

## College of Pharmacy Receives Accreditation

The College of Pharmacy at The University of Findlay has been awarded full accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) board of directors during its June 22-26, 2011, meeting.

Dr. Katherine Fell, University president, said, "We are delighted to have completed the process of accreditation. The first two classes of UF pharmacy graduates have performed exceptionally well in their professions, and we look forward to graduating classes of excellent pharmacists for many years to come."

The ACPE is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as the national agency for the accreditation of professional degree programs in pharmacy and pro-

viders of continuing pharmacy education.

The University's Pharm.D. program received pre-candidate status in 2006, was granted candidate status in 2007 and awarded its first doctor of pharmacy degrees in 2010. A program must graduate its first students before it can be awarded full accreditation. Graduates of a program designated as having candidate status hold the same rights and privileges as those of a fully accredited program.



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*Sheena Burwell, a fourth-year pharmacy student, studies ibuprofen and its effect on cell toxicity for a project working with Alexander Vaglenov, M.D., Ph.D., associate professor of pharmaceutical sciences. Also working with Vaglenov this summer are Ashley Kasper, a second-year pharmacy student, and Sam Gothke, a fourth-year pharmacy student. Kasper's focus is atenolol, a beta blocker, and its effect on cell toxicity, and Gothke's focus is on cardiotoxin, an anti-tumor drug.*

## UF Receives Grant to Help Local Agencies

The University of Findlay recently was awarded a \$7,500 grant from the Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation to offer Communication Matters: A Public Relations Boot Camp for Nonprofit Organizations in Hancock County.

The funds are made available from the Howard and Carolyn Marvin Fund, Norman and Jane Nicholson Fund, Findlay Industries Inc. Fund, Deborah Ruth Wall Fund, Marjorie Kuhlman Fund and Richard P. Barchent Jr. Fund.

The one-day workshop, which will be held in June of 2012, will

address social media marketing; writing features and news releases; recruiting, training and retaining volunteers; developing teams; and grant development and writing. The keynote speaker is Dr. Janet Rice McCoy, who developed a similar successful workshop at Morehead State University.

During the spring of 2011, students in a communication class at UF interviewed leaders from 21 non-profit organizations to assess needs that could be addressed through communication. Public relations and marketing was identi-

fied as an area where non-profits could use extra help.

The workshop next summer will help non-profit staff members learn new ways to recruit and retain volunteers, promote agency services and develop relationships with other community members that could result in collaborative projects or events and sharing of resources.

In addition, the University hopes to strengthen ties with area non-profit organizations to collaborate on Academic Service-Learning projects.

# UF Offers Small Classes, Individual Attention and Financial Aid for Vets

Shane Kokensparger spent eight years as an active-duty Marine and another six in the reserves, so he needed some help with making the switch from military life to a career of working with kids with special needs.

Kokensparger, a native of Holland, Ohio, who has one semester left to earn a degree in intervention specialist education, chose The University of Findlay because it was “adult-friendly” and offered “smaller classes, individual attention — the extra time and services they provide for nontraditional students who are trying to get back in the swing of being full-time students.”

While Findlay is more expensive than some educational options, “It was better to pay more to get a better education than to pay less

and not have a full, core knowledge of what I wanted,” he said.

“Faculty definitely played a key role,” he continued. “When it came time to doing course work, professors would stay late or meet you on Saturdays, and they were always a phone call away,” even to the point of his adviser, Dr. Susan Brooks, taking a call at home at 9 o’clock on a Friday night.

As he went through his placements at Jacobs Primary School in Findlay, Bowsher High School in Toledo and Fostoria Middle School, Kokensparger admitted that he sometimes had



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Shane Kokensparger presents at the Symposium for Scholarship and Creativity on campus in April.

a hard time leaving military ways behind and making the move to educational best practices.

“A lot of military people aren’t kid-friendly,” he admitted, adding

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# Civic Band Celebrates 60th Year With Lewis Featured in Special Concert July 13

On Wednesday, July 13, the Findlay Civic Concert Band, under the direction of UF’s Jack Taylor, will perform a special program in honor of its 60th year. Taylor has been director of the band since 1988.

The 7:15 p.m. concert at Riverside Park will include a performance of Gershwin’s Rhapsody in Blue, featuring Kelly Lewis, UF staff accompanist, on the piano.

For six decades, the musical sounds of volunteer groups have entertained area residents and visitors during the Riverside Summer Concert Series held at Findlay’s historic Riverside Park Allen P. Dudley Band Shell and Dick Daugherty Plaza.

The concert series began in 1951 when Ralph E. Shell, band director

at Findlay High School, orchestrated the formation and direction of a Boy Scout band to celebrate a special Scout-O-Rama in Findlay that would, in future years, transition into what is now the Findlay Civic Concert Band.

“The Wonderful World of Disney” will be the theme of a July 20 performance with Taylor as a saxophone soloist.

Seating is provided at the Riverside band shell, or spectators are invited to bring their own chairs or blankets. Concertgoers are reminded to arrive early for choice seating and parking.



Photo provided

Band directors Clifford Hite, Ralph Shell and Jack Taylor pose for a photo in 1988. Hite directed the band from 1977-1988, Shell from 1951-1977 and Taylor since 1988.

In the event of inclement weather conditions, please listen to local media for last-minute cancellations.

# Living, Learning Environments Improved

The Physical Plant is making quick progress on many projects on campus, including the following:

## Oiler Mart

The Oiler Mart is getting a face-lift, with new paint, new energy-efficient lighting, new flooring and a reorganized floor plan.

