



Photograph by Anne Risser Lee

Michelle "Kiesha" (Williams) Savage at her Bowling Green, Ohio, foster care group home for teen-aged girls.

SOCIAL WORKER HELPS AT-RISK YOUTH SUCCEED

Michelle "Kiesha" (Williams) Savage '98, M '01 simply wants all children to have a safe, nurturing home where they can learn to overcome barriers to social and economic success. She decided early in her college career that she wanted to provide such a place for at-risk youth and started A Home For You Inc., now located in Bowling Green, Ohio, just two years after she graduated from UF with her bachelor's degree.

Savage entered college as a business major but quickly realized that her true passion was for social work. While working full time and concentrating on her studies, Savage gained valuable insight from Anthony Wilgus, associate professor of social work at UF.

"Professor Wilgus had a lot to do with my future, the plans that I was going to make and the way I managed my life," said Savage. "He really pushed me to be the best that I could be and did not accept anything less. I ended up doing way more, or achieving way more, than I thought I could achieve because of him."

Wilgus helped Savage secure a variety of internships to introduce her to the many

avenues of a social work career. "I was able to see the many ways I could use my degree after graduation, but the foster care division struck me the most – all the children in need of guidance and good homes," she said. "I thought that I could be beneficial in becoming a foster parent."

During her senior year of college, Savage and a longtime friend developed a group home-based program that would improve the success of disadvantaged and at-risk youth transitioning into adulthood. Immediately after graduation, Savage, who was by then a licensed social worker, purchased a home in Findlay and became a foster parent for local agencies. Because of her success in reaching the most difficult-to-place youth, many of whom were on the verge of being institutionalized, her home was in high demand. She continued to serve in that role, while also working at the Family Resource Center in Findlay, and never lost focus of her ultimate goal to own her own group home.

As if working full time, managing foster children and following the steps to open her own business were not enough to keep her busy, Savage adopted a baby girl just three

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months after graduation. T'ya, who is now eight years old and "an absolute blessing" in Savage's life, was born to Savage's cousin who was not capable of raising a child. Savage made the decision to become a single mother and provide T'ya with a good life in a good home.

In 2000, Savage's dream came true, and A Home For You Inc. opened a girls' home in Findlay, within the house she purchased in 1998, and a boys' home in Toledo, Ohio, which is under the supervision of her business partner. Savage moved her girls' home to Bowling Green, Ohio, in 2003. The homes are licensed to care for up to six children each, ages 12-18, and serve youth who have been victims of abuse or neglect or are leaving a facility such as a juvenile detention center.

At the same time Savage was celebrating the realization of her dream, she also faced the most challenging time in her life when her mother was diagnosed with cancer. The two had always held a close bond, so Savage moved both her mother and her two younger sisters into her home to help

right decisions from wrong decisions and how those are different from previous choices they made," said Savage, who lives with T'ya and her husband of two years, Michael, in the girls' home.

She cited several challenges involved with running the girls' home, including trying to teach structure to children who have never had structure of any kind. She explained that the youth who arrive at her home have had virtually no parenting and no rules to follow.

Within her own home, Savage maintains structure by implementing a points system in which the girls can earn privileges. The rules and expectations are clearly written out so that each girl knows exactly how she can earn privileges and how many points are needed for each privilege. Following house rules, completing assigned tasks and finishing homework are among the expectations. Rewards may include additional outings, a reduced level of supervision or a trip to the mall with friends.

In addition, Savage and her husband organize regular family outings,



Kiesha Savage

and for holidays with open arms. She noted that for some of the girls, she is the only family they have ever known. This year, two of the four girls living with Savage will transition into independent living.

Savage plans to continue reaching out to more youth. She is currently working with a builder and an architect to expand her business to a bigger location – one that will house up to 12 girls and include a separate transitional facility. Savage hopes that with the transitional facility on site, she can help girls adapt to independent living more easily. Savage and Michael, who also works another full-time job during the day, are seeking acreage in Wood County on which to build the new facility but have not yet decided on a location.

"I am committed to teaching disadvantaged youth skills to reach their highest potential attainable," Savage summarized as her goal. With her ability to provide structure and nurturing, a larger home will enable her to reach even more adolescents and help equip them to live productive lives on their own.

-Brianna (Martin) Patterson '03

"I am committed to teaching disadvantaged youth skills to reach their highest potential attainable."

-Kiesha Savage '98

care for her mother. Within one year, Savage's mother died, but Savage continued rearing her two teenage sisters, both of whom graduated from high school and now live independently.

Her experiences with her own family have allowed Savage to become a better social worker.

"Throughout many life challenges, I remained faithful to the needs of the youth I served," Savage commented. "I've used my experiences and successes throughout the years to push the young ladies I've been blessed to have in my group home."

"When the girls come to my home, I try to teach good ethics, basic daily skills, independent living skills and how to make choices that would be good choices for them. I teach them

and all members of the family are actively involved in the Upton United Methodist Church in Toledo. The girls serve as ushers, greeters and youth assistants, in addition to working in other areas of ministry as they choose. "Our technique for success is applying Christian principles within a loving family environment," Savage explained. "These two elements allow the youth to accept the structure and behavior modification techniques that aid in the abandonment of self-defeating behaviors."

Even after the girls finish high school and are required to leave Savage's home, Savage helps them during their transition and makes sure that each one has her phone number. She welcomes them back for visits

2007 marks the 30th anniversary of the Social Work program. For information on The University of Findlay's 125th anniversary and more historical details, visit www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: 125.

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GOT NEWS?

Whether it's updating us on what you've been up to since graduation or a nomination for next year's alumni awards, we'd like to hear from you! We'll publish information about births, marriages, new jobs and recent awards or promotions.

Send us your news at www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Alumni.

Unique Facts

UNIVERSITY

The University of Findlay has been involved in emergency planning for several years with an operations team that has created and continues to refine a crisis response plan in an effort to protect the campus community. Although many safeguards have been implemented, ways to improve continue to be explored. Actions taken in the past two years include improved telephone capability for mass notifications, purchase of a computer-activated alert system, hiring of additional security personnel and installation of video cameras and blue-light emergency phones throughout campus. There is also a close working relationship between UF and local law enforcement. Campus safety measures are something we think about each day, and the safety of our students, and all members of the UF community, is paramount.

ACADEMICS

The first Symposium for Scholarship and Creativity was held April 17, with classes cancelled for the afternoon so that all could attend. The symposium, a first-time event on campus, incorporated elements of both the former President's Honors and Awards Day and Academic Excellence Day. A welcome by Dr. Freed and a brief, campus-wide awards ceremony opened the symposium. Following, each of the five colleges presented awards to their respective students and featured alumni speakers in concurrent sessions with student presentations. More than 70 students discussed their research, projects and creative works in 20-minute segments. Alpha Psi Omega national honorary theatre fraternity enacted an excerpt of its production of "Picasso at the Lapin Agile," with the afternoon capped by a performance by the UF Singers.

