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Welcome to ArchLink!



The campus is still full of excitement about the recent NCAA Division II national championship won by our #1 Oilers men's basketball team. It was amazing how many alums from all over the United States contacted me by phone and e-mail after the big win with the same message, "Proud to be an Oiler!!"... thanks.

During the championship game, former Oilers basketball coach Dr. Jim Houdeshell '53 and I were on the West Coast in San Jose at an alumni reception hosted by Luke '51 and Pat Smith Levers. Luke arranged to have a big screen TV at the reception for us to watch the game. We all watched intensely and then had a huge celebration!



Alumni who gathered for a reception March 28 at the home of Luke '51 and Pat Levers in San Jose, Calif., watched the national championship game on a big screen TV.

As always, please keep me updated by filling out the form for "What's New with You?" at www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Whats new.

With Oiler Pride!

~~Dee Dee Spraw '00, M '07, director, Alumni & Parent Relations

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1. What's Happening on Campus?

- **Alumni and community members are welcome to attend a public dedication and open house at the new Dr. C. Richard Beckett Animal Science Building**, located at UF's Center for Animal Sciences on State Route 68 just south of Findlay. The dedication is at 1 p.m. Friday, May 1, with an open house immediately following the dedication. Open houses are also scheduled for Thursday, April 30, from 1-4 p.m. and 5-8 p.m., and Saturday, May 2, from 9 a.m.-noon. Tours of the building will be self-guided, with students stationed throughout the barn.



The dedication of the new Dr. C. Richard Beckett Animal Science Building will be Friday, May 1, at 1 p.m.

- **UF will host a community garage sale 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, in the Alumni Memorial Union.** Cash payments only will be accepted; proceeds will be donated to the United Way of Hancock County. Items for sale will be donated by UF faculty, staff and students. For additional information, contact the Office of Student Activities at 419-434-4606 or studentactivities@findlay.edu.

- **The University will conclude its 2008-09 theater season with Neil Simon's humorous "California Suite"** in the John and Hester Powell Grimm Theatre, located in the Frank J. Egner Center for the Performing Arts. Shows run at 8 p.m. April 22-25 and at 2 p.m. April 26. Tickets are \$5 for general admission, \$3 for students and senior citizens and free for UF students, faculty and staff with a valid UF I.D. Tickets are available from the UF Box Office; call 419-434-5335.

- **The University of Findlay will host the Intercollegiate Dressage Association (IDA) National Championships April 18 and 19 at the James L. Child Jr. Equestrian Complex**, located on Township Road 201. The public is welcome to attend. Twelve teams, with four riders on each team, will compete on Saturday. Nearly 50 individual riders will compete on Sunday. Also on Saturday, spectators can watch a dog agility demonstration by Golden Collar School for Dogs during the lunch hour. In addition, a variety of vendors will be on site, including several area businesses, as well as an equine art show. In 2008, the University's dressage team was regional champion for the second year in a row and earned eighth place at the IDA National Championships in Massachusetts. For more information regarding the IDA championships at Findlay, please contact the Child Complex at 419-434-4364 or for more information on the program, please visit www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Dressage.



The Intercollegiate Dressage Association national championships will be held April 18 and 19 at the Child Equestrian Complex.

- **The Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble will appear together in concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 19, in Winebrenner Theological Seminary.** Senior clarinetist Samantha Bormuth, winner of the 2008-09 UF Instrumental Music Concerto Competition, will be the featured soloist. The program also will be highlighted by the second full production of "Hymnal." Premiered in 2001, "Hymnal" is a suite in 10 movements composed by Jack Taylor, UF director of bands. Tickets are \$5 for general admission, \$3 for students and senior citizens and free for

UF faculty, staff and students with valid I.D. Tickets may be reserved in advance by calling the UF Box Office at 419-434-5335. Seating is limited. Any available tickets will be sold on a first-come basis at the door prior to the concert.

- **The University Singers will present its annual Family Concert at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 18, in Winebrenner Theological Seminary.** Tickets are free but required. Tickets are available in advance from the UF Box Office; call 419-434-5335. Tickets also will be available at the door. The 12-voice group, which is accompanied by a pianist, bass player and drummer, is under the direction of Micheal F. Anders, Ph.D., professor of music. Brenda Hoyt-Brackman is choreographer. The concert will feature popular songs and medleys, including favorites such as “Hooray for Hollywood!” “Let’s Call the Whole Thing Off” and “Me and My Shadow.” The University Singers also will perform medleys of songs by the Beatles and The Association.



