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Welcome to ArchLink!



Greetings, Alumni!

August means lots of action on campus and the arrival of student-athletes. The Office of Alumni & Parent Relations is preparing for Summer Send-offs on Sunday, Aug. 12, in Columbus at the home of Robert '57 and Catherine Pritts from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 18, in Findlay at the

Stout Alumni Center from noon to 3 p.m. If you wish to join us and meet the incoming freshmen and their families in either area, please call the office at 419-434-4516 or e-mail spraw@findlay.edu.



Families enjoyed get-acquainted games at the Summer Send-off at the Pritts' home last year.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to help organize an event in your area. 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?

- **UF will welcome students** to campus beginning Aug. 22 with new students checking in. More than 800 new undergraduate students are expected. Returning students will arrive Aug. 25-26, and classes will begin Aug. 27. New students, as well as faculty, staff and volunteers, will participate in service projects within the community Aug. 25. Volunteers will contribute their time to help area organizations paint, organize, clean and complete a variety of other activities. Fall sports teams, cheerleaders, resident directors and assistants and band members returned to UF beginning Aug. 1 to prepare for a busy fall semester of activities. Approximately 1,300 students are expected to live on campus while an equal number of students are expected to live off campus in the Findlay area.



More than 800 new students are expected to arrive on campus, with classes beginning Aug. 27.



Faculty greeted incoming freshmen last year during the traditional arch ceremony, which will be repeated for this year's class.

• Many **buildings on campus have undergone renovations** in preparation for the new academic year. New windows were installed in Deming Hall and Lovett Hall, and rooms in Deming were completely renovated. New stackable furniture was moved into the residence hall rooms, and lobbies in Deming were refurbished with new carpeting and new furniture. Many common areas in student houses received similar improvements, and bathrooms in Morey Hall and Myers Hall were completely renovated. Restrooms also were renovated in Old Main, and the Alumni Memorial Union Multipurpose Room received new carpeting. The Egner Center for the Performing Arts will soon be home to a newly completed dance studio with special flooring, barres, mirrors and a sound system. Egner also will include a newly renovated video editing suite, digital media room and audio production room. For more details, [click here](#).

- The University's traditional **Arch Ceremony** welcoming the Class of 2011 will take place Sunday, Aug. 26, at 3 p.m. beginning in the Koehler Complex. Following a welcome address by Dr. DeBow Freed, students will walk through the arch surrounded by faculty, friends and family at 3:30 p.m. The Oiler Brass Marching Band will provide processional music during the ceremony. Alumni are invited to this event.



New windows were installed in Deming Hall and Lovett Hall, among many other renovations completed across campus this summer.

- The University's Office of Student Services continues to work with UF's School of Environmental and Emergency Management (SEEM) to **coordinate an emergency operations team** comprised of representatives from all areas of the University. The multi-disciplinary team meets regularly to review a crisis response plan, which was created in 2000 by the Office of Student Services, the Office of Safety and Security, and SEEM, and is now maintained by SEEM. Emergency response training is provided for security officers, resident directors, resident assistants and counselors. In addition, the Office of Counseling Services conducts crisis intervention training sessions on how to handle situations such as attempted suicide or drug overdose. The University also has a close working relationship with the Findlay City Police Department. Security personnel are on campus 24 hours a day.

- The **safety of students** at The University of Findlay is a top priority. Many security measures are in place to create a safe campus atmosphere. Security cameras and 32 blue light phones are installed throughout campus, as well as at off-site properties. When an individual pushes the emergency button on a blue light phone, all video cameras in the area pivot to allow security officers to see what's happening. A warning signal also is immediately sent to the Office of Safety and Security, which allows for a quick response. A Lynx wireless notification management system recently was installed on campus, which works through the University's computer network. The system will allow security personnel to send an emergency message to every network computer on campus. In addition, the Lynx system will enable text messages to be sent in an emergency. Students have the option to provide their cell phone numbers for this purpose. Panic buttons also will be installed in various buildings on campus for use when the telephone is not an option to contact the security office.



Blue light phones have been installed in 32 locations across campus as a safety measure.



Chelsea Tipton II will be back on campus to conduct a Pops Concert with the Toledo Symphony Orchestra on Sept. 14.

