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Welcome to ArchLink!



Greetings, alumni!

Happy fall! As we are already into the second half of fall semester, the alumni office is busy preparing for the remaining events of 2008. A new event on Sunday, Dec. 14, 2008, will add some light to your winter season with an alumni gathering at the Toledo Zoo's "Lights Before Christmas!" A reception from 5-6:30 p.m. will be held in the indoor theater at the Museum of Science. Price includes parking pass, zoo admission and pizza reception (pizza, breadsticks, holiday cookies, hot chocolate, coffee and Pepsi products will be served). A special zoo-themed craft will be available for all children! Ticket prices are: \$20 for adults; \$15 for junior/senior tickets (ages 2-11 and 60+). Visit our Web site, www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Zoo, to register, or call the alumni office at 419-434-4516. Reservations need to be made by Dec. 3, 2008.



Join us for an alumni gathering at the Toledo Zoo's "Lights Before Christmas" on Dec. 14, 2008.

I am happy to announce that my office has been relocated to the Stout Alumni Center at 1316 N. Cory St. If you are in the area, please stop by to say hello. As always, keep me updated by filling out the "What's New with You?" form at www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Whats new.

With Oiler Pride!

~~Dee Dee Spraw '93, M '00, director, Alumni & Parent Relations

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1. What's Happening on Campus?

- **UF hosted a political campaign rally featuring vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin, governor of Alaska, Oct. 22.** More than 6,000 attended, with some supporters lining up in frigid temperatures outside the Koehler Complex earlier than 6 a.m. Other speakers included Dr. Jo Ann Davidson, co-chair of the Republican National Committee and a University trustee, U.S. Sen. George Voinovich and U.S. Congressman Jim Jordan. Lee



U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (foreground) and Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland (at back in green sweater vest) encouraged people to vote for Obama and Biden.

Greenwood sang the national anthem and his 1983 hit "God Bless the U.S.A." [Click here](#) to watch a 90-second video of the rally and to read more about the event.

- **Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland and U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown made a stop at The University of Findlay Oct. 28 to campaign for Barack Obama** and to encourage people to vote. At the rally with about 75 people in attendance, Gov. Strickland predicted that Obama would win by a slim margin.



Vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin campaigned at UF Oct. 22.

- **Harriette Smith Ritz passed away Oct. 25, 2008, at age 99, at Birchaven Retirement Village, Findlay,** where she was a resident for the past six years. She had a long association with Findlay College/The University of Findlay and Winebrenner Theological Seminary (WTS). An Indiana native, Harriette Smith was a professor and headed the department of business at Findlay College from 1944-46. She previously taught accounting at Beaver College in Glenside, Pa. She earned both her bachelor's degree and master's degrees from Indiana University. Another new faculty member who also arrived at Findlay College in 1944 was Dr. Gale Ritz, professor of Hebrew and Old Testament. They met on the stage of the chapel of Old Main and were married Dec. 22, 1947. The chapel, where they met, was named Ritz Auditorium for them in 1982. She was chair of the business department at Ohio Northern University (ONU) from 1947-63, while Dr. Ritz went on to serve as the second dean of the Winebrenner Graduate School of Divinity from 1949-61, and president of Winebrenner Theological Seminary from 1961-63. She returned to Findlay College as an associate professor of business from 1963-74, and served as an administrative assistant in the Office of Community Education from 1974-1991. At Findlay College, she was named an associate professor emerita of business administration in 1974, a Distinguished Associate in 1976 and was awarded an honorary doctor of humane letters in 1991. She also served as adviser for numerous student groups and participated in many social and charitable organizations. She was an elder for 13 years at First Christian Church in Findlay and was a member of the church board. In addition, she was a member of the College First Church of God Women's Christian Service Council and its various committees for 40 years. In 1961 she enrolled at Winebrenner as its first female student. A year after her husband's death in 1970, Harriette completed her master of divinity degree at WTS in 1971, becoming its first female graduate. She continued to be involved with WTS, serving on its board of trustees from 1974-83 and was named a trustee emerita. She also was named a Distinguished Alumna of WTS in 1982. Committed to the community, she delivered Meals on Wheels, was an auditor for United Way of Hancock County, served on the Winebrenner Village Auxiliary and was one of



*Harriette Smith Ritz
March 9, 1909 - Oct.
25, 2008*

the founders of Chopin Hall, where she served as an operations manager and a trustee. For her acts of volunteerism, Harriette was presented the "Book of Good Deeds" by the Findlay Exchange Club in 1986, the Service Above Self award by the Findlay Rotary Club in 1991 and the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority's Woman of the Year award in 1991. The Ritzes, along with his sister, Nellie, established the Ritz Memorial Scholarship at The University of Findlay, which provides scholarship aid to UF undergraduates in majors oriented toward careers of service. Memorials may be made to The University of Findlay.

