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*December 2007*

## Welcome to ArchLink!

Greetings, Alumni!



Wow – another semester behind us! The campus is preparing for December commencement on Saturday, Dec. 8, 2007. More than 400 graduates will carry on the tradition of walking out through the Griffith Memorial Arch after commencement, as faculty and administration are lined along the walkway to congratulate them.

We congratulate the December 2007 graduates and welcome them to UF's alumni association.



*December 2006 grads participated in the tradition of being applauded by faculty members before parading through the Griffith Memorial Arch.*

As the holiday season is upon us, I find myself reflecting on the past year and am grateful for all the contributions received from our alumni. I value my relationship with you and look forward to working with you in the year to come. On behalf of the Alumni Office and the Alumni Association Board of Governors, we wish you a very happy holiday season and a new year filled with peace and prosperity.

As always, keep me updated by filling out the “What’s New with You?” form at [www.findlay.edu](http://www.findlay.edu),

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With Oiler Pride!

*~~Dee Dee Spraw '93, M '00, director, Alumni & Parent Relations*

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## 1. What's Happening on Campus?

- **Approximately 400 students will graduate from The University of Findlay during fall commencement ceremonies at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, in the Koehler Complex** on campus. A total of 228 graduate degrees will be awarded, including 153 master of business administration degrees; 41 master of arts in education degrees; 14 master of occupational therapy degrees; 10 master of environmental safety and health management degrees; nine master of arts in TESOL (teaching English to speakers of other languages) and bilingual education degrees; and one master of athletic training degree. A total of 162 undergraduate degrees will be conferred, including 130 bachelor of science degrees and 32 bachelor of arts degrees, as well as 20 associate of arts degrees. Among the UF graduates are 133 international students who will receive master's degrees and five international students who will receive bachelor's degrees. Those students represent the countries of India, Nepal, Taiwan, Thailand, China, Japan, Korea and Burma. Former United States senator Michael DeWine will give the commencement address. The University's traditional Arch Ceremony will follow commencement at approximately 3:30 p.m. at the Griffith Memorial Arch.

- Commencement ceremonies at the University will look a little different this year – specifically, more colorful and more distinctive than in years past. **December 2007 graduates will be the first to attend commencement ceremonies wearing new matte black robes, made of a better-quality fabric and customized to the University with orange stripes on the sleeves – one stripe indicates a bachelor's degree, and a bell sleeve with two stripes indicates a master's degree.** According to University stores coordinator Jenni Smith, UF is the first school to use double stripes on the master's gown. Also new this year is an optional stole of gratitude. Made of orange satin, with the UF seal embroidered on it, the stole is worn during the commencement ceremony. Afterwards, the graduate may present it to someone who provided extra help or support during his or her education at UF – a mentor, spouse, parent, other relative or friend. More than one stole may be worn. For more details, [click here](#).



*Katie Dues (left) and Lauren Courie (right) model the new graduate and undergraduate academic regalia.*



*Senior biology major Whitney Jackson and senior pre-veterinary medicine major Cassie Bayer count donated canned goods during Cans Across America Nov. 7.*

- During a nationwide attempt Nov. 7 to break the Guinness® World Record for the largest food drive by a non-charitable organization in a 24-hour period, **students, faculty and staff of The University of Findlay, as well as community businesses and individuals, collected 6,544.82 pounds of canned goods.** Sodexo, the University's food service provider, organized the nationwide event, named Cans Across America. College campuses across the nation participated. Several community businesses contributed to the effort. Great Scot in Findlay donated 2,448 cans of food, and the Trenton Avenue Wal-Mart, the Unitarian Universalist Church of Blanchard Valley and Ron's Super Valu in Deshler also made contributions. After the cans were accounted for, they were donated to CHOPIN (Christians Helping Other People In Need) Hall in Findlay. For more information, [click here](#).

• **The University of Findlay's Office of Graduate and Professional Studies will host an open house Tuesday, Dec. 11, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Alumni Memorial Union South Multipurpose Room.** Anyone interested in graduate programs at the University is welcome to stop in and talk to faculty and staff members about any one of the programs at UF. Call 419-434-4600 to register, ask questions or request additional information.

