

Luckey Appointed to Permanent VP Post

FOLLOWING A NATIONAL SEARCH, President Tony Atwater has named Rhonda Luckey as vice president for Student Affairs, effective February 1. Luckey has served as interim vice president for student affairs since August 2003. She also served in this capacity from August 2000 to April 2002.



Luckey

2003 to August 2004 and as interim dean of admissions since May 2005. She served as the associate vice president for Student Affairs from November 1997 to August 2000 and as the interim assistant vice president for Student Affairs from May 1996 to November 1997.

Prior to serving as director of IUP's Health Service from 1988 to 1999, Luckey worked at Armstrong-Indiana Intermediate Unit, facilitating strategic planning, management systems analysis, human resource management and staff development, research, grant writing, and public relations. She served as a consultant to Indiana Hospital (now Indiana Regional Medical Center) and as director of pediatric rehabilitation at Indiana Health Center, creating a new home-based health care service for at-risk infants and preschoolers. Before coming to Indiana, she worked in Illinois and Missouri.

Luckey earned a Bachelor of Arts in psychology and a Master of Science degree in public health from University of Missouri and a Doctor of Education in administrative and policy studies from University of Pittsburgh. She has received a number of professional honors and awards, including invited memberships in the National Residence Hall Honorary Society and Delta Epsilon Iota and Phi Kappa Phi academic honor societies. She was a nominee for the Indiana County Athena Award in 2003 and 2005. She also is a member and holds leadership positions in many professional organizations and is active in many IUP committees and boards.

She has a number of publications to her credit and has been an invited presenter on topics ranging from health care issues, student affairs and admissions issues, and leadership for women. She is a member of Rotary International and is president of Zonta Club of Indiana. ☺

"This is an exciting time in the university's history," Luckey said. "Serving as the senior student affairs officer provides a wonderful opportunity to assist in the transformation of the campus experience for our students and enhance the delivery of programs and services designed to advance their success both in and out of the classroom."

While serving as interim vice president, Luckey also served as dean of undergraduate admissions from August

Mine Maps, Coal History Just a Search Away

THE UNIVERSITY is playing a role in making Pennsylvania coal mines safer.

IUP Libraries will assist the Pennsylvania Bureau of Deep Mine Safety with the creation of a statewide mine map database. The bureau has provided IUP with a \$125,000 Cruse digital camera to scan and digitize large-format maps. While the database will make accurate mine maps readily available to help ensure miner safety, it also could be used by communities planning construction or renovation projects to ensure underground stability.

In conjunction with the project, IUP received a gift of \$36,777 from Rosebud Mining Company of Kittanning and a grant of \$15,000 from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission to help organize and process the collection.

In the wake of the 2002 Quecreek Mine accident, the bureau approached IUP about

creating a database of mine maps to improve safety.

"From the beginning of the discussions, we readily agreed to support this important initiative," said Rena Fowler, dean of IUP Libraries. "Long before IUP was founded, coal fueled the rise of U.S. industry. It remains an essential resource and with it come risks and costs. The records of the industry are a resource themselves, and here at IUP, we have taken great pride in collecting these records in our Special Collections archive so that the past may serve the future."

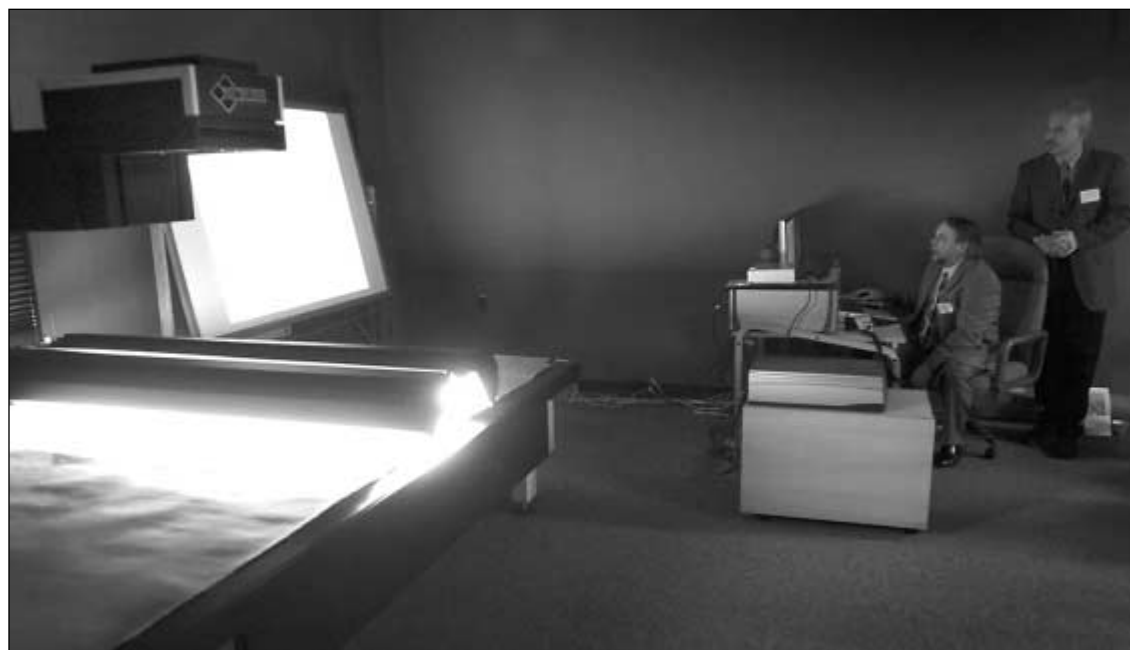
While faculty and staff members of the Libraries' Special Collections, Library Technology, and Media Services departments have been working for the past two years to bring this project to fruition, the university also has a silent partner.

