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OT GRADS PRESENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

Sixteen graduate students in the Occupational Therapy Program were back on campus July 14 to present the results of their research projects.

The students are enrolled in UF's three-year, weekend master's degree program and travel from as far away as Illinois and Tennessee to attend the program.

According to Dr. Thomas H. Dillon, director and associate professor of occupational therapy, the presentations were the culmination of a week of activities for the students.

Beginning July 11, the students also participated in a series of seminars that completed the requirements for their master's degree in occupational therapy.

While the students participated in the April 30 commencement exercises, they only recently completed six months of clinical internships required for their degrees.

Professors advising the research projects were Dillon, Rosalie King, Jacquelyn Chamberlin and Laura Schmelzer.

The topics presented were:

1. An analysis of how frequently occupational therapists recognize and deal with depression in patients who have had a stroke, presented by Debra Rohlfing, Lorianne Ward and Lisa Whitten. The project was based on the need for medical practitioners to be more aware of the impact depression can have on a patient's ability to recover.

2. A study on the awareness of how occupational therapists can provide intervention assistance for children with Emotional Behavioral Disorder (EBD),



Debra Rohlfing, Lorianne Ward and Lisa Whitten present their research project on how frequently occupational therapists recognize and deal with depression in patients who have had a stroke.

presented by Diane Herman, Melyssa Johnson and Jamie Ziegler. The study concluded that occupational therapists in school-based practice need to educate school personnel about how they can use the training and skills they have that can be used to help children with EBD.

3. The development and implementation of the Lively Activities for Fun and Fitness camp that was held at UF June 20-24 was presented by Timothy Argyle, Sarah Burchett, Kathleen Gray and Heather Liston. The camp provided exposure to a wide variety of healthy activities aimed at building self-esteem, promoting engagement, and encouraging exploration of skills and interests. It was geared toward fourth through sixth graders who could benefit from attaining a healthier weight.

4. An analysis of the impact that leading women in occupational therapy have had on the field, was presented by James Boylen, Jennifer Harlan, Melinda Sissel and Kimberly Vicars. The analysis was based on interviews that were completed by Nedra Gillette of the American Occupational Therapy Foundation beginning in the 1970s through the 1990s.

5. An analysis of the impact the Handwriting Without Tears program has on the visual/motor skills of young children, presented by Lindsey Buddelmeyer and Regina DiCristofaro. The program is used by teachers to teach handwriting to children of all abilities. It includes multi-sensory teaching aids and methods and developmentally-based learning sequences.

NEW FACULTY APPOINTED

Tara Beitzel, instructor, occupational therapy program. B.S., occupational therapy, Mount Mary College; M.A., education, University of Findlay.

Jacob Bowman, western riding instructor. B.S., equestrian studies/small business entrepreneurship, University of Findlay.

Cheri Hampton-Farmer, assistant professor of communication. B.S., speech education, Bob Jones University; CLA, paralegal studies, Capital University Law School; M.A., communication studies, Bowling Green State University; Ph.D. candidate, communication studies, Bowling Green State University.

Dr. Cheng-Yuan Lee, assistant professor of education. B.S., psychology, Chung-Yuan University; M.S., instructional technology, University of Tennessee; Ph.D., curriculum and instruction, University of Central Florida.

Theresa Leto, instructor of occupational therapy program. B.S., health science, University of Findlay; M.O.T., University of Findlay.

Dr. Patrick Malone, assistant dean school of pharmacy. B.S., pharmacy, Union University; Pharm.D., University of Michigan.

Sandra McCarthy, director of the English Riding Program/Instructor of Riding.

Arthur O'Brien, western riding instructor. A.A., equestrian studies, Findlay College.

Kenneth Rice, academic clinical coordinator/instructor in the physician assistant program. A.A., applied science/physician assistant, Cuyahoga Community College; M.S., physician assistant, Arizona School of Health Science Mesa.