• **If you know a student who is thinking about attending college at UF, let him or her know about Saturday Spotlight visit days, held every Saturday at 9 a.m.** The day starts with an information session about UF and the application process, followed by a guided campus tour and a meeting with a faculty member in the student's area of interest. Lunch is free in Henderson Dining Hall. To register, call 1-800-548-0932, ext. 4161, or visit the undergraduate admissions Web page and click on the Saturday Spotlight Visit Days button to fill out the online reservation form.

• **The Mazza Museum of International Art from Picture Books recently was awarded a three-year grant totaling \$9,300 from the Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation** that will enable the museum to continue its family-friendly Funday Sundays. Funds awarded will partially support the Funday Sunday Art Projects Coordinator stipend and participating artists' stipends and art supplies. The funds are made available through the Philip D. Gardner Fund and Fifth Third Unrestricted Fund, both housed at the foundation. Funday Sundays are interactive, family-friendly events offered once a month at the museum. Activities include storytelling, art stations, music, refreshments and special guests. Each month's event is focused on a central theme. "Funday Sundays bring children and their families together to enjoy literature and the arts," said Ben Sapp, museum director. "It's an interactive way to spark children's interest and a fun way to get the whole family interested in literature and the arts." The next Funday Sunday is scheduled from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., Jan. 6, 2008, and the theme is "Join the Circus." There is no fee to attend.



*Families get involved in learning activities at Funday Sundays hosted by the Mazza Museum.*

• **The Mazza Museum hosted illustrator and author Wendell and Florence Minor Sunday, Nov. 11.** Drawing from his lifelong affinity for environmental issues to create illustrations for children's books, Wendell Minor aims to inspire children to see wildlife in its natural habitat and to give children a positive perspective about the beauty of the world. Florence Minor is a former film editor for ABC television. The couple's first picture book collaboration, "Christmas Tree," was published in 2005. Other picture books illustrated by Wendell include "Reaching for the Moon" by Buzz Aldrin, "Sitting Bull Remembers" by Ann Turner, "Ghost Ship" by Mary Higgins Clark, "Nibble Nibble" by Margaret Wise Brown and many others. Wendell's cover illustrations have enhanced more than 200 works, including bestsellers "Truman" by David McCullough, "The Prince of Tides" and "Beach Music" by Pat Conroy, "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee and many others. For more information, [click here](#).



*Florence and Wendell Minor graciously autographed books after their Nov. 11 presentation in the Mazza Museum.*

- The University's **Campus Compact office** has started **rescheduling service projects** that were originally planned to be completed in August and were postponed due to the flood in Findlay. Campus Compact has organized Sweet Service Saturdays, which give students the opportunity to volunteer one Saturday a month during the academic year. Two service Saturdays have already been completed. In October, students completed several projects at Hope Temple, and in November, students organized pre-school supplies at Head Start. A reflections session is held after each session, giving the students an opportunity to talk about their experience. Sweet Service Saturdays are planned through April 2008. For more information, contact the Campus Compact office at 419-434-4462.



*UF students volunteer for Sweet Service Saturdays, which are organized by Campus Compact.*

- International students at The University of Findlay got a taste of an American tradition as the staff of the **Office of International Admissions and Services** hosted a **Thanksgiving potluck dinner on Nov. 20** in the Winebrenner Theological Seminary TLB Auditorium. The dinner, which included turkey, mashed potatoes, noodles and gravy, was provided by the International Admissions office. The President's Office provided beverages, and Dr. DeBow Freed gave each student a bag of apples. Faculty and staff were asked to bring a dish to share. The members of Town & Campus donated food and money for turkey. The meal was enjoyed by approximately 200 people. Many international students brought guests, which included conversation partners and others who have become their American families.