"We also would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the efforts of Senator Don White, who has worked tirelessly with

various state agencies to see these projects through," said Fowler.

In 1998, the university received from CONSOL Energy, Inc., the records of Rochester and Pittsburgh Coal Company, which significantly added to the resources of the Special Collections archives. CONSOL Energy also has provided financial support to IUP to help organize the collection. The gift included R&P's artifacts and files as well as mine maps that charted the location of the coal seams throughout the region, Fowler said.

"The CONSOL donation was a critical contribution not only for IUP but for the public and private good," Fowler said. "These papers and maps have been highly sought by the public, the coal industry, public agencies—including those who protect mining, and many scholars in many different disciplines." ☺



Libraries staff member Doug Shumar demonstrates a scan to Ed Zimmerman.

Housing Replacement Update

The Foundation for IUP's Board of Directors has accepted the university's proposal for IUP employees to operate and maintain the new residence halls, which will be owned by the foundation.

Vice President for Student Affairs Rhonda Luckey said

demolition of Wahr Hall, the Administrative Annex, and the greenhouse along Pratt Drive is set to occur in May and that the first replacement building, which will accommodate 700 students, will be completed in August of the following year.

Campus Police and University Safety personnel will be

relocated from the annex to University Towers, according to Bob Marx, who heads up the university's Engineering and Construction Group. Marx said that parking at the Stone Wall Lot will be eliminated at the beginning of the project, while metered parking along Grant Street from

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Faculty and Staff Stars

Chinese Audiology, Presentations, and an Outstanding Advocate

Art

Over the past year, **Patricia Villalobos Echeverria** has participated in exhibitions in Meadville, Pa., and Sumter, S.C., and has attended conferences in Posna, Poland, and Cerveira, Portugal. The recipient of a recent SOS grant from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, she received the Creative Heights Award for a year-long residency project at Artist Image Resource in Pittsburgh. Recently, she served on an Ohio Arts Council panel jury to review photography submissions for individual artist grants.

Communications Media

Kurt Dudt and **Erick Lauber** have been notified that their documentary *Threatened Homes for the Homeless* has been accepted into the film catalog at Indiana University (Bloomington) for national distribution and rental use for education and social service organizations.

Mary Beth Leidman was interviewed by the British Broadcasting Corporation World Service for a series on how technology is affecting society. The BBC series will be broadcast on National Public Radio this summer.

Counseling

The January edition of *Disability and Society* published an article coauthored by **Laura Marshak** called “Helpful Actions Seen Through the Eyes of Parents with Disabilities.”

Housing...

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Pratt Drive to Eleventh Street will not be available from the beginning of demolition until completion of construction of the first building. Pratt Drive and the lot near Turnbull Hall will remain open for the immediate future.

Marx also said that documentation of all construction and how it will affect traffic patterns and parking is being developed and will be available online by the end of March.

Other details about the project appeared in the November edition of *IUP Reporter* and may be found at www.iup.edu/news/reporter. ☺

Development Studies (Learning Center)

Carmy Carranza was recognized as a semi-finalist in the 2005 Outstanding First-Year Student Advocates competition sponsored by the National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition.

