

ALUMNOTES

[Calendar]



August

- 12 Columbus Summer Send-off**
Columbus-area prospective students at Bob '57 & Catherine Pritts' home
- 18 Findlay Summer Send-off**
Findlay-area prospective students at Stout Alumni Center
- Women's (12:30 p.m.) & Men's (3:30 p.m.) Soccer Reunion Game**
Alumni Office cooking hamburgers & hot dogs – Dehaven Field
- 24 Freshman Move-in Day & Orientation**
Development Office welcome carnival for parents and students (calling any alumni who would like to volunteer to assist)
- 27,28 Information Booths on Campus**
Alumni Board of Governors to direct students to classrooms and answer questions

September

- 28, 29 Family Weekend**

October

- 10 UF Alumni Employee Appreciation Luncheon**
- 12 Alumni Board of Governors Meeting – noon**
- 12-14 Homecoming, 125th Closing Celebration**

December

- 8 Commencement Brunch**
11 a.m. - 1p.m. – Alumni Memorial Union
- Baccalaureate**
10:30 a.m. – Ritz Auditorium
- Graduate and Undergraduate Commencement**
2 p.m. – Koehler Fitness and Recreation Complex

For more information about these events, to register, or to plan an event in your area, contact the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at 1-800-472-9502, extension 4516.

[In Memory]

'41

Mary (Hollington) Tucker died May 30, 2007. After caring for her ailing mother for many years, she began teaching second grade for Findlay City Schools in 1959. She was a volunteer with the Findlay-Hancock County Public Library, the American Red Cross Findlay Chapter and was a member of the Hancock County Retired Teachers' Association and the First Presbyterian Church in Findlay. Surviving are nephews Richard R. Hollington Jr. of Cleveland and William Hollington Jr. of Findlay; nieces Marcia Kehres of Cleveland and Annett Guglielmi of Findlay; 17 grandnieces and grandnephews and 23 great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews. A classroom in the Davis Street building on The University of Findlay campus is named in her honor. **Memorial contributions may be made to The University of Findlay, Office of Development, 1000 N. Main St., Findlay, OH 45840.**

'69

Geneva Delight (Davis) Bookwalter died May 16, 2007, in Angola, Ind. She was a retired high school English teacher who taught in Findlay, Fremont, Ind., and Bradenton, Fla., schools. She is survived by her daughter, Patricia Bookwalter of Bloomington, Ind.; two sons, William Bookwalter of Bogota, Columbia, and Ted Bookwalter of Fremont, Ind.; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

'03

Bryan D. Putnam passed away May 21, 2007, in Rockford, Ill. He worked at Lowe's Distribution Center in Findlay and Rockford, and also had worked at the YMCA in both Findlay and Rockford. He is survived by his parents, Douglas and Lynda Putnam of Lakeview, Ohio.

Key to degree abbreviations:

A - Associate's Degree

B - Bachelor's Degree

M - Master's Degree

H - Honorary Degree

Class years are assumed to be bachelor's degrees unless noted otherwise with the listed codes. Persons with a master's degree, but no bachelor's degree will have an (M) after their name. Persons with a bachelor's degree and a master's degree are listed under their bachelor's degree year with an (M class year) after their name.

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'37

James J. Federici and his wife, **Margaret (Robinson '36)**, celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary June 28, 2007, in Findlay. He retired in 1975 from Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. as manager of truck tires – original equipment and design. His wife is a retired first-grade teacher from Liberty-Benton Schools. They have a daughter, Phyllis Waaland, and a son, Jim Federici, both of Findlay, and five grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

'59

Ron Philipp and his wife, Ruth, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 30, 2007. He is a retired teacher and administrator with the Findlay City Schools and currently serves as a Praxis coordinator and a member of the field experience staff with The University of Findlay's College of Education. She is a former dental assistant and an employee of J.C. Penney Co. They have three children: **Greg '80** of McComb, Ohio; **Scott** in Pennsylvania and **Lori (Philipp '93) Nichols** of rural Dunkirk, Ohio, and nine grandchildren. The Philipps live in Findlay.

