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TRIP RAISES AWARENESS, EDUCATES STAFF MEMBER

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Sharinda Welton traveled to Fort Sill, Okla., Oct. 14-17 to get a taste of military life.

Welton, director of student activities and commuter student services at The University of Findlay, was one of 20 Ohio educators invited on the trip. Because UF sponsors various Army-related activities throughout the year, a local recruitment officer nominated Welton for the trip. The Army Recruitment Office in Columbus contacted her two weeks before the trip. Educators need to be able to teach interested students about life in the military. In order to do that, the educators need to understand it themselves. That concept provided the foundation for this program.

When Welton found out that she was going, she wanted to take something to the soldiers to represent the support that the people of Hancock County have for them. She ended up taking "A Touch of Findlay" bags. The bags included a UF stuffed animal, four pins from Hancock County organizations, candy from Dietsch Brothers, a picture from the Findlay • Hancock County Chamber of Commerce and a few other things from the UF campus. Along with the bags, Welton hand delivered 100 letters that had been written by students. She said that the soldiers were overwhelmed by the support that UF students showed.

The Army funded the majority of the trip. The flight and hotel were



Members of the 1st Battalion, 14th Field Artillery, known as the "Steel Warriors," show letters of support Sharinda Welton delivered to them at Ft. Sill, Okla.

paid for, along with some of the meals. "It was their way to educate," Welton noted. Those on the trip can relate to students who may be involved in the military or considering it. Welton said it also helped her "better relate to student groups on campus."

The educators experienced first hand many aspects of what happens on the base. They met soldiers who were at different stages in the military. The educators were given a tour of the barracks, ate in the mess hall with the soldiers, observed an obstacle course and participated in dog training. They were given the chance to learn to shoot ammunition through a simulator and visited museums and Giranamo's gravesite. They also watched the Army Pride Demonstration at Adam's Hill, where the troops showed how equipment is used in combat.

In addition to interacting with many soldiers on the base, they ate at the Officer's Club with Ft. Sill's

Command Sgt. Major Rodney Beck and observed a demonstration about how the Army used to operate with horses by Richard Shepard, who is Half Section Chief.

Welton said that support efforts are not finished at UF. The Army has established a fund for the families of soldiers who are killed in war. Because college students don't often have extra money to donate, there is another option. Those who may want to get involved should write a letter to a soldier or a fallen soldier's family. The letters can be dropped off to the Office of Student Activities. The letters will be sent to Ft. Sill and delivered. Welton suggested that student organizations may want to do some type of fundraising to make a donation to the fund.

Welton feels that by going on the trip, she is better able to assist students who may be interested in the military or who are already involved.

DISTINGUISHED ASSOCIATES HONORED AT APPLAUSE

Gary and Cam Lea (Roberts '67) Taylor and Nik and Betsy Pry were named Distinguished Associates at "Applause," the donor recognition reception held at UF Dec. 9.

Since 1975, the Distinguished Associates Award has been presented to members of the UF Associates who by their personal endeavors, financial support and leadership have brought distinction to The University of Findlay.

Gary and Cam Lea (Roberts '67) Taylor were honored for their outstanding commitment to The University of Findlay and its programs.

Gary retired after 33 years of service with American Electric Power. During that time, he served for 12 years as financial secretary for the Utility Workers of America. He also served in the Navy from 1963-66.

Gary attended Ohio Northern University and The Ohio State University.

Cam retired after 30 years of service as an educator, mostly in the Findlay City Schools. Currently, she is a Praxis III assessor with the Ohio Department of Education and a supervisor for sophomore and junior block programs and student teaching at UF.

Cam was honored with the UF Distinguished Alumni Award in 1999.

In addition, Cam is active in many organizations, including The University



Gary and Cam Taylor, left, and Nik and Betsy Pry, right, were honored Dec. 9.

of Findlay Alumni Association, where she has served as president for the last seven years, and the Mazza Museum.

Gary and Cam are co-founders of "Tales for Tanzania," a project designed to get children's books into the hands of children in Tanzania.

Nik and Betsy Pry were honored for their longtime and faithful commitment to The University of Findlay.

A graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University, Nik went on to earn his MBA and his juris doctorate, both from The Ohio State University.