*Dr. DeBow Freed chatted with several international students during the Thanksgiving dinner hosted by the staff of International Admissions and Services on Nov. 20.*

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## **2. Academic Update**

- **Registrations are being accepted for an India study abroad program, June 4 through June 15, 2008.** Participants will experience the Indian culture, explore businesses, observe educational systems, learn about different religions and visit early Christian sites at St. Thomas Mount and San Thome Basilica. Organized by Nabarun Ghose, D.B.A., professor of marketing and business, the tour will begin in Chennai. Open to community members, as well as to UF faculty, staff and students, this opportunity will allow participants to further their professional development and take advantage of a unique cross-cultural experience. Optional undergraduate and graduate course credit is available. The cost of the trip is \$3,500 by Dec, 31, 2007; and \$3,700 by April 30, 2008, which includes round-trip airfare from Detroit, Mich., to Chennai, India. Individuals have the option to purchase their own airline tickets and pay \$1,600 for the program only. Payment plans are available. For additional pricing information and a detailed agenda, contact Ghose at [ghose@findlay.edu](mailto:ghose@findlay.edu) or 419-434-4455.

• **The University of Findlay’s student SWOT team** may not serve high-risk arrest warrants, perform hostage rescue or engage heavily armed criminals, but it does help the local economy by helping area small businesses improve their marketing strategies. The SWOT team, which uses a common business analysis tool as its name (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats Analysis), was formed this semester as an extension of the Marketing Club under the direction of faculty adviser S. Chris Ward, Ed.D., assistant professor in the College of Business. The group of 11 undergraduate students works with Greater Findlay Inc. (the local Chamber of Commerce) and the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) to find new clients that would benefit from its services. Team members arrive at client businesses clad in matching UF-orange SWOT team shirts paid for by Mass Mutual. They evaluate the business’ curb appeal, Web site, print ads, other materials and store appearance. They even will provide mystery shoppers to assess how customers are treated. These services are provided at no cost to the business. Currently, the group works with the Findlay Downtown Area Association and the Fostoria Chamber of Commerce, and additional businesses have expressed interest in retaining the team’s services. Any business owner interested in having the SWOT team evaluate his or her marketing strategy is welcome to contact Greater Findlay Inc. or the SBDC. For more details, [click here](#).



*Senior Virginia Wills, team chair, models the orange shirt that is the uniform for team members working on-site with local business clients.*

• **Seniors Lauren Bisson and Carla Groves have applied for acceptance into the Fulbright student program**, designed to give recent graduates, young professionals and artists opportunities for personal development and international experience. Bisson, who will graduate with a degree in biology, submitted a proposal to monitor the populations of giant Pacific octopus along the coast of British Columbia. Groves, who will graduate with a degree in marketing and human resources management, submitted a proposal to research brain drain out of New Zealand. Both students want to continue their studies on an international level and hope to do so through a Fulbright full grant, which will provide round-trip transportation, book and research allowances, and other expenses. Because there are a limited number of grants available to students in the United States, Bisson and Groves each completed an intensive application process. The students will find out in January if they have made it through the first cut in the application review process. The University has developed a good history with the Fulbright program, having hosted scholars on campus and sent UF faculty scholars to other campuses. Most recently, Murtala Bidmos, Ph.D., was on campus as a visiting specialist representing the Fulbright program “Direct Access to the Muslim World.”



*Lauren Bisson and Carla Groves have applied for acceptance into the Fulbright student program to fund their international research following graduation.*

• The Colleges of Liberal Arts and Business continue to collaborate in the education of students. **This spring, a new, experimental undergraduate course, titled Introduction to Economic Development, will be offered as a collaborative effort** between the public administration and economics areas of the two colleges. Taught by Kirk Kern, students will learn what “economic development” means and how it impacts communities. They will be provided with both academic and hands-on approaches to exploring strategies of business expansion and retention. During the semester, students will look at ways to develop new sources of revenue through grant fund-

ing, take walking tours of successful community development projects and hear from guest speakers about first-hand experiences.