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International Night will feature traditional dances, costumes and food, along with displays of artifacts, from more than 15 countries from around the world on April 17.

- **International Night is from 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 17, in the Alumni Memorial Union.** Community members are welcome to the annual event. No tickets are necessary. During the day, elementary school students are invited to campus for special international programming. The evening event will feature food from each country and a parade of nations. Students from each country also will perform a traditional dance, give a demonstration or skit representing traditions from their home countries and participate in a fashion show. Approximately 15 countries will be represented. The University’s Black Student Union also will have a pres-

ence at the event. International night is held each year to give students the opportunity to share their cultures with the Findlay community.

- **The Jazz Ensemble appeared in concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 29, in Winebrenner Theological Seminary.** Under the direction of Jack Taylor, UF director of bands, the jazz ensemble performed a variety of music from traditional big band swing to more contemporary jazz selections. Senior Tim Moon was the featured vocalist.



The Jazz Ensemble held its annual Spring Concert on March 29.

- **The Concert-Chorale presented “One World: the Choral Music of Mark Hayes” Sunday, April 5, in Winebrenner Theological Seminary.** The 70-voice Concert-Chorale presented 14 pieces by Texas composer and arranger Mark Hayes. The group is under the direction of Micheal F. Anders, Ph.D., professor of music. Sharon Vaas is the accompanist. The concert concluded with a dramatic setting of “America, the Beautiful” with narration by UF theatre major Tom Lalonde. Featured soloists were Luther Mayfield, Lisa Ragland, Tyler Jacobs, Kevin Subler and Robert Braylock. For more details, [click here](#).

2. Academic Update

- **The University will host a CEO roundtable discussion from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, in Ritz Auditorium, located in Old Main.** The roundtable is part of the Dana Scholars program, and is organized by Ann Buis, UF's 2008-09 Dana Chair and former president of Blanchard Valley Health Foundation. Community members are welcome to attend. Panelists include John Devine, chairman and CEO of Dana Corp., who also will serve as moderator; C. Richard Beckett, D.V.M., Animal Care Center Properties; Dennis Bishop, Bishop-Kandel Rentals; Lynn Child, CentraComm Communications and Aardvark Media; Frank Guglielmi, ACAP Limited; and Karen Trautman Hayslip, Trautman Interiors. An audience question-and-answer session will follow the panel discussion. A reception will follow at 8:30 p.m.



Ann Buis, UF's Dana Chair executive-in-residence



The annual Symposium for Scholarship and Creativity allowed students to present their academic work to faculty and their peers.

- **The University hosted the third annual Symposium for Scholarship and Creativity Tuesday, April 7.** The afternoon included student academic presentations, student awards and guest speakers. A welcome and University awards ceremony was held, during which Lindsay Hatteberg, James Eric, Ashley Dutridge, Andrew Dehnhoff, Lisa Hughes and Kang Min Kim received University awards; other students also were recognized. Student academic presentations, on a variety of topics, began at 1:15 p.m. and continued until 4 p.m. Two theater presentations were featured: "An Actor's Life for Me" and scenes from "The Importance of Being Earnest."

From 2:45-3:40 p.m., a cake decorating demonstration took place in the AMU Atrium. Each of the University's colleges also hosted award presentations and speakers. Guest alumni speakers included Barbara (Eakin) Meyers '63, Kevin Moyer '80, Dr. Jonathan Davis '99, Dr. Barbara Piper '98, Dr. Marc Sweeney and Greg Denecker '94. [Click here](#) for more information.

- **Four students from UF were selected as finalists for the Japan-American Society of Central Ohio's (JASCO) Japanese Language Speech Contest at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. They competed Saturday, March 7, and earned the top three awards at the contest.** To enter the contest, each student was required to write an original three-minute speech in Japanese, practice it and record it on tape. During the competition, finalists were required to deliver their memorized speeches in Japanese on a stage in front of an audience. That was followed by a non-rehearsed question-and-answer session with the judges. Sophomore computer science and Japanese major Nathan Lazor earned the grand prize; sophomore Japanese education major Jennifer Henry earned first place; sophomore English and Japanese major Craig White earned second place; and freshman TESOL and Japanese major Kimberly Welenc also was a finalist. For more details, [click here](#).



