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## STUDENT ENJOYS SUMMER IN QUEBEC AND LONDON

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Student Intern

Jessica Pritts, a law and the liberal arts major at The University of Findlay, traveled to Canada and England this summer through a study abroad program.

She spent three weeks in Quebec and another three weeks in London. She was introduced to the Quebec trip through her French professor, Dr. Bettye Myer. She found out about the London opportunity by searching online and went through CEA: Cultural Experience Abroad.

Pritts said most of her time was spent sight-seeing and attending classes. While in Quebec, Pritts stayed in the home of a woman in her 60s. Pritts' "host grandma" was a very welcoming person, fed her well and even did her laundry. Her house was only a 15-minute walk from The University of Quebec, where she attended classes.

In London, she lived in a flat with five other study abroad students. She took a subway to class and recalled a day the subway was stopped underground for a half hour. In her leisure

time, Pritts went to the pub, which is a very common pastime in the city. On weekends, she visited places such as France and Ireland.

Pritts was able to participate in the study abroad program because she is the recipient of the Dumbauld Scholarship. The scholarship covered the tuition for the classes she took abroad.

Studying abroad has taught Pritts some very valuable lessons. She stated that she "learned a lot about people and new experiences and how to get along in new environments, how to adapt." Out of approximately 30 students in her class in Quebec, only seven were from the United States. Some of the students were from Middle Eastern countries.

She explained, "They didn't all like the U.S.," but she had to accept their



Jessica Pritts stands in front of the Parliament building in London.

comments and find a way to get along with everyone. From an academic standpoint, she learned how to speak French quite fluently, as few people in Quebec know English.

She said her favorite part of the trip was the interaction with new people, becoming really close with two new friends. Her friends will not be quickly forgotten, and she still keeps in contact with some of them.

Pritts said that before traveling abroad, it is important to talk to someone who has studied outside the United States. She explained that it is extremely important to turn travel documents in on time to avoid problems. She warned students to expect challenges and be prepared for them.

"Things will go wrong. Just go with the flow," she said.

She offered the following advice to other students who may be considering a study abroad program. "Study abroad if you can. It's a great experience!"

### DUMBAULD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Judge Edward Dumbauld established the Dumbauld Memorial Scholarship to be awarded to a student from Western Pennsylvania, with preference given to students from Fayette County and descendants of William H. and Nancy A. Dumbauld.

The award is based on character, industriousness, dependability, potential,

leadership traits and financial need as well as academic aptitude and achievements. Judge Dumbauld received an honorary doctor of laws degree from UF in 1981.

He passed away in 1997, leaving this scholarship as a legacy for future generations of students.

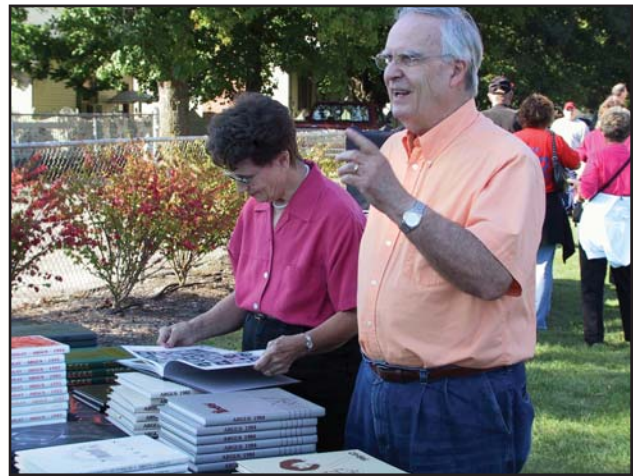
# HOMECOMING: OILER PRIDE RINGS AGAIN



Quarterback Kevin Crooks, a junior from Toledo, takes a snap from Phil Gunder, a senior from Delphos, during the Homecoming game against Northwood University.



Correy Stephens II and Michelle Neff were crowned Homecoming King and Queen.



Dr. Bob Ewald, professor emeritus of history, and his wife, Donna, look over yearbooks from the 1980s at the tailgate event prior to the game.



Dr. DeBow Freed awards Dr. James Houdeshell '53, special assistant to the president, with his Golden Diploma at the Alumni Brunch.



Shelley Brian, administrative assistant for the Physical Plant, enjoys a hayride with some children at the Family Equestrian Festival, sponsored by the Alumni Association.



William Hicks, class president of 1953, and Jason Myers, class president of 2003, gave the Old Main Bell its inaugural ring at the Bell Tower Dedication Ceremony during Homecoming weekend.

# DAYS OF CARING, MAJORFEST KEEP CAMPUS HOPPING



More than 130 UF faculty, staff and students completed 70 projects for the Agency on Aging and Boy Scouts during Days of Caring Sept. 18-19. Here, OT students assist Elsie Rosendale, who lives at Blanchard House.



Dr. Jean Folkert, director of the recreation therapy program, and her students won the most creative display award at Majorfest on Sept. 17. About 400 students attended the event.



