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FORMER PRESIDENT RASMUSSEN DIES

Dr. Glen R. Rasmussen, former president of Findlay College (now The University of Findlay), died Feb. 4, 2005 in Buies Creek, N.C. He was 83.

Dr. Glen R. Rasmussen was named the 14th president of Findlay College in March 1972

and served until his retirement on Aug. 31, 1983.

During his tenure, the college improved its financial stability, its facilities, the quality of its programs and its salaries for faculty and staff members.



Rasmussen

His presidency also saw the following programs established: the Office of Community Education, WLFC-FM radio station, the Intensive English Language Institute, Office of Career Education, equestrian studies program, freshman seminar program, Weekend College, bilingual/multicultural program and the pre-veterinary medicine program.

“If there was any one word which would characterize the 1972-1982 years, it would be ‘innovation,’ according to Dr. Richard Kern’s book, *Findlay College: The First 100 Years*.

“Employing a genial, low-keyed and reasoning style of leadership, President Rasmussen worked steadily with the faculty, staff, Board of Trustees and community in exploring ways to locate and meet educational needs within the framework of a liberal arts program.”

Dr. Rasmussen devoted 35 years to higher education. Prior to coming to Findlay College, he was vice president for academic affairs and professor of psychology at Morningside College, in Sioux City, Iowa, for four years.

From 1963-68, he was vice president, academic dean and professor of psychology at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wis. He was a professor of psychology and education at Southern Illinois University from 1962-63. He served as a professor of educational psychology at the University of Michigan, Flint campus, from 1956 to 1962; a lecturer in the UM School of Education from 1952-56; a lecturer in psychology at Eastern Michigan University from 1951-52; and an assistant professor and director of instrumental music at Georgia Southern College in

Statesboro, Ga., from 1948-50.

Active in the community, he served as a director of the Findlay Area Chamber of Commerce and as a trustee of the United Way of Hancock County. He was a member of the Findlay Rotary Club and the Findlay Symposium.

Dr. Rasmussen was born on April 23, 1921, in Chicago. He served in the U.S. Army from 1942-46.

He earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in music from Wayne State University and obtained a doctor of philosophy degree in educational psychology from the University of Michigan in 1953.

Dr. Rasmussen is survived by his wife Joyce, daughter Carol, and sons Paul, David, Neil and Steven. A memorial service for Dr. Rasmussen was held on Feb. 7 in Buies Creek.

UF IN TOP TIER OF MIDWEST RANKINGS

UF is ranked in the top tier of Midwestern universities in *U.S. News and World Report’s* 2005 edition of *America’s Best Colleges*.

For 2005, *U.S. News and World Report* ranked 572 masters level public and private universities within four regions, North, South, Midwest, and West. Findlay is among the 142 colleges and universities in the Midwestern region, which includes 12 states, extending from Ohio through the Dakotas. All of the institutions offer a wide range of baccalaureate and masters programs, and some offer professional doctorates.

Institutions are ranked in a top tier, which includes about half of the colleges



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and universities in that region, a third tier or a fourth tier. Each of the latter includes about 25 percent of the universities in that region. Findlay is in the top tier for 2005 and hopes to continue to move up in rankings in this tier in each successive year.

SENIORS SHOWCASE ART

The UF Senior Art Exhibit will be on display in the Dudley and Mary Marks Lea Gallery in the Gardner Fine Art Pavilion through March 18. The gallery is open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Nearly 200 faculty, staff, students, community members and the family members turned out for a reception for the artists on Sunday, Feb. 13. Some of the visitors came from as far away from Florida for the reception.

The show features works by 22 senior artists: **Laura Beach**, a studio art and graphic communication major from Findlay; **Cassie Beard**, a studio art major from Urbana, Ohio; **Vanessa Boutwell-Dietsch**, a studio art major from Findlay; **Sara Caudill**, a studio art major from Rosewood, Ohio; **Hannah Evans**, a studio art and art management major from Findlay; **Kimberly Fisher**, a graphic communication major from Findlay; **Amanda Frederick**, a studio art major from Findlay; **Rebekah Noel Hoos**, a multi-age visual art education major from

Findlay; **Jessie Huser**, a children's book illustration and studio art major from Cincinnati; **Kat Jarvis**, a multi-age visual art education, studio art and children's book illustration major from Pataskala, Ohio; **Bryan Kent**, a graphic communication major from Ada, Ohio; **Carrie Kindred**, a multi-age visual art education major from Bluffton, Ohio; **Jon Kirklen Jr.**, an art major from Lima, Ohio; **Jackie Kopf**, a visual communication major from Tiffin, Ohio; **Maria Marrufo Ramirez**, an art major from Caracas, Venezuela; **Kathryn McCurdy**, a multi-age visual art education major from Ada, Ohio; **Hillary Miller**, an art major from Arlington, Ohio; **Anita Ramey**, a studio art major from Franklin Furnace, Ohio; **Jennifer Rodes**, a graphic communication major from Cincinnati; **Lee Simon**, a graphic communication major from Wharton, Ohio; **April Walker**, a graphic communication major from Mount Blanchard, Ohio; and **Tiffany Wortman**, an art management major from Findlay.



