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Welcome to ArchLink!



Greetings, Alumni!

During April we connected with alumni employed at Whirlpool Corp. in Findlay. The Office of Alumni & Parent Relations, along with Chris Moser, assistant professor in the College of Education; Dr. Paul Sears, dean of the College of Business; Rachel Panches, graduate recruiter; and Brad Hammer, director of career placement, joined 27 alumni and one May 2007 graduate at

Whirlpool for an alumni luncheon on Wednesday, April 18, 2007. Dr. Sears unveiled the Continuing Professional Development Program.



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?

- The University of Findlay held commencement ceremonies at 2 p.m. May 5 in the Koehler Fitness and Recreation Complex on campus. More than 700 students became UF alumni, and approximately 4,300 family members and friends attended the ceremonies. Kathryn D. Sullivan, Ph.D., provided the commencement address in which she discussed the need for authentic conversation as necessary for success both personally and professionally. Sullivan was the first American woman to walk in space and is currently the director for the Battelle Center for Mathematics and Science Education Policy at The Ohio State University. Prior to commencement, graduates and their families were invited to attend both a baccalaureate service and a brunch. For more information, [click here](#).



Dr. Kathryn Sullivan

- “One People, One Race, One World” was the theme for International Night, held April 20 in the Alumni Memorial Union. Community members were invited to campus to learn about other cultures and to taste a variety of foods from many of the countries represented. The highlight of the evening was the entertainment, which consisted of a variety of traditional dances and singing. International Night activities were carried out in memory of the late Desmond Buford, director of inter-cultural student services. He played an integral role in planning the festivities until his unexpected death in April.



Students from India perform a dance.



The Oiler Jazz and University Jazz Bands play a selection under the direction of Jack Taylor, professor of music.

- The University’s Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band and the Oiler Jazz and University Jazz bands performed the final concerts of the season April 22 and April 29, respectively. The theme for the Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band concert was “Two Thumbs Up – Music of Hollywood.” For more details, [click here](#). The jazz bands played familiar Big Band pieces as well as recent jazz selections. Both performances were conducted by Jack Taylor, director of bands. For more information, [click here](#).

- The Mazza Museum of International Art from Picture Books celebrated its 25th anniversary April 29 with a birthday party featuring author/illustrator Gail Gibbons. Gibbons discussed the process that



Gail Gibbons, author/illustrator

- goes into creating a book, something she is familiar with after having completed more than 150 nonfiction works for children. She addresses real-world topics in her books, which range from dinosaurs to ice cream to space. The museum’s 25th anniversary coincides with the University’s 125th anniversary. For more details, [click here](#).



From left: Dr. Gus and Maxine Mazza, Dr. Jerry Mallett, Ben Sapp, Mariann Younger, Sandy and Alec Reinhardt.

- Nearly 200 people attended the dedication ceremony May 4 for the new addition to the Virginia B. Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion. The Mazza Museum of International Art from Picture Books officially opened its new 9,000-square-foot educational wing, which includes an area for student art exhibits, a classroom, a state-of-the-art meeting room, a children's art studio, a library, an art resource center, an art vault to store the museum's collection not currently on display and a gift shop.



From left: Peter Rabbit, Clifford the Big Red Dog, Wild Thing, Michael and Robin Gardner, benefactors; Larry Miles, campaign chair; Dr. Jerry Mallett, museum director; Dr. DeBow Freed, UF president; Dr. C. Richard Beckett, chair of the UF board; and Barbara Meyers '63, chair of Mazza Enthusiasts.



Sophomore theatre performance major Jeremy Springer (left) from Findlay and junior theatre major Chris Leitner (right) from Napoleon, Ohio, played young Einstein and Picasso.

- “Picasso at the Lapin Agile” was the final theatre production of The University of Findlay’s 2006-07 season April 18-22. Produced by UF’s chapter of Alpha Psi Omega, an honorary theatre fraternity, and directed by Scott Hayes, theatre program director, the play featured a fictional meeting between Pablo Picasso and Albert Einstein. The scene was set in a Paris bar before either man had become famous, and the two debated art and science in a funny and insightful way. Described as “wild and crazy,” the play was written by former “Saturday Night Live” comedian and current television and movie actor Steve Martin. For more information, [click here](#).

