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## UF CELEBRATES THE PAST, EMBRACES THE FUTURE DURING HOMECOMING 2007



Members of the Homecoming court Heather Hochstetler and Virginia Wills pose with the monsters of the winning golf cart by the OESHO.

For more information or to watch a video and see photos, visit [www.findlay.edu](http://www.findlay.edu) and click on the Homecoming article in the Center Stage section of the home page.

The University of Findlay's Homecoming 2007: Celebrating the Past, Embracing the Future was held Oct. 12, 13 and 14. Many alumni returned to campus to join students, faculty and staff in the festivities.

An alumni recognition dinner was held Oct. 12 in the Alumni Memorial

Union. Distinguished Alumni, members of the Athletic Hall of Fame, past Findlay College and UF Homecoming queens, visiting business executive A.R. Charnes and the Class of 1942 were recognized.

On Saturday, Oct. 13, festivities kicked off with a 5K and Little Oiler Fun Run beginning in front of Old Main. The event raised \$2,800 for Open Arms Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Services. The University

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## UNIVERSITY HONORED WITH OWENS COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AWARD

The University of Findlay has been chosen to receive the 2007 Community Partnership Award for outstanding dedication and service to the Owens Community College Findlay-area Campus.

The University was selected as the 2007 recipient as a result of the academic institution's efforts to provide academic excellence within the surrounding communities and beyond during the past 125 years.

"The University of Findlay is a worldwide leader in higher education," said Judy Ennis, Owens executive dean of the Findlay-area campus. "Owens Community College is proud to collaborate with an organization such as The University of Findlay because they share

our academic institution's mission and vision in making a difference in the lives of others by engaging them in the learning process through education. Such a commitment to higher education has left a profound impact within the surrounding communities and beyond as Owens Community College and The University of Findlay graduates are making long-lasting contributions as today's societal leaders."

The University of Findlay/Owens Community College partnership dates back to the early 1980s when students enrolled in the technical classes at Owens Technical College South (now Owens Community College Findlay-area Campus) took their arts and sciences classes at then-Findlay College.

Since that time, both Owens Community College and the University have established more than a dozen articulation agreements, where Owens students can seamlessly transfer into various bachelor's degree programs at The University of Findlay.

The two organizations also share knowledge, skills and experience as full-time and part-time faculty teach in the other institution's academic classrooms. Recently, both Owens Community College and the Mazza Museum established a partnership in which the University's Mazza Museum shares masterful art work with the college's new Library Gallery.

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

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# "BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS," "A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE" TO BEGIN OCT. 31, NOV. 1

The University of Findlay will present two plays beginning Wednesday, Oct. 31. Productions include "A



Artwork by senior Heather Hochstetler

Streetcar Named Desire" by Tennessee Williams and "Brighton Beach Memoirs" by Neil Simon. The plays will begin at 8 p.m. on alternating evenings in the John and Hester Powell Grimm Theatre.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens. UF student, faculty and staff tickets are free. Contact the UF Box Office at 419-434-5335 or [boxoffice@findlay.edu](mailto:boxoffice@findlay.edu).

"A Streetcar Named Desire" will be performed Nov. 1, Nov. 3, Nov. 7, Nov. 9 and Nov. 11. The play reveals the character of Blanche du Bois, a

woman whose life has been undermined by her romantic illusions, which lead her to reject the realities of life with which she is faced and which she consistently ignores.

The pressure brought to bear upon her by her sister, with whom she goes to live in New Orleans, intensified by the earthy and extremely "normal" young husband of the latter, leads to a revelation of her tragic self-delusion and, in the end, to madness.

"Brighton Beach Memoirs" will be

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## \$200,000 GIFT TO THE UNIVERSITY PROVIDES FOR ON-CAMPUS LIVING EXPERIENCE

A unique \$200,000 gift will help enable deserving students to experience the benefits of on-campus living at The University of Findlay.

The gift, from Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Charnes, was announced at the alumni recognition dinner Oct. 12. Mr. Charnes, a native of French Lick, Ind., is a 1966 graduate of Findlay College where he earned a degree in marketing. Mrs. Charnes, a native of Putnam County, Ohio, attended classes and worked at the college during the 70's and 80's. Their daughter, Renee, graduated from the institution in 1985.

"There are so many benefits to beginning freshmen to live on campus and experience campus life that we wanted to set up an endowed fund to help students who might not otherwise be able to afford to live on campus and enjoy this experience," Mr. Charnes said. "Students who live on campus are able to get involved with activities creating lifelong friendships. And they have a better opportunity to develop the core personal values that can guide them for the rest of their lives."

The Charnes gift will provide room and board assistance to students who

have been accepted to the University but who otherwise might not be able to afford to live on campus. The room and board assistance will become available starting in fall 2008.

"We have been greatly impressed with the leadership and stewardship of President DeBow Freed, and we are glad we are able to give back to the University that has provided us so many opportunities and been an important part of our life," Mr. Charnes said.

"The kind of support which Mr. and Mrs. Charnes are providing is very meaningful in several respects," Dr. Freed said. "Their generosity will allow future students to share the campus experience which shapes so many lives. The gift to the endowment further strengthens the long-term financial health of the University. Their gift is a good example for others who can contribute to benefit students. We are deeply grateful to the Charnes for their generosity."

Mr. Charnes is the vice president of



Dr. Freed with Mary Ann and A.R. Charnes at the alumni recognition dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Charnes established a gift that will allow more students to experience the benefits of living on campus.

marketing for Getty Petroleum Marketing Inc., a subsidiary of Lukoil Oil Co. He is a 41-year veteran of the oil industry, beginning his career with Marathon Oil Co. after graduating from The University of Findlay. Mr. Charnes joined Getty Petroleum Marketing's management team in 1988 and is retiring in February 2008.