Currently CEO of Pry Professional Group in Findlay, Nik is past president of the Findlay Rotary Club and is a member of the Blanchard Valley Health

Center Board of Trustees, the Mazza Museum National Board of Visitors, Findlay YMCA Board of Directors and Community Development Foundation Investment Committee.

Betsy earned her bachelor's degree from Ohio Wesleyan

University and her master of arts in education degree from The University of Findlay.

Also active in her community, Betsy is a charter member of the Findlay Service League. She has served as a board member for UF, Blanchard Valley Health Association, Camp Fire Boys and Girls, Hancock Historical Museum and Family Services.

FACULTY IN PRINT

Quentin Skrabec, assistant professor of management, has published "Playing by the rules: Why ethics are profitable" in the October 2003 issue of *Business Horizons*, a publication of the Kelly School of Business at Indiana University.

Jason Sloan, assistant professor of religious studies, has published a new book: *Theological Incorrectness: Why Religious People Believe What They Shouldn't*.

TAYLOR TO APPEAR WITH "THE TEMPTATIONS"

Jack Taylor will appear in concert with Motown Recording Artists "The Temptations" on Friday, Dec. 19, at 8 p.m. at the Seagate Centre in Toledo. He will play saxophone in their show, which will feature music from their Christmas album.

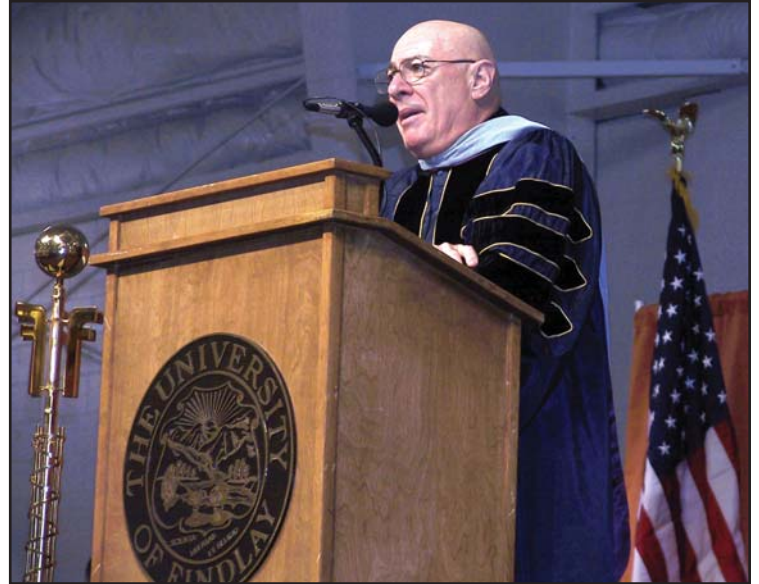


Emma May Gray '66 listens to Exclusive Design, featuring Heather (Pirschel '94) Maglicic, third from the left.

GRADUATION HIGHLIGHTS END OF SEMESTER



The first bachelor's degree awarded by Dr. Debow Freed at winter commencement was to Mason Goodman, who earned a bachelor's degree in political science/law and the liberal arts.



Dr. Jerry Mallett, professor of education and director of the Mazza Museum, gave a heartfelt commencement address.



Mayor John Stozich, second from left, was awarded an honorary doctor of public administration degree at commencement. He is pictured here with his wife, Nancy; Dr. Freed; and Dr. C. Richard Beckett, chairman of the Board of Trustees.



These students were all smiles as they lined up for the graduation procession on Dec. 6.



This proud MBA graduate shares the moment with a little one.

Photos by
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A parent's proudest moment - at the arch ceremony following graduation.

LAST DAY OF CLASSES BRINGS FIRST SNOWFALL



Students, faculty and staff braved the cold temperatures and snowy conditions when Findlay experienced its first snowfall of the season...on the last day of classes for fall 2003.



Old Main was dressed for the season when the snow fell.

SEVERAL EVENTS WRAP UP FALL SEMESTER



Doug Peters, president of the Findlay • Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, talks with two students during a Business After Hours showcase Dec. 4 at UF.



Many student organizations participated in Deck the Trees, sponsored by PRSSA.



A stress relief program was sponsored by Residence Life on Dec. 3.



More than 500 students enjoyed Late Night Munchies Dec. 8 as a break from studying.

Members of Doug Salvesson's oil painting class clean up the studio for the semester.

