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Welcome to ArchLink!



Greetings, alumni!

Join the entire Findlay College/The University of Findlay Oiler community for Homecoming and Family Weekend! Experience the campus in full fall splendor while enjoying a schedule of activities in a first-ever event that embraces alumni, students, parents, grandparents, faculty and staff. The theme selected this year ties in nicely with combining Family Weekend with Homecoming – “We Are Family.”

Besides reuniting with former classmates, faculty and staff, our alumni can experience the campus at the height of the fall season and see how the academic year has started, with our students fully engaged in classes and activities. Parents and families can visit their students early in the academic year and learn more about the college experience.

The members of the Class of 1961 will celebrate their golden reunion. Planning is progressing for the sixth annual 5K walk/run, dedication of the 1961, 2010 & 2011 class gift, recognition of the 25-year anniversary of the environmental program, reunions for the Greeks, Black Student Union and Marketing Club and many other activities for our alumni and their families.

Another new ingredient added to the festivities will be an Oiler cookbook of recipes from alumni, students, parents, grandparents, faculty, staff and friends. All types of recipes will be included — from beverages and sandwiches to dips and desserts.

So, dig out that favorite recipe and submit it today! All submissions can be made at www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Oiler Cookbook. To be sure your recipe is included in the Oiler Cookbook, please submit your entry by Friday, Aug. 26.

Stay connected with your alma mater and mark your calendar to return to campus Oct. 14-15! Continue your Oiler pride, and be sure to keep me updated by filling out the “What’s New with You?” form at www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Alumni.

With Oiler Pride!

~~Dee Dee Spraw '00, M '07, director, Alumni & Parent Relations

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1. What's Happening on Campus?

The University of Findlay recently was awarded a \$36,200 grant from the Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation to provide students in grades kindergarten through 12 with experiential intercultural learning opportunities in school. The funds are made available from the Madeleine T. Schneider Fund. The project, Internationalize K-12 Education in Hancock County, will be implemented by the University's department of language and culture. The goal of the project is to provide cross-cultural training and encourage development of effective intercultural communication strategies among Hancock County students through a service-learning framework. The vision of this project developed through the 2009-2011 Japan Outreach Initiative (JOI), an experiential cultural learning project funded by The Japan Foundation and The Laurasian Institution. The project is expected to serve 300-400 K-12 students each year. [Click here](#) for more.



Dr. Michael Kerns holds the newborn miniature mule, Merck.

Dr. C. Michael Kerns, professor of animal science, announced the birth of a rare miniature mule at the Dr. C. Richard Beckett Animal Science Building. Named Merck, the miniature mule is the son of Kobe, a miniature donkey, and Dutchess, a miniature horse. He was born on June 13 and weighed 25 pounds. Merck is named for The Merck Veterinary Manual, which all pre-veterinary students are required to purchase.

Students who graduate with an equestrian degree from the University not only know how to train horses, but they also know about the challenges and successes

of operating a business within the industry. Each fall, Stephen Brown, director of the western riding program, purchases roughly 15 pleasure-bred yearlings, which he selects during the summer. When senior western equestrian students return to school in the fall, they evaluate each horse, looking at its movement, conformation and attitude. Then, through a random drawing to see who goes first, each student selects one yearling to work with during the spring semester. "This is just like if they were in the business," said Brown. "If you have a customer who wants to buy a horse, you need to be able to evaluate a horse before you buy. It's a good learning experience because sometimes you pick the right one, and sometimes you don't." Beginning in January, the students work with their horses to break them to ride and go through the training process that they've learned during their four years at UF. At the end of the spring semester, the students' work culminates in a horse show – which is their final exam – and a sale. To read more, [click here](#) to download the June 24 issue of FYI, a campus newsletter.



Raina Ford, winner of the 2011 UF Pleasure Futurity, with her winning yearling and western riding instructors Clark Bradley and Jake Bowman '05.



