THE UNIVERSITY OF FINDLAY
Summer Student Newsletter

Student Recreation Center On Target for Completion by Start of Fall Semester

Campus improvements are being completed this summer in preparation for new and returning students in August. Residence halls, student houses and academic buildings are receiving updates, upgrades and general maintenance before the fall semester begins.

The new student recreation center, located in the Koehler Fitness and Recreation Complex, is on schedule to be completed by the start of the fall semester.

A rock-climbing wall will be 20 feet wide by 25 feet high and will include a bouldering section. Up to five people will be able to use the wall, which will include beginner, medium and expert levels, at one time.

Two pool tables and two ping-pong tables will be located in a

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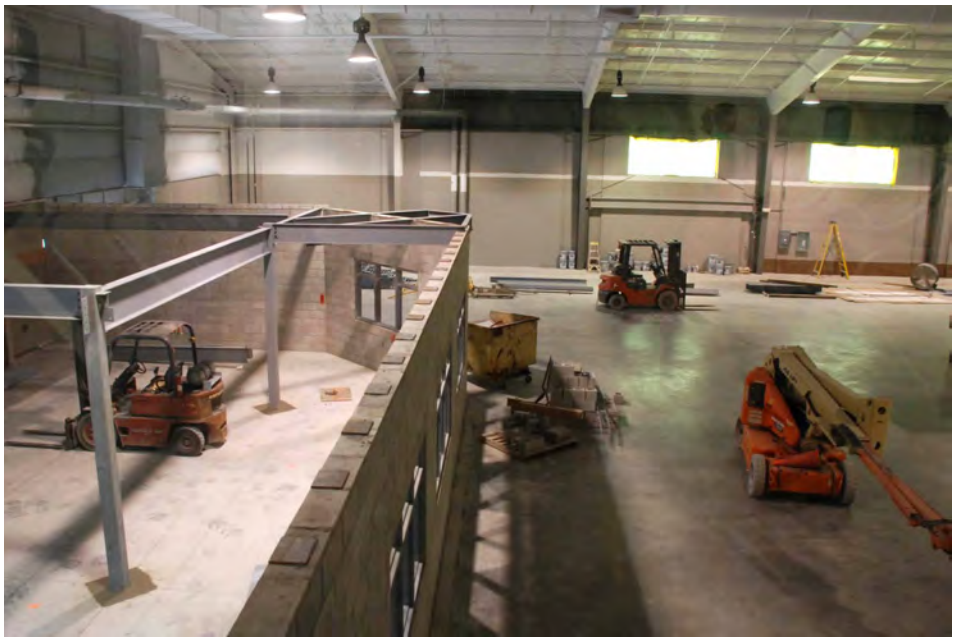

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Renovations are moving along swiftly in what was the Clauss Ice Arena in the Koehler Fitness and Recreation Complex to create the new student recreation center, planned to be completed by the start of the fall semester.

UF Welcomes Summer Camps, Groups

The University of Findlay is hosting summer camps and visitors through August when UF students return. Following is a list of groups who will be, or have been, on campus in June.

June 1-July 21, SummerStock cast and crew

June 5-6, basketball camp

June 7-9, Oiler youth football camp

June 7-10, baseball day camp

June 8-10, Oiler volleyball middle school overnight camp

June 9-11, Great Lakes Ohio Conference

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June 11-13, Schaffer Memorial Tennis Tournament

June 13, men's basketball elite camp

June 13-18, English equestrian I

June 13-18, western equestrian I

June 14-17, women's basketball day camp

June 18-19, men's basketball team camp session I

June 19-20, women's basketball team camp I

June 20-25, English equestrian II

June 20-25, western equestrian II

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June 21-22, men's basketball team camp session II

June 23-24, women's basketball team camp session II

June 25-27, men's basketball team camp session III

June 28-30, pharmacy II

Student Continues Studies in Australia

Though students may not be in classrooms on campus, many are studying at home and abroad during the summer.

Sarah Hodakievic, a native of Chardon, Ohio, will return home at the end of June from a semester studying abroad at the James Cook University in Cairns, Australia.

While there, she is completing internships at the Balaclava Vet Hospital and the Cairns Tropical Zoo.

"I love getting to work with exotic animals that are only found in this part of the world," said Hodakievic. "I want to specialize in exotics with my vet degree, and the experience I am getting here is great. I am learning a lot about the care of many different animals and being able to handle these animals."

Hodakievic says she values the experience she is receiving and the knowledge she's gaining from well-known scientists working in her field of study. She is looking forward to applying the concepts she learns there to her studies and work at home in the U.S.

Sarah Hodakievic works with a cockatoo named Taz at the Cairns Tropical Zoo.

Of the many differences she has experienced in Australia, Hodakievic noted "Australians don't seem to stress about much and are very laid back compared to the American lifestyle." She also mentioned the difference in the variety of animals she has had the opportunity to work with, such as venomous snakes and reptiles.

"The scientists I have worked with all have been serious about their work," said Hodakievic. "I am very grateful that they have included me in this work and allowed me to work alongside them."

