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Alums share memories of college and World War II



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career as athletic director for Berea City Schools led Purdy to be named one of the first inductees into the Ohio High School Athletic Directors Hall of Fame. One of Purdy's claims to fame is that he taught and coached Jim Tressel, current head football coach of The Ohio State University Buckeyes.

Thirty-five years of teaching, coaching and administering at Bay Village Schools awaited Kitzerow when he graduated from Findlay College. During his college years, he lettered in football four times and track three times and was the captain of the football team during his senior year. He is a 1978 inductee into the UF Athletic

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▲ Dr. James Houdeshell '53, Robert Kitzerow '42, President DeBow Freed, Gene Crawford '39, Sheldon Hall '41, Bob Purdy '48 and Dr. August Mazza '41 gathered to reminisce.

They share a lot in common. Each graduated from Findlay College. Each was involved in athletics or other student activities while in college. Each served his country in the armed forces. And, most definitely, each has a story.

And those stories are the reason five alumni - Sheldon Hall '41, Bob Purdy '48, Bob Kitzerow '42, Gene Crawford '39 and August Mazza '41 - gathered during an Oiler home athletic event...to share their stories and relive old college memories.

For Hall, the trip to campus brought back memories of involvement in athletics during his college years. He lettered in football, baseball and wrestling, which earned him a spot in the UF Athletic Hall of Fame in 1988. After college, Hall spent 35 years as a high school teacher, principal and coach.

Purdy, a 1987 inductee into the UF Athletic Hall of Fame, lettered in basketball, track and tennis while at Findlay College. He also served as a trainer for the football team. A 34-year

Welcome!

MainLine is a newsletter published for alumni of The University of Findlay. After a hiatus of a few years, *MainLine* returns as a publication focused on UF graduates and their accomplishments. Both *MainLine* and the *Findlay* magazine will feature alumnotes, so keep sending us your news!

Hall of Fame and received the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1998. Kitzerow's brush with greatness came in the form of George Steinbrenner, owner of the New York Yankees, who served as assistant track coach under Kitzerow for Bay Village Schools.

Crawford also excelled in athletics at Findlay, playing football from 1936-38 and serving as captain during his senior year. After a short teaching career, Crawford spent 26 years in public health and hospital planning.

Mazza, a medical doctor who retired after 47 years in practice, was also active on the Findlay campus. In recent years, the UF family has become more and more familiar with Dr. Mazza, for whom the Mazza Museum is named. In fact, the first four pieces of artwork used to start the collection in 1982 were donated by Dr. Mazza and his late wife, Aleda (Pfof '41).



▲ Bob Purdy and Dr. August Mazza laugh about old times.

During the reunion of the five alumni, war stories topped the list of things to discuss. And these gentlemen had some interesting tales to tell.

For instance, Hall, who was a captain in the Marine Air Corps and a fighter pilot during World War II, told of the time he was shot down in the South Pacific in 1943. For 16 days, he was missing in action, hidden by friendly island natives who had converted to Christianity due to the influence of missionaries.

"They knew I was American because of my red hair. They thought I was from God. I used a short-wave radio from the Royal Australian Coast Guard and made arrangements to be picked up," he recalled.

It took three passes for the plane to snag him, and Hall was rescued by hanging on the end of a tow rope. The injuries he sustained when his plane was shot down included a broken jaw, broken teeth, a broken nose and shrapnel wounds. "I set my own nose," he said. His bravery earned him a Purple Heart and Air Medal.

Purdy also had his share of stories about World War II. He was a lieutenant senior grade in the Navy. Prior to an invasion, he suffered a severe eye injury and spent nine months in a Navy hospital.

Kitzerow spent seven years in the service, serving in World War II and the Korean Conflict. He was a staff sergeant in the Army during World War II and a master sergeant in the Korean Conflict. His job during World War

II was to drive a mobile communication unit. During the Battle of the Bulge, Kitzerow was driving his unit in Europe when he happened upon Crawford, who was driving a Jeep, adding an air of coincidence to the war for these two alumni.

Crawford's job during World War II was as part of a medical evacuation unit. "I led my unit in evacuating more than 26,000 wounded soldiers in Europe," he recalled.

Crawford was captured and held in

an Austrian prison camp, which he describes as "the worst experience of my life." For his bravery, Crawford was awarded a citation.

Dr. Mazza served in the Air Corps in World War II and in the Air Force

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during the Korean Conflict. In World War II, he was an electronics officer. He recalls fixing General Henry H. Arnold's radio at the Pentagon as well.

During the Korean Conflict, he worked as a physician and was stationed with Norman Shumway, who was head of the cardiovascular department at Stanford University and who performed the first heart transplant done in the United States.

After sharing war stories, the five men remembered their time at Findlay College. Crawford recalled that a misunderstanding almost caused him to be expelled from school, and Kitzerow remembered how friendly the people in Findlay are. Mazza commented on the excellence of the faculty. All recalled that meals cost merely a quarter.

From the athletic field to the battle field, from the classroom to the office, these five men have represented their country, their college and their families in a most exemplary way. 🏰

Contributed by Kathryn J. Kelly

Breaking News...

Just before *MainLine* went to press, the campus was saddened by the unexpected death of Dr. David Allen, professor of sociology, on Jan. 18, 2005. A faculty member at UF since 1970, Dr. Allen apparently died of natural causes. More information will appear in the upcoming issue of the *Findlay* magazine.



UNIQUE FACTS

UNIVERSITY

During the fiscal year, which ended June 30, 2004, The University of Findlay balanced its budget by \$1 million, reduced indebtedness by \$6 million, increased net assets by \$5 million and paid \$2 million for summer projects from the operating budget. These actions were reported at a meeting of the University Board of Trustees on Oct. 14-15.

Full-time equivalent enrollment is 3,828 this year, compared to 3,805 last year and 3,778 the year before. The number of full-time students is 3,059, compared to 3,043 last year and 3,072 the year before. Head count enrollment, which includes anyone who enrolls for a one-credit course or more, is 4,657, compared to 4,711 last year and 4,586 the year before.

ACADEMICS

Additional faculty members are part of a plan to focus on strengthening academic programs. A total of 16 new full-time faculty members have been appointed for the current academic year, representing eight new positions and eight replacements or filling positions that have been vacant. Also, two administrators have returned to full-time teaching positions. These actions reflect an increase of 10 full-time teaching positions for the current academic year.

INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Gifts and grants for fiscal year 2003-04 were \$5.5 million, compared to \$5.1 million the year before. The number of donors was 3,322, compared to 3,154 the prior year. The \$2.2 million campaign for an addition to the Mazza Museum stands at \$1 million in gifts and pledges.

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UF Honors Distinguished Alumni



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Dennis Zahler '70, Judy Butler, Ruby Cassel accepting for Betty (Helwig) Biswas '51, Barbara (Meyers) Binkley '64, Karen Loy accepting for her late husband, Stephen Loy '74, and Robert Verb '96.

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 All-Alumni Brunch on Saturday, Sept. 25, as part of Homecoming Weekend.

Named as Distinguished Alumni were: Betty (Helwig) Biswas of West Bengal, India, class of 1951; Barbara A. (Meyers) Binkley of Toledo, Ohio, class of 1964; and Dennis Zahler of Ft. Mitchell, Ky., class of 1970. Robert Verb of Bluffton, Ohio, class of 1996, received the Old Main Award, which recognizes the distinguished accomplishments of alumni age 35 or younger. The Gold Medallion Award was presented posthumously to the late Stephen Loy of Canton, Ohio, class of 1974. The Arch Award, honoring service by a staff member of the University, was presented to Judith Butler.

Betty A. (Helwig) Biswas graduated from then Findlay College in 1951 with a bachelor's degree in elementary and religious education.

The daughter of a Churches of God pastor, Biswas chose to major in elemen-

tary and religious education in order to prepare herself for the mission field.

In 1953, she left to go to the Uluberia Town Mission School in West Bengal, southwest of Calcutta. During a furlough beginning in January 1960, Biswas earned a master's degree in elementary education from Pennsylvania State University and taught third grade for two and a half years. She returned to her work in India in October 1963.

In 1966, she married Solomon Biswas, a native of India. Solomon was in charge of the general administration and evangelistic work of the mission, while Betty was in charge of the school, where she taught English to children in the elementary grades.

She relinquished daily oversight of the school only last year due to health problems. Under her leadership as a teacher and administrator, the school, which has 270 children, achieved a reputation for academic excellence and caring teachers.