- The University Singers presented its annual Family Concert April 28. The 20-member show choir, directed by Micheal F. Anders, Ph.D., professor of music and director of choral activities, and choreographed by Brenda Hoyt-Brackman, adjunct dance instructor, performed a variety of selections including “Hernando’s Hideaway” from “The Pajama Game,” a medley of hits by “5th Dimension” and “Family” from “Dreamgirls.” For more information, [click here](#).



UF Singers in performance.

- More than 100 vocalists sang a complete performance of George Frideric Handel’s “Messiah” April 15 in Findlay High School’s Heminger Auditorium. Members of the UF Concert-Chorale and the Findlay-Area Community Chorus performed with a 50-piece orchestra and six professional soloists, conducted by Micheal F. Anders, Ph.D., professor of music and director of choral activities. The performance was the Midwest premiere of Sir Eugene Goossen’s 1959 arrangement of “Messiah.” For more details, [click here](#).



Alumni participating in the full-length performance of “Messiah” were: (first row) Abbie (Entrikin) Schultz '50, Connie Strouse '96, Brianna (Martin) Patterson '03, Cathy Yoxtheimer '01; (second row) Susan Miller '97, Helen (Hall) Bennett '50, Cara (Hess) Fleming '03, Vicki Insley '03, M '07, Amy Snyder '03, Christine (Boelkens) Hoehne '92; (third row) Mary (Shellenbarger) Bushong '69, Robert Ewald '67.

- Starting with UF's annual Habitat for Humanity fundraiser Box City April 14, Campus Compact and First-Year Experience faculty and peer mentors organized 125 Hours of Service in recognition of the University's 125th anniversary. The 125-hour event offered students, faculty and staff many opportunities to serve the campus and greater Findlay community. Service activities included river clean-up, sorting food for the Salvation Army, assisting with the CHOPIN Hall mobile food pantry and making blankets for area infants in need of them, among other things. For more information, [click here](#).



Students baked cookies and distributed them to offices across campus as part of 125 Hours of Service. The project was sponsored by the First-Year Experience peer mentors.

- Events at Virginia Tech have resulted in questions about emergency planning at many institutions. The University of Findlay has been more involved in planning for emergency situations on campus than many institutions. Even though numerous safeguards to protect the campus community have been implemented, UF continues to explore ways to increase and improve security measures:
 - Several preventative actions have been taken in the last two years to strengthen security. These include improved telephone capability for notification and emergency needs, more security personnel and installation of a substantial number of video cameras and blue-light emergency phones throughout the campus.
 - Software for a computer-activated alert system that will help to speed notification throughout the campus was purchased some weeks ago, and has been installed. It will be fully operational in the near future.
 - A UF Emergency Operations Team meets several times throughout the year to review and refine the UF Crisis Response Plan, incorporating new technology and developing means of addressing new concerns.
 - There is also a close working relationship between UF and local law enforcement. In the event of an emergency, appropriate safety measures would be taken immediately and UF Security Services would work closely with City of Findlay Police to address the threat.
 Campus safety measures are something UF officials think about each day, and the safety of students, and all members of the UF community, is paramount.

- **Upcoming 125th Anniversary Events**

- o May 6-July 29 "Celebrating the Past, Embracing the Future: Arts, Culture and Special Events" • Hancock Historical Museum • 422 W. Sandusky St. • Display of Photos and Artifacts

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2. Academic Update

- Dr. Shiv K. Gupta, professor of marketing and economics, was awarded the 2007 Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) teaching excellence award for the Great Lakes Region 4. Gupta will receive a medal and monetary award at the national conference meeting of the ACBSP in June in Orlando, Fla. Gupta also qualifies as one of 16 candidates for the international teaching excellence award, which will be announced at the conference. UF also is home to Nabarun Ghose, D.B.A., professor of marketing and business, who was the 2006 Region 4 recipient.