Nathan Lazor, Jennifer Henry, Craig White and Kimberly Welenc were finalists at the Japanese language contest.

• **The University of Findlay's student newspaper, The Pulse, recently was awarded four honors from the Ohio Newspaper Association.** Last year, The Pulse was the first college newspaper to be included in judging, and this year, it was one of two college newspapers to be honored. The Pulse was judged as one newspaper out of many in the Osman C. Hooper Newspaper Show, which honors the best weekly newspapers in Ohio. The newspaper received honorable mention in four areas: in-depth reporting, local features, original column writing and newspaper design. Honorable mention is the highest honor a collegiate newspaper may receive since it is competing against professional newspapers. Judges included professionals from Bowling Green State University, The Ohio State University School of Communication and the LundyLawrence advertising agency of Columbus. [Click here](#) for more details.

• **Timothy Nesler '77 has an ambitious goal – to develop a global company with \$1 billion in revenue that is publicly traded.**

It's more than a "pipe dream." Nesler is well on his way to succeeding with an idea that he nurtured throughout his 25-year career as an executive with Marathon Oil Co. As chair and CEO of Energy Maintenance Services (EMS) Group I LLC and its subsidiaries, his goal for EMS is to become the world leader in pipeline operation and maintenance services. His company currently has operations in the United States, the Gulf of Mexico, the southern Mediterranean, South America, North Africa and Southeast Asia. Pipelines serve as conduits for a number of liquids, such as crude oil, natural gas, refined petroleum products and water. Nesler gave a public presentation, "Taking Ownership of Your Career," as a College of Business visiting executive on March 25. He discussed how his experiences at Marathon Oil Co. prepared him for starting his own multi-national corporation. He also noted that his triple major in accounting, finance and economics benefited him greatly as a CEO because he understands numbers. After retiring from Marathon in 2003, Nesler founded EMS with six employees and less than \$10 million. Today, EMS is a \$205 million company that employs more than 2,000 people worldwide. He recommended that students aspiring to become entrepreneurs should join a large corporation after graduating from college where they can gain experience, develop networks of contacts and establish their credentials. He also urged them to control their destiny through hard work, commitment and self-discipline. He and his wife, Melinda, reside in Houston, Texas. They have established the Timothy H. '77 and Melinda K. Nesler Scholarship Endowment Fund at The University of Findlay, which will provide a scholarship to be awarded each year to a Dana Scholar with a GPA of 3.7 or higher. Nesler also was named to the UF Board of Trustees.



Timothy Nesler '77, College of Business visiting executive

• **The Seventh Annual Psychology Conference, "Career Opportunities for Psychology Majors and Minors," was held April 3.** An alumni panel discussed their careers and gave advice on graduate school options. Participating were **Kimberly Smeltzer '01**, Psy.D., a clinical psychologist with Wright Patterson Air Force Base with a degree in clinical psychology from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology; **Dustin Shepler '05**, who is a first-year doctoral student in counseling psychology at Ball State University where he is an instructor and on the clinical staff; **Erin Bauman '05**, who is completing her master's degree in



Don Collins, assistant professor of psychology, moderated an alumni panel that included Kimberly Smeltzer, Dustin Shepler, Erin Bauman and Lisa Evans. Not shown, Rachel Wiemken.

community counseling from the University of Dayton while working for Rhodes College as a mentor coordinator and an adjunct professor and doing contract work for Family Resource Center in Lima; **Lisa Evans** '93, a social worker at Fostoria Hospital with a master of social work degree from The Ohio State University; and **Rachel Wiemken** '07, who is a human resource generalist for Whirlpool Corp. in Findlay and is a member of Whirlpool's Human Resource Leadership Development Program. The panelists emphasized the value of being involved in campus activities, developing leadership skills and internships. They noted that their Findlay education had prepared them well for graduate school and careers. Rounding out the conference, psychology students presented their research and posters.

- **The University of Findlay Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team won the regional championship held in Chicago April 2**, qualifying them to compete at the National Exposition in Philadelphia, Pa. May 10-12. "Judges were really impressed with our two radio programs and tax preparation services," said Greg Arburn, Ph.D., assistant professor of economics and finance and the SIFE adviser. "These students worked hard, they practiced hard, delivered a great presentation and represented The University of Findlay well." The presentation team included Jamie Lorentz, Rachel Hanke, Alex Hale, Logan Kreais, Andrew Dehnhoff and alternate Hanna Race. While in Chicago, the students toured the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Group on April 3, where Findlay alumna Emily Tillack '07 is the tour director. She arranged a tour on the floor of the Chicago Board of Trade for the team and introduced them to Rick Santelli from CNBC.



