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Welcome to ArchLink!



Greetings, Alumni!

Winter is definitely upon us and for that I am very eager that our “Findlay in Florida” visit will be here soon! One stop will be at the Miami Seaquarium where I will put on a wet-suit, slip into the water, and meet new friends. Trainer Susan “Sue” Young '07 will be there to guide me through this awesome experience. Sue graduated from UF with a biology degree and is now employed full-time with Miami Seaquarium as a dolphin trainer.



Susan Young '07, dolphin trainer at Miami Seaquarium

Also, we will be hosting alumni receptions in Florida that allow our alumni to learn about the many exciting things happening on campus, talk with UF’s president and get some useful health tips from one of our outstanding faculty members. Kerry Volansky, associate professor of physical therapy, will offer an interesting presentation about balance and physical self-testing. Professor Volansky has developed fall prevention educational programs and home safety assessment procedures. See below for details on how to register.

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

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 will present the musical “Gypsy” at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, through Saturday, Feb. 23, and at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24,** in the John and Hester Powell Grimm Theatre, located in the Frank J. Egner Center for the Performing Arts. Loosely based on the memoirs of Gypsy Rose Lee, an American actress, burlesque entertainer and writer, and her relationship with her domineering mother, “Gypsy” was written by Arthur Laurents, with music by Jule Styne and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. Lee’s mother, Mama Rose, is known as “the ultimate show business mother.” “Gypsy” follows the dreams and efforts of Rose to raise two daughters to perform onstage and casts an affectionate eye on the hardships of show business life. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens. To purchase tickets, contact the UF Box Office at 419-434-5335.

- **The Toledo Symphony Orchestra will perform at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17,** in Winebrenner Theological Seminary, featuring pianist Tomoko Kanamaru playing Tchaikovsky’s “Piano Concerto No. 1.” The performance concludes The University of Findlay’s 2007-2008 Concert and Lecture Series. The concert is made possible, in part, through the sponsorship of Marathon Petroleum LLC. Chelsea Tipton II, in his



Tomoko Kanamaru, pianist

fifth season with the Toledo Symphony, will conduct the orchestra. Tipton appears regularly with major orchestras throughout the United States.

The concert will include “Overture to Egmont” by Ludwig van Beethoven and “Symphony No. 4 Italian” by Felix Mendelssohn. The final selection, “Piano Concerto No. 1” by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, will feature pianist Kanamaru, who has performed on concert stages in the United States, Canada, Europe and Japan since her first solo appearance with a professional orchestra in Tokyo at the age of nine. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for senior citizens and \$10 for students. Tickets may be purchased by calling the UF Box Office at 419-434-5335.



The Toledo Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Chelsea Tipton II, will perform Feb. 17 at 4 p.m. in Winebrenner's auditorium.



“The Boy Who Loved Birds,” by a father/daughter team will be featured at the Mazza Museum's Discovery Series Feb. 24.

- **The Mazza Museum will host George Carruth and Libby Carruth Krock as part of the museum's Discovery Series at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24,** in the Virginia B. Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion. Carruth, who is nationally known as a sculptor of cast stone garden sculptures, recently began writing children's books with his daughter, Carruth Krock, who is an illustrator. Carruth and his daughter were selected for the Discovery Series after the bookstore at the Mazza Museum picked up the pair's first book, “The Boy Who Loved Birds.” The artists will give a 45-minute presentation about their work, and an autograph session will follow the presentation. Refreshments will be served. The Discovery Series at the Mazza Museum is a visiting artist presentation that occurs every one to three years. It features an up-and-coming children's book artist who has published one or two works and is just beginning his or her career. Admission is free to UF students, and tickets are \$5 for the public.

- The University's Office of Graduate and Professional Studies invites alumni, current students and community members to a **graduate and professional school fair from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, in the Alumni Memorial Union Multipurpose Room.** Anyone interested in continuing his or her education is welcome to stop by and visit with representatives from more than 20 graduate and professional schools offering a variety of programs of study. Representatives from UF also will be available to talk about the eight master's degrees programs offered at the University.
- **At the end of last semester, UF equestrian students surprised Julie Brown, director of Chopin (Christians Helping Other People in Need) Hall in Findlay, and several volunteers, with a \$1,000 donation** – enough to purchase 10,000 pounds of food for local individuals and families. The senior class donated proceeds from the Dec. 1-2, 2007, Senior Holiday Horse Show, re-using contestant numbers from previous shows and opting for smaller prizes than in the past to raise more money for Chopin Hall. Approximately 80 freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors participated in the hunter/jumper show, which served as a venue for final riding exams for all students and for the seniors' horse show management exam.



