

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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## PERFORMANCE TO FEATURE THANKSGIVING MUSIC

Thanksgiving and Patriotic music will highlight the program when the UF Concert-Chorale performs its fall concert Sunday, Nov. 23, at 3 p.m. in the auditorium at Winebrenner

Theological Seminary.

This concert marks the first time in 23 years that the Concert-Chorale's fall performance has not featured Christmas music.

"The reason for this is because this year's concert is scheduled for the Sunday before Thanksgiving," said Dr. Micheal

Anders, director of chorale activities and professor of music. "After years of rehearsing Christmas music in August and September, it is refreshing to sing different genre."

Several of the pieces that will be performed at this concert are *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*, *America the Beautiful*, *Joy in the Morning* and *Amazing Grace*, as well as an extensive medley of American folk songs.

The concert is free.

## LUNCHEON PLANNED

A Thanksgiving luncheon will be held Wednesday, Nov. 26, at 11:30 a.m. in the Winebrenner Theological Seminary auditorium for all faculty, staff and, especially, international and American students who do not have a place to go for the holiday.

Those attending the meal are asked to bring a favorite dish to share or give a \$4 donation to help cover the cost of the turkey. Any money received above the cost of the turkey will be donated to the International Student Scholarship fund.

The event is being organized and the meal prepared by the Offices of International Admissions and Services and International Affairs and the Intensive English Language Program. Drinks are provided by the Office of the President.

To RSVP, call ext. 4558 or 5339.



It is never too early to begin your holiday shopping, as these ladies at the left know. At right, Kelly Green, host of the WFIN-AM Phone Club, airs her show from the Gardner Pavilion on Nov. 3 as a kick-off for the Mazza Holiday Gift Shop, running through Nov. 16 in the Malcolm Dining Room. Hours are Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. Dr. Milt Peters, professor of psychology, joins in the fun.

*The mission of The University of Findlay is to equip our students for meaningful lives and productive careers.*

# PALEOANTHROPOLOGIST TELLS OF FINDS

By Charlene Hankinson  
Executive Director of University Relations

As the daughter and granddaughter of renowned paleoanthropologists, Louise Leakey represents the third generation of her family who has searched the fruitful soils of Africa for evidence of man's origins. Leakey told her family story of determination and landmark excavations as the keynote speaker for The University of Findlay's third annual Academic Excellence Day on Nov. 5.

Leakey explained that her great-grandparents, Harry and Mary Leakey, arrived in Africa in the late 1800s as missionaries. Her grandfather, Louis Leakey, who was born in an African hut, chose to focus on fossils rather than religion. Contrary to prevailing theories that the origins of man would be found in Asia, with a straight line of descent to modern man, Louis was convinced that the earliest ancestors of man came from Africa, she said.

Louis married Mary Nicol in 1936. They focused their work on the Olduvai Gorge, in northern Tanzania, where in 1959 Mary discovered the heavy-set skull of a hominid with very large teeth, Louise recounted. The year 1959 also marked the beginning of support for the family's research from the National

Geographic Society, she said. Further archeological discoveries supported the existence of early hominids in Africa, vindicating Louis' ideas.

Louis hired her mother, Mauve, who came to work for him at the Tigon Primate Research Center. Mauve married Louis and Mary's second son, Richard, and the couple became involved with the Turkana basin research project in Kenya. Louise was born in 1972, the same year that Louis Leakey died.

In 1999, while Louise was doing research for her Ph.D. from the University of London, a Turkana field worker found evidence of a new species, which was named *Kenyanthropus platyops*, meaning "flat faced man of Kenya." Finding this example of diversity further back in time supports the belief that there are several different species from which hominids could have come, she said.



Louise Leakey speaks with students and faculty following her speech.

Over the past 30 years, 16,000 mammalian specimens have been unearthed from the Turkana basin, of which only 350 were hominid, representing seven million years of evolutionary change and at a cost of \$2.5 million in funding, she remarked. "I feel very privileged to be able to spend the time out there, working on the ground," she concluded.

The day also included 40 presentations by faculty and students on topics of original research and study abroad experiences. The day closed with the performance of selections from the theatre presentation, *Moreau*.

## FACULTY IN PRINT

Dr. Scott Van Zant, assistant professor of physical therapy, most recently co-published "Muscular strength responses to strength cycle



ergometer training" and "Aerobic responses to strength cycle ergometer training" in *Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise* in 2002. He also wrote "Moderate carbohydrate and fat diet does not impair strength exercise performance in moderately trained males" in *Journal of Sports Medicine and Physical Fitness* in 2002.

