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VIETNAMESE SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE OFFERS NEW ASIAN PERSPECTIVE ON CAMPUS



UF President DeBow Freed, Ph.D., welcomed scholar-in-residence Tran Le Hoa Tranh, Ph.D., from the University of Social Sciences and Humanities — Ho Chi Minh City.

Tran Le Hoa Tranh, Ph.D., describes her home as “beautiful, friendly and active in the renovation age.” As a scholar-in-residence from the University of Social Sciences and Humanities – Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC), an affiliated member of Vietnam National

University, Tran hopes to present faculty and students with Vietnam’s real image – an image of beauty and growth, not an image of war – and inspire the Findlay community to visit and invest in her home country.

Tran’s visit is funded through a grant from the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) and the ASIA Network, a consortium of nearly 150 North American colleges working to strengthen the role of Asian studies within the framework of a liberal arts

education. The University of Findlay was selected, in 2006, to participate in the Liberal Arts College Faculty Exchange Program.

According to Hiroaki Kawamura, Ph.D., chair of the department of language and culture, a Vietnamese scholar was requested to meet a long-term goal of expanding the Asian representation on campus. Tran’s stay at UF, until May, will meet a short-term goal of having a Vietnamese presence on campus. UF has established relationships with several Asian countries such as Japan, China and India, and Kawamura

hopes to build a new active academic exchange program with the Vietnamese academic community.

As part of the faculty exchange program, a UF faculty member will spend one month in Vietnam as a guest of the University of Social Sciences and Humanities – HCMC.

To fully incorporate the Vietnamese culture into life at the University, Tran will interact with students and faculty in many contexts. She will visit classrooms, lead Vietnamese literature and film discussion groups, offer a public

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KERN, CHENETTE RETURN FOR SPIRITED REVIVAL OF UF TRADITION

Community members and UF faculty, staff and students were invited to attend a special event Jan. 18 in Ritz Auditorium, featuring Richard Kern, Ph.D., professor emeritus of history, and Louis Chenette, Ph.D., author of the UF fight song and former acting president. This event marked the first of many celebrating the University’s 125th anniversary.

The audience was welcomed by Chenette, who led members of the UF band in a spirited rendition of the song he wrote when he was hired to create UF’s first marching band. Following the band’s performance was Kern, who delivered his fondly-remembered freshman orientation address.



Louis Chenette, Ph.D., author of the UF fight song and former acting president, directed members of the UF in the song he wrote for the very first UF marching band.

Kern first welcomed UF freshmen in the 1970s and continued to do so through the fall of 2002. He provided a history of the

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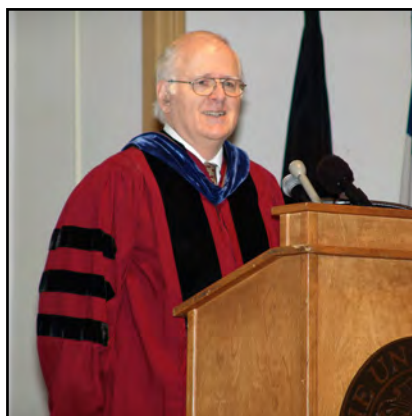
lecture and create a display of Vietnamese culture in the Shafer Library. In addition, Tran will participate in the faculty roundtable, sharing her political and social views. Her stay also will include visits to UF faculty homes to experience American culture in the home.

One of Tran's goals while she is here is to learn about the American methods of teaching. She is enrolled in four undergraduate classes and is using the opportunity to observe how the professors teach, as well as to advance her own understanding of the English language. She plans to incorporate some of what she has learned in her own classroom when she returns to HCMC. Another benefit of Tran's presence in undergraduate classes is that she is able to interact with students on a student-to-student level, providing students an informal way to learn about Vietnam.

Tran is a main lecturer of Chinese literature, and she also has taught Vietnamese literature, Vietnamese linguistics, Chinese classical fiction and more. Tran holds a doctoral degree in the theory and history of literature, a master's degree in Vietnamese literature and two bachelor's degrees, one in English language and one in literature.

Soon after she was born in the poorest part of her country, Tran moved with her family to Saigon just before Vietnam gained its independence in 1975. She grew up in Saigon and studied there. In 1996, Tran met her husband, who works in a textile company, while studying for her master's degree. They married in 1998 and have two children – one of whom was named after the university where the couple met.

