and a two-book series, "Days of Infamy," still in its infancy.

Tickets available for "Stars of the Platters, Coasters and Drifters"

**By Nathan Pope
Staff Reporter**

The Platters, Coasters and Drifters, famous for many R&B and doo wop hits, will perform in the auditorium of Winebrenner Theological Seminary on Feb. 27 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 for faculty and staff and \$10 for students. To purchase tickets, contact Kristy Funk at 434-5335 or funkk@findlay.edu. The box office will refund \$5 with the UF student ticket on Monday, March 8 and Tuesday, March 9.

The Coasters, who recorded the number-one R&B hits "Yakety Yak" and "Searchin,'" originated in 1956 with Carl Gardner as the lead; Leon Hughes as tenor; Billy Guy as baritone; Bobby Nunn, bass; and Adolph Jacobs on guitar. Each original member formed a "Coasters" variation during the later years, according to "The Coasters-the Hits & the Great Groups."

The Platters, whose hits include "Only You" and "The Great Pretender," originated in Los Angeles in 1952 with Cornell Gunter, Gaynell and Alex Hodge and Joe Jefferson.

The Drifters first recorded "Money Honey" hit in 1953 with Willie Ferbie and Bill Pinkney. After several reformations, the Drifters progressed into the 1990s with Johnny Moore, lead; Rohan Turner, tenor; Roy Hemmings and Joe Cofie, baritones. Since then, the "new" Drifters have performed the various "Drifter melodies" around the world.

Barry Gunn of The Coasters, Myles Savage of The Platters, and George Caines and Wolf Johnson of The Drifters will perform the familiar songs, including "Under the Boardwalk" and "The Great Pretender."

TICKETS

Tickets are \$15 for faculty and staff and \$10 for students. To purchase tickets, contact Kristy Funk at 434-5335 or funkk@findlay.edu.

MOVIEREVIEW

'Along Came Polly'

**Review by
Michael Seremet
Staff Reporter**

You would think that a movie with two big stars such as Ben Stiller and Jennifer Aniston might actually be worth a chuckle, but "Along Came Polly" fails in a big way.

The movie starts out with Reuben (Ben Stiller) marrying a woman he calls "the one." Reuben has been in love with her for more than four years.

We know how these movies go. Reuben's new bride cheats on him when they are on their honeymoon. Reuben tries to move on with his life, when along comes Polly (Jennifer Aniston), whom Reuben has not seen in years.

Reuben is the most unlikely match for Polly. He assesses risk for a living, and Polly is far from safe.

The movie has a few surprises, but for the most part you know how it will turn out. "Along Came Polly" is

almost a mirror image of "There's something about Mary" but with a man cast as the central character.

"Along Came Polly" uses bathroom humor that is mildly funny at best. What is funny is Polly's ferret, which steals the show. Other than that, don't look for too many laughs.

This movie is pretty dull. Unless you are a Ben Stiller or Jennifer Aniston fan, save your money and wait for it to come out on video.



Ben and Jennifer draw fans.

FOODreview

International House of Pancakes

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By The Finicky Forager

National chain restaurants are popular for a reason. IHOP, the International House of Pancakes, which opened in Findlay in December, reminds us why: Consistent quality, reasonable prices and familiar settings that become old favorites.

IHOP is an ordinary family restaurant--bright with lots of windows, clean with white tables and blue chairs that are this chain's trademark. National flags line the wall, giving that "international" feeling.

The prices are reasonable. Breakfast choices range from \$4 to \$8 and include pancakes, omelets, waffles, French toast and

combinations. Lunch items are about \$5 to \$7 and include burgers and salads. Dinners range from \$6.50 to \$11, and include items such as chicken, pasta or steak. The most expensive menu item for dinner is the T-bone steak and shrimp. It is served with a dinner roll, cornbread, soup or salad, a vegetable and a potato of your choice. Of course, there are desserts and a huge variety of side dishes and appetizers.

The great thing about IHOP is that breakfast is served anytime. I went to there at 1:30 p.m., and even though it was past the traditional breakfast time, I thought I should try IHOP's signature pancakes.