DEVELOPMENT

Alumni giving continues to progress for the 2006-07 fiscal year. Through March 2007 total alumni support of \$180,410 has been received from 1,251 alumni. Annual fund support through March is \$72,221. Donors are now able to make gifts online by using a credit card or direct debit from a checking or savings account to make either a one-time gift or easy monthly payments. The UF fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30.

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ALUMNI NEWS



Dee Dee Spraw

[Director's Message]

Dear Alumni,

Campus looks beautiful and the warm weather definitely contributed to the Class of 2007 graduation day. More than 700 students graduated on May 5, 2007, and yours truly had the distinct honor of shaking their hands as they exited the stage and presenting them with a UF alumni lapel pin. Congratulations to the Class of 2007 and welcome to the Alumni Association!

As we end the 2006-07 academic year, I look back and feel very fortunate to have experienced quite a journey. Alumni receptions took place in Florida, California, Missouri, North Carolina, Georgia and Ohio. I thoroughly enjoyed sharing with alumni all the exciting times at their alma mater and hearing them share stories of their experiences.

As we move into a new academic year, I welcome alumni to visit campus. I would love to connect with you and take you for a tour. Also, we are planning an exciting homecoming, "Celebrating the Past, Embracing the Future," that will conclude our 125th anniversary celebration. Therefore, be sure to mark your calendar for Homecoming 2007 – Oct. 12-14, 2007. The planning has started and there will be something for all ages.

As always, please be sure to keep me updated by filling out the "What's New with You?" form at www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: *whatsnew*.

In Oiler Pride,

Dee Dee Spraw '93, M '00
Director, Alumni & Parent Relations

Alumni Calendar of Events

- June 8** Columbus, Ohio, alumni reception at the Hilton
- June 11** Columbus, Ohio, golf outing at Yorkshire
- June 13** Student Registration Day with parent panel
- July 1** Ice cream social at Riverside Park, Findlay, prior to the Alumni Concert Band performance, directed by Jack Taylor, professor of music.

All current and former members of the FC/UF Concert Band, Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble are invited to perform in the first Alumni Concert Band in 20 years! Contact Jack Taylor at jtaylor@finday.edu for details.

- August 18** Summer Send-off at the Stout Alumni House for Findlay-area incoming students
- August 19** Summer Send-off for Columbus-area incoming students at the home of Bob '57 and Catherine Pritts
- Sept. 28 & 29** Family Weekend
- Oct. 12-14** Homecoming Weekend

For more information about these events, or to register, contact the Office of Alumni & Parent Relations at 1-800-472-9502, extension 4516.

ATLANTA AREA ALUMS GATHER AT SCENIC SITE

Park Tavern, next to Piedmont Park, was the scenic location of the Atlanta, Ga., alumni reception held April 28, 2007. Seating on the patio overlooked the park and provided a view of the city in the distance as alumni from various class years got acquainted. For alum Suresh Jaladurgam '03, who had moved to the Atlanta area just six weeks prior, the reception was a great way to network and connect with fellow Oilers.

The reception April 28 for Atlanta-area alumni included: (front row) Dee Dee Spraw '93, M '00; Lindsay Snyder '99; Rebecca Dennis '04; Jennifer Nickoson '00; (second row) Irene Kummerer; Tim Doughty '74; Sue Blosser; Brock Rossel; Brian Hoffman '93 and daughter Melanie Hoffman; (third row) Suresh Jaladurgam '03; Bill Spraw; Chris Doughty '76; Kevin Kummerer '05; Brian Blosser; Robert Hansek '70.



Findlay Whirlpool Corp. First Site for New Program



Alumni from Whirlpool attending this event were: Lee Beck '05, Tim Bower '05, Bill Bregel '96, Julie Clark '06, Mark Cosiano '05, Larry Dunfee '02, Sue Dye '92, Sandy Franks, Bev Frost '03, Kelly Gierhart '06, Dave Gorman '02, Mike Griffith '99, Stefanie Griffith '92, Paul Groth '68, Dawn Hipsher '04, Jay Hipsher '99, Paula Jackson '06, Mike Matson '96, Michelle Obenour '02, Cindy Osting '01, Anna Reusch '02, Paul Siefker '07, Maggie Strack '05, Steve Traucht '71, Sherry Unverferth '04, Jake Warrington '97, Larry Wickiser '99, Kevin Wolford '01.

Alumni of The University of Findlay who are employed at the Findlay Whirlpool Corp. met for an alumni luncheon April 18, 2007. Twenty-eight alumni were joined by Dee Dee Spraw, director, and Karen Fulks, administrative assistant, of the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations; Dr. Paul Sears, dean of the College of Business; Rachel Panches, graduate recruiter; Brad Hammer, director of the Office of Career Placement; and Chris Moser, director of the Human Resource Development Strand in the College of Education.

Dr. Sears unveiled the Continuing Professional Development Program (CPDP), a new program developed by the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations in conjunction with the College of Business. It is designed to assist all UF alumni in continuing their educational pursuits and enhancing their professional development. More information can be found at <http://www.findlay.edu>. KEYWORD: Alumni.

Components of the program include:

- Book of the Month Club – Alums read a relevant book and discuss in an online chat.
- Guest Speaker/Activity – Alums gain competency as a guest speaker, panel participant, etc.
- Publication/Presentation Initiative – Alums team with faculty or students to co-author an article for publication and/or a presentation.
- Mentoring Match – Alums are matched with students to develop skills applicable to supervisory and management situations.
- Invitation List – Alums receive an e-mail notification of pertinent campus events.

Alumni, Students Meet at Pine Needles Resort

Alumni and friends of The University of Findlay gathered at Pine Needles Resort in Southern Pines, N.C., for a reception held March 17, 2007. They were joined by the student-athletes of the men's and women's golf teams who were participating in the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Men's and Women's Spring Invitational at Woodlake Resort, which alumni also were invited to attend. The evening featured guest speaker UF golf coach Al Baker '73 and an introduction of the members of the golf teams. Also, Marie Loudon-Hanes, Ph.D., dean of undergraduate education, gave an update on the many exciting new programs being offered at The University of Findlay. Dee Dee Spraw '93, M '00, director of alumni and parent relations, closed the evening with a discussion of the 125th anniversary celebration plans and explained that festivities will continue throughout the year, concluding with Homecoming in October 2007.

The reception also renewed a long friendship with Pine Needles owner and Findlay native Peggy Kirk Bell, who received an honorary doctorate from The University of Findlay in 1993. One of the founding members of the Ladies Professional Golf Association, Bell grew up playing and honing her skills at the Findlay Country Club. Over the years, Oiler golf teams have made several trips to Pine Needles where Bell and her family always have been gracious hosts.



Guests for the evening included: Holly and Kirk Bell, Howard '61 and Anne Burgin Jr., Tim and Joann Craig (parents of golfers), George A. Loudon Jr., Jeri Moore, Nicholas and Betsy '97 Pry, Barry Pry, Lori Pry, Madison Pry, Nicholas Pry, Jane Smith, Doc Tullis '66, Peggy Kirk Bell '93, Coach Al Baker '73, Bill Spraw, Dee Dee Spraw '93, M '00 and Megan Spraw.

