



Photograph by Bill Wiegand

MILLER FULFILLS HIS DREAM WITH McDONALD'S FRANCHISES

Dwight Miller '73 is a dynamo of positive energy and optimism, and he has proven that his can-do attitude, indeed, can get it done. Miller is the owner of six, soon to be seven, McDonald's franchises in Champaign, Ill., and he also is the majority owner of Triple T Trucking Co., which supplies trucks for DHL package services.

His success is not by chance. He has carefully analyzed his career moves, thoughtfully assessed the role character plays in successful relationships and been ready to take calculated risks.

He and his wife, Alice, are business partners as well as marriage partners. Alice keeps the books and is responsible for accounts payable, payroll and insurance for the McDonald's restaurants.

They have two grown children, Heather and Scott, who also worked in the family businesses as they grew up. Heather graduated from Aurora University with a degree in marketing and married in June. She recently took a job in McDonald's corporate management trainee program. Scott will graduate in

December 2006 with a degree in sales and marketing from Purdue University. He expects to work on his own for several years before coming back to the family business.

Together, the family has achieved the American dream of entrepreneurship, hard work and success. Even their name for their McDonald's restaurant franchises – Dash Management – speaks to their unity. Dash stands for Dwight, Alice, Scott, Heather.

Early on, Miller's success might not have been predictable. He grew up in Detroit in predominantly black neighborhoods during the 1950s and '60s. Findlay College gave him an opportunity to participate in a summer foundational program for students who were under-prepared for college, but showed potential to succeed. Miller's determination allowed him to not only matriculate, but to graduate in three years. He also was a member of the football team for three years until an injury took him out of play.

"Findlay gave me an opportunity to go to college when other colleges didn't," Miller said. "And so I am always very appreciative

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of the fact that somebody said, 'We don't know if you can make it or not, but let's give you a shot.'"

He said that he uses the same philosophy in hiring people. "I don't like to decide if somebody can be successful or not. They need to make that decision," he stressed. "And if they want it badly enough, then they'll do it, and I find that usually people rise to the occasion, given the opportunity."

After graduating from Findlay College with a degree in accounting, Miller worked for Owens-Illinois Inc. in Toledo, Ohio, where he met his wife, Alice, who also was an accountant there.

After five years at Owens-Illinois, Miller quit to take a job as a manager trainee with McDonald's. His mother was appalled. His friends laughed. But Miller saw opportunity. He now advises, "If you're a risk taker, you have to be careful of what I call 'dream busters,'" saying family and friends who are well-intentioned can hold you back.

Miller quickly moved up in the McDonald's organization. After several years in mid-management posi-

For the next eight years, he and his wife operated United Consumer Club franchises, first in Albany and Buffalo, N.Y., before moving to Minneapolis, Minn. A wholesale catalog shopping club, the franchise involved giving presentations to prospects. Having never sold anything, Miller decided to "become a closing machine." He spent two years studying books and tapes, and soon their franchise was in the top five in the country out of 100 clubs.

In 1997, he and Alice finally got their McDonald's franchises with four restaurants in St. Charles, Mo., which they sold three years later in order to purchase the restaurant group in the Champaign-Urbana, Ill., area.

They have put down roots in the community. Miller was the chairman of the Champaign County Chamber of Commerce in 2003-04 and has served on the boards of the local YMCA and the Cunningham Children's Home Foundation. Currently, he serves on the board of directors for Strategic Capital Bank, a position he has held since 2004.

Asked what his biggest challenge is in operating the McDonald's restau-



Anne Risser Lee

Dwight Miller '73, in front of Bare Hall where he roomed all three years while at Findlay College.

Miller can empathize with what it is like to try to adapt to an unfamiliar culture. He recalled his days at Findlay College as not being easy, but they provided valuable lessons. He learned to persist in an environment that was more white than black.

"I think that whatever strength I got from doing that helped me in the corporate world, and it helped me become a successful franchisee. I would never have thought in a million years that I'd own a bunch of restaurants in a small community that is primarily white," Miller said. "We've been successful there, and I'm sure a lot of that had to do with the fact that I've learned how to interact with all sorts of people being at Findlay and that you recognize that there are good and bad people everywhere."

Miller's advice to students today is to study and get good grades, associate with other positive and successful people, and to have goals, a game plan and a timetable.

"Findlay helped me to realize, be strong, persevere. You know, there's always a certain amount of luck in anything. But I always believed that you make your own luck."

-Charlene J. Hankinson

"Findlay gave me an opportunity to go to college when other colleges didn't."

- Dwight Miller '73

tions, he became a zone licensing manager responsible for franchise development in the northeastern United States. Next, he was operations manager, where he oversaw profit and loss for company-owned restaurants in Connecticut and western Massachusetts. Then as field services manager, he supervised a staff that provided operational support for more than 200 restaurants.

After working in management for 10 years, Miller yearned to have his own McDonald's franchise. He was told he was turned down because he was being groomed to be a vice president. "I said, 'You know what? That's your dream, not mine. Mine is to be an entrepreneur. So I'm leaving,'" he recounted.

rants, he answered without hesitation, "Staffing." Citing a low unemployment rate in his county and competition from other restaurants and retailers, he said, "We're continually challenged to find quality people."

He has found a consistent source of manpower from the local Latino population, which is a result of a recent demographic shift. Currently, 50 percent of his nearly 400 employees are Latino. Although their English-language skills sometimes pose a challenge, Miller provides additional training to help integrate them into the business. "Those folks are part of the fabric of America now," he stated. "You're not going to buck that trend, so you need to get with it."

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GOT NEWS?

Whether it's updating us on what you've been up to since graduation or a nomination for next year's alumni awards, we'd like to hear from you! We'll publish information about births, marriages, new jobs and recent awards or promotions.

Send us your news at www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: ALUMNI.

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UNIVERSITY

The University of Findlay has renovated and moved into the former Findlay campus of Owens Community College, which adjoins our campus. The 62,000-square-foot building at 300 Davis St. is now home to the College of Education, the School of Pharmacy and the molecular and microbiology programs. Technology-enhanced classrooms, a new language laboratory, a computer laboratory, a reading clinic and methods clinic, along with faculty and staff offices, were ready when school opened in August. In total, there is 11,000 square feet of classroom space, 10,500 square feet of laboratory space, 600 seats for instructional purposes, 50 faculty and staff offices and eight conference or seminar rooms. Subsequent renovations through the fall will add labs for biology and pharmacy, and a curriculum resource center for education.

ACADEMICS

The first Fulbright Scholar-In-Residence is at The University of Findlay for the 2006-07 academic year. Professor Hancy Pierre, dean of humanities science faculty at the State University of Haiti in Port-au-Prince is serving on the social work faculty at UF. He is teaching classes on immigrant and refugee populations and speaking to First-Year Experience classes, campus clubs and community agencies and professionals. The University of Findlay has a 10-year exchange history with Haiti. Barry Mickey, director of the social work program has traveled to Haiti with social work students each year for the past 10 years. He also served as a Fulbright Scholar to the State University of Haiti for fall semester in 2003.

DEVELOPMENT

On August 17, 2006, President Bush signed into law the Pension Protection Act of 2006. For a limited time, you can directly roll over from your IRA(s) up to \$100,000 annually to charities such as The University of Findlay, without reporting the distribution as taxable income. For more information, see <http://www.findlay.edu>, KEYWORD: PPA.

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ALUMNI NEWS



[Director's Message]

Dear Alumni,

Homecoming 2006 "Let Your Oiler Pride Flow" was a true reflection of alumni celebrating their alma mater with the current students and the University faculty and staff.

A 5K race was resurrected and the Celebration on the Front Lawn featured reunions and special activities for children. The Oiler Marching Brass led the golf cart

parade down the sidewalk of Main Street and through the Griffith Arch to Old Main. Students, the Alumni Association, the Homecoming committee and others decorated the golf carts. The Homecoming court was featured in the parade, as well as a cart representing 70 years of generation to generation with George F. Tuttle, class of 1936, and Tom Ryerson, class of 2006.

