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Welcome to ArchLink!



Greetings, Alumni! I had the honor of attending the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics Conference to see Dr. Jim Houdeshell '53 inducted into its Hall of Fame on June 22. Dr. Houdeshell served as the director of athletics at then-Findlay College from 1955-59 and again from 1971-86.

Through the years, he coached the men's basketball, football, baseball, cross country, and track and field teams, winning conference championships in each sport. Basketball was his defining sport with 430 wins in 30 years. He also served as national president of NAIA, NAIA Athletic Directors Association and NAIA Basketball Coaches

Association. Serving as special assistant to the president since 1999, he also has been commissioner of the Mid-States Football Association for 13 years and commissioner of the NAIA American Midwest Conference for 10 years. Congratulations to Dr. Houdeshell on this honor!



This is just another great accomplishment of one of our own alumni. I love to learn about and have the ability to share what is happening with our alumni. Therefore, remember to keep me updated by filling out the "What's New with You?" form at www.findlay.edu, Keyword: alumni.

~~Dee Dee Spraw '93, director, Alumni & Parent Relations

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1. What's Happening on Campus?

- More than 400 women, including 17 female faculty, staff and students from The University of Findlay and Winebrenner Theological Seminary, participated in the city of Findlay's first Habitat for Humanity Women Build on June 3-18. The UF/WTS volunteers spent their afternoon working together on June 7 to help construct a house that will be given to a single mom raising her two young children. Habitat for Humanity's Women Build provides opportunities for women to tackle all aspects of the male-dominated field of construction to quickly become skilled and engaged volunteers. For more information, [click here](#).



- Summer construction projects abound across campus as preparations are made for students returning in August. Exterior improvements are being made to Bare, Fox, Lovett and Morey residence halls, with Renninger Gym getting a new roof and structural restoration. Restrooms in Croy Physical Education Center are being modified to make them more accessible to people with disabilities. Construction continues on the addition to the Virginia B. Gardner Fine Arts Pavilion for the Mazza Museum (shown right), and the former Findlay campus of Owens Community College is undergoing renovations to accommodate the education, biology and pharmacy programs and to develop common-use classrooms and facilities.



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2. Academic Update

- Sixteen occupational therapy students from both the traditional and weekend college programs were the first to be inducted into The University of Findlay's recently established Gamma Zeta chapter of the Phi Theta Epsilon honor society. The honor society encourages contributions to the advancement of the occupational therapy profession through research and special projects and recognizes scholarship and service among members. Founded in 1958, Phi Theta Epsilon was recognized as a national honor society by the Association of College Honor Societies in 1995. Jacquelyn Chamberlin, assistant professor of occupational therapy, is the faculty adviser. For more information, [click here](#).



- The Intensive English Language Program (IELP) has record summer enrollment with 136 students this year, compared to 66 students last summer. The total number of international students in all programs on campus this summer is 283, compared to 181 last summer.

International students come from Saudi Arabia, Taiwan, India, Korea, China, Japan, Nepal and 17 other countries. The students in the IELP acquire English language skills and a knowledge of American culture, which helps prepare them to succeed in baccalaureate and graduate



courses. Penny Gerdeman, director of international student admissions and services, noted that activities are planned for each Friday to help students adjust to American life and to make friends outside of the classroom. Fabulous Fun Fridays enable international and American students to take summer trips such as attending a Mud Hens game in Toledo or spending a day at Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio.

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3. Alumni News & Events

- **Save the Date**

Oct. 6-8 Homecoming Weekend – “Let Your Oiler Pride Flow”

- **Upcoming Events**

July 2006

July 26 Parent program at Student Registration
 July 26 Ice Cream Social prior to SummerStock production of Disney’s “Beauty and the Beast”

August 2006

Aug. 13 Columbus Summer Send-Off Party/Bob & Catherine Pritts
 Aug. 19 Alumni Board of Governors Meeting
 Aug. 20 Soccer Reunion at Dehaven Field (women at noon; men at 3 p.m.)
 Aug. 20 Cincinnati Summer Send-Off Party - TBD
 Aug. 25 Orientation - Development Office welcome carnival for parents and students
 Aug. 28 & 29 Information booths on campus to direct students to classrooms and answer questions (Alumni Board of Governors)

September 2006

September Early or mid-month Toledo/Michigan alumni event - tentative
 Sept. 22 & 23 Family Weekend

- The Annual Alumni Social was held at the 2006 National Athletic Trainers’ Association Conference in Atlanta, Ga., on June 15. Dr. Donald Fuller, director of the athletic training program, hosted the gathering.