Educational and School Psychology

Lynanne Black and **Becky Knickelbein** presented “Developing and Facilitating Preschoolers’ Emergent Literacy Skills through Parent Workshops” at the Council for Exceptional Children’s Division of Early Childhood Education International Conference in Portland, Oregon.

Recently, Black started consulting with Indiana County Head Start through a contract with the Child Study Center.

A board member of the Eastern Educational Research

Association who is in charge of development and publicity,

Roger Briscoe presented at the association’s annual meeting “Evaluation of an Adult Literacy and Early Childhood Education Program in Western Pennsylvania.”

Health and Physical Education

At the International Congress of the Society for Tennis Medicine and Science held in Australia, **Andrew Shim** and former graduate student **Yvonne Niederbracht** presented “The Effects of a Five-Week External Rotation Shoulder Strength Training Program on Collegiate Women Tennis Players.”

Recently elected president of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine, **Mark Sloniger** presented “Barriers to Participation in Formal Sport Competition by Older Adults”

at the Oxford Round Table on Successful Aging in England.

International Affairs

Michelle Petrucci was awarded her Ph.D. in English (Composition and TESOL). Her dissertation was “Collage Literacy and Textual Landscapes: Four Case Studies of Individuals Layered in Words and Pictures.”

Mathematics

A dataset compiled by **Christoph Maier** has been

added to the data archive of the *Journal of Statistics Education*. The dataset contains information about each of the 156 Oscar-winning actors and actresses. The data archive provides a collection of interesting datasets for use by statistics educators.

McNair Scholars Program

Calvin Masilela, director of the McNair program and a member of the Geography and Regional Planning faculty, has been awarded a seed grant by the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education’s Office of Social Equity to develop a pilot program that targets the retention of African American male students attending IUP. The program seeks to provide a nurturing learning community environment for a cohort of incoming.

Political Science

Russian/CIS Energy and Mining Law Journal, published by Moscow State University, invited **Gawdat Bahgat** to write an article on oil in Russia and Central Asia. The article will appear in the winter issue.

Special Education and Clinical Services

Rich Nowell has been appointed to the advisory board for *chineseaudiology.com*, a website that strives to establish audiology as a profession in China. This follows his work at West China University of Medical Sciences in the summers of 2001, 2002, and 2004.

Sociology

Jim Dougherty has been invited to serve on the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission’s historical marker panel. He will be responsible for working with the panel to determine the eligibility and historical significance of nominations for marker selection.

Spanish

“Candombe, Comparsa and Carnival: The Sounds and Rhythms of Afro-Uruguay,” an article by **Carol Mills Young**, has been published in the *Encyclopedia of African American Folklore*. ☺

Faculty to Evaluate WIC

IUP FACULTY MEMBERS have received a \$370,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for a three-year project to evaluate and improve the state of nutritional counseling available through the Pennsylvania Department of Health’s Division of Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).

The award from the USDA’s Food and Nutrition Service is the first special project grant that has been obtained by Pennsylvania researchers.

“It’s very exciting for Pennsylvania WIC and our department,” said Stephanie Taylor-Davis, a nutrition professor and the research project’s principal investigator. “There have been some major challenges for the WIC program. This project attempts to address those challenges.”

A federally funded program that provides healthy foods and nutritional counseling to low-income women, WIC has provided services to Americans at nutritional risk since its inception in 1974, but sparse research has explored its nutritional education component, Taylor-Davis said.

She and her colleagues intend to change that. While attending a conference in

Harrisburg early last year, they learned of a request for project proposals and decided to compose their own. Taylor-Davis, along with IUP professors Mia Barker (Food and Nutrition) and William Barker (Educational and School Psychology) and Shirley Hsi Sword, Pennsylvania WIC’s chief of the Nutrition Services Section, began to collaborate as their deadline quickly approached.

“We had seventeen days to write the grant,” Taylor-Davis said. “It was pretty much twenty-four hours a day for two weeks!”

The team’s work resulted in success last April when the grant came through. The researchers have since been making plans for the project, which officially began January 1. Its main objective is to enhance the quality of WIC services through an improved, participant-centered counseling approach—which involves examining the current state of WIC’s nutritional education program in Pennsylvania. Researchers will conduct interviews, review and evaluate WIC data and develop, and implement and evaluate training modules for future use by WIC programs, possibly nationwide.

“There’s every expectation that the products developed during this project should be adaptable for use by other states,” Taylor-Davis said. ☺

Grant Opens IUP Classes to Secondary Students

SOME OF THEM might be in your classes.

