Welcome to ArchLink!

Greetings, alumni!

Do you have Findlay College/The University of Findlay memorabilia and are not sure what to do with it? We have the perfect home for it.

Recently, Jack Ramsey, son of John ('53) and Jean (Hamilton '51) Ramsey, stopped by the Wolfe Center to see Dr. Jim Houdeshell ('53) and to donate items for the archives. The 1951-52 men’s basketball team was the first to participate in a national championship. Pictured is an NAIA identification pass that each member of the team was given. Also during the Ramseys’ time as students, each student was given a Student Activities Ticket to be used for various events.

Also shown is a diploma for LaVern Huber, who graduated from the Findlay College Business College on June 14, 1909. A woman in Sedgwick, Kan., bought a house from Huber in 1963. Just recently, she came across Huber’s diploma and called our office to see if we wanted it. We are very excited when we receive these calls or visitors stop by to drop off items that connect us to our wonderful Oiler heritage.

Some of the pieces are on display in the Wolfe Center, however, the majority of the items reside in the University Archives, located in Shafer Library, Room 219. If you want to visit this room, please contact Robert Schirmer, University archivist, at schirmer@findlay.edu or call 419-434-4767 to schedule a time.

As always, keep us updated on your achievements 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,
The Wolfe Center for Alumni, Parents and Friends
1. What’s Happening on Campus?

Former Oilers head men’s basketball coach Ron Niekamp and the 2009 national championship men’s basketball team were inducted into the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame on May 18. Niekamp was among 12 players, coaches and an official to be inducted into the 2013 class. The UF 2009 men’s basketball team was one of two teams recognized. The UF team was honored for a perfect season in 2008-09 in which it was unbeaten in 36 games, the best record in the history of NCAA Division II. To read more about all of the inductees, click here.

Children’s book lovers will convene at the Mazza Museum for its 20th annual summer conference held July 15-19 to learn from award-winning authors and illustrators. This year, conference attendees – which generally include teachers, librarians, docents, students and others – will rub elbows with keynote speakers such Jon Klassen. Klassen, who won a Caldecott Medal and a Caldecott Honor in 2013, is the first person to win both awards in the same year. Klassen illustrated “Cats’ Night Out” and wrote and illustrated “I Want My Hat Back,” among others. The conference will include keynote speakers, as well as pullout sessions. Click here for more info.

The University of Findlay announced in May that the UF Board of Trustees has approved an increase in the goal of the University’s Give Voice to Your Values fundraising campaign from $40 to $50 million, to include funds for a new building to house the College of Business and expanded scholarship funding for University students. The new facility is estimated to be a $15 million project that also provides space for student life. Read more here.

The University of Findlay hosted its annual employee recognition dinner April 12, recognizing employees for their years of service. Honored were Cynthia Morehead, 35 years; Mary Jo Geise, Ph.D., 30 years; Marc Arce, Michael Reed, Ph.D., Anthony Wilgus, 25 years; Natalie Abell, Ph.D., Melissa Cain, Ph.D., Charles Ernst, the late Geraldine Finn, Ph.D., Vicki Francis, Jeffrey Jenson, Ph.D., C. Michael Kerns, D.V.M., Marie Louden-Hanes, Ph.D., 20 years. Among those honored for 20 years of service were Dr. Jeffrey Jenson, Charlie Ernst, Dr. C. Michael Kerns and Dr. Marie Louden-Hanes. Click here for the full list.
2. Academic Update

A team of students from The University of Findlay earned second place in a national integrated marketing communications competition sponsored by EdVenture Partners. Only three teams were selected out of approximately 20 to travel to San Francisco on May 15-16 to compete for the top spot. The other two teams chosen were the University of New Mexico and the Florida Institute of Technology. Read the full story here.

Darin E. Fields, Ph.D., will join The University of Findlay in July as vice president for academic affairs. Fields is vice president for academic affairs, dean of the faculty and Sarah B. Cochran Professor of English at Bethany College in West Virginia, a position he has held since 2009. Read more.

David Foster, associate professor of communication, recently authored “Repackaging Republican Appeals: The Use of Propaganda by Conservative Presidential Candidates in the Years from 1969 through 2012,” published by Common Ground Publishing LLC. In late 2009 and early 2010, Foster, a political communication expert, began writing the book in response to what he saw in the media. For more details, click here.

