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IUP Students Live the ‘Suite Life’

If you haven't been on the IUP campus lately, prepare for changes to the landscape when you visit. Two students sharing a dorm room will soon be a thing of the past. In fact, they are no longer called "dorms."

IUP's \$270 million *Student Residential Revival* project will replace or renovate all of the university's 15 student housing facilities into suite-style living. This project, a partnership with the Foundation for IUP, is the largest of its kind in the nation.

Phase I of the project is complete and is stunning - the Suites on Grant,



two buildings with 734 beds, opened this fall. The buildings also house the African American Cultural Center, International Affairs, Social Equity and Civic Engagement, the Information Technology Support Center, and the John P. Murtha Institute for Homeland Security. The

Murtha Institute will move to the Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex when it is completed in 2011.

Phase II of the revival project, now under construction, is directly across from Davis Hall on Maple Street. Phase III is being built on the site where Gordon Hall was torn down.

IUP asked students why they sought off-campus housing and what would encourage them to bunk on campus instead. More than 60 percent of those surveyed said privacy was important. More than 50 percent said that having a living room was also important. Air conditioning was key! (continued on Page 4)

ACE Grad Creates Cyber Art for New Tech Center

Rebecca Sterley, ACE '84, is the director of the Advisor Advocate Office at IUP, a part of the university's information technology group. Rebecca was recently asked to create a collection of three-dimensional works she calls "CircuitryREcycled."

It is on permanent display in IUP's new Information Technology Support Center located in the Suites on Grant Street. Other pieces can be viewed in a new gallery on the ground floor of Stright Hall.

Rebecca's artwork is made from discarded disks, wires, computers and phones - transforming someone else's junk into intriguing designs

created to make students stop and think and to bring a smile to students' faces.

She writes of the creative process: "If a part can't be saved, it is deemed and doomed as end-of-life. Off to a dumpster it goes, and then off to a landfill ~ our land - our fill... Basically, my art work is about having creative fun with all

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MEET THE NEW GRADUATE ASSISTANTS

Brian Scarpiniti is currently a graduate student in Adult Education and Communications Technology. Working as a graduate assistant for the Chair of the Communications Media Department, Dr. Kurt Duddt, he also enjoys creating digital images using programs such as Adobe Photoshop, Flash, and Illustrator.

Elizabeth Kalu came from Kenya and is married with two girls. Elizabeth worked for one year after obtaining her undergraduate degree to feed people who were starving caused by severe droughts that faced Kenya for two years. She has been able to send money home, which has been used to buy food for about two thousand people in the Coast province.

Chad Sherman is the graduate assistant to Dr. Jim Lenze. Together, they are studying the effects of 3D environments on distance education. Their study focuses on the program Second Life. The goal is to offer college courses in a unique way that will maintain the student's interest. Chad also prides himself in being a very handsome young gentleman.



From L to R back row: Jan Woodard, George Koenetes, Brenda Faulcon, Nicole Balsinger
Front Row: Elizabeth Kalu



From L to R: Phil Sarachine, Chris Juengel, John Tabacchi, Brain Scarpiniti, Chad Sherman

George Konetes is happily enrolled in the Adult Education and Communications Technology program. As a graduate assistant, he manages the Portfolio Assistance Center and does technology-related work for the ACE office. After graduation he is considering enrolling in a doctoral program to pursue a career as a professor and perhaps teach martial arts.

Phil Sarachine is working with Dr. Partridge in the Applied Media and Simulation Games Center. He received his undergraduate degree at IUP in Communications Media and is now in the AECT program. The big project he's working on is developing a games and animation unit for the COMM 101 course. He also works in Second Life, a virtual world used in on-line instruction.

Brenda Faulcon, a graduate of the University of Baltimore who came to Indiana six years ago from Baltimore, MD. She is currently employed by New Choices/New Options, a Career Development Service where she conducts workshops on life's soft skills, career exploration, and job search strategies.

Jan Woodard, ACE student writes and consults for the United Methodist Church in Western Pennsylvania, and for a human service agency Indiana Co. CareNet. She's a wife, mom and new grandma.



Meet the New GAs Cont.

Nicole Balsinger is the editor of the newsletter you are currently reading. She is from Ebensburg, PA. Nicole received her bachelor's degree in Communications Media with a minor in English from IUP. She is currently enrolled in the Adult Education and Communications Technology program. She also does office work and is the editor of the PAACE Journal. Go Steelers!

