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## Ho, ho, ho! Join campus holiday celebrations!

By Becky Skiver  
Staff Reporter

With less than two weeks left until Christmas break, it's amazing that anyone has time to think of celebrating the upcoming holidays. However, The University of Findlay hasn't let students down when it comes to the festive side of Christmas.

The International Club is sponsoring the Winter Wonderland Dance tonight, Nov. 29, in the AMU. Come shake some snowflakes with the students from Japan, Venezuela, Germany, Taiwan and many other countries. The whole campus is invited to the 8 p.m.-midnight dance. Dress your best and make some new friends at this winter formal.

The UF chapter of Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) will sponsor a "Deck the Trees" contest in the AMU MPR Friday, Nov. 30, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. for campus clubs (preregistration is required). Each club will be allotted \$20 and three hours to determine which club can create the most attractive Christmas tree.

Come view the trees and enjoy cookies, hot chocolate and a visit from Santa from noon-4 p.m. after the tree decorating is done.

The Wilderness Club will be attending the "Lights Before Christmas" at the Toledo Zoo on Dec. 7 following a dinner at the Olive Garden in Toledo. The entourage will leave at 4 p.m. from the nature center. Toledo's favorite holiday tradition offers one million lights and over 130 animal images. Twenty people are able to sign up, but openings are filling fast; contact Nate Hoelzel at 427-0096 for more information.

Despite the season of giving and love, there is still a lot of studying to be done before the end of semester. Take a break from the books and head over to the cafeteria for some "Midnight Munchies," sponsored by CPB and funded by SGA, on Monday, Dec. 10, from 9:30 p.m.-11 p.m. in Henderson Cafeteria. Don't forget your student ID. Faculty and staff help is needed. Please contact Sharinda Welton at 434-4606 for more information.

Don't just sit there—join in the fun as the University of Findlay celebrates the holidays, Oiler style!

## 'A Celebration of St. Nicolas' planned

The University of Findlay Concert-Chorale and the Findlay Area Community Chorus and Orchestra will perform "A Celebration of Saint Nicolas" Sunday, Dec. 2, at 3 p.m. in Central Auditorium in Findlay.

Conducted by Micheal F. Anders, UF professor of music, the event will feature 120 voices and a 20-piece orchestra.

The performance will include two seasonal works in honor of Saint Nicholas. The first is Franz Joseph Haydn's "Missa Sancti Nicolai" from 1772. This work will feature soprano Vivian Robles Dettbarn, UF instructor of music, and a double quartet of local soloists, includ-

ing Kathy Newell and Jomay Bomber, soprano; Jamee Wetzel and Mary Bushong, alto; Dennis Anderson and Jeffrey Opperman, tenor; and Robert Schirmer and Thurlow Steffy, bass.

The second piece is Benjamin Britten's English cantata "Saint Nicolas" from 1948, which features the legends of St. Nicholas. It features tenor JR Fralick, associate professor of music at Baldwin-Wallace College, organist Eleanor McCoy and pianists Sharon Vass and Kelly Lewis.

Following the concert, a donation will be taken to aid the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church building fund. This church once stood directly across the street from the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center and was destroyed by the collapse of the adjacent buildings.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 424-4531.

## UF presents annual Christmas concert

The University of Findlay Instrumental Music Area will present its annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, Dec. 9, at 3 p.m. at the Central Middle School Auditorium in Findlay.

Under the direction of Jack M. Taylor, UF associate professor of music, the University Wind Ensemble and the Symphonic Band will present a program of seasonal music. A harp prelude will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Steve Beck, associate professor of communication, will narrate "Christmas Rhapsody," a musical treatment of the nativity story as written in the book of Luke. Kristen McAree, a student from Cleveland, Tenn., will conduct the University Symphonic Band in an arrangement of "Patapan."

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and senior citizens. Seats are not reserved, but tickets may be purchased in advance by calling the box office at 434-4531.



