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Kara Wilkinson, left, the first recipient of a new endowed theatre scholarship, and donor Elizabeth Harriss '69 share the chair Harriss donated in honor of theatre professor Irene Sharninghouse.

A MOST GENEROUS 'THANK YOU'

Sometimes a committed teacher makes all the difference in the world.

For Elizabeth "Betty" Johnson Harriss, Irene Sharninghouse was that teacher.

Harriss came to then-Findlay College during the turbulent '60s, starting as an elementary education major. She started at the same time as her brother, Chuck, who had done theater in high school, and when auditions for plays were posted, she went along.

"I got a part and he didn't," she recalled, adding, "I was really smitten with theater. I loved it; it just fit my personality and I knew it was right."

Harriss described "Queen Irene," as the students secretly called her, as a "wonderful person, an excellent teacher, a superb director and a lady."

"I doubt if she ever used the expression 'integrated curriculum' but that's exactly what she practiced," Harriss said, asking her students to explore and understand

the period not only of the work, but also of the author. "She was skilled at asking us questions about why we felt a particular way about a politician or philosophy ... and she respected our answers if we could substantiate the derivation."

Harriss shared her remembrances as Professor Irene Sharninghouse was named to the Wall of Fame by the Curtain Raisers, a volunteer organization that supports the arts at the University. She accepted the award on behalf of Sharninghouse, who lives in California, and is in her mid-90s and unable to travel.

At the same time, Harriss announced a theater endowment, the Elizabeth "Betty" Johnson Harriss Scholarship, that in the spirit of the help that Professor Sharninghouse gave her, is intended to assist students in the College of Liberal Arts, with preference given to theatre majors.

Harriss noted Sharninghouse took her on as her assistant, which provided
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enough to pay her tuition for one semester, and as director of a series of state-funded “mental health plays” put on in the community, which paid for the other. In addition, “Professor Sharninghouse must have lived in the cleanest house in Findlay and yet she would hire me to come clean on those weekends when we were not in rehearsal,” providing funds to cover other expenses, she said.

Sharninghouse encouraged Harriss to declare a minor — English — to help pay the bills, which worked out well. After graduation, she taught English for a year at Findlay High School, then moved to New York City, where she pursued a master’s degree at Columbia and taught for a few years.

She has since used her speech and theater training as a community volunteer and leader, and also serving as a docent, in 1850s costume, at Sunnyside, the home of Washington Irving in Tarrytown, N.Y., one of the Historic Hudson Valley properties.

Just as Sharninghouse assisted her, Harriss hopes her scholarship will help make a Findlay education possible for today’s students, who still enjoy one-on-one mentoring in the theatre program.

Theatre director Scott Hayes said the average class size ranges from eight to 12 students depending on the level, with every class taught by professors, not adjuncts or teaching assistants.

“We offer a BA degree, but the students’ hands-on experience is closer to a BFA program,” Hayes said. “The most frequent complaint from our students is that there is too much to do.”

Students can choose from three emphases: music theatre, performance or production and design technology, with the option of a multi-age drama/theatre education

major also available. Each student has the opportunity to work on six to 12 productions each year.

“I would recommend Findlay for the number-one purpose of the hands-on experience,” said January Blank, a 2008 theatre graduate who is already teaching dance for the Toledo Ballet and choreographing “The Pirates of Penzance” for Findlay Light Opera Co. this summer. “Of all the schools that I have had friends go to, I’ve never heard of another school where as a freshman, you can be in four shows a year. You can get so much stage time.”

Hayes believes in keeping students in touch with professionals currently working in the field. The dozen annual productions include the professional summer theater program, SummerStock, which allows both students in the program and from other areas to work with professional actors.

But it doesn’t end there. Through guest artist endowments, UF theatre students have worked with five Tony and Oscar winners since 2002, and UF also hosts professional workshops in major theater markets each semester.

“I got to talk with Dixie Carter one-on-one

— not in a big lecture hall. We got to be on stage with her, and go to lunch with her,” Blank said. “They’re Tony Award-winning artists, and just to be able to listen to how they approach theater, and that they struggled too — it’s fantastic.”

And the process works where it counts: Eighty percent of the program’s 2005, 2006 and 2007 graduates have obtained employment in professional theater immediately following graduation.

-Suzanne Wilcox English



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-January Blank, senior theatre major, above, performs in “Lucky Stiff”

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[GOT NEWS?]

Whether it's updating us on what you've been up to since graduation or a nomination for next year's alumni awards, we'd like to hear from you! We'll publish information about births, marriages, new jobs and recent awards or promotions. **Send us your news at www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Alumni.**

Unique Facts

UNIVERSITY

The University of Findlay held its second annual Symposium for Scholarship and Creativity April 15, giving 112 undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to share their research projects and creative works. Awards ceremonies for the University in general and for each of the five colleges were held. Also, the colleges hosted alumni keynote speakers, including Terry Terhark '06 for the College of Business; Deborah Wickerham M '02 for the College of Education; Julie Hammer '04 for the College of Health Professions; Adam Brannon '07 for the College of Liberal Arts and Robert Verb '96 for the College of Sciences.

ACADEMICS

The first installation and initiation ceremony for the Mortar Board honor society was held at The University of Findlay on March 25, welcoming the charter class of 25 students. The national honor society recognizes college seniors for their achievements in scholarship, leadership and service. Members are selected by their peers in their junior year and must be ranked in the upper 35 percent scholastically of their class. Catherine Moore Freed of Findlay, a Mortar Board alumna of the University of Texas and wife of UF president Dr. DeBow Freed, was given the first citation from the UF Mortar Board chapter for her lifelong service to the society. The University of Findlay is the 224th chartered collegiate chapter of Mortar Board, which was founded in 1918. Mortar Board expects members to participate in chapter service projects and in a national project called Reading is Leading.

DEVELOPMENT

Alumni giving continues to make solid progress for the 2007-08 fiscal year. Through the third quarter of the fiscal year ending in March 2008, total alumni support of \$502,304 has been received from 1,277 alumni, compared to \$180,410 last year from 1,251 alumni. UF Fund support through March is \$82,524, compared to \$72,221 last year. Gifts to The University of Findlay can now be made online by visiting www.findlay.edu and clicking "Give to Findlay." The UF fiscal year ends June 30, 2008, so if you haven't already done so, please make your gift today.

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[Director's Message]

Dear Alumni,

Ignite Your Oiler Spirit will be the Homecoming 2008 theme at The University of Findlay on Sept. 19-20, 2008. Homecoming over the past two years has evolved into a celebration for alumni to return to their alma mater and to connect with the current student body. Don't wait! Mark your calendar NOW to return to campus for a weekend of fun and activities for all to enjoy!

