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Welcome to ArchLink!



Greetings, Alumni!

I would like to extend warm wishes for a healthy and prosperous new year. I look forward to the excitement that the new year promises! We are gearing up for activities throughout the nation – and maybe even around the world! Our first off-campus alumni event will be at the Kalahari Waterpark Resort in Sandusky, Ohio, on Saturday, Feb. 9. See below for details on how to register for a weekend of fun with family and fellow alumni.

And, I'm delighted to tell you that as just one sign of your importance to us, we are bringing an assistant alumni director on board: Beth Skulina. Beth has served as alumni and development coordinator in the Office of Development for two years and has been a huge help to us in organizing Homecoming Weekend activities. In addition to her work, Beth is pursuing a master of arts in education at The University of Findlay. Beth will be a great help to me and to Karen Fulks, our administrative assistant, as we prepare even more events in the months ahead.



Beth Skulina, new assistant alumni director

As always, keep me updated by filling out the "What's New with You?" form at www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Whats new.

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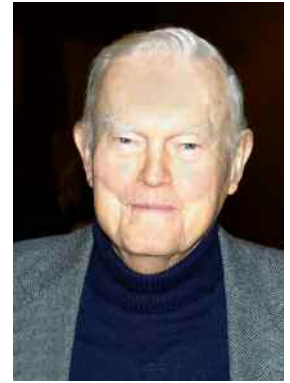
~~Dee Dee Spraw '93, M '00, director, Alumni & Parent Relations

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1. What's Happening on Campus?

- **Dr. William Jack McBride, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty of Findlay College from 1964 to 1984, died Dec. 17, 2007,** in Findlay. A public memorial service will be held Sunday, Jan. 20, at 2 p.m. in Ritz Auditorium. Dean McBride was responsible for recruitment and evaluation of faculty and supervision and development of the academic program. He instituted the first freshman seminar in 1971 and also oversaw the initial development of the equestrian and pre-veterinary medicine programs. He devoted considerable effort to strengthening the faculty and curriculum, and ensuring the quality of the instructional program. He became assistant to the president in 1984 and retired in 1992. In addition, he helped establish the local Chamber of Commerce Hancock Leadership Program, for which he served as director for five years. Prior to coming to Findlay, he was dean of students at Mount Union (Ohio) College, and served as associate professor at the Conservatory of Music at Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, Ohio. He held a bachelor's degree in education from Muskingum College and a master's degree in professional performance and a doctoral degree in music education from the Teachers College of Columbia University. He also studied at the Juilliard School of Music. A lifelong music lover, he was active with the Findlay Light Opera Co., and The University of Findlay Curtain Raisers arts support organization. In 2004, he was inducted into the Curtain Raisers Wall of Fame for his commitment to the performing arts at UF. He and his wife, Betty, also were members of the Mazza Enthusiasts. Active in the community, he was honored as Citizen of the Year in 1994 by the Findlay Kiwanis Club. He and his wife were named Distinguished Associates by The University of Findlay in 1995 in recognition of their financial support and leadership on behalf of the University. Memorials may be made to The University of Findlay or the Mazza Museum.



Dr. William Jack McBride, former vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty, 1922-2007.



- **Fall commencement was a memorable occasion for new UF alumni, with more than 400 students graduating.** Former U.S. Senator Mike DeWine delivered a commencement address, in which he encouraged graduates to take risks. To watch a short video of parts of the ceremony, [click here](#). To view, download and share a selection of commencement photos, [click here](#).

Graduates march toward the arch at graduation Dec. 8, 2007.

- **John Gears is one of higher education's biggest fans,** and on Saturday, Dec. 8., he walked across the stage during commencement ceremonies to receive a congratulatory handshake from Dr. DeBow Freed for earning a master of business administration degree. "I never thought it was possible for me to get my master's. I've learned that you can't put limitations on people," said Gears, 51, who was primarily raised at St. Anthony's Villa, a Catholic orphanage in Toledo, Ohio, where Sister Bea Herman was a house mother. She served as a source of encouragement to him then and many years later. Because college was not an option at the time, Gears graduated from high school worked in a factory for 25 years until a work-related accident ended his employment there. To read Gears' story, [click here](#).



MBA graduate John Gears with his mentor, Sister Bea Herman.