## Calendar

- Nov. 29 Winter Wonderland Dance 8 p.m. - midnight AMU MPR  
 Nov. 30 Bach's Lunch "Casey-Williams Duo" (Christmas Piano Duo) 11:30 a.m. AMU Atrium  
 Dec. 2 Choir Christmas Concert 8 a.m. Main Ritz  
 Dec. 2 Catholic Mass 7 p.m. AMU Endly  
 Dec. 3 CPB Meeting 9 p.m. AMU Endly  
 Dec. 3 Tri C Meeting 9:30 p.m. Frost Malcolm  
 Dec. 5 Movie at the Mall ticket distribution 1 - 2 p.m. and 8 - 9 p.m. CPB Office  
 Dec. 5 Bible Study 8 p.m. A.M.U Endly  
 Dec. 5 International Club Meeting 9 p.m. Malcolm Dining Room  
 Dec. 5 FCA Meeting 9:30 p.m. FRC 105  
 Dec. 6 International Film Festival: "Kolya" (Czech Republic) 8:30 p.m. Pfeiffer Lecture Hall

## Mark your phones for changing numbers

Change the speed dial on your phone because as of Saturday, it's going to take three more digits to reach the pizza parlor-or anyone else off campus, for that matter.

Residents of Findlay and UF students will soon notice some changes when using their telephones. Effective Saturday, Dec. 1, the area code 419 must precede all local phone numbers. For instance, instead of dialing 421-5555, the new number to dial will be 419-421-5555. This is still a local call and there is no additional cost. It is not necessary to dial a "1" unless it is a toll call (this process does not change).

The need to dial the area code for a local call is a result of a new area code being put into effect in Northwest Ohio. As the phone company runs out of numbers in the 419 area, a new 567 area code will eventually overlap the 419 area code.

Another phone change will have a direct impact on the UF campus. As of Jan. 1, 2002, the prefix of all UF phone and fax numbers will change from 424 to 434. The new prefix will allow current extensions to remain the same and new campus phones to be added.

This prefix changeover has been an ongoing process since the start of this school year.

Currently, both prefixes will work. However, after Jan. 1, if someone dials the 424 prefix to reach someone on campus, the caller will hear a recorded message with instructions to redial. On-campus four-digit extensions will remain the same.

Put a note by the phone: dial 419 before local calls and change the campus prefix from 424 to 434.

## NTE exam set for Jan. 12

The Professional Assessments for Beginning Teachers (NTE) will be offered Jan. 12, 2002. Registration deadline is Dec. 11, 2001.

Registration bulletins and "Tests at a Glance" are available in the office of Graduate Education 1114 N. Cory. For more information contact Ronald Philipp at 4844.

### Fraternities - Sororities Clubs - Student Groups

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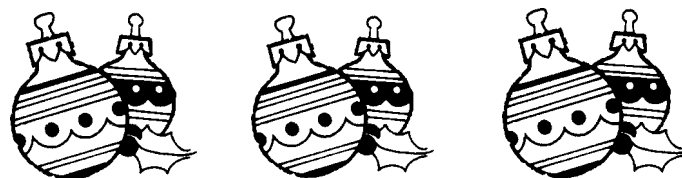
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The University of Findlay men and women's swimming teams dropped to 0-4 on the season after losing to Wheeling Jesuit on Saturday, Nov. 17.

For the men, Willie Polk had an excellent meet, winning all three events he was entered in. Polk captured the 50-meter freestyle (0:22.86), the 100-meter freestyle (0:50.84) and the 500-meter freestyle (6:00.55). Polk's time in the 100-meter freestyle was a season-best.

Also recording season bests were Josh Fate in the 200-meter individual medley (2:07.04) and Kyle Leber in the 200-meter freestyle (2:00.81). Fate's time in the 200-meter individual medley also garnered him first place honors during the meet. The women received first place finishes from Jennifer Blake in the 100-meter backstroke (1:04.43) and Cindy Broxterman in the 500-meter freestyle (5:37.16). Broxterman would also accomplish a season-best in the 1000-meter freestyle during the meet with a time of 11:23.62.

