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Welcome to ArchLink!



Greetings, Alumni!

From opening day activities through the post-game party, Homecoming 2006 "Let Your Oiler Pride Flow" on Oct. 6-7 was exciting. The alumni celebrated their alma mater along with the current students, faculty and staff, with all displaying their Oiler pride.

Examples of the weekend's activities included the Midnight Masquerade Dance, 5K and fun run, alumni tailgate and, for the first time, the celebration on the front lawn, with a student cookie contest, KidsZone with inflatables and a golf cart parade. Although the Oilers didn't get a game victory, The University of Findlay won with picture-perfect weather and a true UF family celebration. More about Homecoming is reported below.



If you were unable to make it back for this Homecoming, be sure to mark your calendar for Homecoming 2007 - Oct. 12-13, as we will be celebrating our 125th anniversary. 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.

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

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1. What's Happening on Campus?

- Dr. DeBow Freed, president of The University of Findlay, traveled to Japan in May. While he was there, he attended the annual board meeting of the Kake Institute, which has a long-standing educational exchange program with UF. In addition, he visited Fukui Prefecture where he served in the U.S. Army in 1947-48. As commanding officer, he visited all the communities in the prefecture to inquire about the people's health and welfare. Remembering the people fondly, Dr. Freed established the UF Fukui Scholarship.



Emiko Sodekawa, who is a senior studying to become an English teacher, is the first recipient. She and Aya Watanabe, who enrolled in the Master of Arts in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) and Bilingual Education, arrived at The University of Findlay in August. Shown are Dr. C. Richard Beckett, chair of the UF Board of Trustees; Emiko Sodekawa; Yukio Kurita, chair of Fukui International Association and former governor of Fukui Prefecture; Aya Watanabe; and Dr. Freed. For more details, [click here](#) to see the feature story in The Courier.

- The Concert and Lecture Series kicked off its third season with a performance by the Toledo Opera in the Winebrenner Seminary TLB Auditorium on Sept. 22. Selections from "Roméo Et Juliette," "Don Pasquale," "Tosca," Tchaikovsky and Mussorgsky entertained and impressed the appreciative audience. The next performance is Friday, Oct. 27, with the Toledo Symphony presenting works by Glinka, Rimsky-Korsakov and Rachmaninoff. The all-Russian concert features the internationally-known pianist



Valentina Lisitsa. Performances are at 8 p.m. in the Winebrenner Theological Seminary TLB Auditorium. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for senior citizens and \$10 for students. Admission for UF students is free, but a ticket is required. Tickets are available by calling the Box Office at 419-434-5335. For more information, [click here](#).

- The 24th annual Mazza Museum Celebration was held on Sept. 24 featuring Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen in appreciation for the museum's donors. A native of the Netherlands, Frankenhuyzen immigrated to the United States in 1976. He was art director for Michigan Natural Resources magazine for 17 years until 1992. He published his first children's book, "The Legend of Sleeping Bear," in 1995 and has illustrated more than 20 books since then. He charmed the audience with his true tale of "Adopted by an Owl," in which a great horned owl became a member of his family for 13 years.



Frankenhuyzen and his wife run a wildlife rehabilitation center on their 40-acre farm in Bath, Mich., which provides the inspiration for stories that he has turned into the Hazel Ridge Series. [Click here](#) for more details.

- The UF theatre program will present "1984," an adaption of George Orwell's classic book about the future of a totalitarian society where Big Brother is always watching, on Nov. 8-12. All performances are in the John and Hester Powell Grimm Theatre in the Egner Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m., except for Nov. 12, when the performance is at 6 p.m. General admission is \$5; seniors and students, \$3. For tickets, call the Box Office at 419-434-5335.

- Approximately 120 high school and college students visited UF's Environmental Resource Training Center at 5000 Fostoria Rd. to compete in the fifth annual Fear Factor on Saturday, Sept. 30. About 45 students from the Oiler Environmental, Safety and Health Organization facilitated the daylong competition that involved teams of six: four high school teams and 16 college teams. Students competed in individual events in the morning and teams participated in a five-station relay race in the afternoon. According to Dr. Timothy Murphy, associate professor of environmental, safety and health management, Fear Factor is designed to "showcase the University's activities and programs in a fun way to students and to the community." For more details, [click here](#).



- Students in Cynthia Goodwin's occupational therapy class were among the 75 faculty, staff and student volunteers from The University of Findlay and Winebrenner Theological Seminary who painted the homes of elderly community members during the Beth Heck Days of Caring Sept. 21-22. Days of Caring is an annual service tradition, which this year was named in honor of Beth Heck, a UF trustee and community volunteer, who passed away in June this year.