I ordered the International Passport Breakfast. It included two eggs, two strips of bacon, two sausage links and two pancakes. I chose the French crepe-



IHOP serves pancakes and more all day long.

style pancake with marmalade topping and powdered sugar. It tasted good, but was too oily for my taste.

There is, however, a variety of syrups available at each table. There is even flavored butter to complement the pancakes.

Service at IHOP is also friendly, but it took 25 minutes for my meal to arrive.

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Sports

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Oilers show no mercy to Mercyhurst

By Brent Nye
Sports Reporter

The women's basketball team trounced Mercyhurst College 70-55, Saturday in Croy Gymnasium.

Senior Rachel Schroeder was the key factor in the victory as she scored 12 points off the bench on four of six shots in just 15 minutes. The Oilers (14-10 overall, 6-8 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) were led by sophomore Michelle Vorst's 14 points. She shot five of 10 from the floor and sank

three of four free throws.

Seniors Zsafia Horvath and Tanya Ross also shone on Senior Day. Horvath finished with four points and a team-leading 10 rebounds. Ross (2-of-7, 5-of-10) contributed with nine points.

Mercyhurst's (1-21, 1-13) season-long problems continued. The Lakers committed 20 turnovers and shot poorly (37.5 percent). Mary Clare Harlan led the attack with 19 points. She shot six of 13 and made five of six free throws. Cassie Seth chipped in with 10 points on 3-

of-10 shooting and going two of three from the charity stripe. Julie Anderson pulled down 10 boards.

Overall, the Oilers shot 45.1 percent (23 of 51) and poured in six of 13 three-pointers. They also did well from the charity stripe, making 18 of 22 attempts. The Oilers committed four fewer turnovers than the Lakers.

The Oilers travel to archrival Ashland Saturday Feb. 21, to battle the Ashland University Eagles (18-6, 9-5). Tipoff is scheduled for 1 p.m.

UF Track and Field nets best-ever finish



Photo by Mandy Lobdell

UF's Mike Brodwolf jumps 5'10" in the high jump.

UF track and field teams hosted the Findlay Open on Friday and the All-Ohio Championships on Saturday.

The men's indoor track and field team finished second at the All-Ohio Championships on Saturday, their best ever placing in the event.

The Oilers, under coach Marc Arce, scored 118.5 points to Akron's 185.5. Ohio University was third with 109.5 points followed by Ashland (62), Tiffin

(46), Youngstown State (42.5), Central State (10), Ohio State (9) and Walsh (8). Arce is entering his seventeenth campaign as the head men's and women's track and field coach.

The lady Oilers placed ninth in the 12-team field. On Saturday, Sarah Heinfeld highlighted the day with a school record 51' 8 1/4" toss in the weight throw. In the open, Findlay's Corie Moore set a new school record with a 9'6" leap in the pole vault.

Oilers at home in February

Date	Time	Sport	Opponent
20	7 p.m.	Wrestling (M)	Mercyhurst University
21	7 p.m.	Hockey (M)	Wayne State
22	12:30 p.m.	Indoor Track & Field (M)	HS Oiler Relays
22	12:30 p.m.	Indoor Track & Field (W)	HS Oiler Relays
25	7 p.m.	Hockey (W)	Wayne State
27	4 p.m.	Indoor Track & Field (M)	GLIAC Championships
27	4 p.m.	Indoor Track & Field (W)	GLIAC Championships
27	7 p.m.	Volleyball (M)	Loyola University
28	11 a.m.	Indoor Track & Field (M)	GLIAC Championships

Lakers shipwrecked as Oilers advance to tourney

By Brent Nye
Sports Reporter

It was a nailbiter, but the men's basketball team prevailed over Mercyhurst College 60-53, Saturday at Croy Gymnasium.

The win creates a three-way tie atop the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference South Division with Gannon and Mercyhurst. The win also clinched an invite to the conference tournament. The Oilers fell behind early but clawed their way back.

Mercyhurst (16-8 overall, 10-4 GLIAC) opened the game with a 13-2 advantage. Findlay fought back to within one point (24-23) at halftime. Things really got tight in the final minutes as the game was deadlocked at 50 with 2:16 remaining.

