

# THE UNIVERSITY OF FINDLAY

## Summer Student Newsletter From President DeBow Freed

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### STUDENTS RETURN TO CAMPUS STARTING AUG. 4

Aug. 4, resident directors

Aug. 6, football #1

Aug. 9, women's volleyball, returning resident assistants

Aug. 10, resident assistants, women's soccer

Aug. 11, men's soccer

Aug. 12, band drum line, band

camp assistants

Aug. 13, new band members, football #2

Aug. 16, cross country

Aug. 17, upperclass band members, English equestrian

Aug. 20, new students attending the Aug. 21 registration,

cheerleaders, freshman golfers, orientation leaders

Aug. 22, new students who attended a summer registration (May 12, May 22, June 11 or June 20), female tennis players

Aug. 23, upperclassmen begin housing check-in

### CAMPUS SUMMER IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUE

Many campus improvement projects are nearing completion.

In Bare Hall, new windows and heating and cooling units are installed, and lobbies have new carpeting. The housekeeping staff is working to clean all residence hall rooms prior to Aug. 4 when students begin returning to campus.

The third floor of the Village has new carpeting and paint. The first and second floors are nearing completion.

Also in the Village, new workspace for student media WLFC 88.3, The Pulse, the Public Relations Student Society of America and the Envoy is moving along well. New walls were framed in, conduit was completed and dry-wall was installed.

Several areas of campus have received new sidewalks, such as high traffic areas near the 1100 block of Cory Street and on the east end of the Davis Street building. Additional concrete work will be completed.



Above left, a contractor prepares to install a new window in Fox Hall. Above right, concrete work is being completed in the courtyard between several residence halls. Bare Hall is pictured in the background of the photo. Photo credit: Mike Blinn



Left, the hallway on the second floor of the Village receives paint. Above, walls are framed for the new student media space. Photo credit: Mike Blinn

*The mission of The University of Findlay is to equip our students for meaningful lives and productive careers.*

## STUDENT REACHES OUT TO OTHERS, HELPS THEM FEEL AT HOME ON CAMPUS

Graduate student Shu-Ching (also known as Doris) Chang of Taiwan, is helping both new students and alumni feel connected to the University.

After graduating in 2006 with a master's degree in Teaching English to Students of Other Languages (TESOL), Chang moved to Los Angeles, Calif., but she missed Findlay and returned soon after she left to complete a master's degree in education.

In her effort to keep alumni connected to UF, Chang in April started working on coordinating Taiwanese alumni receptions in Taiwan in cooperation with the Office of Development. She also worked with the Office of International Admissions and Services, as well as with the TESOL

and education programs.

"I'm excited about this project because it's fantastic to have UF faculty members go all the way to Taiwan to meet alumni," she said.

Chang also makes sure new international students feel at home here. She lives in the women's welcome house and assists new international students while they find more permanent living accommodations for the semester. Chang helps them find information and documents they need.



*Doris Chang (left) talks to a student in the Office of International Admissions and Services. Photo credit: Anne Risser Lee*

In the fall, Chang will be a graduate assistant in the Office of International Admissions and Services.

## STUDENTS VISIT OKEFENOKEE SWAMP, CANOE WITH ALLIGATORS AND SNAKES

Just prior to the start of summer, 14 UF students traveled to the Okefenokee Swamp in southern Georgia with Terry Schwaner, Ph.D., dean of the College of Sciences, and Bethany Henderson-Dean, Ph.D., assistant professor of biology.

Schwaner wanted students to experience the geography and wildlife of a swamp and reminded them that this part of northwest Ohio used to be the Great Black Swamp before it was drained.

Henderson-Dean pointed out that the Okefenokee Swamp nearly was lost because of the logging industry, but the land was reclaimed and restored. She hoped the students would gain an appreciation of the fragile ecosystem of the swamp.

