

UF Plans Crisis Response, Trains Team

On May 12, a group of University faculty and staff members, as well as community first responders, discussed how to handle the after-effects of a tornado that destroyed parts of campus, leaving many injuries and two fatalities in its path.

The scenario, fortunately, was fictional but entirely possible in this part of Ohio. The University of Findlay participated in a tabletop exercise sponsored by both the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the State of Ohio Homeland Security Grant Exercise Program. Findlay was one of only two private institutions to be selected to participate in this type of training.

The purpose of the exercise was to provide participants – those

who would be heavily involved if a disaster did occur on campus – the opportunity to review and discuss the plans in place for a response to a natural disaster such as a tornado.

According to Matt Bruskotter, program manager at the All Hazards Training Center (AHTC), the exercise gave the participants an opportunity for “a general feel of how an emergency would work, what the stresses may be during that situation and what issues they may be faced with.”

“Any time you can get an outside group to come in and take a look at what you’ve done and how you react and respond is a valuable exercise simply because you can be too close to what you’re doing,” said Bruskotter.

The Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA), which facilitated the exercise, will issue an after-action report and present the results to the participants in June. Exercise evaluators will offer suggestions for areas of improvement, and OEMA representatives will follow up periodically to check on the University’s progress in improving those areas.

With the AHTC on campus, the University is more familiar than many campuses with crisis response planning. UF’s crisis response plan was originally drafted by David Emsweller, vice president for student services, and later revised and updated by Bruskotter. The plan

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‘Snoopy!!!’ Will Open UF’s SummerStock

The SummerStock season will open Wednesday, June 15, with “Snoopy!!! The Musical” in the Egner Center for the Performing Arts.

“Snoopy!!!” runs at 8 p.m. June 15-18 and at 2 p.m. June 19.

Based on the “Peanuts” comic strip by Charles M. Schulz, “Snoopy!!!” will delight audiences with the energy and optimism of its familiar characters.

Told through the eyes of that famous beagle, the charming, warm-hearted musical is composed of a series of vignettes featuring the “Peanuts” gang, including Charlie Brown, Lucy, Sally, Linus, Peppermint Patty and Woodstock. Filled

with more than 15 toe-tapping tunes, the show teaches life lessons about the power of friendship and believing in yourself.

The musical is based on the book by Charles M. Schulz Creative Associates, with music by Larry Grossman and lyrics by Hal Hackady.

The SummerStock season will continue with “Bye Bye Birdie” July 6-10 and “The Drowsy Chaperone” July 20-24.

Tickets are \$35 per ticket for the entire season or \$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.



Crisis Response Team Trained and Ready

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continues to be updated, based on new information about best practices and additional information to make the response more effective and successful. A condensed version of the plan can be found on the website of the Office of Safety and Security.

To effectively implement the written plan, the University has a crisis response team of 26 people, plus

their backups. The team consists of decision makers across campus, as well as people who have the skills or knowledge necessary for an effective crisis response, such as staff members from the Cosiano Health Center and the Office of Public Information, among others.

Many of the people on the crisis response team also are members of a risk management committee, which meets quarterly and deals with risks

to the University that may not be considered emergencies. The flashing traffic signs that were recently installed on campus, for example, are a result of that committee.

Next spring, the entire campus will have an opportunity to see portions of the crisis response system in action. A tornado drill will be practiced, using all of the available warning notification systems that are in place.

NMR Spectrometer Increases Students' Abilities to do Chemical Research

Never before has anyone at the University been able to fully identify the complete structure of a chemical. Now, faculty and students are able to break down chemical formulas and identify any organic compound with the help of a nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectrometer.

This instrument is used heavily in research- and chemistry-related curricula. It is an important tool for the structural identification of chemicals like organic compounds, pharmaceuticals and environmental pollutants.

The spectrometer operates with a tremendous magnetic force field, which in this case, is generated by a 400 megahertz Oxford magnet. It identifies an organic chemical's structure by photographing it at a molecular level. The NMR operates under the same principles as the magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machine that is used in hospitals.

These mega-NMR machines retail for between \$300,000—400,000 each. The University acquired a used spectrometer last fall from a pharmaceutical company and set it up for student and faculty use for less than one-third of the cost of a new machine.

Previously, students learned and practiced organic structure identification from textbook examples and theories alone. Now, they have the opportunity to develop and perform research projects while remaining on campus to practice what they have learned instead of traveling to Toledo or Columbus to utilize the NMR machines of other universities.

Hafed A. Bascal, Ph.D., assistant professor of chemistry, calls the spectrometer the “bread and butter of organic chemistry. With this machine, the University is one step closer to establishing a full-fledged major in chemistry.”

In addition, ownership of this piece of equipment is a requirement for certification by the American Chemistry Society (ACS) and can help the chemistry program promote its chemistry major.

Richard Dudley, Ph.D., assistant professor and chair of pharmaceutical sciences, commented that the acquisition of a spectrometer multiplies UF's research abilities exponentially; making this an important milestone for the University.

The multi-disciplinary use of the instrument encourages cooperation and collaboration among the colleges. Students will gain a tremen-



Photo provided

This nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectrometer helps researchers to identify organic compounds. It is housed in a laboratory in the Davis Street Building.

dous amount of educational value from the spectrometer, according to Rahul S. Khupse, Ph.D., assistant professor of pharmaceutical sciences. “Seeing is believing! The NMR machine allows students to actually see the chemical structures that they are using for their research and labs.”

By Elizabeth Scarff '11, organizational communication major

Grant Brings Young Professionals to UF

At right, participants in the Trans-Saharan Professionals Program enjoy an American culture class, taught by Craig Haines, assistant director of immigration, May 23.