- **Senior technology management and human resources management major Mike Shaffer** is not only the first currently enrolled full-time UF student to be accepted into Hancock Leadership



*Mike Shaffer, left, is the first full-time UF student to participate in Hancock Leadership.*

(HL), but he also is the first representative of Generation Y to participate in the nine-month seminar program. Founded in 1986, HL is a program of Greater Findlay Inc. designed to foster and promote volunteer leadership resources within the Findlay community. “Mike’s perspective as a University student will be particularly important in the planning for future Hancock Leadership classes. Until this point, the class has been structured to serve Baby Boomers and Gen X-ers,” said HL director Julie Brown. “HL will continue to evolve to meet the needs of Generation Y and provide meaningful opportunities for our next generation to develop into vibrant community leaders. Mike’s feedback will be used to keep the program fresh and exciting for future classes.” “I really like being able to meet all the different people and interacting with people in the community who consider themselves leaders,” said Shaffer. “I’m really looking forward to seeing the different aspects of how the county and community are affected by the different things we’re going to see – like law and education and business.” Shaffer, a native of Fostoria, will graduate in December with a degree in technology management and human resources management. For more information, [click here](#).

- **Members of The University of Findlay’s Academy of Student Pharmacists recently began offering free blood pressure and blood glucose monitoring** the first Saturday of every month during the school year at the Findlay Village Mall between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. The monitoring station will be set up near the entrance closest to Tokyo Steakhouse. Approximately 15 students, supervised by a pharmacist, will perform the monitoring. According to club vice president Jenny Mason, the group’s goal is to promote good health within the community by making people aware of their blood pressure and blood glucose levels, both of which can be indicators of diseases such as high blood pressure or diabetes. The Academy of Student Pharmacists will offer free blood pressure and blood glucose monitoring Jan. 5, Feb. 2, March 1 and April 5. Faculty adviser for the group is Marc Sweeney, Pharm.D., associate professor of pharmacy and chair of the department of pharmacy practice. For additional information, contact the School of Pharmacy at 419-434-5327.

- **Shane M. Cox, a 2007 graduate of The University of Findlay, was recently chosen by the Nuclear Medicine Institute (NMI) at UF and Tyco Healthcare Mallinckrodt to receive the Mallinckrodt Award of Excellence.** A native of Bluffton, Cox graduated from the NMI after completing didactic training at NMI and clinical training at St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center in Toledo, Ohio. Cox also holds a bachelor’s degree from Bowling Green State University. He currently works as a staff technologist in South Carolina. Each recipient of this award must meet three criteria. The recipient must have graduated from the NMI and passed the NMI final exam on the first attempt with a score of 85 or higher. The recipient must have a program GPA of 3.8 or higher. The recipient must demonstrate good problem-solving capabilities and an active interest in the nuclear medicine profession. [Click here](#) for info.



*Shane Cox, Mallinckrodt Award winner*

### **3. Alumni News & Events**

- **Save the Date**

- **Sept. 19-21** Homecoming 2008 (**Please note date change**)
- **Sept. 26-28** Family Weekend

- **Upcoming Events**

- **Dec. 8, 2007** Commencement brunch
- **Dec. 8, 2007** Grand Valley State, Mich., bus trip
- **Jan. 19, 2008** Women's alumni basketball game
- **February TBD** Dayton and Cincinnati alumni event
- **Feb. 8-9, 2008** Kalahari family alumni event, Sandusky, Ohio
- **Feb. 15-16, 2008** Atlantic City, N.J., alumni event
- **Feb. 21, 2008** Hillsdale, Mich., bus trip
- **Feb. 23, 2008** Phoenix, Ariz., alumni event
- **Feb. 27, 2008** Sarasota, Fla., reception
- **Feb. 28, 2008** Naples/Bonita Springs, Fla., reception
- **March 1, 2008** West Palm Beach/Wellington, Fla., reception
- **March 2, 2008** Orlando, Fla., reception
- **March 8, 2008** Toledo, Ohio, alumni reception and "Lion King" performance
- **March 14, 2008** Columbus, Ohio, OHSAA basketball breakfast
- **March 29, 2008** Columbus, Ohio, alumni event
- **April TBD** Cleveland, Ohio, Cleveland Cavaliers pre-game reception
- **April 20, 2008** Findlay alumni event with UF Jazz Ensemble
- **May TBD** UF Day at Cincinnati Reds game
- **May 3, 2008** Commencement brunch
- **May 15, 2008** Fort Wayne, Ind., alumni event
- **June 9, 2008** Columbus, Ohio, golf outing
- **June 21, 2008** UF Day at Cedar Point, Sandusky, Ohio