Campus Program Board will kick off the Homecoming celebration on Friday evening with entertainment from The Harlem Wizards. Alumni, faculty, staff and students will enjoy an amazing performance from The Harlem Wizards who will "lace it up and let 'em fly." They offer a rare combination of individual athleticism, teamwork, entertainment and involvement from the crowd. The Office of Alumni & Parent Relations will then cap the evening with a fireworks display on campus.

On Saturday, Sept. 20, it will be pure enjoyment for every Oiler fan in attendance. The day will begin with the annual 5K run/walk, annual alumni breakfast, class gift dedication, front lawn celebration with the golf cart parade, 50th class reunion dinner and a tailgate at Donnell Stadium prior to a 3 p.m. kickoff against Wayne State. The evening will conclude with reunion/affinity group dinners and the UF Athletic Hall of Fame dinner.

So alumni, come back to your campus where it all began – the classes you took, friendships you created, and the challenges and triumphs experienced both professionally and personally. Findlay College/The University of Findlay is the place that opened the door to opportunities. Stay connected. This is your alma mater. Be proud of it!

Dee Dee Spraw '00, M '07
Director, Alumni & Parent Relations



Alumni enjoyed the Spring Thing, a gourmet dessert buffet and performance featuring music professor Jack Taylor and his Jazz Quartet. Among the more than 80 guests were: Steven Bihn '90, Victoria Bihn '94, Paul Noascono, Amanda Noascono '04, Kim Coutinho and Frederick Coutinho '00. The event was sponsored by the Alumni Association Board of Governors.



Alumni Calendar of Events

Alumni receptions currently are being planned in the following areas:

- June 21** *UF Cedar Point Day – Sandusky, Ohio*
- June 28** *Cleveland Indians vs. Cincinnati Reds – UF alumni event, 7:05 p.m. game*
- Aug. 3** *Columbus Summer Send-off, Columbus area prospective students at Bob '57 & Catherine Pritts' home*
- Aug. 16** *Summer Send-off, Findlay prospective students at Stout Alumni Center*
- Aug. 22** *Freshman Move-in Day & Orientation – Development welcome carnival for parents and students (calling any alumni that would like to volunteer to assist)*
- Aug. 23** *Women's (1 p.m.) & Men's (3:30 p.m.) Soccer Game – Alumni Office cooking hot dogs at DeHaven Field*
- Aug. 25-26** *Information booths on campus to direct students to classrooms and answer questions (Alumni Association Board of Governors)*
- Sept. 17** *UF faculty/staff alumni appreciation luncheon*
- Sept. 19-20** *Homecoming – Ignite Your Oiler Spirit*
- Sept. 19** *Alumni Association Board of Governors meeting, 5-7 p.m.*
- Sept. 26-27** *Family Weekend*
- Dec. 13** *Commencement Brunch at the Alumni Memorial Union, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.*
- Dec. 13** *Baccalaureate at Ritz Auditorium, 10:30 a.m.*
- Dec. 13** *Graduate and Undergraduate Commencement at Koehler Fitness and Recreation Complex, 2 p.m.*

For more information about these events, or to volunteer, contact the Office of Alumni & Parent Relations at 1-800-472-9502, extension 4516.



A pre-veterinary alumni reception, celebrating the program's 25th year, was held Feb. 23 in Columbus, Ohio. The gathering was held in conjunction with the annual Ohio Medical Veterinary Association's Midwest Conference Feb. 21-24, 2008. Those attending included: (front row) Allie Buck*, Megan Fritz*, Kimberly Mohar*, Kristen Roberts*, Cristy Saul '98, Emily Schmidbauer*; (middle row) Brandon Forshy*, Sara Buksa*, Beth Lorenz '07, Sharilyn (Newlin) Shoemaker '96, Jessica VanHook '05, Kelsey Cloutier '07, Tasha Harmon '06, Valerie Anderson '86, Stacy (Hallabrin) Burns '86, Adam Hechko '02, Dr. Linda Peck; (last row) Jennifer (Krepps) Rinker '07, Alicia Marcum '07, Michelle Lindsey '97, Aaron Silvus *, Matt Heitman '07, Lauren Murphy '04, Dr. Michael Kerns, Ryan Burger '98, Kimberly Werner '88. Not pictured: Kate Bryant '92 and Emily Elser '05. *Denotes current UF student.



A reception was held in Bradenton, Fla., Feb. 27. Alumni and friends attending the Florida event included: (front kneeling/seated) Dee Dee Spraw '00, M '07, alumni director, Clifford Brooks '48, Pastor Thomas Douglas '55; (second row) Judy Douglas, Mariann Younger, Allene Jarosak, Barbara Trela, Jean Taylor, Stacey Endicott '02; (third row) David Ferguson, vice president for development, Kerry Volansky, associate professor of physical therapy, Pastor Robert Douglas '73, Roy Schmunk '52, Charles Younger, member of UF Board of Trustees, Theodore Taylor '50, Mark Reynolds. Not shown: Charles Weasel, Jane Taylor '69, Matthew '97 and Hillary Kustrin.



A group of Sigma Pi's and friends of UF who attended this year's OSHAA breakfast March 14 in Columbus included: (first row) Dan Fidago '98, Berk Vassar, Phil Roeder '87, Tom Mescher '97; (second row) Mike Lodge, Greg Wise '84, Larry Kuns (father of Gary), Gary Fisher '97, Dave Emrick '87; (third row) Dean Clemons '83, Rob Waters, Dean Pallotta, Gary Kuns '83. Not pictured: Lee Tasseff '83, Dennis Woolley '83, Paul Grimes '86 and Jamie Mescher '94.



Women's basketball alumnae gathered for a luncheon reception prior to the women's alumnae basketball game on Jan. 19, in Croy Gymnasium. Women returning for the alumnae basketball game included, (front row): Michelle Vorst '06, Carrie (Rafferty) Cook '95, Linda (Horner) Hoersten '95, Nanette Cox '07, Tanya (Ross) Dolata '04; (back row): Nicole Ralston '95, Dawn (Mareches) Loera '99, Carrie Bergman '06, Megan Cable '07, Kari (Warren) Weisenburger '05; (not pictured) Rachel Schroeder '04.



An alumni gathering was held March 29 in Columbus, Ohio, at the Hilton Columbus at Easton: (front row from left) Anthony Slappy '90, Tanya Truszkowski '05, Earl Fletcher '75, David Gregg '77, Melanie Bibler '08 (student), Robert Fulford '74; (second row) James Ebright '66, Joseph Brown '52, Robert Ryan '94, Susan Long '69, Michael Murphy '72, Jennifer Thomas '95, Michelle (Brogden) Bondra '02, President DeBow Freed, Marilyn Rice, David Hinds '84, James Rossi '87, Mary Whalen, Ken Whalen '85, Laurie Fulford.