The University's College of Pharmacy hosted two pharmacy camps for high school students during June. The three-day camps covered medicinal chemistry, compounding, pharmacology, hospital pharmacy and other current topics. The attendees toured several local pharmacies, worked in the campus laboratories and interacted with current students and faculty members. Evening activities engaged the camp attendees in bowling, a campus scavenger hunt and more.

High school students at pharmacy camp learned to reconstitute injectible medication using needles and syringes.

Several new exhibits are on display at the Mazza Museum, located in the Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion on campus. The first and largest museum of its kind, the Mazza Museum is a favorite destination for children and families. Gallery One highlights perspective and demonstrates how different techniques add depth to artwork, and the gallery includes an international exhibit. In Gallery Two, a Mother Goose exhibit showcases artists' various interpretations of Mother Goose rhymes, and a printmaking exhibit shows the process at work. In Gallery Three, an unusual media exhibit features artwork by artists who "thought outside the box." A historical exhibit in Gallery Four begins with a Randolph Caldecott original and includes artwork of recognizable characters such as Peter Rabbit, Curious George, Mickey Mouse, Little Toot, Cat in the Hat and Cinderella. Book design is featured in Gallery Five. This gallery also includes photos and sketches in The Artists' Models exhibit and a paper engineering exhibit that includes pop-up book artwork. The museum is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from noon-5 p.m., Sunday from 1-4 p.m. and by appointment, 419-434-5521.

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2. Academic Update

The College of Pharmacy was awarded full accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) during its board of directors June 22-26 meeting in Chicago. Full accreditation status is awarded to a program that has met all of the ACPE's rigorous standards for accreditation and has graduated its first students. The ACPE is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as the national agency for the accreditation of professional degree programs in pharmacy and providers of continuing pharmacy education. The University's Pharm.D. program received pre-candidate status in 2006, was granted candidate status in 2007 and awarded its first doctor of pharmacy degrees in 2010. A program must graduate its first students before it can be awarded full accreditation. Graduates of a program designated as having candidate status hold the same rights and privileges as those of a fully accredited program.

A Taste of Scotland and Ireland was the theme of a trip recently taken by a group of faculty and staff members, several students and community members. John Wolper, Ed.D., associate professor of hospitality management, and Geraldine Finn, Ph.D., assistant professor of interdisciplinary studies, organized the trip. "A high point of the trip was seeing the interest the group showed for two new cultures: British and Irish," Finn said. In addition, Finn had the opportunity to complete some research for a class she will be teaching this fall, Henry VIII and His Women. Donna Smith, director of the Academic Support Center, noted that because of this trip, she developed a "much deeper appreciation for the people who live in Scotland and Ireland – their fortitude, their pride, their survival." To read the entire article, [click here](#) to download the June 10 issue of FYI, a campus newsletter.



Donna Smith, director of the Academic Support Center, at the Cliffs of Moher in Ireland.

In June, four education students had the opportunity to experience the educational culture of South Korea through a visit to Chinju National University of Education, a cooperative partner with The University of Findlay. Chris Sippel, coordinator of international education, and Chris Moser, Ed.D., assistant professor of education, accompanied the group. Among other experiences, the group toured the elementary school that is part of the university; it is considered a "lab school" because it is where many of the university students complete their student



Jordan Kirwen, Kim Adams, Marina Nye and Jessica Burkett teach a class at the lab school, which is on the campus of Chinju National University of Education.

teaching. The group taught two classes while there and collaborated with other educators, who gave the Findlay group suggestions for their lesson plans. To prepare for the trip, the group met weekly during the spring semester. They completed some cultural and basic language training, with some help from Kristine Park, a native of Korea who is enrolled in the TESOL program at Findlay. To read the entire article, [click here](#) to download the June 24 issue of FYI, a campus newsletter.