For more information, contact the Office of Alumni and Parents Relations at 1-800-472-9502, extension 4515 or alumni@findlay.edu.

CAMPUS EVENTS



"An Interview with John Latchaw: First President of Findlay College" was sponsored Feb. 11 by the Churches of God, General Conference, College First Church of God and Winebrenner Seminary in recognition of UF's 125th anniversary. Robert Guy, Ph.D., pastor of the Barkeyville (Pa.) Church of God, portrayed President Latchaw and Dale Brougher '76, Ph.D., associate professor of religion, played the interviewer.



UF's Dining Services sponsored a Cast Iron Chef competition in Henderson Dining Hall Jan. 24. Junior Virginia Wills and senior Kelly Vereker, representing the Newman Club, won with their recipe for "Big Joe DeAngelo's Chicken with Gnocchi." Ten campus organizations and 36 students participated in the event.



The third annual Unity Walk and Martin Luther King celebration was held Monday, Jan. 15. Mayor Tony Iriti and the late Desmond Buford '90 (right), director of intercultural student services, led participants through the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Way and Main Cross Street to Central Church of Christ for the day's program. Buford was one of the co-founders of the Unity Walk in conjunction with the Black Heritage Library and Multicultural Center.



Jessica Heintzelman (center), sophomore graphic communication major, won a merit award at the Juried Student Art Exhibit held April 2-27 in the Lea Gallery for her photograph, "Rebel," which was purchased by the College of Liberal Arts. She is the daughter of Anita (Forney) Heintzelman '77 and Stephen Heintzelman '77. Fifty-six students participated in the show with 83 artworks.



The new educational addition to the Virginia B. Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion for the Mazza Museum was opened with a ribbon cutting at the dedication on May 4. Storybook characters accompanied (from left) Michael and Robin Gardner, major benefactors; Larry Miles, chair of the building addition committee; Dr. Jerry Mallett, director of the Mazza Museum; Dr. DeBwo Freed, president; Dr. C. Richard Beckett, chairman of the UF Board of Trustees; and Barbara (Eakin '63) Meyers, chair of the Mazza Enthusiasts.



The Black Student Union hosted the 10th Annual Black Tie Affair Feb. 16 in the Alumni Memorial Union. Students, faculty and staff dressed for the red carpet and danced as long as the music played.



The physical therapy class of 2007 presented a research forum March 29, which included poster presentations, student platform presentations and a keynote speaker. Above, graduate student Caroline Young explained her research to an event attendee.



The UF Concert-Chorale and community chorus performed Handel's "Messiah" April 15, in Findlay High School's Heminger Auditorium. More than 100 voices joined a 50-piece orchestra and six professional soloists for the performance. Micheal F. Anders, Ph.D., professor of music, was the director.



International students at The University of Findlay shared their cultures, customs and food at the 39th International Night April 20 in the AMU. Organized around the theme of "One People, One Race, One World," the evening featured international students from 15 countries who hosted booths and provided entertainment for the campus and community.

Organized by Campus Compact and the First-Year Experience program, students, faculty and staff completed 125 hours of service between April 14-20 in recognition of UF's 125th anniversary. Volunteers worked at the CHOPIN Hall mobile food pantry, participated in river clean-up, raised awareness of homelessness at Box City and sorted food at the Salvation Army, among other activities.



The Music and Theatre Areas presented the 2007 musical, "Lucky Stiff," Feb. 21-25. "Lucky Stiff" is a hilarious musical that follows a young shoe salesman, played by sophomore Eric Hertenstein, who will inherit \$6 million if he takes his uncle's taxidermied corpse, played by junior Chris Leitner, to Monte Carlo for the vacation he never had.



The University Singers performed at various venues throughout spring semester, concluding with its annual Family Concert on April 28. The 20-member show choir is directed by Micheal F. Anders, Ph.D., professor of music, and choreographed by Brenda Hoyt-Brackman, adjunct dance instructor.

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ALUMNOTES

Key to degree abbreviations

A – associate's degree
B – bachelor's degree
M – master's degree
H – honorary degree

Class years are assumed to be bachelor's degrees unless noted otherwise with the above codes. A person with a degree, but not a bachelor's degree, from Findlay College/The University of Findlay will have a (code letter) after his or her name. A person with a bachelor's plus another degree from Findlay is listed under his or her bachelor's degree year with a (code letter and class year) after his or her name.

[In Memoriam]

'36

Justine (Bailey) McManness passed away Dec. 9, 2006, in Findlay. After attending Findlay College, she graduated from The Ohio State University. She was the co-founder of the former B&J Photo in Findlay in 1948 with her husband, Robert. They ran the business until retiring in 1972. She was a member of Town & Campus and the Mazza Enthusiasts at The University of Findlay for many years. She is survived by many nieces and nephews.

'37

Elnora (Bellette) Simon died March 25, 2007, in Findlay. She was a legal secretary at the law offices of Garver Oxley and then was a private secretary at Marathon Oil Co. She also sold real estate. She was a volunteer with Camp Fire Girls and a Twig with Blanchard Valley Hospital. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Ladies of the Elks bridge group and the Findlay Art League. She is survived by her daughter, Elaine Ogilvie of Overland Park, Kan.; five grandchildren and one great-grandson.

'39

Betty (Rader) Edie passed away Dec. 22, 2006, in Findlay. She worked for the Boss Glove Factory, the Hancock County courthouse and the Republican-Courier. She participated in the Christian Women's Fellowship at First Christian Church. She is survived by her husband, **Ralph H. Edie** '42; a son, Halson Kent Edie of Tampa, Fla., a daughter, Barbara DeLong of Findlay; a grandson; two great-granddaughters and three sisters. **Memorials may be made to the Ralph H. and Betty B. Edie Scholarship Fund at The University of Findlay.**

'44

Avis Kint, formerly of Fostoria, Ohio, died March 15, 2007, in Findlay. After attending Findlay College for three years, she graduated from Bowling Green State University with a bachelor's degree, earned a master of science degree from The Ohio State University and studied at Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.

Carl Wiegling

Open Letter to Alumni:

I did not graduate from Findlay College, but did thoroughly enjoy my freshman year there. I graduated from Ft. Jennings High School in 1953. I decided I wanted to be a high school history teacher. So in the fall of 1953 I came to Findlay College.

I was billeted at Bare Hall, which has since been torn down (the original house dorm named Bare Hall). There were two guys to a room. I slept on the top bunk and my roomie on the bottom. We had one desk in the room. We all shared a common shower and bath. I had many friends there.

(I spent a) Saturday morning at the library looking through 1953-54 annuals. Here I found a picture of my fellow Newman Club members and also pictures of my best teachers while in college, namely Hilliard Camp (sociology), Dr. Dorothea Wolcott (education and religion) and Dr. Althea Herwig (history). In the fall of '53 Dr. John Van Nice let some of us freshmen play in a concert in front of our parents. What a joy.

A tradition for incoming freshmen was for a week we had to wear lipstick and rouge and a sign around our necks stating we were "rats." Findlay always had great basketball games and teams. A great center was Harold "Herk" Wolfe and the Marquette twins.

