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OT HOME SERVES STUDENTS, COMMUNITY

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One of the best kept secrets on The University of Findlay campus is a place called the OT HOME, an occupational therapy education and research facility for students, older adults and caregivers.

Ruth Ford, assistant professor of occupational therapy, said the OT HOME "makes learning in the natural environment more fun for students."

Students use the OT HOME to gain experience in an environment similar to one they may face in their careers. Students from several majors benefit from the facility. Most of the time, occupational therapy students use the home. However, others involved with physical therapy, recreational therapy, physician assistant and special education programs use the OT HOME as well. Students have access to books and other information media at the OT HOME. There is a classroom where lectures take place, but the focus of the facility is hands-on work.

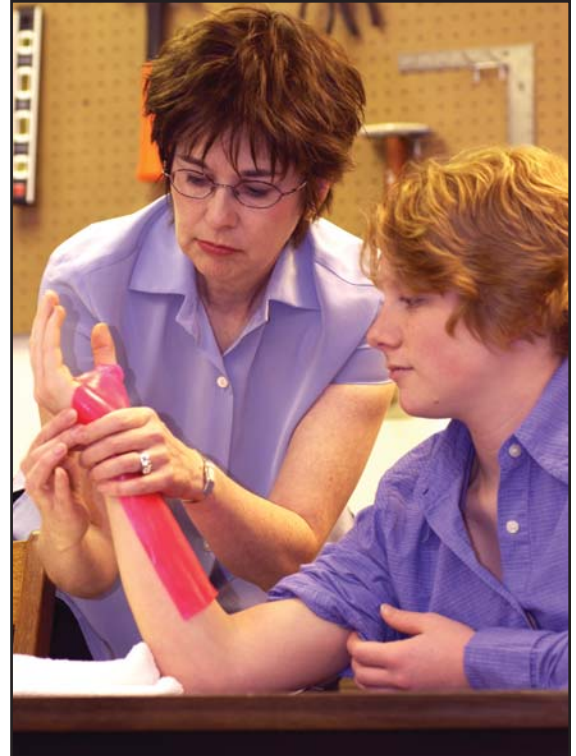
Located at 219 Trenton Ave., the house holds many modifications that an older adult or disabled person may need. There is a chair raised for easy access, lights controlled by remote control, a bathroom sink that can be moved up and down, a bed lift and more. To increase accessibility, appliances such as the lights, heating and cooling can be controlled with a remote control through X-10 technology. This type of adaptation can be very helpful to someone who is confined to bed or a wheelchair.

Each semester, students preparing to graduate are assigned a project. They need to design and make something that could be used in the house to make a task easier for someone who is disabled. Students have made a wide variety of projects from easy-to-understand cook-books to irrigation systems for flower gardens.

Others from the community and surrounding area are welcome at the OT HOME too. By opening up the OT HOME to the community, others can see and use products for free without feeling pressured to purchase them. Those who may need to modify their homes are invited to visit. They can see whether or not certain home modifications will be useful for them. The home is also open to caregivers who would like to learn about resources that may be available.

The OT HOME also has served the community by hosting several special events. A caregivers series was held, where they discussed issues such as home modification, skills to transfer disabled people and fall prevention. Groups such as an MS Support Group and a Parkinson's Support Group have met at the OT HOME to find out about products that may be helpful to them.

Funding for the OT HOME was received two years ago through a grant. During the 2001-02 school year, UF received \$83,262 from the Retirement



Ruth Ford, left, works with on an adaptive device with a student at the OT HOME.

Research Foundation in Chicago. This foundation supports programs that help older Americans improve their quality of life. The grant from the Retirement Research Foundation is used only to educate students and community members about aging adults, so the OT HOME is currently working on applying for three other grants. One deals with adolescents, which would allow them to hold an obesity camp. The other two grants are for mental health and aging.

For more information or to visit the OT HOME, contact Ruth Ford at x 5515.

TWO-DAY EQUESTRIAN HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPS SET

The University of Findlay's English riding program and Three Chimneys, Inc., will host 26 of the nation's finest collegiate riding teams in the two-day Intercollegiate Horse Show Association Holiday Tournament of Champions Invitational Saturday, Dec. 6, and Sunday, Dec. 7, at the Child Equestrian Complex.

Colleges and universities, many of them division I schools, will travel from as far as 2,400 miles to attend the tournament, which will feature jumping and flat competitions. Events will begin with opening ceremonies on Saturday at 8:15 a.m., followed by competition from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Sunday, jumping classes will begin at 8 a.m. followed by flat classes until 11 a.m. An awards ceremony will follow. Saturday will feature a Dressage Exhibition, and Sunday will feature a Vaulting Exhibition.

The Tournament of Champions is free and open to the public.

Schools Competing in the Tournament of Champions

Berry College (Georgia)
Centenary College (New Jersey)
University of Connecticut
Colorado State University
University of Delaware
University of Michigan
Mount Holyoke College (Massachusetts)
North Carolina State University
Penn State University
Rutgers University (New Jersey)
Stonehill College (Massachusetts)
Texas A&M
University of Fairfield (Connecticut)
Cal Poly-Pomona (California)
Ohio University
Miami University (Ohio)
Otterbein College (Ohio)
Purdue University (Indiana)
University of the South (Tennessee)
St. Andrews Presbyterian College (N. Carolina)
St. Lawrence University (New York)
Vanderbilt University (Tennessee)
Virginia Intermont College
Virginia Tech University
University of Wisconsin
The University of Findlay

MAP NAMED TOP PHILANTHROPIST

Marathon Ashland Petroleum LLC (MAP) and its employees were honored Nov. 13 as the 2003 Outstanding Corporate Philanthropist as a part of the National Philanthropy Day celebration. The University of Findlay nominated MAP for the award in recognition of the support received from the company and its employees through financial contributions and volunteer service.