Findlay also got season-best times from Erika Heiser in the 100-meter backstroke (1:08.52), Jen Steffee in the 200-meter individual medley (2:28.67) and in the 100-meter freestyle (1:00.84), and Janet Caraveo in the 500-meter freestyle (5:44.01) and in the 200-meter individual medley (2:25.46).

The Aqua Oilers will be in action again on November 30 when they participate in the Transylvania Classic in Lexington, Ky.

# Volleyball ends excellent season

The University of Findlay women's volleyball team's dream of capturing a NCAA Division II National Championship came to a halt on Saturday, Nov. 17, with a heart-breaking four-game loss to Grand Valley State in the Championship match of the NCAA Great Lakes Region.

Entering the regional tournament, the Oilers were coming off a four-game loss to Northern Michigan in the conference tournament. Hearing of Grand Valley States' completely unexpected loss to Michigan Tech in the same tournament, the Oilers found a new hope, which in turn re-ignited the team's spark.

Coming into Friday night's action, Findlay was scheduled to take on Northwood, a team the Oilers had fought with and conquered earlier in the season, winning in five games: 30-27, 30-27, 25-30, 22-30 and 15-11.

In true Oiler volleyball tradition, the University of Findlay battled fiercely, defeating Northwood once again in five games: 23-30, 30-26, 27-30, 35-33 and 15-12.

Deanna Behnfeldt and Kara Heitmeyer led four Oilers in double digits with 19 kills. Jill Zwiebel had 16 kills, while Jill Duling chipped in with 11. Holly Foster had 64 assists and a team-high 13 digs in the win.

Saturday's match pitted top-seed Grand Valley against second-seed Findlay, and the teams did not disappoint the 350 fans at the Grand Valley Fieldhouse.

Findlay came out strong winning the first game 30-27, but wasn't able to hang on for the victory as they lost the following three games 30-32, 18-30 and 32-34.

Behnfeldt again led the Oilers with 17 kills, while Heitmeyer had 16 in the loss. Zwiebel

chipped in with nine kills and seven digs for the Oilers. The trio combined for 42 of the team's 54 kills. Foster had 44 assists and 11 digs, while Jen Bostelman had a team-high 18 digs.

The Oilers lose three seniors at the end of their season: Behnfeldt, Bridgett Hamilton and Foster. These three players put together excellent careers at The University of Findlay.

Behnfeldt finishes her career with 2,437 kills, third all-time in NCAA Division II history.

Bridgett Hamilton finishes her career as the second Oiler ever to record 1,000 kills and 1,000 digs in her career. She finished with 1,127 kills and 1,173 digs during her stay at Findlay.

Foster played only two years as an Oiler, but finished her career with the second-highest career assist total in school history. She finished with 1,708 assists this season and 3,311 in her two-year career.

## Senior Salute Day Monday, Dec. 3, 2001 For December Graduates AMU Endly Room 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. or 4 - 6 p.m. (choose one time frame)

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- \* receive guidance on career choices
- \* learn how to become an active UF alum
- \* sign up for door prizes

Food and beverages sponsored by the President's Office.

For more information, contact Dee Dee Spraw at 434-4589.

## English IHSA places 2nd at 1st home show

The University of Findlay English equestrian team hosted its first Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) horse show for the 2001-02 season. After tough competition between the University of Michigan, Otterbein College and the University of Findlay, the Oilers came away with a close second to the University of Michigan. Team scores were the University of Michigan with 40 points followed by the University of Findlay with 35 and Otterbein College with 30 points. High point rider was University of Findlay sophomore Katie Franklin of Dublin, Ohio, who won the high point individual ride-off against Kelly Snyder from the University of Michigan.

Individual placings were as follows: Meredith Steudle-first Open fences; Courtney Roedeger-third Open over fences; Angela Seager-fifth Open fences; Nichole Blubaugh-third place Intermediate fences; Jen Zeller-third Intermediate fences; Amanda Blue-sixth Intermediate fences; Katie Franklin-first Novice fences; Danielle Fontana-second Alumni on flat; Sara Ballinger-first Open on flat; Courtney Wittich-fifth place Open on flat; Jim Morris-fifth Open on flat; Amanda Blue-second Intermediate on flat; Meghan Schrick-first Novice on flat; Coagi Maton-second Novice on flat; Heather Burra-fourth Novice on flat; Erika Bender-sixth Novice on flat; Leah Dissek-second Advanced walk-trot-canter; Justin Smith-first Advanced walk-trot-canter; Sarah Swiderski-fourth Beginner walk-trot-canter; Deborah McKinney-third Walk-trot; Krysta Rife-sixth Walk-trot.