- **The University hosted a Community Cross-Cultural Conversations mixer** Oct. 23 in the Lape Great Hall. Community members were welcome to attend. The evening began with international students presenting information on the nation of India. The program was followed with cross-cultural conversations. In addition, international students and community members had the opportunity to sign up for future conversation times and for home visits. For more information, contact Donald Beck, assistant professor of English as an International Language, at 419-434-4836 or dbeck@findlay.edu.

- **The Findlay Green Campus Initiative (FGCI) hopes to increase the use of bicycles on campus** as part of its effort to encourage UF's campus to be more environmentally conscious. Students who attended an FGCI event Oct. 30 were entered into a drawing to win one of two free bicycles. Other bicycle drawings will be held at future events. The ultimate goal is to reduce the carbon footprint of the campus and encourage bicycling as an alternative mode of transportation.



Elizabeth Hillman is doing her part to promote a healthier environment by riding a bike .



"Earnest" cast Jeremy Springer, Megan Barclay, Peggy Brannigan, Kara Wilkinson and Derin Tolu

- **"The Importance of Being Earnest" by Oscar Wilde opened at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5, in the John and Hester Powell Grimm Theatre**, located in the Egner Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets are \$5 for general admission, \$3 for seniors and students and free for UF students, faculty and staff. Call the UF Box Office at 419-434-5335 to get tickets. Performances are at 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and at 6 p.m. Sunday. The cast includes Jeremy Springer as Jack; Derin Tolu as Algernon; Peggy Brannigan as Lady Bracknell; Megan Barclay as Gwendolyn; and Kara Wilkinson as Cicely. Students Tom Lalonde, Samantha Woodman, Tim Dunn, Cody Parsons and Ashley Deaton also have roles in the cast. Vicki McClurkin is the director.

- **The Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble will present its annual Christmas concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, in Winebrenner Theological Seminary.** Under the direction of Jack Taylor, professor of music and director of bands, the combined bands will perform "Sounds of the Season," featuring "Marche" from "The Nutcracker Suite," "Skier's Waltz" from the film "Cinerama Holiday," "A Christmas Festival" by Leroy Anderson and others. Heather Smith, senior math education major, will be the featured soloist. Marie Loudon-Hanes, Ph.D., dean of undergraduate education, will be the narrator for the program. Tickets are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for non-UF students and senior citizens. Tickets may be reserved in advance from the UF Box Office, 419-434-5335, or purchased at the door.

- **The UF Concert-Chorale will perform “When Icicles Hang,” featuring music of John Rutter, at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, in Winebrenner Theological Seminary.** Tickets are free and are available at the UF Box Office and at the door. Call the Box Office at 419-434-5335.

- **Art by Jaye Bumbaugh will be on display at the Lea Gallery, located in the Virginia B. Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion, Nov. 10 through Dec. 5.**

The exhibition is free and open to the public from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. An opening reception will be held from 2 until 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, in the Virginia B. Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion. Light refreshments will be served. Bumbaugh, a native of Lorain and now a resident of Lima, was a professor at Bluffton University for 37 years until 2004. He received a bachelor’s degree from Ohio Northern University and a master of fine arts degree in sculpture from Bowling Green State University. For additional information, please contact Jeff Salisbury at jsalisbury@findlay.edu or 419-722-3691.



Artwork on exhibit by Jaye Bumbaugh.

- **On Nov. 12, The University of Findlay’s dining service, Sodexo, will participate in an attempt to break the Guinness® World Record for the largest food drive by a non-charitable organization in a 24-hour period.**



Findlay students helped count and record donations at last year’s food drive.

