



Dr. Larry McDougle '63 chats with Von Plessner who attended McDougle's class on "State and Federal Education Policy," offered through the University of Toledo. McDougle has shared his wisdom in classes that include higher education topics in administration, leadership, curriculum design, finance and strategic planning.

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF HIGHER EDUCATION LEADERSHIP

Larry McDougle, Ph.D., '63 is helping shape the leadership of higher education in northwest Ohio. After retiring in 2003 as president of Northwest State Community College in Archbold, Ohio, where he served for 12 years, McDougle was invited by the University of Toledo to teach part-time in its higher education administration program.

The doctoral program is designed for people who are, or aspire to be, college administrators, in two-year and four-year colleges, public and private, McDougle explained. During spring semester, he taught "State and Federal Education Policy" on the Findlay campus of Owens Community College. About 25 doctoral candidates from 18 institutions in northwest Ohio, Michigan and Indiana were enrolled in his course. He also taught a master's-level "Critical Issues in Higher Education" on the UT campus.

McDougle said he tries to emphasize practical applications rather than theory in his classes, and he encourages class members to share their perspectives, as many of them have considerable higher education experience.

In addition to serving as president of Northwest State Community College, president of Columbia Tech in South Carolina and dean for instruction for ComTech at the University of Toledo, he has held faculty and administrative positions at five public colleges in Illinois, Indiana, South Carolina and Florida. He also taught physics for five years at Findlay College from 1966-71.

McDougle considers his presidency at Northwest State as the highlight of his professional career as an administrator. "I had a wonderful experience there. I had a marvelous board, a great team of people around me, and I believe that you need people to get things done," he said, adding he

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believes that people work with, not for, him. His philosophy as an administrator was to develop a shared vision for the school, hire the very best talent he could, point them in the right direction, provide as many resources as possible to get the job done, and then get out of their way, he said.

McDougle has abundant experience not only in higher education, but in work force and economic development, business and health care. He has served on dozens of boards and committees for educational, government, business, arts, professional and service organizations, which has broadened his understanding.

He has received many honors, including being awarded an honorary doctor of educational leadership by The University of Findlay in 1998 and receiving the Philip J. Rusche Distinguished Service Award for the College of Education & Allied Professions from the University of Toledo Alumni Association in 1996.

He acknowledged that the difficulty current students are having now in financing an education is coming ironically at a time when America needs a more highly educated work force to compete in a global marketplace. Ohio’s needs are critical as it ranks 37th in the country with only 19 percent of the population having a four-year college degree, he said.

That is one reason why McDougle agreed to represent the College of Sciences on the steering



Doctoral candidates from 18 institutions in northwest Ohio, Michigan and Indiana attended McDougle’s spring class, which was held at the Owens Community College Findlay campus.

committee of The University of Findlay’s 125th Endowed Funds drive. He is working to help develop partnerships with people to establish scholarship programs and to provide funding for faculty development and student research. “These monies are going to have to come privately,” he emphasized. “They’re not coming from the kinds of sources we typically have known.”

McDougle is enthusiastic about his own education received at Findlay. “I’m really proud to say that I’m a graduate of this institution,” he said. While at Findlay College he majored in math, physics and English, and he cited Harold Newhard, professor of mathematics and physics; Dr. James Congleton, professor of English; Dr. Robert Kragalott ’50, professor of history and social sciences; Dr. George Towe, professor of physics; Helen Reimund ’26, professor of English; and Dr. James Houdeshell ’53, athletic director and coach, as providing strong influences.

“I got a good foundation in the humanities, the social sciences, the natural sciences, philosophy and

religion. All of that really worked together to serve me well,” he said.

The Cory-Rawson native also served as president of his senior class and president of the English honorary society and vice president of the history honor society. He went on to earn a master of arts degree in physics at Kent State University in 1965 and a Ph.D. in higher education administration from the University of Toledo in 1971.

McDougle, who resides in Napoleon with Ruth, his wife of 47 years, fills the pulpit as preacher on Sunday mornings at the Napoleon Church of Christ. He is a longtime adult Bible school teacher and elder, and has enjoyed preaching as a lay pulpit supply minister in the various states where he has worked.

“I believe a college has to be concerned about adding value to a person’s life,” McDougle tells his students. “There are things we can do ... to make them more marketable, to make them more well-rounded citizens to take their places in society, to make a difference.”

– Charlene Hankinson



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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,**

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University

The UF community dedicated a new facility for one of its strongest and most successful academic programs. The Dr. C. Richard Beckett Animal Science Building, dedicated May 1, recognizes the contributions of Dr. Beckett, chair of the Board of Trustees, a practicing veterinarian and a driving force in the establishment and growth of UF's pre-veterinary program. The 31,000-square-foot building combines a working barn with an academic wing including two 50-seat classrooms — named for faculty members Linda C. Peck, D.V.M., and C. Michael Kerns, D.V.M. — a laboratory, a pharmacy, a student lounge, locker rooms, offices and instructional demonstration areas.

Academics

UF celebrated academics in a special way on April 7 with the third annual Symposium for Scholarship and Creativity, which included more than 100 undergraduate and graduate student academic presentations and awards. Guest speakers included alumni Barbara Eakin Meyers '64, regional Praxis III coordinator for the Ohio Department of Education; Kevin Moyer '80, principal and consultant for Global Pathways LLC; Dr. Jonathan Davis '99, a practicing dentist; Dr. Barbara Piper '98, district supervisor for the Visiting Nurse Association of Greater Cincinnati; and Greg Denecker '94, superintendent of Bluffton School District. The event represents the University's unwavering commitment to excellence in academics.

Development

Alumni and friends continue to respond favorably to the 125th Endowed Fund Drive, an effort launched in February 2008 to create 125 new funds to support student scholarship, academic programs and faculty development. As of April 1, 58 new endowed funds have been created and more than \$3.9 million committed. A new endowed fund can be established for as little as \$10,000. A special thank you to all who have donated thus far! Particularly in difficult economic times, endowed funds are important because they strengthen the University's financial base. An endowed fund is truly a gift that keeps on giving.

Unique Facts



[Director's Message]

Greetings, alumni, and happy summer! As your alumni director, I am continuously looking for ways to engage you and keep you actively involved. Even though landlines

aren't completely gone from all households, your alma mater has already started to feel the impact of their decline.

As a result, the alumni office takes pleasure in announcing the UF Online Community. This is a social networking service that will provide numerous functions, enabling registered alumni to find other alums, e-mail them, network and build closer bonds. The Online Directory and Member-to-Member Communication will be available only to registered alumni.

You can find the Online Community on the alumni Web page: www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Alumni. There you will find a login for the Online Community and be given directions on how to get started. Also, always feel free to call the alumni office for assistance at 419-434-4589.

