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APPRECIATION BREAKFAST CAPS EXCELLENT YEAR

An "Appreciation Breakfast" was held on May 7 to express appreciation to the campus community for the successful academic year and outstanding commencement. Some of the planned summer activities and opportunities for the next academic year were also noted.

At the breakfast, Dr. Freed expressed gratitude for the good work and fine spirit demonstrated by the members of the University community. He presented certificates of appreciation to Dr. David Allen as faculty marshal, which Sue Pirschel accepted in his absence, and to Nancy Leatherman, executive administrative assistant to the vice president for academic affairs, for their good work in organizing and orchestrating an excellent commencement ceremony.

A certificate of appreciation was presented to David P. Harr, director of dining services, as representative of the many who had worked hard all year to provide good services and to have a memorable commencement weekend for the graduates. A certificate of appreciation also was presented to Jeff Lewis, as representative of those who keep the campus attractive, functional and inviting for all who visit. Dr. Freed thanked those individuals and the entire staff for their outstanding efforts in making commencement such a fine event.

Dr. Freed also noted the good work in preparing for and conducting the visit of the Higher Learning Commission, which resulted in such a favorable review. He said the Higher Learning Commission Review Team commented on the cooperative attitude and the upbeat spirit that prevail. He outlined the remaining steps of the re-accréditation process.

Opportunities to make good progress through an active summer project program and to improve institutional operations

were discussed. Projects are being coordinated by the vice presidents and deans, and progress is tracked weekly.

David Emsweller discussed special efforts that the Offices of Admissions and Financial Aid are making to attract additional well-qualified students.

Dr. Dan May discussed several features of academic programs to be strengthened during the summer and faculty plans and efforts in teaching and research.



SIFE TEAM SECOND RUNNER-UP IN LEAGUE I AT NATIONALS

The University of Findlay's Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team finished as second runner-up in League 1 at the national SIFE competition in Kansas City, Mo., on Monday, May 24.

They competed against teams from the University of West Alabama, Arkansas State University, Northeastern State University, Simpson College, University of North Carolina-Charlotte, Alabama Agriculture and Mechanical University, and Mount Vernon Nazarene University. The UF SIFE team advanced to the national competition after capturing the regional title in Chicago, Ill., in April.

A few of the projects the team developed were: teaching third-graders at Washington Elementary School about the free market in a global economy by having

students set up competing lemonade stands; conducting resume and mock interview sessions for homeless men and women at the Findlay City Mission and 30 teenagers involved with Juvenile Diversion of Hancock County; and teaching college students proper dining etiquette skills for the business environment.

Greg Arburn, Ph.D., assistant professor of economics and finance and SIFE adviser, and Doug Switzer, assistant professor of communication and member of the Business Advisory Board, accompanied the students.

EQUESTRIANS TAKE HONORS IN NATIONAL COMPETITION

The University of Findlay's equestrian teams placed well in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association national championships held May 6-9 in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

The UF English equestrian team earned reserve honors in the hunt seat competition. Findlay scored 26 points, only one shy of the 27 points earned by Virginia Intermont College to win the national championship.

Team riders earned further accolades. Elizabeth Dubrowski was champion in novice over fences, Mara Keith-Hunter was reserve champion in intermediate flat, Katherine Thiel was reserve champion in novice flat, Ashley Gallo was reserve champion in walk-trot-canter, Aubrey Hunt placed fourth in open over fences and Katherine Humphreys placed sixth in walk-trot.

In individual competition, Mara Keith-Hunter won the 2004 ISHA novice flat championship, and Sarah Brandle placed fifth in walk-trot-canter flat.

The English equestrian program also donated the use of six of their prize horses for the hunt seat classes at the nationals.

The western equestrian team placed sixth at the national championship, with Andrew Standeart winning the open reining class for team points. Lara Mortenson placed sixth in intermediate western horsemanship and Sara Umberger took third in novice western horsemanship for the team. Texas A&M won the western championship.



FRESHMAN REGISTRATION STREAMLINED

The freshman registration process has been streamlined to make students' visits on campus more productive and less stressful.