UF's SIFE team won the regional championship in Chicago and toured the Chicago Board of Trade. Shown are (front row) Alex Hale, Rachel Hanke, Rick Santelli from CNBC, Andrew Dehnhoff; (back row) Hanna Race, Emily Tillack '07 – who arranged the tour; Logan Kreais, SIFE adviser Dr. Greg Arburn and Jamie Lorentz.

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3. Alumni News & Events

- **Save the Date**

- **Sept. 25-26** **Family Weekend 2009**
- **Oct. 2-4** **Homecoming 2009**

- **Upcoming Events**

- **April 24 & 25** Kalahari Family Event, Alumni Dinner, Kalahari Resort, Sandusky, Ohio; Saturday, April 25, 6 p.m.
- **April 24** Occupational Therapy Alumni Reception; AOTA Conference in Houston, Texas, Hilton-Americas Houston, Room 430, 7-9 p.m.
- **May 1** Spring Thing: An Evening of Jazz with Jack Taylor; Virginia B. Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion, 7-9 p.m.
- **May 1** Physical Therapy Alumni Dinner; Northridge Swim & Tennis Club, Findlay, 6-8:30 p.m.

- **May 2** Commencement – Baccalaureate, Brunch and Graduation Ceremony
- **June 8** Columbus Annual Golf Outing;
York Golf Course
- **June 14** Toledo Mudhens – includes fireworks display at the end of the game, and children can run the bases
- **June 20** UF Cedar Point Day

- **For more info or to register for events, contact the Office of Alumni & Parent Relations** by visiting the Web site at www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Alumni, or call 800-472-9502 ext. 4516.

- **Join The University of Findlay alumni and friends for a fun weekend at Kalahari Waterpark Resort and Convention Center in Sandusky, Ohio, April 24-25, 2009.**



- An alumni dinner reception is planned for Saturday, April 25, from 6-8 p.m. Dinner is \$10 for each adult, \$7 for children ages 5-12, and children 4 and under are free.
- The Alumni Board of Governors and President DeBow Freed will be there to greet you.
- Just for the kids, our STAR group (StudentS for Alumni Relations) is planning a special Kalahari-themed craft and activities after dinner so you can relax and mingle with other alumni and friends.
- To register for the event please go to www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Kalahari.
- Overnight accommodations must be arranged by calling the reservations department at 1-877-525-2427, and be sure to reference The University of Findlay Alumni Association for a special rate of \$154 each night. You do not need to stay both nights to receive the special rate.
- Each night includes four waterpark passes. Additional passes are \$20 per person.
- *Our block reservation expires on March 25 so please make reservations for your hotel accommodations prior to March 25, 2009.*
- For any questions please contact the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at 419-434-4516.

- **UF occupational therapy graduates are invited to a reception at the AOTA Conference in Houston, Texas, on Friday, April 24**, at 7-9 p.m., in Room 430 at the Hilton Americas-Houston, 1600 Lamar St., Houston, Texas. So the chef will have enough hors d'oeuvres prepared, kindly R.S.V.P. to Jane Ickes at 419-434-6936 or ickes@findlay.edu by April 15. The reception, which is sponsored by The University of Findlay, The Ohio State University, The University of Toledo, Xavier University and James A. Rhodes State College, will feature a cash bar and light hors d'oeuvres.
- **Come Celebrate the past and the future with a Physical Therapy Program graduation and alumni dinner for the classes of 1999, 2004 and 2009!** The event will be held at 6 p.m. May 1 at the Northridge Swim and Tennis Club, 900 West Melrose Ave., Findlay. Tickets to the event are \$15 for adults, \$5 for children 10 and under, and 2009 graduates are complimentary. Please RSVP by April 24 to Cindy Fry at 419-434-4863 or [click here](#) to register online and for information and directions to Northridge Swim and Tennis Club.
- **A reunion celebration is being organized for The University of Findlay Class of 1999 and friends by Breana (Heinrichs) Koffler '99 and other classmates.** All members of the UF

Class of 1999 are invited, in addition to others who may be interested. The Class of '99 will host a reunion celebration the evening of Oct. 3, 2009, as part of the festivities for Homecoming weekend Oct. 2-4, 2009. Details will follow in the upcoming months. A Facebook page titled "The University of Findlay, Class of '99 10-year reunion & friends," has been created. Please check it to get details as they develop at <http://site.ufclassof1999and-friends.org>.