The Churches of God, General Conference, honored Biswas in 2003 for serving 50 years as a missionary to India. She and her husband retired in

2004. They continue to reside in India and serve as advisers to the mission staff.

Barbara A. Meyers Binkley graduated from Findlay College in 1964 with a bachelor's degree in elementary education and music. She went on to earn a master's degree in elementary education from Eastern Michigan University in 1968 and received her Ed.S. in educational administration from the University of Toledo in 1984.

An educator for 30 years, Binkley served as an elementary and secondary reading specialist at Wernert Elementary School, Whitmer High School and Washington Local Schools in Toledo. In 1982, she was selected as Outstanding Classroom Educator at Washington Local Schools.

Binkley has served at the local, state and national levels of the Churches of God, General Conference. At Home Acres Community Church, she has served as a Sunday School teacher for 30 years.

For the Ohio Conference, Binkley served as vice president, nominating committee chairperson, chairperson of the Discipling Life Council and chairperson of the Administrator Retirement Committee.

She founded the Ladies Day Away Retreat for the Ohio Women's Service Council, and she serves as an at-large member of the Administrative Council of the Great Lakes Conference.

Her service at the national level includes nine years as a member of the Administrative Council. She also has served as a member of the Administrative Search Committee, chair of the National Task Force Committee on Sexual Misconduct and president of the national Women's Christian Service Council (WCSC).

Binkley also is involved as a music volunteer for the Wildwood Park Manor House in Toledo, and is a member of the Toledo-area Panhellenic Council. She has served as a board member for the Toledo-area Christian Business & Professional Women and as an officer with the Toledo Gideons Auxiliary.

She and her husband, Jonathan '63, reside in Toledo. They have two sons, Tregg and Trent, and two granddaughters.

Dennis A. Zahler graduated from Findlay College with a bachelor of science in education and business in 1970.

He is the owner of Zahler and Associates, an insurance agency in Ft. Mitchell. Established in 1979, the agency specializes in employee benefits, financial planning, executive compensation packages, individual life insurance and disability income insurance. He also is the owner of Concept Homes, LLC, which builds modular homes.

Previously, Zahler was vice president of sales at Rockwool Industries in Denver, Colo., from 1976-79, for residential and commercial insulation.

He was vice president of sales and company director for Oren Corporation, Muncie, Ind., from 1974-76, for residential insulation.

Zahler was terminal manager for Branch Motor Express in Muncie, from 1971-74, and assistant terminal manager for Roadway Express at the Findlay freight terminal from 1970-71.

He serves as a member of The University of Findlay Hospitality Management Advisory Board and is a past chairperson of The University of Findlay Parents Council. He is a member of the Fort Mitchell City Council and is the director of the Northern Kentucky chapter of the Christian Business Network.

He is a member and a deacon of Lakeside Christian Church and a charter member and current board member of the Beechwood Educational Foundation. A current member of the Northern Kentucky Life Underwriters Association, Zahler also is a life member of the insurance industry's Million Dollar Round Table.

He resides in Ft. Mitchell, with his wife, Barbara. They have three adult children, Matthew, Scott '00 and Amanda Morehart, and three grandchildren.

Robert G. Verb graduated from The University of Findlay in 1996 with a bachelor of science degree in biology and environmental and hazardous materials management and was named an Honors Scholar in the Field of Science.

Verb earned a doctorate in biological sciences/environmental and plant biology from Ohio University in 2001.

He serves as associate professor of biological and allied health sciences and greenhouse manager at Ohio Northern University, where he has taught since 2001.

His extensive research has been funded by a number of grants from sources such as the Phycological Society of America and the Ohio Biological Survey, where much of his work has involved studying algae as biological indicators of pollutants such as acid mine drainage in Ohio.

Dr. Verb has co-authored a number of articles that have been published in refereed journals such as *Water, Air, and Soil Pollution*, *Northeastern Naturalist*, *Journal of Freshwater Ecology*, *International Journal of Plant Sciences*, *Aquatic Botany* and *Journal of Forensic Science*.

He resides in Bluffton, Ohio, with his wife, Melissa.

Stephen J. Loy graduated with a bachelor's degree in art education from Findlay College in 1974, where he played defensive back on the football team. He went on to earn a master's degree in education and guidance from the University of Dayton.

Loy passed away on Feb. 2, 2004, at the age of 52 as the result of a rare liver disease. He was the men's head basketball coach for Walsh University, a position he had held since 1992. In his first year at Walsh, Loy earned Coach of the Year honors in the Mid-Ohio Conference as well as in NAIA District 22. His record at Walsh was 253-131. His overall record coaching at high schools and colleges was 363-217.

Loy began his coaching career as assistant basketball and football coach at West Muskingum High School in Zanesville from 1974-77. From there he went to Sandy Valley High School in Magnolia from 1977-85, advancing to head coach in 1979. He was assistant coach at Walsh from 1985-87, assistant coach at the University of Akron from 1987-88, and head coach at Norwayne High School, Creston, Ohio, from 1989-92.

In 1997, he was diagnosed with primary sclerosing cholangitis, which scars the bile ducts. He helped found the Hoops for Healing Foundation to benefit the cause of liver disease research and organ donation.

In September 2003, doctors discovered a cancerous mass on Loy's liver. Despite undergoing chemotherapy, he kept coaching until Jan. 10, 2004, when he was hospitalized.

A resident of the Canton area all of his life, Loy is survived by his wife, Karen, and two children at home, a son, Alex, and a daughter, Meredith; and his parents, Jack and Oranna (Martin) Loy of East Canton.

Judith A. Butler is the first recipient of the Arch Award for Honorary Alumni. The award is presented to members of the faculty, staff or community who do not have a degree from The University of Findlay but have given 25 years or more of service and have by personal example demonstrated loyalty and support for the institution.

During her career at The University of Findlay, she served in administrative assistant positions for the Division of Math and Computer Science, the Division of Education, the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations and the Mazza Museum from 1977 until 2004, when she retired.

At The University of Findlay, she has been a member of the Findlay-area community chorus and served as adviser to Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. She also is a member of the Mazza Enthusiasts and volunteers in the Mazza Gift Shop.

Prior to coming to Findlay, she worked at Ashland University from 1972-1977 and the Cleveland Museum of Art from 1958-61.

Butler graduated in 1958 with a bachelor of fine arts degree in art history from Ohio University.

She is a member of Gateway Church and its Greeter's Ministry, the Hancock County Agency on Aging, the Hancock County Humane Society and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Butler resides in Findlay. She and her late husband, William Butler, have three grown sons, all graduates of The University of Findlay: Scott '85, Chris '88 and Rob '90. 🏠

UF Athletic Hall of Fame Inducts Six



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Eileen Kleinfelter '79, DeMya Wimberly '94, Greg Denecker '94, Tony King '65, Maria Newcomer Gleason '90 and Kris Alge '85.

The University of Findlay's Athletic Hall of Fame inducted six individuals on Saturday, Sept. 25 during Homecoming Weekend. Inductees for 2004 were Kris Alge '85, Greg Denecker '94, Maria Newcomer Gleason '90, Tony King '65, Eileen Kleinfelter '79 and DeMya Wimberly '94.

Kris Alge lettered four years as a quarterback and punter. As quarterback, he threw 22 touchdowns and threw for more than 2,000 yards. He is still Findlay's all-time pass completion percentage leader with 57 percent for his career. He was twice named All-Hoosier Buckeye Conference and District.

His 39.3 career average as a punter still holds Findlay's record. He signed a free-agent contract with the Cleveland Browns in 1986 and another with the Philadelphia Eagles in 1987.

On the baseball diamond, Alge has the second most at bats at Findlay with 420, and he led the Hoosier Buckeye Conference in pitching with a 2.35 ERA in 1985.

Alge graduated from Findlay College in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in education. He is the CBI coordinator and the head football coach and head track and field coach at McComb High School.

He has been named the Blanchard Valley Conference Football Coach of the Year three times, en route to several BVC championships, and the McComb High School Teacher of the Year in 2000.

He resides in Findlay with his wife, Kelly, and four children.

As a basketball center, **Greg Denecker** is the fourth leading scorer in UF history with more than 1,800 points. He also finished his career as a top-10 rebounder at Findlay.

Denecker was a three-time NAIA District 22 selection and a two-time NAIA National Scholar-Athlete. He remains UF's only men's basketball GTE Academic All-American, earning basketball's highest honor following the 1993-94 season.

