

Two Appointed to Senior Positions

AFTER NATIONAL SEARCHES, President Tony Atwater has selected Dr. Cheryl Samuels as IUP's new provost and vice president for Academic Affairs and Dr. Robert Davies as vice president for Institutional Advancement and executive director of the Foundation for IUP.

Samuels will begin work at IUP on March 1, while Davies will begin February 13.

Samuels previously served as provost and vice president of academic affairs at Texas Woman's University and as dean of the College of Health Sciences and professor of Community and Environmental Health at Old Dominion University. She also served as dean of the College of Allied Health and Nursing and professor of health sciences at Minnesota State University.

These positions were preceded by twenty years of experience at the University of Maryland at Baltimore as the acting vice president for academic affairs; on special assignment as special assistant to the president; on special assignment to the Maryland Institute of Emergency Medical Services System as special assistant to the system's director for Strategic Planning and Program Development; and as chair of the Dental Hygiene program.

Samuels earned a Bachelor of Science in Education from Ohio State University; a Master of Science in Dental Hygiene Education from University of Michigan, and a Ph.D. in Policy Sciences from the University of Maryland at Baltimore County. She also holds a certificate of Dental Hygiene from Ohio State.

Samuels is a member of many professional associations and has held a wide variety of leadership positions within these



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organizations. She also has been an invited presenter at forums, panels, symposia, and conferences internationally on topics ranging from health care to building coalitions to mentoring and research to ethics and the university. She has served as a consultant to a number of organizations, committees, and accreditation programs and has served as a consultant for the World Health Organization for Community Care Model Project in Thailand and Japan.

She has been an invited professional journal and textbook reviewer and has many published works to her credit in the field of dental hygiene and other topics related to higher education.

Davies comes to IUP from the University at Buffalo, where he currently serves as associate vice president in the division of alumni relations and development. He previously served as executive director and director of alumni relations at Boise State University. Prior to that, he was the director of annual giving and associate director of alumni relations at the University of Nevada,

Reno. He also has worked as a business analyst with Dun & Bradstreet.

At the University at Buffalo, he worked as a member of the senior team overseeing the successful conclusion of a capital campaign that exceeded its \$250 million goal to raise more than \$290 million. In this position, he has been regularly involved in the planning process and ongoing management for the entire division, which includes prospect

research, annual fund, data management, development, planned giving communications, marketing and planning, and preparing for capital campaign work.

While at the University of Nevada, Davies was part of a team that raised more than \$140 million for the university's capital campaign, surpassing the stated goal of \$105 million.

As a recognized leader and innovator in his discipline, Davies has frequently led discussions and presentations on core issues regionally, nationally, and internationally in the field of university advancement. Most recently, his article, "The Myths and Realities of Strategic Planning," is due to appear in *Currents*, the journal of the Council for Advancement and Support of Higher Education (CASE).

He has been active in his communities of Reno, Boise, and Buffalo through memberships and leadership roles in public service groups and agencies. He was selected by the *Boise Business First* publication as an outstanding business leader in 2000 and by *Idaho Business Review* as a



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40 Under 40 Award recipient in 2000.

Davies received his bachelor's degree in Management from the University of Nevada, Reno; his Master of Business Administration degree with emphasized curriculum in finance and marketing from the University of Oregon; and his Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from the State University of New York at Buffalo. ☺

Football's New Era



KEITH BOYER

Lou Tepper was named head football coach, replacing Frank Cignetti, who retired in November. The former head coach at the University of Illinois, who has vast coaching experience, he comes to IUP directly from Edinboro; his teams have beaten IUP three years running. "We will not be a success unless we are doing better academically, better socially, vying for championships, and we have real unity and a positive presence on this campus," Tepper said at a press conference earlier this month. Tepper is not unfamiliar with IUP: His father-in-law, William Oleszewski '49, played football for the legendary George P. Miller; his sister, Nancy Ondrejek, graduated in 1958; and his wife, Karen, graduated in 1967.