UF hosted the annual Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) Basketball Breakfast on March 14 in Columbus, Ohio. Dr. James Houdeshell '53, far right, recognized Dick Krauss '50 and his sons, Doug '76, right, and Dave Krauss. The Krauss family has achieved many honors in OHSAA athletics. Dick Krauss is a member of the UF Athletic Hall of Fame, the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame and the OHSAA Hall of Fame and recently was honored for his 60 years as a coach, administrator and as the NWOHSAA secretary for 43 years. Father and both sons have coached their teams into the OHSAA State Basketball Tournament. Basketball coach Dave Sweet also was honored.

CAMPUS EVENTS



International students shared their native food, costumes and dances with the campus and community April 11 during the 40th International Night. Students also provided entertainment throughout the evening, including dancing, singing, fashion shows, a karate demonstration and more.

The Habitat for Humanity chapter sponsored the annual Box City event on April 5 to raise funds and awareness about homelessness. Students admire the box Eiffel Tower constructed by Dale Brougher, Ph.D., associate professor of religion.



The cast for the musical "Gypsy" played to sold-out audiences Feb. 20-24. In a scene at a train station, Louise, played by sophomore theatre performance major Kara Wilkinson, waits with her mother, Rose, portrayed by senior theater performance major January Blank, and Herbie, performed by junior theatre performance major Jeremy Springer.



The UF Concert-Chorale presented the musical satire "Of Thee I Sing" April 6. Students in featured roles included (left to right): Jennifer Huber, Erik Cranmer, Jim Conley, James Stephani, Sam Reinmann and Prescott Reser.



The Students in Free Enterprise team took first place in its league for the fifth consecutive year at the SIFE USA regional competition in Chicago March 24 and went on to compete nationally in May. Team members were: (front row) Pete Dalpiaz, Jason Florence, adviser Dr. Gregory Arburn, Corey Redmond; (back row) Brittany Jones, Shannon Lussier, Rachel Hanke.



UF held its first Mortar Board installation and initiation ceremony March 25, welcoming the charter class of 25 students into the national honor society that recognizes college seniors for their scholarship, leadership and service. Above, students participated in a response to become members of the Mortar Board society.



Junior Dave Weinandy earned best of show with his clay jar (pictured left), during the 2008 Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition held in Lea Gallery March 31 through April 25. More than 50 students submitted their works in photography, printmaking, computer design, design, painting, drawing, ceramics and sculpture.



Former President Bill Clinton made a campaign stop at The University of Findlay on Feb. 29. An estimated crowd of 1,200-1,400 people packed into Croy gymnasium to hear him speak on behalf of his wife, New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton.

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The second annual Symposium for Scholarship and Creativity was held April 15, with undergraduate and graduate students sharing presentations of their research projects and creative works. An awards ceremony also was held, and each college featured an alumni speaker. Above, Kevin Kramer and Danielle Matson were named Founders' Son and Daughter.



A house at 1222 North Cory Street was dedicated April 22 as the Buford Intercultural Student Services Center, in memory of the late Desmond Buford '90. The center fulfills his mission to provide a place that will strengthen and support meaningful interactions between people of differing races, religions and cultures. His wife, Barbara (Balcik '90), and their children, Aubrey and Treyjon, were on hand for the unveiling of the sign.



Smruthi Jannu from India, Dinesh Naidu Valleru from India and Ryan Radabaugh from Bluffton University participated in a snowman decorating contest in the yard next to the Office of International Admissions after a late February snowfall.



Jianli Zhang (left) received a raffle prize from Patti Beck, director of student employment, at the Student Employee Recognition Luncheon held April 1, which was one of several events held that week honoring student employees.

Key to degree abbreviations

- A - associate's degree
- B - bachelor's degree
- M - master's degree
- H - honorary degree

Class years are assumed to be bachelor's degrees unless noted otherwise with the above codes. A person with a degree, but not a bachelor's degree, from Findlay College/The University of Findlay will have a (code letter) after his or her name. A person with a bachelor's plus another degree from Findlay is listed under his or her bachelor's degree year with a (code letter and class year) after his or her name.

[In Memory]

'40

Mabel (Roberts) Mertz passed away March 5, 2008. She taught elementary students in McComb, Ohio, from 1929 until 1940 and elementary grades in Bucyrus from 1950 until her retirement. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Bucyrus and volunteered with the Bucyrus Community Hospital. She is survived by daughters Janice Casey of Fredericktown, Ohio, and Marcia Brombacher of Westerville, Ohio; three grandchildren and a great-grandson.

'52

Robert Farrell of Findlay passed away Jan. 9, 2008. He worked for Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. for 35 years, retiring as director of plant budgets. He served in the Air Force and was a flying instructor, reaching the rank of captain. He also was elected in 1957 for a term to the Findlay City Council. He is survived by daughters, Penny Fruth of Alvada, Ohio, and Pam Barto and Melinda Taylor, both of Findlay; sons, Jim Farrell of Edgewater, Fla., and Greg Farrell of Findlay; eight grandchildren, including **Christina (Taylor) Florence** '94; 11 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Janice Matina of New York.

Thomas H. Waterman died Jan. 31, 2008, in Lima. He retired in 1987 from Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. in St. Marys, Ohio. He was a member of First English Lutheran Church in Wapakoneta, Ohio. A veteran of the U.S. Army during the Korean War, he was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and Amvets. He is survived by his wife, Charlene of Wapakoneta; a daughter, **Jill Clarke** '78 of Leonardtown, Md.; sons, Jay Waterman of Lima, Jeff Waterman of Spencerville, Ohio, and Jon Waterman of Wapakoneta; sisters, Betty McGowan of Phoenix, Ariz., and Doris Howie of Minster, Ohio; brothers, Jim Waterman of Wapakoneta and David Waterman of New Bremen; and six grandchildren.

'56

Patricia (Smiley) Oman of Staley, N.C., passed away Jan. 25, 2008, at Duke University Hospital in Durham, N.C. She was a retired high school

business education teacher and taught at Pandora-Gilboa High School, Westwood High School and Pymatuning Valley High School, in addition to substitute teaching while raising her family. She is survived by her husband of 52 years, **Carl Oman** '58; sons, Col. James Oman of Carlisle, Pa., Brad Oman of Carey, Ohio, and Steven Oman of South Bend, Ind.; daughter, Teri Oman Riley of San Antonio, Texas; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

'75

Ann (Sargent) Gibson died Jan. 19, 2008, in Findlay. She was a substitute teacher for the Findlay City Schools and Blanchard Valley School, where she also was a bus aide. She was a member of the Upper Room Church of God and volunteered with Special Kids Therapy. She is survived by her husband, Albert; sons Clinton of Findlay and Lucas of Alvada, Ohio; a

daughter, Laura Podach, of Findlay; a grandson; and brothers William Sargent of Houston, Texas, and Dean Sargent of San Francisco, Calif.

