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EDUCATION MAJORS TRAINED IN SCHOOL SAFETY

More than 70 education majors participated in a school safety and security training session on Sept. 21.

The School of Environmental and Emergency Management (SEEM) led the session.

According to Dr. Melissa Cain, dean of the

College of Education, the training session was a way to be proactive about school safety and to prepare future teachers for today's educational environment. "We want our students to be prepared to assist in emergency preparedness, and violence prevention as well as environmental safety in the school districts they will serve," explained Cain.

Cain added that the program will become a permanent part of the requirements for UF education majors.

The interactive training session focused on:

- Measuring a school district's vulnerability to violence and incidents that impact the safety of students;
- Methods that can be used to prevent school violence;
- Responding to safety threats; and
- Assessing the mental health impact an



Harold Huffman, program manager for SEEM, led a training seminar on crisis management and planning for students in the College of Education on Sept. 21.

violence can have on students, and knowing how to treat the short and long-term mental health effects.

Randal Van Dyne, executive director of SEEM, said the training session was one of the first of its kind in the state of Ohio. "We believe that it is way past time to start educating future teachers while they are still in college about the issue of school violence prevention and safety and other aspects of emergency response," said Van Dyne.

Van Dyne added that violence in the classroom is an ongoing, significant concern to schools across the country.

According to the U. S. Department of Justice, each year 35,000 students bring guns into their classrooms, 160,000 students skip school to avoid physical abuse and 6,250 teachers are threatened with bodily harm.

SEEM RECEIVES ACCREDITATION

The Master of Science in Environmental, Safety and Health Management degree has received conditional accreditation from the Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council (EHAC).

The EHAC is the national accreditation council that promotes and sets the standards for high quality education in the field of environmental health.

The EHAC criteria for graduate program accreditation includes curriculum standards, faculty development and retention, enrollment criteria, program funding and management oversight of the program.

UF is one of only six programs in the country that has a graduate program accredited under these standards.

According to Dr. William S. Carter, director of the Environmental Safety and Health Management Program, receiving accreditation will result in a significant benefit for the students in the program.

"Only students from accredited programs are eligible to participate in the Commission Officer Student Extern Training Program of the U.S. Public Health Service," Carter explained. "In addition, graduation from an accredited program is a requirement to enter the U.S. Public Health Service."

STULMAN'S NEW BOOK EXAMINES JEREMIAH

Dr. Louis Stulman, professor of religious studies, has written a new book on Jeremiah, the longest prophetic writing in the Hebrew Bible.

The book, *The Abingdon Old Testament Commentary on Jeremiah*, is part of a series of commentaries on the Old Testament published by Abingdon Press.

According to Stulman, while Jeremiah is one of the most complex books in the Bible, it is actually a haunting, artistic tapestry that deals with a nation's attempt to come to terms with the horrors of war, military occupation and forced deportation.

The first half of Jeremiah reenacts the dismantling of Israel's most cherished social structures and religious beliefs. The second half maps out hopes for refugees living under the shadow of Babylonian hegemony. Without this prophetic corpus, the earliest Jewish Diaspora in Babylon may not have survived.

Stulman observed that the book of

Jeremiah has particular relevance for the state of current world affairs. Its images of social chaos are no longer unfamiliar to most of us, and its constructions of hope are particularly important due to widespread, palpable disease.

"Another remarkable feature of Jeremiah and the other Old Testament prophets is that even though they spoke more than 2,500 years ago, their vision of social justice and call for compassion, especially towards the poor and disenfranchised, has endured the test of time. They still, in large measure, shape our understanding of the just society," Stulman reflected.

The book is Stulman's fifth on the prophet Jeremiah, and his sixth overall. Other books are "Inspired Speech: Prophecy in the Ancient Near East. Essays in Honor of Herbert B. Huffmon" (with John Kaltner, eds.), "Order Amid Chaos: Jeremiah as Symbolic Tapestry," "Troubling Jeremiah" (with Pete Diamond and Kathleen O'Connor, eds.) and "The



Other Text of Jeremiah."

"For me, writing is fascinating and rewarding. It is part of teaching. It keeps me fresh and curious," Stulman said. "But it also has its frustrations too. There is a certain discipline involved in writing over a course of time."

The book can be purchased on Amazon.com or Cokesbury.com.

MILLIGAN NAMED AS DANA CHAIR

Pauline Milligan has been selected as the Dana Chair Executive-in-Residence for the 2005-06 year.

The chair was established through a gift from the Dana Corporation to strengthen ties between the academic and practicing sides of the area's business community.



Pauline Milligan

In her capacity as Dana Chair, Milligan is a guest lecturer in the College of Business, and serves as a mentor to students who are named Dana Scholars.

Milligan is vice president of business development at ACI Construction Company, Inc., in Alvada, Ohio.

The Dana Scholars for this year are:

Caleb Fledderjohann, a senior

finance major;

Erica Elling, a senior small business/entrepreneurship major;

Heather Engler, a senior business management and international business major;

Caleb Fledderjohn, a senior finance major;

Karl Forsthoefel, a senior economics major;

Troy Golding, a senior finance and accounting major;

Bethany Joseph, a senior hospitality management major;

Jeffrey Pax, a senior business management major;

Pamela Shafer, a senior human resource management and business management major;

Daniel A. Smith, a senior business management and marketing major; and

Laura Yost, a senior accounting major.