- **Receptions and gatherings took place in Fort Lauderdale, Sanibel Island, Bradenton and St. Pete Beach**, where Dave Ferguson, vice president of development, and Dee Dee Spraw, director of alumni and parent relations, met with several alumni and friends in Florida. The trip allowed the opportunity to speak one-on-one to many Findlay College/The University of Findlay alumni. The receptions provided a great networking opportunity and a chance to catch up with old friends.



Attending the Fort Lauderdale, Fla., reception were David Ferguson, Jim '69 and Judy Zuckerman, Buzz Smith, Roger Shaw '68, Tom '66 and Nancy Draper, and Dee Dee Spraw '00, M '07.

- **Alumni in the Fort Lauderdale area** who attended Friday, March 6, 2009: Tom '66 and Nancy Draper, Jim '69 and



Enjoying an evening reception on Sanibel Island: (first row) Shirlee Whitson, Dorothy Gorr, Karen Manley, Marilyn Hampton; (second row) Hal Edie, Ivan Gorr, David Ferguson, Don Manley, President DeBow Freed, George Whitson, Dick Strahm, Kent Hampton.

Judy Zuckerman, Buzz Smith, Roger Shaw '68, Susan Young '07, and Mary Beth and Amy Kay '01, M '04. Smith and Shaw have not been back to campus since 1968 and enjoyed seeing the video of campus activities.

- **On Saturday, March 7, 2009, George and Shirlee Whitson hosted a University alumni and friends reception at their home on Sanibel Island.** Attending were: Hal Edie, Ivan and Mrs. Gorr, Kent and Marilyn Hampton, Don and Karen Manley, Jim and Christine Walpole, Dr. DeBow Freed, Dick Strahm, Dave Ferguson, Linda Jackson and Dee Dee Spraw.

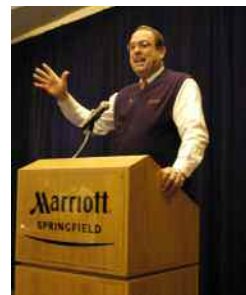


Meeting in Bradenton, Fla., were: (first row) Dee Dee Spraw, Clifford Brooks '48, Phyllis Schmunk; (second row) Theodore '50 and Jean Taylor, Betty and Thomas '55 Douglas, Roy Schmunk '52.

- **Tuesday, March 10, 2009, the following met for dinner at Anna Marie's Oyster restaurant in Bradenton, Fla.:** Clifford Brooks – celebrating his upcoming 89th birthday on March 31, Pastor Thomas '55 and Betty Douglas, Roy '52 and Phyllis Schmunk, and Theodore '50 and Jean Taylor. Alumni shared interesting stories from many perspectives and experiences.

- **Friday, March 13, 2009, alumni gathered at The Hurricane at St. Pete Beach for dinner**, watching a beautiful sunset on the second level. Attending dinner: Stacey Endicott '02, Lisa Hansel '84, and Don Carter, UF trustee, and his wife, Judy.

- More than 150 alumni and fans of The University of Findlay gathered at the Marriott in Springfield, Mass., for a pre-game reception. Ken Vaupel, from Altagreen Supreme, sponsored the reception, where Coach Ron Niekamp gave remarks. Everyone then cheered the Oilers' men's basketball team as they took on C.W. Post, the #2 nationally ranked team.



Coach Niekamp addressed fans in Springfield, Mass.



Recognized at the OHSAA Tournament were Lisa Klingshorn accepting on behalf of Kirby Blackley, Marc Arce, Jack Quisno Jr. and Timothy Nichols.

- The 11th annual alumni and friends reunion held in conjunction with the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) Boys' State Basketball Tournament was held March 27, 2009, in Columbus, Ohio. More than 60 alumni and friends attended. Dr. Jim Houdeshell recognized and gave citations to the following: **Marc Arce**, UF's head coach for men's and women's track and field and cross country teams; **Kirby Blackley '06, M '08**, former standout track and field star who received the prestigious NCAA Today's Top VIII award on Jan. 15, 2009; **Timothy**



Sigma Phi alumni in Columbus celebrated the men's basketball championship.