'61

Victor Binkley, M.D., retired July 20, 2006, from active surgical practice from the Markle Medical Center, Bluffton, Ind., where he worked since 1970. A 1965 graduate of The Ohio State University School of Medicine, he took his internship at St. Francis Hospital in Honolulu, and after two years in the military, including one year in Vietnam, he returned to Honolulu for surgical residency at the Honolulu Integrated Surgical Residency Program. He has participated in part-time and full-time mission work in Haiti for the past 30 years and lives in Bluffton, Ind., with his wife of 22 years, Donna. They continue to work with Project Help (Churches of God, General Conference) in Haiti every other month, primarily doing surgery.

Roger Gardner is retired and currently working as a part-time assistant for the Mast-Mock-Hoffman-Hanenkrath-Clevenger-Schaffer Funeral Home in

Defiance, Ohio. Also, on June 9, 2007, he was elected and installed as the commandant for the Department of Ohio Marine Corps League. In addition, he continues to serve as chairman of the Juvenile Detention Center in Stryker, Ohio, a position he has held since 2001. Previously, he served as vice chair since the inception of the board in 1994. He started managing and coaching Little League baseball in 1955, while he was in the Marine Corps, and he continues to enjoy volunteering with Little League in Defiance. He and his wife, Shirley, reside in Defiance and have two children and nine grandchildren.

'71

Sharon Hribal has retired after teaching French for 33 years at Mt. Pleasant High School in Mt. Pleasant, Pa. She sings with the Greensburg, Pa., Adelines and lives in Scottsdale, Pa.

'72

Charlie Parker has signed as assistant basketball coach for the New Orleans Hornets. Previously, he served as assistant coach for the Dallas Mavericks for 10 years. He also recently participated as a motivational speaker and conducted a mini basketball clinic for kids at Praise in the Park on June 2 in Muskogee, Okla.

'74

Vernon Rosenbeck has retired after a 32-year career in the Russia (Ohio) School District. Originally hired as a health and physical education teacher in 1975, he served as athletic director from 1980-2002, was named principal in 1983 and was appointed as superintendent in 1996. After retiring in 2004, he was rehired as principal. He and his wife, Karen, have five children: Lindsay, Andy, Eric, Lee and Deidre.

'77

Mike Strance has been named as head football coach for Willard High School. He has coached at Willard since 1977, when he was hired as freshman football coach, and has served as varsity assistant coach, defensive coordinator, special teams coordinator and, for the past four seasons, as head coach of the freshman

[Brian Treece '01, M '02]

Transformation leads to commercial



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 dietician, 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.

squad. In addition, he has coached wrestling and track during his tenure.

'81

Nelson Bolden was named to the Hancock Sports Hall of Fame April 28, 2007, in Findlay. He was honored for his record-setting football career at Findlay College where he played fullback and ran a school-record 4,009

yards during his four-year career. He also set records for touchdowns and total points.

'89

Randy Kortokrax was named to the Hancock Sports Hall of Fame April 28, 2007, in Findlay. He was recognized as the all-time leader in scoring and

rebounding for the Oilers' basketball squad. Currently, he is the dean of students, health teacher and head coach at Columbus Bishop Hartley and was named Ohio's Division III Co-Coach of the Year this past season.

Duke Wilson and Tracy Generalovich were married April 3, 2007, in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. He recently has served as a stagehand on Broadway with "The Drowsy Chaperone," and she has appeared on Broadway in "Beauty and the Beast." They reside in Jackson Heights, N.Y.

'91

Sara Ainsworth has a new position as an ELL teacher for Elgin U-46 in Elgin, Ill. She also is employed part-time by Language Resources, teaching Spanish to children and adults in local park districts. She resides in Crystal Lake, Ill.

'92

Nick (Nicole) Garver has a new position as a dual diagnosis support specialist for Recovery Services of Northwest Ohio in Defiance, Ohio. She was married May 25, 2007, to Brandy Gaskin in a private ceremony in Windsor, Ontario. They reside in Sarnia, Ontario, Canada.

Krista (Fledderjohn) Sartore earned her juris doctor degree with a concentration in advocacy from Stetson University College of Law. She resides in St. Petersburg, Fla., with her husband, **Lee M '05**, and daughter, Abigail.

