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Welcome to ArchLink!



Greetings Alumni!

As usual, summer is slipping by very quickly. The alumni calendar is filled with events in August that could involve you. We start with our summer send-offs on Sunday, Aug. 13, in Columbus and Sunday, Aug. 20, in Cincinnati. If you currently live in either of these areas, please join us in meeting with the incoming freshmen and their families from your region.

- Columbus - Sunday, Aug. 13 – 1 - 4 p.m. at Robert '57 & Catherine Pritts' home
- Cincinnati - Sunday, Aug. 20 – 1 - 4 p.m. Ann DeHaven '70 hosting at Swaim Park

Please feel free to e-mail me at spraw@findlay.edu, or call (419) 434-4589 if you want more information.

Also, alumni are invited to be a part of the welcoming committee and assist with freshman move-in day on Friday, Aug. 25, or work elbow-to-elbow with first-year students as they do service projects in the community on Saturday, Aug. 26. All of these are great opportunities to get connected with the students and provide a chance to share your experiences.

As always I love to learn about and have the ability to share what is happening with our alumni. Therefore, remember 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 anticipates having literally a full house this fall as efforts are being made to accommodate more than 100 additional students who want to live on campus this fall. “We expect to start the year with about 1,350 students living on campus compared to about 1,200 last year,” stated David Emsweller, vice president for student services. Extra rooms are being converted on the second floor of Myers Residence Hall, which previously was used for offices. Also, 14 University-owned houses in the area are being prepared as student residences. Rooms in all other residence halls will be fully utilized. For more information, [click here](#).
- The University of Findlay has announced the appointment of four new deans:



Dr. Paul A. Sears is the new dean of the College of Business. Previously, he served for nine years as dean of the Dauch College of Business and Economics at Ashland University. He received his doctorate in organizational behavior from Case Western Reserve University. He also holds bachelor's degrees from both Lake Erie College and Yale University and master's degrees from the University of Chicago and the University of London. For more information, [click here](#).



Dr. Dennis G. Stevens is the new dean of the College of Liberal Arts. He comes from Lake Erie College in Painesville, Ohio, where he served as vice president for academic affairs and provost. He holds a doctorate in political science from Boston College and a bachelor's degree in political science from Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio. For more information, [click here](#).



Dr. Tomas Dillon will serve as dean of graduate and professional studies. He has served as associate professor and director of occupational therapy at The University of Findlay since 2001. He earned a doctorate in educational leadership from the University of St. Thomas, Minn., and holds a bachelor of science degree in occupational therapy from the University of New Hampshire and a master of arts degree in clinical psychology from American International College, Mass. For more information, [click here](#).



Dr. Marie Loudon-Hanes is the new dean of undergraduate education, where she is responsible for undergraduate programs and overseeing the honors program. She completed a year as interim dean of the College of Liberal Arts and has served as a faculty member and administrator at UF since 1992. She received her doctorate in American cultural studies from Bowling Green State University (BGSU). She also holds a master's degree in art history and a bachelor's degree in art education from BGSU. For more information, [click here](#).

- The annual Mazza Summer Institute was held on campus July 17-21 with more than 200 people spending the week learning from 14 nationally and internationally recognized children's book artists and authors. Presentations included descriptions of how the artists conceive and execute the ideas for their book illustrations, as well as sessions highlighting practical methods for using picture books with children. The institute, attended primarily by teachers and school librarians, provides undergraduate or graduate credit for many participants. For more details, [click here](#).
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- The University of Findlay hosted the first SummerStock Youth Conservatory July 10-14, with 65 youngsters between the ages of 6 and 14 participating in the production of “Disney’s Beauty and the Beast.” Led by master teachers and theatre professionals involved with the 2006 SummerStock productions, students during the week worked backstage acquiring painting/construction skills, as well as learning the vocal music, choreography and acting/character work. Eight conservatory students participated in the professional production, which was performed July 26-30. SummerStock attendance broke box office records for the fourth season in a row. For more information, [click here](#).



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2. Academic Update

- The University of Findlay’s pharmacy program has been approved for pre-candidacy status, the first step in a three-step process, by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). Students who are entering their third year of the pharmacy program at UF can begin the first year of professional pharmacy courses, continuing their studies in the six-year program toward a doctor of pharmacy degree. Sixty students are prepared to begin their third year in the pharmacy program this fall, with 60 students enrolled in each of the first and second years, which mostly cover basic science and general education courses. Students take advanced courses on campus during their third, fourth and fifth years, with the sixth year consisting of clinical rotations at hospitals and other pharmacy settings. Dr. Donald Stansloski is the dean of the School of Pharmacy. ACPE will revisit the program in one year to review the second step of the accreditation process. For more information, [click here](#).



- The UF faculty of the physician assistant program welcomed 18 students into the Class of 2008 by presenting each with a new white coat June 2. A tradition at many health professions schools, the white coat ceremony conveys the promise of dedication to the rigors of studies and symbolizes the serious and purposeful commitment to becoming health care providers. For more information, [click here](#).



- Incoming first-year students will benefit this fall from a re-vamped First-Year Experience (FYE) Program, formerly the Freshman Seminar Program. One of the major changes is that instead of being team taught by two professors, each course will be taught by one faculty member, assisted by an upperclassman as a peer mentor. Peer mentors will serve as liaisons between students and faculty and assist in teaching study strategies. They will be trained through a one-credit-hour class taught by Dr. Diana Montague, director of the FYE program. In addition to preparing students for the transition to college, a service learning component is incorporated. All FYE students participate in the community service program during orientation weekend and then over the course of the fall semester develop a service project to be completed in the spring. FYE students will continue the program with a one-credit course during spring semester as a follow-up.

