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PT PROGRAM HELPS AREA YOUTH LEARN ABOUT HEALTHY LIVING

Sixth grade students around Findlay are learning about living a healthy lifestyle thanks to graduate students in UF's Physical Therapy Program.

UF's Fitness Challenge program aims to teach children healthy lifestyle habits from an early age with the goal that they will be healthier as they get older. Throughout the fall semester, UF graduate students have been visiting sixth grade classrooms at various schools around Findlay including Glenwood Middle School and Donnel Middle School.

In its second year, Fitness Challenge addresses issues such as the benefits of exercise, physical activities students can do, monitoring heart rate and the food pyramid.

"The program promotes healthy living to young students so they can start

to take care of themselves before it becomes a problem," noted Julie Toney, UF's academic coordinator of clinical education and assistant professor of physical therapy.

According to Kerry Galleher, a graduate student in the Physical Therapy Program, helping with the Fitness Challenge is enabling her to get experience outside of the classroom before she graduates. "This program is letting me work with kids and help be more aware of how to live a healthy lifestyle," Galleher explained. "It's great experience because



Kerry Galleher, a graduate student in the PT Program, shows sixth graders at Glenwood Middle School how to check their heart rate.

my career goal is to be in a school system and to work with children."

COE STUDENTS SERVE AS MENTORS

Twelve intervention specialist majors in the College of Education are serving as mentors and job coaches for 21 Findlay High School transitional students to help them learn what it is like to have a job.

Twice a week for ten weeks, the high school students come to campus for a class period to work in a variety of positions across campus including at the Cave Snack Bar, with the grounds keepers, at the Clauss Ice Arena and in a number of offices.

According to Susan Brooks, assistant professor of special education, the pro-

gram is a mutual benefit to the high school students and the UF students. "Our students learn how to work with kids, how to interact with parents and how to set up activities outside of the classroom," Brooks said. "The high school students get encouragement and direction for their career path, and they get to explore a variety of different careers."

Many of the UF students involved with the Mentor/Mentee Program go out of their way to help the high school students learn about careers. Senior inter-

vention specialist major Sherrie Gillespie, who was involved with the program last year, arranged for the two students she mentored to visit the Carpenters Local 1365 training center in Rossford.

Another student, senior intervention specialist major Kathy Samsal, took one of her students to a ballet after learning that the student wanted to be a dancer. "She was so excited to be able to see a real ballet performance," Samsal said. "It was great to see how that experience inspired her to work harder in school."

DIVERSITY WEEK CELEBRATED

Thanks to the efforts of students involved with Campus Program Board and several other areas across the University, the campus community experienced a wide range of events celebrating diversity last week.

As part of Diversity Week, which was celebrated Oct. 31- Nov. 4, free violet-colored wrist bands symbolizing

“One People, One Race, One World” were handed out in the AMU.

Senior business management major, Tom Chavana, gave a presentation titled, “Get to Know Your Neighbor,” about his experiences with a disability.

The Sign

Language Club held an American Sign Language Social to increase awareness about the use of sign language.

On Nov. 3, internationally recognized authority on civil rights, John A. Powell, visited campus to help students explore a number of questions about diversity including: What is diversity? Why is diversity important? And why are some audiences open to diversity, but opposed to affirmative action?

Students also were entertained



Photo by Brandy Close

by a performance by the comedy duo Alfred and Seymore on Nov. 4. Senior business management major Tom Chavana gave a talk on getting to know people from all backgrounds.

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The week's events concluded on Nov. 5 with a concert by Tony Melendez, the successful toe-picking guitar player. Melendez was born without arms and learned early in life that he could use his toes for things that most other people can't.



Tony Melendez performed at UF on Nov. 5. Among many other awards and special performances, he has performed for Pope John Paul II nine times.

CAMPUS COMPACT ENGAGES STUDENTS IN COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP

The University of Findlay has been awarded a 2005-06 K-16 Collaboration Grant from Ohio Campus Compact to fund the Blanchard Valley Watershed Research Project.

The project partners 15 students from The University of Findlay First-Year Experience Program and 18 11th graders with special needs from Findlay High School to study issues facing the watershed in Hancock County, which have created an “impaired” rating by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

Together, students will design an action service plan with the goal of changing the impaired status to one of quality.

As a central service project, these groups will conduct research on the watershed, identify pollution sources, and analyze types of pollution while cleaning up park streams. They also will determine a list of current and potential park and water recreation activities for high school and college students.

Their findings were presented at Academic Excellence Day, and they plan to present the information to the Findlay High School Environmental Club, the Blanchard Valley Watershed Study Group and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

In addition, the data from the students' projects will be presented in writing to the Hancock Park District

and the Blanchard Valley Watershed Study Group.

According to Dr. Wayne Sneath, academic coordinator and instructor of Campus Compact, the service learning project will prepare students to become better citizens, neighbors and contributing members of society through active participation and stewardship of their parks and streams. “They will learn a variety of skills ranging from seeking valid answers and solving problems to impacting public decisions in a diverse and multicultural global community and reflecting on results,” explained Sneath.

CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

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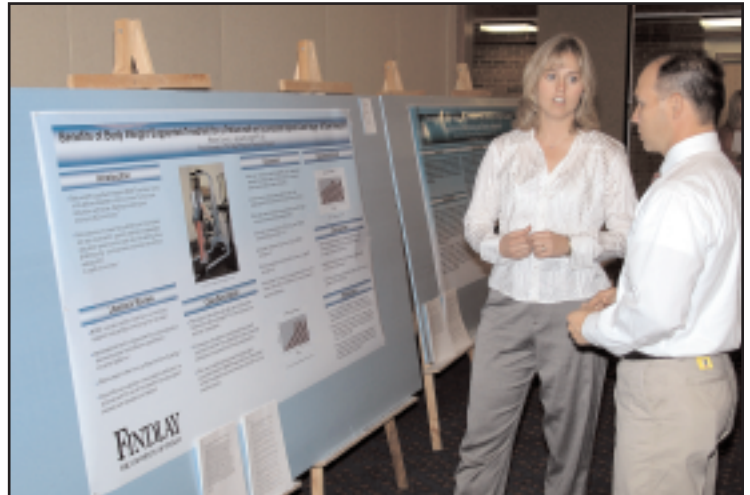
The Office of Alumni and Parent Relations hosted an alumni reception prior to the UF Oilers taking on the Ohio State Buckeyes for an exhibition basketball game on Sunday, Nov. 6. The reception was attended by approximately 250 UF alumni, family and friends.



Students in the Dana Scholars program met with Dr. Annie McKee, a national expert on leadership, after her keynote address during Academic Excellence Day Nov. 9.



Tony Goedde, registrar, answered questions about the plus/minus grading system during a full faculty meeting on Nov. 7. The faculty voted 58 to 38 to keep the grading system which was originally approved by Faculty Senate on Sept. 19.



Photography by Anne Risser Lee

Students in the master's degree in physical therapy weekend program presented their research projects as part of the program's fall research forum on Nov. 3. The forum was held in partnership with the Northwest District of the Ohio Physical Therapy Association.



Actress Dixie Carter helped UF theatre and voice students work on their techniques during her visit to campus, Nov. 14-16. "Nothing's easy. You're talented. Now you have to work like dogs," Carter advised.

Dr. Joon-Young Song presented his paper on Internet stock posting recommendations during the College of Business' Lecture Series Nov. 9.



"KING ISLAND CHRISTMAS" TO BE PERFORMED NOV. 20

To help celebrate the start of the holiday season, The Concert-Chorale is performing *King Island Christmas* Sunday, Nov. 20 at 3 p.m. in the Winebrenner Theological Seminary, TLB Auditorium.

King Island Christmas, with music by David Friedman and libretto by Deborah Brevoort, is based on the book by Jean Rogers and illustrated by Rie Munoz. Dr. Micheal F. Anders, director of choral activities, is the conductor of the 70-voice choir for the performance. In addition, the 20-voice Washington Intermediate School Ensemble, under the direction of Janet Carey, will perform with the Concert-Chorale, along with a 30-piece orchestra.

Called a 'musical/oratorio for the stage,' *King Island Christmas* will feature staging by Scott Hayes, theatre program director; a multimedia presentation designed by Jerry Deall, assistant



Artwork by RIE MUÑOZ

"King Island Christmas: will be performed Sunday, Nov. 20 by the UF Concert-Chorale."

professor of theatre; and costume elements by UF resident costumer Kathy Newell.

Inspired by a true story, *King Island Christmas* is a heartwarming story about the power of community and the ability of the human spirit to overcome adversity.

MAZZA ART AUCTION RAISES \$48,000

The Mazza Museum Celebrity Art Auction raised \$48,355 for the museum's building addition campaign fund.

The museum is raising \$2.2 million for an 11,000-square-foot addition. The addition will provide more space for educational programs and for the preservation and protection of its artworks. Completion of the addition is scheduled for 2007.

More than 130 pieces of original artwork donated by Mazza artists were auctioned off during the event.

The piece that brought the highest price was a watercolor and pastel titled "Deborah, Judge over Israel," created by Leo and Diane Dillon. It sold for \$3,700.

According to Dr. Jerry Mallett, the event was a phenomenal success. "It was a spectacular event. Everyone was very generous and the art was amazing," Mallett, director of the museum, said. "Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make the auction possible."

CAMPUS THANKSGIVING DINNER TO BE HELD

For many of University's more than 460 international students, going home over University holidays isn't an option, so the Office of International Admissions and Services is offering its third annual Thanksgiving luncheon Wednesday, Nov. 23 at 11:30 a.m. in the Winebrenner Theological Seminary TLB Foundation Convocation Center.

This event is many international students' introduction to the uniquely American Thanksgiving holiday.

Although the Office of International Admissions and Services is hosting the meal, all UF students, faculty and staff are invited to attend.

The Office of International Admissions and Services will provide turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy and

the Office of the President will provide beverages, while the faculty and staff are invited to bring their favorite Thanksgiving dishes to share.

According to Penny Gerdeman, director of international student admissions and services, this is a special event that international students look forward to every year. "It gives them the chance to sit down and have a traditional Thanksgiving meal with thier friends and international family", Gerdeman said. "A lot of our international students also bring their spouse and children who are staying with them in the U.S. to experience meal."

The University's student population includes 465 international students from more than 30 countries and territories.



2004 Thanksgiving luncheon.