

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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UF HOMECOMING OCT. 6-7, 2006

“Let Your Oiler Pride Flow” is the theme for UF’s 2006 Homecoming, Oct. 6-7. Many activities have been planned for the week leading up to the football game on Saturday. Events include the following:

Tuesday, Oct. 3

- 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Henderson Dining Hall, Meet the Court dinner.

Wednesday, Oct. 4

- 8 p.m., Grimm Theatre, UF theatre production “Proof.” Contact the box office for tickets.
- 7 – 8:30 p.m., WTS Convocation Center, Education Symposium: “Strategies for Teaching Students from Poverty.” See Page 2 for more information.

Thursday, Oct. 5

- 12:30 p.m., WTS Convocation Center, College of Business Lecture Series: alumni William Landes ’75, Ph.D., and Joseph Gaffney ’80.
- 8 p.m., AMU, Midnight Masquerade Dance.

Friday, Oct. 6

- 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., AMU, Jeff Mandell “Digital Caricatures.”
- 11 a.m. – noon, AMU, banner judging.
- 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m., Morey Hall, campus tours for alumni and prospective students.
- 3 – 6 p.m., Environmental Resource Training Center on State Route 12 East, Environmental Facilities Open



Illusionist Mike Super will entertain all ages Oct. 6 in WTS.

House and barbecue.

- 7 p.m., AMU, Distinguished Alumni, Hall of Fame and Shiv K. Gupta Recognition Dinner, \$20/adult.
- 8 p.m., WTS Convocation Center, Mike Super Live, magician and illusionist. Contact the box office for tickets.

Saturday, Oct. 7

- 8:30 a.m., front lawn

of Old Main, 5K Run and Little Oiler Fun Run, proceeds to benefit the Findlay City Mission. Contact Beth Skulina at 419-434-4517 to register.

- 8:30 a.m., Lape Great Hall, Alumni Association Annual Breakfast, \$10/adult.
- 11 a.m., Swale Park, alumni baseball game.
- 11 a.m., northwest side of Croy Gymnasium, dedication of oil derrick and fountain.
- 11:30 a.m., AMU, Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony, \$15/adult.
- 11:30 – 2 p.m., **Homecoming, Page 2**

PROJECT BEST TRAINS SCIENCE TEACHERS



On Sept. 16, students selected for Project Building Excellent Science Teachers (BEST) met for the first time with UF faculty. Project BEST is an accelerated one-year teacher preparation program designed by The University of Findlay to train 30 college graduates to be Ohio teachers in life science and integrated science, both high-need and

hard-to-staff subject areas. The program was developed in response to an RFP from the Ohio Department of Education; UF was selected as the recipient of a \$300,000 Ohio Core grant. Currently licensed teachers and mid-career professionals were invited to apply for the program, and only 30 were selected from more than 300 applications.

The mission of The University of Findlay is to equip our students for meaningful lives and productive careers.

HOMECOMING

front lawn of Old Main, Celebration on the Front Lawn: 4th annual marching band and Oiler Brass reunion; class reunions for '36, '41, '46, '51, '56, '61, '66, '71, '76, '81, '86, '91, '96 and 2001; Greek reunion; KidsZone; Create-a-Cookie recipe contest.

- 12:30 p.m., circle drive on front lawn, golf cart parade.
- 2:30 – 4 p.m., Donnell Stadium, north lawn, alumni tailgate party with faculty and staff, \$7.50/adult.
- 3 – 8 p.m., Donnell Stadium tunnel, Louis Paul – balloon man and Mike Da Roving Guy.
- 4 p.m., Donnell Stadium, Saginaw Valley State vs. The University of Findlay football game.
- 6 p.m., Findlay Country Club, Class of 1956 reunion dinner, \$20/adult.
- 6 – 11 p.m., Findlay Inn and Conference Center, Environmental 20th Anniversary celebration, \$15/adult.

Alumni and community members should contact the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at 419-434-4516 for additional information.

MAJORFEST SHOWCASES PROGRAMS

Majorfest was held Tuesday, Sept. 19, in the AMU. Students visited with other students and faculty representing the many academic programs available at UF.

Display winners included:

- Physician Assistant Program – Most Creative Display
- Occupational Therapy – Best Integration of Field-Related Technology
- Hospitality Management – Best Integration of Student Help
- Computer Science – Best



Dr. Freed visited with students representing the College of Education during Majorfest Sept. 19. Photo credit: Yekaterina Kontar, junior, public relations major.

Informational Materials

- Pre-Veterinary Program – Director's Choice

For more information on Majorfest, contact the office of career services.

SPEAKER TO DISCUSS POVERTY

Sue Nelle DeHart, Ed.D., will present "Understanding Poverty: Strategies for Teaching Students from Poverty" at 7 p.m. Oct. 4 in the Winebrenner Seminary. DeHart has been a professional educator since 1964, having

served in many roles. Sponsored by The University of Findlay's College of Education, the event is free and open to the public.

R.S.V.P. to Dr. Julie McIntosh at 419-434-4062 or mcintosh@findlay.edu.

CONSTITUTION DAY CELEBRATED AT UF SEPT. 18

The University of Findlay participated in the 10th anniversary of

national Constitution Day on Monday, Sept. 18, by facilitating a

roundtable discussion focused on constitutional rights and liberties. The discussion was televised on UF-TV cable channel 20.

