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## Welcome to ArchLink!



Happy New Year, and we hope your 2007 is filled with happiness and success!

Speaking of success, the Office of Admissions at The University of Findlay needs your help in recruiting students in your area. Prospective students pay attention when they hear about our institution from our best source - you, our alumni. As a volunteer, you can help by providing names of potential students to Admissions, assisting at a college fair, making phone calls, writing letters or even hosting a reception in your town. If you are employed in secondary education, you can be of great benefit as you have first-hand knowledge of students planning to attend college. Information packets can be mailed to your school and distributed to students who are eager to attend a university that prides itself on offering an excellent educational experience with personal attention. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Nikki Shafer in the Office of Admissions at 419-434-4738 or [shafer@findlay.edu](mailto:shafer@findlay.edu).

Help me keep the "Oiler Pride" alive by staying connected. As always, please be sure to keep me updated by filling out the "What's New with You?" form at [www.findlay.edu](http://www.findlay.edu), KEYWORD: alumni.

With Oiler Pride!

*~~Dee Dee Spraw '93, director, Alumni & Parent Relations*

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## 1. What's Happening on Campus?

- Michael and Robin Gardner and the late O.J. and Georgia Huffman were named 2006 Distinguished Associates by The University of Findlay at the annual Applause recognition reception on Dec. 12, 2006. The Distinguished Associates award has been presented since 1975 to members of the UF Associates who, by their personal endeavors, financial support and leadership, have brought distinction to The University of Findlay. The generosity of Michael and Robin Gardner was a contributing factor in the success of the capital campaign for a new addition to the Mazza Museum of International Art from Picture Books. The Huffmans funded a scholarship at UF for deserving students from Hancock County. The Huffmans' daughter, Jayne Dahlgren, accepted for her parents, both recently deceased since the award was determined in July. Shown (left to right) are Michael and Robin Gardner and Jayne Dahlgren. To read more, [click here](#).



- The University of Findlay is the first university in the state of Ohio to offer customized electronic brochures to prospective students. The initiative combines online and print technology to give prospective undergraduates information about UF's programs and extracurricular offerings customized to their interests. Students interested in attending the University may visit UF's Web site at [www.findlay.edu](http://www.findlay.edu) and click on the "Create Your Own Viewbook" link on the home page. After the online form is submitted, a customized brochure with information about the student-selected topics will be e-mailed to the student within minutes. A print version will arrive at the student's home address within one week. The new technology is made possible through Hobsons, a company with an extensive range of publications and Internet services. For more details, [click here](#).

- Several of The University of Findlay's most recognizable buildings have been included in the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) Historic Campus Architecture Project (HCAP), the first nationwide architecture and landscape database of independent college and university campuses. It documents nearly 2,000 campus sites of historical significance with more than 4,300 images that have been provided by nearly 370 institutions. Old Main, Renninger (formerly a gymnasium) and the Carrothers Home were chosen to be included in the project. [Click here](#) to view the CIC HCAP Web site. Old Main was constructed between 1883 and 1886. Originally the Physical Culture Hall, Renninger was built between 1923 and 1925, and the Carrothers Home for the President was built in 1933. For more information, [click here](#).



- The University of Findlay will hold a scholarship competition on Saturday, Jan. 13, with nearly 150 students from around the nation expected to attend with their families. Qualified participants were invited to compete in the scholarship contest based on their high school grade point average and ACT or SAT score. They will be competing for a limited number of renewable scholarships worth up to \$5,000. For more details, [click here](#).

- Violinist Cristina Muresan will perform with the Toledo Symphony Orchestra as part of The University of Findlay's Concert and Lecture Series at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, at the Winebrenner Theological Seminary TLB auditorium. Playing her 1890 violin made by the French luthier Paul Bailey, she will be featured in Henryk Wieniawski's "Violin Concerto No. 2 in D. Minor."