"I have known Lou Tepper since I recruited him for Rutgers in the 1960s," said Chuck Klausung, who served as IUP's coach from 1964 to 1969 after serving at Rutgers University. "I like his approach of treating all players the same as I did during my coaching career. I believe he will emphasize having good citizens on the field as well as off the field."

Duggan Scholarship Close to Mark

THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND established in the name of a late trustee is nearing its million-dollar goal.

The Bob Duggan Distinguished Scholarship Fund, established with an initial half-million-dollar pooling of several

unrestricted gifts, would originally have funded eleven \$2,000 scholarships annually. With overwhelming support of family and friends, the fund's goal was increased to \$1 million. According to Bonnie Juliette, interim special assistant to the

president for university development, it will have the potential to generate more than 20 scholarships each year after it reaches its goal.

As of January 9, the fund had climbed over the \$700,000 mark. (continued on page 3)

Faculty and Staff Stars

Inventory Control, Ocean Drilling, and Kierkegaard

Accounting

Mohamed Ghobashy's article, "Inventory Control Problems: Cases from Literature and Real Life Experience," was accepted for publication in the *Business Review of People Education Society*, which is published in India. He is on sabbatical to produce another book-size translation into Arabic of selected *Statement of Financial Accounting Standards* issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board. The series is widely distributed to the accounting departments at universities throughout the Arab world, to Arab accounting organizations, and to Arab students of accounting.

Art

Furniture and sculpture work of Steve Loar and Christopher Weiland, both of the Center for Turning and Furniture Design, will be included in an exhibition organized by the Ohio Craft Museum. Following its closing in March, the show will travel to IUP for a May opening in Kipp Gallery.

Communications Media

Two of Kurt Dudd's poems recently were published. "Winter Chill" appeared in *Poets Podium* and "Red-Tailed Hawk" in *The Loyalhanna Review*.

Geoscience

Steven Hovan has been appointed to the U.S. Advisory Committee for Ocean Drilling, which is the U.S. Science Support Program's advisory body for U.S. participation in the Integrated Ocean Drilling Program and wider issues in scientific ocean drilling.

Health and Physical Education

Three of J.B. Smith's articles have been published. *The National Swimming Pool Foundation Newsletter* carried "The CPO and Swim Meets: A Crucial Combination." The American Swim Coaches Association newsletter carried "Swim Meet Management, Then and Now: Can You Spell 'Technology'?" *NISCA Journal* carried "The Kickoff Classic: Not Just for College Football Season."

Mathematics

The local chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society, presented John Baker with the Excellence in Education Award. Student co-president Katie McCutcheon wrote, "Dr. Baker's dedication to his students, passion for mathematics, and great teaching abilities earned him this award."

Baker's article, "Age Adjustment and Related Epidemiology Rates in Education and Research," will be published in *Gerontology and Geriatrics Education*. The article's co-authors were graduate student Joyce George and Anthropology faculty member Laurence Kruckman. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recently altered the age adjustment standard, and this article focuses on the impact of that change in teaching and research.

Philosophy

The latest edition of the *Southwest Philosophy Review* carries an article by Ian Duckles called "Kierkegaard's Irrationalism: A Response to Davenport and Rudd."

Political Science

The European Institute of the Mediterranean invited Gawdat Bahgat to write a chapter on American oil companies in Libya. It will be published in the *2006 Mediterranean Yearbook* in Spanish, English, and French. Bahgat's article "Oil Security: Preliminary Assessment and Potential Implication" was accepted for publication in *Texas Journal of Oil, Gas, and Energy Law*. His book, *Israel and the Persian Gulf: Retrospect and Prospect*, published by the University Press of Florida, was released last month.

Spanish

Foreign Language Annals has published "The Integrated Performance Assessment (IPA): Connecting Assessment to Instruction and Learning," an article coauthored by Eileen Glisan.