Traditionally, students took math, writing and language placement tests during their orientation sessions, which in turn facilitated class registration.

Students no longer suffer from text anxiety when they come to campus, according to Michael Momany, Director of Admissions. Now students take their tests online prior to arrival for registration.

Incoming students are given a campus e-mail account to gain access to the tests through the Blackboard system. Although the online testing has experienced a few initial glitches, Momany praised ITS for "working hand-in-glove with Admissions to rectify every single problem. They have been outstanding in making the system work for the students."

Another advantage of the new procedure is that students and their parents can attend activities together, including Dr. Freed's welcome and sessions on Retention Services' support system, technology on campus, Web access, billing and student employment.

One-stop shopping also makes the day easier for students. Created four years ago,

the one-stop shopping concept enables students to get IDs and parking passes, sign up for housing and food services, authorize



More than 135 new students registered for classes during the May 13 registration session. Following registration, admissions representatives greeted the new students and their families at a reception.

their publicity release form and order books all in one location.

"The ultimate goal of the day is for students to complete all the details for registration," Momany said. "Then students will have little to worry about except getting themselves here the weekend before classes."

The first registration session for the incoming freshmen was held May 13. Additional orientation/registration days will be held June 8 and 9, and Aug. 5 and 26.

In individual competition, Standeart placed fifth in open reining, DeeAnn Whitehead won the championship in novice western horsemanship, Natoshia Bronson placed sixth in open reining and Sharon Tebbe placed second in beginner western horsemanship.

As a high point rider for the zone and region, Standeart was invited to compete in Oklahoma City on May 22 at The Derby. He placed eighth against professional adult riders at The Derby, which is sponsored by the National Reining Horse Association.

SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

June 6	SummerStock arrival
June 9-26	Kids Art Camp
June 10-12	Church of God Great Lakes Conference
June 13-18	English and Western Riding
June 13-18	Wrestling
June 14-15	Junior High Women's Volleyball Camp
June 14-16	Baseball Hitting Day Camp
June 14-17	Findlay Swim Day Camp
June 14-17	Tennis Day Camp
June 15-17	Lady Oiler Youth Basketball Day Camp
June 16-17	Volleyball Position Camp

POP-UP ARTIST AWARDED MEDALLION

Artist Robert Sabuda received the Mazza Medallion of Excellence Award for Artistic Diversity, on May 6 at the annual Mazza Celebration. The Mazza Medallion is a biennial award given to an outstanding artist whose artwork includes a variety of media.

Sabuda is known as the “prince of pop-ups,” an apt moniker for the amazing feats of paper engineering he has achieved in his illustrations of children’s books. His illustration styles have included linoleum prints, pastels, graphite, acrylic, stained glass, mosaic, paper collage, batik wax resist, and pencil and watercolor.

In presenting the award, Jerry Mallett, Ph.D., director of the Mazza Museum commented, “If ever an artist has demonstrated diversity in art styles, Robert, it is you.”

Sabuda’s first pop-up book, *The Christmas Alphabet*, was published in 1994.

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz: A Commemorative Pop-Up, published in 2000, is considered his masterpiece with linoleum block prints and three to six pop-ups per page.

In accepting the award, Sabuda said he was “thrilled, excited and humbled” to be chosen for the award, and he felt it was a privilege to have his work appreciated. “I am now a part of Mazza and Mazza is a part of me,” he stated.

Larry Miles, chairperson of the capital campaign for the art education addition to the Virginia B. Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion,



announced that pledges of \$973,234 have been received to date toward the \$2.2 million goal.

TOWN AND GOWN UNITE FOR UF APPRECIATION DAY



Sonja Benedict hands an information package to community volunteer Jeanne Rustic of United Way of Hancock County. UF employees paired with community members to express appreciation for support and to distribute information about the University to 153 Findlay businesses.



Katha Pancake welcomed Charlie Shepard, UF development officer and co-director of alumni relations, and Chris Alexander, vice president for commercial lending at Fifth Third Bank, to the May 6 event. More than 100 volunteers helped call on local companies.