Muresan, who began studying the violin at the age of 7, has performed with Chicago's Grant Park Symphony, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the National Romanian Opera and the New World Symphony in Miami, Fla. She earned her bachelor's degree in Romania and a master's degree at Bowling Green State University. She also studied on fellowship with the late Isaac Stern in France. The symphony also will perform "Academic Festival Overture" by Johannes Brahms and "The New World

Symphony" by Antonin Dvorak. Tickets are \$25 for general admission, \$20 for senior citizens, \$15 for UF faculty and staff and \$10 for students. UF students are admitted free, but must obtain a ticket. Tickets are available by calling the Box Office at 419-434-5335. For more information, [click here](#).

- "An Evening with Hugh Panaro" will feature Broadway performer Panaro (right) and pianist and Tiffin, Ohio, native Phil Reno (bottom left), at 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, in Winebrenner Theological Seminary. Panaro has performed leading roles in many Broadway musicals including "The Phantom of the Opera" and "Les Misérables" and in London productions of "Show Boat" and "Martin Guerre." He has toured nationally with "Les Misérables" and "Martin Guerre." For off-Broadway and regional theatre, Panaro has had leading roles in "Sweeney Todd," "Wuthering Heights,"



"Jesus Christ Superstar," "A Little Night Music" and others. Reno is currently the musical director and vocal arranger for the Grammy-nominated hit Broadway show "The Drowsy Chaperone." He also has served as musical director for Broadway productions including "The Producers," "Cats" and "Thou Shalt Not." Reno has toured nationally with "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," "Sweet Charity" and "Music of the Night: The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber." The performance is sponsored by The University of Findlay's Mary Snyder-Kirk Musical Theatre Guest Artist Chair, the Curtain Raisers Society for the Performing Arts, Convocations

Committee and UF's music and theatre programs. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$6 for students and senior citizens and free to UF students, faculty and staff with UF identification. To purchase tickets, contact the UF Box Office at 419-434-5335. Tickets also will be available at the door.

- Alpha Psi Omega, the honorary theatre fraternity, will continue its tradition of presenting Triage Theatre on Jan. 20, in which groups of students have 24 hours to write, stage, rehearse and present an original short play. As part of the experience, the audience and judges will select one play as the winner, with all participants of the winning play awarded the collected participation fees as a cash prize. Triage Theatre will be held at 8 p.m. Jan. 20 in the John and Hester Powell Grimm Theatre in Egner Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$5 for general admission, \$3 for seniors and students, and free for UF faculty, staff and students with UF identification. For tickets, contact the Box Office at 419-434-5335. For more information, [click here](#).

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- All are invited to participate in the third annual Unity Walk and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration Monday, Jan. 15. The event is organized by The University of Findlay and the Black Heritage Library and Multicultural Center. The Unity Walk will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the parking lot of the Anchor Community Center at 215 East St., Findlay, Ohio, and will proceed south to Central Church of Christ at the intersection of East and Hardin streets, where the celebration will begin at 6 p.m. Dr. Howard “H” Ward will present “We are STILL Caught in an Incapable Network of Mutuality.” The grandson of Mississippi sharecroppers and the son of upstate New York migrant farm workers, Dr. Ward received his bachelor’s degree from Mount Union College and his master’s and doctoral degrees from Bowling Green State University. Currently assistant vice president of housing operations at Rochester Institute of Technology, Ward has worked in higher education for 29 years and has received numerous awards for his work with students, promoting diversity and participation in community service. The celebration also will include music, poetry and comments from Tony Iriti, mayor of Findlay, and Dr. DeBow Freed, president of the University. A short reception will follow the program. For more information, contact the Office of Intercultural Student Services at 419-434-6967 or the Black Heritage Library at 419-423-4954. For more details, [click here](#).