Dr. Shiv Gupta

- The University of Findlay’s College of Liberal Arts and the College of Business recently developed several new initiatives to further enhance UF students’ marketability after graduation. One of the initiatives includes a dual-degree five-year program that allows students majoring in the liberal arts to complete both a bachelor of arts degree and a master of business administration degree within five years. Other initiatives include bringing high-profile guest speakers to campus, hosting conferences and helping students develop networking skills by introducing them to a variety of professionals in business and the liberal arts and by giving them opportunities to gain real-world experience. For more information, [click here](#).

- The University’s Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition, on display from April 2 through April 27 in the Dudley and Mary Marks Lea Gallery, featured a variety of student artists and their works. Senior art major Justin Kruczkowski earned the Best of Show award with his painting, “Portrait of a Potter.” He also received a first-place award in ceramics. Other first-place awards were given to recent graduates Sara Kear and Stephanie Winkel, junior Jacob Cramer, senior Amy Dorfe and sophomore Ian Cobb. Dan Brown, an Arcadia Local Schools art teacher, was the visiting judge for the show. Family and friends were invited to the gallery opening. To read more, [click here](#).



Justin Kruczkowski with “Portrait of a Potter.”



Kimberly Jackson and Bryson Stair were named Founders’ Daughter and Son during the Symposium held April 17.

- The first Symposium for Scholarship and Creativity took place on campus April 17, welcoming several UF alumni as guest speakers. Michael Mallett ’88, owner and CEO of Corporate Research International, spoke to students in the College of Business. A panel including George Tuttle ’36, Tom Reynolds ’59 and Allison Budde ’04 shared their experiences with students in the College of Education. Thomas Czartowski ’93 talked to students in the College of Sciences. Tony Marini ’93 discussed his career as a nuclear medicine technologist with students in the College of Health Professions. Ryan Shively ’93, with a number of Broadway and off-Broadway credits to his name, discussed life as an actor with students in the College of Liberal Arts. Also during the afternoon, current UF students presented in-depth research projects. College and UF awards also were given to students during the event. To read more, [click here](#).
- The fifth annual Psychology Conference, which included both student and faculty presentations, was held at UF April 11. The keynote address was given by Michael Zickar, Ph.D., associate professor and director of the graduate program in industrial organizational psychology at Bowling Green State University. Other speakers included John Malacos, Ph.D., chair of the psychology department; Dennis Stevens, Ph.D., dean of the College of Liberal Arts; and John Leach, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychology. The Psi Chi induction ceremony also took place, welcoming new members into the national psychology honor society. To read more, [click here](#).
- The University of Findlay’s Physical Therapy Program hosted its Grand Rounds Presentation, “The Acute Care of the Pediatric Client: Emphasis on Developmental Care,” April 12. The goal of the program was to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas in order to enhance the clinical expertise and critical thinking skills of those who attended. The keynote speaker was alumna Roberta L. Wilkowski M’04, MPT, a developmental physical therapist at Columbus Children’s Hospital in Ohio with a specialty in neonatal intensive care. To read more, [click here](#).

3. Alumni News & Events

- **Save the Date**

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

- **Upcoming Events**

- o May 15 Student Registration Day – Parent Panel
- o May 24 Student Registration Day – Parent Panel
- o June 8 Columbus Event at the Hilton
- o June 11 Columbus Golf Outing at Yorkshire
- o June 13 Student Registration Day – Parent Panel
- o July 1 Ice Cream Social at Riverside Park, Findlay, before the Alumni Concert Band performance, directed by Jack Taylor, professor of music
- o Aug. 18 Summer Send-off, Findlay prospective students @ Alumni House
- o Aug. 19 Columbus Area Summer Send-off for incoming students at the home of Bob '57 & Catherine Pritts



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.

- Park Tavern, next to Piedmont Park, was the scenic location of the Atlanta, Ga., alumni reception held April 28. 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 in the area.