Carissa Russell, instructor and assistant athletic trainer. A.A., health and fitness, Lake Superior State University;

B.S., athletic training, Lake Superior State University; M.A., education, University of Findlay.

Dr. Marc Sweeney, associate professor of pharmacy practice/director of clinical pharmacy. B.S., pharmacy, Ohio Northern University; Pharm.D., The Ohio State University.

William Scott Wallace, assistant professor of business. B.A., psychology, Antioch University; Med., communications/adult learning, Xavier University; M.B.A., organizational leadership, The University of Findlay; Ph.D. candidate, leadership and change, Antioch University.

Dr. Dan Yates, assistant professor of business. B.S., accounting, Tiffin University; M.B.A., The University of Dayton; M.O.D. Bowling Green State University; Ph.D. management, Northcentral University.

FORENSIC SCIENCE CAMP SUCCESSFUL

Forty-two high school students from as far away as Utah learned first-hand what it is like to be a crime scene investigator during UF's first forensic science camp, June 26-29.

During the camp, the students attended sessions on DNA analysis, ballistics, entomology and crime scene evaluation.

According to Todd Beitzel, UF co-director of instructor of criminal justice, the students also tested fingerprints and had to evaluate a mock crime scene. "We set up several mock crime scenes that included everything that a real crime scene might have. The student worked in teams to evaluate the scene and put together an evidence portfolio with their findings," Beitzel explained.

Beitzel added the University received significant interest in the camp from high school students from all over the country. "We had a waiting list with more than 50 people on it from all over the U.S.

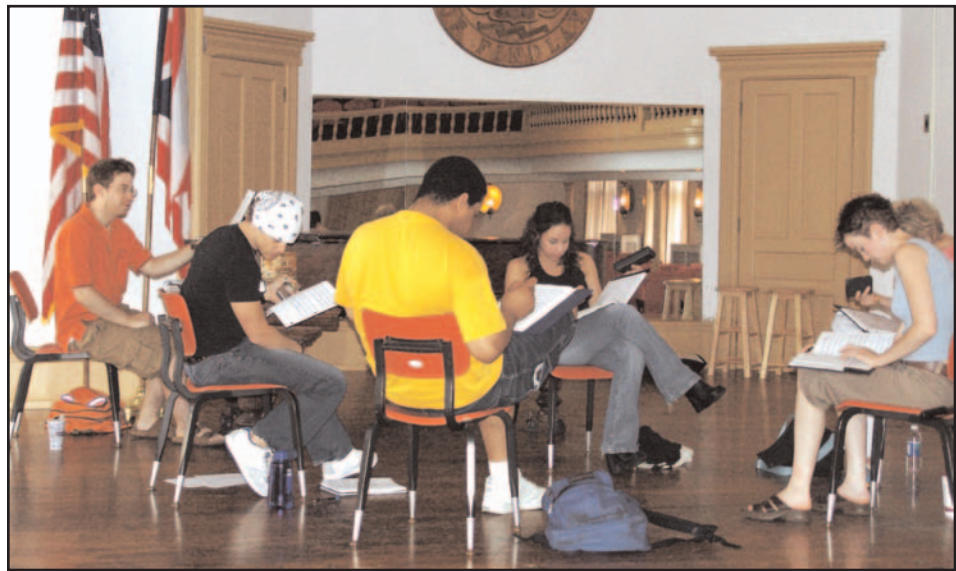
who wanted to attend the camp. Interest in the field of forensic science has increased thanks to television programs about crime scene investigation, but many kids are attracted to a career in forensic science because they love science," Beitzel said.

The camp is part of the new forensic science program. Approximately 25 students will start in the fall as the University's first class of forensic science majors.



Campers examine a mock crime scene for evidence during the forensic science camp.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES KEEPS CAMPUS BUSY



The cast for SummerStock prepare for an upcoming show. Noises Off, the second production of the season, will run July 20-24.



High school girls basketball players from all over the region were on campus last week for the Women's Basketball Varsity Team camp. The camp was directed by Carolyn Mair, head UF women's basketball coach.



