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## Welcome to Arch Link!



Greetings Alumni! Although school is no longer in session, campus is still full of activity. The picture on the right is from one of five student registration days for our incoming freshmen and their parents. The Office of Alumni and Parent Relations presents a panel discussion for parents on these days consisting of parents of current and former students, student(s), alumni and city administrators (mayor, chief of police, chamber of commerce). The panel answers questions that many parents

have on topics ranging from life in a dorm, laundry, study habits and campus involvement to the safety and resources available in the City of Findlay.



Also with summer comes my summer project list. One project that I need your assistance with is to find out how I and the University might better serve you. The following link will take you to a quick survey; please [click here](#). As always, please be sure to keep me updated by filling out the "What's New with You?" form at [www.findlay.edu](http://www.findlay.edu) keyword: alumni.

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

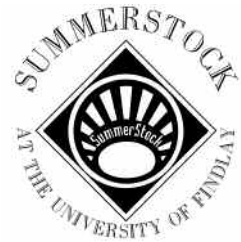
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## 1. What's Happening on Campus?

- You won't want to miss SummerStock 2006. "Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill" kicks off the season on July 5 and runs through July 9. Set in a seedy Philadelphia bar in 1959, it creates a portrait of Billie Holiday through more than a dozen musical numbers interspersed with reminiscences of her life. London's longest-running comedy, "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare" (abridged), July 12-16, is an irreverent, fast-paced romp through the Bard's plays. Closing the season is "Disney's Beauty and the Beast," based on the Academy Award-winning animated feature. It includes the songs from the film, plus new songs written especially for the Broadway version by Alan Menken and Tim Rice. For ticket information, contact the Box Office at 419-434-5335. For more information, [click here](#).



- The University of Findlay will host more than 4,100 people on campus who will participate in more than 50 camps, conferences, clinics and practices scheduled throughout the summer months. In addition to 20 athletic camps sponsored by The University of Findlay, a few other events include the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) camp, the American Youth Basketball Tour (AYBT), Fellowship of Christian Athletes camp, Ohio Business Week, SummerStock Youth Conservatory, Mazza Summer Institute for teachers and librarians, Mazza Art Camp for youngsters and two editions of CSI: Findlay, a forensic science camp. For more information, [click here](#).



- The University of Findlay's newly-formed Student Veteran Association and the Offices of Student Activities & Commuter Student Services and Campus Ministries held on May 24 "A Tribute to Memorial Day." The service, which honored military personnel and veterans, included a roll call of the names of fallen soldiers from Hancock County and the UF community beginning with World War II. The Legion of Honor did a flag-folding demonstration and then presented the flag to Trinity Wobler, the 5-year-old daughter of Staff Sgt. Zachary Wobler, an area native killed in Mosul, Iraq, in 2005. Her mother, Corissa (Thomas) Wobler, is a 1999 graduate of The University of Findlay. For more information, [click here](#).



- The groundbreaking ceremony for the addition to the Virginia B. Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion was held May 5, with numerous campus and community members in attendance. The 8,000-square-foot addition will provide more space for the Mazza Museum to expand its educational programs and for the conservation of its more than 3,000 artworks. To see a brief video of the groundbreaking ceremony [click here](#).



## 2. Academic Update

- Plans have been unveiled for the newly-acquired former property of Owens Community College. Located at 300 Davis St., the 60,000-square-foot main facility will provide space for the education, biology and pharmacy programs, along with many common-use areas. Renovations planned for completion by Aug. 1 are technology-enhanced classrooms, a new language laboratory, a computer laboratory, a reading clinic and methods classroom for use by education faculty and students, and offices for education and pharmacy faculty and staff. Subsequent renovations through the fall will add labs for biology and pharmacy, and a curriculum resource center for education. For more information, [click here](#).



- The University of Findlay's Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team competed May 21-23 in Kansas City, Mo., at the national competition after winning the regional competition in Chicago. Five team members gave a PowerPoint presentation of their projects before business executives from major corporations. UF's team was one of 140 to compete at nationals out of 2,000 teams in the U.S.