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3. Alumni News & Events

Upcoming Events

- Aug. 18** Freshman Move-in Day;
Calling alumni to help freshmen move into dorms - 2-5 p.m.
If interested, call the alumni office at 419-434-4516.
- Aug. 19** NMI/UF Certificate Ceremony & Banquet;
Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion, 6 p.m.
- Sept. 14** Washington, D.C., Alumni Reception;
230 2nd Street, SE, Washington D.C. 20003, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Hosted by Marian S. Lowe '97, Strategic Health Care
- Sept. TBD** Cooper Tire Alumni Luncheon, Findlay, Ohio
- Sept. TBD** Marathon Alumni Luncheon, Findlay, Ohio
- Sept. TBD** The Right Thing Alumni Luncheon, Findlay, Ohio
- Sept. 29** Whirlpool Alumni Luncheon, Findlay, Ohio
- Oct. 14-15** HOMECOMING & FAMILY WEEKEND
"We Are Family"
Watch for your Homecoming brochure in late summer!
- Oct. 21** Columbus Alumni Reception (Tentative);
Brookside Golf and Country Club, Columbus, Ohio, 7-9 p.m.
- Dec. 2-4** Kalahari Waterpark & Resort Weekend and Alumni Dinner;
Sandusky, Ohio; special UF rate of \$134 a night
- Dec. 17** Commencement Baccalaureate;
Ritz Auditorium, 10:30 a.m.

Dec. 17 Commencement Brunch;
Alumni Memorial Union, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Dec. 17 Graduate and Undergraduate Commencement;
Koehler Fitness and Recreation Complex, 2 p.m.

For more info or to register for events, contact the Office of Alumni & Parent Relations by visiting the website at www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Alumni, or call 419-434-4516.

A Greek reunion is being planned during Homecoming 2011 - Oct. 14-15! Reunite with your friends and reconnect with your alma mater. The following have committed their time to serve on the planning committee.

Alpha Sigma Phi – **Pat Cogley '06, M '08; Ryan Gibson** (current UF student)

Delta Zeta – **Cam Lea (Roberts) Taylor '67**

Phi Sigma Sigma – **Erin McNeil** (current UF student)

Sigma Kappa - **Jodi Sutherland '02**

Sigma Pi – **John Haskin '00**

Tau Kappa Epsilon – **Ken Long '00, M '02**

Theta Chi – **Erik Cranmer '10**

If your Greek organization is not represented, and you are interested in serving on this committee, please email spraw@findlay.edu.

Look who recently dropped by the Stout Alumni Center during June.



Marilyn Earp Huston '72, Terri Anderson '72 and Carol Todd Luce Deahl '73 came back to their alma mater on June 17 to see the changes since their time on campus. Of course, the tour would not have been complete without a walk into Lovett and Deming Halls, where they once lived, and a trip to Dietsch's. After taking a tour of campus with David Ferguson, vice president of development, the three went with Dee Dee Spraw to see the Child Equestrian Complex and the Animal Sciences Center.



Far left: Martha (Kirk) Zavodsky '71 from Colorado dropped by June 21 while visiting family to find out about Homecoming Greek reunion details.

Left: Whitney (Haverfield) Schroeder '05 and her baby girl, Addison, stopped by the Stout Alumni Center for a visit on June 16.

The fifth annual Columbus golf outing took place on Monday, June 6, 2011, at the York Golf Club. Many alumni and friends participated, and the weather for the day was perfect. President Fell attended and made brief remarks during dinner. UF's new head football coach, Rob Keys, also addressed the group and encouraged everyone to attend Oilers



Congratulations to Matt Banks '02 who had a hole-in-one. Matt used a 7-iron on the 135-yard 16th hole. Scott Kromer '05, Kevin Crooks '05 and Ty Rhoad '03 witnessed the shot.