Hodakievic will return to the United States following one week of exploring in New Zealand.

Students Study Frogs in Local Wetland

Several UF students, and some other volunteers, have been spending their evenings – and sometimes nights – catching frogs at a local wetland in the Findlay area under the supervision of Terry Schwaner, Ph.D., dean of the College of Sciences, and in the company of the wetland owners, Jim and Karen Spurgat.

The "froggers" catch the amphibians, which are at different stages of development, record data such as body length, and tag the frog with a digital transponder – a small glass cylinder that carries a unique number, like a bar code, and is the same tag veterinarians implant to identify lost dogs and cats. If a tadpole is developed enough to have legs with toes, a piece of one toe is clipped for study at the laboratory.

The toe provides a fairly accurate estimate of age. When cut open, the toe bone has rings, similar to the rings inside a tree trunk. As a toad increases in age, the number of rings also increases – one ring equals one year of growth.

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Alex Reist watches as Terry Schwaner, Ph.D., uses a new piece of equipment to shave off miniscule pieces of frog bone.

Discovering the rings is a multi-step process in the laboratory. First, using a stereoscope, a tiny toe is cleaned to reveal the bone. Then, it is placed in nitric acid, which de-mineralizes, or softens, the bone so that it does not crack when sliced apart. After the de-mineralizing process is complete, a section of the bone is cut from the center and placed on a horizontal freeze microtome, which shaves off slices of the bone into pieces that are merely microns in size.

Once the bone shavings are collected in a small vial, they are stained to make the rings more visible and easily seen and photographed with a trinocular microscope and attached digital camera.

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UF Holds First Art Festival on Campus

Two community members have some fun getting their photo taken on the Big Chair during the art festival June 6.

Lauren Bagley has some fun with Derrick the Oiler on the Cory Street Mall, the central location of the festival.

Linda Kious, a graduate student, sculpts "Edgar Allen Poe and the Raven" while visitors watch.

Student Kat Hill and recent graduate Rebecca Cross do a live radio remote for the University's station, WLFC 88.3, in front of the mathematics house.

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Alumna Chelsey Anglin drills while Rachel Powell, UF AmericaCorps VISTA, Sarah Flipse, a 2009 UF graduate, assist with building a new house in Findlay for Habitat for Humanity.

Students Study Frogs

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With seven species of frogs breeding at Spurgats' wetland, students are working on growth and age projects that will take years to complete, particularly if they include the field studies with their laboratory work. The results could be published in professional publications – and students whose work is published, as Schwaner says, "become immortal … their names are in someone's library for all time!"

Campus Improvements Under Way at UF

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game room, as well as a lounge area with televisions.

The center also will include two basketball courts, a weight room, racquetball courts and Derrick's, a casual, quick-service restaurant that will offer smoothies, supplement shakes, coffee and snacks.

In student living spaces, new carpeting, paint and some furniture are planned for several residence halls, townhouses and houses. General maintenance, such as roof repairs and electrical and plumbing upgrades, also will be completed on some properties.

Changes also are being made to the Alumni Memorial Union (AMU). The game room, which previously was in the AMU, will be located in the new recreation center. In the space that was the game room, the Office of Student Activities and Commuter Services will take residence, along with a conference room and workroom for student organization members. The Office of Facilities will move to where the Office of Student Activities and Commuter Services was located.

At the English equestrian farm, barn aisles will be resurfaced, and the lunging area will be covered. At the western equestrian farm, fuel tanks, feed bins and a generator will be replaced, and insulation will be installed.

Athletes Recognized for Good Sportsmanship

The University of Findlay athletic department was awarded the 2010 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Sportsmanship Award and will be presented with the honor at the June Executive Council Meeting along with $1,000 for being selected by its GLIAC member opponents as displaying the best sportsmanship and hospitality at events hosted on campus.

Head coaches from each sport rank their first-, second- and third-place choices of member institution athletic departments that display the best sportsmanship, on and off the field, and hospitality for visiting teams. The vote must be based on their experience while competing on the campus of each institution as well as the sportsmanship displayed while teams are competing at their home venues.

Lea Gallery to Feature Art by Madrigal

Sculpture art by Joe Madrigal will be on display June 28 – July 16 at The University of Findlay's Lea Gallery, located inside the Virginia B. Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion.

Madrigal's art primarily deals with intimate porcelain sculpture while integrating other craft materials and processes such as knitting, sewing and upholstery.

"This recent body of work further explores my interest in material history, the body and its functions, and the experience of the world both tangible and intangible via our capacity for sensual and erotic connectivity," said Madrigal in an artist's statement. "Combining sewn, knitted and upholstered colors and forms with porcelain and terra cotta objects seemed like a natural transition. I utilize the seemingly low connotations of craft materials and processes to create forms that are as playful as they are subversive."

Art, such as this sculpture, by Joe Madrigal will be on display June 28 - July 16.

Madrigal is a visiting professor of art at Kalamazoo College, where he teaches courses in both ceramics and sculpture. He received a master's degree in ceramics from Illinois State University. Madrigal resides in Kalamazoo, Mich.

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