Dennis Stevens, Ph.D., dean of the College of Liberal Arts, facilitated the discussion. Members of the roundtable included Mark Polelle, Ph.D., director of history, political science and the law and liberal arts; Paul Chwialkowski, Ph.D., associate profes-

sor of social science, criminal justice and public administration; the Hon. Judge Reginald J. Routson, Hancock County Common Pleas Court; and Bob Hesse, editor of *The Courier*.

The mission of Constitution Day is to perpetuate the Constitution to each succeeding generation; to promote the annual national simultaneous recitation of the Preamble across all of America, especially in the schools; to involve all 50 states in the roll call of states in the order they ratified the Constitution or were admitted to the Union; to educate each new generation to the uniqueness and brilliance of the Constitution and to show the need to protect and defend the Constitution to maintain the liberties of the United States.



Bob Hesse, Hon. Reginald J. Routson, Dennis Stevens, Paul Chwialkowski and Mark Polelle participated in a roundtable discussion focused on constitutional rights and liberties in recognition of Constitution Day Sept. 18.



The Student Services Carnival was held Sept. 14 in the AMU for students to learn about all of the services available to them. Above, Patty Beck, assistant director of career services and director of student employment, talks about the services offered by her office.



Michelle Bitler, a freshman equestrian studies major, went to class with her mom, Traci, Sept. 22 as part of Family Weekend.



Brittanie Weitzel, a junior hospitality management major, serves sweets at the Cruise Cuisine and Travel Show. The hospitality management program provided food for the show Sept. 23-24 in the Koehler Center.



Both adults and children enjoyed the English Equestrian Festival Sept. 23. Left, three children show off their face paint and balloon creations. Other activities at the festival included hunter, jumper and dressage demonstrations as well as a family picnic and a hayride.



These UF fans were having a great time cheering on the UF football team during Family Weekend. Photo credit: Yekaterina Kontar, junior, public relations major.

Cheerleaders Ashton Stimmel, junior, and Aubrey Allen, freshman, show their Oiler spirit before the football game. Photo credit: Yekaterina Kontar, junior, public relations major.



Members of the Toledo Opera sang selections from "Romeo and Juliet," "Don Pasquale" and "Tosca." Their performance was the first in the Concert and Lecture Series.



The Oiler Marching Brass took to the field during the football game against Wayne State. Photo credit: Yekaterina Kontar, junior, public relations major.

FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN BETH HECK DAYS OF CARING SEPT. 21-22

Faculty, staff and students from The University of Findlay and Winebrenner Theological Seminary (WTS) volunteered their time and labor to benefit the community during Beth Heck Days of Caring Thursday, Sept. 21, and Friday, Sept. 22.

At 8 a.m. Sept. 21, approximately 75 UF and WTS volunteers gathered at the Agency on Aging for a brief welcome and introduction to the project. From there, groups were sent into the community to paint garages and eaves at the homes of elderly community members.

Students from two First-Year Experience classes and an occupational therapy class were among the volunteers.

"Days of Caring has become a service tradition at The University of Findlay. Each year students, faculty, and staff from The University of Findlay and Winebrenner Theological



Students in Cynthia Goodwin's occupational therapy class were among the 75 volunteers who painted the homes of elderly community members during the Beth Heck Days of Caring Sept. 21-22. UF partnered with the Agency on Aging to provide services to community members.

Seminary participate in this community-wide service project," said Crystal Jones, UF Campus Compact coordina-

tor. "Every year, we partner with the Agency on Aging to improve the homes and lives of local senior citizens. The University of Findlay is proud of its students, faculty and staff's ongoing commitment to provide help and hope to our community through this project."

The Beth Heck Days of Caring, named for the late University trustee, is two days of service when hundreds of volunteers from local companies and organizations make a difference at local agencies, schools, and in the lives of students and clients by completing much-needed projects.

Contact Jones at 419-434-6671 for more information.

UF THEATRE STUDENTS TO PRESENT "PROOF"

The University of Findlay's theatre students will present "Proof" Oct. 4 – 8 in the John and Hester Powell Grimm Theatre.

Performances are at 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and at 6 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$5 for general admission, \$3 for seniors and students and free to UF faculty, staff and students. Tickets are available by calling the box office at 419-434-5335. Please note that there is a small amount of adult language.

Cast members include Christen Mathern, senior theatre performance major, as Catherine; Matt Waugh, junior theatre performance major, as Robert; Chris Leitner, junior theatre performance major, as Hal; and Evan Potter, sophomore theatre performance major, as Claire.

WORTH NOTING

Patti Beck, assistant director of career services and director of student employment, was awarded the Midwest Association of Student Employment Administrators Outstanding Service Award.

Paul Chwialkowski, Ph.D., associate professor of social science, criminal justice and public administration and **Jack M. Taylor**, professor of music and director of bands, have been honored in this year's edition of "Who's Who Among America's Teachers."

Mark Polelle, Ph.D., director of history, law and political science, recently graduated from the basic officer course of the Ohio Military Reserve. He will be 2LT in the organization and work in a historical detachment.

John Stanovich, assistant dean of pharmacy, served as editor of a new pharmacy publication, "Drug Information: A Guide for Pharmacists," 3rd edition.

Special Thanks: The UF security department noted that **Karen Kauffman**, a freshman majoring in equestrian studies and emergency management, provided exceptional assistance during a medical situation involving another student Sept. 13. Karen had complete control of the situation and demonstrated good first-aid knowledge.

If you know someone who has done something "worth noting" – implemented a good idea, gone above and beyond, received an award – on campus or in the community, send that information to Brianna Patterson at pattersonb@findlay.edu.

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