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# UF men start season out right, go 3-0

**By Brent Nye  
Sports Reporter**

TIFFIN —The opposition was treated like Thanksgiving turkey as it was devoured by the University of Findlay's men's basketball team.

The squad most recently defeated the Tiffin Dragons, 87-66, on Wednesday, Nov. 21. As a team the Oilers (3-0) shot well, going 34-for-66 (52 percent) from the field. Findlay also went

nine-for-21 (45 percent) in free-throw attempts. Guard Kyle Hunt led the team offensively by scoring 14 points and making four of his nine free-throw attempts. The Oilers were equally excellent at defense as they grabbed 39 rebounds, seven of which were pulled down by Jeff Reese. The D also forced 11 turnovers.

In spite of Findlay's fine play, the Dragons (0-2) didn't

make things any easier on themselves. TU shot a meager 24-for-56 (43 percent) in field goal shooting and went zero-for-seven from the three-point range. Tiffin was led by Neil Townsend's 17 points and Phil Westfall's seven boards. The Oilers also played good roundball when they opened the season the previous week.

On Friday and Saturday, Nov. 16 and 17, Findlay traveled

to Louisville, Ky., to participate in the Bellarmine Tournament. The unit ended the two-game trip victoriously with an 81-66 defeat of Carson-Newman and a 93-85 victory over Bellarmine University. Both Kyle Hunt and Charles Warren were named All-Tournament and Hunt's accomplishments earned him GLIAC South Division Player of the Week honors.

Hunt scored 43 points in the

two games (24 against Bellarmine) and Warren netted 36, respectively. Brad Reithman was also a key contributor in both contests as he grabbed 21 rebounds. Findlay shot an even 50 percent (61-for-123) in both contests. Also, the Oilers' defense has gotten off to a scintillating start as 80 rebounds were grabbed in the first two games of this season.

Findlay begins conference play this week as the Ferris State Bulldogs (1-2) come to town on Thursday, Nov. 29, for a 7:30 p.m. tipoff. GLIAC rival Grand Valley State (2-3) also visits the Oilers at Croy Gymnasium on Saturday, Dec. 1. This will be an afternoon contest, beginning at 3 p.m.

## Women's hockey splits with Colgate

**By Heath Haddix  
Contributing Reporter**

The women's hockey team split a weekend series with Colgate, winning 2-1 on Friday and losing 5-4 on Saturday. The Oilers have a record of 5-7-0.

Stasia Bakhit's goal at the 7:17 mark of the third period proved to be the game-winner as The University of Findlay women's hockey team held off Colgate 2-1 on Friday night at the Clauss Ice Arena. The win was the second straight for the Oilers.

After a scoreless first period, freshman Jenn Jessop tallied her fourth goal of the season with 24 seconds left in the second period to give Findlay a 1-0 lead. After a scramble in front, Jessop buried home the rebound past Colgate goaltender Rebecca Lahar. Monell Schroeder and Melissa Oliver picked up the assists.

Bakhit would score on a similar play seven minutes into the third period to extend the Oiler lead to two goals. Bakhit's fifth goal of the season came on the power play, and was assisted by Janet Ploncinsky and Abbey Strong.

Findlay outshot Colgate 29-23, including a 12-7 advantage in the final period. Erin Blair stopped 22 Red Raider shots to notch her first win of the season. She had lost her previous six decisions coming into the game.

Colgate jumped out to a 3-1 first period lead on just five shots against Findlay starting goaltender Erin Blair. The Oilers, however, scored first off the stick of Janet Ploncinsky at 7:49 of the

first period. Ploncinsky scored on a rebound past Colgate goaltender Lindsay Bourne for her third goal of the season. Sherrie White and Stasia Bakhit recorded the assists. The Red Raiders scored three unanswered to close out the opening period.