Twenty-two students are in the 2005 senior art class, making it the largest class in the program's history. Their art is on display in the Lea Gallery through March 18.

HARADA IS CHAMBER'S VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Dr. Fumiko Harada, professor of Japanese and special assistant to the president, was honored as the Findlay•Hancock County Chamber of Commerce's 2004 Volunteer of the Year and the recipient of the its Chairman's Award during the chamber's Jan. 27 annual luncheon.

Since joining UF and the Findlay community in 1989, Dr. Harada has served as a liaison among Findlay organizations, Japanese businesses dealing with area businesses and Japanese people making their homes in Findlay.

Dr. Harada often serves as an expert in Japanese culture and protocol when dignitaries from Japan visit Findlay and vice versa.

She recently accompanied a group of Findlay businesspeople to Japan and Taiwan to explore business and investment opportunities. Dr. Harada has also been instrumental in organizing English as a second language programs in the Findlay City Schools.

"Fumiko's footprints are inversely proportional to her height," Natsuki Fujii, president of Bridgestone APM Co., said at the chamber luncheon. "She has left her mark everywhere."



Photo courtesy of Hiroaki Kawamura

Dr. Harada, center, was honored for her community efforts Jan. 27.

FACULTY RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE AND SERVICE

Dr. Fumiko K. Harada was recognized as the recipient of the 2005 David Allen Award for Teaching Excellence, and Steven L. Beck was recognized as the recipient of the 2005 Founder's Academic Excellence Award for Faculty at the University's Recognition and Appreciation Dinner on Friday, Feb. 11.

Six faculty members also were honored for 20 years of service to UF.

Dr. Harada, professor of Japanese and special assistant to the president, is the recipient of the 2005 David Allen Award for Teaching Excellence. According to Dr. Dan May, vice president of academic affairs, "Her students know that her classes are very challenging, but they also know that she is a very committed and caring teacher who always makes time for them."



Dr. Harada joined UF in 1989. In addition to building the Japanese program, she provides tremendous support and guidance to the UF international student population. For nearly a decade, Dr. Harada has organized exchange and visit opportunities for UF faculty and Findlay city educators with Japanese elementary and high schools, universities and companies. Her service to the families of employees at Japanese companies in Findlay and northwest Ohio is a model of intercultural cooperation.

Prof. Steven Beck, associate professor of communication and adviser to WLFC-FM, is the recipient of the 2005 Founder's Academic Excellence Award For Faculty.

Prof. Beck joined UF in 1996. An engaging, student-centered professor, Prof. Beck has developed the broadcast telecommunication emphasis, UF-TV and Oiler Productions. He has contributed greatly to the communication major, the PRSSA student organization and the annual Communication Day. He has served as Faculty Senate chair, is on numerous University committees and is active in the



First Lutheran Church.

Mr. Stephen F. Brown, director of the Western Riding Program and instructor of riding, joined UF in 1984 as a barn manager. During his tenure at UF, the successes of the Western Equestrian Studies Program have been favorable under his direction. Over the last 20 years, the program has had a record number of students, nearly 100 percent employment placement for graduates, hundreds of horses trained for the public by students and both Reserve and National Championships from the western IHSA team.



Prof. Craig E. Gunnett, assistant professor of computer science, started at UF in 1984 as an instructor of computer science. Prof. Gunnett has taught and developed many courses in programming languages, data structures, operating systems and web technologies. He has advised the Association for Computing Machinery and served as assistant director of Information Technology Services. He has served on the Student Academic Standards Committee, the Church Relations Council and the Freshman Orientation Committee. Prof. Gunnett chairs the Faculty Academic Excellence Award selection committee.



Prof. Teresa J. LaRocco, assistant professor of English, joined UF in 1984 as an instructor of humanities. Over her years of service to the University, she has taught many English writing and literature courses as well as various reading courses. Prof. LaRocco has taught in the First-Year Seminar Program and the Lima prisons program. She proposed, researched and taught the English writing course, ENGL 107. She also took a lead role in the University's technology efforts by being one of the first faculty members to participate in



the TLTC pilot laptop program. Prof. LaRocco has been involved with various UF committees such as Faculty Development, Faculty Services, Student Services, General Education and Student Academic Standards.