- The University's **Concert and Lecture Series** will begin Friday, Sept. 14, with an 8 p.m. performance by The Toledo Symphony Orchestra in Winebrenner Theological Seminary. The Pops Concert will be directed by Chelsea Tipton II and will include selections from "Chicago," "Evita," "Jesus Christ Superstar," "The Producers" and other popular productions. Vocalists will accompany the symphony.

- Students at the University will enjoy a new level of convenience and service this fall with the introduction of the **Oiler OneCard**, which will serve as the students' new identification card and give them access to financial aid refunds, dining meal plans and Munch Money, the cardio center, health center, library and events on campus. The card, which will debut with the opening of the 2007-08 academic year, also will allow the establishment of a debit account to use at University stores. Students may view or update their information using the University's Web site. Faculty and staff will use the new cards, as well. Other services to be available through the card include vending machines, slated for January 2008, and keyless entry to University buildings, planned for fall 2008. For information, [click here](#).



The Hancock Historical Museum is hosting an exhibit celebrating UF's 125th anniversary. Above is one of several display cases illustrating the history of Findlay's athletic programs.

The **Hancock Historical Museum** is hosting a series of three exhibits during 2007 in honor of The University of Findlay's 125th anniversary with the theme "Celebrating the Past, Embracing the Future." The third exhibit features "Alumni, Athletics and Homecoming" now through Homecoming weekend on Oct. 14. The museum is located at 422 W. Sandusky St., Findlay, and is open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. and Sundays from 1 - 4 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors and students are free. For more information about the Hancock Historical Museum, [click here](#).

• Upcoming 125th Anniversary Events

- **Aug. 5 – Oct. 14** “Celebrating the Past, Embracing the Future: Alumni, Athletics and Homecoming” • Hancock Historical Museum • 422 W. Sandusky St., Findlay • Display of photos and artifacts
- **Sept. 17** – 125th Anniversary COS Speaker: Brant Rhoad '00 • 7 p.m. • Brewer Science Hall, Martin Lecture Hall
- **Sept. 25** – 125th Anniversary COLA Speaker: Dr. Eliz Sanasarian • 7 p.m. • Alumni Memorial Union, Multipurpose Room
- **Oct. 11** – 125th Anniversary COS Speaker: Dr. Jeanne Stuckey • TBA
- **Oct. 14** – 125th Anniversary Closing Service “Celebration: On Our Way Rejoicing” • 2:30 p.m. • Winebrenner Theological Seminary, TLB Foundation Convocation Center

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2. Academic Update

- **Michael Reed**, Ph.D., professor of TESOL and bilingual education, is currently teaching English to a select group of students at Wuhan University in China. Reed was among a group of 30 teachers chosen from a pool of candidates nationwide to participate in the program, coordinated by The Ohio State University, a sister school to Wuhan. In addition, Reed was selected to serve as one of six team leaders within the group, giving guidance to his peers. Each teacher was given a choice of topics to teach at Wuhan. Reed chose to teach American culture and values as manifested through sports and recreation, which he illustrates using photos and videos of his own friends and family participating in both high- and low-impact athletic activities. Reed also plans to introduce Wuhan students to disc golf. Prior to his departure, Reed studied the Chinese language with his tutor Chia-Chi Chang, a current UF master’s student.



Michael Reed, Ph.D., professor of TESOL and bilingual education



Maria Gamba, associate professor of business, in China

- **Maria Gamba**, associate professor of business, also recently spent some time in China. While in Hong Kong, she had the opportunity to visit three UF alumni: Amy Fan '91, Ava Fan '92 and Ada Fan '95. She also visited two factories in Shenzhen that supply products such as handbags and backpacks for Factory Direct International, a Findlay-based company. Shenzhen is the factory capital of Asia, and Gamba noted the spacious, well-ventilated buildings; dormitories for employees who live far from the factory; and well-balanced meals provided to employees.
- The University’s campus newspaper, The Pulse, is the first college or university newspaper to receive **membership in the Ohio Newspaper Association** (ONA), an organization established in 1933 which brings together daily and weekly newspapers staffs in Ohio. Students interested in journalism will have more opportunity to see the professional side of working for a newspaper. Benefits of the ONA membership include networking opportunities with working professionals from more than 250 daily and weekly newspapers in Ohio; guidance on matters of public records and open meetings; job placement and referral service; and more. An additional benefit mentioned by Chris



Chris Underation, The Pulse adviser

Underation, assistant professor of communication and faculty adviser to The Pulse, is the future ability to share content with other ONA members when The Pulse Web site goes live. For more information, [click here](#).