FACULTY SENATE ELECTS OFFICERS

The Faculty Senate elected new officers during its first meeting of the academic year on Sept. 19.

Dr. Nicole Diederich, associate professor of English and director of the Writing Center, was elected as chair of Faculty Senate.

Ben Sapp, deputy director of the Mazza Museum and instructor of education, was elected as vice chair.

They will serve in these positions for the 2005-06 academic year.

Nancy Leatherman will continue to serve as Faculty Senate secretary.

CAMPUS BUSY WITH EARLY FALL ACTIVITY



Seventy-two students, faculty and staff from UF and Winebrenner participated in this year's Days of Caring service projects on Sept. 15 and 16.



A time capsule was discovered recently during renovations to the entryway of Renninger Gym. The capsule contained issues of the *Alumnus*, and various alumni and fundraising materials from 1979 and 1980. The capsule was hidden by John C. Hutson, former director of alumni, on Aug. 19, 1980.



Freshmen in the FYE class, "Men and Women in Television and Literature," learned how gender roles are represented in toys by role-playing with Barbie dolls. The activity was led by Dr. Diana Montague and Dr. Nicole Diederich.



More than 50 boxes of office supplies, medical supplies and clothing were donated by the University community to special needs refugees of Hurricane Katrina. The refugees are being cared for at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La.

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Dr. Toshio Akiba, associate professor at Kyusyu University of Health and Welfare in Japan, presented "Status of African Countries: Health and Development on Sept. 6. Akiba was the faculty adviser for the 2005 UF-Kake Ambassador Program.



Dr. Micheal F. Anders, director of choral activities, performed a compilation of 20th century American songs at the Faculty Voice Recital on Sept. 14.

FACULTY ROUNDTABLE SHARES SCHOLARSHIP

On Friday afternoons a growing group of faculty get together to discuss new scholarly books or research during the Faculty Roundtable.

According to Dr. Mark Polelle, director of history, political science and law and the liberal arts and organizer of the group, the Faculty Roundtable is a venue to showcase UF's faculty. "First and foremost, our goal is to highlight UF faculty and their research. We do this by showing faculty in action as they discuss or debate the merits of a serious book or article," explained Polelle. "It's great to see faculty think on their feet."

"Book discussion groups are popular nationwide, but we feel that adding discussion of UF faculty research takes the concept to a higher plane. The roundtable is becoming an institution on campus that helps make UF distinct," added Polelle.

Dr. Matt Stolick, associate professor

of philosophy, and Dr. Gary Johnson, assistant professor of English, originally established the Faculty Roundtable five years ago.

Already this year, the group has held discussions on Peter Kramer's book "Against Depression" led by Stolick, the book "Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everyday Economics," by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner, and George Keller's book "Transforming a College: the Story of a Little Known College's Strategic Climb to National Prominence," led by Polelle.

The schedule of books for future discussions this semester includes "The New American Militarism" by Andrew Bacevich, "Truth" by Simon Blackburn, and "The Koran."

The Faculty Roundtable meets Fridays at 4 p.m. Faculty, staff and students are invited to attend.

FRAMPTON FEATURED IN MAGAZINE

Dr. Robert Frampton, director of the Physical Therapy Program, was featured in the Aug. 15 issue of *Advance for Physical Therapists & PT Assistants*.

Frampton was interviewed for the magazine's "In the Spotlight" section about his experiences and career choices in becoming a physical therapist.

In the article, Frampton talked about the importance UF's Physical Therapy Program puts on students. "Findlay is a university that does more than just give lip service to families

about having a student-centered focus. It is a teaching institution and we are growing, with graduate programming and faculty. I think for me there's a lot of potential here. And I have support from administrators and faculty in other areas."

Frampton also recently acquired his certification for Ai Chi Instruction, which is a water exercise and relaxation program which helps improve flexibility, range of motion, metabolism and stress levels.

VILLAGE CAFÉ OPENS

The Hospitality Management Program's Village Café is open for business.

The café is located in the UF Village, and is open Tuesdays and Thursdays 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost is \$8.00.

The menu themes for the semester include "Taste of the World," "An Afternoon in Rome," "Viva Espana" and "Home for the Holidays."

Reservations are required prior to the meal and can be made by calling Ext. 4097.

NATIONAL COLUMNIST TO SPEAK AT UF

Ruben Navarrete will be the keynote speaker for the fourth annual Gift of Hope Hispanic Scholarship Benefit Dinner Tuesday, Oct. 11 at 6 p.m. in the AMU.

Navarrete will discuss "Take a Risk, Live your Dream: A Motivational Speech for College Students."



Navarrete is a nationally syndicated columnist with the Washington Post Writers Group and has appeared in 60 papers, including The Courier, as well as larger papers such as the L.A. Times and The Boston Globe.

His first book, *A Darker Shade of Crimson: Odyssey of a Harvard Chicano*, was published in 1993. A Harvard graduate and former radio talk show host, Navarrete regularly provides commentary on current affairs issues on CNN, CNBC, NPR and "The Newshour with Jim Lehrer" on PBS. He began his writing career with more than 200 freelance articles in publications across the country.

Tickets for the dinner are \$30. Student admission to only the lecture is free. The deadline for registration is Sept. 27.

For more information, contact Ann Brossia at 419-434-4794.

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