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2. Academic Update

- The University of Findlay participated in the 10th anniversary of National Constitution Day on Monday, Sept. 18, by facilitating a roundtable discussion focused on constitutional rights and liberties. The discussion by (from left) Bob Hesse, editor of The Courier; Hon. Reginald J. Routson, Hancock County Common Pleas Court judge; Dr. Dennis Stevens, dean of the College of Liberal Arts; Dr. Paul Chwialkowski, associate professor of social science, criminal justice and public administration; and Dr. Mark Polelle, director of history, political science and law and the liberal arts, was televised on UF-TV cable channel 20. The mission of Constitution Day is to educate each new generation to the uniqueness and brilliance of the Constitution and to show the need to protect and defend the Constitution to maintain the liberties of the United States. For more information, [click here](#).



- The University of Findlay is sponsoring a 2006 Religious Studies Lecture Series in which four regional religious leaders from differing faith traditions will address the distinct characteristics of each religion, the aspects each faith has in common with others and the global issues that are of critical concern to each religion. Scheduled are: Father Michael Hohenbrink, pastor of Saint Michael The Archangel Parish Catholic Church, on Oct. 17; Rabbi Samuel Weinstein, rabbi of the Congregation Shomer Emunim, on Oct. 24; Pastor William Miller, director of campus ministries for the College First Church of God, on Oct. 31 and Imam Farooq S. Abo-Elzahab, imam and director of The Islamic Center of Greater Toledo, on Nov. 7. All presentations are held on Tuesday evenings at 8 – 9:15 p.m. in Ritz Auditorium in Old Main. For information, contact Dr. Dale Brougher, associate professor of religion, at 419-434-4729 or brougher@findlay.edu.

- Dr. William Landes '75 (left) and Joseph Gaffney '80 (right), shown with Dr. Paul Sears, dean of the College of Business (center), were the first to participate in the new Visiting Executives Program for the College of Business on Oct. 5-6. They gave a presentation and visited a number of classes to share their insights and expertise with students. Dr. Landes earned his master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Cincinnati. He worked for 18 years for Putnam



Investments, where he was head of global investment research and chief investment officer. In 2004, he started 2100 Capital Group, in association with Old Mutual Asset Management. He lives in Southborough, Mass. Gaffney is retired from American National Can, where as vice president of operations, he was responsible for 12 plants in the United States and Mexico. He is currently director of golf operations at Legacy Golf Resorts in Phoenix, Ariz., where he resides. Both men also were instrumental in starting the Shiv K. Gupta Business Scholarship

Endowment Fund. More than \$46,000 was raised by alumni to establish the scholarship in honor of Dr. Gupta, professor of marketing and economics. For more information, [click here](#).

- The University of Findlay's chapter of the Psi Chi National Honorary Society inducted its charter members on Sept. 30. The psychology honorary was founded in 1929 to encourage excellence in scholarship and to advance the science of psychology. Dr. John Malacos, associate professor of psychology, and Dr. Milton Peters, professor of psychology, are the advisers. For more details, [click here](#).



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3. Alumni News & Events

- **Save the Date**
 - o **Homecoming 2007 - Oct. 12-13**
- **Upcoming Events**
 - o Oct. 14 American Quarter Horse Congress – UF 30th anniversary celebration
Western Alumni Anniversary Dinner – 5:30 p.m., Gilligan Building
30th Anniversary Reception – 7 - 9 p.m., Million Dollar Stallion Avenue
 - o Nov. 11 Cincinnati Area Alumni Event
 - o Dec. 6 UF Faculty/Staff Alumni Appreciation Luncheon
 - o Dec. 9 Fall Commencement Activities
 - 10:30 a.m. Baccalaureate Service
 - 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Commencement Brunch
 - 2 p.m. - Commencement Ceremony
- In celebration of our 125th anniversary in 2007, The University of Findlay is planning 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!



• A special dedication ceremony was held during Homecoming on Oct. 7 as the classes of 1956 and 2006 presented their gift of an oil derrick fountain to The University of Findlay. Located at the crosswalks near Croy Physical Education Center and Brewer Science Center, the derrick signifies Findlay's oil and gas boom heritage that occurred at the time the institution was founded and also is the inspiration for this year's Homecoming theme, "Let Your Oiler Pride Flow." At night the fountain is illuminated. Shown is John Hanauer (left), president of the class of 1956, speaking during the dedication.

- A new event, the golf cart parade, was a great success. Included were the Oiler Brass marching band, the UF dance team and a host of golf carts decorated for various themes. Winners of the golf cart decorating contest were: first place, Oiler



Environmental, Safety & Health Organization for "Emergency," with gear to take on any catastrophe; second place, the Mazza Museum's "The Magic School Bus" driven by Dr. Jerry Mallett; and third place, the UF dance team's "Kicking High with School Pride." George Tuttle '36 returned to campus to celebrate his 70th class anniversary and was driven in the golf cart parade by Tom Ryerson, president of the class of 2006 (at right).