'92

Daniel Whiting passed away Aug. 20, 2007, in Tampa, Fla. Following graduation he studied at Columbia International University for a year and at the time of his death was continuing his studies at the University of South Florida for a master's degree in religion. He traveled extensively to England, Mexico, Israel, Italy, Denmark, Poland, Croatia and Romania as a part of his academic studies and for mission work. He was employed by Verizon Telephone since 1997. He played soccer as a youth and at The University of Findlay. He is survived by his parents, Thad and Amelia Whiting of Naples, Fla., and a sister, Susann Whiting.

Dennis Foster '67



Dennis Foster '67 was a visiting executive for the College of Business on March 17-18. He interacted with groups of students, spoke in several classes and presented a public guest lecture on "Integrity in the Midst of Complex and Difficult Issues." Foster opened the lecture by asking students in the audience, "How many of you did something today you are proud of?" He then pointed to executives of large companies such as Enron, WorldCom, Quest and others, who

he said had gone astray because they forgot to do things they were proud of. Instead, they did things to make more money for themselves, losing sight of their duties to shareholders and owners. He acknowledged the influence that Findlay College professors Dr. Robert Jones, business chair, and Dr. William Templeton, who taught economics, had on him. "Your educational foundation helps you make decisions," he maintained. Foster is the principal in Foster Thoroughbred Investments, Lexington, Ky., which has specialized in breeding, racing and training thoroughbred horses for more than 35 years. About 100 horses are involved, with approximately half participating in races all over the United States. In addition, he is involved in other high-risk ventures, such as drilling natural gas wells in Texas. He serves as a director for Yellow/Roadway, NiSource and Windstream, a spin-off of Alltel's landline division, and is chair for the Lexington Humane Society. Foster is retired from a 33-year career in the telecommunications industry, spending 17 years in leadership positions with AT&T before joining GTE, where he rose to president of GTE Mobilnet in 1991. He was named president and chief operating officer of Sprint's 360° Communications in 1993 and ended his career in 2000 as the vice chair of Alltel. He was a director at Alltel from 1998-2006 and served on the UF Board of Trustees from 1996-2003. He also was named a UF Distinguished Alumnus in 2002. Foster lives in Lexington, Ky., with his wife, Patty, and they have four grown children. "I thought the business students were more energized, more interested in the practical side of the curriculum. They have more questions," he noted from his visit. "I see a really healthy environment and a good enthusiasm for programs and the University."

'96

Richard "Dean" Webster died Dec. 26, 2007. He served in the United States Navy as a submariner from 1965 to 1973, and worked for General Motors from 1973 until retiring from Delphi in 2003. He is survived by his wife, Karen; sons, Todd, Trent of Delaware, Ohio, Troy of Dayton, Ohio, and Tyler of Troy, Ohio; mother, Thelma Webster of Tallahassee, Fla.; six grandchildren; and sisters, Karen Sonnanstine of Fort Meyers, Fla., Marilyn Harper of Tallahassee, Carolyn Crowell of Angel Fire, N.M., and Melinda Webster of Tallahassee.

[Friends]

Wayne Baltzell passed away Nov. 30, 2007, in Findlay. He was program assistant/kitchen manager for The University of Findlay's hospitality management program following a 43-year career with Marathon Oil Co. He is survived by his wife, **Ruth (Metzger '60)**; daughter, **Gayle Baltzell '93** of Findlay; son, Mark Baltzell of Olympia, Wash.; brothers, Ned of Mendon, Ohio, and Jim and Gary of Rockford, Ohio; and three grandchildren. **Memorial contributions may be made in his name to The University of Findlay where the Wayne E. Baltzell Hospitality Scholarship is being established.**

Berdine Farlee passed away Feb. 28, 2008, in Findlay. She served in several positions at then-Findlay College, retiring in 1974 after 11 years as manager of the college bookstore. She is survived by daughters Lois Fletcher of Findlay and Carol Ebersole of Cookeville, Tenn.; son, William Farlee of Toledo, Ohio; nine grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren and of a sister, Geraldine Sharrock of Galion, Ohio.

Norma Thomas of Findlay died March 17, 2008. She was a former cook at then-Findlay College. She is survived by her son, Robert Thomas of Little Rock, Ark.; daughter, Linda Tackett of Carey, Ohio; nine grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren and a sister, Isabelle West of Bluffton, Ohio.

Betty Wheeler passed away March 13, 2008, in Findlay. She was a secretary at then-Findlay College and retired from National Lime and Stone Co., Findlay. She is survived by her husband, John H. Wheeler, associate professor emeritus of education at The University of Findlay; a son, **John F. Wheeler '78** and a grandson.

[AlumNotes]

'61

John Tinsman was inducted into the Hancock Sports Hall of Fame April 19, 2008. He was recognized for his 34-year career as an athletic trainer at Fostoria High School.

David Kay '74

"Values, Ethics and Credibility in the Business World" was the topic addressed in a public lecture by **David Kay '74**. He returned to campus April 18 as a visiting executive for the College of Business, where he visited classes and met with alumni and business faculty. Kay recently retired as executive vice president, chief financial officer and treasurer of Gibraltar Industries Inc., a manufacturer and distributor of more than 5,000 residential and commercial building products and one of North America's leading metal processors with annual sales of \$1.3 billion. A certified accountant, he began his career at Ernst & Ernst and went on to work at several manufacturers, including RTI International Metals Inc., a \$400 million manufacturer of titanium metal, and Tecumseh Products, a \$1.8 billion global manufacturer of compressors, small gasoline engines, general-purpose pumps and electric motors. With his background in big business, Kay was able to offer insight into recent business scandals. He noted that the "opportunity for financial reward is absolutely incredible" and that it can give rise to "unbridled greed." Acknowledging that "nothing is simple," he also observed that the pressure on executives to deliver for investors and stockholders is enormous and the penalty for failure is severe. This situation offers the temptation to engage in "financial re-engineering." He emphasized personal and institutional accountability, saying that the corporate culture is largely driven by the values of the CEO and upper management. Honesty, integrity and morality can't be legislated, he said, but are necessary to maintain credibility and trust for the organization. A native of Niles, Ohio, Kay arrived at Findlay College in 1966, largely to play football, as he was undecided about a career path. After a couple years at Findlay, he was drafted, but decided to join the Navy instead. Following his four-year enlistment, he returned to Findlay, where professor Kenneth Buchenroth convinced him to major in accounting. He also noted the influence of business professors Dr. Shiv Gupta and Dr. William Templeton, saying of his Findlay College education, "I think it really put me on the path to be successful." Kay and his wife, Mary Beth, who is a retired nurse, reside in Orchard Park, N.Y. Their daughter, **Amy Kay '01**, M '04, was a member of UF's admissions staff for several years after graduation and is now assistant director of orientation for Florida International University in Miami, Fla.



'65

Odell Barry was the guest of honor at a roast April 4, 2008, held by the Northglenn-Thornton Rotary Club (that he helped create) and the Denver Metro North Rotary Club. He was honored for an extensive career that has spanned sports as a member of the Denver Broncos, business, politics, government and as a volunteer for numerous charities and non-profit organizations. Currently, he is serving as chair of the board of directors for the Colorado Black Chamber of Commerce. He and his wife, Glenda, reside in Northglenn, Colo.