- **The Concert & Lecture Series continues in 2008.** The Toledo Symphony Orchestra will perform at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25, at the Winebrenner Theological Seminary auditorium. Directed by Chelsea Tipton II, the symphony will perform selections from Mozart, Bach, Sibelius and Liszt. Soloists are Kirk Toth, violin, and Kimberly Bryden, oboe. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for senior citizens and \$10 for students. Admission for UF undergraduate and graduate students is free, but a ticket is required. UF faculty and staff may purchase tickets for \$15. Tickets are available by calling the Box Office at 419-434-5335. The final performance of the season will be a return of the Toledo Symphony Orchestra on Sunday, Feb. 17, at 3 p.m. in Winebrenner.



Kimberly Bryden, featured on oboe.

- **The University of Findlay Theatre Program and Alpha Psi Omega, the University's honorary co-educational theater fraternity, will host the seventh annual Triage Theatre event with a performance at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26.** Triage, which is the process of writing, producing and performing a five- to 10-minute skit in 24 hours, will begin at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25. Participants are given a theme and are then turned loose to create their original shows. Exactly 24 hours later, a paying audience will watch each skit and cast votes to determine the best one. The winning group receives a cash prize, which comes from a \$5 entrance fee every participant pays. Past themes in Triage Theatre have challenged students to use Top 40 song lyrics as dialogue, show what superheroes are like in their time off, and combine classic fairy tales to tell a new story. Admittance to Triage is free to all UF faculty, staff and students with a valid I.D. and is \$5 for other patrons.



Victoria Clark, Tony Award-winning soprano and actress, to perform Jan. 27 as the Kirk guest artist.

- This year's **Mary Snyder Kirk Musical Theatre Guest Artist, Tony Award-winning actress Victoria Clark, will perform "An Evening with Victoria Clark, featuring Phil Reno," on Sunday, Jan. 27,** at 8 p.m. at the Winebrenner Theological Seminary TLB auditorium. Clark won the 2005 Tony Award for Best Performance by a Leading Actress in a Musical as well as garnering Drama Desk, Outer Critic Circle, Drama League and Joseph Jefferson Awards for her performance as Margaret Johnson in "The Light in the Piazza." A native of Dallas, Texas, she participated in the musical theatre program at Interlochen Summer Arts Camp in Michigan and studied at the American Institute of Musical Studies in Austria before graduating from Yale University in 1982. Her stage work includes roles in Broadway productions of "Cabaret," "Titanic," "A Grand Night for Singing" and "Guys and Dolls," in addition to numerous roles off-Broadway and in regional theatre. A few of her film and television appearances include "Beauty and the Beast" (1991), "Aladdin" (1992) and "Law and Order" (guest appearances in 1998, 2003). Currently, she teaches voice in addition to performing, and she has recorded two albums, "Fifteen Seconds of Grace" and "The Light in the Piazza." Tiffin, Ohio, native and musical-theatre veteran Phil Reno returns as guest accompanist. Reno is the Grammy-nominated Broadway conductor of "The Drowsy Chaperone," "The Producers," "Cats," "Thou Shalt Not," and "Broadway Under the Stars." Clark's performance is sponsored by the Mary Snyder Kirk Musical Theatre Guest Artist Chair, the Curtain Raisers Society for the Performing Arts, Convocations Committee and UF's music and theatre programs. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$6 for students and senior citizens and free to UF students, faculty and staff with UF identification. For tickets, call the UF Box Office at 419-434-5335. Tickets also may be purchased at the door.

2. Academic Update

- **Actor René Auberjonois, the fall 2007 recipient of the Don and Barb Hennigs Chair for Theatre Guest Artists, was on campus Friday, Dec. 7, 2007, to offer feedback and advice to**



René Auberjonois was the Hennigs Chair guest actor on campus Dec. 7. He talked with students and coached them on acting techniques.

theatre students. Auberjonois won Broadway's 1970 Tony Award as Best Supporting or Featured Actor (Musical) for "Coco" with Katherine Hepburn. A native of New York City, Auberjonois' recent appearances include "The Patriot" starring Mel Gibson, "Sally Hemings: An American Scandal," "Frasier" and "The Practice." He also portrayed Paul Lewiston in "Boston Legal" for four years. Auberjonois portrayed Clayton Endicott III on the comedy series "Benson" and Odo for seven years on "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine." The Don and Barb Hennigs Chair for Theatre Guest Artists was started in 2003 to bring to campus national or international actors to share their expertise with UF the-

atre students. The chair allows for one guest per year for at least a weekend. This program has allowed UF theatre majors to work with four Tony Award winners in the past five years.

