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Welcome to ArchLink!



Greetings, alumni!

Yours truly experienced a busy travel month and loved every minute of it. My journey began on March 3, starting in California. I traveled with UF's band director, Jack Taylor, and the UF Wind Ensemble to Los Angeles and San Diego to attend alumni receptions. Next, I went to Kansas City to witness the induction of Jim '68 and Jerry Carder '68, former Findlay College men's basketball standout players, into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame on March 13. Then I was off to North Carolina to host an alumni reception in conjunction with UF's men's and women's golf teams. I was overwhelmed to learn of the accomplishments, careers and stories of our alumni, as were the current UF students who also attended these events.

Be sure to mark your calendar for Homecoming 2007 – Oct. 12 & 13. 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: Alumni.

With Oiler Pride!

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

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1. What's Happening on Campus?

- Sophomore Cora Worden (bottom, left), religious studies major, and Sharinda Welton-Peeler (right, center, with APCA representatives), director of student activities and commuter student services, were each recognized for their leadership abilities at the national conference of



the Association for Promotion of Campus Activities (APCA) in Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 28 – March 4. In addition, UF's Campus Program Board (CPB) was awarded first place in the nation in the theme material category for its Diversity Week promotion. CPB also won second place in the nation in the category of 3-D graphics for the Fall 2006 Homecoming shirt designed around the theme, "Let Your Oiler Pride Flow!"



- UF hosted a panel discussion featuring Catherine Ryan Hyde, the author of the 2007 Community Read book "Pay It Forward," on Friday, March 9, in the Pfeiffer Lecture Hall. The panel discussed ethical issues raised in the book. Those involved in the panel included (from left) Mark Olthouse, social worker for Hancock County Department of Job and Family Services; Gwynne Rife, Ph.D., associate professor of biology; Lansford Holness, assistant professor of graphic design and Marie Loudon-Hanes, Ph.D., dean of undergraduate education. Hyde is an award-winning author who has published more than 40 stories. She serves on the administrative staff at the Santa Barbara Writer's Conference, as well as on the fiction fellowship panel of the Arizona Commission on the Arts and on the editorial staff of the Santa Barbara Review. For more details, [click here](#).



- The University of Findlay's Habitat for Humanity student chapter, accompanied by four UF faculty and staff members, traveled south March 4-10 to work with the Wake County Habitat for Humanity affiliate in Raleigh, N.C. During three out of the five days of the trip, the group worked from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to de-nail, measure, cut and bind lumber for resale and salvage other reusable materials, such as pipes and electrical wiring, from a two-story home. The materials will be sold at the ReStore in Raleigh, operated by the Habitat for Humanity affiliate. During the other two days of the trip, the group split into teams of two to six people and did finishing work in four Habitat for Humanity homes.
- Box City will once again be held on UF's campus. On Saturday, April 14, students, faculty and staff will build houses using only cardboard boxes, duct tape and box cutters. The groups will stay in their homes until Sunday morning to raise awareness of homelessness. UF's Habitat for Humanity chapter is organizing the event. Funds raised will benefit the Findlay-Hancock County Habitat for Humanity.
- **Upcoming 125th Anniversary Events**
 - April 15 – The UF Concert-Chorale and community chorus will perform "Messiah" at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 15, in Findlay High School's Heminger Auditorium. Nearly 100 voices will join a 50-piece orchestra and eight professional soloists for the performance. The group is directed by Micheal F. Anders, Ph.D., professor of



music and director of choral activities, who is celebrating his 25th year at the University. Tickets are free but required. Call the UF box office at 419-434-5335.

- o April 22 – The UF Wind Ensemble and Symphonic bands will perform at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 22, in the Winebrenner Theological Seminary (WTS). The concert theme is “Two Thumbs Up – Music of Hollywood.”
- o April 24 – The College of Sciences 125th Anniversary Lecture will feature alumnus John Farhat '90, who will speak on the topic, “Of Constants, Deltas and Irrelevance: A Road Map for the Next 125 Years,” at 7 p.m. in the Alumni Memorial Union North Multipurpose Room. A reception will be held after the lecture.
- o April 28 – The University Singers Family Concert will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 28 in WTS. Call the UF box office at 419-434-5335 for tickets.
- o April 29 – The Oiler Jazz and University Jazz bands will perform at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 29, in WTS. The bands are directed by Jack Taylor, professor of music, and Norm Damschroeder. Tickets are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for students and senior citizens. Contact the UF box office at 419-434-5335.