'69

John Hohn has a new position as vice president of economic development with the Hardin County Chamber and Business Alliance. Previously, he taught English and coached at Riverdale schools for nine years before accepting a position teaching English and social studies and coaching football, track and wrestling at Kenton City Schools, where he taught an additional 10 years. The final 11 years of his education career were spent in administration after returning to the Riverdale school system. In addition, he supervised

student teachers for The University of Findlay from 1999 to 2007. He and his wife, **Diane (Haddox '70)**, who also teaches English at Riverdale, reside in Forest, Ohio. They have three children and two grandchildren.

'72

Ken Burgei has retired after 25 years as the head boys' basketball coach at Wauseon, Ohio. He also served as assistant coach at Delphos St. John's High School for 11 years. His overall coaching record was 322-242.

'75

Ruby Arredondo has earned her Certified in Volunteer Administration (CVA) credentials. She is the clean community coordinator for Virginia Beach, Va.

'83

Charlene Dunlap retired in 2007 after 31 years with Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. She resides in Issaquah, Wash.

'88

Kathy Morgan was named director of compensation and special projects for Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. in Findlay. Previously, she was special projects manager at Cooper, where she has worked since 1985. She has been a certified public accountant since 1991. She lives in Findlay.

Julie (Yingling) Briggs was appointed director of health services at The University of Findlay, succeeding her mother, Karen Yingling, who retired after 30 years of service. She also was inducted into the Hancock Sports Hall of Fame April 19, 2008, where she was recognized for her 109-31 volleyball record at then-Findlay College.

'91

Sara Ainsworth has a new position as bilingual history/science teacher with Elgin District U-46 in Elgin, Ill. She lives in Crystal Lake, Ill.

Amy (Pirschel) and Matt Sidner have a new baby boy, Oscar Cable, born Jan. 5, 2008. He joins his big sister, Madison Shea Bell, 9. Amy is the income development coordinator for the Babe Zaharias Golf & Tennis Classic and Drive for Life Corporate Golf Event for the American Cancer Society in Columbus, Ohio. The family lives in Hilliard, Ohio.

'93

Christopher Baird and his wife, Renee, welcomed their fourth child, Caiden Rose, on Nov. 23, 2007. She joins brothers Cody, Cory and Cameron. Chris recently was named chairperson of the social studies department at Harrison High School where he also teaches history and is the assistant wrestling coach. He and his family live in Harrison, Ohio.

Mark Joyce and his wife, Pamela, are the proud parents of a baby boy, Sean Thomas, born Feb. 6, 2008. Mark is a sales specialist with American Showa Inc. in Sunbury, Ohio. The family lives in Lancaster, Ohio.

Duncan Myers has a new position as the acting supervisor for computerized mail forwarding services for the United States Postal Service in Columbus, Ohio. He resides in Columbus.

Pam Orwick was named foreign trade zone administrator for Ohio Logistics, Findlay. Previously, she was a logistics buyer for Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. She and her son, Jim, live in Findlay.

'95

Damian Bowerman has portrayed John D. Rockefeller for the past eight years at various venues, including recently in his hometown of Lima, Ohio. In January, he performed for the 100th annual meeting of the Allen County Historical Society. Originally, he created his Rockefeller impersonation in 2000 for the Ohio Humanities Council's Chautauqua program. He serves as coordinator of graduate studies and publicity for the theater department at The Ohio State University. He also performs in regional theater, and has a part in "The Foursome," by Norm Foster at the Contemporary American Theatre Co. in Columbus, Ohio, beginning May 30, 2008.

Randy Weller and his wife, Wendy, are the proud parents of a son, Branson James, born on Jan. 4, 2008. Randy is a store manager for Solid Rock Computers in Defiance, Ohio, where they live.

'96

Cari (Combs) Croy and her husband, Jeff, welcomed a son, Wyatt Charles, born Aug. 30, 2007. He joins big brother, Garret, 6. Cari is an administrative assistant for the Putnam County Prosecuting Attorney's Office in Ottawa, Ohio. They reside in Ottawa.

'97

Craig Moilanen has new job with the Government Solutions Group for AT&T Mobility. He resides in Commerce, Mich.

Brandy Sobczak-Flickinger has a new job as public health veterinarian with USDA-FSIS in Waterloo, Iowa. She married Aron Flickinger Sept. 8, 2007, and he is a forester with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources in Des Moines, Iowa. They live in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

'98

Jessi (Chesnutt) Bailey and her husband, Steve, recently opened a new Genuine Life is good Neighborhood Shoppe in Blowing Rock, N.C., called Jake's at the Rock. They live in Surf City, N.C.

Robin (Morris) and Eric Haycook welcomed a baby girl, Kaela Jane, born Feb. 19, 2008. Robin is a supportive services team leader at National Church Residences in Columbus, Ohio. They live in Mt. Gilead, Ohio.

Robert G. Verb '96



Alumnus Robert G. Verb, Ph.D., '96 spends a good bit of time studying streams in Ohio, trying to determine the effect that acid mine drainage has on aquatic health. On April 15 he visited UF, where he gave a presentation about his work for the Symposium for Scholarship and Creativity. Why study fresh water — which totals only 2.5 to 3 percent of the earth's water — and in particular, surface water, which represents only .3 percent? Because it supports human civilization, agriculture, transportation — in fact, it is the stuff of life itself, Verb said. Verb, a 1996 grad who works as associate professor and greenhouse manager in the department of biological and allied health sciences at

Ohio Northern University, uses communities of algae to monitor aquatic health. Along with a group of collaborators, he studied 56 sites in the Ohio River drainage basin, including those draining unreclaimed mines, active mines and reclaimed mines, as well as mixed systems. Their research determined, among other things, that mines reclaimed under tightened restrictions since 1982 have the best water quality. They also learned that even streams that appear healthy most of the year may have intense episodes of acid mine drainage during spring and fall rains, and that streams that are pH neutral or slightly alkaline may have elevated levels of metals, which settle out and blanket the stream bed, killing aquatic life. Their findings will assist in improving the success of the mine reclamation process.

Gordon Kroh (M) was named senior project engineer for Triumph Thermal Systems Inc. in Forest, Ohio. He and his wife, Agnes, reside in Findlay.

Yannis Sideris has been named chief executive officer of Eurosoft A.E.B.E., a software development company, in Athens, Greece. He resides in Athens.

Rebecca Smith has a new job as a technical writer for Asgard Avionics in Orlando, Fla. She and her husband, Illya Brown, announce the birth of a son, Mika Griffin Smith-Brown, born Nov. 7, 2007. The family lives in Orlando.