John Wolper, director of the hospitality management program, and his students won the award for best integration of students at a table at Majorfest.



DeeDee Spraw, executive director of Career Services, assists a graduating senior at the "Countdown to Graduation" event on Sept. 23.

Photos by Anne Risser Lee and Shannon Hayes

## STEALEY HONORED WITH SERVICE AWARD

Jon Stealey, technical curator for the Mazza Museum, was honored with the Distinguished Service Award at the 35th annual meeting of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc., in Philadelphia, Pa., in August.

The award is for outstanding contribution toward furthering the purpose and objectives of the organization.

Stealey was also elected to a second three-year term on the foundation's board of directors and was appointed chair of the public relations and Web committees. He also serves on the sovereign nations and publications committees.

The theme of the meeting was "The Quest for Knowledge." Papers

and exhibits were presented by the American Philosophical Society, Academy of Nature Sciences, College of Physicians of Philadelphia and the National Park Service for Independence Park. Stealey served as moderator of Benjamin Smith Barton's "Elements of Botany 1803" and "Natural History in Early Republican Philadelphia."

In addition to his work with Mazza, Stealey is an assistant professor at Bluffton College.



## BENDER PRESENTS AT STATE CONFERENCE

Jack Bender, trainer/project manager for the School of Environmental and Emergency Management, was a presenter at the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Division of Safety & Hygiene's 2003 Ohio Safety Congress & Expo.

He addressed "Spills - The Simple to the Complex" and "Hazardous Material Spill Incident Responsibilities."

## BACH'S LUNCH OCT. 17

Bach's Lunch on Oct. 17 will feature "10 Mile Creek" at noon in the Alumni Memorial Union.

# VIRUS CLEAN UP CONTINUES

We have a bug...a virus, to be exact.

And this virus has kept the Office of Information Technology Services (ITS) busier this fall than most doctors in the height of cold and flu season.

More than 1,000 student computers and nearly 300 faculty and staff computers have been cleaned because of the effects of the virus, and ITS is still cleaning computers.

"We thought we were seeing the end of it, but then there has been a second wave in the last few days," said Brad Salisbury, support service manager.

Each clean up takes about two hours, but the technicians can work on up to three computers at a time. The cleaning involves having the computer tower or laptop taken to ITS. Three full-time staff members and eight part-time student technicians have been working to get ahead of the virus.

During the clean-up process, two patches are applied – one for Windows XP and Windows 2000 and one to update to the most recent virus protection software.

"This is a new wave of virus we have not seen before," said Salisbury. "It does not come from a user disk or an email attachment."

He explained that the virus enters through vulnerability in the operating system, and then patches are installed to fix this problem. This virus is not

necessarily caught through email. A computer can be affected simply by being connected to the Internet. The affected machines receive a "RPC error" and shut down within 60 seconds.

"People didn't do anything wrong. Your computer is hooked to the Internet, and you get the virus," he commented.

ITS suggests two precautions that can be taken against this and other viruses – keep your anti-virus definitions up to date and keep the Windows operating system up to date through Internet downloads.

ITS staff first noticed the problem at the open arena during Orientation Weekend. At open arena, ITS staff set up student computers for use in the residence halls and assigned students their UF Internet accounts.

The University of Findlay is part of the College Six, which includes Bluffton College, Ohio Northern University, Defiance College, Tiffin University, Heidelberg College and UF. Scott Walthour, information technology officer, said that all of the colleges in this organization have been affected by this virus. He also said that some colleges outside this organization are charging students \$30 to clean their computers. There is no charge for the service at UF.

"Our ITS folks have been working extremely hard to help all our customers," said Walthour.



Student technicians Paul Staup and Nick Herrmann work on cleaning up the virus. More than 1,300 computers on campus were affected.

## NEW FACULTY PROFILE: CHRISTINE DENECKER

Christine Denecker has been hired as an assistant professor of English at UF.



Having earned bachelor's degrees in English education and communication from Bluffton College in 1989, she went on to earn her master's degree in English from Bowling Green State University in 1995.

Denecker has been an instructor in English at UF and an adjunct instructor at Bluffton College, both since 2002. Prior to that, she was an English teacher at Allen East High School from 1989-02.

She is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Allen County Honored Teacher Award and the Martha Holden Jennings Scholar Award. She was a commencement speaker at Bluffton College in 1989.

## FACULTY IN PRINT

Dr. Paul Chwialkowski, associate professor of social science, criminal justice and public administration and co-director of law and the liberal arts, authored an article titled "Japanese policing - An American invention" for *Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies and Management*, Vol. 21, No. 4, 1998.



## REPUBLICAN BBQ SET

The Hancock County Republican Party will sponsor a BBQ on Oct. 13 beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Koehler Complex.

Congressmen Mike Oxley and Rob Portman, State Auditor Betty Montgomery and Treasurer of State Joe Deters will attend.

Tickets are \$7.50 and are available by contacting Nicholas Coale at 419-788-8888 or coalen@findlay.edu.