John Tabacchi is a graduate assistant for Dr. Richard Lamberski and is pursuing his Master's Degree in Adult and Community Education.

Chris Juengel is a twenty-two year old from Connellsville PA, with a bachelor's degree in Communications Media with a focus in Asian Cultural Studies and Photography. Chris was an active member of the IUP Fencing and Photography clubs and now is currently the Vice-President of the IUP Chapter of International Game Developers Association. He has a huge interest in photography and Photoshop and is currently planning to go into teaching after completing school.

Faculty Updates

Dr. Richard Lamberski won first place in the eleventh annual Scottish Photo



Contest sponsored by the Ligonier Highland Games. He previously won first place in 2003, second place in 2005, and honorable mention in 2006.



Jeff Ritchey presented "One Nation Under God: Resistance, Identity, and Learning Within a Rural, American,

Atheist Organization" at the thirty-seventh annual Standing Conference on University Teaching and Research in the Education of Adults, held at Stansmillis University College, Queen's University, Northern Ireland.

Recent Graduates



AECT

December, 2006

Kozletsky, Christopher
Kuo, Shiu-Ken (Ken)
Evanick, Joseph
McDonald, Charles
Yeh, Yi-Ai (Eileen)
Wu, Chia-Yin (Sally)
Lu, Huey-Jiun

May 2007

Gadr, Faisal S.
Moore, Teali M.
Roeper, Karl F.
Sylvys, Leanne N.

August 2007 Cont.

Alberth, Brenda F.
Allen, Daniel W.
Boehme, Jamie L.
Carlson, Samuel P.
Christy, Jonathon T.
Cleary, Kacie M.
Cook, Michael A.
DeHaven, Tammy J.
Delach, Jeremiah S.
Dinning, Margaret J.
Fisherowski, Richard T.
Gelles, Michelle L.
Hanek, Catherine J.
King, Mark T.
Link, Michael S.
Noah, Carrie R.
Patrick, Mary Lou
Shaub, Adam C.
Soltesz, Richard T.
Stainbrook, Amy E.
Westover, Tammy L.
Wood, Lucy E.

ACE

December 2006

Grove, Rachael A.
Beidle, Jennifer L.
Mohammed, Adams M.

May 2007

Thomas E. Dyniec
August 2007
Bair, Jacqueline A.
Cutts, Cassandra L.
Ferczak, Erika L.
Gides, Andrew J.
Hershberger, Jody L.
Isabella, Angela
Jackel, Cheri A.
Luther, Amanda M.
Manns, Rosanne E.
Permigiani, Donna J.
Peterson, Talaine M.
Rouse, Deidrinelle N.
Rock, Rebecca J.
Schmucker, Scott W.
Shaffer, Tammy R.
Sheperd, Andrea K.
Webb, Patricia H.

Inspiration Corner

"In a world that is constantly changing, there is no one subject or set of subjects that will serve you for the rest of your life. The most important skill to acquire now is to learn how to learn."

- John Nesbitt

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."

- Gandhi



Spotlight

Sean Howard

“Empowering people to think for themselves”

“ACE empowers people to think for themselves,” says Sean Howard, ACE, '07. He should know. Howard, age 40, has spent about half his life as an adult educator, from Niger to Seattle.

“Without adult education, people are trapped in a mindset that’s controlled by the mass media,” he says.

Sean worked as a peace core volunteer in Niger, Africa. Currently employed by Family Behavioral Resources in Indiana as a therapeutic support staff member, Sean plans to seek a PhD in Adult Education. One of his goals is to be a wilderness therapist, helping people “return to their roots” by providing outdoor settings where they learn survival skills.

Sean took part in the ARIN tutoring opportunity offered through ACE 625 and remains a literacy

volunteer. His primary focus as a community volunteer, however, is with Friends of White’s Woods. FWW



was formed to protect White’s Woods, a beautiful natural setting near campus, from a timbering plan. Sean has been instrumental in informing the community about the timbering plan.