He has written numerous other articles as well.

## SOFTBALL TEAM HONORED FOR GPA

The University of Findlay softball team was recognized as having the highest GPA in Division II softball for the 2002-03 season by The National Fastpitch Softball Coaches Association (NFCA).

Findlay's GPA of 3.764 was actually the highest among every division of college softball. This marks the fifth consecutive year the Oiler softballers

have led Division II, and the fifth year they have raised their team GPA.

UF carried 24 players on their roster last season and currently carries 28.

"We have expressed to our new players the importance of excellence in the classroom," said second-year Head Coach Ron Ammons. "It would be nice to maintain this academic tradition."

## BRUNCH SIGN-UP UNDERWAY

The Office of Alumni and Parent Relations asks that those who plan to attend the Commencement Brunch prior to graduation on Dec. 6 respond to ext. 4795 by Dec. 1. Faculty, staff and graduates eat for free.

## GET PSYCHED! WITH CLUB

UF's newest club, the PsyKey Club, will hold its next meeting Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. in Malcolm Dining Room.

Everyone is invited, especially psychology majors.

# HALLOWEEN KEEPS CAMPUS FESTIVE



Members of the Admissions staff celebrated Halloween by dressing up as "UF Fanatics" on Oct. 31.



Broomball can be a dangerous pastime, as Kristen Dutczak, a senior from Cleveland, Ohio, found out. Broomball is one of the most popular intramural sports offered at Findlay.



Brian Treece, director of housing and Greek life, dressed up like the Pillsbury Dough Boy for Trick-or-Treat the Halls Nov. 1. Here, he poses with the children of Dave Emsweller, vice president of student services. The event is sponsored annually by the Residence Life staff.



This "box of crayons" came out to support Moonlight Madness on Oct. 30. Moonlight Madness marks the beginning of the UF basketball season.



This character stopped in at the masquerade party sponsored by the Pre-Vet Club and the International Club on Oct. 30.



Abby Endicott, a freshman psychology major from Lima, Ohio, competed in the backstroke when UF took on Hillsdale College Nov. 1.

# TRIP TO CHINA REVEALS PT PRACTICES

By Kelly Hancock  
Student Intern

Dr. Lisa Dutton, dean of the College of Health Professions and associate professor of health sciences, recently traveled to China to discuss physical therapy and learn about the practice there.

The national president of the American Physical Therapy Association sent out a letter inviting several physical therapy professionals around the United States to be delegates to China. Dr. Dutton was one of about 25 American physical therapists who decided to go abroad.

The trip was made available through the People to People Ambassador organization. The People to People Ambassador program was



*Here, the delegates viewed the Chinese process of "cupping," where small suction cups are placed on an individual in an attempt to alleviate pain.*

founded by President Eisenhower during his time in office. The objective of the program is to help create peace among different cultures. In order to achieve this goal, Americans journey to foreign lands to discuss various topics of interest with the natives of those countries.

For about seven days in September, the delegates were introduced to the physical therapy profession as it exists in China. It was a chance for cultural exchange between Americans and Chinese in the same profession. The delegates visited hospitals and rehabilitation centers in the cities of Chengdu



*Dr. Lisa Dutton, right, stands on the Great Wall of China with two other therapists from the delegation.*

and Beijing. Those attending, both Chinese and American, shared their knowledge of the field.

Dutton noted that the American delegates had the opportunity to learn more about non-traditional therapies, according to the eastern perspective. They gained insight into acupuncture, herbal therapies and Chinese massage, all which are popular remedies in China.

The delegates were also given the chance to meet and talk with educators in the field as well as other rehabilitation professionals. They discussed different treatments for various diagnoses.

Dutton said that all the professionals had intentions of keeping in touch with one another.

It will be helpful to have contacts, not only throughout the United States, but in another country as well, Dutton noted.

This trip to China will influence The University of Findlay in several ways, she pointed out. Dutton now has the ability to share intercultural differences about the

occupation with students and faculty here at UF. She commented that she can help others understand that we are part of an international community rather than just part of the United States.

Overall, Dutton enjoyed her trip and said she would go again, given the chance. She said it was a great opportunity for all those who attended to have a better understanding of health care in general.

She commented that, "the best part was having the opportunity to visit hospitals and rehabilitation centers to discuss issues of common concern with Chinese therapists."



*Chinese therapists treat an individual who has a neuromuscular disorder, attempting to recover motor ability.*