- **Seven UF faculty members recently completed doctoral work.** Congratulations to the following faculty members: Mark Carroll, Ed. D., leadership studies, Bowling Green State University; Christine Denecker, Ph.D., philosophy with emphasis in rhetoric and composition, Bowling Green State University; Michael Edelbrock, Ph.D., biomedical sciences, The University of Toledo (formerly Medical College of Ohio); Debra George, Ph.D., higher education and administration, Bowling Green State University; Cynthia Goodwin, OTD (clinical doctorate), Chatham University; Cheri Hampton-Farmer, Ph.D., communication studies, Bowling Green State University; and Sharon Walsh, DSc, neurology, Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions. For more details, [click here](#).

- **The city of Findlay may be able to choose from two options to reduce the impact from future floods such as the one that struck in August 2007:** reducing the hazard or lessening the exposure to risk. That was the message geologist Dr. Daniel May and geophysicist Cheryl Cape gave during their Nov. 15 presentation, "Flood Forecasting, Warning and Mitigation: A Look at the August 2007 Findlay Flood." The flood occurred because of a confluence of factors including unprecedented heavy rainfall of more than nine inches in 24 hours. Given that the event has been termed a "100-year flood," some people feel comfortable that they will never see the likes of it again in their lifetimes, but May says that's a misinterpretation. "It simply means that the odds are 100:1 that this could happen in any given year," he explained. To read the entire article, which includes options for ways in which the community can address the problem, [click here](#).



Geologist Dr. Dan May, vice president for academic affairs, gave a presentation on the factors involved with the historic flood experienced in the Findlay area the week of Aug. 20. Geophysicist Cheryl Cape, senior lecturer in science, gave an overview of the Blanchard River watershed.

- **The College of Business has established a study abroad fund in honor of Desmond Buford**, who passed away April 5, 2007. Buford graduated in 1990 with a major in business administration and earned an MBA in 1999. He was serving as director of intercultural student services at UF at the time of his death. Interested students must be full-time undergraduates with a major in the business area, have a minimum grade point average of 2.75, be a U.S. citizen and apply for the funds at least two months prior to departure on the trip. Upon their return, students are required to give at least two presentations, either on campus or in the community. Student organizations, including the Black Student Union and the Rotaract Club, have been actively raising money for the fund, and donations are being accepted. For more information, [click here](#).

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3. Alumni News & Events

- **Save the Date**

- **Sept. 19-21** **Homecoming 2008 (Please note date change)**
- **Sept. 26-28** **Family Weekend**

- **Upcoming Events**

- **Jan. 19, 2008** Women's alumni basketball reception, Findlay;
Croy VIP Room, 12:30 - 2 p.m.
 - **Feb. 8-9, 2008** Kalahari Resort, Sandusky, Ohio – Alumni Family Event;
Alumni reception, 6-8 p.m.
 - **Feb. 23, 2008** Midwest Veterinary Conference alumni reception;
Dr. Linda Peck, director of pre-veterinary studies, featured.
 - **Feb. 27, 2008** Sarasota/Bradenton, Fla., reception;
IMG Golf and Country Club, Bradenton, Fla.
 - **Feb. 28, 2008** Naples/Bonita Springs, Fla., reception;
Florida Golf Coast University, Ft. Myers, Fla.
 - **March 1, 2008** West Palm Beach, Fla., reception;
Norton Museum of Art.
 - **March 2, 2008** Orlando, Fla., reception;
Rollins College, Winter Park, Fla.
 - **March 14, 2008** Columbus, Ohio, OHSAA basketball breakfast;
Holiday Inn on the Lane.
 - **March 29, 2008** Columbus, Ohio, alumni reception;
Hilton-Easton Complex, 6-8 p.m.
 - **May 3, 2008** Commencement brunch and ceremony.
 - **June 9, 2008** Columbus, Ohio, golf outing;
York Golf Club.
 - **June 21, 2008** UF Day at Cedar Point, Sandusky, Ohio.
- **Join The University of Findlay alumni and friends for a fun weekend at Kalahari Waterpark Resort in Sandusky, Ohio, Feb. 8-9, 2008.** An alumni dinner reception is planned for Saturday, Feb. 9, from 6-8 p.m., which will give you the chance to speak with our president, Dr. DeBow Freed, and learn about the many exciting things happening on campus. Dinner is \$10 for each adult, \$5 for children ages 5-12, and children under age 5 are free.