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## **2. Academic Update**

- Maria V. Gamba-Riedel, associate professor of business and economics, was chosen as one of 40 panelists from a nationwide pool of approximately 250 nominees to participate in a pilot study for setting achievement standards for the 2006 Grade 12 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) in economics. Panelists, who were chosen for their contributions to economics instruction and to their communities, met in St. Louis for four days. Performance of 12th-grade students will be reported in 2007 according to the new criteria being developed, which will serve as a benchmark for determining future progress in economics instruction. The U.S. Secretary of Education will release the information about students’ economic performance before the end of 2007 in the “Nation’s Report Card for Economics.” For more information, [click here](#).
- At the end of January students will be requested to participate in an online survey, the National Survey of Student Engagement or “Nessie,” which gathers information directly from students on how they are learning. The survey takes about 14 minutes to complete and measures how involved students are in academics and campus activities. Detailed reports comparing institutional performance are provided for participating universities. Categories assessed include level of academic challenge, collaborative learning, student-faculty interaction, enriching educational experiences and a supportive campus environment. In 2006, 260,000 first-year and senior students from 523 four-year colleges and universities participated in the survey. Led by Dr. Marie Loudon-Hanes, dean of undergraduate education, UF will assess the data in an ongoing effort to improve the quality of the undergraduate educational experience and help students learn more effectively.

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### **3. Alumni News & Events**

- **Save the Date**
  - Oct. 12-14 Homecoming 2007
  
- **Upcoming Events**
  - Jan. 20 Women's Alumnae Basketball Game
  - Jan. 20 Men's 100-year Basketball Celebration
  - Feb. 3 Bus trip to Hillsdale; Alumni Reception
  - Feb. 8 Founding Day - 125th Anniversary Celebration
  - Feb. 10 Alumni Association Board of Governors
  - Feb. 17 Black Tie Affair - 125th Anniversary Celebration Student Dance
  - Feb. 19-23 Florida Receptions - Orlando, Sarasota/Tampa, Ft. Myers/Naples and Ft. Lauderdale
  - March 6 OHSAA Women's State Basketball Tournament Brunch
  - March 17 Pine Needles, N.C. - Golf, Alumni Reception
  - March 23 OHSAA Boys' State Basketball Tournament Brunch
  - March 31 Atlanta, Ga. - Tentative
  
- The University of Findlay has contracted with Harris Connect to compile an alumni directory that will be published and available to alumni for Homecoming 2007. This is a great tool to keep in touch or find fellow Oiler alumni or even network in an unfamiliar community. Beginning this month, Harris will contact UF alumni to get updated profile information for the directory. Please help us ensure that we have the most accurate information on you by filling out and returning the requested information.
  
- Sign up now for the Hillsdale College Bus Trip on Feb. 3, 2007, for both the men's and women's basketball contests. The cost for the bus trip is \$36 per person, which does not include game tickets. The bus leaves from UF at 10:30 a.m. Please register by Jan. 26, by phone to the Office of Alumni & Parent Relations (419) 434-4516 or [click here](#) for online registration.
  
- California here we come!! The University of Findlay Wind Ensemble will be in California March 4-10. They will be performing at Los Angeles, San Diego and Disney's California Adventure, Balboa Park. The Office of Alumni and Parent Relations will host an alumni reception as part of this trip.
  
- A new tradition was started during fall commencement activities on Dec. 9, 2006. The alumni director rang the bell six times (for 2006) before the start of baccalaureate services to welcome the graduates as alumni. As a gift from the classes of 1953 and 2003, the Old Main bell was restored and installed in a new tower on campus that was dedicated at Homecoming in 2003. The Alumni Board of Governors held the traditional graduation brunch for graduates and their families, serving more than 300 people. More than 380 students graduated from The University of Findlay during fall commencement ceremonies at the Koehler Fitness and Recreation Complex.



- Former FC/UF band members, mark your calendars for the weekend of June 3 - July 1 when Jack Taylor, director of bands, is planning a special Alumni Concert Band weekend as part of the 125th anniversary celebration. Band members will gather on Saturday, June 30, for a full day of rehearsal, followed by dinner together. On Sunday, July 1, a short rehearsal will be held in the morning, with an early afternoon concert at the Allen Dudley Band Shell at Riverside Park. The festivities will conclude by mid-afternoon to accommodate those who have longer drives home.

- The Office of Alumni & Parent Relations hosted a luncheon on Dec. 8, 2006, for those Findlay College/The University of Findlay alumni who are employed at The University of Findlay, with 43 employees attending (shown at right).