Students in the English equestrian program donated the proceeds from the Senior Holiday Horse Show to local charity Chopin Hall.

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2. Academic Update

- **Hiroaki Kawamura, Ph.D., chair of the department of language and culture and associate professor of Japanese, recently returned from a trip to Vietnam.** There, Kawamura was a visiting scholar with the Vietnam – U.S.A. faculty exchange, a grant program funded by the American Council of Learned Society through the ASIANetwork, a consortium to promote Asian studies in U.S. liberal arts colleges. The University hosted Dr. Tran Le Hoa Tranh from Vietnam during spring semester 2007. Kawamura visited the National University of Vietnam, University of Social Sciences and Humanities (USSH), in Ho Chi Minh City, where Tran teaches. While there, Kawamura gave two public lectures geared toward faculty and master's program students at the Japan Research Center and another public lecture for faculty, master's and doctoral program students in the department of cultural studies at USSH. In addition, he presented to a group of undergraduate anthropology students. "I met Vietnamese faculty and staff I truly respect," said Kawamura. "I also met young, bright scholars through my public lectures. It was simply a great joy to meet these people and spend time discussing various issues." Before returning to UF, Kawamura stayed four days in Hanoi, where he met Vietnamese scholars and visited Japanese automobile companies. Kawamura will continue to work with USSH faculty and staff to develop a faculty and student exchange program.



Hiroaki Kawamura, Ph.D., (left) was a visiting scholar in Vietnam recently. He was hosted at an event by Dr. Vo Van Sen (right), president of the National University of Vietnam, University of Social Sciences and Humanities in Ho Chi Minh City,

- **The University of Findlay will host a reception in honor of 12 student artists from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16,** in the Dudley and Mary Marks Lea Gallery in the Virginia B. Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion. Participating students are seniors Sammantha Brown, Adam Craig, Ashley Elling-Crall, Valerie Hilde, Joey Hoffman, Justin Kruczkowski, Robert Lynch, Alejandro Ramirez, Jennifer Scott, Dixley Simms, Carla Towers and Jason Wilch. The 2008 Senior Art Exhibition will be open in the Dudley and Mary Marks Lea Gallery from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, Feb. 11 – March 14. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

During January, UF faculty held an art exhibit that included works by Ed Corle, Valerie Escobedo, Dr. Marie Louden-Hanes, Anita McCandless, Dr. Diane Kontar, Harry Melroy and Jeff Salisbury.



- **Findlay native and aspiring stand-up comedian Jeremy Brown** will graduate in May with a double major in adolescent-to-young-adult integrated language arts education and English with a teaching emphasis. In fall 2007, he completed a semester student teaching in a selective program in Nancy, France, gaining valuable teaching experience and plenty of material for his comedy routines. Among many differences and challenges that come with teaching in a foreign country, the communication barrier and stereotyping were two that Jeremy experienced frequently. “When I first introduced myself to my students, many of them just stared at me blankly, and I thought they just weren’t that interested in my background,” he said. As it turns out, many of the students knew very little or no English, but they wanted to learn, and by the end of the semester, Jeremy was teaching them Macbeth. Just as he is committed to teaching, Jeremy is serious about pursuing a career in comedy. Days prior to his departure for France, Jeremy was a semifinalist in Ohio’s Funniest Amateur Comedian competition but withdrew in the last portion of the competition due to his student teaching assignment. So, while in France, Jeremy performed a comedy routine for a French audience. “My set got a lot of laughs,”



Education major and aspiring stand-up comedian Jeremy Brown spent his fall semester student teaching in France, where he put all of his talents to work.

he said. “I told a few jokes about French people and a few jokes about Americans, too. The set lasted about half an hour, and I did a Q-and-A afterwards. It was an interesting experience.” Jeremy plans to incorporate comedy into his career, regardless which path he takes. “Even if I don’t end up telling jokes for a living, doing shows helps me with public speaking and audience awareness. It’s the same thing in the classroom. If the classroom isn’t responding, you have to adapt on the fly.” To read Jeremy’s full story, [click here](#).