High school students from four area school districts are attending select classes this semester courtesy of Pennsylvania Department of Education grants. According to Michele Norwood, assistant registrar, the Dual Enrollment Program permits qualified high school seniors to enroll in a pool of general education classes at no cost. The grants allow students to pursue up to six credits and include textbook expenses for the students, who come from the Blairsville-Saltsburg, Indiana Area, Purchase Line, and United school districts.

Norwood said the opportunity gives students who weren’t considering pursuing higher education a glimpse of what they could gain and provides an opportunity for others who had considered it a chance to accelerate. She also said the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education has negotiated a future tuition reduction for this year’s participants.

While the university is partnering with the school districts, the program at IUP is a collaborative effort between the Registrar’s Office, Advising and Testing, the School of Continuing Education, and the Admissions Office. ☺

ABOUT IUP REPORTER

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

Deadline for the March edition is February 24.

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

Athletes and Grade Averages

Field hockey player **Suzanne Cornelissen** has been selected as a candidate for the NCAA Division II Collegiate Woman Athlete of the Year. A total of twelve athletes will be on the final ballot, one for each women's sport that is sponsored on the Division II level. The presentation of the award will take place in late June at Columbia University in New York City.

Cornelissen will attempt to become the first field hockey player to win the award since it was first presented to Division II athletes in 1987-88. The IUP women's athletic fund will receive \$1,000 from American Honda Motor Co., Inc. in honor of Cornelissen's nomination. The same company will donate \$5,000 to the school of the eventual winner of the award.

This past season, Cornelissen, from Heemstede, The Netherlands, finished tied for second in the nation in goals (23) and goals per game (1.10), while placing fourth in total points (55) and third in points per game (2.62). She added nine assists on the year, tied for the eleventh-highest mark in the Division II ranks. Cornelissen was the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Athlete of the Year and a National Field Hockey Coaches Association first-team All-America for the second time in as many seasons at IUP. In 2004, Cornelissen set a Division II

single-season record with 74 points on the strength of 30 goals and 14 assists. The 30 goals are the second-highest total in PSAC annals. Her career totals include 53 goals, 23 assists, and 129 points, and she ranks among the Top 20 nationally in goals and points.

If you were worried that IUP athletes aren't making the grade, put your fears to rest right now.

Collectively, the women's teams had a grade point average of 3.24 last semester. The basketball team checked in an average of 3.45, while the tennis players (3.38) outdid cross-country runners (3.37) by just a nudge. Not one team average fell below 3.03. ☺

Departments Awarded for Growth

PRESIDENT TONY ATWATER has made a commitment to convert temporary faculty positions to permanent ones when enrollment trends support such action, according to Provost Mark Staszkiwicz.

After reviewing the data from the Fall 2004 to Fall 2005, comparing number of majors and total number of students taught, Atwater recently approved the conversion of two temporary positions to permanent in the Department of Nursing and Allied Health and the conversion of two temporary positions to permanent in the Department of Counseling.

Staszkiwicz said Atwater praised the role of the College of Health and Human Services and the College of Education and Educational Technology for their efforts at increasing enrollment at IUP. ☺

Wallwork to Receive President's Medal

PRESIDENT TONY ATWATER will present the President's Medal of Distinction to Gealy Wallwork at the Indiana community's Leader's Circle event.

The President's Medal of Distinction is the highest non-degree award presented by IUP. It was established in 1985 to honor citizens of the state and region whose contributions in the areas of professional achievement or public service are of national significance or whose contribution is of special significance to the university.

Indiana County's Civic Leader of the Year and Athena Award winners will also be honored at the event, which takes place March 16 at Rustic Lodge in Indiana.

Wallwork, a Kittanning resident, has served as a member of the IUP Council of Trustees since 1991. An avid volunteer for the university, he chairs the Administration and Finance Committee.

Wallwork is the retired president and chief executive officer

of the Arthur T. Walker Estate Corporation, which served as a holding company for the Shawmut Companies. His career spans forty-four years in operation and management positions in the mining business, from mine level through corporate headquarters. A graduate of Lehigh University with a B.S. in Mining Engineering, he earned an MBA at the University of Pittsburgh. During his career, he worked for Rochester and Pittsburgh Coal Company, North American Coal Corporation, and Bethlehem Mines Corporation.