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2. Academic Update

- In February, seven UF students were the first student group from the United States to take part in an international blue whale research study, working under the direction of well-known whale researcher Jorge Urban, Ph.D., in the Sea of Cortez. Led by faculty members Gwynne Rife, Ph.D., associate professor of biology, and Dwight Moody, Ed.D., professor of biology, the group arrived in La Paz, Mexico, the capital of the Baja California Sur state, Feb. 17. In addition to 16 blue whales, the group saw Bryde’s whales (a rare sighting), bottlenose dolphins, long-beaked dolphins, flying sharks and sea lions. During the first part of the trip, the group camped on the beach at night and searched for whales during the day. The last two nights were spent in El Santuario, an eco-retreat on the edge of the bay of Ensenada Blanca, where students explored the outdoors and sang traditional Mexican songs by the campfire.



- Three students in The University of Findlay’s MBA program presented their scholarly research Feb. 20 at the 14th annual Minds At Work research conference at Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio. Pramod Prakash and Syed Lal presented their paper, “A Comparative Analysis of Leadership Traits: Jack Welch vs. Fred Smith.” Hozaifa Q. Quayum presented his study, “Importance of Communication in Situational Leadership: A Look into Crisis Situations.” Shown from left: Nabarun Ghose, D.B.A., professor of marketing and business; Syed Lal, MBA student; Dr. F. Dominic Dottavio, president, Heidelberg College; Pramod Prakash, MBA student; and Hozaifa Quresh Quayam, MBA student.

- Recently, junior Corey Redmond, senior April Krout and senior Joanna Sabato (left to right in photo at right) were selected to be the only student presenters at a small business expo in Columbus, Ohio, hosted by the Small Business Development Centers of Ohio. The three business majors talked about their real-world experience working with a small business, K&K Ornamental, in Findlay. In addition to meeting Cliff Hite, Ohio state representative (Rep.), who ate lunch with the students, the group met other state leaders, as well as many small business owners from various parts of Ohio. The students worked on the semester-long project as part of a business research class taught by S. Chris Ward, Ed.D., assistant professor of business, where they met with the business owners, completed marketing research and developed ideas to improve and grow the business. On their own, they continued their involvement with the business, even after the course was completed.



- Three UF students were selected as finalists for the Japan-American Society of Central Ohio (JASCO) Eighth Annual Japanese Language Speech Contest held at The Ohio State University in Columbus on March 3. Students selected included sophomore Chung-Yang Cheng, Taipei, Taiwan; senior Kenneth Skapik, Adena, Ohio, Japanese and technical management major; and freshman Erin Taylor, Oregonia, Ohio, Japanese and marketing major. During the competition, the finalists delivered their memorized three-minute speeches in Japanese on a stage in front of an audience, followed by a question-and-answer session with the judges. Shown at left are Fumiko Harada, Ph.D., professor of Japanese; Kanako Yao, graduate teaching assistant; contestants Chung-Yang Cheng, Kenneth Skapik and Erin Taylor; and Hiroaki Kawamura, Ph.D., director of language and culture programs and associate professor of Japanese. For more information, [click here](#).



- The University of Findlay Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team took first place in the league at the SIFE USA regional competition in Chicago, Ill., March 24. The team prepared a video and PowerPoint presentation outlining the projects the team worked on, which included teaching children about business, organizing an etiquette luncheon at UF and assisting the Findlay City Mission, a Philippine orphanage and the UF Investment Club, as well as a Honduras project. Members of the presentation team are show at right: junior Brittany Jones, senior Justin Gladieux, sophomore Shannon Lussier, junior Jason Florence, junior Melanie Bieber and senior Peter Dalpiaz. Gregory Arburn, Ph.D., assistant professor of economics and finance, is the SIFE team adviser. The team will advance to the national SIFE competition held May 6-8 in Dallas, Texas. For more details, [click here](#).



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3. Alumni News & Events

- **Save the Date**

- o Oct. 12-14 Homecoming 2007
- o Sept. 28-29 Family Weekend 2007

- **Upcoming Events**

- o April 18 Whirlpool (Findlay) Alumni Luncheon
- o April 28 Atlanta, Ga., Reception, 6-9 p.m., Park Tavern, 500 Tenth St., NE; for more information, [click here](#).
- o May 5 Alumni Association Board of Governors meeting/Commencement Lunch
- o May 15 Student Registration Day - Parent Panel
- o May 24 Student Registration Day - Parent Panel
- o May Tentative plans for alumni receptions in Akron, Cleveland, Ft. Wayne, Findlay and Ada/Lima
- o June 13 Student Registration Day - Parent Panel

- The UF Wind Ensemble, shown right, under the direction of Jack Taylor, professor of music and director of bands, traveled to California March 4-10. While there, they performed at Disney's California Adventure in Anaheim and at a special reception for UF alumni in San Diego. On



March 6, the Wind Ensemble gathered at the Hard Rock Cafe in Universal City Walk,