Charles E. Bishop

• **Charles E. Bishop**, former director of economics at Marathon Oil Co., will serve as The University of Findlay's Dana Chair for the 2007-08 academic year. Each year, the University chooses a distinguished executive to serve as the Dana Chair, a position funded by the Dana Corporation. 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. Bishop is a member of the Governor's Economic Advisory Council for the state of Ohio and the General Committee and Economics and Statistics at the American Petroleum Institute. He also serves on the Bluffton University Board of Directors as chairman of the finance committee. A native of Philadelphia, Pa., Bishop joined Marathon Oil Co. in 1969 and retired in 2007. He received a bachelor's degree in economics from Bluffton University, and a master's degree in economics from Bowling Green State University. Bishop resides in Findlay with his wife, Sharon.

- New students arriving on campus this year will be the first to take part in **The Oiler Experience**, a one-credit-hour required course designed to introduce all first-time, full-time students to life at UF. Approximately 30 class sections will be led by a variety of staff members whose expertise is in student services. Undergraduate peer mentors also will serve as campus resources for new students and will attend the class, as well, to answer questions and offer advice. During class meetings, students will learn how to locate resources and services at UF; develop and improve study and time management skills; examine common college-related issues; identify dangers that threaten their success; and develop close bonds with their classmates. Overseeing the program are Brian Treece, assistant dean of students and director of housing and residence life, and Lori Colchagoff, director of disability services and ADA/504 compliance officer.

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3. Alumni News & Events

- **Save the Date**

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

- **Upcoming Events**

- **Aug. 12** – Columbus Summer Send-off, Columbus area prospective students at Bob '57 & Catherine Pritts' home, 1 - 4 p.m.
 - **Aug. 18** – Findlay Summer Send-off, Findlay-area prospective students at Stout Alumni Center, 114 N. Cory St., noon to 3 p.m., sponsored by the Alumni Board of Governors
 - **Aug. 18** – Women's (12:30 p.m.) & Men's (3:30 p.m.) Soccer Reunion game – Alumni Office cooking hamburgers & hot dogs – Dehaven Field
 - **Aug. 24** – Freshman move-in day & orientation – Office of Development welcome carnival for parents and students (alumni who would like to volunteer to assist call 1800-472-9502, extension 4516)
 - **Aug. 27 & 28** – Information booths on campus to direct students to class rooms and answer questions (Alumni Board of Governors)
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- **Oct. 10** – UF alumni faculty/staff appreciation luncheon
- **Oct. 12** – Alumni Board of Governors meeting – noon
- **Oct. 12** - Alumni Choir Concert



Molly M. Monter '06

- An **alumni reunion for former soccer players** will be held at DeHaven Field on Saturday, Aug. 18. The Office of Alumni & Parent Relations will be cooking hotdogs and hamburgers for the parents, current students and alumni attending. The women's game will begin at 12:30 p.m. and the men will play at 3:30 p.m. Join us at the DeHaven Field for a day of fun!

- **Family Weekend** on Sept. 28-30 will be packed with activities for everyone that will include:

- Parents may attend classes with their students on Friday.
- A bus tour of off-campus facilities and the city of Findlay, concluding with a visit to Dietsch's for ice cream, Friday 3 - 5 p.m.
- Hay ride and bonfire at the western farm (Center for Equine and Pre-veterinary Studies on C.R. 40), Friday 8:30 - 10:30 p.m.
- Continental breakfast Saturday 9 - 10 a.m., Winebrenner Seminary Atrium.
- Panel discussion on "A Day in the Life of a UF Student" involving current students, faculty and staff 10 - 11 a.m. Saturday, Winebrenner Seminary, TLB Convocation Center.
- Family Equestrian Festival and picnic, 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., James L. Child Jr. Equestrian Complex, 11178 County Road 201.
 - Dressage and reining horse demonstrations.
 - Performances by the English and western drill teams.
 - Mini Jumping Prix final round at 2 p.m.
 - Clown, face painting and pony rides for the children.
- The UF football team takes on Indianapolis, 7 p.m. at Donnell Stadium.
- Performance by hypnotist Michael Anthony, 9 p.m. in the Alumni Memorial Union.



