

Oilers Earn National NCAA Division II Title

The University of Findlay Oilers won the NCAA Division II National Championship on Saturday, March 28, in Springfield, Mass. The Oilers, now 36-0, topped California State Polytechnic at Pomona 56-53 in overtime to take the title.

When the team bus returned at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 29, a crowd of hundreds of supporters welcomed the team members and coaches in front of Croy Gymnasium.

As longtime coach Ron Niekamp held the national championship trophy and the net from the championship game, senior members of the team and each coach spoke, thanking the fans who had supported the team throughout the year — and in many cases, over years or decades.

While many traveled to Springfield to watch the tournament games, support had remained strong at home as well. About 1,000

fans crowded into Croy Gymnasium in Findlay to watch Saturday's championship game on two large screens, spilling onto Jim and Mira Houdeshell Court - the Oilers' home floor - as the seconds ticked off.

Oilers National Championship T-shirts are available at all University stores, and through the University Stores Web site. Visit <http://shop.findlay.edu>, click on Clothing and Apparel from the menu at the top; choose Browse Adult Clothing from the middle section; scroll



Senior Lee Roberts and Coach Ron Niekamp stand in front of a cheering crowd upon their return to Findlay.

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down until you see the T-shirt; follow online ordering instructions.

If the shirt, which comes in two styles, does not appear, inventory is current sold out. Additional orders, as well as a baseball cap and sweatshirt, are expected.

Symposium Will Highlight Student Work

The University of Findlay will host the third annual Symposium for Scholarship and Creativity Tuesday, April 7.

A welcome and University awards ceremony is at 12:15 p.m. in the Alumni Memorial Union (AMU) Multipurpose Room (MPR). UF senior hospitality management majors Emily Jackson and Lauren Mercer will speak briefly.

Student academic presentations, on a variety of topics, begin at 1:15

p.m. and continue every 30 minutes, with the final presentations beginning at 3:45 p.m. All student presentations will take place concurrently in multiple locations in Old Main.

Two theater presentations will be featured. At 1:15 p.m., "An Actor's Life for Me" will be presented. At 2:15 p.m., scenes from "The Importance of Being Earnest" will be presented. Both performances are in Ritz Auditorium in Old Main.

From 2:45-3:40 p.m., a cake decorating demonstration will take place in the AMU Atrium. Students will demonstrate cake-decorating techniques that were learned in a class during the fall semester.

Each of the University's colleges also will host award presentations and speakers.

A closing reception is at 4:30 p.m. in the AMU MPR.

Dana Scholars to Host CEO Roundtable

The University of Findlay will host a CEO roundtable discussion from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, in Ritz Theater, located in Old Main.

The roundtable is part of the Dana Scholars program, and is organized by Ann Buis, UF's 2008-09 Dana Chair and former president of Blanchard Valley Health Foundation. Community members are welcome to attend.

Panelists include John Devine, chairman and CEO of Dana Corp.,

who also will serve as moderator; C. Richard Beckett, D.V.M., Animal Care Center Properties; Dennis Bishop, Bishop-Kandel Rentals; Lynn Child, CentraComm Communications and Aardvark Media; Frank Guglielmi, ACAP Limited; and Karen Trautman Hayslip, Trautman Interiors.

An audience question-and-answer session will follow the panel discussion. A reception with light refreshments will be held at 8:30 p.m.

Each year, the University chooses a distinguished executive to serve as the Dana Chair, a position endowed by the Dana Corp.

The Dana Chair serves as a mentor for a chosen group of Dana Scholars who work as a group for the year. They take a class together, work on group projects and visit many local industries where they interact with top-level executives.

Naturalization Ceremony is April 6 at UF

The United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio, will hold a naturalization ceremony at The University of Findlay at 12:30 p.m. Monday, April 6, in the Koehler Fitness and Recreation Complex with the Honorable Jack Zouhary presiding. Approximately 20 individuals from 20 countries will become citizens.

Community members are welcome to attend at no cost.

UF junior Sarah Everly will open and adjourn the court. DeBow Freed, Ph.D., UF president, will

welcome those in attendance. Nina Smith, president of the UF Student Government Association, will lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Nandini Sharma, a senior at Findlay High School, will talk about the benefits of citizenship. Justin Tossey, a senior at Arlington High School; Tony Rader, a senior at Cory-Rawson High School; and Derek Recker, a senior at Liberty-Benton High School, will address the obligations of citizenship.

Cathy Garcia-Freehan, Esq., law clerk to the Honorable David A.

Katz, and Congressman James D. Jordan, U.S. Representative, 4th Congressional District of Ohio, also will offer remarks.

UF senior James Stephani and junior Kara Wilkinson will sing the national anthem, and the UF Anointed Worship Gospel Choir will sing "America the Beautiful" and "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

The Arlington High School band, under the direction of David Sorensen, also will provide music for the program.