Nichols '95, M'03, head football coach at Liberty Benton High School; and **Jack Quisno Jr. '85**, head track and field coach at Liberty Benton High School. Also on March 28, the Sigma Phi's, who gather at the OHSAA state tournament annually, watched the Oilers' men's basketball championship game on TV and celebrated the big win.

• **Congratulations UF Newlyweds:**

- *Kimberly (Kane '03) and Glen Stewart, March 21, 2009*
- *Marissa (Beck '02) and Phillip Schneider, Feb. 20, 2009*

• **Welcome UF Newest Little Oilers:**

- *Brad '03 & Julie (Renner '05) Hammer
Baby girl, Mya Lisa, born March 6, 2009*
- *Adam '98 & Maribeth Harder
Baby girl, Brooke Alyssa, born Feb. 12, 2009*
- *Scott & Heather (Schroeder '03) Kuhlman
Baby boy, Austin Mitchel, Oct. 16, 2008*
- *Michael '01 & Andrea (Messmer '03) McDaniel
Baby boy, Evan, born Oct. 8, 2008*
- *Jerod & Jayme (Myers '05) Hiller
Baby girl, Kaelynn Grace, born Aug. 2, 2008*

4. Alumni Spotlight

- **Graduates of The University of Findlay are making their mark in equine education**, in addition to showing and training horses. All three faculty and staff members of the equine technology program at Martin Community College in Williamston, N.C., are UF alums. **Tami (Sandine) Thurston '95**, **Kimberly (Kane) Stewart '03** and **Ashley Woods '07** are in charge of the equine technology program, an associate's degree program with an emphasis on pleasure, hunt seat, jumping, horsemanship, colt breaking, judging and reproduction.



Findlay alumni Tami (Sandine) Thurston '95, Ashley Woods '07 and Kim (Kane) Stewart '03 are in charge of the equine technology program at Martin Community College in Williamston, N.C.

Thurston is the director of equine technology, where she has administrative responsibilities in addition to teaching lecture and riding classes. Stewart teaches classes in anatomy, reproduction, horse science, equine judging, fundamentals of riding, nutrition, equine business law and principles of riding instruction. Woods is the equine facility manager, where she instructs labs in horse science, supervises feedings and teaches horse farm management. She also looks after the horses and maintains the barn, which includes a 120' by 220' indoor area with seating for 1,000. The school has between 35-55 horses at any time, all donated, Woods said.

Thurston described her job as the best of two worlds where she can combine teaching with training and showing horses. A native of Boardman, Ohio, Thurston grew up showing in 4-H and open shows. She continues to show horses and has placed in the top 10 at the American Quarter Horse Congress and has won or placed at national futurities such as Tom Powers, Just for Pleasure and Southern Belle. In addition, Thurston and her husband, **Paul '90**, own and operate Thurston Quarter Horses, specializing in western pleasure, hunter under saddle, all-around and futurity prospects.

Stewart, from Sheboygan, Wis., also grew up showing horses through 4-H. Although she isn't showing currently, she coaches Martin's Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) team and judges at open shows in the region. After working as a horse trainer for three years after graduation, Stewart found she takes more satisfaction from teaching.

Woods, who began riding at age 4, shows in the East Coast Open Show Circuit, where she won Top 5 in the Off the Rail Division for 2008 on her own Quarter Horse. She also has won several championships in hunter under saddle with a school-owned horse. She takes students with her to make up an open show team, in addition to helping with the IHSA team.

Woods said she most enjoys seeing what students do after they graduate from Martin. Several students have transferred to The University of Findlay to complete bachelor's degrees. "Seeing them go on to Findlay, or to work for a trainer, means we influenced them enough to want to continue their careers in the horse industry," she said. "If any student tells me they are thinking about going to Findlay, I really encourage them to do so!" Thurston noted that two Martin Community College graduates are currently juniors at Findlay. "They both recently came back to MCC over spring break as guest instructors and did a fantastic job," she said. "I have great hopes of sending many more."

The three women have interesting stories as to how they found out about The University of Findlay's equestrian program. Woods, a native of Wakeman, Ohio, came to watch a UF women's basketball game with her high school basketball team. "I saw the IHSA national championship banner in Croy Gymnasium. I did some research on the school, then I decided that's where I wanted to go," she said.