On campus, in 1994, he was named the Social Science Student of the Year, and he also received the Mancuso Trophy as the student-athlete of the year.

Denecker and his wife, Chris, have two sons and reside in Bluffton, Ohio. He is currently the principal at Bluffton High School, a position he has held for the past five years.

Maria Newcomer Gleason still holds the school record time in the women's 5,000-meter and 10,000-meter

runs. She is second in the 3,000-meter run and third in the cross country 5,000-meter run. She is an eight-time NAIA national qualifier— three in cross country, three in outdoor track and two in indoor track. A two-time NAIA Indoor Track All-American in the three-mile run in 1989 and 1990, she also was the NAIA District 22 champion in the 5,000-meter run in 1989.

She was named an NAIA Scholar-Athlete – twice in cross country and twice in track and field. At Findlay, she was awarded the Mancuso Trophy in 1989 for her athletic, academic and community service achievements.

Newcomer Gleason graduated from UF in 1990 with a bachelor's degree in art, psychology and English. She currently resides in Findlay with her two sons and is a claims representative for the Social Security Administration.

Tony King played at Findlay from 1962-65. He was named all-conference three times and was voted the most outstanding defensive lineman at Findlay College. He helped lead the Oilers to the NAIA national playoffs in 1964 after a 9-1 regular season. Following a successful college career, King was drafted into professional football by Dallas, then acquired by San Diego, finally finding a home with the Buffalo Bills in 1966. During the 1967 season, King joined forces with his brother, Charlie, to become the first black siblings to play in the NFL together on the same team.

King played professional football for five years before turning to his next career – modeling and acting. He played parts in several prominent movies and television, most notably as the stable boy in "The Godfather" and with a part in "Magnum P.I."

Today, King is president of Global Security Agency, which provides security for top acts including the rap group Public Enemy.

He is a member of the Alliance High School Hall of Fame, the Canton, Ohio, Black Hall of Fame, and he has been honored with numerous professional awards.

King and his wife, Diana, are the parents of four children and reside in Los Angeles.


Eileen Kleinfelter graduated from Findlay College in 1979 following a three-sport career in basketball, softball and tennis. She spent time as the head women's coach at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne and was an assistant coach at five Division I schools before being hired by UF to lead the women's basketball program in 1994.

Kleinfelter acquired a career mark of 172 wins and 46 losses during her seven-year stint as head coach at Findlay. During that time, she led the Lady Oilers to five NAIA national tournaments, including two NAIA final fours in 1998 and 2000. In addition, she won three Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference South championships. In seven seasons at the helm, she coached 12 NAIA National Scholar-Athletes and was named the GLIAC Coach of the Year in 2000. She remains the wins leader as a women's basketball coach at UF.

Following her coaching career at Findlay, she became the head coach at Central Michigan University in 2001, a position she presently holds. Kleinfelter earned a bachelor's degree in health and physical education from UF. She received her master's degree from Pennsylvania State University in 1984. She currently resides in Mount Pleasant, Mich.

DeMya Wimberly was the starting quarterback at Findlay for four years, including 1992 when the Oilers captured the NAIA National Football Championship with a 26-13 victory over Linfield College. He was a four-year letterman, a four-year NAIA District 22 selection, a two-time Society Bank Team Offensive Most Valuable Player and the NAIA National Championship game MVP. He ended his career as a starter with a record of 35-9-1. He is still second in the career total offense category with 5,321 total yards. He passed for 29 touchdowns and completed more than 50 percent of his passes. Equally adept at running, he ran for nearly 2,000 yards in his career.

Today, he is on the administrative staff at the Lucas County Youth Treatment Center as a supervisor.

Wimberly graduated from UF with a bachelor's degree in sociology/criminal justice in 1994. He and his wife, Lisa, reside in Holland, Ohio, with their three children. 


Alumni Reunions


Beef Eaters restaurant in Phoenix, Ariz., was the venue for an alumni reunion on February 21, 2004. Shown are: (first row) Sue Rowlands, Eleanor Gooch, Dr. John Savel '46, Mary Savel, Mira (Frost '78) Houdeshell, Bob Richards, Mary (Malcolm '52) Richards, guest, Ann Canfield '92; (second row) Dr. Richard Malcolm '55, James Rowlands '57, Phyllis (Eakin '62) Schmidt, Linda Beard, Wilson Beard '82, Al Fuentes '98, Audrey (Krebs '01) Fuentes, Betty (Eckert '68) Morris; (third row) Charles Schmidt, Steve Pionkowski '96, Fred Polinski '59, Dr. James Houdeshell '53, Dr. John Malacos, Jack Morris '70, guest, Rachel Harder '00, William Nelson '91 and Kelley Browne '77.



Former UF basketball players returned to campus for an all-alumni basketball game on Dec. 4, 2004. Afterward, they stayed to watch the Oilers compete against West Virginia Wesleyan. Shown are: (front row) Drew Mihalik '01, Jaison Grimes '02, Desmond Buford '90, Javan Conley '97; (back row) Brad Rethman '04, Clark May '03, Tim Hamen '99, Greg Denecker '94, Andrew Staley, Mike Pohlman '00, Ryan Maag '01, Chuck Daniels '97 and Brett Dalrymple '04.



Alison Pergram and Brandon Brant were named 2004 Homecoming queen and king.



Former coach Dick Strahm participated in the coin toss before the start of the Homecoming game against Northwood University.



Alumni musicians joined the Oiler Brass for a rousing half-time performance.



Former football players gathered at the Tents of Champions prior to the Homecoming game to congratulate former head coach Dick Strahm on his induction into the College Football Hall of Fame at South Bend, Ind.



The classes of 1954 and 2004 joined to present the University with campus clocks as their class gifts. Dr. Freed graciously accepted the clocks on behalf of the University at the dedication.



Dr. Freed presented members of the class of 1954 with golden diplomas at the Alumni Association annual meeting. The traditional rose ceremony also was observed, with all alumni in attendance being presented with a red rose.



Judy Butler (left), honored as the first recipient of the Arch Award for a UF staff member who has more than 25 years of service, is congratulated by her long-time friend, Dr. Marian Barch '49 (right), professor emerita of education.



Members of the Class of 1954 gathered for their 50-year reunion and the dedication of the new campus clocks.

Photos by A. Risser Lee

“Time Marches On” was the theme for The University of Findlay’s 2004 Homecoming Sept. 24-26. The highlight of the weekend was the dedication of campus clocks as the gift of the classes of 1954 and 2004. The weekend included the Alumni Association annual meeting and honoring of Distinguished Alumni, the Family Equestrian Festival and the induction of new members into the Athletic Hall of Fame. Other events included a performance by the Toledo Symphony Orchestra, a performance by the country-rock band Emerson Drive, a reunion of football players from the Coach Dick Strahm era at the Tents of Champions prior to the UF vs. Northwood University game and a celebration recognizing Strahm for his induction into the College Football Hall of Fame. Greek open houses, a reunion of the Oiler Brass/Marching Band and a reception for alumni of color also were held.

DEATHS

Ernest Hawkins '27 of Charleston, R.I., passed away on April 11, 2004.

Helen Smith '32 died March 25, 2004, in Sacramento, Calif. She is survived by her son, Stephen; two grandchildren; two sisters, including

Florence Cook '34 of Findlay; and one brother.

Virginia "Dolly" (Dreisbach '36) Trout passed away Nov. 28, 2003, in Delaware, Ohio. She was a member of Worthington United Methodist Church and was a volunteer at Riverside Methodist Hospital. She worked for several years at Lane's Coach House and Bob Buell Realtors. She was active in the Worthington Women's Club and the Worthington Activity Club. She is survived by two daughters, Ann Norman and Sue Worthley; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a sister.

Justine Puhl '38 passed away on Dec. 24, 2003.

Don Tarbox '42 passed away Jan. 2, 2004, in Topeka, Kan. He was a retired architect and an Army veteran of World War II. He is survived by his son, Steve of Howell, Mich.; a daughter, Marea Allen of Topeka, Kan.; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and a brother.