- **Two buses full of alumni and fans of the University**, as well as UF cheerleaders and our Derrick the Oiler mascot, departed on Nov. 6, 2007, to Columbus, Ohio, to cheer the men's basketball team against The Ohio State University in an exciting 70-68 exhibition win. A pre-game reception and short program took place at Holiday Inn on the Lane. Brant Rhoad '00 from the Columbus Regional Alumni Committee welcomed everyone. President Freed provided opening remarks, followed by comments from Coach Ron Niekamp. The team began this season as the sixth-ranked team, according to the NCAA Division II Bulletin poll. The program concluded with the UF cheerleaders leading a cheer to get the fans ready for the game.

- **Looking for great gift ideas?** Alumni, faculty and staff are invited to purchase tickets for the following events sponsored by the Office of Alumni & Parent Relations.

- **Kalahari Resort Family Event - Friday & Saturday, Feb. 8 & 9, 2008**

- Saturday alumni reception, 6-8 p.m.

- Attendees wishing to take advantage of the weekend at Kalahari are offered a rate of \$154 for Friday and \$154 for Saturday, which includes a hotel room accommodating four people and full use of the waterpark. Additional guests to the rooms with sofa

beds will be charged \$20 per person per night in addition to the base price. For details, see <http://kalahariresort.com/hub/>.

- **“Lion King” performance at the Stranahan Theatre - March 8, 2008**  
Alumni reception and “Lion King” tickets are \$65.
- For tickets or additional information, call the Alumni Office at 419-434-5687.

- **Congratulations Newlyweds:**

- *Jason '05 & Amy (Aton '99) Way – July 8, 2007*

- **Welcome UF Newest Little Oilers:**

- *Stanley '01 & Karilane (Masters '01) King*  
*Baby boy, Aiden Charles, born June 11, 2007*
- *Anthony & Angela (Sites '00) Cooney*  
*Baby boy, Maximus Bryson Cooney, born Aug. 28, 2007*
- *John '04 & Emily Meinerding*  
*Baby boy, Aiden Allen*

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## **4. Alumni Spotlight**

- **Thomas Chavana '05** has had his share of challenges and learning how to overcome fear. Although he was in a car accident at age 16 that left him a quadriplegic, he went on to graduate from The University of Findlay with a degree in business management. “The biggest fear I have overcome was that of succeeding and actually accomplishing that which I had once thought to be impossible,” he said.



*Chavana is carefully lifted into the plane.*

Chavana is an aspiring motivational speaker who is looking for ways to “show those non-believers you can do whatever you put your mind to, it just may take some help from others.” In that spirit, he recently fulfilled a longtime dream. “There was one thing I had always wanted to do, and that was to go skydiving. It was a dream of mine I’d had as long as I can remember but wasn’t sure if it was possible after getting injured,” he

said. After searching on the Internet, he located a company that could help him, and on July 8, 2007, he went tandem skydiving. “I just want everyone to see that it is possible to accomplish dreams even after what may seem to be a tragic event in life takes place,” he said. Chavana has prepared a 20-minute video of his skydiving experience and an accompanying inspirational lecture, “Time Flies: Don’t Let Life Hold You Back.”