Although the Oilers' didn't get a game victory, The University of Findlay won with picture-perfect weather and the University family enjoying the festivities. The following website has photos of the various events: http://www.findlay.edu/newsevents/centerstage/homecomingscs_oct06.htm.

Also, I want to thank the many alumni volunteers who helped plan and make this year's celebration such a great success.

Be sure to mark your calendar for Homecoming 2007 – October 12-14, as we will be celebrating our 125th anniversary. As always, please be sure to keep me updated by filling out the "What's New with You?" form at www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: ALUMNI.

Best wishes,

Dee Dee Spraw '93
Director of Alumni & Parent Relations

Alumni Calendar of Events

- Dec. 8** UF Faculty/Staff Alumni Appreciation Luncheon
- Dec. 9** Commencement Brunch
Men's Basketball 100-year Celebration
- Jan. 4-6** Men's Basketball Mercyhurst/Gannon Bus Trip/
Alumni Reception
- Jan. 20** Women's Alumni Basketball Game
Men's Basketball 100-year Celebration
- Feb. 3** Men's Basketball - Bus Trip to Hillsdale/Alumni Reception
- Feb. 8** Founding Day Celebration - 125th Anniversary Celebration
- Feb. 10** Alumni Association Board of Governors
- Feb. 17** Black Tie Affair - Student Dance/
125th Anniversary Celebration
- Feb. 19-20** Florida Alumni Receptions
- March 4-10** California Alumni Receptions
- March 16** OHSAA Women's State Basketball
Tournament Brunch
- March 17** Pine Needles, N.C. - Golf Team/Alumni Reception
- March 23** OHSAA Boy's State Basketball Tournament Brunch
- March 31** Atlanta, Ga. - tentative

For more information about these events, or to register, contact the Office of Alumni & Parent Relations at 1-800-472-9502, extension 4516.

WESTERN EQUESTRIANS CELEBRATE MILESTONE AT CONGRESS

Nearly 80 western equestrian studies alumni, faculty, staff and students gathered at the All-American Quarter Horse Congress Oct. 14, 2006, in Columbus, Ohio, to celebrate the 30th anniversary of UF's western equestrian studies program.

"The great success of the equestrian program is a result of the efforts of many dedicated people," said Dr. DeBow Freed, University president, as he addressed the crowd. "You have built today what is routinely characterized as one of the best programs in the country with clearly the best staff."

After a warm welcome from Steve Brown, director of the western riding program, guests enjoyed a dinner buffet followed by a history of the program and recognition of graduates introduced by Dr. C. Richard Beckett, chair of the UF Board of Trustees.

Special guests included Dr. William "Jack" McBride, dean emeritus and former vice president for academic affairs, who was instrumental in starting the program at UF.

Dan Webb, business manager of the Center for Equine and Pre-Vet Studies, gave the group a look at today's western equestrian program at UF. After closing remarks, all were invited to a reception on Stallion Avenue.



A few of the alumni in attendance included (left to right): Laura (Cappello) Smith '85 of Findlay; Patricia (Kessler) McCartin '82 of Williard, Ohio; Brenda (Jolliff) Alliman '85 of McComb, Ohio; Jody (Sherman) Brown '83 of Findlay; Ellie (Green) Quinlan '78 of Findlay and Janet (Moran) Huff '83 of Evansville, Ind.

Eric Lee



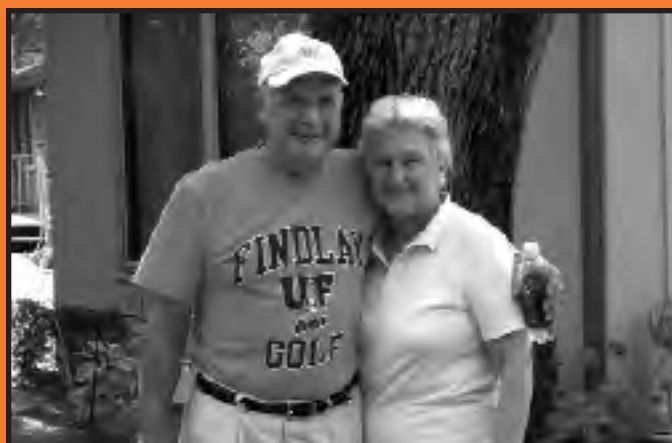
Senior Jared Kirk (right), president of the Oiler Environmental, Safety and Health Organization, presented a \$1,000 donation to the Bill Jutte Memorial Scholarship during the 20th anniversary celebration of UF's School of Environmental and Emergency Management on Oct. 7. Dr. William Carter (left), director of graduate, undergraduate and degree completion environmental programs, accepted the check.



David Emrick '87 (right), director of operations for United Solutions Inc. (USI), presented Dr. William Carter with a \$15,000 gift to establish the United Solutions Inc. Scholarship for students studying within the School of Environmental and Emergency Management. An employee-owned company, USI is an environmental company operated by six UF graduates.



A reunion for men's and women's soccer alumni was held Aug. 20 at DeHaven Field. Staff from the Office of Alumni & Parent Relations cooked hot dogs and hamburgers for the alumni, current students and parents attending.



Robert '57 and Catherine Pritts opened their Columbus, Ohio, home for the Aug. 13 Summer Send-off party for incoming freshmen and their families from the Columbus area. Great food, games and prizes were enjoyed by all.



The annual ice cream social sponsored by the Alumni Association Board of Governors was held July 26 prior to the opening of the SummerStock presentation of "Beauty and the Beast." More than 100 alumni and friends of the University enjoyed Dietsch's ice cream and socializing.

HOMECOMING 2006



The classes of 1956 and 2006 presented their gift of the oil derrick fountain to The University of Findlay on Oct. 7. Shown is John Hanauer, president of the class of 1956, at the dedication. The fountain was the inspiration for the Homecoming theme, "Let Your Oiler Pride Flow."



Members of the class of 1956 gathered around the new oil derrick fountain following the dedication.



More than 100 runners from Findlay and the surrounding area participated in the Homecoming 5K race. Proceeds were given to the Findlay City Mission. Winners were Mark Sanderson of Van Wert, Ohio, with a time of 17:08 and Kati (Stedcke) Hunt '01 of Findlay with a time of 19:55.



Alumnus Dave Braun '06 and his wife, Bonnie, ran the UF 5K to celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary. The pair ran in Findlay's Homecoming "Puttin' on the Ritz" 5K race in 1986, winning both the male and female divisions, and were married that evening. Braun is now a student in the MBA program.



The UF Oiler Brass and alumni marching band kicked off the golf cart parade by leading them down Main Street and onto the campus through the Griffith Memorial Arch.



The Mazza Museum's "The Magic School Bus," driven by Dr. Jerry Mallett, took second place in the golf cart competition.



The class of 1956 was represented by Janet (Shough) Hanauer in the golf cart parade. The golf cart towed a replica of the new oil derrick fountain with photos of class members.



George Tuttle '36, celebrating his 70th graduation anniversary, was the grand marshal for the parade. He was driven by Tom Ryerson, president of the class of 2006.

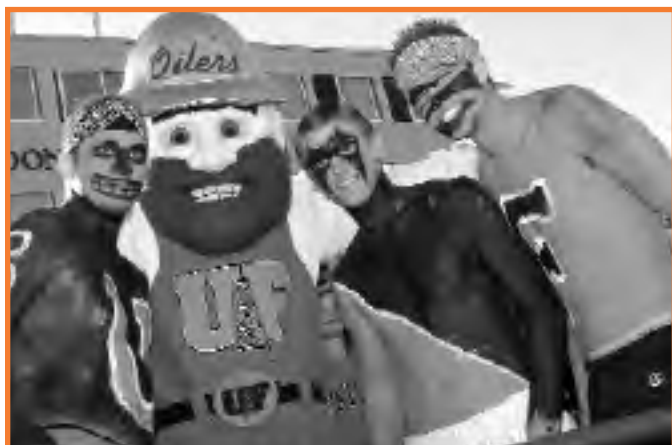


Kaiden and Abby, children of alumnus Kyle McGraw '05 and his wife, Kelly, had a chance to get their faces painted and to express their artistic talents at the KidsZone.