William Clair Harman '50 died March 21, 2004, in Celebration, Fla. He retired in 1992 from Delta College, where he was an associate professor of literature and English for 24 years. He was a formative force behind a Jewish-Christian (now inter-faith) dialogue group at Delta College. Previously, he taught at Winebrenner Theological Seminary, then Findlay College (1956-62), Bowling Green State University and Slippery Rock State University. He also served as a minister of the Mendon and Five Points Churches of God, USA. He was a Navy veteran of World War II and a graduate of the Chicago Theological Seminary at The University of Chicago and Bowling Green State University. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Ann; one son, William Jr.; two daughters, Andrea Harman and Tanya Chartier; three grandchildren; and one brother.

Geraldine Louise "Geri" Crawfis '57 died Dec. 25, 2003, in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

Troi Tyner '63 passed way Dec. 7, 2003, in Fostoria, Ohio. He taught English at Liberty-Benton School for nearly 30 years. He is survived by his sister, Janice Sartore of Findlay.

Mary (Anzalone '69) Meyer passed away on May 2, 2004, after a short illness. She taught English and speech in the Parma City School District and the Liberty-Benton Local School

District. She is survived by her husband, John; her mother, Joann Anzalone of Parma; and her brother, Robert Anzalone of Brunswick.

Jerry L. Stemen '71 passed away Jan. 4, 2004, in Lima, Ohio. He taught math, science and computers at Lima South Junior High School and Lima Senior High School. He was an organist and photographer. He was a member of St. Stephen Orthodox Church, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge 54, the American Guild of Organists and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia fraternity. He is survived by his wife, Judith; a daughter, Jennifer Miller; and a grandchild; and his mother, Mary Stemen of Elida.

Joyce Bachmann '73 died Dec. 23, 2003, in Cincinnati, Ohio. She was a nurse supervisor at Blanchard Valley Hospital and is survived by her sister, Jeanne Nesbitt of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Steve Loy '74 passed away Feb. 2, 2004. He was the head men's basketball coach at Walsh College since 1992 and led the team to 11 consecutive winning seasons and four appearances in the NAIA national championship. He recently was featured in the *Canton Repository* concerning his fight against liver cancer. He helped form Hoops for Healing, a program that drew attention to the need for liver disease research and organ donation. His career began with a basketball and football coaching job at West Muskingham High School in Zanesville, Ohio. He was also a coach at Sandy Valley High School and Norwayne High School and was an assistant coach at Walsh College and the University of Akron. He is survived by his parents, Jack and Oranna Loy, East Canton, Ohio; his wife, Karen; children, Meredith and Alex; four sisters; and one brother.

William Bernard Quinn '83 passed away Dec. 25, 2003, in Toledo, Ohio. He was a production supervisor at GM Powertrain and was a member of United Missionary Baptist Church. He had served in the Navy. He is survived by his wife, Cassandra; sons, Fred, Keith, Greg and Valentino; daughters, Margarita, Tanisha, Dominique and Estelle; his parents, Inez and Fred Quinn Sr.; three sisters; and a brother.

Steven Klein '95 passed away on Jan. 25, 2004, in Kettering, Ohio. He attended The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine after graduating from The University of Findlay with a degree in pre-veterinary medicine. He was unable to complete his veterinary degree after being diagnosed with a malignant, inoperable brain tumor in 1996. He held jobs with Jeg's High Performance Auto Parts in Columbus and at the American Bottling Company (7Up and Dr Pepper) in their quality control department until 2001 when he became too disabled to continue working. He was a member of Rome Hilliard Nazarene Church.

He is survived by his parents, James and Beverly Klein of Kettering; a brother; and his wife, Tamara of Vermilion, Ohio. Memorials may be made to the Steven J. Klein '95 Memorial Pre-Veterinary Scholarship Endowment Fund.

LeAnn Kay (Funchion) Meyer '95 died March 13, 2004. She was a high school math teacher in the Stryker School system and served as junior class adviser and president and a referee for the Northwest Ohio Volleyball Association. She was also the co-chair for the Henry County Relay for Life and a member of St. John Lutheran Church, where she was a member of the choir. During her years at Findlay, she played basketball and volleyball and coached basketball. She is survived by her husband, Steven; three children, Dylan, Noah and Natalie; a brother; two sisters; and her father and stepmother, James and Phyllis Funchion.

Michael A. Leighton '02 died Dec. 19, 2003, in Denver, Colo. He was a special education teacher and football coach at Smokey Hill High School in Aurora, Colo. He had played football at UF. He is survived by his parents, Kenneth and Jeanne of Solon, Ohio; four brothers; and four grandparents. Memorial contributions can be made to The University of Findlay's Athletic Department.

Andrew Kastner '03 passed away March 6, 2004, in Findlay. He was a graduate student at UF and employed at the Findlay Meijer Store. A member of St. Michael Catholic Church, he also was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity and the American Association of Physical Therapy Students. He is survived by his parents, James and Jean; a sister, Carrie Beltz; and paternal grandmother, Marilyn Kastner of Tiffin.

Friends

Alfred Decker IV passed away Nov. 25, 2003, in Toledo, Ohio. He had been a faculty member at UF, as well as at Tiffin University, University of Toledo, Bluffton College and Owens Community College. He was an assistant professor of philosophy at Bowling Green State University. He is survived by a brother and three sisters.

Edith "Edie" (Hawk) Schroeder passed away Jan. 8, 2004, in Findlay. She had been a housemother at then Findlay College. She is survived by a sister, Edna Clark of Findlay.

Michael Terry died Dec. 18, 2003, in Toledo, Ohio. He was a corporate pilot for Findlay Industries. He is survived by his parents, Martin '66 and Chrystal Terry; his wife, Mary; four daughters, Natalie, Michelle, Christina and Victoria; two step-daughters, Keely Wymer and Jessi Perry, both of North Baltimore, Ohio; a sister; four grandparents; and two step-grandchildren.

CLASS NOTES

'38

Florine (Cramer) Searfoss celebrated her 90th birthday on May 24, 2004. She married Fay Searfoss on May 30, 1941, and is a lifelong resident of Findlay. The couple has two children and four grandchildren. She worked as a bookkeeper for Producer's Livestock Association. She attends the New Life Assembly of God.

'51

Joseph Rockwell '51 and his wife, **Joanne (Hamilton)**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 19. He was a supervisor of elementary education for 17 years for the Washington County Maryland School System and an adjunct professor at the University of Shippensburg for five years, before he retired. She taught for the Tuscarora School District, Wilkes College and Western Maryland College, before she retired. They have two children, Julia Hair of Hummelstown, Pa., and Charles of Boonsboro, Md.; and two grandchildren, Rebecca and Jacob. The couple lives in Newville, Pa.

'56

Fred Hirsimaki was inducted into Cleveland's "Over the Hill Club" track hall of fame on Jan. 11, 2004. He was recognized for his achievements in masters track and field competition, including three straight national decathlon championships in his age group. He lives in Findlay.

'57

James Shrider and his wife, Dolores, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 20, 2003. Shrider was a pastor in the Church of the Nazarene for 42 years, the last 25 years spent working in Mount Blanchard. His wife drove a school bus for Riverdale Schools for 20 years. They have two sons, Wes of Mount Blanchard and Kevin of Wharton. The couple lives in Mount Blanchard.

'63

Kyle Wiseley has retired as administrator of information systems and general services of the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon. He joined the bishop's staff in February 1984 as an assistant to the director of Christian education and youth ministries. He lives in Portland, Ore.

'65

James Paule retired in April 2004. He and his wife, Janet, plan to travel with their Corvettes to car shows throughout the Midwest. They reside in Bryan, Ohio.

'67

Robert and Donna Ewald celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 8, 2004. He is a veteran of World War II and a retired English professor from UF. She is retired from Brindle's Furniture and is employed part-time at K Financial Services. The couple have six children and eight grandchildren.

'71

Ted Miller was inducted to the Hancock Sports Hall of Fame on April 17, 2004. He won a state baseball championship while growing up in Pennsylvania and led Leipsic to a state title during a successful career as that team's head coach. He was twice named a first-team Mid-Ohio Conference catcher and was team MVP and an NAIA District 22 selection in 1971 after compiling a .525 batting average, the second highest in school history. He lives in Ottawa, Ohio.

Wayne Warner has been named the new administrator of Madison Township in Ohio. He previously was the administrator for Genoa Township. He lives in Newark, Ohio.

'75

Robert Morris reports that, after 19 years as head football coach at Toronto High School and East Liverpool High School, he is now serving as an assistant football coach at Robert Morris University near Pittsburgh. He and his wife, Mary Jo, have one daughter, Kimberly. They live in Toronto, Ohio.