Twenty-six students, accompanied by Bethany Henderson-Dean, Ph.D., Wilderness Club adviser, recently traveled to the Outer Banks as part of a Wilderness Club summer learning experience. A campground in Frisco, N.C., served as home base; the group began each day’s adventures from there. During the course of the week, the group visited the Wright Brothers National Memorial in Kitty Hawk, the Elizabethan Gardens in Manteo, Jockey’s Ridge State Park, Cape Hatteras and more. Activities included sight seeing, ATV tours, hiking, beach lounging and others. For more details, click here.

Recently, Judith Wahrman, Ph.D., director of graduate outreach and partnerships in the College of Education, testified in the Ohio Senate regarding HB 59 and the College Credit Plus Initiative at the invitation of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Ohio (AICUO). That specific portion of the bill spoke to the post-secondary enrollment options (PSEO)/dual enrollment programs, which allow high school students to enroll in college courses to receive both high school and college credit. Click here to read more.
The University of Findlay is seeking comments from the public about the University in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. The University will host a visit Nov. 11-13, 2013, with a team representing the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association. The University of Findlay has been accredited by the Commission since 1962. The team will review the institution’s ongoing ability to meet the Commission’s Criteria for Accreditation. The public is invited to submit comments regarding the University: Third-Party Comment on The University of Findlay, The Higher Learning Commission, 230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500, Chicago, IL 60604-1411. The public may also submit comments on the Commission’s website at www.ncahlc.org. Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Comments must be in writing. All comments must be received by Oct. 11, 2013.

3. News and Events for Alumni, Parents and Friends

Events Calendar

2013
Aug. 4 Summer Send-Off, Columbus, Ohio
Aug. TBA Summer Send-Off, Cleveland, Ohio
Aug. 17 Classes begin for standard fall semester session
Aug. 23 Diagnostic Services Ceremony
Sept. 27-29 Homecoming & Family Weekend!
Oct. 7-8 Mid-Fall Recess: No Classes
Dec. 1-5 Alumni and Friends Group Travel – San Antonio Holiday
(see details on the upcoming Webinar below)
Dec. 6-8 UF Weekend at Kalahari Waterpark & Resort,
Sandusky, Ohio
Dec. 10 Pharmacy Reception – Mid-Year Conference,
Orlando, Fla.

2014
Jan. 6 Classes begin for standard spring semester session
Feb. 22 Pre-Vet Reception,
Columbus, Ohio
Mar. 3-7 Florida Receptions
Mar. 21 OHSAA Boy’s Basketball Brunch,
Columbus, Ohio
For more info or to register for events, contact the Harold (Herk) ’54 and Patricia (Gohlke) Wolfe Center for Alumni, Parents and Friends by visiting the website at [www.findlay.edu](http://www.findlay.edu), Keyword: Alumni, or call 1-800-472-9502, extension 4516, or 419-434-4516.

The first UF travel destination, San Antonio Holiday, has been scheduled for Dec. 1-5, 2013. One visit to San Antonio, and it’s easy to see why it is often referred to as the “American Venice.” Historic missions, River Walk restaurants, Spanish architecture and a beautiful river centerpiece make this a truly remarkable city. The sights and sounds of the holiday celebrations are sure to get you into the spirit. For more information on this trip, and to sign up for the online presentation on July 30, 2013, please contact Dee Dee Spraw, The University of Findlay, 419-434-4589 or spraw@findlay.edu.

The campus gave a warm welcome to new students and parents on May 15 and 23 and June 5 for New Student Registration Days. Part of each day included a parent panel from the Wolfe Center for Alumni, Parents and Friends. The panel discussion allows parents to ask questions on topics ranging from life in a dorm, laundry and study habits, campus involvement, health services, technology, and the safety and resources available on campus and in the city of Findlay. Also, parents register for the parent email distribution list to receive the monthly parent newsletter, “Inside the Arch.” (To sign up, click here.) Parents and families are invited to campus for Homecoming and Family Weekend, and parents have the opportunity to win a UF mom or dad sweatshirt.