I decided to become an elementary teacher on the Cadet program, which was offered from Ohio Northern University. So I began teaching at age 21 in Lima, then one year at Wapakoneta and 35 years in Minster schools. I taught for a total of 38 years, spent one year in Venezuela and received my master's degree from St. Francis College in Ft. Wayne, Ind., in 1965. I retired in 1994, but I still substitute in area schools.

I would appreciate hearing from any persons who remember me and the good times we shared at Findlay College.

Carl Wiegling
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Wiegling in 1963

First working as a medical technologist at a hospital in Marion, Ohio, she then worked for the Sudan Interior Mission in Nigeria and the Republic of Niger, where she did both laboratory work and taught Bible classes until 1968. Upon her return to the United States, she was employed at the Home Place Clinic near Hazard, Ky. She attended the Fostoria Church of the Brethren, where she taught Sunday School and was active in the Women's

Fellowship. She is survived by her sister-in-law, Hester Kint of Toledo, nieces and nephews.

'45

James L. Quinlan died Jan. 19, 2007, in Findlay. He served in the Transportation Department of Marathon Oil Co. beginning in 1952 and retired in 1985 as transportation manager in Houston, Texas. He also was employed by Nickel Plate

Railroad after serving in the Army Air Corps in Europe during World War II. He was a member of College First Church of God, served on the boards of Winebrenner Village, Big Brothers/Big Sisters and The University of Findlay Environmental Response Training Center. In addition, he was a member of the Findlay Traffic Club, B.P.O.E. #75, the Findlay Exchange Club and was active with the UF athletic boosters. He is survived by his wife, Harriet; daughters Rebecca Quinlan of Portland, Maine, and Jenny Sue DeClercq of South Norwalk, Conn.; a son, Patrick of Findlay; five grandchildren and a brother.

'58

Dorothy (Brant) Ream passed away Nov. 11, 2006, at The Villages, Fla. She received her master's degree in elementary education from St. Francis College, Ft. Wayne, Ind., and taught several years in Ohio, Indiana and Arkansas. She is survived by her husband, **Ronald O.** '58; sons Gregory of Bowling Green and Kevin of Davenport, Fla.; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

'78

Grace E. Nash passed away March 16, 2007, in Bowling Green, Ohio. She was executive coordinator for the Ohio Association of Senior Centers and a member of the New Life Pentecostals of Toledo Church, Walbridge, Ohio. Previously, she was activities director for Wood County Committee on Aging for 22 years and activities director for the Manley Manor Nursing Home in Findlay. She is survived by her sisters, Catherine Tory and **Sheila Umbs** '81, and a brother, Jonathan Nash.

'86

Marlene (Brudzinski) Monteith died March 3, 2007, in Pearland, Texas. She worked for Marathon Oil Co. in Findlay for 10 years and 14 years for U.S. Steel Corp. in Pittsburgh, Pa. She is survived by her husband, Michael, stepsons Johnmichael and Justin, and a brother.

Dareld Smith passed away Jan. 2, 2007, in Melbourne, Fla. He was a former disc jockey for WPRT radio in Prestonsburg, Ky., and retired from Triplett Corp. in Bluffton, Ohio, as the manager of engineering in 1996. He is survived by his wife, Millie Marie; his mother, Rena Smith of Allen, Ky.; three daughters, Damita Wright of Melbourne, Fla., Debra Hughes of Findlay and Dani Smith of Lexington, Ky.; four brothers and one sister.

[Friends]

Roy O. Dietsch died March 12, 2007, in Findlay. He founded Dietsch Brothers Ice Cream and Candy in 1937 with his brothers Christian and Don after purchasing the Roggie Bakery. Although he "retired" in 1985, he remained active in the operations of the business. He is

survived by three sons, Richard, Jeffrey and Thomas; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren, a brother and a sister. **Memorials may be made to the Dietsch Family Scholarship Fund at The University of Findlay.**

Mary T. (Hardman) Kennedy passed away Feb. 22, 2007, in Findlay. She was retired from Findlay City Schools as an elementary school teacher. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church, The Coterie and served as a poll worker for the Hancock County Board of Elections and as a docent for the Mazza Museum. She is survived by her husband, J. Paul; two sons, Steven Hardman of Albany, N.Y., and Michael Hardman of Akron, Ohio; stepdaughter Terry Mancini of Columbus, Ohio; stepson James Kennedy of Memphis, Tenn.; eight grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren and a great-grandson. **The family requests memorials be made to the Mazza Museum at The University of Findlay.**

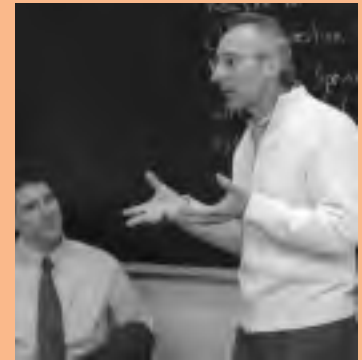
Edythe "Edy" King died March 19, 2007, in Findlay. She was a real estate professional with

Geyer Associates in Findlay and a active community volunteer, including The University of Findlay Curtain Raisers Society for the Performing Arts. She is survived by her husband, Joe; a daughter, Beth Robinson of Milford, Ohio; three sons, Brian Benschneider of Las Vegas, Nev., Brad Benschneider of Lancaster, Mass., and Bob Benschneider of Columbus, Ohio; four grandchildren; two brothers; three stepdaughters, Katie Fallon of Imperial Beach, Calif., Anne McCoy of Jamul, Calif., and Sarah King of San Diego, Calif., and one stepgrandson.

Joann Miles passed away on April 10, 2007, in Findlay. She taught in school districts in Findlay and Katy, Texas, where she helped develop programs in gifted education for elementary students. She also taught in Perrysburg, Ohio. She was member of the Mazza Enthusiasts and served on the board of the Mazza Museum. She also was a member of the National Education Association, Arts and Letters and St. Andrew's United Methodist Church. She is survived by her husband, Larry; a son, Eric of Brighton, Mich.; a daughter, Sara Hunziker of Findlay;

Paul Calendrillo '71

Paul Calendrillo was on campus Feb. 9 as a visiting executive for the College of Liberal Arts. An English major at Findlay College who aspired to be a writer, Calendrillo has made a successful career as an adviser to financial advisers, proving the versatility of his liberal arts degree. He worked for Merrill Lynch, Citicorp and PaineWebber before founding his own company in 1997. Based out of New York City, Calendrillo's business



Paul Calendrillo

is called The Excellence in Practice Enterprises and is one of the few consultancies that has extensive banking, brokerage and training experience. "The customer experience is all-important," Calendrillo stated. "It is primary that we understand, get to know and make a connection with the customer and build a relationship." He presents training programs for clients such as Citibank, JPMorgan Chase and KeyBank, and also is in demand as a financial services conference speaker across the country. He wrote a book for his clients, "The Unrivaled Professional: A Financial Advisor's Guide to Unparalleled Performance," that also has proven popular on Amazon.com, and he has published articles in various industry journals. He currently is writing a second book that presents his thoughts on how to go about investing by putting it into the format of a novel. Through his characters, he presents his ideas about the economy and the consequences of bad decisions. Calendrillo commented that he has come full circle from his English major in attempting to write a novel. "Sometimes life has its way of taking you through its ups and downs, but as long as you have the dream and the dream stays alive, you eventually get there," he remarked.