If you haven't already marked your calendar for Homecoming, please do so now – Oct. 2-4, 2009. The Homecoming theme is "Paint the Town Orange and Black." Friday night will begin with the Campus Program Board hosting Recycled Percussion, which will lead into the second annual fireworks display. Saturday's events include: 5K & fun run, alumni breakfast, UF Oilers Hall of Fame, celebration on the front lawn, UF Oilers football game, crowning of the king and queen, reunion dinners and more. Watch for your Homecoming brochure and updates on our Web page.

Findlay College/The University of Findlay is the place that opened the door of opportunities for you. Alumni, stay connected! This is your alma mater. Be proud of it.

As always, please be sure to keep me updated by filling out the "What's New with You?" form at www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Alumni.

With Oiler Pride!

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



Alumni Calendar of Events

- Aug. 2** Summer Send-off: Columbus, hosted by Bob '57 and Catherine Pritts
- August 15** UF Alumni Day at Huntington Park Columbus Clippers vs. Indianapolis Indians, Columbus, Ohio
- Sept. TBD** Marathon Petroleum Co. & Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. alumni luncheons
- Sept. 12** 1979 Championship Football Team 30-year reunion (tentative)
- Sept. 19** Phoenix, Ariz., alumni reception hosted by Ron '91 and Traci (Buschor '91) Stupi
- Sept. 19** Class of 1954 alumni reception; hosted by Sally Dolmayer, Sarver, Pa.
- Sept. 25-26** Family Weekend
- Oct. 2-4** HOMECOMING
- Oct. 24** Alumni Reception; Chagrin Falls (Ohio) Little Theater, 6:30 p.m.; show, 8 p.m.
- Oct. 25** Alumni Brunch; Cleveland West, Holiday Inn Westlake, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- Nov. 7** Alumni Dinner; Great Wolf Lodge Family Event at Kings Island, 6-8 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.

Findlay in Florida



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1 - Meeting in Bradenton, Fla., March 10, 2009, at Anna Marie's Oyster restaurant in Bradenton, Fla., were: (first row) Dee Dee Spraw '00, M '07, Clifford Brooks '48, Phyllis Schmunk; (second row) Theodore '50 and Jean Taylor, Betty and Thomas '55 Douglas, Roy Schmunk '52. **2** - Enjoying an evening reception March 7, 2009, hosted by George and Shirlee Whitson at their home on Sanibel Island were: (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. **3** - Attending the Fort Lauderdale, Fla., reception March 6, 2009, 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.



Findlay in California



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4 - An alumni luncheon took place April 4, 2009, at the home of Stanley '70 and Janet (Maule '70) Swartz in Oceanside, Calif. Attending were: Richard and Rebecca Ambrose, Kari Barnum '86, Sid '65 and Teresita Cottrell, Tom Duttine '53, Paul and Ray Evans, Robert Glew '67, Amy Harber '96, Debbie Layport Newman '74, Stacy McKinzie '99, Jim '53 and Mira (Frost '78) Houdeshell, Jamie Houdeshell '86, Bill and Dee Dee '00, M '07 Spraw.

5 - Alumni who gathered for a reception March 28, 2009, at the home of Luke '51 and Pat Levers in San Jose, Calif., watched the NCAA Division II men's basketball national championship game on a big screen TV.

Alumni News/Events



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1 - Recognized at the 11th annual reunion held in conjunction with the Ohio High School Athletic Association Boys' State Basketball Tournament in Columbus, Ohio, March 29, 2009, were: Lisa Klingshirn accepting on behalf of Kirby Blackley '06, M '08, national champion track and field star; Marc Arce, UF's head coach for men's and women's track and field and cross country teams; Jack Quisno Jr. '85, head track and field coach at Liberty Benton High School; and Timothy Nichols '95, M '03, head football coach at Liberty Benton High School. More than 60 alumni and friends attended. **2** - Michael Reed, Ph.D., professor of teaching English to speakers of other languages (TESOL) and bilingual education, hosted a dinner reception in Taipei, Taiwan, on Nov. 15, 2008, with 25 TESOL alumni attending. Shown: (back to front) Joanna Jhang, Amy Chang, Alice Peng, Kathy Chou, Lisa Cheng, Lynn Yang and Christian Chang. **3** - A second, informal dinner in Taipei, Taiwan, was held Nov. 16, 2008. Shown are: (front row) Hope Fan, Dr. Michael Reed and Megan Chen; (back row) ChiaChi Chang, Marian Wang, Stephanie Feng, Miriam Chang, Yvonne Lin.



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4 - The pre-veterinary alumni reception was held Feb. 21, 2009, in Columbus, Ohio, in conjunction with the annual Ohio Medical Veterinary Association's Midwest Conference. Pre-veterinary faculty Dr. Linda Peck and Dr. Michael Kerns reconnected with 18 alumni. **5** - The Alumni Board of Governors met prior to the alumni dinner at Kalahari Resort in Sandusky, Ohio, on Saturday, April 25, 2009. Altogether, 55 adults and 25 children attended the alumni dinner reception. **6** - Alumni gathered to visit and watch the Oilers play for the national title in Myrtle Beach, S.C., Saturday, March 28, 2009. Attending were: (first row) June (Schertzter) McAllister '67, Sharon Montgomery, Bob Montgomery '66; (second row) Bob Abby, Corliss "Bud" Myers '67, John Eitlegeorge '66, Tom Samson '67; (third row) Carol Myers, Janice (Witchey) Eitlegeorge '66, Margaret (Lynch) Savoy, Roseann (Keller) Samson '68; (fourth row) Jerry Savoy '66. **7** - Alumni and friends of the University gathered Friday, May 1, 2009, for Spring Thing, a performance by the Jack Taylor Jazz Quartet held in the Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion. About 60 people were in attendance.



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1 – The 12th annual Black Tie Affair, with the theme, “Be My Valentine,” was held Feb. 14, sponsored by the Black Student Union as a part of Black History Month. The Black Tie court: (from left) Lord Donte Johnson, Lady Alex Reist, Duke Matt Flahaven, Duchess Lauran Young, Princess Holly Nelson, Prince Luther Mayfield, Queen Nina Smith and King Austin Slayter. 2 - Students attend Thursday Nite Live, a prayer, praise and worship fellowship hosted each week by Will D. Miller Jr. '02, director of Christian ministry. 3 – Timothy Nesler '77 gave a presentation, “Taking Ownership of Your Career,” March 25 as a College of Business visiting executive. He is the chairman and CEO of Energy Maintenance Services Group I LLC, a multinational company he founded that provides pipeline operation and maintenance services.



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4 – Jed Thorpe '99, a member of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, addressed “big picture” environmental issues at a program, “Creating a Green Network,” sponsored by the Findlay Green Campus Initiative April 14. 5 – The seventh annual psychology conference, “Career Opportunities for Psychology Majors and Minors,” was held April 3. Don Collins, assistant professor of psychology, moderated an alumni panel that included Kimberly Smeltzer, Psy.D. '01, Dustin Shepler '05, Erin Bauman '05 and Lisa Evans '93 and (not shown) Rachel Wiemken '07. 6 – On April 19, the UF Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble performed “Hymnal,” a suite in 10 movements composed by Jack Taylor, director of bands. The performance was only the second full production of “Hymnal,” which premiered in 2001.