'77

Robert Shambaugh reports that he has received candidacy for a doctor of psychology degree. He also has a new job as school psychologist at Lincoln Intermediate Unit #12 in New Oxford, Pa. He and his wife, Lydia, live in Marietta, Pa.

Virgil Strickler has been named the general manager for the Ohio Expo Center and the Ohio State Fair. He joined the Ohio Expo team in 1993 as agricultural director and later assumed the duties of the assistant general manager. He lives in Amanda, Ohio.

David Stupp is a national account manager with T-Mobile, servicing Fortune 1000 accounts in the Cincinnati and Dayton areas. He resides with his wife, Chris, in Fairfield, Ohio.

'78

Joyce Klinger ran for Harrison County commissioner. She retired in 2000 after 38 years with the Social Security Administration in New Philadelphia, Ohio. She lives with her husband, Larry, in Cadiz, Ohio.

'81

Ron Ammons and his daughter, Katie, were featured in an article in *The Courier* on May 22, 2004. Ammons is the women's softball coach for UF, and Katie is a sophomore second baseman for Findlay High School's girls fastpitch team. The feature story visited the legacy of fastpitch softball which was previously passed to sons, but is now being taught by fathers to daughters.

Diane (Marquis) Ten Kate has taken a new position as finance transaction specialist in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences' Business Service Center at Cornell University. She and her husband, Todd, live in Freeville, N.C.

Jayne (Miller) Varian has a new job as a self-employed, part-time certified massage therapist. She lives in Grass Valley, Calif.

'82

Cathy (Cooper) Miller was named 2004 Teacher of the Year at Fairview Elementary School in Franklin, Tenn. Currently teaching in the pre-kindergarten program, she has been with the school since 1991. She and her husband, Randy, and children, Ally, 18; Eric, 15; and Elaine, 13, live in Franklin, Tenn.

'83

Kathleen Kern spoke at the Community Coalition for Peace on May 1, 2004, and discussed the role of Christian peacemaking in the Middle East. She has worked with the Christian Peacemaker Teams in Haiti, the West Bank and Colombia since 1993. Kern has published two nonfiction books, *When It Hurts to Live: Devotions for Difficult Times* and *We Are the Pharisees*. She writes regularly for Christian and secular publications, including the *Tikkun Magazine*, *The Mennonite*, and the *Baltimore Sun*. Her satirical novel, *Where Such Unmaking Reigns*, was selected as a finalist in Barbara Kingsolver's Bellwether Prize in 2002 and won the 2003 Peacewriting Award from the Omni for Peace, Justice and Ecology.

'84

Franklin Kendrick and Robin Zink were married Nov. 1, 2003, in Findlay. She is a homemaker, and he is vice president of operations for Findlay Truck Line. They live in Findlay.

George Papageorgiou has a new job as a lawyer in Athens, Nev., where he makes his home.

'85

Mary Ann Meyer and James Hellinger were married on May 1, 2004, in Ontario, Ohio. She is a licensed nursing home administrator and is employed with Richland County, Mansfield, Ohio.



He is the service-safety director for the City of Ontario. The couple resides in Ontario, Ohio.

'86

Fawn (Fecca) Gettis is the new executive administrative assistant at Custom Molders, Inc., in Henderson, N.C. She and her husband, James, live in Middlesex, N.C.

'87

Michelle Barker and Brad Lacerda were married on Dec. 20, 2003. They both work for Cambridge Health Alliance; she is an IT clinical application analyst, and he is an IT technical support analyst. The couple resides in Somerville, Mass.

Jim Cira was honored on April 8, 2004, with an award for the Top Career Agent in the State of Ohio for Auto and Homeowner's Insurance production and excellent customer service for 2003 by the Farmers Insurance Group. He lives in Findlay.

Suzanne Wilcox was nominated by Stacey Hotchkiss for the "My Vet Matters" contest. She was named a finalist for February 2004 and won the contest for March 2004. She is a veterinarian at Applegrove Vet Clinic and resides in Hubbard, Ohio.

'88

David Craig is the new director of advertising for North America for Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. in Findlay, Ohio. Craig joined Cooper in 1993 and has served as manager of associated brand advertising and communications since 2002.

'89

David Rosier is the new assistant manager at Toyota Motor Manufacturing – West Virginia in Buffalo, W.Va. He and his wife, **Janice (Stump '91)** live in Bidwell, Ohio.

'90

Matthew Downing is a sales engineer with David Round and Son in Solon, Ohio. He and his wife, Linda, reside in Bedford, Ohio.

Gregory Knestrick has been named marketing director at Findlay's Peterman Associates. He and his wife, Jennia, and their son, live in Findlay.

Jill (Nehls) and Roy **Martinez** are the parents of a daughter, Brooke Alexandra, born Dec. 19, 2003. They and son, Logan, live in Catawba Island, Ohio.

'91

Yvonne (Haught) Allford was a 2003-04 Teacher of the Year finalist in McAlester, Okla., where she

and her husband, Clint, make their home.

Katrina Hughes-Collins has a new position as a CPA with Hochman & Baker Securities, Inc. She and her husband, Rick, live in Kenton, Ohio, with their sons, Avery and Zachery.

Kimberly Nolder recently married Dan Meridieth. She teaches English as a second language to fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders with Toledo Public Schools. The couple resides in Whitehouse, Ohio.

Kim (Blamer) and Edward "Chip" **Rahde** are the parents of a baby boy, Jackson Baylor, born Nov. 11, 2003. They and their daughter, Alexandra, live in Centerburg, Ohio.

'92

Charlie Ernst and wife, **Belinda '01**, are the parents of a baby girl, Allison Hope, born April 14, 2004. He is the assistant men's basketball coach and director of athletic marketing for The University of Findlay, and she is a physician assistant for Blanchard Valley Medical Associates. They make their home in Findlay.

Lynn Hernandez is the 7 p.m. to midnight disc jockey on 92.5 KZPS in Dallas, Texas, where he makes his home.

'93

Tori (Tuttle) Durliat and her husband, Jason, announce the birth of daughter, Cindy Anne, born May 7, 2004. Tori is the marketing manager for Hancor, Inc., and Jason is a systems developer for Cooper Tire and Rubber Company. Their new baby joins sister Kacey Lynn at home in Findlay.

Kenneth Gerdeman and Julie Blue were married Aug. 15, 2003, in Fort Wayne, Ind., where they make their home.

Brian Hoffman and his wife, Brandi, are the parents of a baby girl, Melanie Rae, born May 14, 2004. Brian is a director of business development for GT Software Inc., and Brandi is a business analyst for IBM Corporation. They reside in Mableton, Ga.

Jeff Price has resigned his position as treasurer of Swanton School District to take a job with the Piqua School District. He lives in Swanton, Ohio.

'94

Steve Atherton and his wife, Karen, have a new daughter, Kaitlyn Elizabeth, born May 5, 2004. He is health and safety coordinator for Superior Oil Company, Inc. They reside in Indianapolis, Ind.

Kimberlee (Kobes) Beckner and her husband, Matt, welcomed their first child, Alexandra Kay, on April 10, 2004. She is the safety director for

Montgomery County Engineers. They live in Troy, Ohio.

Andrea (Decker) Brooks and her husband, Rich, have a new son, Colin Michael, born Dec. 16, 2003.

Joanne (Tregaskis) Gerster received her master's degree from Arizona State University in 2001. She is a mental health evaluator for ValueOptions, Inc. She and her husband, Karl, live in Mesa, Ariz.

Sharon (Osting) Osborn has a new job as a claim specialist for Liberty Mutual Insurance Group. She lives in Slidell, La.

Mischele (Fisher) Rice and husband Kevin are the new owners of Dehli Frame and Save in Cincinnati, Ohio. The couple was highlighted in the newspaper and on radio in Cincinnati for their framed cicada collection.

Andre Roach and Alyssa Earley were married March 20, 2004, in Findlay. He is a sales professional with LaRiche Toyota Subaru, and she is a licensed mental health provider with Family Resource Centers.

DeMya Wimberly and his wife, Lisa, recently built a new home in Holland, Ohio. He has been a supervisor at the Lucas County Youth Treatment Center for four years.

'95

Holly (Holmok) and her husband, Drew **Buenger**, are the parents of a baby girl, Bethany Grace, born July 18, 2003. They live in Monroe, Ohio.