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## 3. Alumni News & Events

- **Save the Date**
  - Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 6-8 – “Let Your Oiler Pride Flow”
- **Upcoming Events**
  - June 2 Columbus alumni gathering at Easton Hilton – 6 to 9 p.m.
  - Aug. 13 Columbus Summer Send-Off Party
  - Aug. 20 Cincinnati Summer Send-Off Party
- Alumni are invited to help welcome the Class of 2010 by assisting new students and their parents with moving in on Friday, Aug. 25. Connect with first-year students by working elbow-to-elbow with them on community service projects on Saturday, Aug. 26. For information, call the Alumni Office at 419-434-4516.
- An alumni reception was held May 19 at the Parkwood Church of God in Ft. Wayne, Ind., hosted by Pastor Ben Keckler '52. A wonderful home-cooked meal was served to the 17 people in attendance. Alumni were updated on the latest campus developments and upcoming events for the new academic year. During the gathering, Keckler was presented with a citation in honor of being named a trustee emeritus after 21 years' service on the UF Board of Trustees. Shown are: (left to right standing) Robert Eatherton '73, Deb Eatherton, Mary Lou (Crawford) Pittenger '56, Joe Hanauer '60, Barbara Hanauer, Pauline Rose '78, Joan Harlan, Betty (Penland) Ruhl '49, Lloyd Harlan '54, Martha (Fox) Crawford '51, Dee Dee Spraw '93; (left to right sitting) Ben Keckler '52, Geneva (Keck) Bundy '44, Richard Bundy '59, Nebla McNary, Rob McNary '98.



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## 4. Alumni Spotlight

- **Phillip Riegle '00** won the Republican primary in May as a candidate for Hancock County commissioner. He faces no Democratic or independent opponents in the November election. A graduate of the University of Toledo College of Law, he is a prosecuting attorney for Hardin County and operates a small legal office. A resident of Mount Blanchard, Ohio, Riegle, 28, may be the youngest Hancock County commissioner ever elected. He approached the race as an unknown who has not held office previously, but did personal campaigning by going door-to-door. Riegle is a former member of The University of Findlay's SIFE team.
- **Dan O'Brien '70** is the owner of Broken Heart Ranch in South Dakota where he raises buffalo. He markets buffalo meat to select restaurants and customers through the Internet at [www.wildideabuffalo.com](http://www.wildideabuffalo.com). A conservationist, wildlife biologist and author, he has written a book, "Buffalo for the Broken Heart" about his experiences of reintroducing buffalo to their native habitat. An award-winning writer, he has written nine fiction and non-fiction books, all with Great Plains themes, along with numerous short stories and magazine articles.



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## 5. Oiler Sports

- The Oilers outdoor track and field team had their best finish at a national competition, tying for 13th with 18 points. They were the highest-ranked team in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) at the event. Junior Kendall Stevens became the Oilers' first NCAA Division II outdoor track and field national champion after winning the 100-meter dash with a school record-breaking time of 10.17 in Emporia, Kan. He was named the 2006 Athlete of the Year for the Great Lakes Region by the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. The women's team recorded their best finish, taking third at the GLIAC championships. Coach Marc Arce captured GLIAC Coach of the Year honors for the third time in his career.
- Travis Womer became the first rider in Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) western riding competition history to earn high point rider honors by winning championships in both the rail and reining classes at nationals. In addition, Jamie Elizondo, Bryan Penquite, Lauren Urbanowicz and Erica White were named national champions at the events.
- The Oilers baseball team set a single-season record with 26 wins, and the softball team ended the season with 14 wins. The men's tennis team had their best finish at the GLIAC, taking seventh place and ending the year with eight wins. The women's golf team finished in fifth place at the GLIAC championships.

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

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## **6. Alumni Support**

- Through April 2006, total giving to the University has surpassed the total for each of the past five fiscal years during the same time. Through the first 10 months of fiscal year 2005-06, total giving is \$4,541,199, a 24-percent increase over fiscal year 2004-05. Among other things, this increase in support can be attributed to a focused fund-raising effort and donor confidence in University leadership.
- Members of the classes of 1956 and 2006 are teaming up to raise funds to install a fountain in the shape of an oil derrick on campus. The project's goal is \$30,800; thus far, \$15,026 has been raised toward that goal. For more information on this project, contact Dr. James Houdeshell at 419-434-4551 or [houdeshell@findlay.edu](mailto:houdeshell@findlay.edu).

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## **7. FYI Campus Newsletter**

- Want to know what is happening on campus between *ArchLink* issues? UF has a bi-weekly newsletter called *For Your Information* that is circulated on campus. The newsletter includes feature stories and pictures of campus activities. Check out *FYI* online at <http://www.findlay.edu> keyword: fyi.

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## **8. Spread the Word...**

- If you know other alumni who would like to receive *ArchLink*, please forward this message.
- If you received *ArchLink* from another alum and would like to sign up for it, e-mail your name, graduation year, major and home address to [archlink@findlay.edu](mailto:archlink@findlay.edu). Please remember to add [archlink@findlay.edu](mailto:archlink@findlay.edu) to your address book/contact list.
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