'93

Jill DeMuth is the new fire and life safety manager for the University of North Carolina Greensboro. She recently received her master of science in occupational health and safety from East Carolina University. She resides in Kernersville, N.C., and would like to hear from college friends at Jill_DeMuth@uncg.edu.

Shane and **Linda (Stanley '94) Gibson** welcomed their third child, Troy Zachery, on March 23, 2007. He joins Braydon, 7, and Gabrielle, 5. Shane is a

financial analyst for Timken Co. in Canton, Ohio, and Linda is a veterinarian with Poland Veterinary Centre in Poland, Ohio. The family resides in Salem, Ohio.

R. Douglas Shaneyfelt has been named assistant vice president of information technology for First National Bank in Pandora, Ohio, where he has served as information technology manager for the past five years. He and his wife, Rachel, reside in Pandora with their daughters.

Michelle (Hayes) Smith and her husband, **Otis G. Smith Jr. '94**, welcomed a daughter, Sydney, on Jan. 26, 2007. Michelle is an impound officer for the City of Columbus, Ohio, Division of Police, and Otis is a mid-range manager for Alliance Data Systems in Columbus. They also have a son, Otis G. Smith III, 9. The family lives in Columbus.

Patricia (Telgkamp) Strickland and her husband, Mark, have recently relocated to Kernersville, N.C., where he works for Lowes Home Improvement. She would love to hear from college friends at mickeystrickland@embarqmail.com.

Robyn (Hufford) Wight is an advertising consultant with The Courier. She and her husband live in Findlay with children Erica, 9, and Jordan, 5.

'94

Christine (Ufferman) Book has a new position as intervention specialist for eighth grade at Big Walnut Middle School in Sunbury, Ohio. She resides in Delaware, Ohio.

Greg Denecker has been named superintendent for Bluffton Exempted Village Schools, effective June 1, 2007. Previously, he served as principal of Bluffton High School. He received the superintendent's certification through The University of Findlay in 2002. He and his wife, Chris, have two children, Gabe and Luke, and reside in Bluffton, Ohio.

Kelly (Lewis) Ferriman and her husband, Doug, had a baby boy, Samuel Douglas, born May 14, 2007. He joins his sister, Isabella, 21 months. The family lives in Medina, Ohio.

[Todd Helling, '04, M '05]

Rookie teacher brings magic to classroom



There's no secret to getting students to learn, but for Todd Helling there is a trick to it. Helling, who just completed his first year of teaching, has already been named Greater Cincinnati Teacher of the Year. He taught four seventh-grade language arts classes at Bridgetown Middle School in the Cincinnati Oak Hills School District. One of his students nominated him for the honor.

Helling uses a variety sleight-of-hand and card tricks to capture the attention of his students at the beginning of each class. "Every day kids come into my class and they're excited because they know they're going to have fun," he noted. "We do something fun right away, and then we get down to business. They learn, they pay attention so that, hopefully, we can do something else fun at the end." Helling credited James Schmidt, UF assistant professor of mathematics, for inspiring him. "Every class that I went to in math with Mr. Schmidt, I knew he'd have some type of game or trick or some type of fun activity to get class started. It just made it so that people loved going to his class. I knew that I wanted my classes to be that way. So I went home for Christmas, and my dad and I picked up some magic videos. We practiced on each other and learned all these different tricks," he explained.

He also singled out Ben Sapp, instructor of education, as serving as a role model. "They really taught me that the key to teaching /learning is having fun and enjoying it," he said.

Helling received his bachelor's degree in middle childhood education in 2004 and earned his master of arts in education from The University of Findlay in 2005 while serving as a graduate assistant coach for the UF baseball team.

A native of Massillon, Ohio, Helling is married to **Allison (Golding '05)**, who is a UF nuclear medicine technology graduate, and whose siblings are **Troy Golding '06**, **Jenny (Golding) Scherer '01** and **Bryan Golding '99**, director of recreational services at The University of Findlay.

Helling's story has been reported in the Massillon Independent, Canton Repository, Cincinnati Enquirer, Hilltop Press and the Oak Hills newspapers, and he was interviewed by WXIX-TV Channel 19, the Fox News station in Cincinnati.