Julie (Molnar) and her husband, Benjamin **Harley**, are the parents of a baby girl, Zoe, born Sept. 23, 2003. They live in Toledo, Ohio.

Pat McCon was named one of the Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Members of 2003-04 by Cuyahoga Community College in Cleveland, Ohio. He teaches in the school's environmental safety and health technology degree program. He and his wife, Iris, live in Mantua, Ohio.

John Moshier and Jennifer Anderson were married on May 1, 2004. He is the new vice president SBA relationship manager for Key Bank in Cleveland, Ohio, and she is a flight attendant for Continental Airlines. The couple makes their home in Shaker Heights, Ohio.

Gregory Roth has a new job as sourcing leader for Honeywell International, Inc., in Chester, Va. He resides in Richmond, Va.

Jamie (Barker) and Curt Van Wagner are the parents of a baby girl, Raina Nicole, born Dec. 12, 2003. They live in Maineville, Ohio.



'96

Amy Harber played one lead and one supporting role in *Holidaze* at The Next Stage Theatre in Hollywood, Calif. Harber also filled a role in a music video for recording artist Laura Pausini. She resides in Studio City, Calif.

Karen (Jansen) Jenkins and her husband, James, welcomed their second child, Matthew Ian, on March 17, 2004. She is a sonographer at Kettering Hospital, and he is a manufacturing engineer at Delphi. They live in Beavercreek, Ohio.

Rob Meyers and Melanie Standridge were married on March 13, 2004. He is a shop manager for GE Aircraft Engine, and she is the assistant director of MBA program at Claremont Graduate University. The couple resides in Upland, Calif.

Dessaray Rose has a new job as a medical first responder and firefighter for the Ovfire Department. She lives in Shelbyville, Mich.

Annernay Rose and Duane Risner were married on Sept. 20, 2003. They are both employed by Findlay Products. The couple resides in New Riegel, Ohio.

Tiffany (Brunson) Scherf and her husband, Daniel, have a new son, Declan Michael, born June 4, 2003. They reside in Findlay.

Richard Smith has a new job as a concrete molder with Firelands Studio in Norwalk, Ohio, where he makes his home.

Sharon (Moeder) and her husband, Brian Spears '94, have a new son, Braedon, born May 30, 2004. He joins siblings Calista, Camden and Colette at home in West Chester, Ohio.

Nikki (Koch) Tighe is a sixth grade teacher for Fairborn City Schools. She and her husband, Michael, live in Fairborn, Ohio.

Darryn Warner is a response manager for Onyx Special Services, Inc., of Huber Heights, Ohio. He and his wife, Danell, make their home in Covington, Ohio.

Tina Wenning received her master of curriculum and instruction in English as a second language degree from Arizona State University in May 2003. She is an English as a second language teacher at Gilbert Public Schools in Mesa, Ariz. She lives in Gilbert, Ariz.

'97

Jennifer (Schnitz) Alvarez and her husband, Pedro, have a new daughter, Christina Elaine, born June 16, 2004. They live in Centreville, Va.

Scott Behner works in customer support and marketing for Welch Fluorocarbon, Inc., in Dover, N.H. He lives in Northwood, N.H.

Kathryn Eiselstein and Shaun McKittrick were married in Sandusky, Ohio, Jan. 3, 2004. The couple makes their home in Oak Harbor, Ohio.

Sarah (Wright) and Dean Elliott had a baby boy, Will, born Sept. 5, 2003. They, along with daughter, Belle, live in DeGraff, Ohio.

Candie (Handlowich) and Eric Fredritz had a baby boy, Tyler James, born July 24, 2003. She has a new job as an administrative assistant with The Marvelwood School in Kent, Conn., where they make their home.

Melinda Konczal has a new job as a pharmacist with Albertsons in Palas Park, Ill. She graduated in March 2004 with her doctor of pharmacy degree from Midwestern University Chicago. She lives in Lemont, Ill.

ALUM SPOTLIGHT: Chris Peterson '97

“To me, the time in Iraq and Kuwait was a very good, once in a lifetime experience,” reflects Chris Peterson, a staff sergeant in the Army Reserves and a 1997 UF graduate. Peterson returned in May 2004 after spending 12 months in Iraq and six months in Kuwait.

While in Iraq, Peterson traveled throughout the country repairing roads and building houses. He also built showers and set up living quarters for other troops who would soon be arriving.

According to Peterson, his unit had a great deal of interaction with the Iraqi people, most of which was very positive. Peterson and his unit employed several Iraqi natives to assist them with various tasks. “To help put money back into the community there, we hired several people from Iraq to help us with jobs ranging from laying sandbags to helping get electricity reestablished in buildings.”

Peterson adds that being away from home and family for so long was hard, and that he is still getting adjusted to living back in Cleveland, Ohio, with his wife, Angela Kangas '99. “This will be the first time in two years that I will see snow,” Peterson said. “My time in Iraq has had a big impact on me. I don’t get stressed out as easily now. After seeing what life is like in other parts of the world, it really puts into perspective day-to-day stresses here.”

When Peterson is not on active duty, he works as a personnel operations manager for Kohl’s Department Stores Corporation.

While at UF, Peterson was involved with the Theta Chi Fraternity and worked as a student worker in the Office of Admissions. He holds a bachelor’s degree in accounting.



C. Peterson (center)

Dr. Joseph Michelakis and Dr. Nicole Higginbotham '99 were married Sept. 20, 2003, in Columbus. He is a dentist, and she is a veterinarian. They live in Columbus.

Mary McCue (M) was promoted to director of marketing, public relations and enrollment services at Terra Community College. She formerly held the position of associate dean of career and auxiliary services. McCue is a resident of Fremont, Ohio, and joined Terra Community College in 1993 as a counselor.

Dennis Potts II was nominated for technology coordinator of the year by the Ohio SchoolNet state technology conference committee. He is director of technology for Continental Local Schools. He and his wife, Tracy, and children, Christopher, 3, and Madelyn, 1, live in Continental, Ohio.

Molly (Solis) Rupp recently earned her master's degree in educational administration from Ashland University. She is a sixth-grade science and social studies teacher with Columbus Public Schools and is pursuing an administration position with the system. She and her husband, Jeff, live in Delaware, Ohio.

Stacy (Glidden) Westfall was featured in an article in the March 1, 2004, issue of the *Quarter Horse News* for placing third in the National Western Stock Show's Dodge Invitational Freestyle competition. She and her husband own Westfall Training Center and live in Cardington, Ohio.

'98

Jennifer Bales has a new job as a therapeutic riding instructor supervisor for The National Sports Center for the Disabled in Winter Park, Colo. She lives in Longmont, Colo.

Steve Bartunek has a new position as plant engineering supervisor at United Parcel Service in Columbus. He and his wife, Christin, live in Grove City, Ohio.

Tamela Colgate and Andrew Pike were married Oct. 25, 2003, in Findlay. She is a youth counselor at The Harbor, and he is the manager of Red Lobster. They live in Port Huron, Mich.

Benjamin Combs and Allison Hughes were married on Dec. 20, 2003. He is employed by Motorists Insurance Group of Columbus, Ohio, and she is a nursing candidate in 2005 for Marion Technical College. They honeymooned in Grand Bahama Island, Freeport, and live in Marion, Ohio.

Jennifer (Dynes) Cruise and her husband, Robert, are the parents of a baby girl, Emma Leah, born July 3, 2004. They are self-employed as cattle/horse ranchers and reside in Arab, Ala.



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Amy (Dirksen) Latini has a new job as the clinic director at Coon Memorial Hospital. She and her husband, Lance, live in Dalhart, Texas.

Mark Litwinko and Teri Phillips were married Jan. 2, 2004, in Key West, Fla. He is a wireless engineer with Centennial Wireless and a firefighter and advanced EMT with Aboite Fire & EMS. They live in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Megan Manahan (M) has been promoted to vice president of marketing and communications for Mercy Health Partners. She has been with the company since 1989. She lives in Sylvania, Ohio.

Corinne McGregor graduated from The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine. She is employed as a veterinarian at Southwoods Animal Hospital in Greensboro, N.C.

James Overheul is the new safety manager for BG Products, Inc., of Wichita, Kan., where he and his wife, Rachel, make their home.

Laurel Pritchard recently completed her doctorate in neuroscience at the University of Cincinnati and is working as a post-doctoral fellow at Williams College in Williamstown, Mass., where she makes her home.