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five grandchildren and a sister. **Memorials may be made to the Joann M. Miles Scholarship Fund for the Mazza Museum.**

Karen Starr died March 24, 2007, in Findlay. She was a housekeeper at The University of Findlay and a member of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church. She is survived by her husband, Steve; a son, Christopher of Findlay; four brothers and a sister.

Ethelann Stumpp died Jan. 19, 2007, in Findlay. Her career in education included serving as supervisor of special education in Findlay and Hancock County. After retirement she was an adjunct instructor at The University of Findlay and other area colleges. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church. She is survived by her mother, Charlotte Nofziger of Findlay, her husband, Fred; sons, Chuck of Findlay, Tim of Findlay and Dan of Columbus, Ohio; a sister; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Richard H. Tettau passed away on March 5, 2007, in Findlay. He retired from Marathon Oil Co. after 34 years in auditing and accounting. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, volunteered in the community and was a fan of Oiler basketball. He is survived by his wife, Joyce, and sons Steven of Arlington, Ohio, and Scott of Solon, Ohio; two sisters; a brother, two stepgrandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren. **Memorials may be made to Athletics at The University of Findlay.**

John F. Winkle passed away on March 5, 2007, in Findlay. He taught at Findlay College in 1965-66 as a professor of education before going on to own and operate Toledo Metropolitan College of Business and Technology. He also taught high school in Alexandria, Ky., was assistant superintendent of Drake Memorial Hospital in Cincinnati and was assistant superintendent of Clermont County Schools. He is survived by his wife, Marguerite; his son, Kenneth of Lincoln, Neb.; daughters Sharon Smith of Sheboygan, Wis., Sandra Winkle of Findlay and Kathryn McEaney of Cleveland, Ohio; a grandson and a sister.

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'61

Larry Manley, co-owner of Independence House in Fostoria, Ohio, with his wife, Cheryl Buckland, retired April 1, 2007, after 40 years in the long-term care profession. Although he will no longer be active in management, he will be involved with planned expansions of the facility, which already includes 50 beds for rehabilitation and long-term care and 27 assisted living apartments. He also retains a ministerial license and officiates at weddings and funerals. He and Cheryl live in Fostoria.

'68

Karen Blackmon was re-elected in February to a two-year term as treasurer of the Ohio Association of Child and Youth Care Professionals Inc., a statewide association comprised of those involved in the care and treatment of children, youth and families in foster homes, therapeutic foster homes, group homes, residential centers, detention facilities and hospitals throughout Ohio. She has been employed for 34 years with LHS Family and Youth Services, a social service agency headquartered in Toledo, Ohio, and she is currently program administrator. She also is a licensed social worker in the state of Ohio.

Joe Camillone, head athletic trainer for The College of New Jersey since 1973, was honored March 5, 2007, with the Outstanding Athletic Trainer Award by the All-America Football Foundation. In January, he received the 2007 Presidential Award for dedicated efforts in advancing the athletic training profession by the Eastern Athletic Trainers Association (EATA). He served as the first president of the EATA from 1991-93 and currently is the chair of the Honors and Awards Committee. Certified by the National Athletic Trainers Association,

he was honored by NATA with the Distinguished Service Award in 1995. He also is a member of the Governor's Athletic Training Advisory Committee. In 2003, he was named a Distinguished Alumnus of The University of Findlay. He and his wife, Lisa, have a daughter, Andrea, 13, and live in Ewing, N.J.

'72

Linda (Rood) Vasquez is a paraprofessional with the Gwinnett County Public Schools in Guwanee, Ga. She and her husband, Luis, reside in Buford, Ga., and have a son, Brian, 26, and a daughter, Deanna, 15.

'75

Richard Showers was named director of music for Somerset Alliance Church in Somerset, Pa. Previously, he taught music at Somerset Christian School for five years. He and his wife, Mary Anne, live in Berlin, Pa.

'78

Max Lawson is a behavioral health specialist 4 with the State of Hawaii Department of Education. He and his wife, Barbara, live in Pahala, Hawaii.

John S. Farhat '90

John S. Farhat returned to campus as the alumni guest speaker for the College of Sciences 125th Anniversary Lecture April 24 hosted by the Mathematics, Computer Science and Technology Management Areas. President, chairman and CEO of The Technology Group in Columbus, Ohio, Farhat spoke on "Of Constants, Deltas and Irrelevance: A Road Map for the Next 125



John Farhat

Years." His company is a result of his vision of delivering a comprehensive suite of technology solutions for medium to small businesses. After graduating from The University of Findlay with a degree in mathematics, computer science and business systems analysis, Farhat earned a master of science degree in computer science from Bowling Green State University. He is a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and the Association of Computing Machinery, where he has served two terms as president of the Central Ohio Chapter. He also has published a number of papers and articles and given many presentations. He recently was selected for membership into the "International Who's Who of Information Technology." Over the years, he has consulted for companies such as Nestlé USA, Borden Foods, Nationwide Financial Services and Navistar International, among others. He and his wife and business partner, **Cayetana "Tana" (Arvilla '93)**, have four children and reside in Columbus.

Fan Sisters '91, '92, '95

From halfway around the world, the Fan sisters report that they are all living in Hong Kong and enjoying their careers since graduating from The University of Findlay.

Amy "Pi-Ying" Fan '91 was the first of the three Fan sisters to come to Findlay. She spent a semester in the Intensive English Language Program before starting her bachelor's degree in business administration, marketing and economics. She served as president of the International Club and was named Outstanding International Student. Graduating magna cum laude, she was voted Founders' Daughter in 1991. "The faculty and staff were like families to me," Amy said. "The opportunities to work with numerous professors in the business administration department were the most valuable experiences for my later personal and professional development." After graduating, she earned a dual master's degree in business administration and organization development from Bowling Green State University, where she had a research assistantship. She was employed by Stallion Overseas in Los Angeles, Calif., and spent a year in Malaysia before returning to Hong Kong in 1996 to work for IBM China/Hongkong Limited, Shock Treatment Limited and Sun Microsystems of California Limited in various sales and management positions. In 2002, she joined Symantec Hong Kong Limited, and she was promoted to sales manager for consumer products and solutions in September 2006.

Ava "Pi-Hua" Fan '92 was an exchange student at age 15, living in New Albany, Ohio. She then joined Amy at Findlay in 1989. Ava served as a student assistant, math lab tutor, class representative to the Student Government Association, and president and treasurer of the International Club. She was named Outstanding Student in Marketing and Outstanding International Student before graduating summa cum laude with a degree in mathematics, computer science and marketing. A graduate teaching assistantship allowed her to earn a master of science degree in applied statistics in 1994 from Bowling Green State University. Returning to Hong Kong in 1995, she pursued a career in the information technology/computer industry, working for Compaq Computer, Intel Semiconductor, IBM China/Hongkong

Limited, Targus Asia Pacific and Microsoft (Asia Pacific & Japan) in sales and marketing positions. At the end of 2006, she left to focus full-time on a business that distributes personal care products and health supplements that she founded on a part-time basis with her sisters in 2005. Currently, she is working to build the market in Hong Kong, with a focus on China and India in the next few years. "My experience at Findlay helped build my interpersonal and communication skills, self-confidence and teamwork spirit, as well as the base of my professional experience," she said.