- Alumni are invited to help welcome the Class of 2010 by assisting new students and their parents with moving in on Friday, Aug. 25. Connect with first-year students by working elbow-to-elbow with them on community service projects on Saturday, Aug. 26. For information, call the Alumni Office at 419-434-4516.



- The Western Equestrian Studies Program is planning a 30th anniversary celebration at the All-American Quarter Horse Congress at the Ohio State Fairgrounds on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2006. Mark your calendar early. Don't miss this celebration!
 - o 5:30 - 7 p.m. Dinner for alumni of equestrian and pre-vet programs
 - Location: Ranahans in the southeast corner of the Gilligan Building
 - Cost: Alumni - free; Guests - \$20
 - R.S.V.P. by Sept. 29, 2006, to 419-434-4656 or westernhorses@findlay.edu.
 - o 7 - 9 p.m. Reception open to alumni, students and friends
 - Location: Stallion Avenue in Congress Hall
- Alumni are invited during Homecoming Weekend 2006 to the 20th anniversary of The University of Findlay's Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Management Program, formerly known as Hazardous Materials Management. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend!

Friday, Oct. 6

- o 3 - 6 p.m. Facilities open house
 - Environmental Resource Training Center (ERTC) on Fostoria Road
 - Free barbecue and snacks

Saturday, Oct. 7

- o 3 - 6 p.m. Facilities open house
 - Location: Environmental Resource Training Center (ERTC) at Renninger on campus next to Gardner Fitness Center
- o 6 - 11 p.m. Casual anniversary dinner
 - Location: Findlay Inn & Conference Center, 200 East Main Cross St., Findlay
 - Cost: \$15 per person; cash bar available
 - R.S.V.P. by Aug. 25, 2006, to Diane Zeyen, 419-434-4806 or zeyen@findlay.edu.

- The Columbus After Work Social was held June 2, 2006, at the Columbus Easton Hilton Hotel. More than 50 regional alumni in the Columbus area gathered for a social event that was held from 6 - 9 p.m. Alumni attended from the Class of 2004 to the Class of 1962 - a nice diverse group.

Right: *Earl Fletcher '75 and Marilyn Rice (best dressed)*



Far right: *Brant Rhoad '00, Cassie Arp '03, Kelly Stephenson '04, Ty Road '03*



Welcome newest little UF Oilers:

Rich & Andrea (Decker '94) Brooks
Aidan, born April 11, 2006

Brian & Angela (Adams '91) Rader
Laney Jean, born April 27, 2006

Jeff '96 & Andrea Steiner
Grayson, born May 5, 2006

Rodney & Brooke (Mottram '01) McCracken
Ava Richelle, born May 11, 2006

Ryan '00 and Nicole (Schifer '99) Pelter
Dawson Ryan, born May 15, 2006

Jeff '03 & Danielle (Patteuw '02) Fraser
Lauren Elise, born May 17, 2006

Glenn '93 & Carol (Wehri '96) Miehl
Jeffrey Bryan & Bradley Douglas, born June 6, 2006