"Give them a smile and something to enjoy," Helling said of his students, "and you're almost guaranteed to get them to listen to you and learn." It's just like magic.

'95

Autumn (Kreischer) Whitted has a new position as a manager for Metropolitan Trucking Inc. in Bloomsburg, Pa. She resides in Berwick, Pa.

'97

Angie Calcamuggio has a new job as counselor for the Springfield Local Schools in Holland, Ohio. She resides in Toledo, Ohio.

'98

Lindsay "Nikki" Miller has accepted a new position as a Spanish teacher for the 2007-08 school year at McGavock High School with Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools in Nashville, Tenn. She resides in Antioch, Tenn.

'99

Gregory and Shona (Sprague '00) Christy, have a new baby girl, Kendyl Paige, born Dec. 3, 2006. They reside in Perrysburg, Ohio.

Toni (Sapp) Lyons, and her husband, Lee, welcomed a son, Landon, on Aug. 5, 2006. They also have a son, Levi, 2. Toni is a kindergarten teacher with the Danville Local Schools in Danville, Ohio, where they live.

Amy (Border) Muhlenkamp and her husband, Mark, welcomed a new baby

boy, Mason Neal, born May 5, 2007. They live in London, Ohio.

'00

Joseph and Nicole (Hauenstein '99) Busey announce the birth of Alec Joseph, born May 22, 2007. He joins big sister, Sasha, 2. They live in Pearland, Texas.

Susan (Keeran) Luginbill and her husband, Jared, announce the birth of their daughter, Adelyn Grace, born April 20, 2007. Susan is a fourth-grade teacher for the Sidney (Ohio) City Schools. The family lives in Sidney.

Jill VanderEnde (M) has been hired to be the top assistant coach for the Grand Valley State University women's basketball team in her hometown of Grand Rapids, Mich. She was a two-year assistant coach at The University of Findlay before going on to spend five years as an assistant coach at Central Michigan University and last season at Eastern Michigan University.

'01

Erica (Blackman) Clark has a new position as veterinarian with Care Animal Hospital in Muncie, Ind. She and her husband, Benjamin, live in Fishers, Ind.

Thomas Cikotte and Kara Long M '05 were married April 7, 2007, in Findlay. He is an environmental specialist at the Ohio

[Tomokazu "Tomo" Nishina '05, Hui-Yen "Wendy" Hung '03, M '06] Homeland reunions for UF alumni

Tomokazu "Tomo" Nishina '05 (left) is working at "School IE" in Japan as chief-assistant. The mission of the school is to individually tutor and advise students in K-12 in specific subjects and for entrance examinations. Hui-Yen "Wendy" Hung '03, M '06 (right) is working at the HESS educational organization in Taiwan. She obtained certification for teaching Chinese as a second language after returning to Taiwan. In December 2006, she also presented her thesis research at the Eighth World Chinese Language Conference in Taipei, Taiwan. Tomo visited Wendy in Taiwan for several days in February for the Chinese New Year, and Wendy vacationed in Japan in April where she visited Tomo and his parents and attended the cherry blossoms festival in Okayama, Japan.



EPA, and she is an elementary teacher and volleyball coach at North Baltimore Local Schools. They reside in Findlay.

Jennalee (Gates) Kaufmann and her husband, Adam, had a son, Graden Howard, on March 12, 2007. She is

now a stay-at-home mom. They live in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Brent Nenadal is a high school science teacher at Berkshire Local Schools in Burton, Ohio, where he also coaches track and cross country. He and his wife, April, live in Reminderville, Ohio.



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'02

Angelique (Kelley) Bucher is an account manager with Corporate Research International in Findlay. She and her husband, Nathaniel, live in Findlay.

Michelle "Shelly" Coonrod has been appointed a caseworker and staff assistant for U.S. Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Urbana, working in his Findlay office. She resides in Findlay.

Beth Grehan is now a graphic artist with Network Communications in Florence, Ky. She and Nick Matracia live in Florence with their son, Austin, born in September 2006.

Kasey (Weigel) Gerlach has a new position as special education teacher with the Parkway Local Schools in Rockford, Ohio. She and her husband, Kyle, have a daughter, 1. They live in Coldwater, Ohio.