Dr. Peter Maldonado, dean of the College of Business and associate professor of business, joined UF in 1984 as an associate professor of business. Under Dr. Maldonado's leadership, the College of Business has thrived. He was appointed to dean of the college in 2004. Previously, Dr. Maldonado was chair of the Division of Business Administration. He is a member of the National Association of Accountants, the Institute of International Auditors, the American Accounting Association and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.



Prof. Elaine M. Markon, assistant director of the Nuclear Medicine Institute, joined UF in 1984 as an assistant professor of physics. When the Nuclear Medicine Institute moved to UF from Hillcrest Hospital in Cleveland, she served as director until 2003. She has been a member of the University's Library Committee and the Women's Studies Committee. She has served on the board of directors for the Joint Review Committee for Nuclear Medicine Technology.



Prof. Judith M. McCrory, co-director of mathematics and assistant professor of mathematics, joined UF in 1984 as a mathematics instructor. She was promoted to assistant professor in 1987. Her strong mathematics background and love for teaching creates an exciting classroom environment by using technology, projects and student experiences. She is a member of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and the Mathematics Association of America.



FACULTY PROMOTIONS AND TENURE

Personal actions taken at the recent meeting of the Board of Trustees are noted below.

Promoted from Assistant to Associate Professor:

Prof. Michael Edelbrock, assistant director of the School of Environmental Emergency Management master's degree program. Prof. Edelbrock holds a B.S. in chemistry from the University of Cincinnati; an M.S. in environmental management from UF; and a Ph.D. in molecular biology from Medical College of Ohio (dissertation in progress with planned completion in 2006).



He is commended for research activities at MCO and promotion of student-involved research activities on campus and at MCO.

Dr. Robert Frampton, director of the Physical Therapy Program and associate professor of physical therapy. Dr. Frampton holds a B.S. in health sciences/physical therapy from Duquesne University; an M.P.T. in physical therapy from Duquesne University; and a D.H.C.E. in health care ethics from Duquesne.



He is commended for leadership and advising roles in physical therapy and University service.

Dr. Quentin Skrabec, associate professor of business. Dr. Skrabec holds a B.S. in material engineering from the University of Michigan; an M.S. in metallurgical engineering from The Ohio State University; an M.B.A. from Robert Morris College; and a Ph.D. in manufacturing management from The University of Toledo.



He is commended for scholarship, including several published books, service, and curriculum development for operations management and logistics.

Dr. Matthew Stolick, associate professor of philosophy. Dr. Stolick holds a B.A. in philosophy from Westminster College; an M.A. and a Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Tennessee.



He is commended for strong publication record in ethics, commitment to undergraduate teaching and service learning, and service. Dr. Stolick was also awarded tenure.

Prof. John Wolper, area director of the Hospitality Management Program. Prof. Wolper holds a B.S. in hotel, restaurant and travel administration from the University of Massachusetts; an M.S. in hotel restaurant and travel administration from the University of Massachusetts; and an Ed.D. in leadership administration from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania (dissertation in progress with planned completion in 2005).



He is commended for outstanding service and establishment of facilities and internship opportunities for hospitality management.

Sabbatical leaves for 2005-06:

Dr. Jean Folkert, director of the Recreation Therapy Program and associate professor of health science, fall only. She will perform a consulting role with the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation.

Dr. Milton Peters, professor of psychology, half time for fall and spring. He will study online course development and research online teaching efficacy.

Dr. Mark Polelle, director of history, political science and law and the liberal arts, associate professor, half time for fall and spring. He will prepare a manuscript for

publication and develop courses.

Dr. Rich Smith, professor of philosophy, director of the philosophy program, spring only. He will conduct research on philosophers' deaths.

Prof. Anthony Wilgus, associate professor of social work, fall only. He will complete a manuscript for publication and serve as an adjunct professor at the State University of New York in Stony Brook.

Continuing contract:

Prof. Kay Ericson, assistant professor of physician assistant. She holds a Physician Assistant Certificate from Essex Community College and Johns Hopkins; a B.S. in interdisciplinary studies from West Virginia; and a M.A. in education from UF (in progress).

Prof. Robert Spears, assistant professor of physician assistant. He holds a B.S. in health sciences from George Washington University; a B.S. in physician assistant from George Washington University; and an M.P.A.S. from the University of Nebraska.

UF NAMED COLLEGE OF DISTINCTION

UF has been featured in the 2005 edition of "Colleges of Distinction," an online college guide profiling America's best bets in higher education.