Campus Events



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1 - President DeBow Freed encourages Heather Eichner, representing AmeriCorps VISTA, Crystal Weitz, Campus Compact coordinator, and Diana Montague, professor of communication, who helped organize The University of Findlay's participation in the mobile food pantry for Chopin Hall on March 21 at Winebrenner Theological Seminary. **2** - Former SIFE team members reconnected March 25 with business professor Dr. Shiv Gupta, including: (first row) Dennis Fernandez '86, Beth (Barchent) Bonnoront '91, Shiv Gupta, Frank Smith '93, Tori (Tuttle) Durliat '93, Anita (Kumar) Kromer '92; (back row) Kevin Moyer '80, Doug Bonnoront '89, Tim Nesler '77, John Baker '80, Dr. Paul Sears, dean of the College of Business. **3** - The third annual Symposium for Scholarship and Creativity, held April 7, featured alumni speakers for each college. Dr. Barbara Piper, district supervisor for the Visiting Nurses Association of Greater Cincinnati, presented for the College of Health Professions. Also speaking were Barbara (Eakin) Meyers '63, College of Education; Kevin Moyer '80, College of Business; Dr. Jonathan Davis '99, College of Sciences; Greg Denecker '94, College of Liberal Arts and Marc Sweeney, College of Pharmacy. More than 100 students presented their academic work to faculty and their peers.



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4 - Andrew Dehnhoff and Ashley Dutridge were recognized as Founders' Son and Daughter by President DeBow Freed during the awards presentation at the Symposium for Scholarship and Creativity on April 7. **5** - The University of Findlay's College of Education hosted the Northwest Ohio Future Teachers Conference Feb. 7 as a partner of the Northwest Ohio Center of Excellence. Education majors had a chance to review materials, explore resources and hear presentations, all aimed to increase their effectiveness as teachers in the classroom. **6** - Derin Tolu, Kara Wilkinson, Gary Flowers and Michelle Billen were among the cast for the April 22-26 production of "California Suite," Neil Simon's humorous and bittersweet comedy set in 1977.

Key to degree abbreviations

A – Associate's Degree
 B – Bachelor's Degree
 C – Certificate
 D – Doctoral Degree
 H – Honorary Degree
 M – Master's Degree

Class years are assumed to be bachelor's degrees unless noted with the codes listed above.

[In Memory]

'33

Gladys Eakin, of Bridgeville, Pa., passed away on April 13, 2009. She began her career teaching in a one-room school at Indian Creek Valley, Pa., where she taught 48 students in grades one through eight. She taught grades one through eight at Longwood, Pa., and grades four through six at Davistown, Pa. She taught fifth grade in the Carnegie School District and remedial reading in the Bethel Park School District, serving as a reading supervisor until her retirement in 1972. She also taught swimming and piano lessons, led a Girl Scout troop and was a church youth group leader at Indian Head, Pa. She earned a master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh and did postgraduate work toward her doctorate. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma International Society for Women Educators. In 2007, she was named a Distinguished Alumna by The University of Findlay. She is survived by her nieces **Phyllis (Eakin) Schmidt** '62 of Surprise, Ariz., Sidnee Kaminsky of Toledo, Ohio, and **Barbara (Eakin) Meyers** '63 of Findlay, and nephews, James Eakin of Hundred, W.Va., and John Eakin of Virginia Beach, Va.

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Helen (McKelvey) Craft died Dec. 29, 2008, in Richmond, Va. At Findlay College, she edited the *Althean Magazine*, played leading roles in "Smilin' Through" and "The Taming of the Shrew" and was the 1940 May Queen. She taught at the junior and senior high school levels in Zanesfield, Genoa and Perrysburg, Ohio, in the subjects of English, drama, Latin, French, typing and physical education. After retiring in 1983, she volunteered with St. Luke's Hospital and CASA programs in Lucas and Wood counties and assisted in adult literacy programs. She belonged to the First United Presbyterian Church, the New Century Club, the Perrysburg Literacy Society and the League of Women Voters. Surviving are her sons, John Craft, Michael Craft and Richard Craft; six grandsons; and a sister.

'53

Richard W. Prince died March 23, 2009, in Elida, Ohio. He taught at Elida High School his entire career, where he was dean of students, athletic director for 20 years, assistant football coach for 14 years, head basketball coach for four years and head baseball coach for 26 years. In 1976 his baseball team won the state championship. At then-Findlay College he was a four-year varsity letter winner in football, basketball and baseball. He was inducted into The University of Findlay Athletic Hall of Fame in 1975, the Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame in 1976, the Elida High School Alumni Hall of Fame in 2006 and the Elida High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2009. Surviving are his wife, Carolyn; sons, Randy of Elida and Ric of Hudsonville, Mich.; five grandchildren, and a sister.

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Ralph Cobey (H) passed away Jan. 16, 2009, in Galion, Ohio, at the age of 99. He was awarded an honorary doctorate in 1958 by Findlay College. He was president of the Perfection Steel Body Co. in Galion, Ohio, from 1945-70. From 1970-1990, he was president of Eagle Crusher Co., and served as chairman of the board thereafter. Following the death of his friend Louis Bromfield in 1956, Cobey served as founder, chairman and manager of the Louis Bromfield Malabar Farm Foundation. He perpetuated Bromfield's farming and conservation philosophies, and his efforts resulted in Malabar Farm becoming part of the Ohio park system as a working demonstration farm. Cobey also served on several taxation and industrial committees for five U.S. presidents from 1939-66. He received his Eagle Scout badge in 1926 from Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of the Boy Scouts who was visiting the U.S., and received the Baden-Powell World Fellowship Award presented by King Gustav XVI of Sweden in 1992. He was named to four of Ohio's Halls of Fame for the Ohio State Fair in 1992, Agriculture in 1999, Natural Resources in 2001 and Senior Citizens in 2002. He is survived by his wife, Hortense; daughters, Minnie Gallman and Susanne Cobey; and a grandson, Daniel Friedman.

'63

William Benjamin died April 10, 2009, in Findlay. He was an auditor for The Imperial House and a member of Tabernacle Church of Christ. Surviving are his wife, Ruth of Findlay; sons, William of Findlay and Robert of Carey, Ohio; a sister and six grandchildren.

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Jean (McGahey) VanFleet Bushong passed away Jan. 25, 2009, in Findlay. She taught third grade at Arcadia School for 10 years and

was a homemaker. She was a member of P.E.O. Sisterhood, Meridian, Town and Campus, Blanchard Valley Hospital Auxiliary, First Presbyterian Church and St. Andrew's United Methodist Church. Surviving are a son, James VanFleet of Westerville, Ohio and a daughter, Barbara Aumiller of Chesterfield, Mo.; two granddaughters; four great-grandchildren, a brother; and stepchildren, James Bushong of Santa Maria, Calif., David Bushong of New Zealand, and Christine Tichenor of Findlay.