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3. Alumni News & Events

- **Save the Date**

- o Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 6-8 – “Let Your Oiler Pride Flow”

- **Upcoming Events**

- o Aug. 13 Columbus Summer Send-Off Party/Bob & Catherine Pritts’ home
- o Aug. 19 Alumni Board of Governors Meeting
- o Aug. 20 Soccer Reunion at DeHaven Field (Women at noon; men at 3 p.m.)
- o Aug. 20 Cincinnati Summer Send-Off Party; Swaim Lodge, Montgomery, Ohio – Ann DeHaven, host
- o Aug. 25 Orientation – Development welcome carnival for parents and students
- o Aug. 28-29 Information booths on campus to direct students to classrooms and answer questions (Board of Governors)
- o Sept. 22-23 Family Weekend
- o Oct. 2-7 Homecoming
- o Oct. 14 American Quarter Horse Congress – UF 30th anniversary celebration
Western Alumni Anniversary Dinner – 5:30 p.m., Gilligan Building
30th Anniversary Reception – 7 - 9 p.m., Million Dollar Stallion Avenue

- Dee Dee Spraw, director of alumni and parent relations, recently escorted five visiting alumnae around campus. She gave them a tour of campus that included a trip down memory lane to the site of their former dormitory, Addams Hall. It is now The House of Hair Design, located on North Main Street, next to the College First Church of God. Shown at right are Margaret (Nye) Young ’60, Phyllis (Gnagy) Miller ’62, Carole (Luton) Michael ’61, Mary (Hemminger) Silvers ’60 and Patsy (Parsell) Gaines ’61.



Welcome UF newest little Oilers:

Jerry & Deanna ‘89 (Balazs) Townsend
Laura Madison, born June 30, 2006

Congratulations newlyweds:

Mark ’93 & Pamela Joyce
Married July 14, 2006

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4. Alumni Spotlight

- **Fred Hirsimaki ’56** captured five gold medals in track and field and added a sixth with his wife, Doris, in mixed doubles bowling at the Rocky Mountain Senior Games held June 24-25. Competing in the 80-84 age division, he won top honors in high jump, long jump, triple jump, discus and javelin.
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- **Todd Norris '91** has been named manager of performing arts interpretation for The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation in Williamsburg, Va. He oversees the staff and programs of the Theatrical Interpreters, which interpret the Virginia Company of Comedians and their work, and the Governor's Musick, Colonial Williamsburg's music ensemble. In addition, he continues to co-manage "The Revolutionary City" street theatre experience, perform in several evening programs and was featured in the 2005 Emmy Award-winning Electronic Field Trip, "No Master Over Me." He also serves as an adjunct professor of theatre at Christopher Newport University. At right, Norris prepares for his role as the Governor in a program called "Cry Witch!"



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5. Oiler Sports

- The University of Findlay's annual golf tournament yielded a record \$63,900, which will help support the athletic and music programs. Held at the Findlay Country Club in honor of the late Philip D. Gardner, the July 10 outing included more than 120 golfers. In addition, Brian Kuenzli, co-owner of Kuenzli & Son Paving Co., made a 174-yard hole in one, a first in the history of the annual event. Kuenzli won a 2006 Honda Odyssey minivan valued at \$41,631 from Gene Stevens Honda. Findlay Industries Inc. and Superior Trim Inc. sponsored the tournament.
- The University of Findlay football team began camp on Wednesday, Aug. 2 with 55 new faces. The camp will run for 23 days in August, culminating on Aug. 26 with the team's first game at the University of Charleston.
- UF sophomore men's golf standout Eric Atsma was named to the PING-Golf Coaches Association of America All-Great Lakes region team for his accomplishments during the 2005-06 season. A two-time Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) first team selection and a former GLIAC Freshman of the Year, Atsma won both the Motor City Invitational and the Ferris State Invitational last season. During the fall season, he finished in the top 20 in 11 out of 15 events. Junior Kirk Stucke was selected as a Cleveland Golf all-American scholar-athlete. For more information, [click here](#).
- The UF men's basketball team will be at home for 17 games during the 2006-07 regular season. The Oilers, with five straight appearances in the NCAA Division II Regional and five consecutive GLIAC South Division titles, will open the season on the road at the Tarleton State Tip-Off Classic in Stephenville, Texas. Last season the Oilers were 11th in the nation with a 25-5 record for 2005-06. For more details, [click here](#).



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

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6. Alumni Support

- Alumni support to the University in terms of private giving increased in fiscal year 2006 to the highest level in the last five years. The number of alumni donors also increased, as did total giving from all sources. “The increases from alumni are particularly important,” said David P. Ferguson, vice president for development. “Alumni support represents a strong endorsement of the stewardship and vision of President Freed and the Board of Trustees.”
- Connecting with You...It’s The University of Findlay Calling! In the very near future, you may receive a phone call from a phonathon student who will ask you to financially support this year’s Annual Fund. Your gifts make so many wonderful things happen at the University. Remember every gift counts, as corporations and foundations use alumni participation as an indicator to gauge whether or not our alumni are “satisfied customers.” Phonathon calling is scheduled to begin in September with 25 students callers connecting with you. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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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, 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.**