Heather (Siferd) Welty and her husband, Mitchel, announce the birth of a son, Brayden David, on Jan. 6, 2008. He joins his big brother, Carter, 3. Heather is an English as a second language teacher for the Findlay City Schools. The family lives in McComb, Ohio.

'99

Avery Lane has a new position as assistant varsity football coach for Arlington High School. He helped coach the Arlington Red Devils to its first football playoff appearance in school history, making it to the Ohio High School Athletic Association Div. 6 State Regional Finals. The team finished with a 10-3 record for the 2007 season. He resides in Findlay.

Jennifer (Snyder) Stillings and her husband, Ryan, announce the birth of their fourth son, Reece Kissick, born March 6, 2008. His proud big brothers are Chandler, 10, Chayse, 7, and Ryan, 5. Jennifer is a seventh- and eighth-grade math teacher at Cory-Rawson Middle School in Rawson, Ohio. The family lives in Findlay.

Allen Winemiller has a new position as human resource generalist for Liebert Corp. in Columbus, Ohio. He and his wife, Kendra, live in Houston, Ohio.

'00

Sergeant Michelle Bradley was promoted by the Cincinnati Police Department. After graduating from Findlay, she earned a master's degree from the University of Cincinnati and entered the Police Academy's 93rd recruit class in 2002, where she was named class valedictorian at graduation. Previously, she was promoted from patrol of District Five to the violent crimes squad in May 2006. As a volunteer, she makes blankets through Project Linus for children who are hospitalized or are victims of fire, accidents or crime.

Deanna (Roberts) Moser has a new job as accountant for The Peerless Group, a Division of ITW Food Equipment Group in Sidney, Ohio. She resides in Celina, Ohio.

Rebecca (McKibben) Schwarz was named director of sales and marketing for Five Star Quality Care in Pittsburgh, Pa. She and her husband, Aaron, live in Pittsburgh.

Mary (Dohack) Bowman '04



Mary (Dohack) Bowman '04 has a real knack for combining her passions. She is currently the editor-in-chief of *Relate* magazine, while also training and showing horses as a non-professional. Bowman describes *Relate* as a "quarterly-published, values-based, character-building magazine with a mission to inspire teen girls to pursue their dreams with confidence, and teach them to be an example for others in their speech, life, love, faith and purity." The magazine's headquarters is in Findlay, however, the target audience is Bowman's hometown of St. Louis, Mo., where her sister aids in advertising and distributing the magazine.

Relate has printed 10,000 copies each time it has gone to print. *Relate* also has a Web site that offers additional resources including articles, activities, forums, games, chats, giveaways, classifieds and *Relate* merchandise. She credits her ability to balance multiple interests to The University of Findlay, which allowed her to create an individualized major that combined her passions. "I majored in equestrian studies and declared my second major as graphic design. After I decided that I wanted to start a magazine, I created an individualized major called equine marketing and graphic design. I got to take classes that would help me the most for the venture I was about to begin. I gained excellent, well-rounded knowledge that launched me into a position of entrepreneurial success!" Bowman's successful combination of her passions can be traced back to a very simple philosophy: "For everything you don't know, there are thousands of people that do and most of them are willing to share their knowledge with you."

'01

Randy Tobin has appeared in several movies since moving to California in 2002, including "The American Poop Movie," "Shot from the Sky," "Anonymity," "Peace of History," "Strange Fruit" and "Taking Lives." He and his wife, Jill (Stone '01), live in Los Angeles, Calif.

'02

Mark Borer (M) is the general manager for the POET Biorefining plant in Leipsic, Ohio, which uses corn products to produce ethanol. He has prior experience at Lockheed Martin in Marietta, Ga., and Cummins Filtration, where he has a patent pending for automotive fuel filter media. He and his wife, Julie, have two daughters, Kaylee and Kelsey, and live in the Glandorf, Ohio, area.

Roseann Jagla-Halliday is an intervention specialist for emotionally disturbed children at Central Middle School in Findlay. She and her sons, Jordan Halliday, 8, and Jaden Halliday, 4, and daughter, Jamison Halliday, 7, reside in Findlay.

Tonya Wensink and **Keir Holeman** were united in marriage Dec. 1, 2007, in Bowling

Green, Ohio. She is employed by Day Air Credit Union, Dayton, Ohio, and he works for Premier Election Solutions. They reside in Dayton.

'03

Bridget (Campbell) Levitz was named public relations coordinator in January 2008 for Goshen Health System in Goshen, Ind. Previously, she was the government and health reporter for the Elkart Truth newspaper in Indiana. She and her husband, Roger, live in Elkart.

'04

Corey Best and **Steven Zimmerly** were wed Dec. 8, 2007, in Dola, Ohio. She is employed at Allen East Local Schools, and he works at Biolife Plasma Services of Lima, Ohio. They reside in Dola.

Gina (Unverferth) Burgei (M) is a professional dancer with Rhythm in Shoes, a performance company featuring traditional forms of American music and dance, such as swing tunes and tap dancing, hoedowns and clogging. She has been with the company since 2000 and serves as the assistant artistic director as well as dancer, teacher and choreographer. She gives

master classes and workshops at universities and schools across the country. She also has served as faculty at the Ohio Dance Festival and as an adjunct faculty member at Antioch College.

Angela (Yost) Burgsby passed all four parts of the November 2007 Certified Public Accounting Exam, a 19-and-a-half-hour exam. She works for Knueven, Schroeder & Co. CPAs in Findlay.

Crystal (Steger) Knisely is a technology applications teacher at Manor ISD. She and her husband, Keith, live in Hutto, Texas.

Amy Jo Reinhard has a new job in assembly at Cooper Farms in St. Henry, Ohio. She resides in Fort Recovery, Ohio.

'05

Adam and Julie (Heavrin) Amrine were married July 16, 2005, and their daughter, Adelyn Isabelle, was born March 28, 2007. Julie completed her clinical training with the University of Michigan Health System in nuclear medicine technology and then spent a year working as an MRI technologist for Alliance Imaging in a mobile environment. Currently, she is enrolled in Project BEST at The University of Findlay to become a science teacher and eventually obtain a master's degree in education. Adam is a software developer for Learnshare in Toledo, Ohio. They live in Woodville, Ohio.

Jaclyn Ruhe and Todd Noiro were married Sept. 22, 2007, in Glandorf, Ohio. She is employed as a realty specialist with the Ohio Department of Transportation in Findlay, and he is a mason for Schroeder Masonry of Leipsic. They reside in Glandorf.

Frances (Pargeon) Brar is now an adjunct instructor of English for Brown Mackie College-Merrillville in Merrillville, Ind., and her husband, **Jagjit** (M '01), has a new position as store director for Meijer in Highland, Ind. They reside in Highland.

Lisa Hummel was named financial center manager for Fifth Third Bank in Perrysburg, Ohio. She resides in Perrysburg.

Emily Kidd (M) completed her master's degree from The University of Findlay in May 2007, and has a new position as 4-H agent for Cornell Cooperative Extension in Jamestown, N.Y. She lives in Frewsburg, N.Y.

