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Welcome to Arch Link!



Hello UF alumni!! The campus is full of exciting things happening, and the Alumni Board of Governors is working hard to create programs and activities that will be of benefit and interest to you. Hopefully, you will get an idea of what I am talking about after reading this publication.

Looking for something to do? On March 10-11, The University of Findlay will host the 2006 NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships. The event is expected to be the largest sporting event ever held on campus. If you decide to attend, please stop by the alumni hospitality room that will be available throughout the event.

Please remember that to become involved with UF is as simple as keeping us updated on your accomplishments. I invite you to visit our website, <http://www.findlay.edu/> keyword: **alumni**, and fill out the "What's New with You?" form. I would love to hear from you!

~~ Dee Dee Spraw, director, Alumni & Parent Relations



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1. What's Happening on Campus?

- Family Weekend (March 31 – April 2) will be celebrated in conjunction with Sibs and Kids Weekend 2006, “Step into Adventure.” Siblings, cousins and other family members may stay in the residence halls, eat in Henderson Dining Hall, tour campus and participate in the following activities for a \$10 per person registration fee:
 - Showing of *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*
 - Carnival games
 - Giant inflatable attractions
 - Magician/comedian ventriloquist John P. Hopkins
 - Story time and tour of the Mazza Museum of International Art from Picture Books
 - Caricature and airbrush tattoo artists
 - Drawings, prizes and more

For more information see <http://www.findlay.edu> keyword: sibs.

- Other activities on campus for parents, family, and visitors:
 - Friday, March 31: Parents are invited to attend son/daughter's class(es).
 - Saturday, April 1:
 - 9 a.m. Breakfast in Henderson Dining Hall
 - 10 a.m. – 11:30 Tours of campus and off-campus facilities.
 - All Morning: Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) regional competition/English equestrian team will be held in the morning at the James L. Child Jr. Equestrian Complex.
 - All Afternoon: 12:30 p.m. Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) regional show/western equestrian team at the Center for Equine & Pre-Veterinary Studies on C.R. 40 in the afternoon. Prior to the show ALL parents of western equestrian students will be recognized.
- Senior Forum (starting March 22): Learn about animal behavior, pandemics and security, the history of quilting, shade gardens and more from expert instructors during Spring 2006 Senior Forum.

- A flexible learning experience for people age 50 or older, Senior Forum will be held every Wednesday in the Alumni Memorial Union for six weeks beginning March 22.
- Three sessions are offered per day: 10 a.m., noon and 1:15 p.m. All 18 sessions are available for \$65 per person or \$125 per couple. Single sessions are \$5. Discounts are available for early registration before March 10. Buffet lunches are offered for \$5 per day.
- For more information, contact Dr. Doris Salis at 419-434-4672.

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2. Academic Update

- Alumni and staff members of the Nuclear Medicine Institute (NMI) are celebrating the program's 40th anniversary in April 2006. Founded as a hospital-based training program located in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1966, NMI moved in 1984 to the Findlay campus, where it has continued to flourish. For the fall 2006 class, 175 prospective students applied, with only 56 accepted. NMI is associated with 95 hospitals, medical centers and commercial radiopharmacies in 12 states, where students receive hands-on training after completing a semester of theory on campus. NMI's one-year certificate program is accepted by 10 colleges and universities toward completion of a two- or four-year degree in nuclear medicine technology. Alumni are encouraged to share where they are and their latest news. Contact NMI at nmi@findlay.edu. For more information, [click here](#).
- The Mazza Museum will host Golden Books illustrator Ruth Sanderson at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 19, in the museum as a part of the John and Patty Luther Mazza Guest Artist Series. In addition to illustrating Golden Books, Sanderson has done the artwork for the paperback covers for the Nancy Drew and Black Stallion series. Her work has appeared in numerous exhibitions and on collector's plates, greeting cards and other venues. Tickets for the event are \$5 and can be purchased by contacting the Mazza Museum at 419-434-5521 or mccrory@findlay.edu. For more information, see [click here](#).
- Dr. Yevgeniy Kontar, adjunct professor of geology at The University of Findlay, recently traveled to Phuket, Thailand, where he was part of an invited panel at a post-disaster assessment seminar organized by the United Nations. An international expert in oceanography and hydrogeology from the former Soviet Union, Dr. Kontar discussed "The Southeast Asia Tsunami Disaster Aftermath: Development of New Approaches to Coastal Zone Hazard Observation and Warning Systems." For more information, [click here](#).
- Thirteen students, faculty and recent graduates of the Physical Therapy Program attended the American Physical Therapy Association's annual meeting in San Diego, Calif., in early February, where they presented posters based on their research and gave presentations. For more details, [click here](#).