football games. Participants in this year's event included: Alan Baker '73, Kevin Stechschulte '03, Tom Leddy, John Zitkovic, Glenn Miehl's '93, M '96, M '98, Craig Hughes '91, Jeff Blair '98, M '08, Ty Rhoad '03, Kevin Crooks '05, Matt Banks '02, Scott Kromer '05, Kyle Rhoad, Brant Rhoad '00, Cory Miller '02, M '04, Curtis Sybert, Bob Pritts '57, Robert Pritts '74, Coach Rob Keys, Chris Gearhart '87, Steve McAdoo '87, Larry Curtis '86, Don Forrest, Roger Darr '86, Bryon Krupp '89, Dennis Fernandez '86, Bryan Golding '99, M '01, Joseph Fell, Elliott Fell, Brian Taylor '98, Dick Dukes, Joe McGeean '11, Kyle Brossia '08, Brad Spraw '07, M '08, Bill Spraw, Craig Williams, BJ Preston '05, Mike Murphy '72, Dave Andreas, Doug Gillum, Chip Warren, Chris Bussell '07, Troy Golding '06, Tony Golding, Jason Kimmel, Skeat Hug '03, Billie Hug, Larry Thiel, Nate Giesige, Charlie Shepard M '04, Kevin Cluts, Dave Emrick '87, Jon Schmiedebusch '93, Jim Maley '70, Ted Miller '71, Rich Reider and Brady Schroeder. Bryan Golding '99, M '01, Joseph Fell and Elliott Fell took first place, and Alan Baker '73, Kevin Stechschulte '03, Tom Leddy and John Zitkovic took second place. Other winners included: Longest drive – Scott Kromer '05, Joseph Fell; closest to the pin – Chip Warren, Matt Banks '02; Longest Putt – Elliott Fell, John Zitkovic.

Four new student registration days took place on May 17, May 26, June 8 and June 17, with a total of 639 students in attendance. The Office of Alumni and Parent Relations facilitated a panel discussion for the parents on each of these days. The panels were comprised of a current UF student, staff from the University and key individuals from the city of Findlay. Parents also had the option to sign up for a list service that will be used as a communication tool for parents to share information, questions or concerns with other UF families. A fifth registration day will be held Aug. 17.



Be sure to keep us updated on your marriage and birth announcements by filling out the "What's New with You?" form at www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Alumni. If you send us an announcement of a birth in your family, the Office of Alumni & Parent Relations will send your new little Oiler a stocking hat to show that Oiler pride!

Congratulations, Newlyweds!

Himanshu Kalva & Vaishalki Maheswari '07 – May 22, 2011

Welcome UF Newest Little Oilers:

Jeremy '11 and Betsey (M '11) Mascaro

Baby girl, Josephine Ann Watson, born March 21, 2011

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4. Alumni Spotlight

Michael Smythe '65: Editorial Excellence

Michael Smythe has won numerous honors during more than 45 years in the broadcast industry, including a Mid-America Emmy Award from the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences in October 2010 for Best Commentary/Editorial, but he still proudly wears his 1965 class ring from Findlay College every day.

At the Missouri Broadcasters' Association (MBA) convention in June, he was named the new chair of the board of directors at the organization's annual convention. The association represents 303 Missouri radio stations and 48 television stations.

In addition, he won first place for 2011 Best Editorial at the convention for his "ViewPoint" segments, marking his ninth consecutive award from the MBA. Also in June, he won 2011 Best Editorial at the convention of the Illinois Broadcasters' Association, which was his seventh consecutive win.

Smythe is vice president and general manager of CBS station KFVS-TV and WQWQ-TV (CW) in Cape Girardeau, Mo., where he began in 1998 as general sales manager. He introduced "ViewPoint" in 2001, the year he became the general manager.

In 2008, KFVS12 was named Medium Market TV Station of the Year by the Illinois Broadcasters' Association for a record sixth consecutive year. He also was a finalist for Emmys in 2003 and 2004 for "ViewPoint."

A native of Toledo, Ohio, Smythe played basketball at Scott High School, where he was on the starting lineup at the 1959 and 1960 state semifinals. His basketball talents brought him to Findlay College where he played for Jim Houdeshell '53. Smythe remembers Coach Houdeshell as "a great leader and confidence builder."