The Findlay community is invited to drop off donations of canned goods at Henderson Dining Hall, located on Frazer Street, between 7 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Donations also may be dropped off at St. Paul’s United Methodist Church, 218 E. Sandusky St., between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. that day. After the items have been counted and recorded, they will be donated to Chopin Hall in Findlay. To count toward the world-record goal, all food items must be within the expiration dates and must not be damaged. Each donated item will be recorded in a log book and witnessed by community and University representatives. Only cans collected on Nov. 12 will count toward the effort.

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2. Academic Update

- **The University of Findlay’s Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team has received a grant from Goldman Sachs Foundation** to educate high school-aged students about capital markets. Dr. Greg Arburn, assistant professor of economics and finance and the faculty adviser for SIFE, said that to be awarded this grant is a great honor. “Just to be mentioned in the same phrase as Goldman Sachs is prestigious,” he said. This is the first time the foundation has given out such a grant. Of the nearly 600 SIFE teams in the country, only 45 were selected to receive the grant. “That quite literally puts our SIFE team in the top 10 percent of teams in the U.S. as it pertains to financial education,” Arburn said. Arburn says the SIFE team has delivered programs on capital markets education at local and surrounding high schools over the last several years. He said they will mostly focus on Hancock County and high schools in counties contiguous to it, but would also like to spread their message on the UF campus as well.
- **The University hosted a reading by fiction writer David James Poissant Oct. 30** in the Malcolm Dining Hall of the Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion as part of the Fall Writers Series. While on campus, Poissant also spoke to an English class. Poissant’s short stories have appeared in

Playboy, The Chicago Tribune, Willow Springs, The Chattahoochee Review, Southern Indiana Review, Redivider and in the anthologies “Best New American Voices 2008” and “New Stories from the South 2008.” He has won numerous awards and honors. Poissant holds a master of fine arts degree from the University of Arizona and is a doctoral candidate at the University of Cincinnati. He resides in Cincinnati with his wife, Marla. For more information, [click here](#).



Poet David James Poissant visited campus Oct. 30.

- In September, **Timothy Murphy, Ph.D.,** associate professor of environmental, safety and health management, traveled to the



Dr. Timothy Murphy was a featured speaker at a symposium in Japan on UF's emergency management programs.

Chiba Institute of Science in Choshi, Japan, for the International Crisis Management Symposium on CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear) and Emerging Infectious Diseases. As in the United States, emergency management and hazardous materials professionals are needed in growing numbers in Japan. Murphy was asked to speak at the symposium about UF's curriculum and how it prepares professionals for the workplace. Currently, there are no public emergency management programs in Japan. Instead, the programs are run by private companies, which have formed committees to adopt rules and regulations for a public response system.

- **The University of Findlay hosted area business educators at the ACBSP (Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs) Great Lakes Council Region 4 Annual Conference** Oct. 16-17. The topic of the conference was “Curriculum for Growth: Improving Student Competencies.” **W. Paul Worstell** (UF MBA '99), president of Pro-Tech Coating Co., and Iris Cooper, director of entrepreneurship and small business division for the State of Ohio, offered keynote addresses. Session presenters included representatives from The University of Findlay, University of Saint Francis, Tiffin University, Trine University, Owens Community College and Indiana University East. UF is a member of ACBSP, an organization of degree-granting institutions dedicated to pursuing the highest quality of business education standards. ACBSP promotes best practices that contribute to continuous improvement, based on the Baldrige National Quality Program. ACBSP also offers an accrediting process for business education programs focused on teaching and learning, which is recognized by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation. For more information, [click here](#).

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3. Alumni News & Events

- **Save the Date**

- **Sept. 25-26** **Family Weekend 2009**
- **Oct. 2-4** **Homecoming 2009**

- **Upcoming Events**

- **Dec. 13** Baccalaureate
Ritz Auditorium, 10:30 a.m.
- **Dec. 13** Commencement Brunch
Alumni Memorial Union, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

- **Dec. 13** Graduate and Undergraduate Commencement
Koehler Fitness and Recreation Complex, 2 p.m.
- **Dec. 14** “Lights Before Christmas” at the Toledo Zoo;
Alumni Reception, 5 – 6:30 p.m.
- **Jan. 17** Men’s & Women’s Alumni Basketball Receptions;
Croy Gymnasium
- **Feb. 14** Men’s Alumni Basketball Reception;
Croy Gymnasium
- **Feb. 21** Alumni Board of Governors Meeting
- **March 27** OHSAA Boys’ State Basketball Brunch;
Holiday Inn on the Lane, Columbus



UF Dance Team and STAR members participated in the Findlay Halloween parade Oct. 28.