Ada "Pi-Hui" Fan '95 was an exchange student in Arcadia, Ohio, before enrolling at UF. At Findlay she was active in Aristos Eklektos, Tau Omega Pi and the Institute of Management Accountants student chapter, and received the Outstanding Freshman Award. After graduating magna cum laude with degrees in accounting and finance from UF, she was awarded a research assistantship at Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, where she earned a master's degree in accountancy in 1996. She also earned her CPA designation. After being employed by Pry CPA Services in Findlay for four years and then by Grant Thornton LLP in Atlanta, Ga., she returned to Hong Kong in 2003. There, she joined VF Asia Limited, a subsidiary of a U.S. apparel company with brands such as Lee, Wrangler, Jansport, Nautica, etc. Ada now is with Kingfisher Asia Limited, a sourcing company for Europe's leading home improvement retail group. As a commercial finance manager since 2005, she is responsible for preparing budgets, forecasts and business performance analyses. "The experiences I had as a student assistant for the business department and a number of professors were memorable. (All three of us worked for Dr. Gupta!) ... The chance to study and work in another country allowed me to realize the importance of understanding different cultures and beliefs," she noted.



Left to right: Amy, Ava and Ada Fan

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Doug Thomas was named senior financial analyst for Marathon Petroleum Co. LLC in Findlay. He and his wife, Diane, live in Findlay.

'83

Warren Henderson is a fiscal analyst for the city of Albuquerque, N.M., where he lives.

'84

Karen (Wolfe) Becker is the new owner of Life Steps Christian Counseling in Wooster, Ohio, where she and her husband, Tim, live.

'88

Derek Hutchinson was selected for the "Maddock Award" for 2006 at Kforce Inc., where he serves as an account executive in the Washington, D.C., market for the professional staffing firm. He received the honor for consistently exceeding expectations and mentoring others in the organization. He also serves on the board of directors for Freedom Center, a camp for high-risk youth.

'90

Cynthia (Daniels) Sejka was the featured player on flute for a performance of "Concertino" by Cecile Chaminade with the North Royalton Community Band on Feb. 25, 2007. It was a piece that she played during her senior year at Findlay College under the direction of Jack Taylor, who was also present for the recent performance. She teaches business at Strongsville High School, Strongsville, Ohio, and resides in Medina, Ohio.

'91

Gretchen (Marshall) Brooks is an instructor at Jefferson Community College in Steubenville, Ohio, where she was named the Department of Business, Engineering and Information Technologies Adjunct Teacher of the Year and Ohio Association for Two-Year Colleges Adjunct Teacher of the Year nominee. She and her husband, Thomas, live in Burgettstown, Pa.

Kara (Carder) Bussard is a fifth-grade teacher in the Olentangy Local Schools and was named Teacher of the Year in 2005 at Wyandot Run Elementary School. She lives in Dublin, Ohio, with her husband, Tom, and two sons, Tommy, 2, and Tyler, 1.

Amy Pirschel and **Matt Sidner** were married March 17, 2007, in San Diego, Calif. She also has a new position as income development coordinator with the American Cancer Society in Columbus, Ohio, and he is an executive chef for Doubletree in Columbus. They reside with her daughter, Madison, 8, in Hilliard, Ohio.

'92

Brian Hassan was named senior buyer at Honda of America in Marysville, Ohio, in May 2006. His wife, **Jane (Marquis '90)**, is a substi-

Amy (Hix) Rogan '94

Amy (Hix) Rogan visited campus March 28 as a guest speaker for a journalism class taught by Chris Underation, assistant professor of communication. Rogan has served as executive producer of Ohio News Network (ONN) in Columbus since 2001 and was prime-time producer there between 1999 and 2001. As executive producer, Rogan supervises two departments, manages the newsroom and develops and executes special projects.



Amy (Hix) Rogan in class.

Her efforts have earned her three Emmy nominations and two Associated Press first-place awards, two second-place awards and one third-place award. "I like serving people with the news they need, that is relevant to their day," Rogan said of her job. She gave students an insider's perspective of a broadcast newsroom, including presenting a short video clip created especially for the class on a day in the life of a broadcast news reporter. She recalled working on campus at The Pulse and WLFC-FM, and having internships with WTVG-TV in Toledo and WCMH-TV in Columbus. She said internships are key to learning the business, especially ones that involve working on the assignment desk, which she termed the "heartbeat of the newsroom." Of her day on campus, Rogan commented, "I think the University looks like it's doing great, and I love coming back and helping out where I can and hope students benefit." She resides in Marysville, Ohio, with her husband, London, and their daughter, Tabitha, 11, and son, Jaxson, 8.

tute teacher and volunteer with Arlington Elementary School in Arlington, Ohio. They live near Findlay with their five children.

'93

Julie Marks and Scott Dick were married Feb. 17, 2007, in Bexley, Ohio. A friend of the bride, **Michael "Jake" Schlereth '92**, was a member of the bridal party. Scott is a '98 graduate of The Ohio State University's welding engineering program. The couple honeymooned in Rome, Florence and Paris, and now reside in Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

'94

Suzanne (Bly) Artz has moved from Willard, Ohio, to Greenwood, S.C., where her husband, Jason, was promoted to road foreman of engines with CSX Transportation. The couple has three children: Alison, 9, Jakob, 6, and Ayren, 3.

Christina (Taylor) Florence lives in Worthington, Ohio, with her husband, Patrick, and two children: Grace, 4, and Connor, 2.

Sharon (Osting) Jacobs has a new position as database administrator for the USDA National Finance Center in New Orleans, La. She resides in Slidell, La.

'95

Tsung-Sheng Chiang is a senior sales manager for NXP Software and resides in Taiwan, Republic of China.

Gregory Roth (M) was one of the co-founders last October of the RVA (Richmond, Va.) Runners, a competitive running club composed of about 40 male and female athletes ranging in age from 20s to late 50s. The club has competed in the Monument Avenue 10K where they won the team division by more than five minutes and the Cherry Blossom 10-Miler, where Roth took second in the mixed masters trio. He lives in Richmond.

Jamie (Barker) and Curt Van Wagner welcomed a son, Cooper Durk, on Aug. 18, 2006. He joins big sister Raina Nicole, 3. Jamie is a police officer for the city of Mason, Ohio. The family lives in Maineville, Ohio.

'96

Amy Harber recently appeared in "The Zombie" at The Hub Theater and "Diary of a Catholic School Girl Dropout" in North Hollywood. She resides in West Toluca Lake, Calif.

Karen (Jansen) and **James Jenkins** welcomed a daughter, Emma Anne, born March 9, 2007. Karen is a sonographer with Kettering Medical Center in Kettering, Ohio. Her family also includes sons Adam, 4, and Matthew, 3. They live in Bellbrook, Ohio.