'75

Henry Edwin "Ed" Link passed away Dec. 16, 2008, in Springfield, Ohio. He was a truck driver for ABF and previously drove for JB Hunt. He is survived by a sister, Jill Holl of Wilmington, a nephew and two nieces.

'86

Nancy Fruth (A) passed away Jan. 21, 2009, in Findlay. She retired from the computer department at Marathon Oil Co. and as a sales clerk at Sears. She is survived by daughters, Merry Russell of Cleveland, Ohio, and Kathy Wheeler of Akron, Ohio; sons, Mark Barley of Akron, Ohio, and Bruce Barley of Mansfield, Ohio; two brothers, a sister and nine grandchildren.

'88

Deborah Hollington died Feb. 18, 2009, in Findlay. She retired as an accountant from Marathon Oil Co. in 2001. She was a member of the Fort Findlay Playhouse, where she received the Recognition of the Year Award and numerous set design awards. She was a member of The University of Findlay's Curtain Raisers Society for the Performing Arts, Findlay Light Opera Company, Tri Delta Sorority, the Thursday Conversation Club and the Findlay Service League. She is survived by her mother, Connie Jones of Findlay; daughters, Courtenay Hollington of San Diego, Calif., and **Christine Hollington** '07 of Findlay; a brother and a sister.

[Friends]

Alice Borgelt died Dec. 30, 2008. She previously served as a secretary at Findlay College, the Ohio Highway Patrol District Office in Findlay, and the HHWP Community Action Commission in Findlay. She is survived by three daughters, Barbara Peters of Findlay, Jean Gray of Frankfort, Ky., and Carol Crist of McComb, Ohio; three sons, John Borgelt of Findlay, Andy Borgelt of Pandora, Ohio, and Scott Borgelt of McComb; 10 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a sister.

[Class Notes]

'63

Barbara Chadwick received the Award of Merit from the Ohio Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture on Feb. 24, 2009. She received the organization's highest honor in recognition of her service as chairman of the History Committee and the work she has done in compiling the history of the Ohio Chapter, which her father founded in 1942. She resides in Lewis Center, Ohio.

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Tina Welling's second novel, "Fairy Tale Blues," was published recently by NAL/Penguin. Her first novel, "Crybaby Ranch," was published last year. Her books are sold nationally by chains and independent stores. She has been on the faculty of the Jackson Hole Writers Conference, where she gives talks and workshops. She also had her work published in national magazines and four anthologies, and she has been awarded prizes and artist's residencies. She reports one of her fondest memories is studying English grammar with Dr. James Congleton at then-Findlay College. She lives in Jackson Hole, Wyo., with her husband, **John Buhler** '68.

'68

"Ted" Earl Deck (C) has retired as manager of Providence/St. Vincent Medical Center in Portland, Ore. He and his wife, Shirley, reside in Tigard, Ore.

'69

Julie Ross has a new position as executive field representative for the Better Business Bureau in Clarksville, Tenn., where she now resides. She has performed at The Roxy Theatre in Clarksville in "Bye, Bye Birdie," "The Graduate" and "The Buddy Holly Story." She previously resided in New York City where she pursued an acting career for 24 years.

'72

William Daher is the security manager for Cauley Detective Agency in Springdale, Pa., where he has been employed for 23 years. He is active with the American Cancer Society and hosted a golf outing in May. He lives in Lower Burrell, Pa.

'73

Stephen Bahn and his wife, Carol, have been traveling since his retirement from the U.S. Postal Service in December 2007 with 37 years of service. They live in Arlington, Ohio, and have two sons, both graduates of The University of Findlay, **Bret** '99 and **Shannon**, '02.

'74

Dr. Allen Lowery has a new position as graduate faculty/regional coordinator for the graduate criminal justice program at Troy University in Fort Benning, Ga. Previously, he was the academic vice president of Andover College in Portland, Maine. He and his wife, Patricia, have moved to Marietta, Ga.

Bhailal M. Patel (C) and his wife, Lila, are retired and live in Skokie, Ill.

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Lynn T. Smith (C) is a staff technician for VAMC in Reno, Nev., where she lives. She plans to retire in 2010.

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Jay Edel was promoted to vice president of the Findlay office of Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc., where he assists clients in developing strategies to manage their personal and business finances. He earned the CPF® designation in 2004. A member of the Kiwanis Club of Findlay and the Findlay Radio Club, he also serves as a trustee for the Findlay Automobile Club, an AAA affiliate. He and his wife, Debbie, reside in Findlay.

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Mark Blake (C) is a clinical instructor for Philips Healthcare in Highland Heights, Ohio. He and his wife, Kathleen, live in Willoughby, Ohio.

Michael Campbell (C) is staff nuclear medicine technologist for Terrebonne General Medical Center in Houma, La., where he has served for 25 years. He lives with his wife, Kim, in Gray, La.

Virginia Suarino (C) is a nuclear medicine technologist at St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield, Wis. She is currently finishing her clinicals in CT. She also has earned a commercial pilot's license and is a squadron commander in the Civil Air Patrol. She and her husband, Douglas Suarino, M.D., reside in Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.

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Rick Brand has a new position as IT lead systems officer for Fifth Third Bank in Cincinnati, Ohio. His wife, **Teresa (Vantrease '84) Brand**, is a community team supervisor for the Butler County Board of MRDD in West Chester, Ohio. They reside in Liberty Township, Ohio.

'85

Dany (Gisela) Lozada is the owner/manager of Productos Lacteos Margarita C.A. in Porlamar Isla de Margarita, Venezuela, along

with her husband, Jose Luis Castro. She has a daughter, Daniela, 15.

'86

Mel McKinney is approaching his 15th year as a deputy bailiff for Cleveland Municipal Court. He served eight years in the U.S. Marine Corps, 10 years as a member of the Cleveland Indians game day security staff and four years with the Cleveland Browns security staff. He lives in Euclid, Ohio.

'90

David Lyons (C) is a nuclear medicine facilitator at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Ill. He lives in Sherman, Ill.

'92

Diane (Watercutter) Pleiman received the 2009 Wright State University College of Graduate Studies Outstanding Alumni of the Year Award, and she was a recipient of Dayton Business Journal's 40 Under 40 Award. In March 2007, she was promoted to vice president of operations for Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton, Ohio. She and her husband, Mark, live in Fort Laramie, Ohio.

Kevin Slaviero (C) has a new position as integration engineer for Cardinal Health, based in San Diego, Calif. He and his wife, Suzanne, live in Onsted, Mich.

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Gale Scott Meyer is now a partner with S.D. Meyer in Chapel Hill, N.C., and his wife, **Diane (Keister '94)**, is salon manager for Petco in Durham, N.C. They live in Chapel Hill.