## Residence Halls

All residence halls are being repaired and painted as needed, and rooms in Fox, Bare, Lovett and Deming all are receiving new doors and locks. The UF Cottages are being repainted and recarpeted.

## Oiler Pointe

Oiler Pointe, UF's newest housing option, on the corner of Morey Avenue and West Foulke Avenue is being repaired and painted, and each unit has its own new heating

and air conditioning controls, as well as new appliances. The outside walkways and railings have been redone to meet OSHA and ADA specifications.

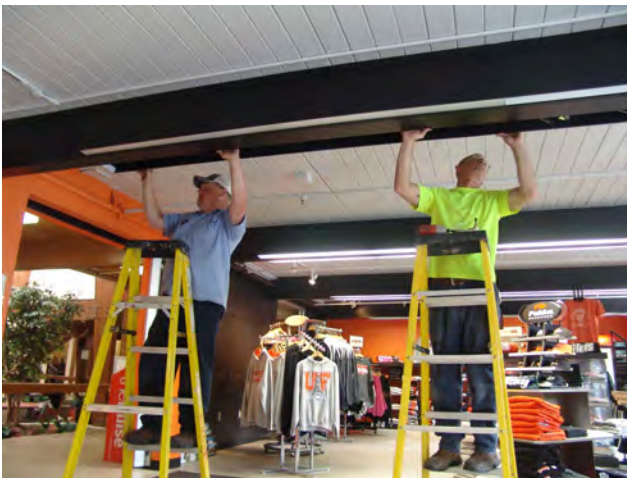
## Davis Street Building

Construction is well under way on a new science building, which is being constructed as an addition to the existing Davis Street Building. The new building will add eight cutting-edge science laboratories, high-technology classrooms and lecture halls, eight faculty offices and student lounges.



*Oiler Pointe, UF's newest housing option, is shown here with new walkways, doors and sidewalk.*

With Charles and Assoc. as the general contractor for the project, the concrete foundation was completed in June, utilities are being installed and walls are going up.



*Two physical plant employees work on installing new lighting in the Oiler Mart, which is undergoing some renovations.*



*Progress is visible on the Davis Street Building addition, which has a finished foundation, and walls are being built.*

*K. Colbert*

# Pharmacy Students Educate Others

In the photo at right, students Christine Rieman, left, and Victoria Ogle, right, complete individual medication reconciliation forms with patients at the Van Wert Hospital.

On June 15, Rieman and Ogle spoke to patients, nurses and pharmacists about the importance of maintaining a complete medication list.

The presentation was created by teaching assistants Abigail Clark, Raquel Crandall, Nicole Lavas and Ogle in the College of Pharmacy Medication Therapy Management Drug Information Center.



*Photo provided*

# Findlay Supports Veterans' Goals

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that it was easier for him, as an office mail manager who worked for the Judge Advocate General's office, than for someone who had seen active combat. Still, "I had to work on toning back the 'military way' and doing it the educational way. Dr. [Penny] Soboleski, who also has military background, has been helpful and a voice of reason as to why things are done a certain way."

He also cited the college dean, Dr. Julie McIntosh, and her open-door policy for faculty, staff and students, as well as the help the college provided when academic scheduling caused issues for com-

pleting his placement in Toledo. "The College of Education has just been wonderful to me."

Kokensparger is one of several veterans who have chosen The University of Findlay, which has been named a Military Friendly School for 2010 and 2011 by "G.I. Jobs" magazine. UF is among the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America's veterans as students.

Criteria for making the list ([www.militaryfriendlyschools.com](http://www.militaryfriendlyschools.com)) included efforts to recruit and retain military and veteran students, results in recruiting military

and veteran students and academic accreditations.

The University is participating in the Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program, a provision of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008.

UF will provide up to \$8,900 per veteran, per academic term, for any qualifying veteran, to assist with educational expenses, and the Veterans Administration will match UF's contribution. For more information on educational benefits for veterans at UF, visit [www.findlay.edu](http://www.findlay.edu), KEYWORD: Veteran.

## 'The Drowsy Chaperone' To Close 2011 SummerStock Season; Show Opens July 20

"The Drowsy Chaperone" will wrap up the 2011 SummerStock season at The University of Findlay. The show opens July 20 at 8 p.m. in the Egner Center for the Performing Arts on campus.

"The Drowsy Chaperone" runs at 8 p.m. July 20-23 and at 2 p.m. July 24.

The show pays homage to the predictably silly and delightful musical theater gems of the 1920s. Upon arrival, the audience is greeted by the narrator, Man in Chair. He is an adoring fan of vintage musicals and quickly decides to share his passion with the audience.

He plays an album of the original cast recording of his favorite, but fictional, Broadway musical, "The Drowsy Chaperone." As soon as the needle has touched the record, the show comes "alive" right

inside the Man in Chair's apartment, complete with stock characters and silly sub-plots. "The Drowsy Chaperone" is a magical play-within-a-play crammed full of every cliché, gag and gimmick from that wonderful era of musical theater.

Tickets are \$15 per ticket for each show. Call the University's Box Office at 419-434-5335 to purchase tickets. Tickets will be held at the Box Office until 10 minutes before curtain call, after which time they will be released.



*Choreographer Tony Horne, right, works with bridegroom Taylor Hale on his tap number, "Cold Feets."*

SummerStock at The University of Findlay is seasonal theater performed at the University, using a core professional training company supplemented with students.

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