UF received a nearly \$600,000 grant from the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs Fulbright Program to address unemployment rates among young adults in Africa. The program, coordinated through the College of Business, offers entrepre-

neurship education and experiential learning through on-site training.

Participants will apprentice with local small business professionals in their chosen fields, identified with the help of the Findlay Rotary Clubs.



A. Risser Lee

Findlay Welcomes Summer Campers

UF welcomes the following summer camp groups in June:

- June 4-5, AYB basketball tour
- June 6-8, football kids camp
- June 6-9, baseball day camp
- June 7-9, Oiler volleyball middle school overnight
- June 8-10, Great Lakes Ohio Churches of God Conference
- June 8-10, pharmacy I
- June 12, men's basketball elite camp I
- June 12-17, English equestrian I
- June 12-17, western equestrian I
- June 13-15, pharmacy II
- June 13-16, Western Ohio Women's Basketball youth camp
- June 17-18, men's basketball team camp session I
- June 17-19, Schaffer Memorial Tennis Tournament (rain date June 24-26)
- June 18-19, Western Ohio Women's Basketball team camp I
- June 19-24, English equestrian II
- June 19-24, western equestrian II
- June 19-24, ESL workshop teachers
- June 20-21, men's basketball team camp session II
- June 22-23, Western Ohio Women's Basketball team camp II
- June 24-26, men's basketball team camp session III
- June 29-30, men's basketball team camp session IV

Office Name Changing from Development to Advancement, New VP Search Begins

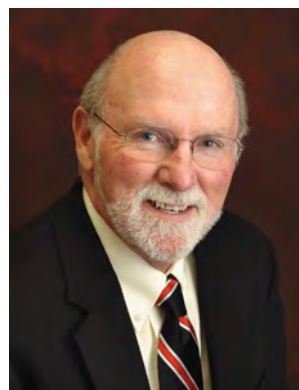
As the search for a new vice president to head the fundraising, alumni and communications areas begins, the title of the office is being changed to reflect the diverse areas it incorporates.

"The office will be renamed Advancement in order to better incorporate the Alumni and Parent Relations, Public Information and Web and Media Technology Services areas, along with Development," said Katherine Fell, Ph.D., president. "The title 'Advancement' also reflects the office's goal: to advance the institution in terms of its image and its relationships with its

constituents, as well as its financial foundation."

Fell announced on May 8 that David P. Ferguson, vice president of Development, has decided to step down and that a national firm, Academic Search Inc., has been retained to guide the University in a national search for a replacement.

Serving on the committee are C. Richard Beckett, D.V.M., Board of Trustees chair and



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committee chair; Lynn Child and Ed Urbaniak '77, representatives of the Board of Trustees; Elicia (Naftzger '87) Davis and Pam Hamlin '94, M'98, alumni association representatives; and Randy Van Dyne and Chris Ward, campus representatives, with Cindy Lahey, executive administrative assistant to the vice president of Advancement, as administrative liaison.

New Trustee, Trustees Emeritus Approved

The University of Findlay's Board of Trustees recently elected Michael E. Harrington of Barrington Hills, Ill., to the board.

Harrington is president of Oak Ridge Investments in Chicago.

He is a member of St. Anne's Church and is active in community affairs, such as Barrington Youth Football and Barrington Park District basketball. Harrington also has been involved as a big brother with Mercy Home for Boys Friends First program; a licensee of the Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation; and a fundraiser for the ALS Association.

Harrington also is a member of the University's College of Business Advisory Board.

Harrington's father, John (Jack) H. Harrington (honorary doctorate '94) was chair of the Findlay College/The University of Findlay's Board of Trustees from 1983 to 1994, and a member of the board from 1976 until his death in 2005.

Michael Harrington received an MBA in finance from The Ohio State University and a B.S. in business administration from Miami University. He also has completed executive education studies at Wharton Business School at the University of Pennsylvania.

He resides in Chicago with his wife, Anne Pramaggiore, and son.

The board also approved trustee emeritus status for both Jerald F. Clark and D. Richard Stephens.

Clark is president and CEO, and serves on the board of directors, of Atlas Industries Inc. in Fremont. He was a member of the board from 1998-2010.



Michael E. Harrington

Stephens is retired from Cooper Tire and Rubber Co., where he was president of the North American Tire Division from 2004-2006. He was a member of the board from 2002-2011.

Findlay Hosts Ohio Saitama University Scholarship Recipient, Expands Program

During the 2010-2011 academic year, the University hosted Rika Ito, goodwill ambassador and Ohio Saitama University Scholarship recipient.

Ito, of the Saitama Prefecture in Japan, attended undergraduate courses at Findlay. She was active on and off campus, and she received the Outstanding Undergraduate Intercultural Student Leader award for her work.

Prior to her departure from Ohio, Ito met the governor of Ohio, John Kasich. As the goodwill ambassador for the Saitama Prefecture, Ito presented Kasich with a gift of three ceramic plates, which depict the flower of Saitama, sakuraso, and a letter from the governor of Saitama, Kiyoshi Ueda.

UF has hosted a Saitama student since 1996. Beginning this fall, UF will expand the program and host three Saitama scholarship recipients. Two of the students will participate in an engineering exchange program with Nissin Brake Ohio as a host partner. The engineering students will study on campus in the Intensive English Language Program in the morning and will study engineering at Nissin in the afternoon.



Photo provided

Hiroaki Kawamura, Ph.D., chair of the department of language and culture, Governor John Kasich and Rika Ito, goodwill ambassador to Saitama Prefecture, pose for a photo with three plates given to Kasich from the governor of Saitama, Kiyoshi Ueda.

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