Two young fans showed off the balloon hats made for them by the "Balloon Man" before the game at Donnell Stadium.



Kim Jackson, senior social work major, and Jacob Hasselbach, senior marketing major, were crowned the 2006 Homecoming queen and king during half time of the football game.



These Oiler fans teamed with Derrick the Oiler to show their school spirit and support for the Oiler football team against Saginaw Valley State University at Donnell Stadium on Oct. 7.

Photos by Yekaterina Kontar, Jake Pinkava and Anne Risser Lee

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 above codes. A person with a degree, but not a bachelor's degree, from Findlay College/The University of Findlay will have a (code letter) after their name. A person with a bachelor's plus another degree from Findlay is listed under their bachelor's degree year with a (code letter and class year) after their name.

[In Memory]

'35

Donald Copeland passed away July 13, 2006, in Woods Hole, Mass. He attended Findlay College, where he was president of the junior class, before going on to earn a bachelor's degree from Rochester University, a master's degree from Amherst College and a doctorate in biology from Harvard University. During World War II, he was commissioned by the U.S. Army Air Corps to the School of Aviation Medicine. He implemented the first low-pressure chamber and directed the first high-altitude physiological training unit for photo reconnaissance. At the beginning of the Korean War, he was requested by the Pentagon to reactivate and serve as director for the Air Force Aviation Physiology Training Program. He also taught at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, Brown University and Tulane University, retiring from Tulane as professor emeritus after serving as chairman of the biology department from 1959-77. He was a trustee emeritus of the Marine Biological Laboratory, where he spent most of his summers after 1959 doing research. He continued to publish his research after his retirement until 1999. He also did deep sea research and was chief scientist on two Oceanus cruises in 1981 and 1982, and participated in nine additional expeditions from 1979 to 1987. He was president of Gamma Alpha scientific fraternity at Harvard. He received the Fort Findlay Meritorious Citizen Award in 1977. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie; daughters Jane Morton of Leesburg, Fla., and Diana Haines of Taneytown, Md.; and six grandchildren.

'36

Wayne Lanning died July 25, 2006, in Sarasota, Fla. He retired from Marathon Oil Co. in Findlay in 1975 after 39 years of service, and from Lanning Tire Sales Inc. in Sarasota, Fla., in 2001 after 26 years of service. He was a member of St. John's United Methodist Church in Sarasota; the Masonic Blue Lodge and Scottish Rite in Findlay; and the Elks Lodge, Eagles Lodge and Moose Lodge, all of Sarasota. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen; son, Stephen; four grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a sister and a stepsister.

'42

James Grauel passed away on Sept. 15, 2006, in Findlay. He was an accountant at Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. and Garwood Industries for 50 years and was administrator at Winebrenner Nursing Home, retiring in 1986. He attended College First Church of God where he helped with planning and building the church in 1950 and served as treasurer for 40 years. He was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church since 1987. He was the recipient of the Findlay Rotary Club's "Service Above Self" award in 1989 and received the Sixty-Year Award from the Grand Lodge of Masons, Findlay Lodge 227 F&AM. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; his children: Alice Benedict of Findlay, James of Raleigh, N.C., John of Atherton, Calif., and **Jane (Graul '74) Kutscher** of Westerville, Ohio; 15 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; two stepsons, Douglas Brown and Jeffrey Brown; five stepgrandchildren and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

John Houston died Sept. 12, 2006, in Findlay. He worked for the Hancock County Auditor's Office and retired from Marathon Pipeline Co. in 1982. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in Europe. He is survived by his wife, Jean, and a niece, **Ann (Burrell '83) Holliger** of Findlay. **Memorial contributions may be made to the John L. Houston Scholarship Fund at The University of Findlay, 1000 N. Main St. Findlay, OH 45840.**

'49

Ernest Cook passed away on Oct. 8, 2006, in Findlay. He retired from Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. He also was a teacher and coach for 10 years, part of which was spent at Donnell Junior High School in Findlay, and he was self-employed, buying and selling educational textbooks. He served two terms on the Findlay City Council, was a neighborhood commissioner for Boy Scouts of America Troop 321 and volunteered with various community organizations. During World War II, he served in the Coast Guard. He is survived by his wife, Ruth; sons Robert and David of Findlay and Bill of Keller, Texas; a daughter, Barbara Powell of Findlay; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and two sisters.

'50

Robert Kragalott passed away on June 16, 2006, in Columbus. He retired in 1990 as a professor of history at Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II as a signalman aboard a Landing Ship Tank (LST) in the Pacific Theater. At Findlay College, he was class president and won the Duval history award and was named a Distinguished Alumnus in 1989. He is survived by his wife, Jasna; daughter, Arden of Cupertino, Calif.; son, Mark of Woodbridge, Va.; a grandson, a brother and a sister.

'58

John Sausser passed away on Oct. 6, 2006, in Findlay. After high school he studied engineering at Ohio State University and did a variety of jobs during the Depression. During World War II, he owned Hoppenberg Machine Shop until he sold it in 1948 and also owned Concrete Block & Supply from 1946-49. He was owner and chairman of the board for John Sausser Steel Co. from 1949 until his death. After earning his bachelor's degree from Findlay College in 1958, he received his law degree from Ohio Northern University in 1961. He was elected mayor of Findlay in 1963, 1965 and 1971. He also served on Findlay City Council for three terms in 1986-87, 1990-91, and finally, at past age 90, in 2002-03. He is most noted for spearheading the planning and development of Findlay's largest reservoir, which was later named for him. He was a business laureate first-year inductee for the Junior Achievement of Hancock County Business Hall of Fame. A library room at the Black Studies Library also was named in his honor. Surviving are a son, **Joe '65** of Findlay; a daughter, Sondra Scoby of Findlay, and two granddaughters.

'77

Steven Rolston passed away on Sept. 7, 2006, in McGuffey, Ohio. For the past seven years, he was a teacher and coached varsity baseball and freshman boys and junior high boys basketball at Upper Scioto Valley schools. He also taught for 13 years at Hardin Northern schools where he coached junior varsity girls and junior high girls basketball, junior high track and varsity baseball. In addition, he was the owner operator of Rolston Plumbing & Heating in McGuffey. He was a member of the McGuffey Church of Christ and volunteered for several years as a coach with the Lima YMCA. He is survived by his wife, Jennifer; daughter, Jessica, who is attending The University of Findlay; son, Logan; a brother and three sisters.

[Friends]

Nancy Smith Downing died Sept. 5, 2006, in Findlay. She was a draftsman for the U.S. Army Engineers, Real Estate Division in Columbus, Ohio, during World War II, and later for the Ohio and Texas Highway Departments. In Findlay, she worked for a local design firm, retiring in 1988. She was a member of the Mazza Enthusiasts executive board, served as archivist and historian for the Mazza Museum and was a past president of Town & Campus. She also was a past president and trustee of Findlay Art League, where she won many awards for her pastels, watercolors and weavings. She is survived by her sons, Marcus of Findlay and Daniel of Tucson, Ariz.; daughters, Holly Dobson of Cheney, Wash., and Diann Rupert of Lima, Ohio; and seven grandchildren. **Memorials may be made to the Mazza Museum at The University of Findlay, 1000 N. Main St., Findlay, OH 45840.**

Kathryn Gambell passed away on Aug. 19, 2006, in Rifle, Colo. She was a librarian for sev-

eral years for the Findlay City Schools before working at the Findlay College Shafer Library from 1968 until her retirement in 1982. After her retirement she continued as a part-time archivist at Shafer Library. She was named a Distinguished Associate of The University of Findlay in 1992. She is survived by sons Thomas of Glenwood Springs, Colo., and James of Mazatlan, Mexico; a sister and a brother.