'94

Donald Saxton is the new director of investments and treasury for Sisters of Charity Health System in Cleveland, Ohio. His wife, **Loraine (Rahn '97)** is a veterinarian with North Ridge Veterinary Hospital in Madison, Ohio. They reside in Columbia Station, Ohio.

'96

Chris Mays has a new position with Emerson Climate Technologies Inc. in Sidney, Ohio, as a commercial marketing manager. He and his wife, Denise, announce the birth of a daughter, Ashley Grayson, on Dec. 15, 2008. They live in Tipp City, Ohio.

Rob Meyers (M '98) has a new position as manager of the Americas Transformation Project for GE Healthcare in Waukesha, Wis. He will be responsible for project management and coordinating resource needs in a \$9.5 billion organization. He has experience in Lean Six Sigma in working across various businesses

and functional areas. Prior to joining GE in February 1999, he worked for RMI Titanium and Honda Motor Corp. He started his career at GE in Lighting and went on to work at GE Aviation before moving to GE Healthcare in October 2006. He also earned a master of business administration from Peter F. Drucker School of Management, Claremont, Calif. He resides in Wauwatosa, Wis.

'97

Cheryl Bell was promoted in rank as assistant professor of English as a second language in July 2008 at Raritan Valley Community College in North Branch, New Jersey, and gained tenure in January 2009. She lives in High Bridge, New Jersey.

Lori (Phamakao) Chanthavong has a new job as a customer service support specialist with NOVO 1 in Texas. She and her husband, Parasack, live in Fort Worth, Texas.

Candee Ellsworth is the conservation coordinator at the Toledo Zoo's new Butterfly Conservation Center. The center contains 2,000 native plants, providing a specialized habitat to raise endangered species of butterflies. The Toledo Zoo, which has been a leader in butterfly conservation for more than 20 years, is helping to preserve area biodiversity. The climate-controlled center, which opened May 23, allows staff to interact with visitors. She lives in Toledo, Ohio.

Lora (Malone) Kreemer (A '94) and her husband, Chad, welcomed a son, Chase, born March 31, 2008. They live in Canal Winchester, Ohio. She is an accessories and tack buyer for Rod's Western Palace in Columbus, Ohio.

'98

Jessi (Chesnutt) Bailey just celebrated her first-year anniversary as the owner of Jake's at the Rock (A Genuine Neighborhood Life is good Shoppe) in Blowing Rock, N.C. She and her husband, Steve, reside in Hampstead, N.C.

Adam Harder has a new position as quality manager for Almco Steel Products in Bluffton, Ind. He and his wife, Maribeth, welcomed a daughter, Brooke Alyssa, Feb. 12, 2009. She joins her brother, Chance, 6, and sister, Avery, 3. The family lives in Ossian, Ind.

Marco Mendez is a medical interpreter for the Harris County Hospital District in Houston, Texas. He lives in Houston.

Jessica (Hunlock) Meyer (C) has a new position as nuclear medicine technologist with Joint Township District Memorial Hospital in St. Marys, Ohio. She and her husband, Ron, live in Spencerville, Ohio.

Jane Barchent Flores '94

Jane Barchent Flores, D.V.M., C.V.A., '94 has been practicing and teaching at The Ohio State University (OSU) Veterinary Teaching Hospital since April 2006. She is an assistant professor at the OSU College of Veterinary Medicine in the department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences and is the team leader of the Community Practice Service in the veterinary teaching hospital.



Already, she has been rewarded for her work. After only two years at OSU, she has been recognized for the effectiveness and quality of her efforts. She recently received the 2008 Carl J. Norden Distinguished Teacher Award at The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine. The award is given to a faculty member who contributes significantly to the advancement of the veterinary profession through ability, dedication, character and leadership. She was nominated by the veterinary student body and the Honors and Awards Committee. In the nomination, students commented, "The environment that Dr. Flores creates truly encourages active learning. She always puts the students and their opportunity for education first."

Flores said that the part of her career that she most enjoys is teaching. "The students are wonderful, and it is really exciting to think that I may be contributing to our profession in some way."

After graduating from the OSU College of Veterinary Medicine in 1997 and completing an internship in 1998, she worked in a small animal general practice until she returned to teach at OSU in 2006. In addition to her D.M.V. degree, she also is a certified veterinary acupuncturist. She performs acupuncture on multiple species, from lizards to horses.

Flores said that the hands-on approach of The University of Findlay's pre-veterinary medicine program prepared her well for veterinary school and practice. "It was the most animal handling education of my college years," she pointed out. "The program also made me understand all of the options I had available to me as a veterinarian."

But perhaps even more important than the benefits she gained through her animal-handling experiences at Findlay, Flores was inspired by the pre-veterinary medicine faculty at The University of Findlay – Dr. Linda Peck and Dr. Michael Kerns. "They made me realize you can wear many hats as a veterinarian. I also saw the impression they made on so many students, and I thought that maybe I could have the same impact one day."

Flores and her husband, Ian, have two children, Ann and David, and live in Plain City, Ohio.

'99

Andrew Lion (C) is manager of operations for Alliance Imaging of Newport Beach, Calif. He and his wife, Sally, live in Gibsonia, Pa.

Steven Vogel (C) is a nuclear medicine technologist for Kaiser. He resides in Brentwood, Calif.

'00

Terri (Schreiner) Jegerski has a new position as veterinarian with Elkhorn Veterinary Clinic. She married Dan Jegerski on Aug. 1, 2008, and they live in Elkhorn, Wis.

Troy and Kelly (Courtney '02) Martin welcomed their second child, a son, Liam

Ryan Smith '00, M '07

Ryan Smith '00, M '07 did not plan on teaching as a part of his career in nuclear medicine, but he found it is one of the things he now enjoys most about his job.

Smith is the clinical coordinator for the Nuclear Medicine Institute (NMI) at The University of Findlay, a position he has held since 2004. In addition to teaching, he coordinates placements of students to receive practical, hands-on training in a choice of nearly 100 affiliated clinical facilities located in 15 states. He also makes clinical site visits to monitor students' progress, "I love to travel, see new places, meet new people. I get to do all of that when I'm on the road doing the visits," he remarked.

He said he became interested in nuclear medicine technology when he was in high school and through his research into educational programs determined that The University of Findlay offered the premier program.

Following his graduation from Findlay in 2000, Smith worked as a nuclear medicine technologist at Wilson Memorial Hospital in Sidney, Ohio, and the Smith Clinic in Marion, Ohio, before returning to his alma mater. He was looking for a new job in the Findlay area when he discovered Findlay's NMI program needed more instructors. At first, Smith said he laughed at the thought of being a teacher, but then he became excited at the prospect.

Since taking the job, he said that he has grown as a teacher and in his organizational and communication skills. He also is interested in his students and enjoys building relationships with them, he said.

He had a good role model in Elaine Markon, who has taught in the NMI since the mid-1970s when the program was housed at Hillcrest Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. He cited her as an excellent teacher who knew everything about the NMI program. He also fondly remembered the late David Wallach, who taught Smith's Freshman Seminar statistics class. "He went out of the way to help me through the stresses of an incoming freshman," Smith said. "He always remembered me, even after graduation. He'd remember my name and ask how things are going."