• UF students from the Dance Team and members of StudentTs for Alumni Relations (STAR) volunteered for the annual Findlay downtown Halloween parade Oct. 28. More than 100 floats and entries were in the parade that drew more than 5,000 spectators. UF’s Homecoming king and queen, Justin Dennen and Layne Goings, also were part of the parade. The physician assistant program entered a float that won as “Most Original.”



Justin Dennen and Layne Goings, Homecoming 2008 king and queen, at the Halloween parade.

- **Penny Gerdeman '98, director of international admissions and services, and Debbie VanAtta '96, assistant director of international admissions/SEVIS, traveled to Taichung, Taiwan, where The University of Findlay hosted an alumni reception.** Held at Hotel One, one of the best hotels in Taichung, a five-course reception with tea was enjoyed by a number of UF alumni on Saturday, Sept. 27. Another reception, planned for Sunday, Sept. 28, had to be canceled as a Super Typhoon with record winds brought an injunction from the governor for everyone to stay at home. Gerdeman and VanAtta called all of the alumni scheduled to attend the cancelled reception in Taipei and visited with each via telephone. Gerdeman reported that she was staying on the 31st floor of the tallest hotel in Taichung and was experiencing motion sickness from the tower swaying in the severe wind. Despite having to cancel one of the receptions, Gerdeman said the trip was a really positive experience and that she also had made contact with several prospective students.



Attending the Taiwan reception were: Penny Gerdeman '98, Gary Vore '98, Chu-Ming “Shelly” Chen '98, Hsiu-Fen “Polly” Liao '96, Chun-an “Anthony” Chu '99, Yee-Chen “Katie” Tsai '98, Ya-Wen “Angela” Cheng '08, Yi-Ling “Phoebe” Lin '06, Sehng-Hung “Howard” Wu '08, Chiayi “Esther” Su '01, Tzu-Lin “Lynn” Yang '04 and Debbie VanAtta '96.

- **Breana (Heinrichs) Koffler '99 is already organizing the celebration of the UF Class of '99 and friends 10-year reunion for Homecoming 2009.** The reunion will welcome classmates, friends, family, sorority/fraternity brothers and sisters, and teammates who traveled to sports contests with the Class of 1999. Breana urges classmates to send invitations or letters to people from previous or latter classes to come and help celebrate. Along with Breana, **Craig Scott '99** is putting together a Facebook page that will be labeled “UF Class of 1999.”

A site also will be developed on the UF alumni page. Please watch for continuing updates. If you have suggestions or would like to contact Breana, you may e-mail her at bheinrichs@hotmail.com.

• **Congratulations Newlyweds:**

- *Brad '07, M '08 & Sydney Spraw – Oct. 18, 2008*
- *Jeffrey '81 & Jane Ann Gorze – June 12, 2008*
- *Jason '04 & Jessica O'Flaherty – May 17, 2008*

• **Welcome UF Newest Little Oilers:**

- *James '95 & Jasmine Godman
Baby girl, Brooklyn Kate, born Oct. 6, 2008*
- *Ryan & Brooke (Orians '04) Imke
Baby boy, Carter James, born July 14, 2008*
- *Jeff & Dawn '99 Henderson-Davis
Baby girl, Faye Maxine Davis, born June 15, 2008*
- *David and Kendra (Niswander '01) Spears
Baby girl, Elise May Spears, born May 5, 2008*
- *Eric & Robyn (Denney '02) Wilhelm
Baby boy, Ian Gray, born February 2008*
- *Ron '95 & Amanda (Hammons'98) Lucy
Baby boy, Rowan Matthew, born July 5, 2007*

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4. Alumni Spotlight

- **Ron Stupi '91** returned to campus as the fall visiting executive for the College of Business Oct. 23-24. His public presentation, “An Insider’s View of the Real Estate Crisis: How Low Will Our Economy Go?” drew a crowd of attentive students, faculty and community members.