- This year saw the return of the Homecoming 5K and Little Oiler fun run. More than 100 runners from Findlay and the surrounding area participated. Proceeds of \$1,300 were donated to the City Mission. Winners were Mark Sanderson of Van Wert, Ohio, with a time of 17:08 and Katie Hunt of Findlay, with a time of 19:55. Findlay Optometry Clinic and BioLife Plasma Services sponsored the 5K race.



- The University of Findlay honored three graduates as Distinguished Alumni and named recipients of the Old Main Award, the Gold Medallion Award and the Arch Award during the Alumni Association Annual Breakfast on Oct. 7, as part of Homecoming Weekend. Named as



Distinguished Alumni were: Jerald F. Clark '66, Dr. Julie (Dean) McIntosh '90 and Rosaline "Roady" (Gregory) Morgan '71. Dr. Jonathan Davis received the Old Main Award, which recognizes the achievements of alumni aged 35 and younger, and Clark L. Fleming '58 was granted the Gold Medallion Award, which is presented posthumously in recognition of outstanding service and accomplishments during his lifetime. Dr. Jerry J. Mallett was honored as the 2006 recipient of the Arch Award, established in 2004 to recognize outstanding service by a staff member. At left: Dr. Jerry Mallett,

Dr. Julie McIntosh, Jerald Clark, Rosaline Morgan, Mrs. Clark Fleming and Dr. Jonathan Davis. For more details, [click here](#).

- The University of Findlay inducted six former Oiler athletes into its Athletic Hall of Fame on Saturday, Oct. 7, as part of Homecoming activities. Inductees included tennis stand-out Robert (Bob) Cook '91 of Findlay; women's basketball and softball team leader Kelly (Murray) Jay '88 of St. Marys; nationally recognized wrestling coach John Jeffire of Clinton Township, Mich.; record-holding point guard Jenni McGraw '96 of Findlay; the late baseball star Steve Rolston '77 of McGuffey and All-American defensive tackle Chris Smith '93 of Fremont. Shown at right: Mrs. Steve Rolston, Bob Cook, Kelly Jay, Chris Smith, John Jeffire and Jenni McGraw. For more information, [click here](#).



- Close to 400 parents and family members were welcomed to campus and to the community for Family Weekend Sept. 22-23. Activities for Friday included attending classes, a driving tour of the city and off-campus facilities, dinner with their students and a performance by the Toledo Opera. On Saturday, a panel discussion involving faculty, staff and a student mentor on "A Day in the Life of a UF Student" was held in the morning and the Family Equestrian Festival was hosted at the Child Equestrian Complex in the afternoon. The traditional football game was played against Wayne State University at Donnell Stadium. The first 1,000 people who arrived at the game received a complimentary pulled pork sandwich, coleslaw and baked beans from the Red Pig Inn.



- Dr. Nabarun Ghose, professor of marketing and business, is sponsoring a trip to India departing from Detroit on June 4, 2007, and returning on June 17. The trip includes visits to various historical sites and tours of international businesses, a hospital, a crocodile conservancy, educational institutions and movie studios, along with time for shopping. Open to students, faculty and alumni, the trip can be taken for undergraduate or graduate credit or for personal and professional development. For more information, contact Dr. Ghose at ghose@findlay.edu or call 1-800-472-9502 ext. 4455.

- **Welcome UF newest little Oilers:**

Kelly '99 & Stephanie '96 (Dyer) Stevens
Sydney Suzanne Stevens, April 12, 2006

Damian '95 & Marlene '97 (Whitt) Bowerman
Aiden Nathaniel Bowerman, July 24, 2006

Christopher & Melinda '00 Hendricks-Jones
Mason Julien Jones, May 2, 2006

David & Kendra '01(Niswander) Spears
Emma Fay Spears, July 25, 2006

- **Congratulations newlyweds:**

Jim & Leann '00 (Hardesty) Thorp
Married Aug. 4, 2006

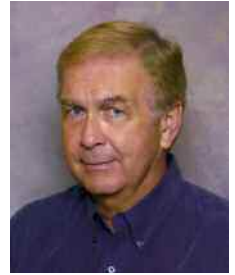
Anthony '00 & Adena Strahm
Married Aug. 19, 2006

Randy '96 & Wendy Weller
Married Aug. 26, 2006

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4. Alumni Spotlight

- **Bob Kritkauský** '68 of Glendale, Ariz., has launched a unique Web site called eFamilyFriends.com. The concept is to match similar families with like profiles. Given the increasing mobility of Americans, Kritkauský created the site to help couples and families find a new network of friends with similar lifestyles and values. The site is beneficial across age ranges from newlyweds moving to advance careers to retirees relocating. Each search provides matches based on seven prioritized categories. Participants can use "Findlay" as a keyword to find other UF grads in their area. Currently, there is no charge to use the site. Kritkauský is the president of eFamilyFriends.com. He also is the owner of Kritmark Corp., an advertising specialties firm that he started in the mid-1990s. Originally from Binghamton, N.Y., he moved to the Phoenix area in 1979, where he has enjoyed a more than 25-year career in advertising. A member of Citizen Potawatomi Nation (CPN), Kritkauský is affiliated with the tribe located in Shawnee, Okla. He is married to his high school sweetheart, Lorraine, and they have three grown children.