The Charnes recently relocated to McCormick, S.C., where they plan to enjoy their retirement.

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also partnered with the A-T Cure Tour and raised \$900 for that cause.

The Alumni Association Annual Breakfast was Oct. 13. Nine people were recognized for their contributions to their professions and communities. The 34th Athletic Hall of Fame Ceremony also was held. Six Oiler athletes were inducted.

From 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., a celebration on the front lawn of Old Main featured a golf cart parade, UF choir alumni reunion concert, class reunions, KidsZone, Create-a-Cookie recipe contest and more.

During halftime of the Mercyhurst vs. UF football game on Saturday, the UF Homecoming queen and king can-

didates were introduced, and Laura Tietje and J. Desmond Perry were announced as queen and king. UF won the game, 38-22.

Festivities ended on Sunday with an alumni art exhibition reception and a special worship service by the Winebrenner Theological Seminary concluding the 125th anniversary celebration.



Members of the Newman Club offer samples of their UF Christ Cookies. The group participated in the Create-a-Cookie Recipe Contest and won in the group category. Photo credit: senior Yekaterina Kontar



More than 100 voices sang in the mini-concert on the front lawn during the Homecoming celebration. Both current students and alumni sang. Photo credit: sophomore Mike Blinn



Members of the UF Singers start off a chilly Saturday morning with a rendition of the Star Spangled Banner. Photo credit: sophomore Mike Blinn



Becca Allison plays with the Oiler Marching Brass during the Homecoming football game Oct. 13. Photo credit: staff photographer Anne Risser Lee



Dee Dee Spraw congratulates Earl Sleasman '57 during the annual Alumni Association breakfast Oct. 13. Photo credit: staff photographer Anne Risser Lee



Faculty and staff gather in front of the bell tower for a photo during the UF alumni faculty and staff luncheon Oct. 10. There are 108 full-time faculty and staff alumni. Photo credit: staff photographer Anne Risser Lee

## TWO PLAYS TO BEGIN OCT. 31, NOV. 1, CONT.

performed Oct. 31, Nov. 2, Nov. 4, Nov. 8 and Nov. 10. Part one of Neil Simon's autobiographical trilogy, the play is a portrait of the writer as a Brooklyn teenager in 1937 living with his family in crowded, lower middle-class circumstances.

Eugene, the young Neil Simon, is

the narrator and central character. His mind is full of fiercely fantasized dreams of baseball and dimly fantasized images of girls. The play captures a few days in the life of a struggling Jewish household that includes Eugene's hard-working father, his sharp-tongued mother, his older and vastly more expe-

rienced brother Stanley, his widowed aunt and her two young daughters. Family miseries are used to raise such enduring issues as sibling resentment, guilt-ridden parent/child relationships and the hunger for dignity in a poverty-stricken world.

## THE TOLEDO OPERA TO PERFORM OCT. 26

The Toledo Opera will present "An Evening of Opera" at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, at the Winebrenner Theological Seminary. The performance is the second in The University of Findlay's 2007-2008 Concert and

Lecture Series. The concert is underwritten and made possible, in part, through the generosity of George and Shirlee Whitson.

Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for senior citizens and \$10 for students.

Admission for UF undergraduate and graduate students is free, but a ticket is required. UF faculty and staff may purchase tickets for \$15. Tickets are available by calling the Box Office at 419-434-5335.

## CRICKET GAINS POPULARITY ON CAMPUS: TEAM WINS FIRST GAME, INTRAMURAL TEAMS FORMED

This fall, the University held tryouts for the first-ever cricket team and even held intramural cricket games. Cricket is an international sport similar to American baseball.

The new team is comprised of 16 male UF graduate and undergraduate students from all over the world. The team practices on the tennis courts behind Renninger and participated in its first match Sept. 23 in Tiffin. While the team does not have an official schedule, faculty adviser Nabarun Ghose, D.B.A., professor of marketing and business, said that invitations for future matches are "pouring in."

In their first match, the 11 starting players and five substitutes pulled off an upset over the favored University of Toledo cricket team. Findlay scored 149 runs to Toledo's 44 in the 20 allocated overs, which are similar to innings.

"Mr. Ajay Kotagal was the highest scorer for UF with 48 runs. The team built up tremendous pressure on the UT team by their tight fielding, amazing wicket keeping and getting the opposing batsmen out at frequent intervals. The team showed discipline, sportsmanship, hard work, sacrifice and

sheer determination in the face of tremendous challenge to pull off the unexpected victory," said Ghose.

The team was formed after Ghose attended a meeting at Tiffin University for its "Celebrating India" program, where the invitation for the match against UT was extended. Ghose contacted a former student who flew in supplies from New Jersey and recruited student Lajja Shah to be the team manager.

He also worked with Bryan Golding, director of recreational services, to arrange other supplies, facilities, guidance on team formation and transportation. Together with Shah, he held tryouts and over the course of seven days, narrowed the field of potential players from 54 to the 16 who are on the team.

Interest in cricket is growing rapidly on campus and it will continue to be offered, according to Golding. This season's cricket intramurals took place on Saturday, Oct. 13, and Sunday, Oct. 14, in Koehler Fitness and Recreation



*The first-ever UF cricket team huddles during a Sept. 23 match to discuss bowling and fielding strategies.*

Complex. For more information about intramurals, contact Golding at goldingb@findlay.edu or ext. 4842.

A women's team and a co-ed cricket club are also in the formation stages. "The club will provide clinics for other interested students to learn the game and host cricket matches," said Ghose.

For more information on the cricket team and upcoming matches, contact Ghose, at ghose@findlay.edu or ext. 4455.

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