- **The Criminal Justice Club at The University of Findlay sponsored a presentation by Larry Turner, a forensic science expert, on Jan. 17.**

Turner is the director of the forensic science program at Scottsdale Community College in Arizona. Working in the field for more than 26 years, he has completed 200 forensic biology cases, 250 crime scene investigations and 200 drug analyses. Previously, he worked with the Santa Clara County crime laboratory in San Jose, Calif., one of the top five crime laboratories in the U.S. He has trained scientists, investigators, nurses

Forensic science expert Larry Turner spoke on campus Jan. 17.

and attorneys in the specifics of criminalistics and forensic science and has been seen on television programs such as “America’s Most Wanted,” “The FBI Files” and most recently, “The New Detectives.”

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3. Alumni News & Events

• Save the Date

- Sept. 19-21
- Sept. 26-28

Homecoming 2008 (Please note date change)
Family Weekend

• Upcoming Events

- **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 Columbus at Easton, 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.

- **To register for the “Just us at Findlay in Florida” events** (see above list), call the Office of Alumni & Parent Relations at 419-434-4516, or visit www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Florida, to fill out the registration form.

- **Women’s basketball alumnae** gathered for a luncheon reception prior to the women’s alumnae basketball game on Saturday, Jan. 19, 2008, in Croy Gymnasium.

Women returning for the alumnae basketball game included, (front row): Michelle Vorst '06, Carrie (Rafferty) Cook '95, Linda (Horner) Hoersten '95, Nanette Cox '07, Tanya (Ross) Dolata '04; (back row): Nicole Ralston '95, Dawn (Mareches) Loera '99, Carrie Bergman '06, Megan Cable '07, Kari (Warren) Weisenburger '05; (not pictured) Rachel Schroeder '04.



- **Welcome UF Newest Little Oiler:**
 - *Stephanie (Cousino '02) and Ron Lenz*
Baby boy, David, born Aug. 15, 2007

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4. Alumni Spotlight

- **John A. Baranowski (M '07) recently traveled to Saudi Arabia on behalf of his employer, PricewaterhouseCooper.** The trip began the second week in September and lasted until early November. Because health care was recently privatized in Saudi Arabia, Baranowski's firm sent



John Baranowski (M '07) enjoyed meeting and working with the people of Saudi Arabia while serving as a health care consultant.

him to conduct a “strategic realignment consult” of the country’s health care system. He focused his work on a facility appraisal of King Faisal’s Specialty Hospital, a 30-acre facility, which was suffering slightly in the newly competitive market. The hospital was facing the difficulties of making an impression in the market with a ratio of just one patient to one physician. “It was a fascinating journey and experience—a true case study of how the royal checkbook, although bountiful, could not rectify the escalating deficiencies in the kingdom’s premier tertiary care facility,” he said. Baranowski also noted how interested he was to discover that Saudi Arabia, although existing in a “cash flush” system, still has difficulties similar to those suffered by a country like the United States with a cash deficiency. Besides studying the health care system in Saudi Arabia, Baranowski

enjoyed the opportunity to experience a new culture. He built relationships with several Saudis involved with the facility and was “most impressed with their welcoming attitude, gracious behavior, wonderful sense of humor, deep pride and fierce determination.” He noted the fact that building these relationships was an unexpected benefit to an already exceptional trip. “It was truly the icing on the cake of a wonderful experience abroad,” he said. Baranowski graduated in December 2007 with a master of business administration degree.