Jennifer (Brown) Settlemire is a substitute teacher for Renhill Staffing. She and her husband, Joel, reside in Findlay.

Megan Silver finished her sixth semester at Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine, St. Kitts, West Indies, and is returning to the United States to complete a year of clinicals.

April Grimm '07



April Grimm '07 applied her class assignments to real life even before graduating. A dual major in equine business management and small business/entrepreneurship, she came to college knowing she wanted to be an entrepreneur. In August, just in time to coincide with the start of the 2007-08 school year, the recent graduate opened Sidelines Saddlery LLC at 604 Lima Ave. in

Findlay. The shop, which has business hours seven days a week, has been a hit with the equestrian students from the University. The store stocks veterinary and grooming supplies; English and western tack, apparel and boots; blankets and sheets; leather care supplies; and socks, gloves and general riding apparel. Grimm said that the Sidelines name symbolizes that the store has "everything you need to get you in the ring." As a sophomore, she realized that there was a market for a tack shop in Findlay. "I am from New Jersey and always had to either have my parents ship me equipment, buy it online or travel long distances to get it. I realized, with the help of some research, that with the University's equestrian programs and the horse farms in the community, there was a market for a tack shop." Through her class assignments, Grimm created the business plan for her shop and was able to have it critiqued by professors and peers. "They added other things I didn't think of and were very helpful. I felt that the degrees really prepared me to own a small business by giving me a diverse span of general and equine-specialized business concepts," said Grimm. Grimm is optimistic about the future of her shop. "Eventually, I would like for people to get used to having a shop in town and know that they can get everything they need here. Someday, I hope to have a horse farm and open a second location on the farm."

'06

David Braun (M '07), vice president of sales for Mennel Milling Co., Fostoria, Ohio, has volunteered for the past 12 years with Junior Achievement in Fostoria. Recently, he helped recruit people to tell students about their business experiences.

Brandi Herman was appointed as sanitarian for Paulding County, Ohio, where she works with areas pertaining to health and safety, such as food inspection, water sampling and school inspections.

'07

Sabrina Reinhart (M) and Brandon Wilkin were wed Sept. 28, 2007, in Findlay. She is employed by Marathon Petroleum Co. LLC, and he works for Verizon Wireless/Radio Hospital. They live in Findlay.

Thanks to all who have submitted their updates for Alumnotes. Information for this issue was received by April 17, 2008. Subsequent submissions will appear in future issues of MainLine or the Findlay magazine. To submit your information, go to www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Whats new, or send to the Office of Alumni & Parent Relations, The University of Findlay, 1000 N. Main St., Findlay, OH 45840.

Taiwan Receptions

The University of Findlay is planning alumni receptions in Taiwan in November 2008. Go to www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: TAIWAN for details.

SPRING COMMENCEMENT 2007



Graduates and families gathered for the traditional baccalaureate service in Ritz Auditorium, with Pastor Will Miller '02 giving the message, "The Dreams of Isaiah."



Dee Dee Spraw '00, M '07, director of alumni and parent relations, congratulated Kendra Agee of Shaker Heights, Ohio, who earned a master of arts in education degree. As students exited the stage Spraw welcomed them into the Alumni Association and presented them with a gift card to an alumni event and an alumni lapel pin.



Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court Thomas J. Moyer gave the commencement address. He called for civic responsibility and the preservation of our fundamental beliefs in personal liberties and a constitutional democracy.



Retiring UF Board of Trustees members George Whitson and Richard Wilkin were each named a trustee emeritus for their long service. Whitson served since 1992, and Wilkin served since 1985.



Mariann Dana Younger was awarded an honorary doctor of fine arts by President DeBow Freed for her dedicated service to the Mazza Museum and as a community volunteer.



Chris Ward, Ed.D., assistant professor of business (left), celebrates with graduates Virginia Wills, Carla Groves, Melanie Bieber, Stephanie Back, Nicole Shoemaker and Robert Rustic, assistant professor of business.

Photography by Anne Risser Lee

SPRING SPORTS REVIEW

WINTER AND SPRING 2008 SPORTS RECAP

Wrestling

The Roughnecks wrestling team wrapped up its season ranked 17th in the Wrestling Coaches Association poll and finished 13th at the 2008 NCAA Division II National Championship. Senior **Antonio Guerra** and junior **Hiram Smith** earned all-American honors by taking second in the 157-pound weight class and fifth in the 184-pound weight class respectively.



Basketball

The Oilers men's basketball team ended the season with a 28-5 record while being ranked seventh in the nation. Findlay advanced to the Sweet 16 for the second time in school history, falling in the Great Lakes Regional Championship game to Grand Valley State University. Junior **Josh Bostic** was named a first team all-American by the National Association of Basketball Coaches. The Oilers women's

basketball team ended the season with a 9-17 record. Junior guard **Brittany Wells** was named second team all-GLIAC and GLIAC.

Swimming and Diving

Women's swimming and diving team member, junior **Lindsay Hatteberg**, became the first Oilers swimmer to earn all-American status as she claimed 11th in the 100-yard freestyle and ninth in the 50-yard freestyle at the 2008 NCAA Division II National Championship. The men's swimming and diving team competed at the 2008 GLIAC Championship, placing seventh. Ian Naumann won a GLIAC Championship in the 100-yard butterfly and qualified for nationals in the 200-yard butterfly.

Indoor Track and Field

The Oilers men's indoor track and field team finished the annual GLIAC Championship in sixth place, led by senior **Kendell Simon**, who finished third in the 800-meter run. Simon teamed with sophomore **Scott Werner**, senior **Tom Brown** and freshman **Simon Bernard** to place third in the 4 x 400-meter relay. Women's indoor track and field member, senior **Kirby Blackley**, was named all-American in three events to lead the Oilers at the 2008 NCAA Division II National Championship. Blackley also was named the Great Lakes Region Athlete of the Year, while **Pamela Bullock** also earned all-American status.

Baseball

The Oiler baseball team ended its season with a 28-21 record. Ranked fourth in the conference, the team competed

in the GLIAC tournament and reached the finals with a pair of wins before falling to Grand Valley State University. Junior first baseman **Brian Sampsel** and senior outfielder **George Rohan** were named first team all-GLIAC.

Softball

The Oiler softball team ended with an 11-30 record for the 2008 season. Sophomore outfielder **Katie Ammons** was named first team all-GLIAC by the coaches in the GLIAC. Ammons led the Oilers by hitting .357 on the season. She also led with hits (40), runs (22) and stolen bases (11).