Virginia Houck passed away on Aug. 21, 2006, in Findlay. She retired from The University of Findlay in 1987 as a housekeeper. She is survived by a son, Larry of Jenera, Ohio; daughters, Nancy Essinger, Ginger Bello and Sally Pownell, all of Findlay; 12 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

O.J. Huffman died Aug. 2, 2006, in Findlay. He was a retired farmer and a Hancock County Commissioner from 1966-70. He was the former chief executive officer and chairman of the board of People's Bank in McComb, Ohio, and was a charter member of the Liberty Township Fire Department. A generous benefactor, he provided scholarship support for students at UF. He is survived by his wife, Georgia; a daughter, Jayne Dahlgren of California; a grandson; two brothers and two sisters.

Victor Redick, formerly an electrician with Findlay College, passed away on June 25, 2006. He is survived by a son, Richard of Findlay; a daughter, Phyllis Wolford of Findlay; a sister; two grandsons and three great-grandchildren.

Maurice Terry passed away in Upper Sandusky, Ohio, on July 26, 2006. He was a farmer, raising hogs, beef cattle and dairy cattle over the years. He was a member of the Marseilles First Presbyterian Church, where he served 15 years as an elder and as treasurer for 28 years. He and his wife, **Reva (Staley '36)**, established an endowed scholarship fund at The University of Findlay, and a room in the 1990 addition to the Alumni Memorial Union was named for them. He is survived by his wife and a sister.

[ClassNotes]

'56

Fred Hirsimaki won five gold medals in track and field at the Rocky Mountain Senior Games in June. His track wins in the 80-84 age division included high jump, long jump, triple jump, discus and javelin. He joined his wife, Doris, in capturing a sixth gold medal in mixed doubles bowling in the 75-79 age division. They reside in Findlay.

'57

Joe and Martha (Zuercher '55) Fish celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 4, 2006. He is semi-retired as the co-founder of the Bigelow Glass Shoppe, and she works at Bigelow Glass Inc. They are members of College First Church of God. They have two sons, Jay and Jeffrey, six grandchildren and a great-granddaughter. They reside in Findlay.

'63

Barbara (Eakin) Meyers serves as regional coordinator for Praxis III (Ohio's entry-year program) at the Regional Assessment Center at The University of Findlay. She is responsible for coordinating the assessments for first-year teachers in the West Central Region of Ohio to determine licensure. She also trains assessors to complete the Praxis III assessments. Recently, she was elected chair of the Mazza Enthusiasts Board, the support group for the Mazza Museum of International Art from Picture Books. Also, she gave a presentation for the Hancock Historical Museum's First Thursday Brown Bag Lunch Lecture in August on commercial artist Harrison Fisher. She and her husband, John, live in Findlay.

'65

Rev. Jim and Barbara (Benedict '66) Hibschan have moved to Ohio, where he was installed as pastor at Crossroads Community Church in Shalersville on Feb. 19, 2006. Previously, they lived in Vineland, N.J., where they served at a church for 25 years. They also spent six years as missionaries and teachers in the Philippine Islands.

Michael Smythe was featured in the Toledo Blade on Sept. 25, 2006, for his basketball career as part of Scott High School's two all-time best teams and for his work as a reporter and sports-caster in the Toledo area, where he appeared on WTVG-TV Channel 13 and WTOL-TV Channel 11 during the late 1960s and early '70s. Currently, he is general manager at KFVS12 and WQWQ-TV. His "ViewPoint" show was named Editorial of the Year in the Missouri Broadcasters

Association for five years in a row, and it has won first place in the Illinois Broadcasters Association for four years. He also serves on the board of directors of the Missouri Broadcasters' Association. He and his wife, Linda, live in Cape Girardeau, Mo., and have four grown children.

'68

Mary Sterner Lawson reports that while she and her husband, Ben, were traveling through the West for three weeks during May, they met Food Network show host Alton Brown at a small mom and pop restaurant in Mexican Hat, Utah, population 88. Brown and his crew showed up to film a segment for his "Feasting on Asphalt" series. The couple was included in the Aug. 12 airing and were shown as Lawson quickly drew a sketch of Brown. Both she and her husband are retired faculty members from Albany State University, Albany, Ga., and are currently living in Tallahassee, Fla., where she exhibits and sells her paintings.

'69

Jon Hiester has been maintenance supervisor for the city of Sarasota, Fla., for two years and is in charge of the physical plant at "Ed Smith Stadium," home of the Cincinnati Reds and home field for the Class A Sarasota Reds. He sees a lot of baseball and considers it a "dream job" for one who enjoys sports. He resides in Palmetto, Fla.

'71

Margie (Seidman) Racette has joined the faculty of Rockford College, Rockford, Ill., as an adjunct professor and is teaching master's

Charlie Parker '72

Charlie Parker was featured in the spring 2006 official athletic publication of Wayne State University, "Warrior Within."

Completing his 10th season as an assistant coach with the Dallas Mavericks, he saw the Mavs qualify for the NBA finals for the first time in 26 years. Parker previously coached basketball at the University of Southern California from 1988-96, after serving as head men's basketball coach at WSU from 1983-88.

In the article, he credited Dr. James Houdeshell '53, who was his basketball coach at Findlay College, as being his most influential mentor. "He was a Christian man, and I learned a lot about life from him," Parker said. Parker is a member of the Wayne State University Hall of Fame, as well as The University of Findlay Athletic Hall of Fame. UF awarded him an honorary doctor of athletic management degree in 1995 after he served as the speaker for undergraduate commencement ceremonies that year.



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classes in performance learning systems in education. She also is a second-grade teacher for Naperville School District 204 in Naperville, Ill., and resides with her husband, **Sam '72** in Naperville, Ill. He is vice president of sales and marketing for Gamma Imaging in Chicago, Ill.

'75

Jerry Buerger retired July 28, 2006, after more than 30 years in the field of mental retardation and developmental disabilities. He worked eight years at Hancock County Board of MR/DD as physical development specialist, three years as principal at Allen County Board of MR/DD and 19 years as superintendent. He began work as a consultant to local county boards of MR/DD in the area of board policies and personnel issues in mid-August. He and his wife, Tami, reside in Marysville, Ohio.

'85

Susan (Elliott) Cheney (A) is a purchasing and contracts assistant for Marathon Petroleum Co. She resides in Findlay.

Michael Wallen and Vicky Herre were married on July 19, 2006, in Cancun, Mexico. Both have worked 20 years for American Airlines. He has been a private pilot since 1999. She has two children, Alexa, 13, and Victoria, 4. The couple enjoys boating, motorcycling, flying, cooking and watching college sports from their South Beach home in Florida.

'86

Gregoria Guerrero-Cardenas is assistant principal at Klein Independent School District/Wunderlich Intermediate School in Houston, Texas. She has taught for 20 years and is in her second year as assistant principal. She and her husband, Gustavo, have three children: Miguel, 8, Monica, 13, and Maricela, 15. They live in Tomball, Texas.

Todd Norris '91

Todd Norris 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!"



'88

Greg Brickles purchased Balco Sign & Safety, a Virginia Beach-based sign manufacturer/distributor in January 2006. The business produces traffic control signage, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) signage, engraved signage and custom signs. He resides in Virginia Beach, Va.

Michael Mallett is the founder of Corporate Research International (CRI), based in Findlay. CRI was named one of America's 500 fastest-growing private companies for the second consecutive year by the September issue of Inc. magazine. The mystery shopping and research company was ranked 481 with a three-year sales growth of 314.1 percent. He and his wife, **Anne (Harrington '89)**, live in Findlay.

Tim Welch and Jamie Murray exchanged vows on July 7, 2006. He is employed by United Parcel Service, and she is employed at Citizen's National Bank, Bluffton. They reside in Bluffton.

'89

Michael Oxley (H), who has served as U.S. Representative for the 4th Ohio Congressional District since 1981, is retiring at the end of the year after 25 years of service. He perhaps will be most remembered for the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, which made changes in corporate governance in response to accounting scandals at Enron, WorldCom and others.

Deanna (Balazs) Townsend is an associate veterinarian with Cryan Veterinary Hospital Inc. in Westerville, Ohio. She and her husband, Jerry, welcomed a daughter, Laura Madison, on June 30, 2006. The family lives in Sunbury, Ohio.