FGCI Promotes Use of Bicycles at UF

During the academic year, the Findlay Green Campus Initiative (FGCI) has given away bicycles to students at each of its events to promote the use of energy efficient transportation on campus.

Bicycles are a good choice of transportation both on and off campus for a variety of reasons.

Not only are bicycles environmentally friendly, but they also will save the bicyclist money.

According to Bicycle Universe Web site, the typical American family spends nearly \$8,000

per year to own and operate a vehicle. A good bicycle will cost approximately \$300 or more, costs nothing to operate and has low maintenance costs.

Riding a bicycle will save the user time.

Pedaling to and from work and school on a daily basis will provide most bicyclists with more than enough exercise for the day, eliminating the need to spend time at the gym later.

Riding a bicycle is an experience everyone should have.

Helen Hayes, the "First Lady of the American theater" who died at the age of 92, was asked in an interview if she regretted anything. She said she had only one regret. "I never rode a bicycle. I wish I had. That's all."

To become involved with FGCI, visit www.findlay.edu,
KEYWORD: FGCI.

For more information on bicycling in Findlay and Hancock County, visit the Hancock Handlebars Web site at www.hancockhandlebars.org.

Oilers Fans Show Their Oiler Pride



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Cosiano Health Center staff Julia Briggs and Tara Clymer show their Oiler spirit as the team leaves for Massachusetts.



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Derrick the Oiler poses for a picture with Dee Dee Spraw, director of Alumni and Parent Relations.



S. English

Croy Gymnasium is full of Oiler fans cheering as they watch the Oilers earn another victory in tournament play.



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Students show their excitement as the Oilers finish No. 1 in the national championship game.



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Students help set up early in the morning for a Mobile Food Pantry March 21 at Winebrenner Theological Seminary.



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Kyle Connole and Linda Peck, D.V.M., test their knowledge in *Are You Smarter Than a Faculty Member?* March 18 in the AMU.

Auditions for 'Music Man' Scheduled

The University, with executive partner The Findlay Light Opera Co., will hold auditions for "The Music Man," which runs June 24-28 as part of UF's SummerStock lineup.

Saturday, May 2

- 1 p.m., ages 13 and older, singing/dancing
- 2 p.m., ages 7-12, singing
- 3 p.m., adults, singing

- 3 p.m., men's barbershop quartet or men with barbershop quartet experience

Sunday, May 3

- 1 p.m., ages 13 and older, singing/dancing
- 2 p.m., adults, singing
- 3 p.m., dance call-backs
- 7 p.m., children and adult call-backs

All auditions will be held on

campus in the Egner Center for the Performing Arts, Room 209.

Participants should be prepared to sing 16 measures of a song that is not from "The Music Man." An accompanist will be provided. Those auditioning for a dance role should dress for movement.

For additional information, contact Sarah Santilli at sarahsantilli@yahoo.com or 419-889-7474.

Ireland Tour Provides Cultural Insight

Sixteen University students traveled last month to Ireland for an eight-day cultural experience.

John Wolper, Ed.D., organized the trip with EF Customized Tours "to give people an opportunity to visit key cultural sites and to immerse themselves in the culture of the city and the countryside." The trip marked Wolper's 20th visit to Europe and his 13th as the leader of a student group.

The group, which totaled 32 people, arrived in Dublin March 3 and began the trip with a walking tour led by an EF Customized Tours guide. Over the course of several days, St. Patrick's cathedral, where people have worshiped for more than 800 years, and Trinity College, established in 1592 by Queen Elizabeth I, were among the many sites visited by tour members.

Wolper noted other interesting sites were the Guinness Brewery and the Dublin Castle.

A memorable moment happened on the Ha'penny Bridge. UF senior Jesse Wilder proposed to fellow student Candice Kenney, and she said "yes."

On day six, the group traveled

to Galway, which is the cultural and artistic capital of west Ireland. The quaint city, friendly atmosphere, the Cliffs of Moher and the landscape of the Burren made Galway a place to remember.

In addition to learning about the culture and society of Ireland, Wolper and Robert Rustic met with administrators at the American College of Dublin (ACD) to discuss the possibility of securing an articulation agreement with UF.



Kayla Shannon, Candice Kenney, Erica Wehrle and Jesse Wilder celebrate Kenney's and Wilder's wedding engagement in Dublin.

ACD holds Middle States Accreditation and demonstrates high academic standards.

UF Faculty Worth Noting

Julie McIntosh, Ed.D., assistant dean of the College of Education, and **Gwynne Rife**, Ph.D., professor of biology and education, presented "Becoming an Excellent Science Teacher: An Online Teacher Preparation Program" at the National Science Teacher Association National Conference on Science Education in New Orleans.

Quentin R. Skrabec, Ph.D., associate professor of business, recently authored a book, "H.J. Heinz: A Biography," which was published by McFarland. The book portrays Heinz as an innovative businessman who founded Heinz Co., which remains in operation.

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