Wayne Risser, a part of the maintenance staff at the Child Complex, enjoyed last year's Family Equestrian Festival with nieces Natalie and Hillary Risser.

- A special **alumni choir concert** will kick off Homecoming festivities Friday, Oct. 12, with a performance on the lawn of Old Main. All former members of the Findlay College Concert Choir, Findlay College Chorale, Findlay College Acappella Choir, The University of Findlay Concert-Chorale, FC Singers and University Singers are invited to campus Homecoming weekend to see old friends and make new ones. Enjoy the many festivities and a choir alumni dinner at Waldo Peppers in the evening. The Homecoming brochure will highlight this event, as well as a special mailing to be sent with reservation forms. For additional information or to be sure you are included on the mailing list, contact Dr. Micheal Anders, professor of music and director of the music program, at 419-434-4717 or by e-mail at anders@finday.edu.



- Were you a **Homecoming queen**? Join us and share your experience as part of Findlay College/The University of Findlay's Royalty of the Past. We'll prepare a collage of photos from yearbooks and newspaper clippings. Contact Dee at spraw@finday.edu or 419-434-4589.

E. J. Cutliff '01 and Kendra (Niswander) Spears '01 reigned as Homecoming king and queen in 2000.

- **Alumni volunteers** are invited to help welcome the Class of 2011 by assisting new students and their parents with moving in on Friday, Aug. 24. Connect with first-year students by working elbow-to-elbow with them on community service projects on Saturday, Aug. 25. For information, call the Office of Alumni & Parent Relations at 419-434-4516.
- **Welcome UF Newest Little Oilers:**
 - *Sean & Kelly (Young '02) Fryburg*
Baby boy – born on June 26, 2007

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4. Alumni Spotlight

- **Kristen McAree '02** recently came all the way from Japan to play in the alumni concert band performance conducted by Jack Taylor, director of bands, at the Riverside Park band shell July 1. As one of 50 participants, she easily qualified as the one who came the farthest. She and her father arranged her visit for the alumni band weekend as a surprise to Taylor. McAree, who served as Taylor's student assistant for five years, played baritone and cymbals with the Marching Oiler Brass, played bassoon with the Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble and played the piano with the Jazz Ensemble. She sang for two years with the Concert-Chorale and took lessons on violin, guitar and vocal music. A native of Woodbury, Conn., she came to The University of Findlay to major in pre-veterinary medicine. Her senior year, she decided she wanted to become a teacher, and extended her time at Findlay by a year to graduate with a bachelor of science in biology with a wildlife emphasis and minors in nature interpretation and music. Her desire to teach took her to Japan, where she was chosen to become an assistant English teacher by the Ohio Saitama Teaching Program through Dr. Fumiko Harada, professor of Japanese. She teaches students English, as well as works with the English clubs, prepares students for English speech contests and coaches a girls' volleyball team. In Japan, she also plays bassoon and flute with the All Shiki Wind Band. In addition, she is learning to play the koto, a traditional Japanese stringed instrument, and Taiko drumming. For McAree, music is a thread that is woven through her life experiences and one that has created a strong bond with faculty and friends at her alma mater.



Kristen McAree '02

- No stranger to the Egner stage, **Joann Chase '96, M '04** participated in her sixth season of SummerStock theatre at The University of Findlay this year. She served as the casting director for all three productions and played a role in "Into the Woods." Selecting the cast was a tall order. She saw thousands of auditions in three separate locations, looking for men and women who could perform in all three SummerStock shows and be able to sing in two of them. Chase played the baker's wife in Steven Sondheim's "Into the Woods," which she called "one of the most touching, brilliantly written and well thought-out musicals ever." Previously, she served as director for "Always ... Patsy Cline" and "City of Angels" for SummerStock 2004. A native of Demotte, Ind., Chase was recruited to Findlay by the late Barry Alexander, director of theatre. After graduating in 1996 with bachelor's degrees in theatre performance



Joann Chase '96, M '04 (right) as the baker's wife in Sondheim's "Into the Woods."

and elementary education, she toured nationally with Theatreworks/USA in “Little Red” and with her two-person cabaret, “Girls Night Out.” She also has performed in musical theatre with leading roles in “Annie Warbucks” as Ella, “The Pirates of Penzance” as Ruth, “Nunsense” as Sister Hubert and “Gypsy” as Mama Rose. Additional directing credits include “Children of Eden,” “Little Women,” “Bullshot Crummond” and “Hello, Dolly.” Chase returned to The University of Findlay and earned a master’s degree in education in 2004. She currently teaches second grade at Arcadia Elementary School in Arcadia, Ohio.