Stewart, at about age 10, found a Findlay brochure at a Mid-West Horse Fair. "I got so excited that I could go to school for horses!" She explained, "I always wanted to work with horses, but my father was set on my getting an education. The equine program at Findlay was where we were able to find common ground."

Thurston read about the school in a magazine and accompanied a friend who came for a tour. Even though it was only two weeks before school started, the staff in admissions and financial aid worked to enable her to enroll. "It's a good thing I went that year because I met my husband, Paul, who was a senior in the equine program," she recalled. "I not only got a great education at Findlay, but I found a fine husband, too!"

All three are enthusiastic about their UF experiences and the outstanding equestrian instructors. Thurston cited UF riding instructor Cynthia Morehead, "She was a wonderful instructor and gave me an example of someone I could aspire to be someday." Woods found working for UF at the Stallion Avenue booth at Congress to be especially helpful. "You get to learn a lot about the Congress as well as what it takes to prepare horses for Congress," she commented. Stewart described being assigned to break a totally wild colt, thinking it was the worst assignment possible. "That colt taught me more than any other horse," she remembered. "He actually become my favorite horse."

Now, the three are applying what they learned at Findlay and impacting a new generation of equestrian students at Martin Community College, some of whom will complete the circle by enrolling at Findlay to earn bachelor's degrees.



Ben Sapp '93 and Kurri Lewis '08 have shared the resources of their respective museums to create an exhibit featuring a carousel horse along with illustrations and books about carousels by renowned artists.

• **Kurri Lewis '08**, who earned a degree in history last May, is serving as curator for the Museum of Carousel Art and History in Sandusky, Ohio. In a unique collaboration, he has recently partnered with another UF alumnus, Ben Sapp '93, director of UF's Mazza Museum, to create an exhibit that evokes memories of childhood experiences at parks and carnivals.

Lewis has loaned a carousel horse to the Mazza Museum, where it is matched with a display of children's books and storybook artwork about carousels by renowned artists such as Brian Wildsmith, Donald Crews and Marcia Brown. Lewis' parents, who both work at The University of Findlay, Jeffrey '85 and

Colene '08 Lewis, suggested the idea to Ben and Kurri, and then helped transport the carousel horse to UF.

The display has been a hit with Mazza visitors, including more than 400 children and their parents who were at Mazza for a recent Funday Sunday, a story-telling and art activities family



Last May, Kurri Lewis, and his mother, Colene Lewis, graduated together from The University of Findlay.

event. Also, museum docents are enthusiastic about showing the display during tours for school children, according to Sapp. “I’m excited about this partnership and sharing our works,” he said. The carousel horse has been at the Mazza Museum since February and will remain until late May when it, along with books and artwork from Mazza, will return to the carousel museum for the busy summer tourist season.

The horse that Lewis chose to share is from a carousel made by Allen Herschell, whose factory made carousels and amusement park rides in Tonawanda, N.Y. The horse is a Coney Island-style horse, identified by the mask and inset jewels, Lewis said. It also has a real horse-hair tail, consistent with its 1921 manufacture. Lewis noted that on carousel animals only the right side, called the “romance side,” is decorated, while the other side is left plain. That is because the carousels run counter-clockwise and the right side is the one seen, he explained.

Lewis has greatly enjoyed learning about the history and the artwork related to carousels since being hired in November 2008. “Every day you find out something new, and how back then the themes on the horses were related to the time period of history,” he remarked. One of his projects is to organize and expand The National Carousel Archives at the Sandusky museum.

His knowledge and enthusiasm about the background of carousels and carousel animals were evident as he described the holdings of the museum, which opened in 1990 in a former post office. Although carousels started out featuring only horses, Lewis said, soon other animals were represented as well. The Museum of Carousel Art and History, commonly called the Merry-Go-Round Museum, has more than 150 pieces, including a dolphin, an ostrich, a giraffe, two sea monsters and a pig. Acquired from France are a donkey and a cow, carved about 1909. In April, the museum is adding a zebra and a frog, created by a group of 15 volunteer carvers. The museum also owns a tiger by master carver Gustav Dentzel, circa 1910, that is valued at \$75,000, he said in amazement.

The museum houses a 1939 Allen Herschell carousel, with unlimited rides included in the price of admission, Lewis pointed out. The carousel is reputedly the fastest in the Midwest. The faster speed is authentic to the early 1900s time period, he commented.