Stephanie Roth (M) was awarded a three-year contract as Donnell Middle School's principal. Roth served as assistant principal at Donnell since 2001. She taught special education for five years and seventh-grade language arts and math at Glenwood Middle School for four years. Roth also served as the seventh-grade volleyball coach and publications adviser.

Suzie Webb, D.V.M., joined the staff of North Side Animal Clinic, Inc., in West Mansfield, Ohio, in October 2003. She lives in Caledonia, Ohio.

'99

Jami (Heckaman) and Chris Barbara '97 are the parents of a baby girl, Olivia Paige, born May 5, 2003. They have recently relocated to the Columbus area.

Vicky (Rutledge) Bihn (M) and her husband, **Steve (M)**, are the parents of a new baby boy, Spencer Andrew, born April 26, 2004. She is an advertising manager, and he is a warehouse operations manager, both for Cooper Tire and Rubber Company. They, along with son, Tyler Joseph, live in Findlay.

Tyrice Jackson has a new job with the Orange County Fire Department. He lives in Altamonte Springs, Fla.

Heather Ruhe was elected to class A membership of the PGA of America in May. She is a teaching

professional at Cherokee Town & Country Club and resides in Atlanta, Ga.

Sara Wells is employed by Twin Maples Vet Hospital as a veterinarian. She lives in Centerville, Ohio.

Corissa (Thomas) Wobler is the new support officer at the Cuyahoga Support Enforcement Agency in Cleveland, Ohio. She is also employed part-time at the Berea Children's Home and Family Services as a child care worker. She resides in Parma, Ohio, with her daughter, Trinity, 3.

'00

Jason Banaszak is attending Oklahoma State University College of Veterinary Medicine and is due to graduate in May 2005.

Daniel Berg has a new position as fourth grade teacher at Frederick County Public Schools. He resides in Hagerstown, Md.

Shauna Bohnak and Ryan Sapp were married Oct. 18, 2003, in Brecksville, Ohio. She is an environmental health and safety technician at General Electric in Bucyrus, Ohio, and he is an information technology site coordinator at Kuss Corporation in Findlay. They reside in Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

Cari Dillon and Russell Frederick were married on April 17, 2004, in Findlay. She is a computer programmer, and he is the manager of Fricker's in Findlay. The couple honeymooned in Florida and resides in Findlay.

Crystal Dreyer has been named banking center manager at Fifth Third's Findlay Southview Banking Center. She formerly managed Fifth Third's Bank Mart in Kroger. Dreyer joined Fifth Third in 1999 and resides in Findlay.

Bret Hebenstreit is a sales engineer at Alba Manufacturing, where he has been employed for three years. He lives in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Melinda Hendricks and Christopher Jones were married May 24, 2003. She is a physician assistant at The Toledo Hospital, and he is a carpenter at The Woodstripping Shop. They live in Toledo, Ohio.

James Hesselschwardt and Rachel Myers '02 were married Sept. 13, 2003, in Edon, Ohio. They reside in Columbus.

Scott Marcum and Aubrey Anderson '03 were married Nov. 21, 2003, in Tiffin, Ohio. He is a teacher at Glenwood Middle School in Findlay, and she is employed at Blanchard Valley Women's Care in Findlay. They live in Findlay.

Rebecca McKibben has a new job as hospice marketing and public relations coordinator for Washington Hospital in Washington, Pa. She lives in Munhall, Pa.

Deanna (Roberts) Moser has a new position as manager of instruction at Sylvan Learning Center in Piqua, Ohio. She and her husband, Michael, and daughter, Honor, 3, live in Celina, Ohio.

Mitchell Pence and his wife, **Kimberly (Justice '99)**, announce the birth of their son, Vaughn Mitchell, born January 24, 2004. He is the health and safety manager for Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc., and she is the coordinator of curriculum and professional development for the Harmony Community School. They live in Lebanon, Ohio.

Silvia Peters is an adjunct faculty member in the master of health science program at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. She is also a physician assistant in the emergency room at Riverside Methodist Hospital and Grant Medical Center in Columbus, Ohio. She earned her master of physician assistant studies degree from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in 2001, and her doctorate of health science degree from Nova Southeastern University in 2004. She and her husband, Gordon, and their two youngest daughters live in Alexandria, Ohio.

Mike Pohlman has been appointed principal of New Knoxville High School. He taught at New Knoxville from 2001-02 and has most recently taught at Millstream Career and Technology Center in Findlay. He and his wife, Jodi, and daughter, Alana, live in Findlay.

Ryan Sapp and Shauna Bohnak were married Oct. 18, 2003, in Brecksville, Ohio. He is an information technology site coordinator for Cummins Engine, and she is an environmental, health and safety technician for General Electric. They live in Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

Chris Scherger and Alisha Clausing '01 were married Oct. 11, 2003, in St. Marys, Ohio. He is a police officer for the City of Findlay, and she is a research lab technician at The Medical College of Ohio. They live in Findlay.

Nathan Scholl graduated cum laude from University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine on May 1, 2004, and was elected to the National Veterinary Academic Honor Society. He works as a veterinarian for Country Oak Veterinary Clinic in Summerfield, Fla., and makes his home in Ocala, Fla.

Robert Hauzie (M'04) has been named president and CEO of St. Francis Home in Tiffin, Ohio. He and his wife, Carol, live in Findlay.



Aaron Sheets and Angela Bugner were married Nov. 15, 2003, in Fostoria, Ohio. He is a teacher at Lakota High School, and she is a pharmacist with Rite Aid Pharmacy. They live in Fostoria, Ohio.

Doug Westrick and Melanie Lammers were married Oct. 11, 2003, in Glandorf, Ohio. He is employed at Lima City Schools, and she works at the Ottawa Medical Center. They live in Ottawa, Ohio.

'01

Victor Arredondo has been named director of youth outreach for Hancock County Youth for Christ, working in collaboration with the Findlay Family YMCA. He and his wife, Emily, and their four children live in Findlay.

Heidi (Riggs) Booth attended paramedic school and has a new job as an EMT with the North Canton Fire Department. She and her husband, Nick, reside in North Canton, Ohio.

Jessica (Lee) Bair has a new job as a fifth-grade teacher at The Academy of Business and Technology in Toledo, Ohio, where she and her husband, Jonathan, make their home.

Eric Detmer and **Rita Holmer '02** were featured in the Feb. 3, 2004, issue of the *Dayton Daily News* after Detmer proposed to Holmer at mid-court during the first quarter of the Carroll-Springboro girls high school basketball game. They met while students at UF. They both live in the Dayton, Ohio, area, where he is the Miamisburg boys' soccer, coach and she is the Springboro athletic trainer.

Rindi Laux and Neil Schaublin wed on May 1, 2004, and honeymooned in San Diego, Calif. She is an office manager, and he is a teacher. They reside in McComb.

Jill Ewart and Scott Peyton were married Aug. 9, 2003, in Zanesville, Ohio. She is a special education teacher at Princeton City Schools in Cincinnati, and he is a project engineer at FMSM Engineering in Cincinnati. They live in Fairfield, Ohio.

Nichole Herzog and Todd Wykes were married Oct. 18, 2003, in Kenton, Ohio. He is employed at Precision Strip, Inc. They live in Forest, Ohio.

Eddie and Nikki (Woods '01) Rapp have a one-year old daughter, Jessica. He is an intersystem coordinator for Franklin County Juvenile Court, and she is a private investigator for Confidential Services. They live in Lancaster, Ohio.

Andreanna Rivera was featured in *La Prensa* on May 19, 2004, for her work as the youth programs manager for The Friendly Center in Toledo.

Randy Tobin is in the opening title sequence of the Angelina Jolie movie "Taking Lives," which opened March 19, 2004. He is also in a movie called "Anonymity." His wife, **Jill (Stone '01)**, has received her teaching credential from the state of California. They live in Hollywood, Calif.

Kristen Tatlow has a new job as associate consultant with PricewaterhouseCoopers in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. She resides in West Bloomfield, Mich.

Denise Waldren and James Craighead were married Aug. 29, 2003, in St. Lucia, West Indies. She works at Omni Orthopedics, and he is employed by Alpha Securities. They live in Canton, Ohio.

Brianne Warnecke and Paul Minter were married Nov. 22, 2003. She is a fourth-grade teacher at Shawnee Schools in Lima, Ohio, and he is a welder with Triumph Thermal Systems, Inc., in Forest, Ohio. They live in Dola, Ohio.