- **To register** for the event, call the alumni office at 419-434-4516, or visit www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Kalahari, to fill out the registration form.
 - **Overnight accommodations** must be made by calling the Kalahari reservations department at 1-877-525-2427 and be sure to reference The University of Findlay Alumni Association for a special rate of \$154 per night for both nights. Single nights will be available for \$174 for Friday night and \$184 for Saturday. Each night includes four waterpark passes. An extra pass is \$20 per person.
 - **For any questions**, please contact the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at 419-434-4516.
- **Welcome UF Newest Little Oilers:**
 - *Aaron & Kim (Bagen '99) Bonnell*
Baby boy, Braden, born June 2007
 - *David & Andrea (Lydon '93) Wirsing*
Baby girl, Sophia Ruth, born Sept. 6, 2007
 - *Clint & Yvonne (Haught '91) Allford*
Baby boy, Wilson Alexander, born Aug. 21, 2007

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4. Alumni Spotlight

- **Findlay City Schools teacher Deborah Wickerham (M '02) was named the 2008 Ohio Teacher of the Year by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE).** Marilyn Troyer, ODE's senior associate superintendent of educational programs, made the surprise announcement Dec. 12, 2007, at a Chamberlin Hill Intermediate School assembly. Troyer presented Wickerham with a certificate and praised her for her dedication to the teaching profession. "Good teachers are the key to a quality education," Troyer said. "Deborah's passion for the classroom and devotion to her students is setting the standard for teaching in Findlay and throughout the state." Wickerham has been a teacher for 32 years. Since 1992, she has been at Chamberlin Hill, and is currently teaching both deaf and hearing children in her fifth-grade inclusion classroom. She teaches all subjects except mathematics. In 2001, Wickerham achieved National Board Certification, widely accepted as the highest credential in the teaching profession. She has received numerous awards and recognition for her teaching including: the Presidential Award for Elementary Science Excellence; Vernier National Science Teacher of the Year; Rotary Golden Apple Award; Jaycee Teacher of the Year; and, in 2007, the VFW Regional Teacher of the Year. Since 1999, Wickerham also has been an adjunct professor in middle childhood science at The University of Findlay. She serves on the Ohio Resource Center Science Review Board and the McGraw-Hill National/State Science Advisory Board and is a Northwest Ohio Science/Mathematics facilitator and teacher. Wickerham has a master's degree in educational leadership from The University of Findlay, and a bachelor's degree in elementary education/deaf education from Bowling Green State University. The Ohio Teacher of the Year serves as a spokesperson for Ohio teachers; attends statewide education meetings; provides state or local workshops in her area of expertise and responds to educational issues from education groups, policymakers and the media. For more details, [click here](#).



Deborah Wickerham '02 was recently named 2008 Ohio Teacher of the Year.

- A 1970 graduate of Findlay College, **Celia Barberena, Ph.D., has been named president of Chabot College in Hayward, Calif.,** effective Jan. 14. Barberena becomes the first female president of the 46-year-old community college. For the past 11 years she has served as the vice president for student services at Hartnell College in Salinas, Calif., where she was responsible for all student services including admissions and financial aid. She was also responsible for facility development and helping to implement the facilities plan put into effect by the passage of a general obligation bond in 2001. “Dr. Barberena has a wealth of experience in the California Community College system. She is passionate about our mission and the students we serve. Her stellar career has led her to Chabot where she will bring strong leadership skills and a fresh perspective to all that we do. I truly believe she will become a shining star in our district and among her colleagues on a state and national level,” said Dr. Joel Kinnamon, District Chancellor. While at Hartnell College, Barberena developed several multi-million dollar grants in partnership with area schools to create a “college-going culture” at an early age and improve the academic preparation of under-represented students. She also led a team in the creation of Hartnell’s non-credit high school equivalency program and provided leadership and advocacy on the expansion of bilingual instruction and services to reach a greater number of students in the district. Prior to her service at Hartnell, she spent five years at Modesto Junior College where she was the dean of special programs, serving more than 2,000 students enrolled in basic skills, vocational and transfer programs. She also served as an adjunct faculty member teaching Spanish, and lecturing on social and economic conditions in Latin America. Barberena received both her Ph.D. in educational administration and supervision, and her master of arts degree in Spanish literature, from Bowling Green State University, and her bachelor of arts degree in economics and sociology from Findlay College. A native of Nicaragua, she came to Findlay College on an academic scholarship in 1966.



Celia Barberena, Ph.D., new president of Chabot College in Hayward, Calif.

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5. Oiler Sports

- The Oilers **women’s basketball team** tied a new school record with 12 three-pointers in their 88-74 loss to Hillsdale on Jan. 5. The team also broke school records for winning margin (76), assists (36) and points scored in their 116-40 win over Marygrove on Dec. 19, 2007. Junior guard Brittany Wells was named the GLIAC South Division Player of the Week on Dec. 17, 2007. The award was the third of her career, the most for any women’s basketball player in a career at UF.