James Niemeier was named quality assurance manager with BeamOne LLC in Lima, Ohio. He lives in Cloverdale, Ohio.

Sharon (Moeder) Spears has a new position as environmental specialist with Dow Corning in Carrollton, Ky., where her husband, **Brian '94**, also is employed as an industrial hygienist. They live in Madison, Ind.

Nichole Swartz and **Rob Towery** were married Oct. 14, 2006. She has a new position as production manager, and he is a field supervisor. They live in Germantown, Ohio.

'97

Khatizah (Sofea) NC Dahlan has new position as a teacher in the education department in Tamparuli, Sabah.

Cal Dietz was guest instructor for a Strength, Speed and Conditioning Clinic April 1, 2007, for student athletes at River Falls High School. He is head Olympic strength and conditioning coach for the Minnesota Gophers at the University of Minnesota since 2000. He has trained a Hobey Baker Award winner, two Big Ten Athletes of the Year, athletes who have achieved 259 All-American honors, 21 conference championship teams, seven NCAA team champions and 18 teams that finished in the top four in the nation. He has consulted with Olympic and world champions in various sports and professional athletes in the NHL, NFL, NBA and MLB. He and his wife, Karyn, daughter, Tatum Lynn, 2, and new son, Brody Michael, reside in Hudson, Minn.

Holly (Johnson) Dishman has been a stay-at-home mom since December 2005 when she quit to look after daughter Madelyn, now almost 5, and son Landon, born Oct. 24, 2005. She has chosen to pursue a nursing degree in obstetrics delivery and is a junior at Indiana University-E, with a goal of completing a RN degree within the next year and a half. She and her husband, Brandon, have horses, raise cattle and are planning to add hogs to their business. The family resides in Spiceland, Ind.

Andra Johnson has a new position as case manager for TaskForce of Greater Cleveland, Ohio. She graduated from Cleveland State University in 2003 with a B.A. in social work and earned a master of social science administration from Case Western Reserve University in 2005. She resides in Cleveland.

Ginger (Davis) and **Chris Weaver** had a daughter, Charli Jean, Nov. 9, 2006. Ginger is a senior claims adjuster for Allstate in San Antonio, Texas. The family resides in Garden Ridge, Texas.

'99

Jessica (Lumbrezer) Pierce trains horses with her husband, Bill, out of Freedom Farm Land and Cattle Co. in Williamston, Mich. They have had recent success with a gelding, Tuff Mate, in open and non-pro-futurity divisions, as well as with other horses and for clients. The couple was featured in the February 2007 issue of *Cutting Horse Chatter*. They live in Williamston.

Lindsay Snyder has been named director of marketing for THP Graphics Group, Inc. in Atlanta, Ga., where she relocated in May 2006. She serves on the board of directors for the Atlanta chapter of the American Marketing Association for 2007-08. She also has completed provisional work to become an official member of the Junior League of Atlanta, where she hopes to work with Ron Clark in planning the grand opening of the Ron Clark Academy in downtown Atlanta.

Jed Thorp was appointed public involvement coordinator for the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency in Columbus, Ohio, where he resides. He also recently was named to the board of directors of the Buckeye Forest Council.

'00

John Haskin has a new position as store manager for Kroger Foods Co. He and his wife, Rebekah, live in Grove City, Ohio.

Angela (Desh) Modrell has a new job as firefighter/EMT for Brigham City, Utah. She and her husband, Benjamin, live in Thatcher, Utah.

Aaron Osborne, media technology specialist at The University of Findlay, won the Professional Choice Award in a nationwide contest for a 30-second commercial sponsored by Avid Technology Inc. Titled "In the Halls of Avid, One is Many," the commercial also featured alumnus **Ben Walton '04** of Upper Sandusky, Ohio. Osborne earned an all-expense paid trip to the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah. He resides in Findlay.

Jim Seffrin is a human resources manager for The Home Depot in Lafayette, Ind., where he lives.

Fabiola Zamora has a new position as account representative with MMC in McAllen, Texas, where she resides.

'01

Brianne (Warnecke) Minter has a new position as second-grade teacher at Shawnee Schools in Lima, Ohio. She and her husband, Paul, welcomed a daughter, Annemarie Elizabeth, on March 19, 2007. They live in Dola, Ohio.

Andrea Warner and **Mark Honigmann** were married May 5, 2007, in Troy, Ohio. She has a new position as small animal associate veterinarian with Smoketown Veterinary Hospital in Smoketown, Pa., and he is a psychiatric assistant at Philhaven in Mt. Gretna, Pa. They reside in Lititz, Pa.

'02

Zach Grieshop and **Jodi Schwartz** were married March 25, 2007. He is an advanced information technology integrator for Marathon Oil Co. in Houston, Texas, and she is self-employed as a stylist. They live in Atlanta, Ga.

Suzanne (Howard) and **David Nauert** are the proud parents of a baby girl, Elizabeth Marie, born Feb. 16, 2007. They live in Findlay.

'03

Jodi (Bisbee) Fisher is a safety coordinator for Blanchard Valley Health System. She and her husband, Chris, reside in Findlay.

Stacey Silla is an environmental affairs coordinator for KraftMaid Cabinetry Inc. in Middlefield, Ohio. She resides in Cortland, Ohio.

Kimberly (Heck) Stanley was recently promoted to executive director at the Alliance Area Domestic Violence Shelter in Alliance, Ohio. She and her husband, Edward, live in Sebring, Ohio.

Sarah Swiderski and **Aaron Beach** were married May 6, 2006. She is a barn manager and riding instructor for Apple D Acres in Lenox Twp., Mich., and he is a math instructor at St. Clair County Community College in Port Huron, Mich. They reside in Chesterfield, Mich.

Steve and Kelly (Pohlman '05) Yarnell welcomed a daughter, Gracie Ann, Dec. 3, 2006. Steve is head volleyball coach and health, physical education and recreation instructor at Bluffton University, and Kelly has a new position as a first-grade teacher for Elida Local Schools. The family resides in Bluffton, Ohio.

'04

Lacey Gasser and Steven Webb '04 were married Sept. 8, 2006. She has a new job as licensed massage therapist at Total Body Chiropractic in Elida, Ohio, and he is an operations manager for Staples in Columbus, Ohio. They reside in Marysville, Ohio.

Rebecca Iutzi is attending the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, majoring in veterinary medicine.

'05

Sonja Jackson was recently promoted to assistant breeding supervisor at Paso Fino del Fuego Farm in Middleboro, Mass. She resides in Plympton, Mass.

Jason Kean and his wife, **Jennifer (Monday '05)**, are teachers with Hernando District Schools in Spring Hill, Fla., where they reside.

Thanks to all who have submitted their updates for Alumnotes. Information for this issue was received by April 23, 2007. Subsequent submissions will appear in future issues of MainLine or Findlay Magazine.