Student Affairs Division

The Office of Housing and Residence Life was designated a Gold Institution in the 2005 Educational Benchmarking Commitment to Excellence awards program, sponsored by Educational Benchmarking, Inc., a company that provides assessment services to higher education institutions. The award recognizes outstanding dedication and commitment to continuous improvement. ☺

Commencement



Atwater and Cejka

At December's commencement festivities, 160 master's degrees and 35 doctoral degrees were awarded during the graduate ceremony, where Dwayne Marshall, who earned his Ph.D. in Administration and Leadership Studies, served as the student speaker. A posthumous degree was awarded to Beth Rainey, a student

in the Master of Arts in English program, who died in May. At the undergraduate ceremony, 634 bachelor's degrees and five associate's degrees were awarded. Of the bachelor's degree recipients, 247 qualified for Latin honors by achieving at least a 3.25 cumulative grade point average. Posthumous degrees were awarded to Ryan Kovacicek, a Criminology major, and Eric Slebodnik, a History major, both of whom were killed in Iraq. Pictured are President Tony Atwater with Albert ("Tim") Cejka '73, CEO of ExxonMobil Exploration, who received an honorary Doctorate of Science degree (Sc.D.), and Andrew Sandberg, an accounting major who served as the student speaker at the undergraduate ceremony.

Sandberg



Gifts Fund Cogswell Rooms

MEMBERS OF the Department of Music are getting to know their new surroundings in the revitalized Cogswell Hall, including three new rooms that are the result of gifts from alumni.

The Gwendolyn and James Botti Music Practice Room was made possible through the generosity of Shirley Filcik '53, who wanted to honor the wedding

anniversary of her college roommate and her husband, both of whom studied music at IUP.

The Jay L. Althouse Rehearsal Room is named in honor of a member of the Class of 1973 who is a musical composer, arranger, editor, and author.

The Joan Frey Boytim Vocal Studio is named for a member of the Class of 1955 who also made her donation in memory of long-time faculty member Gladys Dunkelberger.

Photos of the renovated facility will appear in the February edition of IUP Reporter. ☺

ABOUT IUP REPORTER

IUP Reporter is produced monthly for employees and friends of IUP by the Communications Office.

Deadline for the February edition is January 31.

Submissions may be sent to my-news@iup.edu or sent by campus mail to the Communications Office, 322 Sutton Hall. Call 724-357-3062.



Student Stars

Fine Accolades Come to Fine Arts Students

MANY STUDENTS in the College of Fine Arts have reached milestones.

Carnegie Hall: Here We Come

After successful auditions, three musicians have qualified to perform with the National Wind Ensemble at Carnegie Hall in May. Saxophonist Ben Faris and bassoonists Andrew Machamer and Leah Plimpton will perform with a group of the country's seventy-five best student musicians. Faris is a student of Keith Young, and Machamer and Plimpton are students of Jason Worzbyt.

"We really appreciate the hard work of Dean [Michael] Hood, Dr. [Lorraine] Wilson, and

Dr. [Mark] Staszkiwicz in their efforts to support our participation in this fine ensemble," said Faris.

This month, flutist Kaelyn Sophabmixay performed with the National Festival Orchestra at Carnegie Hall. She was one of eighty musicians chosen through an audition process. She is a student of Therese Wacker.

Two of Six

Only six performances are selected each year for the Kennedy Center American College Theater Region II Festival. This year, two of the six are IUP productions.

Minor Demons, written by alumnus Bruce Graham and

performed by IUP's Theater-by-the-Grove, took the stage along with student Dennis Bagneris's play *Pockets* at the Region II competition in New Paltz, N.Y., this month. Region II includes colleges and universities in Pennsylvania, New York, Delaware, New Jersey, and Washington, D.C.

"This is so rare. I know of no other time that a school has had two performances selected in our region," said Barbara Blackledge, director of *Minor Demons* and department chairperson.

