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Welcome to ArchLink!



Greetings, Alumni!

“Back to Our Future” is the 2010 Homecoming theme for Oct. 1-2. In addition to the Homecoming celebration, the weekend also will feature the inauguration of our 17th president, Dr. Katherine Fell.

The presidential inauguration will kick off Homecoming at 3:45 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 1, on the front lawn of Old Main. An inaugural reception will then take place in the new student recreation center in Koehler Recreation and Fitness Complex. Alumni, faculty, staff, student organization leaders and invited community representatives are welcome for musical entertainment, occasional speakers and dessert. Immediately following the reception will be our third annual display of fireworks.

On Saturday, Oct. 2, the annual Alumni Breakfast will be held in Winebrenner Seminary honoring our 50-year class (1960) and the 2010 Distinguished Alumni: **Keith Mohr '67**; **Michael Mumma '64**; and yours truly, **Dee Dee Spraw '00, M '07**. Also receiving awards at Homecoming are: **Ryan Smith '00, M '07** – Old Main Award for young alumni under the age of 36; **Barbara McCrory Snyder** – Arch Award for faculty or staff members who are not alumni but have served the institution with distinction for more than 25 years; and the late **John Parthemore '51** – Gold Medallion Award for alumni who deserve recognition, but are now deceased.



Come “Back to Our Future!” for Homecoming Oct. 1-2, 2010.

Make plans and sign up today to come back to your alma mater to keep the traditions and spirit of the school alive throughout the generations. For a complete list of UF Homecoming events, visit our webpage at www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Homecoming.

As always, keep me updated 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, Alumni & Parent Relations

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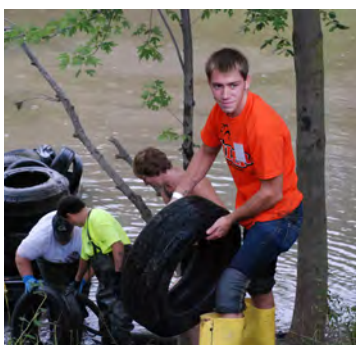
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1. What's Happening on Campus?



The University received four honors that were announced last month. The Princeton Review named UF one of the best colleges in the Midwest for the fifth year after reviewing surveys whereby students rated their own schools. U.S. News and World Report identified the University as a top-tier Midwest university for the fifth consecutive year; the organization also named Findlay to its "A+ Schools for B Students" list. "G.I. Jobs" magazine named UF a Military Friendly School for 2011 for the second consecutive year. Each honor demonstrates UF's commitment to continually improving its academic offerings and helping each student to receive an excellent education.

New students arrived on campus Aug. 20 for the start of Orientation Weekend. Students, faculty and staff completed more than 50 service projects for



Blanchard River clean-up.



Painting at First Assembly of God on Ash Avenue.



Dr. Fell greets a student who is preparing newspapers for animal bedding at the Humane Society.

organizations within the community on Saturday, Aug. 21. In 2002, the University began incorporating a large-scale freshman service project into orientation weekend. New students are sent in groups to various locations in the community to complete several-hour projects that include painting, cleaning, landscaping, organizing and helping non-profit organizations and churches with projects they otherwise would not be able to complete. On Sunday, Aug. 22, students attended a welcome ceremony in Winebrenner Theological Seminary and participated in the traditional Arch Ceremony on the front lawn of Old Main. [Click here](#) to see more photos from both the service projects and the Arch Ceremony.



Freshmen participated in the traditional Arch Ceremony.

Welcome Week provided many activities for both new and returning students. Theta Chi held its 15th annual wing-off, and students had the option to attend a community church fair as a way to get to know local churches and Market on the Mall to become acquainted with area businesses. Other activities included a dodgeball tournament, mud volleyball, entertainment and more.



Theta Chi 15th annual Wing-off.

The University of Findlay will open its 2010-2011 academic theater season with "Dead Man's Cell Phone" Sept. 29 in the John and Hester Powell Grimm Theatre, located in the Egner Center

for the Performing Arts. The show runs at 8 p.m. Sept. 29 – Oct. 2 and at 3 p.m. Oct. 3. The play is directed by Dr. Heather Williams, assistant professor of theater. Tickets are \$5 for general admission, \$3 for students and senior citizens and free for UF students, faculty and staff. Call the UF Box Office in the Alumni Memorial Union, at 419-434-5335 or purchase tickets at the door.