'90

Christine Fakes was named information technology (IT) project manager in Global Project Services by Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. She is

responsible for large-scale IT projects, ensuring delivery of high-quality business information. She joined Cooper in 1990 and most recently was a sales and marketing business analyst. She resides in Findlay.

'91

Bob Cook has been named a member of the tennis staff at the East Branch of the Findlay Family YMCA. Formerly, he was the director of tennis at Orchard Hill Tennis Club. During 1991-92, he competed in the pro circuit of the International Tennis Federation. He has been a United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA) level 1 teaching professional for 15 years and continues to compete in USPTA tournaments, where he is ranked 12th nationally in the men's over-35 singles division. He resides in Findlay.

Gregg McClurg has joined Phelan Insurance Agency as a risk management adviser. He has 14 years of experience in commercial banking. He lives in Delphos, Ohio, with his wife and two daughters.

Angela (Adams) Rader and her husband, Brian, had a daughter, Laney Jean, born April 27, 2006. Laney joins Bailey, 7, Kaylee, 6, and Grace, 3. Angela is a social services supervisor for Hancock County Job and Family Services. They live in McComb, Ohio.

'92

Dawn Berry (M '98) was promoted to assistant vice president at Old Fort Banking Co., Tiffin, Ohio. She joined Old Fort Bank in 2003 as a credit analyst, and she has 14 years' experience in the finance industry. She and her husband, **Troy '92**, who is head baseball coach at The University of Findlay, have two children, Nicholas and Madison, and live in Findlay.

Robyn (Hufford) Tracy and Tyler "T.J." Wight exchanged wedding vows on June 25, 2006, in Gatlinburg, Tenn. She is an advertising representative at The Courier, and he is pursuing an engineering degree at Ohio Northern University.

'93

Glenn and Carol (Wehri '96) Miehls had twin boys, Jeffrey Bryan and Bradley Douglas, on June 6, 2006. Glenn is assistant registrar at The University of Findlay. They reside in Findlay.

Mark Joyce and Pamela Sheehan were married on July 14, 2006. He has a new position as sales representative for Calsonic Kansei in Dublin, Ohio, and she is the office manager and massage therapist for Hick's Chiropractic in Reynoldsburg, Ohio. The new couple resides in Lancaster, Ohio.

'94

Andrea (Decker) Brooks and her husband, Rich, had a baby boy, Aidan, born April 11, 2006. She recently was named voice operations analyst for JPMorgan Chase in Columbus, Ohio.

The family, including older son, Colin, 2, lives in Powell, Ohio.

Mike Junga was named beach services manager for the city of North Myrtle Beach, S.C. He is responsible for the recruitment of lifeguards and operating the city's concession budget. He and his wife, Tricia, reside in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Jennifer (Garber) Roth has a new position as director of volunteers and special groups for Boys and Girls Country of Houston in Hockley, Texas. She and her husband, Mike, live in Spring, Texas.

'95

Damian and Marlene (Whitt '97) Bowerman welcomed Aiden Nathaniel on July 24, 2006. Damian was recently promoted to graduate studies coordinator and publicity coordinator for The Ohio State University Department of Theatre. He also is an actor for The Contemporary American Theatre Company in Columbus and is a member of the Actors' Equity Association. Marlene transferred to Easthaven Elementary where she continues to teach first grade for Columbus Public Schools. They live in Gahanna, Ohio.

Laura (Wilson) Ulrich has a new position as marketing teacher for Washington Local Schools in Toledo, Ohio. Her husband, **Matthew '95**, is the owner of ProComp Risk Advisors in Toledo. They live in Monclova, Ohio.

'96

Bethany (Roynon) Crawford has a new job as scientist 3 at Shaw Environmental in Findlay. She resides in Carey, Ohio.

Jeff Steiner was promoted to industrial hygiene technician in May at General Motors at Lordstown, Ohio, where the Chevy Cobalt is assembled. He has been with the company since 1996. He and his wife, Andrea, had a son, Grayson, on May 5, 2006, who joins his sisters, Alexa, Avrey and Anistyn. The family lives in Fowler, Ohio.

Stephanie (Dyer) and Kelly '97 Stevens announce the birth of their daughter, Sydney Suzanne, on April 12, 2006. She joins older brother, Connor, 3. Stephanie is an art teacher with Tecumseh Local Schools in New Carlisle, Ohio, and Kelly is a science teacher for Vandalia City Schools in Vandalia, Ohio. The family resides in Vandalia.

Randy Weller and Wendy Kurtz were married on Aug. 26, 2006. He is store manager for Solid Rock Computers & Solutions in Napoleon, Ohio, and she is a licensed practical nurse for Parkview Nursing Home in Edgerton, Ohio. They live in Oakwood, Ohio.

'97

Sue Ann Becker (M) has retired from Findlay City Schools after 21 years as an art teacher and nine years as an administrative staff develop-

ment coordinator and software technician. She also has been an adjunct faculty member at The University of Findlay and Bowling Green State University for the past 15 years.

Christopher Brouwer is a partner veterinarian with Banfield Pet Hospital in Ann Arbor, Mich. He resides in Ypsilanti, Mich.

Scott Crouch (M '04) has been promoted to assistant vice president of the investment advisory division at Fifth Third Bank, Northwestern Ohio, where he provides financial planning and investment services. He joined Fifth Third in 2001 and has eight years of experience in financial services. A resident of Tiffin, Ohio, he volunteers with Seneca County Relay for Life and Leadership Seneca County.

Dan Franks is a project manager for Genesis Contracting Inc. in Holland, Ohio. He and his wife, Heidi, live in Green Springs, Ohio.

Tom Mescher is in his second year as assistant football coach at Wittenberg University. He also is a teacher for Southeastern Local Schools. He and his wife, Kelly, reside in Springfield, Ohio.

Charles Younger (H) was named an honorary degree recipient by Eastern Illinois University (EIU) in recognition of his leadership career in the cable telecommunications industry. After serving in the U.S. Army Counterintelligence Corps, he worked for Illinois Bell Telephone Co. and then joined Continental Cablevision Inc., where he became executive vice president, overseeing operations in eight states with 1.4 million subscribers. He also has been awarded the EIU Burnham & Nancy Neal Philanthropy Award for Outstanding Private Foundation. A member of the UF Board of Trustees since 2000, he served as a Dana Chair Executive-in-Residence at The University of Findlay in 1996-97, and UF awarded him an honorary doctorate in 1997. Younger and his wife, Mariann, are active volunteers and supporters with UF and the Mazza Museum. They reside in Findlay.

'98

Jon Detwiler (M) was named principal of McPherson Middle School by the Clyde-Green Springs Board of Education. Previously, he was principal at Fremont Middle School. He also served as assistant principal of the middle school for two years and taught seventh-grade science for seven years at Fremont and taught sixth grade at Otis Elementary School for four years.

Marcus Frederick is a nuclear medicine technologist at Kettering Medical Center in Kettering, Ohio. He resides in Miamisburg, Ohio.

Timothy Jakacki (M) was named president of the Defiance Regional Medical Center in August by ProMedica Health System. He previously was serving as president of Fostoria Community Hospital and will also retain that position. He has been with ProMedica Health System for 30 years.

He and his wife, Debbie, and children are relocating to Defiance, Ohio.

Daniel Kimmel and Virginia Panciallo were united in marriage on June 3, 2006. He is a project engineer with Marathon Pipe Line LLC, and she is an accountant with Marathon Petroleum Company LLC. They live in Findlay.

Rome Overmyer has a new position as safety manager for T.E. Ibbersen in Statesville, N.C. He and his wife, Beth Hansen-Overmyer, reside in Mooresville, N.C.

'99

Sandra (Cienega) Martinez is a claims representative for the Social Security Administration in Grand Prairie, Texas. She and her husband, Mario, reside in Grand Prairie with their children, Daniel, 3, and Alejandra, 1.