Men's Tennis

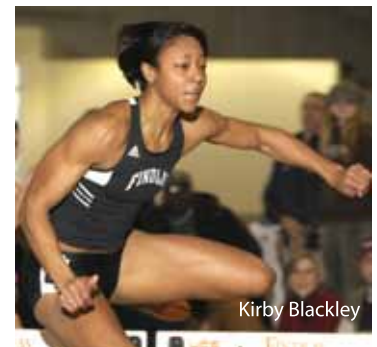
Junior **Travis Whipple** of the men's tennis team was named second team all-GLIAC on April 21 by the coaches in the league. The Oilers finished with a 5-13 record and ranked eighth at the GLIAC Championship.

Golf

The University of Findlay's men's golf team won its first GLIAC championship and finished seventh in the Super Regional held at Red Hawk Run in Findlay. Joe McGeean was named GLIAC Freshman of the Year and senior Eric Atsma was named first team all-GLIAC for the fourth year. Coach Al Baker was voted Coach of the Year for the conference. The women's golf team placed fourth at the 2008 GLIAC Championship held at Sycamore Springs in Arlington, Ohio. Finishing seventh, Stephanie Gillette was named first team all-GLIAC.

Outdoor Track and Field

Senior **Kirby Blackley** won the 100-meter hurdles and the long jump at the NCAA Division II national championship. She is the first UF athlete to be named NCAA Division II Track Athlete of the Year. She set school records with her long jump of 20'01.75 and a time of 13.29 in the 100-meter hurdles, which was the sixth fastest time ever in an NCAA Division II event. **Pam Bullock** placed eighth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.79 to earn all-American honors. Blackley and Bullock joined **Stephanie Charnigo** and **Lindsey Schitmeyer** in the 1,600-meter relay, finishing ninth with a time of 3:46.51. The women's team scored 21 points, the most in school history. Competing for the men's team, **James Eric** took ninth in the hammer throw after a heave of 180'02 and **Carleton McGrady** was 10th in the shot put with a school record toss of 54'05.50.



WLFC ENTERS DIGITAL AGE, INVITES ALUMNI TO CELEBRATE 35 YEARS

Chris Underation, adviser for WLFC-88.3, was put on notice his first year at The University of Findlay. Jim Greenwood, longtime adviser to the station, let him know that WLFC would mark 33 years as an FCC-licensed FM station on Nov. 1, 2006.

Looking ahead, Underation decided to mark the 35th anniversary in 2008, and the station has already begun to celebrate by airing the original material from its first broadcast of "Findlay College Tonight" on Nov. 1, 1973, as well as promos and other items gleaned from early reel-to-reel tapes.

An alumni reception is being planned during Homecoming 2008, "Ignite Your Oiler Spirit," on Sept. 19, 6-7:30 p.m., in The Village, where WLFC alumni will enjoy memorabilia, tours of the new state-of-the-art studio and a chance to chat with the current WLFC staff. Those interested may sign up by visiting www.findlay.edu, Keyword: whatsnew, and indicating they would like to attend the WLFC reunion in the final "Additional News" section. Also, look for more information regarding this event on the new WLFC Web site, which is planned for a summer launch.

Underation said he has learned a great deal from reviewing the albums Greenwood compiled for the station over the years, which include lists of student staff, weekly playlists, photographs and many other bits of memorabilia.

"The students at the time were really motivated; they taught themselves engineering" and did a surprising amount of work to make the station a reality, he said. With assistance from local station WFIN, at that time both an AM and FM station, which donated used equipment, they wired the station and invested many hours to put it on the air.

By the 1980s, the air staff of WLFC grew to more than

70 students. "There was a period under Jim Greenwood, a golden era in the mid-1980s to the early '90s, when the station was staffed 24 hours a day," Underation said.

Technologically, the station has advanced light years since then and is sporting an indie format adopted more than a year ago that Underation describes as "the true college sound."

"We are a fully digital radio station now. We are pretty close to the industry standard in terms of equipment. Two graduates from the program this year fell right into commercial radio and knew precisely how to run things," Underation said. With a move planned to the Village over the summer, "we will have, for the first time, studios built for radio, a fully modern studio. I think that will have a positive effect on students."

Ahead for the station is a move to audio streaming; soon, alumni will be able to listen on their computers anywhere at www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: WLFC.

During Homecoming weekend, the station will air a "throwback format" mirroring its first days on the air; Underation has ordered a library of music from 1970-75 to air along with archive material.

Unfortunately, Greenwood will be there only in spirit; the venerable communication professor served UF from 1981 until his death in May 2007.

"We will be breaking out books and mementos" and welcoming alumni back to share memories, Underation said. They hope to contact alumni who were active during the station's earlier years and conduct interviews to air during Homecoming weekend as well. Those interested may contact Underation at underation@findlay.edu.

-Suzanne Wilcox English



Matt Smith, General Manager and Jesse Wilder, Program Director, broadcasting their morning program at WLFC in the Egner Fine Arts Center.

SPRING SPORTS REVIEW CONT'D.

English Equestrian

The University of Findlay English equestrian team won Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) Zones competition hosted at home. The team competed in the 2008 IHSA National Championship, tying for second. **Natassia Hovey** placed second in the team intermediate hunter seat equitation class, while **Lindsay Baker** was fifth in team novice hunter seat equitation.

Western Equestrian

The western equestrian team won the High Point Team Award at the IHSA semi-finals and competed at the 2008

IHSA nationals, where they were the runner-up. **Katie Morehead** took National American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) Western High Point Rider honors, the fourth consecutive year UF riders have earned the title. **Ryan Sims** posted a first-place finish in the individual open western horsemanship class.

Katie Morehead, AQHA High Point Rider, with her mother and team coach, Cindy Morehead.



BOARD NEWS



Dr. Julie (Dean) McIntosh

Dear Alumni:

The Office of Alumni and Parent Relations and the Alumni Association Board of Governors have had a busy spring semester! The Alumni Office hosted a weekend at Kalahari Resort in Sandusky, Ohio, and hosted several receptions in Florida this past February. The University hosted the second annual Symposium for Scholarship and Creativity, which

highlighted presentations and panels from students, faculty and alumni. The Board of Governors also hosted a Spring Thing in April featuring The Jack Taylor Jazz Quartet.

Alumni summer events include a Columbus Regional Alumni Golf Outing, Fort Wayne gathering, Cedar Point Day June 21 and a Cleveland Indians game June 28. We are looking forward to planning for Homecoming a little early this year, Sept. 19-20, 2008.

The College of Business has established a Continuing Professional Development Program in conjunction with the Alumni Office to assist UF alumni in continuing their educational pursuits and professional development after graduation. Areas they are currently looking at include: book of the month club, guest speaker list, mentoring match, invitation list, and publication/presentation initiative. A link is available with contact information on the alumni Web site.

In order to stay connected and updated on events, please visit our Web site at www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Alumni. If you are interested in helping the University in any way, please call or e-mail the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at 419-434-4516, 1-800-472-9502 extension 4516, or alumni@findlay.edu. We will be happy to hear from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr. Julie McIntosh".

Dr. Julie (Dean) McIntosh '90, President
Alumni Association Board of Governors

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