Stupi is one of five partners for Quality Project Management LLC, a company based in Tempe, Ariz., that oversees construction, renovation and signage/branding projects for large corporations, including finding and acquiring real estate sites, filing permits and supervising contractors while completing projects on time and on budget. The \$16 million company also has offices in Phoenix, Los Angeles, Miami and other cities across the United States, serving more than 40 national retailers such as Home Depot, Verizon, Chick-fil-A, Circuit City, Kinko’s and other Fortune 1000 companies. In 2007, Quality Project Management (QPM) was named one of Inc. magazine’s top 5,000 fastest growing privately held companies.



Ron Stupi '91, fall College of Business visiting executive

Stupi painted a sobering picture of today's economy: companies he's acquainted with have canceled or delayed expansion projects, put new products on hold and laid off employees. Commercial loans are unavailable, he said. The negative news reported in the media is further dampening the economy as companies and consumers reduce spending, he observed.

On the bright side, he said companies are focusing on their core businesses, remodeling stores and competing with increased customer service at their existing locations. He also predicted that the economy will improve after the election – no matter who wins.

He advised students to be proactive in seeking job opportunities by creating a strong skill set, developing leadership experiences in extracurricular activities, networking and polishing interview skills. Bring examples of work that show ownership and initiative, he said.

Stupi recalled his own undergraduate experience, acknowledging the classes he took in his business major and then-hazardous materials management minor made him well rounded. He cited Shiv Gupta, professor of marketing and economics, as “very demanding but he had knowledge that I still use today.”

Stupi said he finds satisfaction at QPM in creating a dynamic, personable corporate culture, as well as the sense of control he has. Conversely, having 100 employees imparts a huge sense of responsibility for the success of the company, he said, with the most challenging aspect balancing work with his family life.

Previously, Stupi worked for Travel Centers of America, where he was director of real estate and strategic planning; Tosco, as director of real estate for the western region of the largest independent refining and marketing company in the U.S.; and BP Oil Co. in real estate acquisition and divestment in the Midwest.

A native of Stow, Ohio, Stupi was recruited to play basketball at then-Findlay College. He married **Tracy Buschor**, also a 1991 graduate, and they have a 12-year-old daughter and an 8-year-old son, and reside in Scottsdale, Ariz.

- **Jodi Wasinski's** artwork extends even into the paper upon which it is printed. A collection of her work, titled “In Harmony: Prints and Papers,” was exhibited Sept. 22 – Oct. 24 at the Library Gallery of Owens Community College Findlay-area campus. Lining the walls were examples of her artwork from her days as a student at The University of Findlay, as well as newer pieces representing her exploration of printmaking and papermaking techniques.



Jodi Wasinski '97 exhibited her prints on her handmade papers at Owens Community College.

A 1997 graduate with a major in visual communications and minors in art and business, Wasinski has taken a circuitous journey as an artist. After graduation, Wasinski was employed in marketing by Peco II, based in Galion, Ohio, a supplier of power equipment for telecommunication industry. In 2001, she was involved in a car accident in Dallas on her way to the airport after a sales meeting. She reconnected with her artwork as a form of therapy to help her cope with persistent injuries from the accident.

One reason Wasinski chose printmaking is because a series of prints can be made with the same plate. Hand-pulled prints are less expensive compared to a single oil painting, for example, she explained. Calling prints “art for regular people,” Wasinski said that prices are more modest.

As a further economy, she discovered, through a friend, that she could tear up paper, shred it in a blender, and use it to make new paper for her artwork. A box of her college art projects that her mother found stored upstairs, along with more Wasinski found in her storage unit, provided fodder for her first papermaking efforts.

Her grandmother then suggested she incorporate plant materials in her papers and provided her with daylily and hosta leaves. Wasinski also has embedded seeds in some of her papers. She designed wedding invitations on paper that later can be taken to the garden. The seeds will then grow, nourished by the paper residue.

Wasinski also has used recycled copper to make her plates for the printmaking process, making her artwork even more “green.” She has explored various printmaking techniques such as woodcut, wood engraving, linocut, etching, mezzotint and aquatint.