According to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, more than 160 potential new students and their families have visited campus this summer. The students are from as far away as Texas and Rhode Island.



RGB Productions Inc., a video production crew from Maumee, spent three days on campus last week taping the University's new television commercials. The new commercials will begin airing on television and cable networks Aug. 1.

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES, JULY 15-30	
July 15-16	Volleyball Team Camp
July 16	Central Great Lakes Regional Gardners of America
July 17-23	Ohio Business Week
July 18	Football Kicking Day Camp
July 18-22	Mazza Art Camp
July 18-22	Vital Hockey Day Camp
July 19-21	Football Day Camp
July 20-24	SummerStock Theatre: <i>Noises Off</i>
July 22-24	Soccer Team I
July 29-31	Soccer Team II

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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AWARDED \$40,000 GRANT

The College of Education has been awarded a \$40,000 grant by the Ohio Department of Education for a project titled "Special Education Intervention Specialists: Meeting Highly Qualified Teacher Requirements."

The grant will be used for a collaborative project between the college and the Findlay City Schools.

According to Judith Wahrman, associate professor of education and coordinator of the project, intervention specialist teachers in the Findlay City School system will be further trained in a variety of areas so they attain the designation of being a "Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT)" in all academic areas they teach.

Ohio's intervention specialists must meet HQT requirements by the end of the school year 2005-06, as mandated in the No Child Left Behind Act and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act.

In order to meet the HQT requirements, intervention specialist teachers

must hold at least a bachelor's degree, hold full state certification or licensure as an intervention specialist and demonstrate subject matter competence in each area taught for seventh-through 12th-grade intervention specialists.

Wahrman is working in conjunction with Kathleen Crates, Findlay City Schools' director of special education.

Beginning this fall, courses in math, science, language arts, reading and social studies will be taught by UF faculty. The courses previously were offered in April.

Courses will be held at Findlay High School, in the late afternoon, evenings and on Saturdays. Teacher participants may access Professional Development Units (PDU) from The University of Findlay at no charge.

The grant also provides these courses, at no charge, to other area intervention specialist teachers on a first come basis.

HLC TO VISIT UF JULY 25-26

The Higher Learning Commission has been invited to visit campus July 25 and 26 to evaluate the University's request to be accredited to award professional doctoral degrees.

Members of the visiting team are: Dr. Scott Safranski, chair, director of assessment/internal research and chair of the Department of Management, St. Louis University;

Dr. Larry Milne, vice chancellor for academic affairs, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (former dean of pharmacy); and

Dr. Nancy Reese, professor and chair, Department of Physical Therapy, University of Central Arkansas.

Material on UF graduates programs and plans have been provided to the HLC and team members. Team members are expected to discuss the University's request with a number of individuals and groups on campus during the visit.

WALL OF FAME HONOREES INDUCTED

The Curtain Raisers Society inducted three new honorees into the Performing Arts Wall of Fame on July 6.

This year's inductees are:

Wendene Shoupe has a long history of involvement in music activities at UF. She has accompanied many students for their senior recitals, performed numerous piano recitals for UF's Bach's Lunch and Senior Forum, and has accompanied Dr. Micheal F. Anders for several Senior Forum programs.

Betty J. Bozo was secretary for UF's music and later the performing arts program from 1968 until 2004. During her years at UF, Bozo also was the box office manager for the theatre program. She also is a member of the Curtain Raisers Society and volunteers as an usher for theatre and music productions.

Margaret Firmin was awarded an honorary doctorate in the performing arts from the University in 1994 in recognition of her many achievements and contributions to the theatre arts. She co-chaired the fund-raising campaign for the Virginia B. Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion and was involved with the Horizon Fund campaign. She and her husband also established the John and Margaret Firmin Scholarship. Firmin passed away on June 9, 2000.



Mary Jane Queen representing the late Margaret Firmin, Wendene Shoupe and Betty Bozo are the 2005 Performing Arts Wall of Fame honorees.