In addition to the two performances nominated, thirty-nine students, six faculty members, and one staff member will be present for the festival. A scene from one of last semester's productions, *Uncle Vanya*, will be performed as part of the festival's Evening of Scenes.

National Award

IUP's chapter of the National Art Education Association has been named Most Outstanding Student Chapter. The students painted murals at Pittsburgh's Children's Hospital as part of the National

Art Education Association Children and Artistic Link through Murals project; raised funds through two benefit concert events to purchase arts and crafts supplies for Children's Hospital; did hands-on arts and crafts workshops with the children at a Pittsburgh Hospital; organized and presented Bright Ideas, which are programs about art for elementary children at the University Museum; and presented arts and crafts activities for Indiana County's Children's Alley at the New Growth Arts Festival. ☺

New Program Developed for LPNs

THE PENNSYLVANIA State Board of Nursing has approved a new program for licensed practical nurses to come to IUP to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

Michele Gerwick, chairperson of the Nursing and Allied Health Professions Department, is confident the LPN to BSN program will help to alleviate the current shortage of qualified nurses.

"We originally thought there would only be about ten students, but now we think there will be many more," she said.

The program received approval last month following a proposal developed by the department's curriculum committee. The state board of nursing regulates all nursing programs at IUP. ☺

Liberal Studies: Creating the Blueprint

WHILE THE PROCESS of revising the Liberal Studies curriculum began more than two years ago, it will continue, according to the program's director, Mary Sadler, for the next few years.

The decision to review the program was based largely on surveys, on data from the Middle States self-study, and on trends

in higher education. Part of the process has included the committee's effort to build consensus on campus for a course of action.

"We have had discussions with key groups on campus — met with departments by invitation; held a series of luncheons with faculty and administrators (continued on page 4)

Duggan Scholarship... (continued from page 1)

Robert Duggan, the former CEO of S&T Bank, served on the university's Council of Trustees from 2001 until the time of his death in 2004.

At a recent reception, Susan Delaney, chairperson of the university's Council of Trustees, said, "All of us who knew Bob as a friend or professional associate, we knew that Bob was a team player. He valued each and every member of the team, regardless of the role that was played. In recognition of this, we have formed an initiative known

as 'Bob's Team,' and we will ask all of you to become members.

"Because of Bob's role in making Indiana a special place to live, work, and raise families, his wife, Omah, has suggested that Bob would have liked the members of Bob's Team to play a more active role in the scholarship, including meeting student recipients each year."

Juliette said plans are underway for an annual celebration that will bring together members of Bob's Team and the students who receive scholarships from the fund. ☺

Good Fellows



The university honored its Legislative Fellow and Friend of Higher Education Award recipients during a luncheon in December. The Legislative Fellow program provides the honoree with opportunities to visit classrooms and learn more about the university. The Friend of Higher Education Award is given in recognition of an individual's continued support and advocacy for public higher education in Pennsylvania. Both were initiated by the university and by the local chapter of the Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculties. From left are President Tony Atwater, Rep. Tim Surra (Legislative Fellow), Rep. Mike Hanna (Friend of Higher Education), and John Henry Steelman, IUP APSCUF president.

In Transition

The following employees have joined the university:

- Brian Sciotto, information technology technician, College of Natural Science and Mathematics, January 3.
- Barry DuBois, labor relations manager, Office of Human Resources, January 9.
- Christy Heid, outreach/career coordinator, Northpointe Campus, January 3.
- Wendy Kopczyk, clerk typist, Workforce and Economic Development Program, Eberly College of Business and Information Technology, January 3.
- Jeffrey Stadler, purchasing agent 2, Purchasing Office, January 16.

The following employees have moved to new positions:

- Thomas Borellis, from landscape architect in Engineering and Construction to student housing project manager in the Vice President for Administration and Finance Office, December 10.
- Jessica Snyder, from clerk typist in Human Resources to College of Natural Science and Mathematics, January 3.
- Melissa Stiffler, from clerk typist in Human Resources to Eberly College of Business and Information Technology, January 3.