- **Mary (Dohack) Bowman '04 has a real knack for combining her passions. She is currently the editor-in-chief of Relate magazine, while also training and showing horses as a non-professional.** Bowman describes Relate as a “quarterly-published, values-based, character-building magazine with a mission to inspire teen girls to pursue their dreams with confidence, and teach them to be an example for others in their speech, life, love, faith and purity.” The magazine’s headquarters is in Findlay, however, the target audience is Bowman’s hometown of St. Louis, Mo., where her sister aids in advertising and distributing the magazine. Relate has printed 10,000 copies each of the five times it has gone to print and has a subscription audience of 100. Relate also has a Web site, ww.relatemag.com, which offers additional resources including articles, activities, forums, games, chats, giveaways, classifieds and Relate merchandise. She credits her ability to balance multiple interests to The University of Findlay, which allowed her to create an individualized major that combined her passions. “I majored in equestrian studies and declared my second major as graphic design. After I decided that I wanted to start a magazine, I created an individualized major called equine marketing and graphic design.



Mary (Dohack) Bowman '04, entrepreneur, magazine editor-in-chief and equestrian competitor

I got to take classes that would help me the most for the venture I was about to begin. I gained excellent, well-rounded knowledge that launched me into a position of entrepreneurial success!” Bowman’s successful combination of her passions can be traced back to a very simple philosophy: “For everything you don’t know, there are thousands of people that do and most of them are willing to share their knowledge with you.” Bowman’s magazine will be featured in the College of Business’ [Be] Entrepreneurial display on the second floor of Old Main in February. Feel free to stop by and take a look.



Relate is a magazine designed to build character and is targeted to teenage girls in St. Louis, Mo.

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5. Oiler Sports



Kirby Blackley with record-breaking time in the 60-meter hurdles.

• **Senior women’s indoor track and field competitor Kirby Blackley set a school record on Jan. 26, 2007**, when she raced to a first-place finish in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.48 at the Findlay Classic. Her time was also the fastest time in the event for any competitor at the Malcolm Athletic Center, as well as being good enough to automatically qualify her to compete at the NCAA Division II Indoor Track and Field National Championship. The record-breaking mark also qualified her to participate in the USA National Track and Field Championship, marking only the third time a UF athlete has ever accomplished the feat.

• **Head men’s basketball coach Ron Niekamp picked up his 500th career win at Findlay on Jan. 16, 2007**, when his Oilers defeated Central State University 71-64. A four-time Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Coach of the Year and two-time NCAA Division II Great Lakes Region Coach of the Year, Niekamp currently has amassed 502 wins with the Oilers and has never endured a losing season in his 23 years with the men’s basketball program at The University of Findlay.



Head basketball coach Ron Niekamp gets 500th win.



• **Junior Lindsay Hatteberg, a member of the women’s swimming and diving team, was named the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Swimmer of the Week for the third time in her career on Jan. 14, 2007.** Hatteberg currently holds three individual school records and is part of three relay teams that also hold school records at Findlay.

Lindsay Hatteberg, three-time GLIAC Swimmer of the Week.

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

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6. Alumni Support

- **The University of Findlay publicly announced the 125th Endowed Fund drive** at an evening reception and dinner, held on Feb. 7. The goal of the drive is to create 125 new endowed funds for student scholarship, faculty development and program support. As of the launch date, 44 new funds totaling approximately \$2 million already have been created. A steering committee consisting of University alumni and friends has been organized to provide leadership during the drive and to encourage other alumni and friends to establish their own endowed funds. Members of the steering committee are:

- A.R. '66 and Mary Ann Charnes, National Co-Chairs
- Dr. Robert Frampton, College of Health Professions
- Barbara Meyers '63, College of Education
- Dr. Larry McDougle '63, College of Sciences
- Dr. Tony Pitts '85, Athletics
- Dallas Sterling, School of Pharmacy
- Jim '63 and Karis Woodward, College of Liberal Arts
- Denny Zahler '70, College of Business

If you would like to help the University reach its goal of establishing 125 new endowed funds, please contact Cindy Lahey at 1-800-472-9502, extension 5334.



A.R. '66 and Mary Ann Charnes, National Co-Chairs

- **The University's annual Applause! recognition reception will be held on Friday evening, Oct. 10, 2008.** This event recognizes those who have made significant contributions of time and resources to The University of Findlay and to say "thank you." Individuals who have contributed \$1,000 or more in cash to the University during the preceding fiscal year, which ends June 30, 2008, will receive invitations to this special and fun event. Plan your giving and mark your calendars to be sure you don't miss the Applause! recognition reception.

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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...

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