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5. Oiler Sports

- The University of Findlay finished **sixth in the 2006-07 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Presidents’ Trophy standings**. The Oilers, who tied for sixth last season with Wayne State University, earned 88 points based on their men’s and women’s athletic teams’ finish in each of the 20 GLIAC-sponsored sports. During the course of the year, the Oilers men’s basketball team was the lone squad to pick up a conference championship, while Findlay’s women’s cross country added a second-place mark.

2006-07 GLIAC Presidents’ Trophy Standings

Grand Valley State – 180.5

Ashland – 117

Saginaw Valley State – 102

Ferris State – 100

Wayne State – 89.5

Findlay – 88

Northwood – 86

Hillsdale – 80.5

Mercyhurst – 63

Gannon – 61.5

Northern Michigan – 52.5

Michigan Tech – 49

Lake Superior State – 43

Indianapolis – 19.5*

Lewis – 6*

*The University of Indianapolis competes in football and men’s and women’s swimming and diving, while Lewis University competes in only men’s and women’s swimming and diving.

- Junior **Eric Atsma** was named to the Ping NCAA Division II all-Great Lakes Region first team for men’s golf for the second consecutive season, according to the Golf Coaches Association of America. Atsma also received honors as a first team All-GLIAC performer for the third straight year for his accomplishments. Atsma led the Oilers with an overall scoring average of 74.03 and finished second in the GLIAC with a conference average of 72.3. He captured three individual titles at invitationals at Mercyhurst, Bellarmine and Saint Andrews. He finished tied for fifth at the NCAA Great Lakes/Central Super Regional and also tied for fifth at the GLIAC championships with a 221. Atsma’s 74.8 career scoring average trails only Kyle Weisenburger’s 74.33 average in the UF record book.



Eric Atsma

- Former women’s basketball star, **Lydia Mihalik**, who was a four-year letter winner and captain of the squad during her senior year, has been named as the new senior women’s administrator at UF. She assumes the duties of Linda Jackson, who recently retired. For her career on the hardwood, she racked up 703 points and 416 rebounds in 89 games while shooting 49.3 percent from the floor. Mihalik graduated from Findlay in December 2002 and has served as a grant administrator for the Hancock Regional Planning Commission since 2004.



Lydia Mihalik

- The University of Findlay’s **women’s basketball team** was named to the Academic Top 25 Team Honor Roll for NCAA Division II for 2006-07 by the Women’s Basketball coaches Association. The Oilers ranked 22nd in the poll with an average team GPA of 3.331. UF’s **men’s and women’s outdoor track and field teams** were recognized by the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association as Academic All-Americans. Both the men’s and women’s teams recorded a 3.080 grade point average. The men ranked 14 and the women ranked 41.
- Check out Oilers sports at <http://www.findlay.edu>.

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6. Alumni Support

- Efforts by alumni and friends to memorialize **Professor Richard W. Corner** by establishing the “Richard W. Corner Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund” are making good progress. To date, 55 alumni and friends have made cash gifts and pledges totaling more than \$17,000. The scholarship will provide assistance to a student enrolled in the computer science major. If you have not made a gift yet, but would still like to do so, you can make a gift online by visiting www.findlay.edu. Click on “Give to Findlay” in the lower right hand corner. Insert “Corner” in the designation field.



*The late Professor
Richard Corner*

- A great way to double or even triple your gifts to The University of Findlay is through **corporate matching gift programs**. If you or your spouse work for or are affiliated with a company with a matching gift program, you are entitled to this benefit that allows you to help allocate their charitable dollars to causes that can make a difference in many lives. Visit www.findlay.edu to see if your employer has a matching gift program. Click on “Give to Findlay” in the lower right corner, then click on “Matching Gift Company Inquiry.” Or, contact your company’s human resources department for more information on how to take advantage of this great benefit.

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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.
- If you received *ArchLink* from another alum and would like to sign up for it, you may [click here](#) to fill out a form or 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.**