The following employees have resigned:

- Lisa Watson, Center for Student Life, December 23.
- Felix Hamza-Lup, Computer Science, December 31.
- Karen Thiel, College of Natural Science and Mathematics, January 3.
- Stacy Hopkins, Admissions, January 6.
- Patricia McCarthy, Financial Aid, January 6.
- Deborah Strickland, Nursing, January 6. ☺



Preparing for the Middle States Visit

THE MIDDLE STATES Evaluation Team, armed with the 120-page self-study report and more than a thousand pages of appendices and other documentation, will be on campus March 20-22.

According to Nicholas Kolb, who chairs the Middle States steering committee, more than two hundred people on campus have served on twenty subcommittees to produce nearly seven-

ty recommendations. Those have been distilled into four key recommendations:

- Revise the university's mission statement to focus concisely on the essential values and

define identity and purpose, so that it can become the base upon which a strategic planning process may be built.

- Implement a model of strategic management for con-

tinuous improvement that supports the university's academic purpose.

- Ascertain the effectiveness of the curriculum by assessing student learning as it relates to program, college, and institutional goals, and then use the results to improve the curriculum and learning environment.

- Promote an ethos of flexibility and innovation throughout the university. The self-study offers the president a comprehensive and in-depth look at the institution, one he can use to encourage greater flexibility and innovation in operational, financial, and academic areas that are guided by the university's mission, strategic plan, and concern for students.

Open meetings with the evaluation team will be held on March 20 and 21. Specific times and locations will be posted on the university's calendar (www.events.iup.edu). Details about the Middle States effort at IUP may be found at www.iup.edu/middle-states.

Liberal Studies...

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on the topic of trends in general education and revision at IUP; reported to the University Senate, Council of Chairs, Council of Deans, and APSCUF; have distributed materials on trends in general education; and articulated the need for change," Sadler said. "The idea of consensus is ongoing and will continue throughout the process. These initial steps were designed to make the case for why the curriculum at IUP needs to be revised. We have asked for department liaisons who will consult with the Liberal Studies Revision Steering Committee as the process continues. The process of developing a set of outcomes (student learning outcomes) is now in progress. The draft was distributed to all faculty and students last semester...and now the

committee is responding to the input we received."

The committee will report to the University Senate on the student learning outcomes this semester. A next step is to create a blueprint that will guide the process.

"We have gathered much data about best practices at different universities. We have many models of general education to begin thinking of the best way to design a curriculum that is academically sound, innovative, relevant, user friendly, efficient, and coherent," said Sadler. "We will continue to engage faculty from all disciplines to assist in consulting roles as the work of designing the blueprint and new requirements takes shape."

Happy Day



EMILY JAROS

Last month, U.S. Rep. Bill Shuster presented a symbolic check to area officials for \$405,000 in federal funding. It will be used toward the \$10 million cost to purchase property along Wayne Avenue that will house the proposed Regional Development Center and Sports Complex. The complex is considered an important project for campus life and for economic development in the region. To date, nearly 80 percent of the necessary funding has been committed to purchase and clean the property, while a substantial amount has been raised and committed for construction of the complex. From left are Indiana Borough mayor George Hood; Indiana County commissioner Rodney Ruddock; Indiana County commissioner Bernie Smith; IUP president Tony Atwater; Shuster; and Carson Greene, interim president of the Indiana County Development Corporation.



For all dates, events, and details, see the online Central Calendar by accessing www.iup.edu; follow the link marked "Calendar."

IUP CALENDAR

- January 28** • Golden Dragon Chinese Acrobats
- February 2** • *OklaHoma!*
- February 15** • Undergraduate Scholars Conference Entry Deadline (Takes place April 4)
- February 17 and 18** • Graduate Interdisciplinary Conference
- February 17** • Hidden Treasure: The University Museum Collection at Thirty Years
- Now Through February 17** • Eric Burdon and the Animals

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