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2. Academic Update

Dr. John Malacos, the 2010 Wilkin Chair within the College of Liberal Arts and chair of the Department of Psychology, will devote this year to the deep exploration of a single topic, “The Power of Positive,” which celebrates human goodness. Malacos will spotlight six virtues: which include wisdom and knowledge, courage, humanity, justice, temperance and transcendence. According to Malacos positive psychology is the scientific study of the strengths and virtues that allow people and communities to thrive. It is based on the premise that people want to lead meaningful lives, learn how to grow and enhance their experiences of love, work and play. Malacos’ interdisciplinary project is made possible by the generosity of Dr. Richard E. Wilkin ’52.



Students take the pharmacy oath after receiving their white coats.

The College of Pharmacy held its annual White Coat Ceremony in Winebrenner Theological Seminary on Friday, Aug. 20.

The ceremony signifies the students’ entrance into the third year of the six-year program, which is the first year of professional courses in the College of Pharmacy. Each student received his or her own white lab coat.



Dr. Fell congratulates Amanda Fesko on receiving her pharmacy white coat.

“Everyone is a student on this trip,” said Chris Sippel, coordinator of international education, who was UF’s campus



Enjoying the trip to Japan through the Kake Bridge Program exchange were: (left to right) Crystal Weitz, Lauren Bagley, Patricia Abels, Thao Pham, Chris Sippel, Emilee McAfee, Nathan Lahey, Catherine Joyce, Kaylynn Knauff and Almar Walter.

point person in planning this year’s Kake Program to Japan, which included students, faculty and staff members. Once the group arrived in Japan, they joined representatives from Wright State University, two universities from Brazil and the Kake and Junsei Educational institutions. The formal Kake Bridge Program took place from June 26 to July 21, with the group visiting sister Kake institutions and making trips to Kyoto, Nara and Hiroshima, along with other student exchanges and cultural activities. Emilee McAfee, a UF student, earned the Most Positive award and also was named the American ambassador of the program. The awards are given to one student each year. Before returning home, the UF group went sightseeing from July 21-24 in Tokyo. [Click here](#) to read more in the Aug. 27 issue of FYI.

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3. Alumni News & Events

Save the Date

Sept. 24-25 **Family Weekend**
Oct. 1-3 **Homecoming**

Upcoming Events

Nov. 6 Columbus Alumni Reception – Brookside Golf and Country Club;
2770 W. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus, Ohio – 7-9:30 p.m.

Nov. 13 Cincinnati Alumni Dinner – Great Wolf Lodge;
2501 Great Wolf Drive, Mason, Ohio – 6-8 p.m.
(All are welcome. You do not have to go to the waterpark to attend.)

Dec. 6 Second ASHP (Pharmacy) Mid-year Alumni and Friends Reception;
Anaheim, Calif. – 6-9 p.m.

Dec. 12 Alumni Board of Governors Commencement Brunch;
Alumni Memorial Union – 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Dec. 12 Undergraduate and Graduate Commencement;
Koehler Fitness & Recreation Complex – 2 p.m.

Jan. 7 NMI/UF Certificate Ceremony and Banquet;
Winebrenner Theological Seminary, TLB Center – 5 p.m.

Feb. 26 Pre-Vet Alumni Reception;
Hyatt Regency, Columbus, Ohio – 5-7 p.m.

March 18 Alumni Reception and Dinner;
Kalahari Resort & Waterpark, Sandusky, Ohio – 6-8 p.m.

March 25 OHSAA Boys' State Basketball Brunch;
Columbus – 8-10 a.m.

For more info or to register for events, contact the Office of Alumni & Parent Relations by visiting the website at www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Alumni, or call 419-434-4516.

Register now for online social networking. If you have not yet registered for the Findlay Oilers Alumni Connection, please do so today by visiting www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Alumni connection. We are here to support your continued success and your lifelong connection to your alma mater. Also, you can [click here](#) to find us on Facebook.

Findlay alums ... if you are not registered for our online directory, please do so today by clicking on this link: <http://www.alumniconnections.com/findlayoilers/>.



Dennis Zahler '70 (left) assisted with the welcome tent for students and families during Move-In Day, Aug. 20. Laura (Tietje) Brown '07, M '09 and Ben Sapp '93, M '95 (right) helped freshmen move into their rooms.



At the Columbus Clippers event: (seated) Marilyn Rice and Earl Fletcher '75; (standing) Brant Rhoad '00 and Mark Inkrott '02.



Watching the Toledo Mud Hens were: Lori Bell '09, Alberta Prichard, Dr. Darrel Prichard '55, Barbara (Zehender '51) Wilkin and Dr. Richard Wilkin '52.



Little "quackers" at the Mud Hens games: Ethan and Jordan Metzger, sons of Matt '06 and Emilee (Van Dyne '08) Metzger.

Alumni enjoyed two evenings of family fun at ballparks in Columbus on Aug. 13 and Toledo on Aug. 15.