Roseann Halliday has a new job as intervention specialist at Central Middle School for the Findlay City Schools. She completed her intervention specialist license in June at The University of Findlay. She lives in Findlay with her son, Jordan, 7; daughter, Jamison, 6; and son, Jaden, 3.

'03

Kevin Cooper and Rebekah Shepler were married March 17 in Columbus. He is employed in advertising with a Columbus radio station, and she is a recruiter for ITT Technical Institute. They reside in Dublin, Ohio.

Scott Davenport has a new position as a realtor with Sibcy Cline in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he resides.

Kelly (Zink) Ernst has a new position as senior staff accountant for MetoKote Corp. in Lima, Ohio. She and her husband, Thomas, live in Criderville, Ohio.

Kathleen (Soukup) Field and her husband, Shaun, welcomed a son, Austin Jacob, born May 25, 2007. She is a registered veterinary technician for Findlay Animal Care Center. The family resides in Findlay.

Heather Oehlers is the new sales and marketing coordinator for McNaughton McKay Electric Co. in Findlay. She lives in Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

Elizabeth (Foss) Obringer and her husband, Nicholas, welcomed their second child, Jacob, on March 31, 2007. She is a physical therapist with the University of Toledo Medical Center. The family resides in Haskins, Ohio.

'04

Kimberli House has been named the new donor records assistant for Steppenwolf Theatre Co. in Chicago, Ill., where she lives.

Lisa A. Hummel (M '06) has been promoted to financial center officer for Fifth Third Bank's Tiffin Avenue Bank Mart in Findlay. She joined Fifth Third in 2003 and has five years' experience in financial services. She resides in Findlay.

'05

Laura Beach had two of her digital photographs accepted as a part of the 89th Annual Toledo Area Artists Exhibition at the Toledo Museum of Art, which opened May 17. She resides in Findlay.

Whitney Haverfield (A '07) and Erich Schroeder were married June 9, 2007. She is a media technology specialist at The University of Findlay, and earned an associate of arts degree in massage therapy from The University of Findlay in May. He is a construction estimator. The couple resides in Mansfield, Ohio.

Jayne Myers and Jerod Hiller were married May 26, 2007. They live in Indianapolis, Ind.

Brittany Vleck has a new position as horse trainer and riding instructor for Cheval Centre in Sarasota, Fla. She also graduated from Pennsylvania State University with a bachelor's degree in agribusiness management in May 2007. She lives in Bradenton, Fla.

'07

Johnny "Levi" Perkins has a new position as multimedia specialist at The University of Findlay. He resides in Carey, Ohio.

Information for this issue was received by July 2, 2007. Subsequent submissions will appear in future issues of *MainLine* or the *Findlay* magazine.



[EndNotes]

By Dee Dee Spraw

Director of Alumni and Parent Relations

The closing celebration of the 125th anniversary of our institution will be held during Homecoming weekend Oct. 12-14, 2007. Part of the planning involves a reunion of all past Findlay College/The University of Findlay (FC/UF) Homecoming queens. We also will be celebrating five-year class reunions – '42, '47, '52, '57, '62, '67, '72, '77, '82, '87, '92, '97 and '02. If you are a graduate of one of these years, please make plans to attend!

At last year's Homecoming, we introduced our first golf cart parade, led by the Oiler Brass band. The parade was then followed by a celebration on the front lawn. A sense of nostalgia, along with a deep sense of pride, was present among our alumni. Last year was my first Homecoming to plan, and it was evident after the celebration that the alumni of Findlay College/The University of Findlay are indeed proud of their alma mater.

Therefore, I encourage you to come back and experience this same sense of pride and deepen your relationship with FC/UF. Re-establish your relationship with the FC/UF community by attending alumni events, visiting campus, and/or beginning a network or affinity group with other alumni in your hometown, industry or professional organization.

Come home to your alma mater, Findlay College/The University of Findlay. I look forward to hearing your story. As always, please be sure to keep me updated by filling out the "What's New with You?" form at www.findlay.edu, **Keyword: Whats new.**

All the Best,

Dee Dee Spraw '93, M '07
Director of Alumni and Parent Relations