A complete schedule of events related to Tran's stay at UF will soon be available. Please contact Kawamura at 419-434-4619 or kawamura@findlay.edu for additional information.



Richard Kern, Ph.D., professor emeritus of history, delivered his freshman orientation address — the same address he gave to incoming classes for 25 years — in Ritz Auditorium.

University as well as humorous stories of students who walked the halls of Old Main many years ago.

He reminded the audience of the 1890s when 'work study' had a completely different meaning: students helped pay their way through college by carrying coal to stoves in classrooms at 6 a.m. Kern also told of a time when there was a common drinking cup attached to the hand pump of the all-

campus water well near the south entrance of Old Main.

Early presidents of the college sometimes used the lawn of rye grass in front of Old Main to pasture their cows. Kern noted that the practice was "a presidential perk which later presidents, including Dr. Freed, have been slow to embrace."

Kern recited several all-college yells, also known as cheers. The most popular was known for its incorporation of Latin, a requirement in 1892 when the yell was written, and natural gas, as Old Main was the only college building in the world heated with natural gas at one time. The cheer, "Hic Haec Hoc! Free from smoke! Now you know, Findlay College, O-Hi-O!" was written by student William Nelson "Nockemstiff" Yates who later became president of the college from 1893-1895.

The event closed with a performance of the alma mater sung by Micheal F. Anders, Ph.D., director of choral activities, and accompanied by members of the UF band.

OSBORNE EARNS PROFESSIONAL CHOICE AWARD IN NATIONAL CONTEST

Aaron Osborne '00, a media technology specialist on UF's multimedia team, was recently recognized for his creativity and talent by Avid Technology Inc. and earned an all-expenses paid trip to the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah.

Osborne won the Professional Choice Award in a nationwide contest for a 30-second commercial titled "In the Halls of Avid, One is Many," featuring UF alumnus Ben Walton. "My spot shows how one person can make a vision come to life. The idea behind it is that a character in a hallway — with numerous images surrounding him ... his ideas ... all different — can create any or all of them with Avid," said Osborne.

Osborne's work was selected, by professional commercial editor and

Association of Independent Creative Editors award winner Chris Franklin of Big Sky Editorial, from more than 100 qualified entries.

"There were so many creative and entertaining commercials to choose from, but Aaron's use of imagination, skill and intrigue made his spot really stand out over the other entries," said Franklin. "The pace, the audio and the use of graphics really brought the piece to life."

The commercial is an HD spot that was aired approximately 100 times throughout the Sundance Film Festival on Park City TV (PCTV) – Sundance's exclusive "All Access" news station.

Visit <http://www.avid.com/promos/30secondspot/index.asp> to view the spot.

MLK CELEBRATION HONORS LEADER



Photo credit: Yekaterina Kontar, Senior

The third annual Unity Walk and MLK celebration was held Monday, Jan. 15, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Tony Iriti, mayor of Findlay, and Desmond Buford, director of intercultural student services, led participants through the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Way and Main Cross Street. Dr. Howard Ward delivered the keynote address, "We Are STILL Caught in an Incapable Network of Mutuality."



Thursday Nite Live, sponsored by Campus Ministry, is an energetic evening where all are welcome to come together for worship and fellowship. Pictured above, Desa Schwab and Brielle Burrus are regular attendees.



Photo credit: Yekaterina Kontar, Senior

Senior interpersonal and public communication major Kim Haddix, left, played bingo Jan. 12 with freshmen Danielle Robal and Katy Fogt, both pre-veterinary majors. Winter Fun BINGO was sponsored by the Office of Student Activities and Commuter Student Services.

FOOD DRIVE

A canned food drive and valentine party will be held in the AMU lounge 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7.

Students, faculty and staff are asked to bring canned goods to the AMU. All food will be donated to Chopin Hall. Cookies and hot chocolate will be provided, and anyone is welcome to make a valentine card.

Contact the student activities office at 419-434-4606.

Many former Oilers celebrated the men's basketball program's 100th anniversary at the basketball game Jan. 20. Right, James Federici '37 walked across the gymnasium in Croy with Dee Dee Sprau, director of alumni and parent relations, representing members of the basketball team prior to 1950. An alumni reunion was held before the game.