- The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has approved an “agroterrorism” preparedness training course to be offered through the School of Environmental and Emergency Management (SEEM). A course on Foreign Animal Disease Response will be offered for firefighters, law enforcement officers, emergency medical professionals, hazmat specialists, transportation coordinators and the Department of Defense. The course will greatly benefit surrounding communities because of the high concentration of farming and agricultural industries in the region. For more info, [click here](#).
- Six faculty members recently were honored for their teaching excellence.
 - **Douglas S. Salvesson**, professor of art and gallery director, received the Elizabeth S. Gupta Award for Excellence in Fine Arts Teaching.
 - **Maria V. Gamba-Riedel**, assistant professor business, who teaches micro- and macroeconomics and international business, was awarded the Shiv Kumar Gupta Award for Excellence in Business Teaching.
 - **Dr. Michael C. Reed**, professor of TESOL and bilingual education, was named the first Honorary Faculty Chair in the College of Liberal Arts for the 2006-07 academic year.
 - **Dr. Michael T. Homsher**, associate professor of environmental, safety and health management, was named the first Honorary Faculty Chair in the College of Sciences.
 - **Dr. Linda Peck**, professor of animal science and director of the Pre-Veterinary Medicine Program, received the David L. Allen Award for Teaching Excellence.
 - **Dorothy Copas**, assistant professor of education and director of early childhood programs, received the Founders’ Academic Excellence Award.

For more details on faculty awards, [click here](#).

For information about recent faculty promotions and tenure, [click here](#).

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3. Alumni News & Events

- **Save the Dates**
 - Family Weekend, March 31-April 2, 2006
 - Homecoming, October 5-8, 2006
- The Special Events Committee of the Alumni Board of Governors recognized all alumni attending the men’s and women’s basketball games on Saturday, Feb. 25. The house was packed with a sold-out crowd and more than 250 alumni attending. The following were door prize recipients: John Miller ’57, Philip Lawson ’75, Melanie (Miller) Thorbahn ’95 and Jeanne Rustic ’87. A special thanks to Elicia (Nafziger) ’87, Cam (Roberts) Taylor ’67,

Desmond Buford '90, Chris Barbara '97, Anne (Harrington) Mallett '89 and Cassie Ohlrich '99 for helping pass out stickers and shirts to the alumni attending.

- The theme for UF Homecoming 2006 on Oct. 6-7-8 is "Let Your Oiler Pride Flow." New this year, reunions will be celebrated for the classes of '01, '96, '91, '86, '81, '76, '71, '66, '61 and all golden reunion classes of 1956 and prior. Initial planning has started for a possible 5K walk/run, dedication of the 1956 & 2006 class gift, campus tours, a cooking contest, tours of the equestrian farms, recognition of the 20-year anniversary of the environmental program, and many other activities. If you are interested in helping the Alumni Association with the planning of Homecoming 2006, please contact committee chairman Douglas Lyon at cdlyon@coopertire.com or Dee Dee Spraw, UF director of alumni and parent relations, at 419-434-4589 or spraw@findlay.edu. See you at Homecoming!