Nicole (Schifer) and Ryan Pelter (M '04), welcomed a son, Dawson Ryan, on May 15, 2006. She is a systems programmer/analyst for The Timken Company in Bucyrus, Ohio. He is a sales and manufacturing engineer for Engineered Wire Products in Upper Sandusky, Ohio. The family lives in Nevada, Ohio.

Shannon (Ramsay) Speelman has a new position as science teacher for Chaminade-Julienne Catholic High School in Dayton, Ohio, and completed a master's degree in education from Xavier University in 2005. Her husband, **Chris '98**, has a new job as safety consultant at Sheakley Uniservice in Cincinnati. They reside in Maineville, Ohio.

Vicki Stouffer (M) has earned the certified fund-raising executive designation through Certified Fund-Raising Executives International. She has been the director of annual fund and constituent relations for Gilmour Academy in Gates Mills since 2003. Previously, she was director of annual giving at Hawken School and executive director of the Perrysburg Convention and Visitors Bureau. She resides in Pepper Pike, Ohio.

'00

Angelett Anthony has a new position as an academic counselor at The Ohio State University. She resides in Columbus, Ohio.

Elizabeth Rule has a new position as controller at I.t.d. inc. in Tucker, Ga. She lives in Snellville, Ga.

Anthony Strahm and Adena Swinehart were married Aug. 19, 2006, in Fostoria, Ohio. He is an environmental engineer with Honda of America Manufacturing Inc. in Marysville, Ohio, and she is a medical esthetician at Studio 33 Salon & Medispa in Columbus, Ohio. They reside in Dublin, Ohio.

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Heidi (Riggs) Booth has a new job as paramedic for LifeCare Medical Services in Akron, Ohio. She also works for the North Canton Fire Department and completed her 240 Fire Fighting Class in December 2005. She and her husband, Nick, live in North Canton, Ohio.

Thomas Bradford and Jennifer Dixon were married June 3, 2006, in Findlay. He is a systems analyst with the Findlay Publishing Co., and she is an assistant editorial product manager with Media Span Software. They live in Findlay.

Frances Brar is an adjunct instructor of English for Brown-Mackie College in Findlay. Her husband, **Jags** (M '01), is the night store director for Meijer. They live in Findlay.

Sara Frailey has a new position as fifth-grade teacher for Bloomington Public Schools District 87. She resides in Bloomington, Ill.

Mary Kear has a new job as a fifth-grade teacher for Wynford Local Schools in Bucyrus, Ohio. She resides in Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

Nikki (Woods) Rapp is the program director for Dungarvin Ohio in Columbus, Ohio. Her husband, **Eddie '01**, is the inter-system coordinator for Franklin County in Columbus. They recently moved to a new home in the Canal Winchester/Lancaster area with their children, Jessie, 3, and Tyler, nearly 2.

Rebecca Shea is the assistant director/senior instructor/school program director for The Center for Therapeutic & Educational Riding in Townsend, Del. She resides in Dover, Del.

Kirsten Tatlow married Brad Basa on May 13, 2006, in Las Vegas, Nev. She is a consultant for PricewaterhouseCoopers, and he is a sales representative for Air Products Equipment Co. They live in Chicago, Ill.

Travis Wages married Kelli Sehnert on May 20, 2006, in Findlay. He is a staffing consultant with The Right Thing Inc., and she is the inquiry manager for international admissions at The University of Findlay. They reside in Findlay.

'02

Jessica Beard and James Kemerley were married on March 25, 2006. She works in customer service for Seneca Medical in Tiffin, Ohio, and he is employed by Gordon Lumber, Findlay. They live in Mt. Blanchard, Ohio.

Danielle (Pattew) and Jeff Fraser '03, had a baby girl, Lauren Elise, on May 17, 2006. Danielle and Jeff are both pharmaceutical representatives for Alcon Laboratories. They live in Metamora, Ohio.

Dr. Katie Ann Frederick has joined the veterinary staff at the Findlay Animal Hospital after earning her degree at The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine. She lives in Findlay.

Roseann and Vincent '97 Halliday live in Findlay and have two sons, Jordan, 7, and Jaden 3, and a daughter, Jamison, 5. Roseann is a substitute teacher for Findlay City Schools, and Vincent is a health and physical education teacher for Lima Senior High School in Lima, Ohio.

Shawn Jordan and Lynnsey Badertscher were joined in marriage July 15 in Carey, Ohio. He is an admissions counselor at The University of Findlay. They live in Findlay.

Jennifer Karl graduated from The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine in June. She was active in Omega Tau Epsilon professional fraternity and worked at the Equine Emergency Center.

Melissa Kreiling (M '04) and Tim Verdin were wed on July 2, 2006, in Hilton Head, S.C. She is a teacher at Straub Elementary School for Mason County Schools, Ky., and he is a fabricator with Verdin Co., Cincinnati, Ohio. They reside in Manchester, Ohio.

Jill Loney was hired as the director of English as a second language and instructor of English and Spanish at Urbana University in Urbana, Ohio. She resides in Springfield, Ohio.

Joshua Reams has accepted a new position as education services manager with Ohio Credit Union System in Columbus, Ohio. He recently graduated from the University of South Carolina with a master of mass communication degree. He lives in Columbus.

Martina Rostorfer participated with Ed Corle, UF associate professor of art, in "Clay in Suspension," an exhibit of ceramic artworks on display from Aug. 18 - Oct. 6, 2006, at The 1124 Gallery on The University of Findlay campus. She resides in Toledo, Ohio.

Andrea Shuck graduated in 2006 from The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine. She has joined Baronne Veterinary Clinic in Sunset, La., a predominantly thoroughbred racetrack equine veterinary practice, as an associate veterinarian. She resides in Lafayette, La.

Jan von der Embse (M) was promoted to vice president, investment specialist of Sky Investments. She has been with Sky Financial Group for 22 years. She also serves as a board member of the Girl Scouts of Applesseed Ridge, has been on the Ottawa-Glandorf School Board for 16 years, is a member of the Drug Free Advisory Council and serves with the St. Rita's Hospital Auxiliary Group.

John Wood graduated from The Ohio State University College of Optometry, where he was awarded the William Feinbloom Low Vision Award. He will begin practice in Findlay. He and his wife, **Kristin (Niedermeier '03)**, and daughter, Isabelle, reside in Alvada, Ohio.

'03

Kristan Bays (M '05) and Aaron Prater were married July 22, 2006, in Upper Sandusky, Ohio. She is a substitute teacher for Hancock County Schools, and he is an emergency response specialist for Eagle Construction and Environmental. They live in Findlay.

Lindsey Beckstedt (M '05) was named varsity volleyball coach at Findlay High School. She has taught math, language arts and reading at Donnell Middle School since 2003. She also was a graduate assistant at The University of Findlay for two years, assisting in recruiting, tournaments and training, in addition to coaching the UF junior varsity team to a 17-3 season.

Jennifer Hattendorf and Douglas McDaniel were wed July 8, 2006, in Findlay. She is an English teacher at Hardin Northern School, and he is a maintainer at Ball Metal Corp. They live in Findlay.

Mark Meibers and Miranda Back were married on June 10, 2005, in Harrison, Ohio. He is a middle school teacher with the Northwest Local School District in Cincinnati, Ohio, and also is the head football coach at White Oak Middle School and a varsity assistant track coach at Colerain High School, where he helped coach the team to its fifth consecutive league championship. She is an elementary school teacher for Southwest Local School District in Cincinnati. They live in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Rebecca Ruggles and Matthew Geris were wed on June 10, 2006, in Findlay. She is a recreation therapist at Levidale Hebrew Geriatric Center and Hospital, and he is a security specialist at the Naval Criminal Investigative Service. They live in Halethorpe, Md.

JoAnn (Burns) Welker (M) has retired from Findlay City Schools as a work-study coordinator, special education instructor, communications teacher and home instructor after working 35 years in education. She taught at Riverdale Local Schools before beginning teaching in 1973 with Findlay City Schools.