The field of nuclear medicine doesn't offer a master's degree, so to continue advancing his career, Smith went on to earn a master of business administration in organizational leadership in 2007 from The University of Findlay.

He and his wife, **Marie (Clevenger '00)**, have a son, Wyatt, 4, and a daughter Scarlet Grayce, 2. Marie works part-time at The Right Thing, Inc. and has a photography business taking photos of newborns in hospitals and then making a DVD of the photos choreographed to music. She also is working toward earning an MBA at The University of Findlay.

From a student to a faculty member, Smith has come full circle back to his alma mater, where he is making a difference in training competent nuclear medicine professionals for the future.

"It is exciting and rewarding to have the opportunity to educate the next generation, not only in the classroom environment here at The University of Findlay, but also in the clinical phase as well," he said.



John, born Jan. 18, 2009. Troy has a new position as men's and women's golf coach at Adrian College in Adrian, Mich., and Kelly is a personal banker with Fifth Third Bank, Findlay. The family resides in Findlay.

Kevin Pedersen is now a financial planner with Reid Associates in Southfield, Mich. He lives in Brighton, Mich.

Erika Salinas is self-employed in Houston, Texas, where she and her husband, Jose Cardoza, live.

Jeanette (Andersen) Tate is an art teacher with Findlay City Schools. She and her husband, Phillip, live in Findlay.

'01

Stacie (Holman '01) and Matthew Greenawalt '99 welcomed a son, Mitchell Jason "MJ" on Jan. 30, 2009. He joins big brothers, Max, 6, and Mason, 4. Stacie left her position with Marathon Oil Co. to be a stay-at-home mother, and Matthew is an operations supervisor for Marathon Oil. The family lives in Owensboro, Ky.

'02

Marissa Beck and Phillip Schneider were married Feb. 20, 2009, in Perrysburg, Ohio. She has a new position as product manager for Marathon Petroleum Co. LLC in Findlay, and he is operations supervisor for Marathon Pipeline, Findlay. They reside in Perrysburg, Ohio.

Richard Yockey and his wife, Andrea, had a son, Richard Jethro (Jet), born Nov. 22, 2008. Richard is a U.S. Army officer candidate and is currently an MBA student at The University of Findlay. He and his family live in Findlay.

'03

Brad and Julie (Renner '03) Hammer are the proud parents of their first child, a baby girl, Mya Lisa, born March 6, 2009. He is director of career placement at The University of Findlay, and she is an occupational therapist with Lima Memorial Health Systems in Lima, Ohio. The family lives in Lima.

Suresh Jaladurgam (M) has a new position as senior business analyst with Adroit Software and Consulting Inc. in Emerson, N.J. He and his wife, Sunandini, welcomed a daughter, Kriti Sri, born Feb. 6, 2009. The family lives in Okemos, Mich.

Heather (Schroeder) Kuhlman and her husband, Scott, welcomed their first child, a boy, Austin Mitchel, born Oct. 16, 2008. She has served since November 2007 as a preschool teacher for Loving Care Preschool in Ottawa, Ohio. The family lives in Ottawa.

Andrea (Messmer) and Michael McDaniel '01 announce the birth of their son, Evan, born Oct. 8, 2008. They live in Findlay.

Christy (Meyer) Siemer (C) is a nuclear medicine technologist at Memorial Hospital, Carbondale, Ill. She and her husband, Brad, live in Carterville, Ill.

Bridget (Ensminger) Wagner has a new position as a teacher with the WSOS Jordan Family Development Center in Bowling Green, Ohio. She and her husband, Fred, welcomed a son, Peyton, Aug. 11, 2008. They live in Findlay.

Debra Wiggins (M) has passed the Certified Hazardous Material Manager exam and is now a CHMM. She lives in Cincinnati, Ohio.

'03

Wayne Willcox has a new position as police chief for Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah, Ga. He now resides in Savannah.

'04

Andrea (Wittler) Niese and her husband, Craig, announce the birth of a son, James Henry, on Feb. 17, 2009. Andrea also has a new position as veterinarian with Kessen Veterinary Clinic in Delphos, Ohio. The family lives in Ottawa, Ohio.

Heidi (Engleby) Shaffer (C) has a new position as nuclear medicine technologist for Athens Regional Medical Center in Athens, Ga. She and her husband, John Shaffer Jr., live in Athens.

Ajit Singh (M) is a business development manager for Sartorius Mechatronics in Punjab, India. He resides in Ropar, Punjab.

'05

Paul Fox is a rating solutions specialist for Vertafore. He lives in Denver, Colo.

Jayne (Myers) Hiller and her husband, Jerod, welcomed a daughter, Kaelynn Grace, born Aug. 2, 2008. They live in Indianapolis, Ind.

Sydney Knell and Douglas Leavitt were married April 29, 2009. She plans to attend law school next fall. They live in Toledo, Ohio.

Cheryl (Knapp) Nicolaou (C) has a new job as nuclear medicine technologist with Ohio Cardiology Associates in Cleveland, Ohio. She and her husband reside in Sheffield Village, Ohio.

Jeff Worman (C) is a nuclear medicine technologist at St. Anthony's Health Center, Alton, Ill. He and his wife, Lisa, live in Edwardsville, Ill.

Mary Riepenhoff

Mary Riepenhoff, superintendent of St. Mary's City Schools since last year, knows more than a little about school administration.

Riepenhoff earned a principal's license from UF in 2000 and was principal at Van Wert Middle School until 2008. During her eight years there, Riepenhoff led the school to become an Ohio and national School to Watch, which means it was a positive model for other schools to follow.

In 2007, Riepenhoff earned a superintendent's license from UF, and in 2008, she was named the Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators (OASSA) Ohio Middle School Principal of the Year.

Riepenhoff chose to pursue her licenses at Findlay for a variety of reasons. "As I got into the Findlay program, there was a lot of support. It was easy to continue in the program with the support I received from professors," she said. She also mentioned that she was able to complete her course work while maintaining a full-time job and a family.

"Professors would bring practitioners – principals or superintendents – to class to give you real-life situations and scenarios. I always appreciated that ... It's so practical because that's what you need," she said of the courses.

As a graduate of the programs, Riepenhoff shares her own experiences as an administrator with other professionals taking classes at UF. Riepenhoff regularly speaks to students in classes taught by Rahman "Buzz" Dyer, Ph.D. She brings in items she's confiscated over the years and talks about controversial discipline issues.

She continues to appreciate feedback from Dyer, who offers suggestions from his own administrative experiences. "It's timeless information you don't necessarily think about," said Riepenhoff.

Riepenhoff appreciates all of the professors she interacted with at UF and credits Dyer for helping move her forward in her career. "I never felt like there was a time I couldn't call and ask him a question about administration," she said.