While he was a standout on the basketball court, known for his defensive play as wing guard and serving as captain his senior year, speech and theatre professor Irene Sharninghouse discerned that he had other talents. She tapped him to recite a Robert Frost poem for a Christmas program and then channeled his interests into speech and theatre.



Michael Smythe '65 earned a Mid-America Emmy Award from the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences in 2010 for Best Commentary/Editorial at KFVS-TV, where he is vice president and general manager. In June 2011, he was named chair of the board of directors of the Missouri Broadcasters' Association.

Smythe remarked, “She certainly started my career, without question!” After earning degrees in speech and business at Findlay, he enrolled at Bowling Green State University, where he earned a master’s degree in broadcasting and business.

Smythe worked hard to establish himself in broadcasting. He taught speech and business classes at Woodward High School in Toledo for six years, while covering television news evenings and weekends. He then took a job in sales with WTOL-TV, becoming the national sales manager.

He also worked as general sales manager for stations in Dayton, Ohio, and North Carolina; and spent eight years with the Television Bureau of Advertising in Chicago, Ill., where he served as vice president for the Midwest.

Smythe is a member of the board of directors for Southeast Missouri State University, where he received the Distinguished Service Award in 2009. He also serves on the board of directors for the St. Louis Boy Scouts Council. In 2004, he was the campaign chair for the United Way of Southeast Missouri.

He still retains his loyalty to the Oilers, recalling that during the 2009 NCAA Division II basketball national championship game televised on CBS, “I made plenty of noise watching the big win with my buddies at a local restaurant.”

As a major figure in broadcasting in the Midwest, with a career strewn with accolades, Smythe still recalls his roots, “I will always remember what Findlay College did for me.”

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5. Oiler Sports

GLIAC All-Academic

The University of Findlay had 34 student-athletes earn Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) All-Academic Excellence status during the spring, and another 37 student-athletes captured All-Academic status as well. To be eligible for all-academic excellence status, the student-athlete must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.50-4.0 on a 4.0 scale, and must not be a freshman or first-year transfer. To be eligible for all-academic status, the student-athlete must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0-3.49 on a 4.0 scale, and must not be a freshman or first-year transfer.

Softball

Calli Coppus earned the prestigious GLIAC Commissioner’s Award, which is presented to those who excel both in the classroom and on the fields of play. Coppus recently completed her senior year with the Findlay softball team and graduated with a degree in education. Coppus was named GLIAC All-Academic Excellence during her final season, as well as being named honorable mention all-conference for her performance on the diamond. Coppus finished sixth in the GLIAC during the 2011 campaign with a .410 batting average, a year after hitting .351, which earned her honorable mention all-conference status as well.



Calli Coppus



Kenny Klatt

Football

Sophomore linebacker Kenny Klatt has been tabbed as a preseason honorable mention All-American by the Consensus Draft Services (CDSdraft.com). As a freshman, Klatt led the Oilers with 114 tackles and averaged 10.4 stops per game to rank 14th in all of NCAA Division II football. For his efforts, he was named honorable mention all-conference.

Women's Basketball

Ryan Patterson, an associate head coach for The University of Findlay women's basketball team, has resigned from his duties with the Oilers and will take a coaching position at NCAA Division I Kent State University. Patterson, who previously served on the men's

staff with the Golden Flashes, will be the second assistant for Kent State's women's team under Bob Lindsay. The Oilers have won two consecutive Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) South Division titles with the help of Patterson and reached the NCAA tournament for the first time in school history during the 2009-10 campaign. Patterson, who has coached at Findlay for seven years, came to the Oilers from West Liberty State University where he served as an assistant for both the men's and women's programs.



Ryan Patterson

For more information about UF athletics, [click here](#).