Based on the opinions of guidance counselors, educators and admissions professionals, Colleges of Distinction honors colleges that excel in key areas of educational quality. In order to qualify for inclusion, The University of Florida was evaluated for its performance in the four distinction areas: engaged students, great teaching, vibrant communities and successful outcomes.

The University is profiled in the book, "Colleges of Distinction," and is listed on the Web site www.collegesofdistinction.com.

SPEAKERS, MEETINGS MARK FEBRUARY

Photo courtesy of Laura Beach



Prompted by the deadly tsunami in South Asia on December 26, 2004, Dr. Yevgeniy Kontar, adjunct professor of geology and an international expert on oceanography and hydrogeology, presented a lecture on tsunamis on Feb. 3.



Photo courtesy of Rebecca Shell

Occupational Therapy expert Dr. Carolyn Baum visited campus Feb. 17-18, giving presentations and meeting with students and faculty, including Dr. Thomas Dillon and Dr. Lisa Dutton.



Black History Month activities at UF started Feb. 1 with the distribution of free violet wristbands symbolizing a commitment to racial harmony and unity. Dr. John Malacos and others got their wristbands from Charles Warren.



Findlay Mayor Tony Iriti gave his state of the city address on Feb. 8 in the Grimm Theatre. The address was broadcast live by UF-TV.



Guitarist Ryann Anderson entertained the campus during a Coffee House event on Feb. 9 in the AMU.

OT EXPERT CAROLYN BAUM WILL VISIT UF

Dr. Carolyn Baum, a national expert on enabling older adults to live independently and the president of the American Occupational Therapy Association, will present two public lectures on Thursday, Feb. 17, in the Alumni Memorial Union.

Her first talk will be at 4 p.m. and will focus on "The Older Adult: Occupational Performance and Rehabilitation Issues," and her second lecture will be at 7 p.m. and will focus on "Building the Future in Occupational Therapy: Opportunities and Responsibilities."

She will be on campus through Friday, Feb. 18, to meet with students in Findlay's Occupational Therapy Program and tour the program's facilities. Her visit is sponsored by the

University's Convocations Committee.

Baum is the Elias Michael Director of the Washington University School of Medicine's Program in Occupational Therapy in St. Louis. Her research on aging and rehabilitation has been recognized by funding from the National Institutes of Health, the James S. McDonnell Foundation, the Social Security Administration and the Older Adults Service and Information System. She has co-authored and edited numerous books including *Occupational Therapy: Enabling Function and Well-Being*, which is used in occupational therapy curriculums all over the world. She also served on The Institute of Medicine committee that wrote the report, "Enabling America for Congress," which subsequently was

published as a book. She currently is an editor of the *Journal OTJR: Occupation, Participation and Health*. She serves on the Executive Board for The Rehabilitation Institute of St. Louis.

Baum also has been involved in two major rehabilitation policy initiatives. She served on the National Institute of Health committee that wrote the rehabilitation plan for Congress that implemented the National Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research.

Her honors and awards include the American Occupational Therapy Association's top two honors, the Eleanor Clarke Slagel Lectureship and the Award of Merit.

FRAMPTON TO PRESENT AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Dr. Robert Frampton, director of The University of Findlay's Physical Therapy Program, has been invited to present at the Aquatic Therapy and Rehabilitation Institute's 2005 Professional Development Days on February 19 in Oklahoma City, Okla.



Frampton will lead a discussion on "The Ethical Dimension in Aquatic Rehabilitation." "There are many ethical concerns that are a part of aquatic rehabilitation of patient," Frampton explained. "The concerns run the gamut from appropriate physical contact in the pool to poor business practices that don't have the patient's best interest in mind."

Frampton is an expert in the fields of healthcare ethics and cardiopulmonary physical therapy.

He has been appointed to the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Athletic Trainers Board by Governor Bob Taft, and is a member of the Bioethics Network of Ohio and the American Physical Therapy Association.

He has been invited to give numerous presentations at conferences across the country on healthcare ethics, the end-of-life debate and ethics and elderly care.

Frampton holds a doctorate of healthcare ethics from Duquesne University of the Holy Ghost, Pittsburgh, Pa.; a graduate certificate in bioethics from Youngstown State University, Youngstown, Ohio; a master's in physical therapy and a bachelor's of health sciences from Duquesne University of the Holy Ghost.

GRADUATION COUNTDOWN IS FEB. 17

Students who plan to participate in commencement exercises on April 30 are invited to attend a Graduation Countdown on Thursday, Feb. 17, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. near the fireplace in the Alumni Memorial Union.

Graduating students may order caps and gowns, graduation announcements and UF class rings during the event. They also may check the prospective graduation list to make sure that they are listed.

Students who cannot attend the countdown may make orders at the UF bookstore or call 419-434-4561.

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