While in Georgia, students traveled by canoe to look at alligators. They saw large alligators sunning themselves as well as mother alligators with a nest of small babies. "The only thing between us and the alligators was the canoe," said senior pre-veterinary medicine and

chemistry major Erica Giles, who may pursue a conservation-focused career as a result of the trip.

The students also searched for snakes. "When we'd see a snake or a lizard, we would stop and barrel out of the van to see it," commented sophomore pre-veterinary medicine major Michael Pesato. "It got a little intense, and we would all end up running in

and out to catch a glimpse and hold some snakes."

Henderson-Dean and Schwaner enhanced the trip with their wealth of knowledge. Both made a point to teach students about the variety of birds, reptiles and plants the group saw in the swamp.

"I would do it again in a heartbeat," said Pesato.

## CONCERT & LECTURE SERIES 08-09 SEASON ANNOUNCED

The University's Concert & Lecture Series 08-09 season will bring four professional performances to the stage at Winebrenner Theological Seminary. Each concert is at 8 p.m.

**Sept. 12,** Toledo Symphony Orchestra, Pops and the Piano with Julie Spangler.

**Oct. 24,** Toledo Opera, "A

Rigoletto Tapestry."

**Jan. 23, 2009,** Toledo Symphony Orchestra, Classics Concert.

**Feb. 20, 2009,** Toledo Symphony Orchestra, Classics Concert.

Admission for UF undergraduate and graduate students is free, but a ticket is required. Contact the Box Office at 419-434-5335.

# KOEPKE IS DEAN OF COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Dr. Andrea Wilke Koepke is the new dean of the College of Health Professions at The University of Findlay, effective July 1.

Since 2000, Koepke was the dean of the School of Nursing at Anderson University in Indiana, where she also was a tenured professor. Koepke began her academic career as a faculty member at Anderson in 1976.



*Dr. Andrea Wilke Koepke,  
dean of the College of Health  
Professions*

Koepke is an experienced health professions administrator and has initiated B.S.N., M.S.N. and related degree completion programs in a number of delivery formats. She is dedicated to community health care and has fostered several international exchange and service learning activities.

At Anderson, she oversaw all academic assessment activities and was

coordinating their institutional self-study for continuing accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). She has served as an accreditation evaluator for the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education since 1998, as well as a consultant evaluator for institutional reviews with HLC since 2004.

Koepke has a D.N.S. from Indiana University, and both an M.A. and B.S.N. from Ball State University.

She resides with her husband, Ron. They have two grown children.

## WELCOME WEEK ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS

Welcome Week activities are listed below:

### Monday, Aug. 25

- Community Church Fair, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., AMU
- Fort Pastor hosts a Letters to Military campaign, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., AMU
- Fort Pastor concert, 8 p.m., Cory Street Mall (AMU rain site)

### Tuesday, Aug. 26

- Findlay's Market on the Mall, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Cory Street Mall (AMU rain site)
- Ed Begley Jr. "Going Green on a Shoestring Budget," 3 p.m., Ritz Auditorium
- Ed Begley Jr. "Going Green on a Shoestring Budget" and Dr. Todd H. Albert "Climate Control," 7 p.m., AMU MPR (Ritz Auditorium rain site)

### Wednesday, Aug. 27

- Team M&M Roving Artists, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Cory Street Mall (AMU rain site)
- Student Government Association's Ice

Cream Social, 7 p.m., Cory Street Mall Gazebo (AMU rain site)

### Thursday, Aug. 28

- Mike-Da-Roving guy and Body Art by Susan, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Cory Street Mall (AMU rain site)
- UF's Martial Arts Club demonstration and Learn to Defend Yourself class, 8 p.m., Koehler Complex

### Friday, Aug. 29

- U.S. Navy Game Day, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Cory Street mall (AMU MPR rain site)
- LIVE comedian Buzz Sutherland, 8 p.m., AMU MPR

### Saturday, Aug. 30

- Game room in the AMU open noon – 9 p.m., Clauss Ice Arena, open skate for faculty, staff and students, 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. – midnight

### Sunday, Aug. 31

- Women's soccer game, noon; men's soccer game, 2:30 p.m.; both at DeHaven Field

The Findlay community offers activities and events off-campus, as well.