- **Dave Braun** '06 and his wife, Bonnie, ran the 5K race on Oct. 7 during Homecoming festivities to benefit the City Mission and to celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary. The pair met in April of 1986 after winning the male and female divisions at a 4-H-sponsored 5K. They continued to run races and fall in love. In October 1986 they ran in Findlay's Homecoming 5K race in the morning, again winning in both the male and female divisions, and were married that evening. They decided that participating in Findlay's Homecoming 5K this year was the perfect way to recognize their milestone anniversary. Dave is a long-time employee of family-owned Mennel Milling Co. in Fostoria, Ohio, where he is currently the director of business development. He graduated from The University of Findlay with a bachelor of science degree in business management in 2006, completing his degree in three years while working full time. He is now a graduate student in UF's MBA program. The couple resides in Arlington, Ohio.



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5. Oiler Sports

- The Oilers volleyball team is currently ranked 23rd in the nation with a 16-5 record. Senior Erin Puthoff, from Chickasaw, Ohio, and sophomore Kelsey Wesaw, from Lansing, Mich., are leading the Oilers with their outstanding seasons. Earlier, Puthoff became only the third player in the history of UF volleyball to achieve 1,000 kills and 1,000 digs in a career, joining Bridgett Hamilton and Linda Horner in the record books as the only other players to reach this milestone. Wesaw was named the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) South Division Player of the Week on Sept. 18 after breaking the school record for hitting percentage in a match at .824 against Ferris State.





- The women’s cross country team started the year with four straight wins before finishing third at the All-Ohio Championships in Delaware, Ohio, on Oct. 6. Senior Emily Gauger, from Frewsburg, N.Y., and junior Brittaney Zellner, from Tiffin, Ohio, have won individual titles thus far. The men’s team finished in sixth place with 150 points at Delaware.

- Men’s soccer freshman forward Ronnie Platten was named the GLIAC Player of the Week on Sept. 25. A native of Copley, Ohio, Platten led the Oilers to a 3-2 win over Gannon University on Oct. 7 by recording his first career hat trick in UF uniform. All three of his goals came in the second half, and his third score sealed the win with

only 2:36 to play in the match.



- Junior Stephanie Gillette was named the GLIAC Women’s Golf Athlete of the Week on Sept. 27. From Toledo, Ohio, Gillette finished tied for 10th at the Mercyhurst College Invitational over the weekend with a 173 (85, 88) and then tied for first at the Gannon University Invitational on Oct. 9 after carding a 77.

For more information, see <http://www.findlay.edu>

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6. Alumni Support

- Alumni and friends of Dr. Shiv K. Gupta have established the Shiv K. Gupta Business Scholarship Endowment fund. In all, 30 donors provided gifts to the scholarship for a total of \$46,054.61. The scholarship will be awarded to students who are majoring in business and exhibit leadership qualities, entrepreneurial spirit and are involved in campus activities. In addition, the family of Dr. Gupta established the Gupta Family Chair in the College of Business in his honor with a \$50,000 gift.



- United Solutions Inc. (USI), an environmental company owned and managed by six UF graduates, has established the United Solutions Inc. Scholarship with a gift of \$15,000. The scholarship will be awarded to students studying within the School of Environmental and Emergency Management. The scholarship was established in conjunction with the School of Environmental and Emergency Management’s 20th anniversary in 2006. At left is Dr. William Carter, director of the environmental, safety and occupational health programs, accepting the check from David Emrick '87, director of operations for USI.



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- Efforts are under way to raise scholarship dollars in support of the Western Riding Program, which is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. Student callers are contacting alumni during the evening hours to solicit financial support, and in November, a special mailing will be sent to all alumni who were not contacted during the phone-a-thon effort.
 - Don't forget about the Pension Protection Act of 2006, which allows those individuals who are at least 70 1/2 years of age a direct roll over from their IRA to a qualified charity. For more information, please visit www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: PPA; or contact Ann Brossia 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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8. Spread the Word...

- If you know other alumni who would like to receive *ArchLink*, please forward this message.
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