In October 2007, Wasinski participated in the alumni art exhibit on Findlay’s campus that was held as part of the 125th anniversary celebration. Through it, she reconnected with Dr. Marie Loudon-Hanes, who had been one of her mentors when Wasinski was a student. Loudon-Hanes, who was her adviser, helped her transfer from a large state school and continued to guide her through graduation from The University of Findlay. “Thank God for her!” Wasinski said, “She is so wise.” Now, Loudon-Hanes encouraged her to continue her art and recommended her to Gail McCain at Owens Community College. “Sometimes people help show you where you should be going,” Wasinski observed.

Her prints, a fusion of ink and paper, explore the use of shape, texture, light, and color. “I use the printmaking process to create an emotional response in the viewer,” Wasinski said.

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5. Oilers Sports

- Although the Oilers **football team** lost 17-9 to Saginaw Valley State University on Nov. 1, sophomore Cameron Stevens connected on his 19th field goal, breaking the school record of 18 shared by Steve Trout '74 (1969-72) and Greg Phillip '79 (1976-79). The field goal also gave Stevens 11 on the season, which eclipsed the school record. Former stand-out Roland Hamilton '06 had the record of 10 field goals during the 2005 campaign. Juniors Anthony Lanzara and Mike Chambers also etched their names into the record books during the game. Lanzara threw for a career-high 241 yards and attempted a school-record 49 passes. The previous record was set by Bryan Hieber, who hurled 46 passes during a game against Hillsdale during the 2000 season. Chambers, meanwhile, hauled in seven receptions for 95 yards. He now has 62 receptions on the season for 720 yards, which bettered the mark of 60 set by Derek Hutchinson '88 during the 1986 campaign.



Cameron Stevens

- Senior Ian Naumann of the Oilers **men's swimming and diving team** got off to a great start in the first two meets of the year. Naumann captured five first-place finishes in the pair of meets to lead the team. Returning all-American Lindsay Hatteberg, a member of the Oilers **women's swimming and diving team**, paced her squad with four wins in the first two meets of the season.



Ian Naumann



Hiram Smith

- The **Roughnecks wrestling team** is ranked 16th to begin the year, according to the initial Wrestling Coaches Association (WCA) poll, which was released on Oct. 27. Head coach Shawn Nelson has established the program as one of the best in the nation and has produced 26 all-Americans since 2002, along with six national champions. This year, the Roughnecks will be led by senior Hiram Smith who returns to the program one year removed from capturing all-American honors in the 184-pound weight class.

- The Oilers **men's basketball team** is the top-ranked team in the nation according to the first National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) poll of the season, which was released on Oct. 30. Findlay was also picked by the coaches in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) to win the South Division for the seventh time in the past eight years. Individually, senior Josh Bostic was named the Preseason GLIAC Player of the Year and secured a spot on the Preseason All-GLIAC Team along with fellow senior Morgan Lewis.



Josh Bostic

- Check out Oilers sports at <http://www.findlay.edu>.

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6. Alumni Support

- **Support The University of Findlay's Green Initiative!** The University of Findlay is working to make our campus a little "greener." If you would like to help out, you may send a gift with "green initiative" in the reference line. Following are several small projects that you may wish to help support and the related gift amount required:
 - A used bicycle for a student to reduce automobile use, for a gift of \$20.
 - An automatic thermostat regulator, for a gift of \$40.
 - A motion-based light switch, for a gift of \$50.
 - A sunshade for the sunroom section of the bookstore, for a gift of \$500.
 - A sunshade for the sunroom sections of the Cave, for a gift of \$800.

For more information on our green initiative, [click here](#).

- Included in the \$700 billion economic bailout bill (H.R. 1424, The Financial Rescue Package) signed by President George Bush is a **two-year extension of the IRA rollover provision** that expired at the end of 2007. The provision exempts from taxable income any fund transferred from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to a charitable organization provided the donor is age 70 1/2 or older, the rollover is no more than \$100,000 and the contribution is a direct gift to a charity. The provision is retroactive from Jan. 1, 2008, and will apply to gifts made through

Dec. 31, 2009. Contact Ann Brossia in The University of Findlay's Office of Development at 419-434-4794 to see how you can take advantage of this tax-advantaged extension.