Travis Clark

- The **Roughneck wrestling team** currently is ranked 16th in the nation and is coming off a seventh-place finish at the prestigious Midwest Classic on Jan. 5. Junior Travis Clark and freshman Josh Falk led the charge by taking second at the 285-pound and 141-pound weight classes, respectively.



Brittany Wells

- The Oilers **men's basketball team** is currently ranked 15th in the nation and has won seven straight games. Findlay also has won its last 53 regular season home games and has the second-highest winning percentage (.812) in all of NCAA Division II men's basketball during this decade.
- **Head men's basketball coach Ron Niekamp** will be looking for his 500th career win this week in Erie, Pa. The Oilers play Gannon on Jan. 10 and Mercyhurst on Jan 12. Niekamp currently has 498 career wins at Findlay.



Ron Niekamp, head men's basketball coach



- The Oilers **men's and women's indoor track and field teams** opened their seasons on Dec. 1, 2007, by hosting the Findlay Open. On the men's side, Essex Berry and Cory Brunow came away with first-place finishes as Berry took the gold in the 200-meter dash at 22.96, while Brunow finished first in the long jump with a mark of 22'07.75. On the women's side, Kelly Beamer tied her own school record in the pole vault with a NCAA provisional qualifying mark of 11'05.75.

Kelly Beamer

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

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6. Alumni Support

- **Philanthropic support of The University of Findlay by alumni continues to make steady progress.** Through December 2007 in the current fiscal year, 1,060 alumni have made gifts to the institution, compared to 957 last year and 983 the year prior. Total amount given has increased to \$419,271, compared to \$108,013 last year and \$168,264 the year prior.
- **Financial support from alumni is vital to the institution,** as it sends a unified and strong message to other potential supporters — e.g. corporations and foundations — and prospective students and their parents. Support from alumni is used for scholarship assistance, academic program enhancement, faculty support and development, and operating expenses such as library resources. If you have not yet made a gift to the University over the past 12 months, please consider doing so by visiting www.findlay.edu and clicking on "Give to Findlay" in the lower right hand corner.
- **The Mazza Enthusiasts (ME) and Glenn '42 and Helen (Beery) Stout were honored Dec. 11, 2007, as Distinguished Associates** at the University's annual Applause! recognition reception. Eldon Beery, Helen Stout's brother, accepted the award for Mr. and Mrs. Stout, who were unable to attend.
 - The Mazza Enthusiasts (ME), founded in 1991, is a volunteer organization for the Mazza Museum of International Art from Picture Books, dedicated to advancing the museum's mission in many ways. The ME provide a vital service to the museum by organizing year-long docent training programs with the assistance of the educational coordinator. Docents

pass on their knowledge to more than 5,000 children and adults each year in docent-led tours. Many dedicated hours are devoted by the Mazza Enthusiasts to running the Mazza Museum Gift Shop. The profits from the gift shop are used to help support the museum operations and educational programs and recently helped fund an expanded retail space in the educational addition to the museum. The Mazza Enthusiasts hold an annual membership drive, with membership fees and contributions used to fund museum programs. Currently, there are more than 380 ME members from across the country. Through their

generosity, volunteerism and commitment to excellence, the Mazza Enthusiasts have helped to ensure that the Mazza Museum will continue as an outstanding educational and enrichment center for untold numbers of children, teachers and visitors for years to come.

- Originally from Fostoria, Ohio, Glenn Stout is a 1942 graduate of Findlay College, and in 1973, was awarded an honorary doctor of science degree from Findlay College. Throughout his career, Glenn was an international expert in water resource management and conservation. Glenn was also one of the two first Distinguished Alumni named in 1962. Helen attended Findlay College business school for two years, moving to Chicago in November of 1942 when she and Glenn were married. Today, they actively volunteer for many civic and religious organizations in the Champaign, Ill., community. In addition, they are active, engaged and supportive members of The University of Findlay Alumni Association. They have provided scholarship assistance to 18 deserving young men and women pursuing their academic endeavors at The University of Findlay. In 1994, Glenn and Helen created an endowment fund to provide for the upkeep and maintenance of the Glenn and Helen Stout Alumni House, located on North Cory Street. In November 2007, Glenn and Helen celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with a family gathering on the coast in Delaware. In addition to their children, the couple has five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. For additional information, [click here](#).



Volunteers with the Mazza Enthusiasts support organization for the Mazza Museum were honored as Distinguished Associates for their dedication.



Glenn '42 and Helen Stout were named as Distinguished Associates Dec. 11, 2007. Because they were unable to attend, her brother, Eldon Beery, accepted the honor for them.

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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...

- If you know other alumni who would like to receive *ArchLink*, please forward this message.
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for meaningful lives and productive careers.**