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6. Alumni Support

Q. What is the UF Fund and why is the Annual Fund important?

A. The UF Fund is the unrestricted portion of the annual giving programs at The University of Findlay. The fund consists primarily of flexible funds generated by alumni and friends of the University. Contributions to the UF Fund help shape the vision and future of the University by providing for scholarships, academic and student programming, technology acquisitions and enhancements impacting every aspect of the university's mission. Gifts to the UF Fund help to bridge the gap between the total cost of a UF education and the amount students pay in tuition.

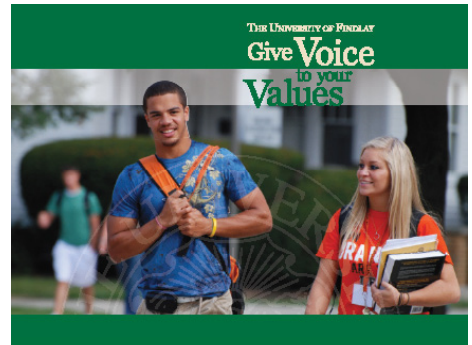
Q. How much should I contribute?

A. The amount of your contribution is totally your decision. But, we hope that all alumni and friends of UF will participate in our annual fund on a yearly basis at a level consistent with their ability to give. Every gift, regardless of size, is greatly appreciated.

Q. Is my gift to the UF Fund tax-deductible?

A. Yes. All gifts to The University of Findlay are deductible for federal income tax purposes to the extent allowed by law.

In conjunction with the 125th Endowed Funds Drive and the Give Voice to Your Values campaign of The University of Findlay, a new endowed fund recently was established. Since the campaign was launched in February 2008, 115 new funds totaling more than \$8.9 million have been created.



The United Solutions Inc. Scholarship Endowment Fund has been fully established by the management team of United Solutions Inc., who are also UF alumni. They created the fund in commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the University's environmental programs. This scholarship shall be awarded to environmental, safety and occupational health majors with at least a 2.80 GPA.

The goal of the endowed funds drive is to create 125 new endowed funds for student scholarship, faculty development and program support. The 125th Endowed Funds Drive is part of The Give Voice to Your Values campaign, which is based on the values of integrity, service, responsibility, respect, dedication, excellence and generosity. The Give Voice to Your Values campaign, which was launched on Sept. 30, 2010, has raised more than \$22 million toward its \$40 million goal. To support the Give Voice to Your Values campaign, call 419-434-5334 or visit www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Voice.

Kevin D. Cluts has joined the development staff at The University of Findlay as the director of annual giving. His primary responsibility is to build philanthropic support for The University of Findlay from alumni, parents, friends and current students. In this role, he will lead the annual giving program, which communicates the impact of a Findlay education and encourages constituents to provide consistent, annual philanthropic gifts. The annual giving program includes direct mail, phonathon, personal solicitation, events, social networking (in collaboration with the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations) and targeted email initiatives.



Kevin Cluts

Cluts joined the University in 2007 as assistant director of career services and director of internship and cooperative education programs after more than 20 years working in fundraising and administration. Cluts served as a major gifts officer for WBGU-TV at Bowling Green State University from 2004-2007; as a development officer for the JTD Hospital Foundation in St. Mary's from 2002-2004; as director of alumni relations and annual giving and a regional development officer at Bluffton University from 1998-2001; and as director of alumni relations and annual giving at Tiffin University from 1995-98. Cluts oversaw an increase in the annual fund program and an increase in alumni annual giving. Cluts oversaw increase in both the annual fund program and alumni annual giving at Bluffton University and Tiffin University. For his work at Tiffin, Cluts received a CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education) Circle of Excellence Award for Education Fundraising for Overall Improvement in 1999. Also at Tiffin, Cluts served as assistant dean of students and director of residence life from 1989-1995.

Cluts received a master's degree from Bowling Green State University and a bachelor's degree from Bluffton University.

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7. FYI Campus Newsletter

Want to know what is happening on campus between *ArchLink* issues? UF has a biweekly 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 www.findlay.edu,
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8. Spread the Word...

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