- **On Friday, Oct. 10, The University of Findlay celebrated Applause!** This recognition reception honors those who made significant financial contributions to The University of Findlay. Individuals who contributed \$1,000 or more in cash to the University during the preceding fiscal year, which ended June 30, 2008, were invited to this very special evening. In addition, Dr. William and Donna Ruse, and Robert '57 and Catherine Pritts were honored as the recipients of the 2008 Distinguished Associates award during the evening. This prestigious award is given to those who provide significant financial and volunteer support to the University.



Dr. DeBow Freed, president, with Distinguished Associate recipients Robert and Catherine Pritts and Dr. William and Donna Ruse.

The Ruses, of Findlay, have been actively involved with UF activities for many years. Bill was instrumental in the University's acquisition of the former Winebrenner Village nursing care facility on Frazer Street, which now is used for campus housing and offices, and he has been a visionary and a champion of the School of Pharmacy, as well as UF's other health professions programs. In addition, he mentored students as the Dana Chair/Executive-in-Residence for the College of Business in 2006-2007, and he continues to teach Health Care Strategic Management and Health Care Regulations and Public Policy online and on campus as an adjunct faculty member for the MBA program. Donna is a longtime supporting member of Town & Campus and previously served on the board of the Curtain Raisers Society for the Performing Arts. The couple actively attends cultural arts performances on campus. The Ruses have assured financial assistance for future generations of education majors at The University of Findlay through endowing the Barbara Rieck Heminger Scholarship as part of the 125th Endowed Funds drive. Bill has served on The University of Findlay Board of Trustees since 1994 and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Health Care Management degree in 1997. He was chief executive at Blanchard Valley Health Association for 36 years before retiring in 2001. Donna has been a broker with ReMax of Findlay for more than 20 years and has worked in real estate for more than 31 years.

The Pritts, of Columbus, have been advocates of the University since the early 1960s when they solicited for funds door-to-door. More recently, the couple helped found the Columbus Regional Alumni chapter and the successful alumni golf outing held each year in the Columbus area. They also host Columbus-area Summer Send-offs each August for new students and their families. Robert graduated from then-Findlay College in 1957 and enjoyed a long career in education. Several of the Pritts' family members are graduates of the University. The couple's sons, Robert '74 and Steven '78, and granddaughter, Jessica '04, graduated from UF. Granddaughter Casey matriculated into the fall 2008 freshman class. Because of their appreciation for the difference an education at Findlay has made in their lives and the lives of their children and grandchildren, the Pritts are endowing the Robert M. and Catherine M. Pritts Scholarship. The Pritts have been owners of an antiques shop in western Pennsylvania since 1971 and a second shop in Columbus since 1982. In addition, they have owned an AM radio station in Uniontown, Pa., for the past 10 years. They reside in Columbus.

- The annual **Business Affiliates Scholarship Breakfast** was held Oct. 16. Attending were representatives of local businesses that support scholarships at The University of Findlay and the

scholarship recipients. Under the Business Affiliates Scholarship Program, local businesses contribute toward scholarship support for students who are graduates of a Hancock County high school or who are employed by a Hancock County business. An average of 50 local businesses have participated each year over the past five years, with more than \$93,000 donated during that time. An average of 50 scholarship awards are given to about 20 to 25 local students each year. "Since its inception 30 years ago, the Business Affiliates Scholarship Program has helped more than 400 students pursue their dreams of attaining a first-rate college education," said President DeBow Freed. "The program, in turn, helps to ensure a stable pool of educated future business leaders for Hancock County. This is one of many examples of partnerships between the University and the local community that help to make Findlay a fine place to live and to have a business."



Scholarship recipients met representatives of donor businesses at the Business Affiliates Scholarship Breakfast Oct. 16. Alissa Simpson '01, vice president of GreaterFindlay Inc., and Mary Beth Hammond, vice president, regional manager, retail banking division of Fifth Third Bank, greet Lauren Corbin and Amanda Brooks.

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7. FYI Campus Newsletter

- Want to know what is happening on campus between *ArchLink* issues? UF has a bi-weekly newsletter called *For Your Information* that is circulated on campus. The newsletter includes feature stories and pictures of campus activities. Check out *FYI* online at <http://www.findlay.edu>, KEYWORD: FYI.

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8. Spread the Word...

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