'06

Ryan Gravett is the sound designer for The Devil's Music at George Street Playhouse in New Brunswick, N.J. He lives in Tabernacle, N.J.

Ranson Hall (C) is a nuclear medicine technologist at Huguley Memorial Medical Center in Fort Worth, Texas. He lives in Arlington, Texas.

Jody (Niese) Leopold is an IT systems integrator for Marathon Oil Co. in Findlay. She and her husband, Matthew, live in Ottawa, Ohio.

Laura Mendicino (C) is a nuclear medicine technologist at Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs, Colo. She resides in Manitou Springs, Colo.

Kristina Nungester is a preschool special education teacher for the Edgewood City School District in Trenton, Ohio, where she has worked for the past three years since graduation. She teaches special education for 3- to 7-year-olds and typically developing students. After school, she also teaches intervention for struggling third graders to prepare them for the OATs. Currently, she is pursuing a master's degree from Wright State University in teacher leadership and curriculum instruction. She lives in Monroe, Ohio.

Adam Storm (C) is a nuclear medicine technologist at St. Anthony Memorial Hospital in Effingham, Ill. He and his wife, Lindsey, live in Effingham.

Kurri Lewis '08



Kurri Lewis '08, who earned a degree in history last year, 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. 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.

"I'm excited about this partnership and sharing our works," Sapp 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, 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.

The Museum of Carousel Art and History, commonly called the Merry-Go-Round Museum, has collected than 150 carousel animals since its founding in 1990. The museum also houses a working 1939 Allen Herschell carousel, with unlimited rides included in the price of admission, Lewis pointed out.

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, known as museum studies. 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.

'07

Jagpreet (Kaur) Bodker (M) has a new position as team leader at Florida Keys Children's Shelter in Tavernier, Fla. She and her husband, Karl, reside in Tavernier.

Heather Schroeder and Cory Haselman were married Aug. 23, 2008. She has a new position as nuclear medicine technologist at Hardin Memorial Hospital. The couple lives in Ottawa, Ohio.

Jocelyn (Holmes) Isenhower has a new job as a window treatment specialist with Bed Bath and Beyond in Charlottesville, Va. She married Will Isenhower Aug. 22, 2008, and they live in Charlottesville.

'08

Melissa Fox-Terrill has a new position as pet nurse/technician for Banfield the Pet Hospital in Savannah, Ga. She and her husband, Cale Terrill, live in Richmond Hill, Ga.

Megan McCurdy (C) has a new position as nuclear medicine technologist with Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital in West Bloomfield, Mich. She lives in Greenville, Pa.

Frances (Bruenderman) Raupp (C) has a new position as nuclear medicine technologist CNMT, RT(R) (CT) (N) for Taylorville Memorial Hospital, Taylorville, Ill. She and her husband, Mitchell, reside in Taylorville.

Karis Reinhart has a new position as nuclear medicine technologist at The Ohio State University Medical Center in Columbus, Ohio, where she resides.

Emily Thorwart (C) has a new position as nuclear medicine technologist for Henry Ford Health System in Detroit, Mich. She resides in St. Marys, Pa.

Thanks to all who have submitted their updates for Alumnotes. Information for this issue was received by April 4, 2009. 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.



Dr. Julie (Dean) McIntosh, Ed. D.

Dear Alumni:

What another great year we had at The University of Findlay! At commencement in May, Dr. James D. Houdeshell, professor emeritus, gave the address for more than 730 graduates. The Alumni Board of Governors hosted a brunch for graduates to welcome them to the Alumni Association. Graduates also were given an alumni pin as they exited the stage at graduation. We

welcome new alums and invite them to be active on campus.

Opportunities this summer to get involved included the Columbus golf outing June 8, Toledo Mud Hens June 14, and Cedar Point Day June 20. We hope you will join us for the Columbus Clippers August 14, and all the events at Homecoming October 2-4. This year's theme is "Paint the Town Orange and Black!"

None of the success the board has had would be possible without alumni director Dee Dee Spraw. Her energy and enthusiasm is contagious, and she has worked tirelessly to help move alumni and student relations into the future.

Dee Dee's leadership has allowed us to work with Harris Connect to provide online tools to help alumni stay connected. She also has organized events for various clubs and majors, Family Weekend, Homecoming, Findlay in Florida, Findlay in California, Kalahari and Whirlpool alumni reception, with planning under way to hold alumni receptions at Cooper Tire and Marathon. I would like to take this opportunity to say, "Thank you, Dee Dee!"

In order to stay connected and updated on events, please visit our Web site at www.findlay.edu, KEYWORD: Alumni. There are active regional alumni groups in Cincinnati, Columbus and Northeast Ohio. Members' contact information is available at the Web site, and each regional group welcomes new members!

If you are interested in helping the University in any way, please call or e-mail the alumni office at 419-434-4516, 1-800-472-9502 extension 4516, or alumni@findlay.edu. We will be pleased to hear from you.

Sincerely,

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

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Installed in the Old Main Tower when Findlay College opened in 1886, the campus bell weighed 1,522 pounds and cost \$251. Due to structural concerns, the bell was removed on July 31, 1991, and placed in storage. The Classes of 1953 and 2003 had the bell refurbished by the same company that made it, and installed it in a new brick and steel tower located in the center of The University of Findlay campus on Aug. 27, 2003.



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This replica of the bell tower commemorates the 50th anniversary of the founding of Town & Campus.
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Spring Commencement



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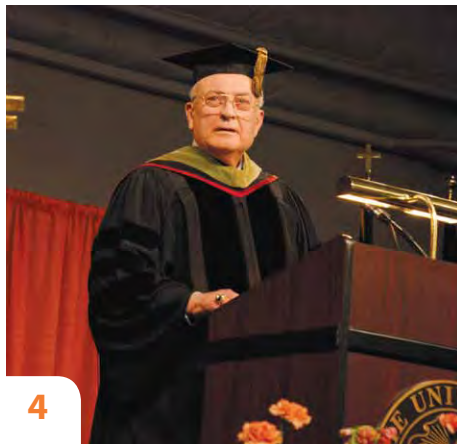


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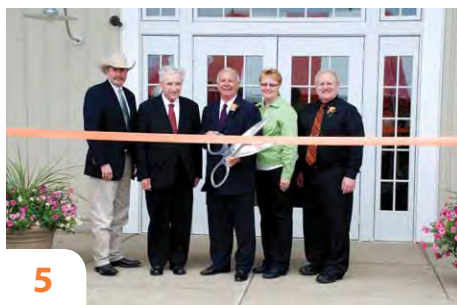
1 - Participating in the long-standing tradition, 2009 graduates Cassandra Beck, Jeremy Stewart, Nina Smith and Essex Berry walked through the Griffith Memorial Arch flanked by applauding faculty. 2 - Dr. DeBow Freed, president of the University, congratulated Johnnie Jackson on receiving his MBA degree. He was one of more than 730 students who graduated May 2. 3 - Pastor Jim Davison gave the baccalaureate message, "We are Truly Blessed." Pastor Davison is the director of the Findlay City Mission. He also teaches classes at Winebrenner Theological Seminary.