Justin Herron received his alumni pin from Dee Dee Spraw, director of alumni and parent relations, at the NMI certificate graduation ceremony. He also received the Mallinckrodt Award of Excellence.

The Office of Alumni & Parent Relations was on hand for the certificate graduation ceremony for the Nuclear Medicine Institute (NMI) on Aug. 20. Each graduate received a certificate of completion along with a NMI/UF alumni lapel pin. The ceremony recognized 39 members of the graduating class. The NMI, sponsored by The University of Findlay, is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology to offer a certificate program. This certificate program constitutes the senior year of the nuclear medicine technology major at UF and is accepted toward completion of the degree program. The ceremony included the induction of eight new members into the Lambda Nu – Ohio Iota Chapter and the awarding of the HeartLight Pharmacy Operating Scholarships, the Nuclear Medicine Institute Scholarship, the Dr. Ann Whithaus Scholarship and the Mallinckrodt Award of Excellence.



Men and women alumni soccer players came back to their alma mater Saturday, Aug. 21, for a scrimmage against the UF intercollegiate soccer teams. The Office of Alumni & Parent Relations cooked hot dogs for the teams.



Two luncheons were held during August for the alumni of The Right Thing Inc. (RTI) and Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. Doug Lyon '80 and Elicia (Naftzger) Davis '87 helped organize the Cooper luncheon, which was held on campus Aug. 25, 2010, at the Lape Great Hall in the Virginia B. Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion, with 42 alumni attending. The Cooper alumni employees (above left) are shown in front of the bell tower. Terry Terhark '06, chief executive officer of RTI, hosted the luncheon for his company employees Aug. 3, 2010, with 55 alumni attending (above right). Dr. Katherine Fell, new UF president, greeted both groups with an update on the University, and a video, "Six Decades of Growth," was shown.



The Glenn and Helen Stout Alumni Center has moved! For the past 12 years, the Stout Alumni Center has been located at 1316 North Cory St., in a house that provided a place dedicated to alumni and serving them. It served its purpose well. The new location is across from campus at 1015 North Main Street in a distinctive historic home. The house is easy for alumni to find. Inside there are open spaces for entertaining, period woodwork and leaded glass windows that make the interior warm and inviting. You are invited to visit your alma mater and to stop by the new home of the Glenn and Helen Stout Alumni Center.

Nominations for the Homecoming 2011 Distinguished Alumni Awards, Old Main Award and Arch Award are due by Jan. 31, 2011. The nomination forms, along with award criteria, can be found by visiting www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Nomination form. For more information, contact the Office of Alumni & Parent Relations at 800-472-9502 ext. 4516 or 419-434-4516 or alumni@findlay.edu.

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, KEYWORD: Alumni.

Congratulations, Newlyweds!

John & Martina (Rostorfer '02, M '04) Morton – married April 10, 2010

Welcome UF Newest Little Oilers:

*Garrick & Julie (Bradford '96) Twining
Baby girl, Lauren Marie, born Aug. 9, 2010*

*Mark & Andrea (Warner '01) Honigman
Baby girl, Addison Marie, born Aug. 2, 2010*

*Brian & Julie (Mills '06) Zimmerman
Baby girl, Alivia Joy, born Feb. 23, 2010*

*Lynn Hernandez '92
Baby boy, Roy Jon Atticus, born Feb. 7, 2010*

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4. Alumni Spotlight

Peace Corps Volunteer: Hope in Action

Megan Garner, a 2009 graduate with bachelor's degrees in international business and economics, is putting her education to work half a world away on the island of Madagascar.

Garner, whose hometown is Runville, Pa., is serving for two years with the Peace Corps as a small enterprise development volunteer. "I was loving the service work that I was doing with Habitat for Humanity, and I was also looking for an international experience, so I decided Peace Corps could combine both those elements," Garner said.

Her community is composed of subsistence rice farmers, most with less than a high school education. Her focus is to help them learn practical skills for daily living such as business management, money management, marketing, gardening, nutrition or the benefits of hand washing.

When she arrived in Madagascar, she attended language and cross-cultural classes. Garner lived with a host family who helped her to learn and practice the Malagasy language before she went to live in a small village of a couple hundred people.

She has embraced the life of the village, living in a three-room brick house that is largely unfurnished. As part of her immersion goals, she cooks rice for every meal, the same as the villagers. Side dishes may consist of a vegetable, squash, tomatoes or beans fried in oil. Fish and meat are served on special occasions. Her weekly trip to the nearest market town and the post office is 30 minutes by bicycle and 90 minutes walking. Daily, she gets water from a spring 20 minutes away that she carries in a bucket on her head back to her house.