SPRING SPORTS REVIEW

WINTER AND SPRING SPORTS 2007 RECAP

Wrestling

The Roughnecks finished seventh at the Midwest Regional Championships and sent four individuals to the 2007 NCAA Division II national championships where they took 12th place. Junior **Antonio Guerra** earned his second consecutive national title with a perfect 4-0 record, competing in the 157-pound weight class.



Antonio Guerra

Basketball

The nationally third-ranked men's basketball team captured its third GLIAC tournament championship in the last four years. Head coach **Ron Niekamp** was voted the 2006-07 GLIAC Coach of the Year, the fourth time in his career and a GLIAC record for winning three consecutive years. The Oilers were then upset in the second round of the national tournament, ending their season at 29-2 and stopping their national record-breaking home winning streak at 59 games. The women's basketball team ended its season with a 6-21 record. During the year, the team broke the school record for most three-pointers made (165) and attempted (534).

Men's Tennis

The men's tennis team had its best finish at the GLIAC championships, finishing sixth. Sophomore **Travis Whipple** was the first Oilers tennis player to be named all-conference since UF entered the NCAA Division II ranks.

Indoor Track and Field

The men's indoor track and field team finished seventh at the GLIAC championships and was led by senior **Kendell Simon** who took first in the 800-meter run. The women's indoor track and field team finished third at the GLIAC championships, led by senior **Pamela Bullock**, who captured three titles in the 55-meter dash, the 200-meter dash and the 4 x 400-meter relay with teammates Stephanie Charnigo, Danielle Grochowalski and Abbie Shook.

Baseball

The Oilers baseball team ended its season with a 23-25 record. During the year, Findlay established new single season records for home runs (38) and doubles (97). Junior **George Rohan** broke the single-season school record for runs scored at 46 and tied the school record for triples with five. Junior **Chad Geuy** smashed a single-season school record with 46 runs batted in.

Softball

The Oilers softball team concluded its season, winning eight of their last 15 games to improve to 11-40 on the year. Senior **Michele Jordan** ended her career with 25 wins, most innings pitched (532.0) and most games thrown (98) in the history of UF softball.

Swimming and Diving

The men's swimming and diving team placed seventh at the GLIAC championships. The women's swimming and diving team took ninth at the GLIAC championships.

Men's Golf

The Oilers men's golf team placed sixth at the NCAA Division II Super Regional, where they competed for the sixth consecutive season. Junior **Eric Atsma** tied for fifth place.

Outdoor Track and Field

The men's outdoor track and field team finished sixth with 47 points at the GLIAC championships and was led by sophomore **Lee Roberts**, who took home a first-place finish in the high jump. The women's outdoor track and field team finished third with 108 points at the GLIAC championships. **Pamela Bullock** won the 100-meter, 200-meter and the 4 x 400-meter with teammates **Stephanie Charnigo**, **Alana Margraf** and **Abbie Shook**. Winning individual events were **Shook**, **Danielle Grochowalski** and **Kirstin Weible**.

English Equestrian

The English equestrian team tied for the reserve national championship with Mount Holyoke College with 25 points at Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) competition, as **Becky Baumel**, **Ashley Gallo**, **Kathryn Johnston**, **Zoe Steele-Rand**, and **Travis Womer** won events for Findlay.

Western Equestrian

Competing at the IHSA national championships, the western equestrian team captured its third national crown with 38 points, 20 more than The Ohio State University, which came in second. Freshman **Trevor Dare** was named the high point rider at the event, finishing with 175 points. UF riders who placed first in five out of six individual classes in the team competition were **Jimmy Frebes**, **Raffi Kechejian**, **Val Siegel**, **Ryan Sims**, and **Adam Smith**, and **Travis Womer**.



Trevor Dare

SPRING COMMENCEMENT

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The Alumni Association sponsored a commencement brunch that served 875 people before the graduation ceremony.



Dr. Freed and faculty members lined up to congratulate graduates at the traditional arch ceremony.



Among the more than 700 students who graduated May 5 were: (from left) Jeremy Jackson, Johnnie Jackson, Brooke Jacobs and Cynthia Jelinek. A crowd of about 5,400 graduates, faculty, friends and family members filled Koehler Complex for the commencement ceremony.



Longtime faculty members and friends, Dr. Milton Peters, professor of psychology; Dr. Dwight Moody, professor of biology; and Donald Collins, assistant professor of psychology, shared a bittersweet moment together prior to the faculty march. Dr. Peters is retiring after serving 30 years.



Kathryn Sullivan, Ph.D., the first American woman to walk in space, gave the commencement address. Currently the director of the Battelle Center for Math and Science Education Policy at The Ohio State University, she urged graduates to engage in authentic conversation as an essential tool for success.



Dr. DeBow Freed, president, congratulated Kimberly Jackson, Founders' Daughter, a social work major from Lima, Ohio.

BOARD NEWS



Dr. Julie (Dean) McIntosh

Dear Alumni:

The University of Findlay has had a tremendous start to the 125th Anniversary year. Dr. Micheal Anders directed a fantastic performance of Handel's "Messiah" to celebrate the 125th as well as his silver anniversary at the University. The Concert-Chorale and Findlay-Area Community Chorus and Orchestra were outstanding. The University also

held the first annual Symposium for Scholarship and Creativity, which highlighted many students and alumni. The Office of Alumni and Parent Relations and the Alumni Association Board of Governors have been extremely busy planning summer events and for Homecoming 2007.

A summer Alumni Band Concert will take place July 1 and the Alumni Board will host an ice cream social prior to this concert. The Hancock Historical Museum has several displays throughout the year on the theme, "Celebrating the Past, Embracing the Future," commemorating UF's 125th anniversary. There also will be a booth at the Hancock County Fair for the University. Homecoming Weekend will kick off with the Education Symposium Thursday, Oct. 11, at 7 p.m. This event is sponsored by the College of Education and is open to the public. Homecoming events will continue through Oct. 12 and 13 with class reunions, a

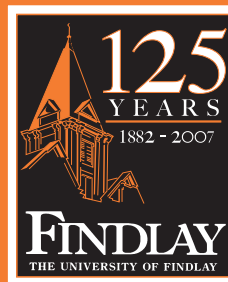
5K walk/run, dedication of the 1957 and 2007 class gift and the celebration on the front lawn of Old Main. This celebration will include inflatables, crafts, activities and fun for the whole family. Please watch your mailbox for the 2007 Homecoming brochure this summer!

In order to stay connected and updated on events, please visit our Web site at www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Alumni. If you are interested in helping the University in any way, please contact the Alumni Office at 419-434-4516, 1-800-472-9502 extension 4516, or alumni@findlay.edu. We will be happy to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Julie McIntosh '90, President
Alumni Association Board of Governors

Call for Memorabilia



In celebration of our 125th anniversary in 2007, The University of Findlay is exhibiting displays in locked cases on campus to show photos and items from our past from all eras. If you have photos (or copies of photos) or items of interest that you are willing to donate or loan during the anniversary year, include your name and address and send to Dr. James Houdeshell at The University of Findlay, 1000 N. Main St., Findlay OH 45840. For information, contact Dr. Houdeshell at 419-434-4551 or houdeshell@findlay.edu. Thanks!

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