In the Hancock County area, MAP employees partner with organizations such as the Black Heritage Library Association, Open Arms Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Services, American Cancer Society, Junior Achievement, City Mission, Habitat for Humanity and Read for L.I.F.E. MAP is also a United Way pacesetter organization.

MAP also supports the community involvement of its employees in the



Dr. DeBow Freed congratulates Pam (Moses '78) Beall, director of corporate affairs at Marathon Ashland Petroleum.

company's innovative Volunteer Incentive Program (VIP), by contributing to qualifying, tax-exempt organizations where eligible employees and/or their spouses have donated a minimum of 24 hours of volunteer service over the course of a year.

FINANCIAL AID CHANGES MADE

A few changes will be made in the way The University of Findlay awards financial aid starting in the fall of 2004.

One change will affect those students from area high schools who rank first or second in their class and want to attend UF. Previously, they were eligible for a full-tuition Valedictorian/Salutatorian Scholarship from UF.

This process has been complicated by the fact that many area schools sometimes have multiple students considered valedictorians and salutatorians and that high school grade point average has been the determining factor of these students' status in their high school classes. Further complications have come from the fact that some high schools use a 4.0 scale and some use a weighted 5.0 scale for grade point averages.

Starting in fall 2004, full-tuition scholarships will no longer be based on GPA alone but will take into account ACT/SAT scores as well. Only 10 full-tuition scholarships will be offered this coming fall, and students who apply must have a minimum composite ACT of 25 or 1,140 on the SAT. Applications are due Feb. 1, 2004.

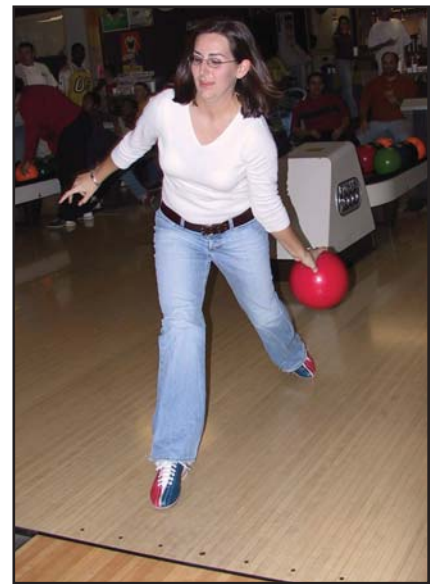
The other change in financial aid is the discontinuation of the Advantage program, which was started in 2000. In its place is the Academic Merit Award, which offers students \$6,000 to \$11,000 per year based on a combination of test scores and GPA. A two-year pilot of this award has shown its benefit to families and students.

UF's goals remain to attract the brightest students, assist the budget situation and better control enrollment growth, and it is thought that these changes will assist in those efforts.

ACTIVITIES HELP REDUCE STRESS AS EXAMS APPROACH



The men's hockey team won 5-0 and tied 2-2 in overtime against Canisius College Nov. 21 and 22. The team takes on Air Force Academy Dec. 5 and 6 at 7 p.m. here at home.



Bowling at Sportsman Lanes is a popular activity for students. This outing on Nov. 21 was sponsored by the International Club.



This student participates in the piano recital Nov. 20 in Ritz Auditorium.



These students use their sign language skills during the American Sign Language social Nov. 14.



Intramural volleyball is a popular activity for many UF students.



These students are finishing up some last-minute chores at the Senior Salute Nov. 20.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSES HELP UF CELEBRATE

Thursday, Dec. 11

Undergraduate Language & Culture Area & Graduate TESOL Program
1-3 p.m., 314 College St.

Alumni & Annual Giving Offices
2-4 p.m., 1316 N. Cory St.

Friday, Dec. 12

Career Services, Web Services, Hospitality Management, Institutional Advancement, Reading Center
9-11 a.m., UF Village & Pavilion

Monday, Dec. 15

Business Office
9-11 a.m., Old Main, first floor

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Old Main Offices
Monday, Dec. 15, 9-11 a.m.
Old Main lobby

Tuesday, Dec. 16

Physical Plant, 9-11 a.m.
217 W. Foulke

Wednesday, Dec. 17

SEEM, Athletics, Human Resources
9-11 a.m., Croy Lobby

Thursday, Dec. 18

Winebrenner Theological Seminary
9-11 a.m., WTS Atrium, first floor

CONCERT TO FEATURE SENIOR FLUTIST

The University of Findlay Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble will join to present their annual Christmas concert Sunday, Dec. 7, at 3 p.m. in Central Auditorium in Findlay.

Under the director of Jack M. Taylor, professor of music at UF, the bands will perform a concert titled "A Festival of Carols" featuring arrangements of familiar seasonal music.

Chelsea Bibler, a harpist from Fostoria, will provide the featured interlude music, along with narration by Dr. Marie Loudon-Hanes, dean of University College, director of the master of arts in liberal studies program and professor of art.

Katie Droll, a senior flutist from Fostoria, will be the featured soloist for the concert. Flute prelude music will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are free for students and UF employees with identification.



Members of the Physical Plant staff stop to talk with a vision expert at the Employee Benefits Fair Nov. 20. Shelley Brian gets a coffee from the George House booth, also at the fair.



A traditional Thanksgiving meal was served Nov. 26 to international and American students who did not have a place to go for the holiday.



Dr. Jim Houdeshell and Dick Strahm, right, talk with UF alumni at a reception Nov. 19 in the Cincinnati area. About 90 alumni and friends attended the event, which was sponsored by Brian Young '84 and his wife, Teresa. The event was planned by the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations and the Office of Institutional Advancement.