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4 - Dr. James D. Houdeshell '53 was the commencement speaker for graduation. He spoke on the topic of "Some Simple Thoughts," gleaned from his 54 years of coaching and administrative experiences at The University of Findlay. 5 - The University of Findlay dedicated on May 1 the new Dr. C. Richard Beckett Animal Science Building, located at the University's Animal Sciences Center on State Route 68. Cutting the ribbon were: Dr. Farabee McCarthy, Dr. DeBow Freed, Dr. C. Richard Beckett, Dr. Linda Peck and Dr. C. Michael Kerns. 6 - Dr. Kathleen Child Crates '69, who was a member of the UF Board of Trustees for 27 years and has served as a teacher and administrator with the Findlay City Schools since 1978, was awarded an honorary doctor of education degree. Performing the hooding ceremony were Dr. Daniel May and Dr. C. Richard Beckett.

SPRING SPORTS 2009 WRAP-UP

Women's Basketball

The Oilers women's basketball team completed the 2008-09 campaign with a 14-13 record. Junior guard Audra Mihalic was named first team all-GLIAC. Freshman guard Laura Bardall was named second team all-conference as well.

Wrestling

The Roughnecks wrestling team tied for 22nd at the 2009 NCAA Division II national championship and were led by senior Hiram Smith, who finished fifth in the 184-pound weight class.

Swimming and Diving

The men's swimming and diving team finished sixth at the GLIAC championship, while the women took seventh. On the women's side, senior Lindsay Hatteberg qualified for the national championship and earned all-American honors by taking 13th in the 50-yard freestyle.

Indoor Track and Field

Both the men's and women's indoor track and field teams finished sixth at the GLIAC championship during the winter. In national competition, freshman Raven Clay and junior Stephanie Charnigo were named all-Americans, while freshmen John Guagenti and Curtis Smithey, along with sophomores Simon Bernard and Greg Schaible, earned all-American honors on the men's side.

Baseball

The Oilers baseball team wrapped up their 2009 season with a 19-30 record and were led by senior Brian Sampsel, who hit .356 with seven homeruns and 40 runs-batted-in.

Softball

Findlay's softball team completed their 2009 campaign with a 20-23 record, qualifying for the GLIAC tournament for the first time since 2004. Junior Katie Ammons and freshman Brittany Dauterman were each named second team all-GLIAC for their efforts.

Men's Golf

The men's golf team tied for 12th at the NCAA Super Regional as sophomore Joe McGeean took 12th with a 217. Freshman Michael Schmitmeyer placed 15th at the event with a 218 and earned GLIAC Freshman of the Year honors this season.

Women's Golf

The women's golf team finished ninth at the NCAA Division II East Regional. Sophomore Andrea Vogt and freshmen Jacqueline Sublette and Ashley Gubser were all named honorable mention all-GLIAC. The Oilers hosted the NCAA Division II national championship May 13-16 at the Findlay Country Club.

Women's Outdoor Track and Field

The Oilers women's outdoor track and field team took fifth at the GLIAC championship and the men placed sixth. Freshmen John Guagenti and Curtis Smithey, along with sophomores Simon Bernard and Greg Schaible, captured a GLIAC title in the 4x400-meter relay, while freshman Raven Clay earned a championship in the 100-meter hurdles on the women's side. She also earned GLIAC Freshman of the Year honors.

Men's Tennis

The Oilers men's tennis team finished the season with a 9-11 record, taking sixth in the GLIAC. Freshman Kyle Collette was named the GLIAC Freshman of the Year as well as first team all-conference, while senior Travis Whipple took home second team honors.

Women's Tennis

The Oilers women's tennis team completed the season with a 7-12 record as senior Devin Games earned second team all-conference honors.



Raven Clay



Brian Sampsel



Joe McGeean



Laura Bardall



Hiram Smith

Men's Basketball Championship



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1 - UF's men's basketball team won the NCAA Division II national championship March 28, 2009, in Springfield, Mass., besting California State Polytechnic at Pomona 56-53 in overtime. Findlay has the most wins in a single season, 36-0, and is only the fourth unbeaten champion in D-II history. **2** - Fans were invited to celebrate the Oilers' historic season April 16 in Croy Center. National championship posters were given out courtesy of Kennedy Printing Co. Susan Hite '87 was of many to get autographs from team members and coaches. **3** - Upon their triumphant return, head coach Ron Niekamp held the national championship trophy and the net from the championship game while Lee Roberts and other team seniors thanked the hundreds of fans who welcomed them home.



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4 - President DeBow Freed celebrated with Ron Niekamp, head coach, and Charlie Ernst, assistant coach. Niekamp, who was named NCAA Division II Coach of the Year, has a 550-174 record in 24 years. **5** - The Oilers' Josh Bostic was named the NCAA Division II Player of the Year and went on to play in the 2009 Hershey's College All-Star Game during the Final Four held April 3 in Detroit, Mich. He was the only D-II player at the event. **6** - With 2.4 seconds of play left in overtime to break a 53-53 tie, Tyler Evans received a pass from Marcus Parker and swished the winning shot from 25 feet.



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Western Team: National Champs!

The western equestrian team won the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) western national championship in Murfreesboro, Tenn., on April 26. The Oilers accumulated 25 points, topping The Ohio State University and Oregon State University, both with 21.

In team competition, Heather Kiesewetter won beginner western horsemanship, and Adam D'Agostine won advanced western horsemanship, with Katie Morehead



winning the open western horsemanship. The team came home with four individual championships: Spencer Zimmerman in intermediate western horsemanship;

Heather Allenby in novice western horsemanship; Kimberly Deane in advanced western horsemanship; and Morehead in open western horsemanship.

The team returned to campus on a bus, where a crowd of 120 supporters greeted them with a welcome ceremony in front of Croy Physical Education Center. Head coach Cindy Morehead pointed out that 11 out of a possible 12 team members qualified for nationals, compared to the next competitor with just five qualifiers.

This is the fourth national championship for the western equestrian team, with previous wins in 2001, 2005 and 2007, and it was runner-up in 2008.



English Equestrian

The English equestrian team took fifth place in the IHSA national competition after scoring 13 points, amassing the seventh highest point total with two teams tying scores. Kara Wintz led the way after being named reserve champion in the novice equitation over fences.



Dressage

The University of Findlay hosted the Intercollegiate Dressage Association (IDA) national championship April 18-19, bringing home the Team Sportsmanship Award and placing 10th in team competition. The competition was hosted for the first time at the James L. Child Jr. Equestrian Complex, located on Township Road 201, with 12 teams vying in team competition and 48 individual riders competing. The event also included a dog agility demonstration, vendors and an equine art show. The University's dressage team earned grand champion in Region E competition to earn the right to compete for the national title.



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