'02

Barbie Blankenship is the new development manager at the American Cancer Society in Tucson, Ariz., where she makes her home.

Desiree Grappy and **Joe Ciraldo** were married Oct. 31, 2003. They live in Findlay.

Michelle Heckathorn and Matthew Swihart were married Oct. 11, 2003, in Upper Sandusky, Ohio. She is a teacher at Upper Sandusky High School, and he is a team leader at M-Tek Inc. They live in Nevada, Ohio.

Denise Hornicak has a new job as a special education preschool teacher at Shelby Hills Early Childhood Center in Sidney, Ohio. She resides in Troy, Ohio.

Melissa (Miles) Launder and her husband, Josh, are the new parents of a son, Brayden, born Dec. 17, 2003. She is a second-grade teacher at Jacobs Primary School in Findlay. They make their home in Arlington, Ohio.

Bethany (Lightner) Tosten is the new placement manager for Time Services. She and her husband make their home in Fort Wayne, Ind.

'03

John Battles is the director of information systems at Range Kleen Manufacturing Inc., in Lima, Ohio, where he resides.

Marla Dukes and Scott Baughman were wed on April 24, 2004, in Findlay. She is an associate at Aon Consulting, and he is a builder. The couple honeymooned in Playa Del Carmen, Mexico.

Jeffrey Gerding and Tracy Schroeder were married Feb. 21, 2004, in Columbus Grove, Ohio. He is an accountant at Marathon Ashland Petroleum LLC in Findlay, and she is a quality engineer at Whirlpool Corp. in Findlay. They reside in Ottawa, Ohio.

Aric Hochstettler and Dawn Farmer were married Dec. 20, 2003, in Mount Blanchard, Ohio. They live in Marysville, Ohio.

Dan Horner was featured in the *Sentinel Tribune* in the "Familiar Face" photo. He is works at Rudolph Christian Church. He and his wife, Bonnie, reside in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Jeffrey Kempf and Ruth Hite were married Dec. 13, 2003. He is assistant general manager at Fastenal Co. in Bowling Green, and she is employed at Bluffton Family Recreation. They live in Bluffton, Ohio.

Heather Oehlers is working at the Findlay•Hancock County Chamber of Commerce as a support person to the Small Business Development Center. She lives in Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

Kylene Shifley has a new job as a marketing partner with Clear Channel Lima Radio. She lives in Bucyrus, Ohio.

Michael Zellner (M) is the preschool itinerant teacher with NCOESC in Tiffin, Ohio. He lives in Sycamore, Ohio.

'04

Shawn Sunderman was hired as a high school math teacher for Patrick Henry School.

FRIENDS

William Glover has been named director of the Leadership Institute at Lourdes College in Sylvania, Ohio. He is the former Dana Chair at The University of Findlay.

Ron Neikamp was inducted into the Hancock Sports Hall of Fame on April 17. He has coached men's basketball for 19 years at UF and achieved a milestone 400th win last season.

Harriette Ritz celebrated her 95th birthday on March 8, 2004. She taught at then Findlay College from 1944-74 and retired from the University's Office of Community Education in 1991. She lives in Findlay.

Ed Stefan, professor emeritus of psychology at UF, composed "The Ohio Polka," a piece he believes was divinely inspired since he has no previous experience writing polka music. He lives in Findlay.



GOT NEWS?

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February 5
Alumni Association Board of Governors Meeting

February 10
Toledo-area alumni reception prior to *42nd Street*

February 19
Columbus-area alumni reception

February 26
Arizona alumni reception

March 5
Oceanside, Calif. alumni reception

March 18
Annual Brunch at the OHSAA Boys' State Basketball Tournament

April 3
Cleveland-area alumni reception prior to Cleveland Cavaliers game vs. Dallas Mavericks

April 30
Spring Commencement

April 30
Alumni Association Board of Governors Meeting

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UF Alumni Association Names New President



Julie McIntosh and Cam Taylor

Julie McIntosh, Ed.D., assistant professor of education at The University of Findlay, has been named president of the University's Alumni Association Board of Governors.

She replaces Cam Taylor, who served as association president since 1997 and on the board since 1989.

McIntosh, who previously served as vice president, has served on the board of governors since 1997.

McIntosh received a bachelor of arts degree from Findlay in 1990 and master of education and doctor of education degrees from Bowling Green State University. She holds a permanent teaching certificate and superintendent licensure. McIntosh is a Praxis III Assessor for the Ohio Department of Education.

She worked for the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency as an environmental engineer after graduating and went on to teach science at Bowling Green High School and Findlay High School. After she received her doctorate, McIntosh taught at BGSU before coming to Findlay to teach in UF's College of Education. McIntosh is currently an assistant professor of education, and she is the Adolescent Young Adult and Multi-Age Program director.

She has received the Findlay High School Academic Boosters Club Make a Difference Award and the Hancock Soil and Water Conservation District Conservation Teacher of the Year. She was the UF Old Main Award recipient in 2001 for outstanding achievement.

McIntosh has coached dance teams for Bowling Green High School, BGSU and Findlay High School. McIntosh lives in Findlay with her husband Bill and daughter Britney.

Cam Taylor graduated from Findlay College in 1967. She was an elementary teacher for 30 years with the majority of that time spent at Findlay City Schools.

She received the Ashland Oil Company Golden Apple Achiever Award in 1994.

Taylor remains active in education as a Praxis III Assessor for the Ohio Department of Education and as a supervisor for sophomore and junior block programs and student teaching internships at UF.

She is an active member of the Mazza Enthusiasts, Hancock County Historical Museum, Delta Zeta National Sorority and Order of Eastern Star.

Taylor lives in Findlay with her husband Gary. They have two children and five grandchildren. ■■■



Cam Lea (Roberts '67) Taylor was honored for her service to the Alumni Board of Governors at the Alumni Association annual meeting. Taylor who joined the board in 1989, served seven years as president from 1997 until 2004.

Photos by A. Risser Lee

Fall Campus Events



The 2004-05 academic year began officially with the traditional Arch Ceremony on Aug. 29. UF had a favorable opening to the school year.



Alumni Susan Hite '87 and Denny Zahler '70 helped carry items for students moving in.



Photo by S. Douglass

Head Basketball Coach Ron Niekamp was inducted into Miami University's Cradle of Coaches on Aug. 28 in Oxford, Ohio.



Former UF President Ivan E. Frick '49 and his wife, Ruth '50, toured campus Sept. 7, escorted by President Freed.



The Toledo Symphony Orchestra, directed by Chelsea Tipton II, serenaded a campus audience Sept. 26.



The International Club sponsored a Cultural Dance Night Oct. 21, in which students taught each other dances associated with their native countries.

Fall Campus Events



Secretary of the Treasury John Snow greeted Dr. and Mrs. Freed at a reception for Snow and the College of Business faculty and students on Oct. 11.



Megan Karl, a freshman pre-veterinary medicine and western equestrian studies major, was joined in her classes Oct. 22 by her parents for the Parent/Family Weekend.



Photo by S. Douglass

Jerry Mallett and Mazza Enthusiast Vice Chairperson Sandy Reinhardt presented the Mazza Medallion of Excellence for Artistic Diversity to artist Robert Sabuda in a special ceremony on Oct. 26 at Books of Wonder in New York City.



Independent presidential candidate Ralph Nader discussed the political process and social justice on campus Oct. 25.



The Cincinnati Regional Alumni Committee helped plan a reception that was held Nov. 13, with 35 alumni and guests attending. Brian Young '84, and his wife, Dr. Teresa Young (seated center), hosted the gathering at the Heritage Club in Mason, Ohio.



UF's Concert-Chorale, the Old Millstream Ringers bell choir and the Washington Intermediate School Chorus presented "Sing and Ring in the Season" on Nov. 21.

Dear UF Alumni,

I hope that you are as excited as I am to see *MainLine* return! Keeping in touch with alumni and building a bridge between current students and the alumni association are two goals of the Board of Governors. The Board has recently decided to add student representation from each college and graduate program to foster both of these relationships. The board has also been busy planning events for the year ahead. You may not realize that the University has more than 18,000 graduates. The University of Findlay has also been ranked by *US News and World Report* as one of the best comprehensive universities. This is an exciting time to be a part of The University of Findlay, as we are still growing and expanding programs. I hope that you can find a way to become involved and give back to the University that has given each of us so much! To stay connected and updated on events, please visit our website at www.findlay.edu.



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 McIntosh '90, President
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