Hollywood, Calif. The students had the opportunity to meet three alumni who are living in the Hollywood area. Pictured at left are Amy Harber '96, Jill (Stone '01) Tobin and Randy Tobin '01. On March 9, an alumni reception took place at the Holiday Inn Mission Valley Stadium, San Diego, Calif. The evening started with a performance by the Wind Ensemble, followed by a dinner. Alumni and friends attending are shown below right: (front row)

Tom Beck, Ron Cable '64, Keith Mohr '67, Bill Spraw; (second row) Carol Sue Beck, Heather Spraw, Melissa Duflock '00, Bryanna Lamberjack '04, Jack Taylor, Gwen and Ryan Sands, Dee Dee Spraw '96, M '00; (third row) Pat Taylor '93, Jeff Lee '86, Geoff Litteral '00, Eric Niehaus, Ed Sands.



- A reception for alumni and friends of The University of Findlay was held March 17 at Pine Needles Resort in Southern Pines, N.C. They also were invited to watch the men's and women's golf teams in action as they participated in the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Men's and Women's Spring Invitational at Woodlake Resort. Shown at left are UF golfers: (seated) Katie Clementz, Stephanie Gillette, Amanda Rutan, Jessica Warth, Alyssa Nigro, Erin Craig; (standing) Kirk Stucke, Eric Atsma,

Adam Craig, Andy Smith, Kory Kotterman and Erin Eilerman, assistant coach. The evening featured guest speaker 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 (shown center, top right), who received an honorary doctorate from The University of Findlay in 1993. One of the original founding members of the LPGA, Bell grew up playing and honing her skills at Findlay Country Club. Oiler golf teams have made several trips to Pine Needles over the years, where Bell and her family always have been gracious hosts. Guests for the evening (shown left) 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.

- **Welcome UF newest little Oilers:**

James & Karen (Jansen '96) Jenkins

Baby girl - Emma Anne, born March 9, 2007. She joins brothers Adam, 4, and Matthew, 3.

- **Congratulations newlyweds:**

Scott & Julie (Marks '93) Dick- Feb. 17, 2007

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4. Alumni Spotlight

- **James (Jim) Carder '68 and Gerald (Jerry) Carder '68**, former Findlay College standout men's basketball players, were inducted into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Hall of Fame March 13, 2007, at the NAIA national convention in Kansas City Mo. From Delphos, Ohio, the twins starred at Findlay from 1964-68. Jim Carder currently ranks second all-time in points scored at Findlay. He held the school scoring record for nearly two decades with 2,079 points until Randy Kortokrax moved ahead of him during the 1986-87 season. Jim is a two-time NAIA Third Team All-American selection and a four-time NAIA District 22 selection. Jerry Carder ranks third with 1,953 career points. He is an NAIA Third Team All-American and three-time NAIA District 22 choice. Under the guidance of Coach James Houdeshell '53, the Carder twins propelled the Oilers to four consecutive NAIA District 22 playoff appearances and one NAIA national tour-





ment during the 1966-68 campaign. In 1967-68, the brothers led their team to the highest scoring average in the history of Findlay basketball at 98.8 points per game. Both Jim and Jerry also have been inducted into The University of Findlay Athletic Hall of Fame (1982) and the Hancock County Sports Hall of Fame (1995). Harold "Herk" Wolfe '54 and his wife, Pattie, hosted a brunch on March 17 to honor the Carders. Family, friends and former teammates attended the induction festivities. Shown at left are: (front row) Jerry Carder '68, John Steffen '66, Jim Carder '68, former coach Dr. James Houdeshell, '53; (second row) Mary Ann Charnes, Diane Carder, Pattie Wolfe, Josh Carder, Lois Carder, Kara (Carder '91) Bussard; (third row) A.R. Charnes '66, Harold "Herk" Wolfe '54, Michael Smythe '65, Matt Carder, Bob Montgomery '66.

- **Amy (Hix) Rogan** '94 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 primetime producer there between 1999 and 2001. As executive producer, Rogan supervises two departments, manages the newsroom and develops and executes special projects. 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.



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5. Oiler Sports



- Junior baseball infielder Ben Shelton, shown left, was named the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Player of the Week on March 26. The award was the first for an Oilers player this season. Shelton, from Springfield, Ohio, led the Oilers to a 4-1 record by hitting .527 with 10 hits, nine runs batted in, six runs scored, three home runs and three doubles. In Findlay's 16-5 win over Hillsdale on March 24, Shelton hit his first career home run to go along with a career-high four hits and four RBIs. He powered home runs in Findlay's 9-6 and 5-4 wins over the Chargers on March 25. On April 4, the Oilers defeated Heidelberg College 14-10 and then on April 6 lost a doubleheader to Wayne State, bringing the Oilers' season record to 16-13.