- Paul Sears, dean of the College of Business, introduced the Continuing Professional Development Program (CPDP) at the Whirlpool Corp. alumni gathering April 18. This program is for all University alumni and is being introduced at all alumni events. The CPDP is a new program from the [Office of Alumni and Parent Relations](#), in conjunction with the [College of Business](#), designed to assist UF alumni in continuing their educational pursuits and professional development after graduation. The program is currently comprised of the following elements, but additional components may be added as alums express their need or desire:

1. [Book of the Month Club](#)
2. [Guest Speaker List](#)
3. [Mentoring Match](#)
4. [Invitation List](#)
5. [Publication/Presentation Initiative](#)

More information on this program can be found at the following link:

<http://www.findlay.edu/offices/adminoffices/alumniandparentrelations/cpd/default.htm>

- **Welcome UF newest little Oilers:**

Paul & Brianne (Warnecke '01) Minter

Baby girl – Annemarie Elizabeth Minter, born March 19, 2007

Suzanne (Howard '02) & David Nauert

Baby girl – Elizabeth Marie Nauert born Feb. 16, 2007

Michelle (Hayes '93) & Otis (Chip) Smith Jr. '94

Baby girl – Sydney L. Smith, born Jan. 26, 2007

Chris & Ginger C. (Davis '97) Weaver

Baby girl – Charli Jean Weaver, born Nov. 9, 2006

Curt & Jamie (Barker '95) Van Wagner

Baby boy – Cooper Durk Van Wagner, born Aug. 18, 2006

- **Congratulations newlyweds:**

Mark & Andrea (Warner '01) Honigman – May 5, 2007

Zach '02 & Jodi Grieshop – March 25, 2007

Matt & Amy (Pirschel '91) Sidner – March 17, 2007

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4. Alumni Spotlight

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

- **Amy “Pi-Ying” Fan '91** earned a dual master’s degree from Bowling Green State University and has worked for IBM China/Hongkong Limited, Shock Treatment Limited and Sun Microsystems of California Limited. In 2002, she joined Symantec Hong Kong Limited, and she was appointed as the sales manager for consumer products and solutions in September 2006.

- **Ava “Pi-Hua” Fan '92** earned a master of science degree in applied statistics in 1994 from Bowling Green State University and pursued a career in the information technology/computer industry, working for companies such as Compaq Computer, Intel Semiconductor, IBM China/Hongkong Limited and Microsoft. At the end of 2006, she left the IT industry 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.

- **Ada “Pi-Hui” Fan '95** earned a master of accountancy degree from Miami University, Oxford, in 1996 and worked for Pry CPA Services in Findlay and then for Grant Thornton LLP in Atlanta, Ga. Returning to Hong Kong in 2003, she joined VF Asia Limited, a subsidiary of a U.S. apparel company with brands like Lee, Wrangler, Jansport and Nautica. She now is with Kingfisher Asia Limited, a sourcing company for Europe’s leading home improvement retail group, where she has been a commercial finance manager since 2005.



Amy '91, Ava '92 and Ada '95 Fan in Hong Kong



Brian Treece '01, M '02 taping an OPTIFAST commercial in California after losing more than 100 pounds.

• **Brian Treece '01, M '02**, assistant dean of students and director of housing and residence life at UF, recently lost more than 100 pounds and was chosen to participate in a national television commercial taping in Los Angeles, Calif. In February, Treece was notified that he had been selected by Novartis Medical Nutrition to appear in a television commercial for OPTIFAST, a medically monitored weight loss program through which Treece participated. The company invited Treece, along with 15 others, to Los Angeles, Calif., all expenses paid, in March for three days of taping. The taped segments will be edited, and some will be used for the company's television commercials as well as for its Web site and print advertisements in various markets around the nation.

Treece's weight loss challenge began with a visit to Bariatric Solutions at Blanchard Valley Hospital. Working with a dietitian, a doctor and an exercise physiologist, Treece began the OPTIFAST program, which required weekly checkups and educational sessions, as well as bi-weekly blood tests. Now, Treece continues his healthy lifestyle by making healthy food choices and getting regular exercise. "If I can motivate someone else to live a healthier life, it's all worth it because it only took one person at the right time to motivate me," said Treece of his lifestyle transformation.