Blair was then pulled for freshman goaltender Amy Jones at the start of the second period, and the Oilers responded with three unanswered goals in the middle period. Melissa Oliver scored her third goal of the season at the 1:44 mark to cut the Red Raider lead to a goal. Monell Schroeder and Jenn Jessop recorded the assists.

White would then score twice to close out the period for the Oilers, the first coming at the 6:23 mark. Bakhit and Ploncinsky picked up the assists on the tying goal. White scored again at 15:04 with Bakhit picking up the lone assist at the 15:04 mark. White's second goal of the game and sixth goal of the season gave the Oilers a 4-3 advantage after 40 minutes of play. But the third period belonged to Colgate as they scored two goals to go on to win 5-4.

The Oilers held a 32-16 shot advantage over the Red Raiders, but Blair and Jones combined to stop just 11 of the 16 Colgate shots. Jones recorded her first loss of the season (4-1) by stopping nine of 11 shots. Blair stopped just two of Colgate's five first-period shots.

Findlay returns to action on Dec. 1 and 2, when they play Wayne State in a home-and-home series.

## NCAA mascot appearing at UF

J.J. Jumper, the official NCAA Basketball mascot, will make an appearance this Thursday, Nov. 29, in Croy Gymnasium on the campus of The University of Findlay for the women's and men's basketball home opener. The Oiler basketball teams battle GLIAC rival Ferris State University at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., respectively.

J.J. travels across the country and appears in arenas everywhere to entertain young fans in an effort to promote college basketball to the younger generation. J.J. will be giving away T-shirts and trading cards, signing autographs, and performing during timeouts and halftime.

Parents are encouraged to bring their children to Croy Gymnasium Thursday, Nov. 29, to enjoy the excitement of Oiler Basketball and J.J. Jumper. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the UF Ticket Office at (419) 434-6684.

## Men's hockey swept by Holy Cross

**By Heath Haddix  
Contributing Reporter**

The University of Findlay men's hockey team was defeated by Holy Cross this weekend, 2-0 on Friday and 4-3 on Saturday. Findlay now sports a 3-7-0 record.

Derek Cunha stopped 24 Findlay shots in recording his first career shutout as Holy Cross blanked the Oilers 2-0 in Worcester, Massachusetts. Findlay had numerous chances in the third period to cut into the lead, but Cunha stopped all 13 Oiler shots in the final stanza to seal the victory. Findlay outshot Holy Cross 24-21 for the game, including a 13-4 advantage in the third. Jamie VandeSpyker dropped to 2-5 overall, stopping 19 Crusader shots. Special teams played a big role in the outcome, as Holy Cross was a perfect two of two on the power play, while the Oilers were held scoreless in four opportunities.

On Saturday afternoon Holy Cross exploded for four goals in the second period and held on to defeat The University of Findlay men's hockey team 4-3.

Findlay claimed a 2-0 lead after the opening period as the

Oilers scored two goals in the span of 58 seconds. Freshman Rigel Shaw started the scoring with his third goal of the season at the 13:00 mark. Team captain Andy Croak scored at 13:58 during a four-on-four situation to give the Oilers a two-point lead after 20 minutes. Nate Markus and Jason Maxwell picked up the assists on Croak's second goal of the season.

The second period, however, belonged to Holy Cross, as they exploded for four goals in the period against Findlay starting goaltender, Kevin Fines.

The Oilers would make things interesting in the third, as freshman Dave Erickson notched his first collegiate goal at the 12:57 mark. Jason Maxwell and Brant Somerville picked up assists on Erickson's power play goal.

Kevin Fines, making his first start since Oct. 27 against Niagara, faced 23 shots and managed to turn aside 19.

The Oilers will host another MAAC Hockey League school, Iona, this Friday and Saturday, Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. Faceoffs both nights are scheduled for 7 p.m. at the Clauss Ice Arena.