"I am really enjoying the whole integration aspect of my experience. I want to feel as though I'm actually a part of my community and not just living there with them," she said. Garner enjoys interacting with the people and the local children who often congregate at her house. Village life revolves around the rhythm of the seasons and the amount of daylight, rather than the time on the clock. Wealth is determined in terms of food, such as coffee, fish, chicken and pork.



Girls from her village visit with Megan Garner '09 at her home in Amobhitrampirana, Madagascar, where she is serving two years in the Peace Corps.

Garner's work has been varied, and mostly self-initiated as she discovers needs and works on solutions. Among her projects, she is helping peanut farmers improve the quality of their peanut oil and to find new markets. She is arranging for training to be brought to her village through the Centre National de l'Artisanat Malagasy (CENAM), which will help them make and sell handcrafted items. She participated in a bike tour of the island to talk to people about HIV/AIDS awareness and protection. She also helped female students start a small business whose profits will cover their school fees for the coming year.

She recently received information about funding available for water and sanitation projects. "The water pumps in my town have been broken for several years, so I definitely want to figure out what needs to be done to fix them and take advantage of those available funds," she remarked.

"No matter how hard I try, I will still never be able to completely understand their trials with things as basic as food and water," she said. "The only thing I can really do is to help them improve their access to those basics in hopes that better times are on the way in the years to come. Hope is a major component in my optimism for their economic future."

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5. Oiler Sports

Stephanie Charnigo was named the all-around NCAA Division II National Scholar-Athlete of the Year, receiving a \$1,000 scholarship, and she was recently awarded a \$1,500 post-graduate scholarship by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Division II Post-Graduate Scholarship Committee. A native of Medina, Ohio, she represented women's track and field. In 2010, she was fourth at the NCAA Division II Outdoor Track & Field Championships in the 800-meter race.



Stephanie Charnigo



DaJerrian Smith

The Oilers football team opened its season with a 16-3 loss to Tennessee's Tusculum College at home on Sept. 3. The non-conference loss was their first in eight years. Freshman quarterback Zach Tate completed 17 out of 27 passes for 190 yards, while senior wide receiver DaJerrian Smith made a career-high seven catches for 95 yards. Defensively, sophomore linebacker Brandon Butler led the team with 11 tackles, while junior defensive back Donte Johnson chipped in eight.

The women's volleyball team began the season by going 3-1 at the Davis and Elkins Tournament. The Oilers defeated Gannon University 3-1, Ohio Valley University 3-0 and Texas A&M-Kingsville 3-0. Their lone loss came against Indiana University of Pennsylvania by a score of 3-2. Junior Jessica VonIns led with 34 kills and 60 assists.



Jessica VonIns

The women's soccer team opened its season with a 0-0 tie against ninth-ranked Northern Kentucky University. The Norse attempted



Kelsey Yoder

19 shots and the Oilers 12, but the goalkeepers turned away a total of nine shots on goal to assure the tie. UF keeper Alicia Tutino was credited with six saves.

The men’s soccer team opened its season with a 4-0 loss to 21st-ranked Northern Kentucky University. Matthew Brooks made eight saves in the game.

The Oilers women’s tennis team started the season with a 0-2 record, and sophomore Kelsey Yoder won both of her singles matches and one out of two doubles competitions.

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

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6. Alumni Support

The 11th annual Oilers Golf Outing was held July 12, 2010, at the Findlay Country Club. The event draws about 120 golfers each year and between 45 and 50 sponsors from among The University’s vendors and alumni. This year \$49,161 was raised for athletic and music scholarships. More than \$550,000 has been raised for scholarship support over the past 11 years.

Does Your Gift Work as Hard as You Do?

If you’re like many donors, you may want to secure a fixed income that doesn’t depend on the stock market or you may want to make a contribution that won’t affect your day-to-day budget. If so, one of the following giving ideas may be for you.



A presentation check representing the proceeds from the golf outing was proudly displayed at the evening awards dinner by (left to right) Steven Rackley, athletic director; Dr. Katherine Fell, president; and Dr. Micheal Anders, chair of the department of fine and performing arts.



You can lock in a fixed income that’s immune to market fluctuations and ensure your assets benefit your alma mater. A **charitable gift annuity** provides you with fixed payments for life, with any remaining amount going to The University of Findlay after your passing. A **charitable remainder annuity trust** is funded with cash and/or assets in a trust that generates payments to you, with the assets left at the end of your lifetime going to The University of Findlay. Both have various tax advantages.

You also can make cash-free contributions to your alma mater by naming The University of Findlay as the **beneficiary of your retirement plan assets**, through **life insurance policies** or

including UF in your **will or revocable living trust**. Contact Charlie Shepard at 419-434-4628 or at shepard@findlay.edu for more information.

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7. FYI Campus Newsletter

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

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8. Spread the Word...

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