- The first celebration of 100 seasons of men's basketball at Findlay was held Dec. 9, 2006, with many Oiler alumni returning to mark the milestone. Many players and coaches have helped transform the program into one of the elite small college programs in the country. Findlay College played its first men's basketball game in 1904 when the team battled Heidelberg College to a 7-7 tie. The first basketball team went on to finish the season with three wins and one tie. For the next 39 seasons, the Findlay College men's basketball Oilers began piling up wins. In 1943-44 and 1944-45, men's basketball was canceled due to World



War II. Following the war, the college basketball program at Findlay College resumed for the 1945-46 season, with the team finishing with a 15-5 record. That season marked the beginning of 61 consecutive seasons of Oiler men's hoops. The 2006-07 season marks the 100th season of men's basketball at Findlay College/The University of Findlay. During the 100 seasons, the current all-time men's basketball record currently stands at 1,272 wins, 817 losses, and 2 ties.

Those Oiler men's basketball alumni who were in attendance on Dec. 9 included: **Robert Drake '39**, **Dr. Jim Houdeshell '53** – 30-year head basketball coach, **Richard Prince '53**, **Richard Dukes '54**, **Richard Rybarizyk '54**, **Doran Snyder '54**, **Herk Wolfe '54**, **Cot Marquette '55**, **David Jesse '56**, **Al Stacy '56**, **Theodore Rutherford '57**, **Bill Boney '60**, **Joe Hanauer '60**, **Larry Shaw '61**, **Keith Sooy '68**, **Larry Alter** - statistician and media member, **Dave Warner '75**, **David Gregg '77**, **Al Baker '81** – former assistant coach, **John Seiler '81**, **Greg Knestrick '90**, **Charlie Ernst '92**, **Tim Nichols '94**, **Jon Thorbahn (Turbin) '95**, **Chuck Daniels '97**, **Marc Bishop '99** and **Matt Metzger '05**. We hope you will plan to attend on Saturday, Jan. 20, as we continue to celebrate 100 years of the men's basketball program.

### Welcome UF's Newest Little Oilers:

**Anne (Rothlisberger '00) & Alec Bacon**  
Baby boy - Aidan Michael, Aug. 24, 2006.

**Tori (Tuttle '93) & Jason Durliat**  
Baby boy - Alex J. Durliat, Aug. 28, 2006.

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**John '95 & Jennifer Moshier**

Baby boy - Alexander Malcolm Moshier, Sept. 22, 2006

**Diane (Molyet '97) & Mark Rudolph**

Twin sons - Maximilian & Quentin Rudolph, Oct. 30, 2006

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#### **4. Alumni Spotlight**

- **Penny Gerdeman '98** has served as director of international student admissions and services at The University of Findlay since 2000, but she has spent 28 years working with international students since arriving on campus in 1979 as the administrative assistant to Frank Schultz, then vice president of student services. Today, her responsibilities include international student admissions, organizing recruitment trips and fairs, scheduling overseas alumni receptions, placing advertisements, retention, orientation and international student activities and trips. For fall 2006 semester, there were 644 international students from approximately 30 countries and territories enrolled at UF, which is more than 200 above last year. In addition, her office is responsible for tracking all enrolled students in the federal government Student Exchange & Visitor Information System (SEVIS). The office also must complete the I-20 form any time an international student wishes to travel. She noted that more than 400 students traveled over the holiday break, requiring 400 forms and verifying signatures. The growing enrollment is a sign of the success of the program, which depends in part on word of mouth about student satisfaction in the home countries. "Our enrollment possibilities for spring semester look very promising," Gerdeman said, "but it's too early to tell."



- **Brad Hammer '03** has been named as the director of career placement and assistant director of career services at The University of Findlay. He assists students in their job searches for full-time employment and works on increasing UF's relationships with employers to generate job opportunities at the undergraduate and graduate levels. As part of his new responsibilities, he administers UF's placement surveys, which track data on graduating classes and help identify



ways to improve job search services for graduating students and alumni. He requests that graduates from December 2005, May 2006 and December 2006 [click here](#) to fill out the online placement survey. Previously, Hammer was a sales account manager for Worthington Steel and Fastenal. At UF, he earned a bachelor's degree in human resource management and business management. He served on the residence life staff for three years and was a member of the track and field team, where he was named an NCAA Academic All-American and All-American. In 2003, he was honored as Student Athlete of the Year. He and his wife, **Julie (Renner '04)** live in Lima, Ohio.