JAN. 28 IN WTS



Hugh Panaro will perform "An Evening with Hugh Panaro" with pianist and Tiffin, Ohio, native Phil Reno at 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, in Winebrenner Theological Seminary.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$6 for students and senior citizens and free to UF students, faculty and staff with UF identification. Tickets will be available at the door.

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CELEBRITIES AND TOP-FORTY SONG LYRICS TAKE THE STAGE



Cast members in “Can’t Bring Sexy Back – J. Timberlake in Da Oprah House” practiced choreography the day of the performance. The group won second place with their original play.

“Top Forty Celebrity Fables” was the theme for Triage Theatre 2007. The production process began with an initial meeting of more than 30 students on the evening of Jan. 19 when Alpha Psi Omega, the honorary theatre fraternity at UF, revealed this year’s theme.

Participants were given the challenge of incorporating celebrities, as cast members, and lyrics from top-forty songs, as dialogue, to create original short plays within 24 hours. Each play also was required to have an element of choreography.

By 8 p.m. Saturday, Martha Stewart, Winona Ryder, Rosie O’Donnell, Barbara Walters, Michael Jackson, Richard Simmons, Anna Nicole Smith, Mary Poppins and many other recognizable celebrities and personalities were ready to perform original 5-to 10-minute shows.

The audience participated by casting votes for each skit, and the winning team earned a cash prize – more than \$200 collected from participation fees.

First place went to “Rosie vs. Trump – Saturday! Saturday! Saturday!” written by junior theatre major Justin Davis, which won the audience’s votes through its comical storyline and well-choreographed dance routine, led by a Barbara Walters with rhythm. Cast members included sophomore theatre major Peyton Noland, who was also technical manager, as Rosie O’Donnell, Davis as Donald Trump, junior communication

major Holly Butler as Joy, senior theatre major January Blank, who was also director, as Barbara Walters, and senior graphic communication major Valerie Hilde as Tara Connor.

Second place was awarded to “Can’t Bring Sexy Back – J. Timberlake in Da Oprah House,” written by freshman theatre major Kara Wilkinson and senior communication major Erin Plescher. Cast members included junior theatre major James Stephani, sophomore religious studies major Cora Worden, Plescher, who was also director, Wilkinson and junior theatre major Crystal Soto, who also was technical manager.

“Walker’s Correctional Institute,” written by sophomore theatre major Evan Potter, earned third place. Cast members included Potter, junior theatre major Tacy Flaherty, who was also technical manager, senior theatre major Christen Mathern, who was also director, and community members Jeremy Mills and Tom LaLonde.

A tradition at The University of Findlay, Triage Theatre allows students to test their writing, acting, directing and time management skills.

WORTH NOTING

If you know someone who has done something “worth noting,” on campus or in the community, send that information to Brianna Patterson at pattersonb@findlay.edu.

WEIGHT HEALTHY PROGRAM WORKS

The Cosiano Health Center’s Weight Healthy program has been successful since beginning Nov. 7, 2006. To date, participants have lost a combined total of 60 pounds.

Upon joining the program, each participant has a metabolic fingerprint made. It shows his or her Resting Metabolic Rate (RMR), which is how fast he or she burns calories when at rest. This information can then be used to determine how many calories a day a person can eat to lose, stay the same or gain weight. Additional factors, such as occupational activity and daily exercise are taken into consideration, as well, to further individualize the program and help the participant achieve his or her goal.

According to Tara Clymer, R.N., Weight Healthy coordinator, “One reason the program is successful is because the metabolic fingerprint lets the participant know, in black and white, what his or her rate really is.” She also noted that the success was due to the discipline and determination of those in the program.

Since the start of the program, 45 participants have had an initial visit and metabolic fingerprint. “Some just want to know their metabolic fingerprint and don’t feel the need to come back in for checks. Others want to come and get weighed and discuss their progress and concerns with a nurse,” said Clymer. “Every time they come in we try to fit together more pieces of the puzzle.”

The Weight Healthy program’s goal is overall wellness for the participants through exercise and portion control, instead of dieting to lose weight. “Participants need to eat three meals a day. The focus is not to starve. We don’t want people to lose more than one or two pounds a week. The idea is to incorporate small changes in their lives to reach their goals and to develop healthy lifestyles,” she added.

UF faculty and staff interested in joining should call the Cosiano Health Center at 419-434-4550 and ask to join the Weight Healthy program.

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