*Tommy Chavana, getting ready to fulfill his dream of skydiving, a goal he once thought impossible as a result of his paralysis.*



*Chavana experiencing the thrill of floating free in a tandem jump.*

- **Adam Brannon**, a May 2007 graduate, didn't do the usual job search with résumés and applications. He picked the job he wanted, and then he campaigned for it – literally. The political science major set his sights on becoming the next mayor of Bellefontaine, Ohio. As the Democratic candidate, Brannon beat an independent and the incumbent Republican mayor in November's election. At age 22, he will assume office Jan. 1, 2008, becoming the youngest mayor of Bellefontaine and one of a handful of mayors in the United States under the age of 25. Brannon campaigned door-to-door, introducing himself to the community, a cost-effective strategy since he had far less money for advertising than his Republican opponent. He admitted that he will have much to learn at first, but he said he has faith in himself and that his ideas are right for the community. Brannon said he first became attracted to politics when he was in seventh grade after job-shadowing the then-mayor of Bellefontaine, but he lost interest by the time he was in high school. He came to The University of Findlay in 2003 intending to become a history teacher and football coach, but a class in "American Politics," taught by Associate Professor Paul Chwialkowski, Ph.D., reignited his interest. He noted that he received one-on-one attention from the professors in the political science program, and also from an unexpected source, UF president DeBow Freed, Ph.D., who taught a political science course in 2006. "Dr. Freed encouraged me to (run for mayor) and that was appreciated," Brannon said. "If it hadn't been for my education at Findlay, I wouldn't be where I'm at now, I know that for certain."

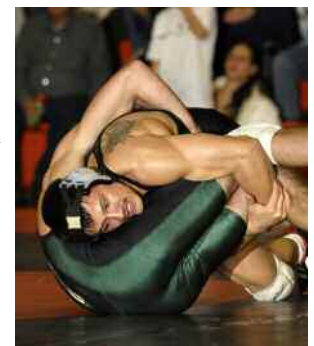


*Adam Brannon, mayor-elect of Bellefontaine, Ohio*

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## **5. Oiler Sports**

- **The University of Findlay athletic department's involvement with the annual Chili Cook-Off to benefit Cancer Patient Services (CPS) is currently featured as a model for community engagement on the NCAA Division II Web site, <http://diicomunity.org/>.** The NCAA encourages other schools to pursue similar activities and even gives site visitors a link to a full description of the event, including an extended description, associated costs, target audience and planning process. According to its Web site, "Division II is committed to developing students and communities by actively engaging in shared experiences." Held each winter in conjunction with a UF women's and men's basketball afternoon doubleheader, the Chili Cook-Off has been put on by the UF athletic department and CPS for the past seven years. A paid ticket to the UF basketball game that afternoon also serves as admission to the chili cook-off, held in the Koehler Fitness and Recreation Complex. In addition to chili tasting, a sports auction is held. For more information, [click here](#).
- **The Roughneck wrestling team**, ranked 16th in National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II, went 2-2 at a quad tournament in Cleveland, Ohio, on Nov. 24. The team defeated North Carolina State University, the reigning Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) champion, and Iowa Central University, the two-time defending junior college champion, while losing to perennial powers Iowa University and Old Dominion University. Senior Antonio Guerra, a two-time national champion, was 4-0 at the event.



*Tony Guerra, two-time national champion.*



*Marcus Parker*

- The Oilers **men's basketball team** is currently ranked fifth in the National Association of Basketball Coaches Poll and is off to a 4-0 start on the season. Junior forward Josh Bostic is currently leading the team at 18.3 points and 8.0 rebounds per game, while junior guard Tyler Evans and sophomore guard Marcus Parker are also averaging in double figures at 14.7 and 12.0 points per game respectively.

- The Oilers **women's basketball team** is currently 1-2 on the year and is being led by freshman forward Kendra Robbins, who is averaging 12.0 points and 6.7 rebounds per game. Junior forward Ashley Westenbarger and junior guard Brittany Wells are also averaging in double figures, clicking for 10.0 points per game apiece.



*Kendra Robbins*

- The University of Findlay had **62 student-athletes** named Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) **All-Academic for the fall semester**.
- Check out Oilers sports at <http://www.findlay.edu>.