He is a member of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers and serves on the boards of CQ, Inc., and Fuelmakers, Inc. A member of Rotary International, he serves on the executive boards of the Moraine Trails Council of the Boy Scouts of America and the Southwestern Pennsylvania Regional Planning Commission. ☺

Grand Premiere



The ribbon has been cut, and classes are in session for approximately three hundred music majors in Cogswell Hall. The renovated building features dedicated rehearsal space for Music Theater, three practice pavilions for large ensembles, a new music library, numerous individual practice rooms, and a new keyboard lab—custom-designed space for the ultimate pedagogical experience. Taking scissors to the ribbon are faculty member Christian Dickinson, College of Fine Arts dean Michael Hood, university president Tony Atwater, and Music Department chairperson Lorraine Wilson.



In Transition

The following employees have joined the university:

Colleen Caruso, clerk typist, Monroeville Graduate and Professional Center, January 24.

The following employees have moved to new positions:

Scott Gibson, from interim director to director of Pechan Health Center, January 9.

Dolores Brzycki, from Department of Developmental Studies to assistant dean in the College of Health and Human Services, January 16.

The following employees have retired or submitted notice of retirement:

Terry Van Horn, Advising and Testing, March 1.

The following employees have resigned:

Carmen Felus, Athletics (Football), January 22.

Dave Caldwell, Athletics (Swimming), January 31.

Hope Stambaugh, Financial Aid, February 3. ☺



Committee Exploring Division I Status

PRESIDENT TONY ATWATER has appointed a committee of university and community members to explore the possibility of IUP's moving from Division II to Division I in the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Over the course of the next eighteen months, the committee will study issues related to the move and recommend a course of action. If the decision

were made to seek Division I status, the committee would be asked to guide the university in a strategic plan to achieve that goal.

Atwater serves as chair of the committee. Robert Hovanec serves as a representative of the Council of Trustees, while the Foundation for IUP is represented by Barbara Hafer and Thomas Zaucha. Alumni representatives include William Hoffman, Ronald Peters, Rodney Ruddock,

and Brien Wall. Area community members include Eugene ("Huey") Bartolini, David Bizousky, Todd Brice, Andrew Kuzneski, Jr., Walt Lewis, Roger Reschini, and Christine Zuzack. Rounding out the committee are members of the immediate IUP community: faculty member John Benhart; administrators Robert Camp, Frank Condino, Bonnie Juliette, and Rhonda Luckey; and students Erin Falce and Andrew Krewatch. ☺

Amy Grant to Perform as Helwig Artist

GRAMMY AWARD-WINNING Amy Grant will perform on campus as the Wilfred E. Helwig Distinguished Artist through the Onstage performance series.

Her performance takes place Saturday, April 8 at 8 p.m. in Fisher Auditorium. Tickets go on sale March 1 at the Hadley Union Building or at Indiana First Bank. Tickets may also be obtained by calling 724-357-1313.

The Helwig Distinguished Artist Endowment was established by Florence Helwig in memory of her late husband. Helwig Distinguished Artists have included Itzhak Perlman, Hal Holbrook, Andre Watts, Dave Brubeck, Cleo Laine and John Dankworth, Doc Severinsen, Chita Rivera, Billy Taylor, Peter Nero, Rosemary Clooney, Olivia Newton-John, and Roger Williams. ☺

campus, according to Bob Marx of IUP's Engineering and Construction Group. Members of the campus community will be asked to participate in the assessment by contributing information electronically over the next several weeks. The final study should be completed by the end of the spring semester.

Employees who completed in 2005 ten, fifteen, twenty, twenty-five, thirty, and thirty-five years of service or more will be honored at a luncheon on March 29 in the Crimson Event Center in Folger Hall. Invitations will be issued to those with the appropriate years of service. Those eligible to mark the occasion who have not received an invitation should contact Judy Gallo in Human Resources, extension 2431, by the first week of March. ☺

News to Note

THE WOMEN'S CLUB of IUP used funds raised from a raffle and pecan sale to provide a **\$125 book allowance for four students**, according to the club's president, Shari Baumler. The Women's Club consists of about 120 members who meet throughout the year for a variety of social and other activities.

As part of a preliminary activity of completing a long-range master plan, IUP has engaged a Pittsburgh architectural firm **to assess how space is being used**. The study will supplement the ongoing development of a long-range plan. RSH Architects of Pittsburgh and Comprehensive Facilities Planning, an Ohio firm, will study the other factors to determine if any changes are necessary and to help map a course of action for making the best possible use of space on



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

IUP CALENDAR

- February 17 and 18 • Graduate Interdisciplinary Conference
- February 19 • IUP Bands in Concert
- February 22 through March 4 • Lively Arts: Little Shop of Horrors
- February 25 • Basketball vs. Clanton
- March 3 • Onstage Series: Gallagher
- March 13 through 17 • Spring Break, no classes

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