“White’s Woods is a unique ecosystem. Other communities would love to have something like this, and

it’s only a five-minute walk from the Indiana County Courthouse,” says Sean, rattling off trees found there – oaks, cherry, beech, maples, even the rare American Chestnut which once covered Eastern forests. Bear, deer, turkey, and pileated woodpeckers - the largest woodpeckers in America - all travel through or make their home, there.

ACE professor Jeff Ritchey has great respect for Sean. “He has all the qualities of a fine adult and community educator—he’s humble, curious, committed and generous to a fault. And Sean listens—really listens—to the people he’s engaging. He doesn’t rush to judgment or quickly offer-up a solution. Instead, he makes a connection, forms relationships—that’s very much at the core of our discipline and Sean does it with genuine authenticity and sincerity,” Jeff said.

IUP Students Live the ‘Suite Life’ (Continued)

Other projects changing the face of IUP include renovating Wilson Hall and the \$12.6 million Fisher Auditorium renovation project which features a 20,500-square foot addition connecting Fisher to Waller Hall.

With road closings and construction barriers, it’s dusty and challenging right now to navigate campus on foot or by car. The completed Suites on Grant provide a great picture of the future – stay in touch with us to see more positive results!





What's Happening?

ACE and AECT Graduates and Students Are Doing Big Things.

Nurun N. Begum (ACE '04) Has completed her PhD in 2007 and is now an Assistant Professor of Early Childhood and Elementary Education at East Stroudsburg University, PA. Her



research interests include academic achievement of young children, and challenges of immigrant and minority children in the educational setting.

Kacie Cleary- (AECT '07) is a recent graduate of the AECT program, and is now working as a



Instructional Technology Support Specialist for St. Anselm College in Manchester, NH.

Levonía E. Freelove (ACE '02) is attending Capella University in Minnesota to continue on for a Doctorate in Postsecondary Education, and Adult Education.



Brenda Green (ACE '98) was recently named President of C.H.O.I.C.E (Concern for Health Options Information Care and Education) in Philadelphia.

Joyce Hanley (ACE '78) was named California University of Pennsylvania and the State System of Higher Education's first executive vice president.

Pam Hravbovasky (ACE '97) has recently been promoted to Section Coordinator in Deposit Services at First Commonwealth Bank in Indiana, PA.

Chia-Chun (Josh) Hsu (AECT '06) has accepted a staff position at Chao-Yang University of Technology in Taichung, Taiwan.



Leilani Mallare (ACE) is the Director of Quality guiding safety initiatives and working to implement an internet



based education program to get her staff into expert levels.

Roseanne E. Manns (ACE '07) was offered the position of life skills instructor for the Program for Offenders in Oakland, and is very excited about beginning her career as an adult educator.



Mohammad Mashoud (ACE '06) is working for the Community Living and Learning Center in Clymer. He helps people to get involved in the community. He also plans to pursue a Doctorate next year.



Kathy Mukasa (AECT '00) recently started working part-time for the Community Living and Learning Center.

Deidrinelle Rouse (ACE '07)



began a new job in August right next to Lake Ontario for SUNY Oswego.

David H Schwab (ACE '99) is working for CCAC north campus as head of Campus Police and is also Adjunct Professor in the West Hills at the Center teaching Behavioral Science Division.

The ACE and AECT departments would like to encourage alumni and current students to share 'what's happening' with them. All correspondence should go to Dr. Gary Dean at gjdean@iup.edu

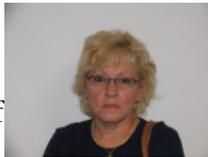


What's Happening? Cont.

Laura Slebodnick (AECT) was recently hired as a Training Consultant for Delta Health Technologies in Altoona, PA.



Marie Stewart (ACE) was promoted to department Director of the Newport School of Business, and has been officially accepted into the Magna Cum Laude Organization.



Huey-Jiun Lu (Christine) (AECT '06) is now an assistant for a professor in charge of the digital media design educational center

at a university in Taiwan.

Jacqueline Amor- Zitselberger (ACE '94) is now working for Penn State Cooperative Extension in Clearfield County as a Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Educator for the Better Kid Care Program. In this program she provides training for child care providers who are required by the Department of Public Welfare to receive training each year.

Award Winners

Three students were honored at the May, 2007 graduation ceremony. Tom Dyniec was recognized as the Margaret Mahler Outstanding Student in Adult and Community Education. Tom is employed with the ARIN Intermediate Unit in their Center for Education. He directs ARIN's adult basic education programs.