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## **6. Alumni Support**



*The late Dr. Vernon E. Garner, former trustee*

- **The University has unveiled an innovative undergraduate student entrepreneurial program funded through a gift by one of the area's most successful entrepreneurs, the late Dr. Vernon E. Garner**, founder of the Garner Transportation Group. This unique opportunity was unveiled during a CEO Roundtable hosted by the College of Business. Dr. Garner was a former member of the University's Board of Trustees and was awarded an honorary doctorate in 1996. The new program, titled the "Dr. Vernon E. Garner Endowed Fund for Entrepreneurial Excellence," allows students to compete for loans for start-up companies they create with faculty guidance. The new companies can begin operation while the founders are still students, and the students can take the companies with them when they graduate. Arrangements for repaying the loans are part of the start-up plan. The revolving loan fund was created with a \$300,000 gift from Dr. Garner. For more details, [click here](#).

- **Is this the time of the year that you make philanthropic gifts to your favorite charities? If so, please remember The University of Findlay.** Gifts to the University can be made easily by visiting [www.findlay.edu](http://www.findlay.edu), and clicking on "Give to Findlay" in the lower right corner. Or, you can also make an end-of-the-year gift using appreciated stock from your portfolio. By doing so, you receive a charitable income tax deduction in the year of the gift as provided by law, and you don't have capital gains taxes to pay. If you are interested in making a gift using appreciated stock, please contact Ann Brossia at [brossia@findlay.edu](mailto:brossia@findlay.edu) or call 800-472-9502 ext. 4794. You can also visit [www.findlay.edu](http://www.findlay.edu), KEYWORD: Planned Giving to learn more about making a gift of appreciated stock.

- **The annual membership drive for the Curtain Raisers Society for the Performing Arts** at The University of Findlay is going on now. Curtain Raisers is a volunteer organization that supports the activities of the theatre and vocal music programs at The University of Findlay. Membership in the organization provides opportunities to receive advance notices of performances throughout the year, invitations to special receptions and the annual Wall of Fame presentation each year, and early season discounts for SummerStock. Additional benefits include opportunities for ushering and other behind-the-scenes support activities. Membership dues provide special opportunities for performing arts students to learn from professional theatre television and movie artists who visit the UF campus, as well as provide funds for receptions, the Wall of Fame awards and other support of the programs and students. If you are interested in joining Curtain Raisers, or to request a membership brochure, please visit [www.findlay.edu](http://www.findlay.edu), KEYWORD: Curtain Raisers, or contact administrative assistant Peggy Gartner at 419-434-4531 or [gartner@findlay.edu](mailto:gartner@findlay.edu).



*The University of Findlay 2007 Performing Arts Wall of Fame inductees included David Dudley and Sue Dudley Whitehouse, accepting on behalf of their late father, Allen P. Dudley, Inez O'Brien Senn and Barbara A. Petti. The annual awards are funded by the Curtain Raisers Society for the Performing Arts.*

- **Denny Zahler '70 and his wife, Barbara, recently created the Zahler Family Endowment Fund** to provide assistance to students participating in a University-sponsored travel abroad program. According to Denny, he and Barbara decided to make the gift after witnessing the impact travel abroad had on their niece, a student at the University of Dayton. Upon endowment, the Zahler Family Endowment Fund will provide scholarship assistance to help a student offset food, lodging or overseas travel expenses.

- **UF alumni and parents who serve on the University Colleagues Advisory Board help connect the University with the local business community.** Area businesses contribute toward scholarships that assist students from the Findlay region. The annual Business Affiliates Scholarship Breakfast, held Oct. 18, 2007, hosted representatives of the participating businesses and provided a venue for them to meet and be thanked by their scholarship recipients. Dana Chair Executive-in-Residence Charles Bishop and Andrew Denhoff, scholarship recipient, were the featured speakers.



*University Colleagues Advisory Board members, from left: Brooks Gray '95, Kurt Ohlrich '97, Tori Durliat '93, Joe Horstman (UF parent), Mary Beth Hammond (UF parent), Alissa Simpson '01 and Joe Young. Not shown: Drew Mihalik '01.*

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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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## **8. Spread the Word...**

- If you know other alumni who would like to receive *ArchLink*, please forward this message.
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for meaningful lives and productive careers.**

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