Ruthanna (Maxwell ’36, H ’95) Weber hosted an alumni, parents and friends reception at her home in Chevy Chase, Md., on May 10. An evening was enjoyed in her beautiful home and lovely garden. President Katherine Fell gave an update on the University to Oiler alumni, friends and current student, Nikki Williams, who attended with her parents, Darlene and Dave Williams.

Volunteers are needed to help as project leaders for the 11th annual community service project during Orientation Weekend on Aug. 17. Volunteers will get lunch, a T-shirt and our undying gratitude. We set up the projects, groups and transportation — you just have to show up with helpful hands and a smile. We will have a short training session for volunteers directly before the actual service — the time for this training has been figured into the time we need you to be there.
Project leaders for groups of students who are doing service projects:
We need 100 volunteers to lead individual groups of first-year students as they serve the community. You can volunteer for the morning or afternoon shift, or if you’re really up for a good time, you can volunteer for both shifts!
7:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. – 60 volunteer project leaders needed
11:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m. – 40 volunteer project leaders needed

On-campus helpers (registration, information, bus patrol, runners, etc.)
We need 20 volunteers to help with registration and “traffic control” at peak points of the day.
6:45 a.m.-9:30 a.m. – 10 volunteers needed
11:00 a.m.-1:15 p.m. – 10 volunteers needed

Please [click here](#) to complete the form if you can volunteer your time to work with our new students and our Findlay/Hancock County community partners. This is a great way to welcome the class of 2017 and to be the difference in our campus and local communities. Please copy this into your web browser if the link doesn’t work: bit.ly/osp-campusvolunteer. Thank you for your generosity!

The University of Findlay invites alumni to submit Requests for Proposals (RFP) to bid a diverse portfolio of insurance products, including automobile and property insurance, to create a quality affinity program that appeals to various segments of UF alumni. The University is looking to identify a program with top-quality administration and customer service to participants and which adheres to strict confidentiality. Programs are expected to provide a line of products/services to alumni that are deemed better than what is available on the open market and which will generate royalty, advertising and/or sponsorship revenue for UF. UF has approximately 19,000 living alumni, with around 800 new graduates added each year. For information on how to submit, contact Robert Link, business manager at The University of Findlay, at link@findlay.edu or 419-434-4528.

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](http://www.findlay.edu), Keyword: Alumni, or [click here](#). If you send us an announcement of a birth in your family, the Wolfe Center for Alumni, Parents and Friends will send your new little Oiler a stocking hat to show that Oiler pride!

Congratulations, Newlyweds:
JJ Bilimek ('09) & Katie McGhee-Bilimek, married March 2, 2013

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4. Alumni Spotlight

World War II Flying Ace Rear Admiral Edward L. Feightner ('41) Honored

Rear Admiral Edward L. Feightner ('41) was honored as a 2013 Distinguished Alumnus May 10 in Arlington, Va., where he was recognized for his extraordinary military career as a World War II fighter ace, test pilot, aviation innovator and commander.
The University of Findlay’s President Katherine Fell, Ph.D., Marie Louden-Hanes, Ph.D., assistant to the president, and Dee Dee Spraw, director of the Wolfe Center for Alumni, Parents and Friends, invited his family, friends and retired Army and Navy pilots and spouses to a luncheon and ceremony to honor Rear Adm. Feightner as a Distinguished Alumnus of The University of Findlay. The luncheon and ceremony took place at the Army Navy Country Club.

In receiving the award, Feightner commented, “I really appreciated my time at Findlay, and I think the caliber of the education I got, I couldn’t have wished for better. Thank you.”

Feightner grew up on a farm near Elida, Ohio, and entered Findlay College in 1938 on a full-tuition scholarship provided by Otto D. Donnell, president of Ohio Oil Co. He went to Donnell’s office to thank him, where he met Mike Murphy, a pilot for Ohio Oil, who asked him, “Do you want to learn to fly, kid?” That question set the course of his life. As a result, Feightner received his private pilot license as a sophomore in 1939 after attending the Civilian Pilot Training Program.

Feightner was active in campus academic and social organizations and was a member of the track and wrestling teams, earning him a place in the Varsity “F” Club. He served on student council and was president of his senior class. After graduating from Findlay College in 1941 with a bachelor’s degree in chemistry and physics, he enlisted in the Navy Reserve. He entered the Naval Aviation Cadet Training Program, completing flight training in 1942.