FIFTH THIRD BANK PRESENTS CHECK TO UF

The University of Findlay recently received \$25,000 from the Fifth Third Bank as trustee for the Charles E. Schell Foundation. The grant was the third of four installments totaling \$100,000 over four years. The money is used for interest-free loans for students with financial need. This is the second \$100,000 grant that UF has received, with the previous grant completed in 1999.



Martin Terry, President DeBow Freed, and Bruce K. Lee, president and CEO, Toledo, and Mark Cassin, city executive, from Fifth Third Bank celebrate on May 11.

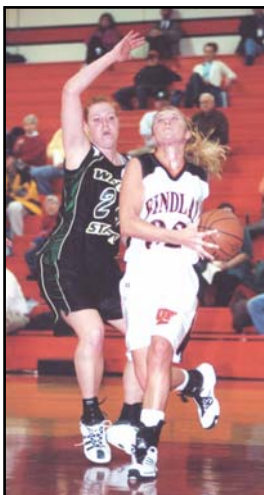
FINDLAY FINISHES FIFTH IN PRESIDENTS' TROPHY

The University of Findlay's athletic program finished fifth in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference 2003-04 Presidents' Trophy standings.

Awarded annually to the member institution with the best overall per-

formance in the league's championship-sponsored sports, the GLIAC Presidents' Trophy includes nine men's and nine women's sports. Indoor and outdoor track and field results are combined as one.

The Oilers received high marks for a championship in men's basketball and a third-place finish in women's volleyball. For more information, go to the GLIAC Web site at http://www.gliac.org/2003/presidents_trophy/default.htm.



GLIAC PRESIDENT'S TROPHY STANDINGS

1. Grand Valley State	142.0
2. Ferris State	108.0
3. Wayne State	95.0
4. Ashland	93.5
5. Findlay	88.0
6. Northwood	81.5
7. Saginaw Valley State	73.0
8. Mercyhurst	71.5
9. Hillsdale	68.5
10. Michigan Tech	58.5
11. Northern Michigan	57.0
12. Gannon	54.5
13. Lake Superior State	49.5
14. Indianapolis	20.5

NEW MUSIC THEATRE EMPHASIS ADDED

The addition of a new music theatre emphasis within the theatre major was approved at the April 19 meeting of the Faculty Senate.

The rationale for the additional emphasis is to help attract theatre majors to The University of Findlay. The theatre

program aggressively recruits top high school students who are interested in theatre each year. The reason students most often give for not attending Findlay is the lack of a major in music. Follow-up with these students revealed that most were attending institutions that offered a major in music theatre.

The new emphasis will include survey courses in musical theatre; acting and dance for musical theatre; Concert Chorale, voice and piano instruction; and courses in acting, directing, theatre literature and Shakespeare. The new emphasis is anticipated to bring in 10 to 20 new students for fall 2005 semester.



AT THE PODIUM

Anne Brossia, executive director of planned giving, was a co-presenter at the March 24, 2004, meeting of the Toledo Area Planned Giving Council breakfast



seminar. Her presentation, "Singles vs. Home Runs: Planned Giving Simplified," focused on ways that small non-profit organizations can

have successful planned giving programs without a planned giving officer or large budget. She also is a member of the executive board of the Toledo Area Planned Giving Council for 2004 and serves as secretary and government relations liaison for the board.

The recent publication *Endowment Builder: Practical Ideas to Generate More Endowment Gifts*, published in March 2004 by Stevenson, Inc., included an article authored by Brossia that appeared previously in the *Findlay* magazine and in the monthly newsletter, *Successful Fund Raising*, also published by Stevenson, Inc. Other organizations that had their articles printed in *Endowment Builder* include such notables as Miami University of Ohio, University of Colorado, Indiana University, The Foundation Center in New York City, KQED public television in San Francisco and numerous professional consultants.

Christine Denecker, assistant professor of English, presented at the Regional Center for Education Technology at Kent State University in January and at the CEOA conference at Ohio Dominican in April. Both presentations were regarding using the Internet as a pedagogical tool in the language arts classroom.