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5. Oiler Sports

- Competing May 4-6 in Springfield, Mass., at the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) national championships, the western equestrian team captured its third national title 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 in the two phases of competition. UF riders placed first in five out of six classes in the team competition. Sophomore Raffi Kechejian, senior Adam Smith, senior Travis Womer, sophomore Ryan Sims, junior Jimmy Frebes and sophomore Val Siegel each captured individual championships in their respective events. The western equestrian team previously won the ISHA national championship in 2001 and 2005.



Freshman Trevor Dare, national IHSA high point rider

- The English equestrian team tied for the reserve national championship with Mount Holyoke College with 25 points at IHSA competition May 4-6 in Springfield, Mass., as junior Becky Baumel, senior Travis Womer, senior Ashley Gallo, sophomore Zoe Steele-Rand and senior Kathryn Johnston won events for Findlay. The team won the national championship in 2001.



- The men's golf team qualified for the NCAA Division II Super Regional for the sixth consecutive season, taking sixth place during competition held May 7-9 in Joplin, Mo. The Oilers ended with a new school record for the lowest 54-hole score in UF history at 893, breaking the previous record of 900 in 2003. Junior Eric Atsma tied a school record with a three-round score of 217, which was good for a tie in fifth place.

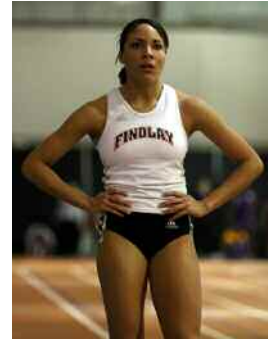
Junior Eric Atsma on the links.



Freshman Brian Williams

• 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. Freshman Brian Williams added a third-place finish in the 110-meter hurdles .

• The women’s outdoor track and field team finished third with 108 points at the GLIAC championships held May 4. Pamela Bullock won the 100-meter, 200-meter and teamed with freshman Stephanie Charnigo, senior Alana Margraf and senior Abbie Shook to claim first place in the 4 x 400-meter relay.



Pamela Bullock

Shook won the 800-meter run, while Danielle Grochowalski took gold in the 400-meter dash and Kirstin Weible won the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

• The Oilers baseball team wrapped up its season with a 23-25 record. During the course of the year, Findlay established new single-season records for home runs (38) and doubles (97). Individually, 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 also smashed a single-season school record with 46 runs batted in.

• The Oilers softball team concluded its season, winning eight of the last 15 games to improve to 11-40 on the year. Senior Michele Jordan and sophomore Jeanne Hilvers were both named honorable mention all-GLIAC during the 2007 campaign. Jordan, who also was named an honorable mention player in 2005 and 2006, ends her career with 25 wins, most innings pitched (532.0) and most games thrown (98) in the history of UF softball.



Travis Whipple



Senior Michele Jordan

• The men’s tennis team had their best finish ever at the GLIAC championships, finishing sixth. Sophomore Travis Whipple led the way, earning second team all-GLIAC honors. Whipple was the first Oilers tennis player to be named all-conference since UF entered the NCAA Division II ranks.

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

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6. Alumni Support

• Take advantage of a golden opportunity to accomplish your philanthropic goals! Until Dec. 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 at 800-472-9502, extension 4794.

- On April 5, 2007, the University community was saddened by the tragic death of Desmond Buford, alumnus and director of Intercultural Student Services. “Des was a great friend to me, a true colleague, and a genuine and kind person,” said David Emsweller, vice president for student services. “He touched so many lives in so many positive ways on a daily basis, and he has been taken from us far too soon.” To recognize and honor his contributions to the University and the Findlay community, family and friends are working to establish an endowed scholarship in his name. If you would like to make a gift, visit www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Giving. Please note “Des Buford” in the designation line.



Findlay Mayor Tony Iriti (left) and Desmond Buford at the Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Walk on Jan. 15, 2007, an annual event that Buford helped found.

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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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