Lewis credited Professor Mark Polelle, Ph.D., chair of the department of history, law and political science, for inspiring him in history classes and arranging an internship for him with the Hancock Historical Museum in Findlay, an experience that helped him get his current job.

In the fall, Lewis hopes to begin work toward a master’s degree in library science so he can become a licensed archivist. He also intends to earn a second master’s degree in museology, commonly known as museum studies, to learn how to organize and manage museum collections. Both can be earned through accredited online programs, he said. He also aspires to a Ph.D. in museology, with hopes of eventually working in a museum in Washington, D.C., or New York City. In the meantime, his collaborative efforts with his alma mater will help share childhood wonders and garner increased public awareness for both museums.

5. Oiler Sports

- The University of Findlay men's basketball team won the 2009 NCAA Division II National Championship in Springfield, Mass., on a buzzer-beater by senior guard Tyler Evans. Findlay finished the season with a 36-0 mark, the best ever for a national champion at the NCAA Division II level.



A jubilant Coach Ron Niekamp hoists the national championship trophy as the team celebrates its perfect 36-0 season.

Senior forward Josh Bostic was named the NCAA Division II National Player of the Year, while head coach Ron Niekamp took home honors as the National Coach of the Year.



Tyler Evans displayed his winning style as his 25-foot shot beat the final buzzer by seconds.

- Senior forward Josh Bostic of The University of Findlay men's basketball team was selected to play in the NCAA Division I All-Star Game at the Final



Josh Bostic was the only NCAA Division II player selected to play in the NCAA Division I All-Star game in Detroit, Mich.

Four April 3 in Detroit, Mich. Bostic started for his squad and produced four points, seven rebounds, four assists and two steals as the only NCAA Division II player in the game. Bostic will now participate in the Portsmouth NBA Draft Camp, which is slated to be held in Portsmouth, Va., on April 8-11, 2009.

- The Oilers men's golf team took sixth at the second NCAA Division II Regional of the season on April 5 in Georgetown, Ky. The Oilers shot a school record 284 during the first round of competition and were led by sophomores Joe McGeean and Kyle Nickson, as well as freshman Michael Schmitmeyer, who all recorded 144's during the tournament.



Kyle Nickson helped the Oilers shoot a school record 284 at the NCAA Division II Regional in Georgetown, Ky.

- The Oilers English equestrian team won the Zone 6 Championship, and the western equestrian team won the semi-finals in Intercollegiate Horse Show Association competitions. Both teams will now advance to the national competitions held at Middle Tennessee State University on April 23-26.



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- If you are looking to buy a national championship T-shirt or any UF apparel, you can order from the University Stores Web site. Visit <http://shop.findlay.edu> and follow online ordering instructions.

- A public celebration, "The Perfect Season – A Salute to the Fans," will be hosted by The University of Findlay and the Oilers national championship basketball team on Thursday,

April 16, in Croy Physical Education Center at 6:45 p.m. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Steven Rackley, athletic director, will serve as master of ceremonies. Giving brief remarks will be Peter Sehnert, mayor of Findlay; Dr. DeBow Freed, president; Dr. C. Richard Beckett, chairman of the UF Board of Trustees; Ron Niekamp, head coach; Charlie Ernst, associate coach; and the senior players. At 8 p.m. the Oilers basketball team and coaches will have an autographing session.

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

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6. Alumni Support

- **Are you looking for stable income, something that you can count on?** The University of Findlay Charitable Gift Annuity helps you and the University. You receive fixed and guaranteed annuity payments for your lifetime, an income tax deduction in the year of your gift, and you provide support to UF for a purpose you designate, such as scholarships.

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You can do this, too. Contact Ann Brossia at Brossia@findlay.edu, or call her at 419-434-4794 to find out how this type of arrangement can benefit you. For information on estate and charitable planning, go to www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Planned Giving.

- **The University's annual Applause! recognition reception will be held on Thursday evening, Oct. 15, 2009.** This event recognizes those who have made significant contributions of time and resources to The University of Findlay and to say "thank you." Individuals who have contributed \$1,000 or more in cash to the University during the preceding fiscal year, which ends June 30, 2009, will receive invitations to this special and fun event. Plan your giving and mark your calendars to be sure you don't miss the Applause! recognition reception.

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7. FYI Campus Newsletter

- Want to know what is happening on campus between *ArchLink* issues? UF has a bi-weekly 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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