- Junior Eric Atsma, at left, led the Oilers men's golf team to two second-place finishes in the first two events of the spring season. Atsma finished first in both, taking the gold at Saint Andrews Invitational in Pinehurst, N.C., with a score of 146 and placing at the top of the leader board with a 145 at the Bellarmine Invitational in Louisville, Ky.

- In men's outdoor track and field, junior Kendell Simon, shown right, broke a school record at the Wake Forest University Deacon Open on March 24 with a seventh-place finish in the 1500-meter run at 3:54.84. He went on to record a first-place finish in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:53.64 at the Cedarville University Open on March 31, where the team took third with 111.5 points. The Oilers placed fifth April 7 with 36 points at the Oliver Nikoloff Invitational in Cincinnati, Ohio, where Tom Brown took first in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:57.31.



- In women's outdoor track and field, freshman Kelly Beamer, shown left, took first in the pole vault with a school record-breaking mark of 10'6" to lead the Oilers at the Wake Forest University Deacon Open on March 24. Pamela Bullock took first-place in two events at the Cedarville University Open on March 31 with a time of 12.34 in the 100-meter dash and 25.21 in the 200-meter dash. Bullock teamed with Danielle Grochowalski, Stephanie Charnigo and Abbie Shook to earn first place in the 4 x 100-meter relay with a time of 48.60. Grochowalski finished first in the 400-meter dash at 56.91 and Shook earned a gold in the 800-meter run with a NCAA provisional qualifying mark of 2:12.85. The Oiler women ranked second at Cedarville with 189 points. The women placed eighth in Cincinnati April 7 with 28 points, where the 4 x 400-meter team of Bullock, Grochowalski, Charnigo and Shook took first place with a time of 3:49.76. Charnigo also claimed a first-place finish in the 800-meter developmental run with a time of 2:18.07. For 17th place, Emily Gauger broke the school record in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 17:25.31, replacing Maria Newcomer's mark of 17:39.00 during the 1989 season. Kristin Weible finished seventh in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a record-breaking time of 11:03.13



- The University of Findlay English equestrian team hosted the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) regionals on Sunday, March 25. Seven UF riders qualified at the event to compete at the Zone 6 championships on March 31 at Morehead State University: Laura Baldine, open fences; Matt Piccolo, intermediate fences; Travis Womer, intermediate fences; Natassia Hovey, novice fences; Katie Johnston, open flat; Ashley Gallo, novice flat and Zoe Steel-Rand, advanced walk/trot/canter.
- The University of Findlay western equestrian team won their semi-finals with a score of 40 and will now advance to IHSA nationals on May 3 in Springfield, Mass. Awards included: Trevor Dare - first place, open reining and third place, open horsemanship; Travis Womer - second place, open reining; Val Siegel - first place, intermediate horsemanship; April Smith - first place, walk/trot horsemanship; Erica White - second place, open horsemanship; Andrea Shaffer - first place, novice horsemanship; Kirstin Swankie - third place, novice horsemanship; Adam

Smith - first place, advanced horsemanship; Ryan Sims - first place, novice horsemanship; Raffi Kechejian - first place, intermediate horsemanship; Trevor Dare - first place, reining and second place, open horsemanship; Jimmy Frebes - first place, advanced horsemanship; and Aubrey Kuczerepa, first place, beginner.

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

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6. Alumni Support

- Jeffrey R. Seever '76 has established the Jeffrey R. Seever '76 Scholarship Endowment Fund. Upon its endowment, the fund will provide scholarship assistance to a member of the baseball team. According to Seever, "My years at Findlay were among the best of my life. I received an excellent education and the extracurricular experience was just as satisfying. By establishing a scholarship, I hope to give others a chance to have the same experience. I'm proud to say I'm an alumnus of the University."



- The family of Richard W. Corner, associate professor computer science, has established the Richard W. Corner Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund. Upon its endowment, the fund will provide scholarship assistance to students enrolled in the computer science major. Gifts in memory of Professor Corner may be made by visiting www.findlay.edu. Click on "Give to Findlay" at the bottom right of the homepage.

- Take advantage of a golden opportunity to accomplish your philanthropic goals! Until December 31, 2007, you can directly roll over from your IRA(s) up to \$100,000 annually to charities such as The University of Findlay, and exclude the withdrawal from your gross income during your lifetime. These favorable provisions for charitable-minded individuals are part of the Pension Protection Act of 2006. To read more about the Pension Protection Act, visit www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: PPA. If you have additional questions or would like to make this type of gift, please contact Ann Brossia, development officer, at 800-472-9502, extension 4794.

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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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