Jennifer Beidle was given the Margaret Mahler Outstanding Research award for her research project, "The Experiences, Attitudes, and Perceptions of Pittsburgh Police Officers Regarding Higher Education in a Non-criminal Justice Related Field of Study." Jenn, a Lieutenant with the Pittsburgh Police, interviewed eight Pittsburgh police officers to conduct this qualitative study.



Michael Link received the Klingensmith award for Excellence in Communications Technology. He worked as a graduate assistant under Dr. Dennis Ausel and excelled in photography. He had the best online portfolio out of all of the applicants and surpassed the competition with his unique style for taking pictures.



ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Spring 2008

Registration Begins
Classes Begin
Spring Break
Classes End
Reading Day
Final Exams
Commencement

Monday, October 16, 2007
Monday, January 14, 2008
March 10, 2008-March 16, 2008
Monday, April 28, 2008
Tuesday, May 29, 2008
April 30, 2008-May 6, 2008
Saturday May 10, 2008



ACE Grad creates Cyber Art for New Tech Center (continued from page 1)



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the doomed circuitry! Freed from their external casings the exposed computer components offer the eye an intrigue of design, composition, texture and flow. Tearing off the casings of the heavy computer cables reveals a twisted array of colorful wires. The circuitry, motherboards, fans, wires and bits seem to beg to be amalgamated and fused into a new synergy form!"

Bill Balint, IUP's Chief Information Officer of Technology Services, speaks highly of Rebecca's contribution to the state-of-the-art technology center. "She gets 100 percent credit for warming this place up," he said. "Rebecca has helped mold us, she helped us bridge a gap. We're now an organization with creativity in it. Wherever she is, she will mold IUP into a better place because of her dedication and commitment to people."

For the IT center's conference room, Rebecca created three panels. The trio, called "Silica Infusions," marries stained glass with modern motherboards. For the Stright Hall

gallery, she designed work that attempts to explain each of the department's programs.

One of Rebecca's other great loves is traveling. In the mountains in Thailand, near Burma, she hired a driver who took her to the hill tribes, where she visited a camp where elephants were trained for logging. She spent hours with the mammoth



animals, and asked the 'mahut' (elephant driver) to take her on a ride.

Rebecca rode Moon through the tropical setting, an unforgettable day. "We went through the jungle with monkeys hooping and birds calling. It was a glorious experience. That's when I decided I had to get closer to elephants."

After visiting Thailand, she volunteered to work with rescued elephants at the Riddle Elephant Sanctuary at the International School for Elephant Management in Arkansas. There she became friends with Mary, who she describes as "an Asian elephant artist." The art that resulted from that encounter now hangs in Rebecca's living room.

She saw the benefit of community education even in the rural setting of

Thailand. "Every tribe had their own language arts culture and village school. One of the most precious hours of my life was spent with children excited to show me their art work, without exchanging a word in English."

Rebecca spent almost 25 years in the IUP School of Continuing Education, working with part-time undergraduate adult students.

Worldwide, she sees the benefits of education across the life span. She recalled traveling on a train across Mongolia with two women, as they all sipped tea from china teacups. "We talked and they became excited about the possibility of getting an education for themselves and for their children," she said. "Life long learning is energizing and global, and it's increasing every year."

Rebecca's art is a reflection of her concern for the world and the people in it – especially young people. Her use of recycled materials is one small way to express stewardship of limited resources.





**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN ADULT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY
2007-2008**

Pennsylvania Association for Adult Continuing Education Midwinter Conference on Adult Education (PAACE)
Hershey, PA February 6 – 8, 2008
<http://www.paacesite.org/>

19th Annual Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education Conference (SITE)
Las Vegas, NV March 3 – 7, 2008
<http://site.acee.org/conf/>

49th Annual Adult Education Research Conference (AERC)
The University of Missouri – St. Louis June 5 – 7, 2008
<http://www.adulterc.org/>

38th Annual Standing Conference on University Teaching and Research in the Education of Adults (SCUTREA)
University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland July 2–4, 2008
<http://www.scutrea.ac.uk/>

27th Annual Midwest Research to Practice Conference in Adult, Continuing, & Community Education (MR2P)
Western Kentucky University Bowling Green, KY October 2 – 4, 2008

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