Look online at [www.visitfindlay.com](http://www.visitfindlay.com).

One such event is the Hancock County Fair, which will begin **Wednesday, Aug. 27**, and close Sept. 1. The fairgrounds are located at 1017 E. Sandusky St. in Findlay, just a short drive from the University.



The current and past issues of the Summer Student Newsletter can be found on the UF Web site at [www.findlay.edu](http://www.findlay.edu), KEYWORD search: summer student newsletter.

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## NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

Orientation for new students is **Friday, Aug. 22, Saturday, Aug. 23, and Sunday, Aug. 24**. New students will move into residence halls, participate in activities and be introduced to a variety of services on campus.

The President's Welcome and Arch Ceremony will begin at 3 p.m. Aug. 24. The welcome will be in the Koehler Complex, and the Arch Ceremony will follow on the front lawn of Old Main.

# PRE-VETERINARY MEDICINE STUDENT TREATS WILDLIFE IN AUSTRALIA

Pre-veterinary medicine major Kelsie Camper decided last academic year that she wanted to do an internship in Australia. Through AustraLearn.org, a Web site that connects students to learning experiences in Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific, she applied and was accepted for an internship at the Airport Veterinary Clinic in Cairns, Australia.

"The clinic treats me as if I'm a nurse who's been working there for quite some time and lets me do things that a veterinarian technician would be doing or assisting with," said Camper. "I love observing the surgeries and prepping for the vets. I also love that I get to work with wildlife such as snakes, wallabies, all types of birds, lizards, bats and any type of animal found in the wild."

Camper said her animal handling classes helped prepare her for her internship, especially in situations where it is necessary to restrain animals and give injections. "My classes really helped me be prepared for the things that are thrown at me," she said.

Camper credits Marie Loudon-Hanes, Ph.D., dean of undergraduate education, for helping her complete her paperwork as Camper was preparing her application and other documents to study overseas this summer.

Studying abroad is a life-changing experience, said Camper. She has enjoyed



*Kelsie Camper and Lauren Moscar, a student from East Carolina University, restrain a 28-pound python. Staff at the clinic injected the snake with an antibiotic and cleaned its mouth with an antiseptic to rid it of an infection in its mouth.*

her experience and is considering returning to Australia to study for a year.

# UF ADDS DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

The University of Findlay will offer a doctor of physical therapy program beginning in the fall of 2008. The first doctor of physical therapy degrees will be awarded in 2011.

The doctor of physical therapy is the second degree program of this level at the University. The six-year pharmacy program was initiated four years ago, and the first doctor of pharmacy degrees will be awarded in 2010.

The physical therapy program at the University has been a bachelor's and master's program. Students took basic sciences and related courses for the first three years, and began the professional phase of the program in the fourth year. Students received a bachelor's degree after four years and a master's degree after five years.

The doctor of physical therapy will be a 3+3 program with basic science and related courses during the first three years and then three years in the professional phase of the program. Much of

the final year will be devoted to clinical work at hospitals and other medical sites throughout the country.

Findlay has both traditional weekday and non-traditional weekend physical therapy programs. The weekend physical therapy curriculum is designed for those who have worked in physical therapy and who want to earn a graduate degree in their field.

Students in the non-traditional program spend every other weekend on campus for two years during the class phase of their program and about a year of clinical work.

Thirty-five students are accepted into each physical therapy class, both traditional and non-traditional. Graduates have performed well on the national physical therapy licensure examination,



*Jenna Encheff (right), assistant professor of physical therapy, demonstrates a physical therapy tool during a class lab session. Photo credit: Anne Risser Lee*

and typically have a good selection of job opportunities and 100 percent employment within 30 days of graduation.

The physical therapy program at The University of Findlay has been endorsed and accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy, and accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.