The Oilers (18-6, 10-4) needed to make plays and, more importantly, free throws. Dustin Pfeifer, Tyson McGlaughlin, and Matt Metzger did just that.

Pfeifer, who had the task of guarding Justin Shouse, one of the top performers in the conference, was the first Oiler to step up. First, Pfeifer forced Shouse into one of his nine turnovers, causing Shouse to commit his fifth and final foul of the game. Shouse, the heartbeat of the Lakers, had scored 14 points to go along with six assists and five rebounds.

Following a turnover, Pfeifer once again stole the ball and raced the other way for a lay-up to give the Oilers a 52-50 lead with only 1:38 remaining. He then connected on a pair of free throws after a Lakers' score to give the Oilers a 54-51 lead with 52 seconds remaining.

McGlaughlin and Metzger took over from there, hitting the final four free throws to guarantee the win. McGlaughlin finished the contest without a field goal, shooting zero of eight from the field. He did his damage at the line, though, hitting nine of 10 free throws to set a new career high in makes and attempts. Metzger finished only one of five from the field, but nailed both of his crucial free throws.

Pfeifer led the Oilers with 14 points on 5-of-9 shooting and three of four free throw attempts. He also made four steals. Frank Phillips (3-of-5, 5-of-7) contributed 11 points and four steals. The team shot 40.9 percent (18 of 44) overall.

Joshua Helm scored 15 points with 7-of-10 shooting. Overall, the Lakers took fewer shots than the Oilers but made 52.6 percent (20 of 38). Mercyhurst made 26 turnovers.

The Oilers travel to Ashland University to battle the Eagles (10-14, 3-11) Saturday, Feb. 21, at 3 p.m.



Jim Tressel

Crowd tops 850 to hear Tressel, Brutus

By Ryan Webster
Staff Reporter

On Feb. 10, in the Koehler Center, the University of Findlay welcomed The Ohio State University football coach along with the "Voice of the Buckeyes" and Brutus Buckeye, a Findlay native.

OSU coach Jim Tressel, radio announcer Paul Keels and OSU's mascot Brutus spoke to some 850 people about education, the Buckeyes 2002 National Championship, the Block "O" of life and Maurice Clarret.

"Student athletes need to set goals for themselves," Tressel said. "They know that the NFL is a short-term career," he said, stressing the need to "focus on a long-term career in life." He added, "I think you can do it all." Tressel talked about the importance of excellence, tradition and people. To become a better player at OSU, he said a student has to reach the Block "O" of life.

At the top of the Block "O" are spiritual, moral and ethical considerations. The players have to define what their beliefs

are and how to become a better human being.

In the middle of the Block "O" are academics, career and family. Family is a big part of who the players are, Tressel said.

The base of the "O" is broken down into three parts. Part one is football family. Players have to put team goals before individual goals. Part two is strength, fitness and health. Heath is an important thing in the player's life. The last part is caring and giving. Tressel said there is a tremendous respect for those who give and care for others.

Before joining the Buckeyes in 2001, Tressel coached 15 years at Youngstown State winning 4 division 1-AA National Championships. Tressel's record at Youngstown State was 135-57-2. Now, in his third season at Ohio State, Tressel is 32-7 including a 14-0 National Championship.

The audience appreciated the motivation and entertainment of Tressel's speech.

"The people of Findlay heard a good coach talk on excellence and tradition," said UF head

football coach Dan Simrell. "If you missed Tressel and Keels speak, you missed two key role models. Both speakers were inspiring to young adults. Everyone should take advantage of listening to an inspiring speaker during their college days to keep motivated and on the right track."

Paul Keels talked about Ohio State's 2002 National Championship season. Keels has been the play-by-play announcer for Ohio State football and basketball on WBNS Radio in Columbus and the Ohio State Buckeyes Radio Network since 1998. Keels hosts weekly call-in shows with Tressel and basketball coach Jim O'Brien. Since 1999, he has worked as a play-by-play announcer for the Cincinnati Bengals' preseason telecast.

Not to be forgotten, OSU mascot Brutus Buckeye cheered the audience on by dancing and singing. Findlay native Cassidy Mullins has been Brutus Buckeye for two years. A junior zoology major at OSU, Mullins is the son of Randy and Sarah Jones of Findlay.