Renee Williams was named assistant manager for the Christian Theological Seminary (CTS) bookstore in Indianapolis, Ind. She earned a master's degree in theological studies from CTS and worked in the bookstore as a student. She has more than 15 years experience in retail. She also volunteers for Emergent Leadership Institute and HelpIndyOnline.com, a volunteer center to assist high school and college students.

'04

Joy (Moore) Anderson is an administrative case manager at the Children's Mentoring Connection (formerly Big Brothers/Big Sisters) in Findlay. She also is a substitute at Blanchard Valley Industries, working with the MR/DD population and subbing in the workshop, along with working one-on-one with an individual in the community as a supported living provider. Her husband, **Nathan Anderson '04**, is a soft-

ware developer at Cooper Tire & Rubber Co., Findlay, and often implements software at other Cooper plants. They live in Findlay.

Megan Barrett and **Daniel Dahms** ('04, M '05) were married on May 20, 2006, in Findlay. She is a human resource specialist at Hancock Federal Credit Union, and he is an accountant with Marathon Petroleum Company LLC. They live in Findlay.

Brandon Distel has a new position as general manager for Fastenal in Findlay, where he resides.

Scott Grant (M '06) is the new boys golf coach at Findlay High School. He received his MBA in sports management/human resources from The University of Findlay in May. He was a substitute teacher at Findlay High School during the past year.

Lucas Hawkins and **Angie Wonderly** were married on May 6, 2006, in Findlay. He is a group counselor at Hannah Neal Center, Columbus, Ohio, and she is an administrative assistant at Generations in Columbus. They live in Hilliard, Ohio.

Lisa Hummel earned her MBA in organizational leadership from The University of Findlay in May 2006. She now has a new position as financial center manager for Fifth Third Bank. She resides in Findlay.

Angela McVey and **Steve Copenhaver** were married May 20, 2006, in Coshocton, Ohio. She is an occupational therapist at Twin City Hospital in Dennison, Ohio, and he is an occupational therapist at Coshocton County Memorial Hospital. They live in Coshocton.

Brooke Orians and **Ryan Imke** were joined in marriage on May 20, 2006, in Carey. She is a pre-school special needs teacher with Sandusky County Educational Service Center, and he is a sixth-grade teacher with Findlay City Schools. They live in Tiffin.

Jeremy Rinehammer was promoted to district service and parts manager for the southwestern U.S. for Crown Equipment Corp. in New Bremen, Ohio, where he has been employed since 2004. He works with independent dealers on marketing and selling material handling equipment for Crown, which is the largest electric lift truck manufacturer in North America. He resides in Minster, Ohio.

AJ Schifer and **Josh Stanek** were married July 15, 2006. She is an intervention specialist for Wynford Schools in Bucyrus, Ohio, and he is employed by Key Bank in Mansfield, Ohio.

Angela Zorn and **Paul Guthrie** were married June 3, 2006, in Findlay. She is employed at Red Lobster and is a substitute teacher for schools in Hancock County, and he is employed at Hancor Inc. They live in Findlay.

Michael Spragg (MBA '99)

Michael Spragg (MBA '99) is serving his third year as the Findlay chair for the Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges (OFIC) annual campaign. As the local chair, he sends letters and solicits businesses and foundations for gifts on behalf of the 35 member colleges of OFIC. Funds raised are unrestricted dollars or designated for scholarship support. Spragg is one of about 400 volunteers across Ohio who last year helped OFIC raise nearly \$3.5 million. The University of Findlay received more than \$95,000 in 2005-06 as its share from OFIC, including about \$50,000 in student scholarships. Spragg has had a 16-year career in banking and currently is district president of the northern region for Sky Bank in Findlay. He also has volunteered for the Business Affiliates Appreciation Day and served as president of the University Colleagues Advisory Board at UF.



'05

Todd Larson and **Lyndsay Chrisman** were married June 1, 2006, in St. Lucia. He is a territory manager with Cooper Tire & Rubber Co., and she is a homemaker. They live in Yelm, Wash.

Emilie Carles and **Scott Meinardi** were married July 1, 2006, in Findlay. She has a new position with the Center for Mental Health as the social work-HIV/AIDS care coordinator, and he is an electrical engineer with Richmond Power and Light. They reside in Richmond, Ind.

Erika Miklovic (M) and **Matthew Clark** exchanged vows on June 24, 2006, in Findlay. She is a substitute teacher, and he is the owner of the Virginia Clark Theater in North Baltimore, Ohio. They live in Findlay.

Shelby Rieke has accepted a position as information director and box office coordinator at The University of Findlay. She lives in Findlay.

Natalie Vaughn and **Daniel Strasser** were united in marriage on June 10, 2006. She taught math last year at Cypress Lake Middle School in Ft. Myers, Fla., and he taught social studies last year at Bonita Springs Middle School in Florida. They are planning to relocate to the Columbus, Ohio, area.

John Whiteaker is the new corporate safety director for Parrish Enterprises Ltd. in Enid, Okla. He retired from the Air Force on Nov. 1, 2005. He and his wife, Toshie, live in Enid.

'06

Julie Mills and **Brian Zimmerman** were wed on May 20, 2006, in North Canton, Ohio. They reside in Bowling Green, Ohio.

[Friends]

Lynn Child, CEO of CentraComm Communications, Findlay, has had her company ranked number 23 on CRN's 2006 Fast-Growth 100 list of technology integrators and solution providers. CentraComm grew 253 percent between 2003 and 2005. Child has served on the UF Board of Trustees since 2000.

John Jeffire, former head wrestling coach, has published his first novel, "Motown Burning," through Trafford Publishing of Canada. The novel won the 2005 Mount Arrowsmith Novel Competition. For more information, see <http://johnjeffire.com>. He coached and was an instructor of English at UF from 1989-97, taking the Roughnecks to an NAIA national championship in 1995. He currently is the head wrestling coach and English teacher at Chippewa Valley High School. He and his wife, Tracey, and two children, reside in Clinton Township, Mich.

James Riley, Ph.D., formerly associate vice president for graduate programs, institutional research and assessment strategies at The University of Findlay, has written a book, "Learning to Serve, Serving to Learn." The book is inspired by the example of selfless service of his wife, Beth Sweitzer-Riley, Ph.D., who previously was assistant vice president for student development at UF. For more information, see <http://www.HighRoadFirstEditions.com>. Both are currently at Manchester College in Indiana where he is a professor and coordinator of student teachers, and she is vice president of student development. They live in Silver Lake, Ind.

Thanks to all who have submitted their updates for Alumnotes. Information for this issue was received by Aug. 27, 2006. Subsequent submissions will appear in future issues of MainLine or the Findlay magazine.

CAMPUS EVENTS

DR. GUPTA HONORED BY FORMER STUDENTS

Dr. William J. Landes '75 and Joseph Gaffney '80 returned to campus in the couple days prior to Homecoming for a two-fold reason. They helped initiate the Visiting Executives Program for the College of Business on Oct. 5-6, and they came to honor Dr. Shiv K. Gupta, professor of marketing and economics, at a dinner in which he was presented with the Shiv K. Gupta Business Scholarship Endowment Fund.

Landes is chief executive officer of 2100 Capital Group, a hedge fund he started in 2004 in association with Old Mutual Asset Management. Previously, he had an 18-year career with Putnam Investments, where he held key leadership positions, including head of global investment research and chief investment officer. After graduating from Findlay College, he earned his master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Cincinnati and taught finance for several years at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis.

Gaffney enjoyed a career that began with Ball Metal Corp. The New Jersey native started taking night classes at Findlay College in 1973 when his company transferred him to Findlay. As a non-traditional student with a wife and family, he continued classes at Findlay until 1978 when he was transferred to Golden, Colo., eventually completing his degree at Metro State College in Denver. He left Ball Metal in 1986 and retired in 1999 as vice president for operations for American National Can Co., where he was in charge of 12 manufacturing plants in the United States and Mexico. Currently, he is director of golf operations for Legacy Golf Resort in Phoenix, Ariz.

Both men were enthusiastic about the Visiting Executives Program in which they gave a formal presentation focusing on education and globalization that was open to the campus and community, and then they shared their experiences and expertise in about half a dozen upper-level business classes.