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4. Alumni Spotlight

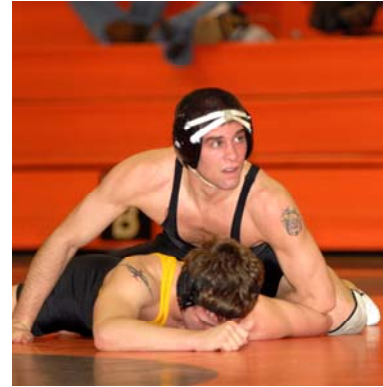
- **Michael H. Mallett** '88, founder of Corporate Research International (CRI) in Findlay, in November had his company recognized as one of America's 500 fastest-growing private companies by Inc. magazine. Established in 1998, the company provides "mystery shopping" services to client businesses who want to assess everything from their customer service to cleanliness of stores. Also provided are integrated telephone and website response, which survey consumers. With three-year sales growth of 346.1 percent, CRI ranked 396 on the list. The company employs 115 people but expects to expand to more than 200 by the end of 2006.
- **Jim Steffen** '94, owner of Jim's Gym, has written a book, "Fun Fitness for Families." It includes healthy eating tips, ways to get the family moving, a five-step success plan and an instructional section of exercise programs he developed. As a fitness coach, Steffen has helped thousands of clients start and maintain healthy lifestyles. According to the American Obesity Association, approximately 30 percent of children and adolescents are overweight and 15 percent are obese. "These statistics are shocking," Steffen said. "Parents need to be the ones leading the lifestyle changes necessary to get healthy." Steffen also is the owner of a new business called Fit to Achieve, LLC, which offers motivational presentations to schools, organizations and corporations.

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5. Oiler Sports

- The men's basketball team has a 25-4 record for the year. They won their fifth consecutive Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference South Division title and are the number-three seed for the 2006 NCAA Great Lakes Regional at Saint Joseph's College on March 11-14 in Rensselaer, Ind. The Oilers are ranked eighth (2/28/06) in NCAA Division II men's basketball.

- The Roughnecks wrestling team will send four individuals to nationals this season as Andy Uhl, Antonio Guerra, Clint Salisbury and Craig Fechko all finished in the top four in their respective weight classes at the 2006 Midwest Regional. Uhl and Guerra each won regional championships in the 133-pound and 149-pound weight classes. Uhl (shown right), a returning national champion, will be vying for back-to-back national championships, following Waylon Lowe's three championships in a row for Findlay from 2002-04. The national championships will be hosted by Findlay on March 10-11, marking the first time UF has hosted an NCAA Division II national championship event.



- The Oilers football team had a great recruiting season, signing 17 athletes to compete in 2006. Of the 17 players who have committed to Findlay, nine of them were named all-state during their senior campaign. The Oilers also added Findlay native Jon Wauford to their coaching staff in the off-season. Wauford, who will take over as the defensive coordinator, coached at UF from 1995-98. He has also coached at Miami University and Kent State University.
- Findlay's men's and women's indoor track and field teams hosted the 2006 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championships on February 24-25. During the event, Kendall Stevens, Kirby Blackley and Danielle Grochowalski all took home championships for the Oilers. Stevens won the 55-meter dash, Blackley won the long jump and 55-meter hurdles and Grochowalski won the 400-meter dash.

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6. Alumni Support

- The beginning of the year is traditionally a slow time for raising unrestricted dollars. Thanks to the generous support of alumni and other friends, 2006 is shaping up differently. The University of Findlay has raised more unrestricted dollars in the first two months of 2006 than in the first two months of any year in the past five. Donors have made unrestricted cash or pledge gift commitments totaling \$66,903 in 2006, compared to just \$5,030 at this point last year.
- Brian '84 and Dr. Teresa Young have played an integral part thus far, making a five-year unrestricted gift commitment of \$25,000. As a trustee, Brian wanted his gift to communicate the message that University leadership is actively engaged in fund-raising efforts.
- In addition to trustee support, each member of the University's executive administration has also made an unrestricted cash or pledge gift commitment. David Ferguson, vice president for development, shares why unrestricted funds are so important. "Unrestricted funds help the University provide some of the \$23 million that is awarded each year for student financial

aid,” he said. “It also provides resources that allow the University to respond to emerging opportunities that enhance the student learning experience.”

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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 to them.
- If you received *ArchLink* from another alum and would like to sign up for it, please e-mail your name, graduation year, major and home address to archlink@findlay.edu.
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for meaningful lives and productive careers.*