A bona fide hero from World War II, Feightner was a naval pilot who flew the F4F Wildcat on his first cruise with the famed “Grim Reapers” of VF-10. On his second cruise, he flew the F6F Hellcat with VF-8. Participating in some of the fiercest battles of the Pacific Theater of Operations, he protected U.S. aircraft carriers and other craft in the U.S. fleet and attacked enemy ships. He is credited with nine kills, four probables and nine damaged during air battles against enemy forces. Highly decorated, Feightner received the Distinguished Flying Cross four times, the Legion of Merit twice, twelve Air medals, a Navy Commendation Medal and many other awards.

Following combat duty and assignments as a flight instructor, his bravery and skill at flying were put to use post-war as a U.S. Navy test pilot. An extremely hazardous job, he flew everything from helicopters to the largest transports, including Bearcats, Tigercats, Corsairs and the finicky Cutlass, surviving numerous near-fatal incidents.
Feightner was assigned as a member of the fabled Blue Angels in 1952. He flew the Vought F7U, despite known deficiencies in design and reliability, as the lead solo. Returning as a test pilot, he tested aircraft, systems and munitions, and contributed to the development of nuclear bomb delivery tactics.

In 1955, he was given his first command and was deployed on several tours in the Mediterranean. Feightner was selected to attend the Naval War College in Newport, R.I., graduating in 1961. His assignments included heading Navy Fighter Design. He was captain of two U.S. Navy ships, the USS Chikaskia and the USS Okinawa. After attending the Defense Weapons Systems Management course at the Air Force Institute of Technology, he was assigned to the office of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) for Air in the Pentagon, and he also directed the Naval Aviation Weapons Systems Analysis Group.

In June 1970, he was promoted from captain to a two-star rear admiral. His final tour was with the Naval Air Systems Command, where he participated in fighter studies leading to the development of the Grumman F-14 Tomcat and the McDonnell Douglas F/A-18 Hornet. Feightner retired from active duty on July 1, 1974, after 33 years of service with 8,610 flight hours and 874 carrier landings.

He was inducted into the Carrier Aviation Test Pilot Hall of Honor in 1998 and is an Honorary Fellow of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots. Feightner is an emeritus member of the Early and Pioneer Naval Aviators Association, better known as the “Golden Eagles,” and served as chairman of the board of directors from 2004 to 2006. He also was named to the Findlay College Athletic Hall of Fame in 1980.

He was vice president of Silver Wings Over Washington, an aviation-related association in the Washington, D.C., area. He also served as a member of the honorary board of trustees of the International Midway Memorial Foundation, and he was president of FMS, Inc., an aerospace consulting firm in Washington, D.C.

In retirement, he has shared his experiences and educated others about naval aviation. On May 24, 2011, at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C., he gave a presentation on “Memoirs from an Aviator’s Logbook” as the featured speaker at the Charles A. Lindbergh Memorial Lecture. On July 15, 2011, he participated as part of a panel at the National Aviation Hall of Fame’s 50th Annual Enshrinement Ceremony in a tribute to the 100th year of naval aviation.

Although he is unable to attend, Rear Adm. Feightner also will be honored with other Distinguished Alumni for 2013 at the annual Alumni Association Breakfast during Homecoming on Sept. 28, 2013.
5. Oiler Sports

Outdoor Track & Field – Jessica Rowland
Senior Jessica Rowland captured a national title in the hammer throw with a first-place finish in the event during the outdoor championship on May 23 in Pueblo, Colo. Rowland, who was the top seed in the hammer throw, won the event with a heave of 62.85 meters as she bested the competition by nine feet to become the Oilers’ first national champion on the women’s side since NCAA Division II Hall of Fame member Kirby Blackley won two titles in the long jump and 100-meter hurdles in 2008.

Men’s Basketball – Brad Piehl
Graduated senior Brad Piehl of the Oilers men’s basketball team was announced as a recipient of the GLIAC Commissioner’s Award for the winter sports season.

The award, sponsored by Meijer Incorporated, is presented after the fall, winter and spring athletic seasons to six female and six male student-athletes who excel both in the classroom and on the fields of play. All grade point averages are based on a 4.0 scale.