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4. Alumni Spotlight

- **Charlie Parker '72** was featured in the spring 2006 official athletic publication of Wayne State University, "Warrior Within." Recently completing his 10th season as an assistant coach with the Dallas Mavericks, he saw the Mavs qualify for the NBA finals for the first time in 26 years. Parker previously coached basketball at the University of Southern California from 1988-96, after serving as head men's basketball coach at WSU from 1983-88. In the article, he credited Dr. James Houdeshell '53, who was his basketball coach at Findlay College, as being his most influential mentor. "He was a Christian man, and I learned a lot about life from him," Parker said. Parker is a member of the Wayne State University Hall of Fame, as well as The University of Findlay Athletic Hall of Fame. UF awarded him an honorary doctor of athletic management degree in 1995 after he served as the speaker for undergraduate commencement ceremonies that year.
- **Dr. Richard Malcolm '55** was one of the featured speakers at Arapahoe Community College's 40th anniversary celebration May 11, 2006. He was honored as the first vice president of instruction at ACC, serving from 1967-71. At the time, he was one of the youngest deans in the country and was named one of the "Outstanding Young Men of America" by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Malcolm established 15 career programs, including a cooperative program in business between Arapahoe Community College, The University of Findlay, Marathon Research Center in Littleton, Colo., and Marathon Oil Company in Findlay. While serving as dean of instruction with Mesa Community College in Arizona, he was named a Distinguished Alumnus in 1988 by The University of Findlay. He also established an extension program for UF at Paradise Valley Community College in Phoenix, Ariz., in 1996-2001. Currently, he teaches in the graduate program of Northern Arizona University and is a member of the UF Alumni Association Board of Governors.



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5. Oiler Sports

- The women's basketball team has added five players to its roster after signing Jessica Vorst, Megan Sellers, Michele Derr, Audra Mihalic and Maggie Gompers.
 - o **Vorst**, a 6-2 center from Lima Bath High School in Lima, Ohio, averaged 15.4 points per game as a senior. She was named honorable mention all-Ohio and was a first team all-Western Buckeye League selection.
 - o **Sellers**, a 5-10 guard/forward from Norwalk High School in Norwalk, Ohio, averaged 19.7 points and 11.9 rebounds per game as a senior. She was named honorable mention all-Ohio and was a first team all-Northern Ohio League selection.
 - o **Derr**, a 5-9 wing from Urbana High School in Urbana, Ohio, averaged 19.6 points, 5.6 rebounds and 4.6 assists as a senior. She was named the District 9 Player of the Year and was a first team all-Central Buckeye Conference selection.
 - o **Mihalic**, a 5-6 guard from Amherst Steele High School in Lorain, Ohio, averaged 17.9 points and 6.1 assists per game as a senior. She was named the Southwestern Conference Player of the Year for the third time as a senior and was an all-Ohio selection as a junior and a senior.
 - o **Gomers**, a 5-6 guard from Wheeling Park High School in Wheeling, W.Va., averaged 14 points, six assists and five rebounds per game as a senior. The McDonald's all-American nominee was a first team all-Ohio Valley Athletic Conference selection as a junior and a senior.
- The men's basketball team announced the signing of Marcus Parker for the upcoming 2006-07 season. Parker, who is from McKinley High School in Canton, Ohio, helped lead the Bulldogs to back-to-back Division I Ohio state titles during the last two seasons. He has a combined two-year record of 51-3, averaged 11 points, five assists and 2.5 steals per game as a senior. He led McKinley in steals and assists each of the past two years. Parker was named first team all-Federal League, first team all-Inland District, first team all-Stark County and first team all-District 4. He capped his senior year by being named third team all-Ohio in Division I by the Associated Press and recently was chosen the MVP of the Stark-Summit County All-Star Classic.

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

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6. Alumni Support

- Mary Alice McDaniel '35 included her alma mater, then Findlay College, in her estate plans. In 1993, Mary Alice established a scholarship fund at the University with an initially small donation. The scholarship would become endowed through her estate plan. She named UF as partial beneficiary of three commercial annuities, a life insurance policy and her living trust. At her death in 2005, her estate gifts totaled over \$119,500 to endow the Mary Alice Foster '35 McDaniel Scholarship Endowment Fund. This scholarship now provides over \$6,900 in scholarship awards annually to deserving students at The University of Findlay. To learn how you can include The University of Findlay in your estate plan, visit: www.findlay.edu, Keyword: planned giving, or contact us at development@findlay.edu.
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- In May 2006, Ron Cable '64 established the Ron Cable '64 Instrumental Music Endowment Fund to benefit students who are participating in at least one instrumental music program, with a preference given to members of the Oiler Brass Marching Band. The first disbursement from the fund will be made to a student in the fall of 2006.

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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.
- If you received *ArchLink* from another alum and would like to sign up for it, e-mail your name, graduation year, major and home address to archlink@findlay.edu. Please remember to add archlink@findlay.edu to your address book/contact list.
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