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Welcome to Arch Link!



Greetings alumni! We are happy to welcome more than 700 new graduates to the Alumni Association. Commencement was held on Saturday, May 6, at the Koehler Complex, which was packed with approximately 5,000 people for the occasion. Sunny skies and a beautifully manicured campus added to the experience as faculty congratulated grads on their way out through the Griffith Memorial Arch.

Since becoming your Director of Alumni & Parent Relations a little more than six months ago, I have learned with certainty that the alumni of The University of Findlay are passionate about this place. I've heard from graduates at events and by mail, e-mail and telephone. You have taken time to tell me about your college/university – the place you remember, cherish and hold in high regard. Thank you to those I have heard from, and please know that I would love to hear from others regarding updating information, sharing accomplishments or assisting you in any way I can.

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?

- The University of Findlay has purchased the former Owens Community College Findlay-area campus on Davis Street for \$4,133,320. The purchase includes the 60,000-square-foot academic center at 300 Davis St., four houses on Davis St. and N. Cory St., a building at 208 W. Foulke Ave., three lots on W. Foulke and Trenton Ave.; all furnishings in the Davis St. building and about seven acres of land on which the facilities are located, including two and a half acres of parking. Following the May 12 closing, renovation of the main building will begin in order to have partial occupancy by next fall. Shown from left are: Dr. DeBow Freed, UF president, accepts the keys to the OCC Findlay campus from Judy Ennis, executive dean of the Findlay-area campus, and Dr. Christa Adams, OCC president. For more information, [click here](#).



- A ground-breaking ceremony for the new addition to the Virginia B. Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion was held May 5. The 8,000-square-foot addition will enlarge the space available to the Mazza Museum and will include a classroom, children's art studio, art resource library, meeting room, storage vault, preservation and restoration center, and a gift gallery. Scheduled for completion in early 2007, the addition is designed to enable the museum to expand its educational programs and to conserve its valuable artworks, which number more than 3,000.
- The Student Veterans Association, in conjunction with Student Activities and Campus Ministries, is planning a ceremony, "A Tribute to Memorial Day," at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 24, at the flagpole on the front lawn of Old Main. (Rain site is Koehler Recreation and Fitness Complex.) The public is invited to the ceremony that will honor all veterans, those who are currently in the military and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Names are requested of all who have served their country and of those who have died in the last year. A roll call will start with World War II veterans and go forward. To submit names or for more information, contact welton@findlay.edu or call 419-434-4606.

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2. Academic Update

- The University of Findlay's Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team won the title of USA SIFE Regional Champion at a competition held in Chicago, Ill., in March. The team will compete at the USA National Exposition in Kansas City, Mo., May 21-23 against 180 teams from across the nation. SIFE is a non-profit organization active on more than 1,600 college and university campuses in 40 countries. Shown at right are: (from left, back row) Pete Dalpiaz, a sophomore law and



the liberal arts/finance major; Dr. Greg Arburn, assistant professor of economics/finance and SIFE adviser; Karl Forsthoefel, a senior economics major; (front row) Carla Groves, a junior marketing/finance major; Erica Rife, a junior business management/business administration major; Melanie Bieber, a sophomore marketing/business management major; and Shannon Lussier, a freshman accounting major.

- The annual Honors and Awards Assembly was held April 21, recognizing students for their academic and leadership achievements. Many of the honors included recognition on plaques and cash awards for the 113 student recipients in 60 categories. In addition, the program listed 252 students as Senior Scholars who achieved a GPA of 3.6 or above; 23 students who were named to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges and 66 active members of the Honors Program. The Founders' Son and Daughter Awards were presented to JaNess Lipkins and Ioannis Giatis (shown right). The award is given each year to a graduating senior woman and man who have best demonstrated the ideals of the University's founding fathers: scholarship, leadership and service to others.



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3. Alumni News & Events

- **Save the Date**
 - Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 6-8 – “Let Your Oiler Pride Flow”
- **Upcoming Events**
 - May 6 Commencement Lunch – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., AMU; tickets required
 - May 19 Ft. Wayne, Ind., alumni dinner hosted by Rev. Ben Keckler '53
 - June 2 Columbus alumni gathering at Easton Hilton – 6 to 9 p.m.
 - Aug. 6 Cleveland Summer Send-Off Party
 - Aug. 13 Columbus Summer Send-Off Party
 - Aug. 20 Cincinnati Summer Send-Off Party
- Dr. James D. Houdeshell '53 will be honored by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) in June when he will be inducted into the NACDA Athletics Directors Hall of Fame. Induction ceremonies will take place during the 41st annual convention held June 20-23, 2006, at the Marriott and Sheraton Hotels in New Orleans, La. Tickets for the ceremony cost \$35 and are available through the Office of Alumni & Parents Relations at alumni@findlay.edu or call 419-434-4516. Dr. Houdeshell served as athletic director for Findlay College during 1955-59 and 1971-86.
- Alumni are invited during Homecoming Weekend 2006 to the 20th anniversary of The University of Findlay's Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Management Program, formerly known as Hazardous Materials Management. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend. Environmental alumni are encouraged to take this quick survey. Please [click here](#). Please note a change in the open house schedule for the ERTC at Renninger:

Friday, Oct. 6

- 3 – 6 p.m. Facilities open house
 - Environmental Resource Training Center (ERTC) on Fostoria Road
 - Free barbecue and snacks

Saturday, Oct. 7

- 3 – 6 p.m. Facilities open house
 - Environmental Resource Training Center (ERTC) at Renninger on campus next to Gardner Fitness Center
- 6 – 11 p.m. Casual anniversary dinner
 - Findlay Inn & Conference Center, 200 East Main Cross St., Findlay
 - Dinner is \$15 per person; cash bar available
 - RSVP by Aug. 25, 2006, to Diane Zeyen, 419-434-4806 or zeyen@findlay.edu.

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4. Alumni Spotlight

- **John “Jack” ’70** and **Elizabeth “Betty” (Eckert ’69) Morris** returned to campus on April 5 to participate in the Education Expo at The University of Findlay’s Koehler Complex. An



annual event co-sponsored by seven area colleges, the Education Expo was attended by representatives of 100 school districts from across the country and more than 400 education majors from the sponsoring schools. Jack, who is retired from a more than 30-year career as an eighth-grade social studies teacher and principal in Arizona, now serves as a recruiter for the Glendale School District. Retired as a third-grade teacher in Glendale, Betty now conducts screening tests of

children in grades K-3 for the state of Arizona, which leaves her time to often travel with Jack on his recruiting assignments. Jack said it was the first time they had returned to Findlay since 1989, and they were amazed at how the campus and the town had changed.

- **Peter Daub ’70**, men’s tennis coach at the College of William & Mary, in Williamsburg, Va., was named as the United States Tennis Association /Virginia Tennis College Coach of the Year in October 2005 and was selected as the United States Professional Tennis Association Mid-Atlantic College Coach of the Year in March 2006. During the 2005 season Daub led W&M to its third Colonial Athletic Association championship, the team’s first since 1990. The W&M team upset nine-time defending champion Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Va., with a 4-2 victory in the final, securing a ninth appearance at the NCAA Tournament.



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5. Oiler Sports

The University of Findlay has hired Kate Cummings as the new head women's basketball coach. Cummings comes to Findlay from Ohio Dominican University where she had 204 wins and four National Association of Intercollegiate Athletic (NAIA) tournament appearances during her 11-year tenure. Cummings, who won an American Midwest conference tournament championship in 2004, has coached nine NAIA Academic All-Americans, eight 1,000 point scorers and Ohio Dominican's first NAIA All-American.



The University of Findlay baseball team broke the single season record for wins during an 11-8 victory over Gannon University on April 26. The win gave the Oilers 26 on the year, breaking the previous mark of 25 set during the 1996 campaign. The Oilers closed their season on May 6-7 on the road, where they fell to Mercyhurst College.

Eric Atsma, a sophomore on the Oilers men's golf team, was selected to compete as one of 10 individuals in the 2006 NCAA Great Lakes Super Regional tournament, hosted April 30 – May 3 by Lewis University, Crest Hill, Ill. His scoring average is 74.96 for 2005-06, and he won both the Motor City Invitational and the Ferris State Invitational this year. During the opening round at Ferris State University, he tied a school record of 67, which is shared by Kyle Weisenburger's performance during the 2000 season at the NAIA championship.

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

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6. Alumni Support

- The number of alumni who provide a charitable gift to The University of Findlay at some point during the year is on the rise. Through March of 2006, 1,293 alumni have contributed to the University, whereas 982 had done so in March of 2005. According to Ann Brossia, development officer for the University, "The larger the percentage of alumni who provide monetary support each year, the more it demonstrates to other potential funding sources, such as foundations and corporations and other individuals, that alumni truly believe in this institution and that we are proud to support our alma mater with our gifts."
- The University of Findlay is benefiting from alumni who work for companies that match their charitable contributions. Through March of 2006, the University has received \$46,568 from various companies around the nation that match the charitable gifts of their employees, a 95% increase in matching gifts over the same period last year.

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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 to them.
- If you received *ArchLink* from another alum and would like to sign up for it, please e-mail your name, graduation year, major and home address to archlink@findlay.edu. Please remember to add archlink@findlay.edu to your address book/contact list.
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for meaningful lives and productive careers.*