Piehl held a 3.86 grade point average in early childhood education and was named the 2013 GLIAC Tournament MVP after leading the Oilers to their second consecutive title. Piehl has been named to the All-GLIAC Academic Excellence Team twice during his tenure with the Oilers and posted averages of 11.2 points and 6.2 rebounds per game during his senior campaign. The New Knoxville, Ohio, native also shot 88.3 percent from the free-throw line, the fourth best mark in the conference.

Baseball – Blake Schmenk
Senior outfielder Blake Schmenk was named honorable mention All-American on May 29 by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA). Schmenk, who was a first-team, all-region performer for the Oilers baseball team in 2013, hit .377 on the season and stole 20 bases. He also set a new single season school record with 54 runs scored and tied the school record with 34 walks during his final year with the program. A first-team, all-conference pick, Schmenk also racked up ten doubles, two triples, two home runs and 21 runs batted in.

Learfield Sports Division II Directors’ Cup
The University of Findlay athletic department finished 26th in the Learfield Sports Division II Directors’ Cup as the final rankings were released on June 6. The Oilers finished the 2012-13 athletic year with a total of 443.75 points, the third highest total of all schools associated with the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC).

The Learfield Sports Directors’ Cup was developed as a joint effort between the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) and USA Today. Points are awarded based on each institution’s national finish in up to 14 sports — seven women’s and seven men’s.
Schools are only awarded for NCAA national tournament or championship finishes. The Oilers earned no points during athletic competition during the fall, but racked up an impressive 273.25 points during the winter. They then tacked on 170.50 points in the spring to complete their total.

Check out Oilers sports at http://athletics.findlay.edu.

6. Alumni Support

The Findlay Fund
As part of the University of Findlay’s College Incentive Program, your gift to The Findlay Fund counts towards individual college fundraising goals. Once your college’s goal is reached, your college receives a bonus to use as needed. The colleges also receive a percentage of every gift to The Findlay Fund beyond their goals. The fundraising goals are set for each college annually based on a three-year average of alumni support to The Findlay Fund. As of May 31, here is how each college is progressing toward its goal:

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How is your college stacking up this year? Gifts through June 30, 2013, count and will not only support every student on campus; they also will directly provide resources to your college. If you want to help your college reach its goal or see it come out on top, simply contact the annual giving office at the University. You also can visit the University website to make an online gift today.

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Online: visit: www.findlay.edu and select the “Give to UF” button

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The Give Voice to Your Values campaign has increased its total of endowed funds to 157, with nearly $13.2 million raised toward student scholarships, faculty development and program support. The most recently endowed funds are:

In conjunction with the Give Voice to Your Values campaign at The University of Findlay, Earl W. DeLong ('48) and Gladys L. DeLong established the DeLong Oiler Promise
Scholarship Endowment Fund. This fund is an unrestricted endowment used to recruit and retain students at The University of Findlay. They also established the Earl W. DeLong ’48 College of Business Visiting Executive Lectureship Endowment, designed to bring business executives to the University to interact and share their experiences with students, faculty and the Findlay community.

In conjunction with the 125th Endowed Fund Drive, the faculty and staff at The University of Findlay James L. Child, Jr. Equestrian Complex established the Hunter/Jumper Scholarship Endowment Fund to encourage students to become hunter/jumper trainers and/or instructors. Recipients must be active as part of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) team or Horse Club and must demonstrate good sportsmanship, excellent leadership skills and a strong work ethic toward the betterment of the equine history. Recipients must have a strong passion for horses and have at least a 3.2 GPA.

Also in conjunction with the 125th anniversary of The University of Findlay and to honor his wife, the late Max Nonnamaker ’51 established the Wm. Max and Barbara Ann Nonnamaker Scholarship Endowment Fund through his estate. Realizing the importance of education and student support, it was his desire to make a positive impact on the lives of UF students for many generations to come. The recipient of this scholarship shall be a resident of Hancock County, Ohio, enrolled as a full-time student at UF in any major, and have at least a 3.0 GPA.

For a list of all endowment funds at the University, click here.

7. Campus News

Want to know what is happening on campus between ArchLink issues? Check out the UF Newsroom for the latest information, as well as photos, videos and blogs. Click here to access.

8. Spread the Word...

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