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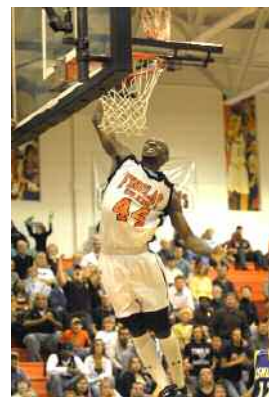
#### **5. Oiler Sports**

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- **Jon Wauford** '98 was named the new Oilers head football coach Dec. 11, 2006, becoming the 27th head coach in UF history. He served as assistant head coach and defensive coordinator during the 2006 season under Dan Simrell. Wauford began his coaching career at UF when he served as the outside linebackers coach and special teams coordinator from 1995-98, helping guide the Oilers to the NAIA Division II national championship titles in 1995 and 1997. A native of Findlay, he earned his undergraduate degree from Miami University and his master's degree from UF in 1998. He was the defensive line coach and defensive coordinator at Miami University in 1999 and 2000, respectively, recruiting the Findlay High School and current Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger to the Miami team in 2000. He also was offensive and special teams coordinator at Clinton (Iowa) High School in 2003, as well as a special education teacher. He served as the defensive line coach and defensive run-game coordinator during the 2004 and 2005 seasons at Kent State University. As a player at Miami, Wauford ranks among the all-time tackle leaders and still holds school records for most sacks in a season (14), career sacks (35) and pass sack yards (240). Following his playing career at Miami, Wauford played in the Canadian Football League for the Ottawa Rough Riders, British Columbia Lions and Las Vegas Posse. For the full story, [click here](#).



- The men's basketball team has extended its home winning streak to 46 games, the longest in the nation regardless of the NCAA division. Findlay's two wins over Northern Kentucky and Tiffin University during the Christmas break pushed them one game ahead of NCAA Division I school Gonzaga University, in Spokane, Wash., which has won 45 straight home contests. Ranked by the latest National Association of Basketball Coaches Poll as seventh in the nation, the team also has done well on the road in recent contests with Mercyhurst College and Gannon University, Jan. 4 and Jan. 6, in Erie, Pa. The Oilers beat Mercyhurst, 59-47, and Gannon, 91-63. The Gannon upset was Coach Ron Niekamp's 200th career victory on the road. The women's basketball team did not fare as well, falling to Mercyhurst, 75-59, and Gannon, 87-79.



- The Roughneck wrestling team wrapped up the Midwest Classic in Indianapolis, Ind., on Jan. 5-6 by finishing in sixth place with a total of 81.5 points. Senior Andy Uhl and junior Antonio Guerra (shown left) each captured individual titles, while sophomore Travis Clark finished second.
- For the fall season, 56 student-athletes from The University of Findlay were named to the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference All-Academic Team. The Oilers had 13 representatives from football, nine from volleyball, five from men's cross country, eight from women's cross country, 10 from men's soccer, six from women's soccer and five from women's tennis.

Check out Oilers sports at the newly-redesigned Web site at <http://www.findlay.edu>

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## **6. Alumni Support**

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- Colonel (Ret.) Halson Kent Edie and Barbara DeLong established the **Ralph H. '42 and Betty B. Edie Scholarship Fund** to honor their parents. The scholarship will provide financial assistance to full-time students with honorable service in the United States military.
  - Even after her death, **Mary Alice McDaniel '35** continues to demonstrate her dedication to education and her alma mater, then Findlay College, through her establishment of the Mary Alice Foster McDaniel Scholarship Endowment Fund. Through her estate plan, McDaniel named The University of Findlay as partial beneficiary of three commercial annuities, a life insurance policy and her living trust. Her estate gifts totaled more than \$119,500. The scholarship fund provides in excess of \$6,900 in awards to financially deserving students each 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.
- 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](mailto:archlink@findlay.edu). Please remember to add [archlink@findlay.edu](mailto:archlink@findlay.edu) to your address book/contact list.
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for meaningful lives and productive careers.**

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