"The idea is to help the students realize that through their own determination and passion they can be successful in their own right," Gaffney said. "Having the ability to interact with the students is not only a pleasure for us, but certainly a reward for us as we move through our careers." Landes concurred, saying, "The other reason for coming back is part of giving back."

Both men are determined to give back because of the role they say Gupta played in impacting them personally and professionally. Landes recalled that when he was a student Gupta literally grabbed him out of the hall and sat him down in his office. Even though Landes was doing well in class, Gupta challenged him to do better and work to his potential. Gupta also helped guide him in pursuing graduate education.

Gaffney remembered Gupta also pulling him into his office and told him he wanted Gaffney to head up a Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team. Gaffney responded that he'd never heard of SIFE, to which he said Gupta replied, "Well, you will!" Gaffney has continued throughout his career to consult with Gupta. "He is such an objective person, I value his input," Gaffney said.

Landes and Gaffney, who were instrumental in starting the endowment fund honoring Gupta for his nearly 40 years at Findlay, presented the Gupta Business Scholarship Endowment at a recognition dinner on Oct. 6. More than 30 alumni contributed, raising more than \$44,000 for the fund. Gupta's family also was in attendance. They established the Gupta Family Chair in the College of Business in his honor with a \$50,000 gift.



The family of Dr. Shiv Gupta presented the Gupta Family Chair in the College of Business with a \$50,000 gift at the recognition dinner on Oct. 6.



Dr. Shiv Gupta, professor of marketing and economics, was presented a scholarship in his name from alumni in honor of his years of dedication in teaching students. Shown are: Dr. DeBow Freed, Dr. Gupta, Joseph Gaffney '80, Dr. William Landes '75 and Michele (Evans) Landes '76.

Gaffney noted that Gupta said he was humbled by the honor, but Gaffney responded, "I told him he shouldn't be humbled by it, but in fact enjoy it, because it's something he's earned because he put himself out for us."

Others wishing to contribute to the Shiv K. Gupta Business Scholarship Endowment fund may mail donations to the Office of Development, 1000 N. Main St. Findlay, Ohio, with checks made payable to The University of Findlay.

ALUMNI HONORED AT HOMECOMING

The University of Findlay honored three graduates as Distinguished Alumni and named recipients of the Old Main Award, the Gold Medallion Award and the Arch Award during the annual Alumni Association Breakfast on Oct. 7, 2006, as part of Homecoming Weekend.

Named Distinguished Alumni were: Jerald F. Clark '66, Dr. Julie (Dean) McIntosh '90 and Rosaline "Roady" (Gregory) Morgan '71. Dr. Jonathan Davis received the Old Main Award, which recognizes the achievements of alumni aged 35 and younger, and Clark L. Fleming '58 was granted the Gold Medallion Award, which is presented posthumously in recognition of outstanding service and accomplishments during his lifetime. Dr. Jerry J. Mallett was honored as the 2006 recipient of the Arch Award, established in 2004 to recognize outstanding service by a staff member.

Jerald Clark is chairman of the board of Atlas Industries Inc. and has served eight years on the UF Board of Trustees.

Dr. Julie (Dean) McIntosh is an assistant professor of education and director of the Adolescent, Young Adult and Multi-Age Programs at The University of Findlay and is president of the Alumni Association Board of Governors.

Rosaline "Roady" (Gregory) Morgan taught at Wanamaker Middle/High Demonstration School in Philadelphia, Pa., from 1972 to 2005 and coached girls' middle school sports.

Jonathan Davis, D.D.S., earned a degree in dentistry in 2004 at The Ohio State University. Capt. Davis has been on active duty with the U.S. Army since 2003, including a 12-month tour of duty in Iraq.

The late **Clark L. Fleming** was a teacher and administrator at Crestview Local Schools, including serving as superintendent from 1970-86. He also served in additional educational capacities before retiring in 1998. He passed away on Feb. 27, 2006.

Dr. Jerry J. Mallett has been a professor of education at Findlay since 1968 and is director of the Mazza Museum, which he founded in 1982. Dr. Mallett also is the author or co-author of 54 children's and professional education books.



Honorees are: Dr. Jerry Mallett, Dr. Julie (Dean) McIntosh, Jerald Clark, Rosaline (Gregory) Morgan, Mrs. Clark Fleming for her late husband and Capt. Jonathan Davis.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

The University of Findlay inducted six former Oiler athletes into its Athletic Hall of Fame on Oct. 7 during Homecoming activities.

Inductees included tennis stand-out Robert (Bob) Cook '91 of Findlay; women's basketball and softball team leader Kelly (Murray) Jay '88 of St. Marys; nationally recognized wrestling coach John Jeffire of Clinton Township, Mich.; record-holding point guard Jenni McGraw '96 of Findlay; baseball star Steve Rolston '77 of McGuffey, inducted posthumously, and All-American defensive tackle Chris Smith '93 of Fremont.

Cook's tennis career at Findlay includes being ranked 25th in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) National Tennis Poll in 1988. He recently was ranked as the No. 12 player in the men's over-35 division of the U.S. Professional Tennis Association National Poll. Cook works at the Findlay YMCA.

Jay still holds many women's basketball records for assists and field goals. She led her teams to the Western Buckeye Collegiate Conference basketball championships twice and her softball teams to three titles. She is a high school English teacher in St. Marys, Ohio.

Jeffire was head wrestling coach from 1989 to 1997. He has the most wins in UF history, five NAIA individual national champions and an NAIA national wrestling title in 1995 for which he was named Wrestling Coach of the Year. Currently, he is the head wrestling coach and English teacher at Chippewa Valley High School in Michigan.

As a point guard on the women's basketball team, **McGraw** was named in 1996 as Mid-Ohio Conference Player of the Year. She is the second leading scorer with 1,497 points. McGraw is a physical education and health teacher at Allen East High School.

Rolston still holds several school baseball records. His 1976 season batting average was the second-best in the NAIA. He was an educator and baseball coach in Hardin County for 20 years. Rolston passed away Sept. 7, 2006.

Smith was a defensive tackle and earned Defensive Player of the Game in both the NAIA national semi-finals and the NAIA national football championship in 1992. Smith is the vice president of Smith Crane Services Inc.



Hall of Fame inductees are: Mrs. Steve Rolston for her late husband, Bob Cook, Kelly (Murray) Jay, Chris Smith, John Jeffire and Jenni McGraw.

BOARD NEWS



Dear Alumni:

The University of Findlay will kick off the 125th Anniversary celebration with Founding Day on Feb. 8, 2007, and close with Homecoming Oct. 12-14, 2007. The theme for the quasiquicentennial is *Celebrating the Past, Embracing the Future*. Dr. Richard Kern is revising his book "Findlay College: The First 100

Years" to include the last 25 years. Various events for students, alumni and the public will take place in 2007 and a master calendar will be available soon. Each college will be planning receptions and speakers to celebrate this anniversary. The University is also working closely with city officials, the Hancock Historical Museum, the Churches of God, General Conference, and Winebrenner Theological Seminary in order to include everyone in this momentous occasion.

In addition to our 125th anniversary, Oilers men's basketball will celebrate their 100th season and the Mazza Museum will have a 25th-year celebration. In order to stay connected and updated on events, please visit our website at www.findlay.edu KEYWORD: ALUMNI.

If you are interested in helping the University in any way, please call or e-mail the Alumni Office at 419-434-4516, 1-800-472-9502 extension 4516, or alumni@findlay.edu. We will be happy to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Julie (Dean) McIntosh '90, President
Alumni Association Board of Governors

Call for Memorabilia



In celebration of our 125th anniversary in 2007, The University of Findlay is planning displays in locked cases on campus to show photos and items from our past from all eras. If you have photos (or copies of photos) or items of interest that you are willing to donate or loan during the anniversary year, include your name and address and send to Dr. James Houdeshell at The University of Findlay, 1000 N. Main St., Findlay OH 45840. For information, contact Dr. Houdeshell at 419-434-4551 or houdeshell@findlay.edu. Thanks!

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