

Atwater Named to ISEP Board

PRESIDENT TONY ATWATER WILL JOIN a select group of leaders nationwide to serve on the Board of Directors for the International Student Exchange Program, the world's largest international education network.

ISEP, a nonprofit organization based in Washington, D.C., coordinates affordable international education opportunities among member universities worldwide. It has involved more than 24,000 students since its founding in 1979.

"Dr. Atwater's strong knowledge and experience in higher education, combined with his vision for IUP (which mirrors ISEP's goals) make him a valuable addition to our board," said Karlene Masters, a coordinator at ISEP's central office.

IUP has been an ISEP member institution for sixteen years. The university sends about twelve students annually to locations as diverse as China, Japan, Fiji, Korea, Ghana, South Africa, France, Germany, Italy, and the United Kingdom. Students who study abroad through ISEP pay only the price of a normal semester's room and board. Atwater's appointment to ISEP's board will continue IUP's long-standing affiliation with the program.

"Dr. Atwater's appointment is very beneficial for Dr. Atwater personally, for students, for IUP, for the national program and for our office," said Michele Petrucci, the director of IUP's Office of International Affairs. "It's a really great thing for internationalization efforts at IUP." ~

Praxis Scores Looking Good

IUP STUDENT PERFORMANCE on the Praxis examinations, required for those pursuing teacher certification credentials, has reached an all-time high, according to Mary Ann Rafoth, interim dean of the College of Education and Educational Technology.

IUP's overall pass rate during the 2004-05 academic year was 99 percent, which showed a 7 percent increase over scores from 2003-04. Students achieved a 100 percent pass rate in the content areas of

Elementary Education Curriculum and Instruction, English Language Literature, Mathematics, Citizenship, Business Education, Music, Art, Family and Consumer Sciences, Health and Physical Education, and Education of Exceptional Persons.

"With the support of the Student Affairs Division and the Office of the President, the College of Education and Educational Technology has developed a one-credit course to help prepare students to take the Praxis and to better understand the use of standardized tests in public education," Rafoth said. "Kudos go to the faculty and students involved in our preparation programs." ~

Radford Administrator Joins IUP

DAVID BURDETTE WILL JOIN the university March 20 as vice president for Finance and Administration. He replaces C. Edward Receski, who retired last spring.

Burdette, who currently serves as vice president for business and governmental affairs at Radford University in Radford, Va., has thirty-eight years of experience in higher education financial management.

Prior to his work at Radford University, Burdette spent more than twenty-eight years in the State University of New York system, including seven years at SUNY Fredonia as vice president for administration, two years as deputy to the chancellor for planning and budget for the SUNY system, and as associate vice president for budget and information services, director of budget/comptroller, and director of business affairs at Buffalo State College.

At SUNY Fredonia, Burdette reorganized the administrative affairs area for more efficiency and focus on delivery of services and also led the first major capital master plan program at that university. He also was responsible for negotiating the first-ever



Burdette

multi-year agreement with the NFL Buffalo Bills professional football organization, which conducted its summer training camp at SUNY-Fredonia.

In his work with the SUNY system, he served as the chancellor's budget policy advisor and link between presidents of the system universities and their financial management teams. In this position, he developed budget options, priorities, and issues and appropriate linkages to the executive and legislative branches of the state government. He also served on a benchmark methodology advisory

team to formulate policy for resource allocation decisions to the system campuses.

Burdette also has served as treasurer and board member for the Radford University Foundation, Inc., and as a board member for the Radford University Real Estate Foundation. He was president of the SUNY Fredonia Faculty Student Association, Inc., (campus auxiliary service organization) and served as a board member of

the SUNY Fredonia College Foundation, Inc. He was the campus fiscal officer for the SUNY Research Foundation (Buffalo State and Fredonia). He served on the SUNY System Administration Executive Council and was treasurer and board member of the Buffalo State College Foundation, Inc.

Burdette received his bachelor's degree at the University of South Florida and his master's degree in business administration from SUNY Buffalo. He retired from the Army National Guard in 1996 with the rank of lieutenant colonel. ~

Paterno to Serve as First Schafer Speaker

LEGENDARY PENN STATE football coach Joe Paterno will serve as the first guest in the Schafer Speaker Series.

Paterno will address a Fisher Auditorium audience Thursday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which range between \$3 and \$5, are available in the HUB ticket office. Proceeds benefit IUP Libraries.

While Paterno may be best known for his coaching career, he and his family also have been avid supporters of Penn State's library system. A library at Penn State's main campus bears his name.

"I've said it a hundred times. A great library (continued on page 4)

Permanent Appointment



Having served in the position on an interim basis since October, Robin Gorman has been named executive assistant to the president permanently. According to President Tony Atwater, the position has been redefined to focus primarily on the coordination of major administrative tasks of the Office of the President. "I am impressed with her ability to interact effectively with many constituencies, both

inside and outside the university," Atwater said. "She brings to the role a high level of competence in the areas of workforce education and community outreach." Gorman, who earned her bachelor's degree at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown and her master's degree at Penn State University, will collaborate with vice presidents, deans, and other senior managers in a variety of activities that cut across organizational divisions and with external constituencies. Gorman also will act as the liaison with the university's Council of Trustees and the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education's Office of the Chancellor.



Faculty and Staff Stars

Brown Plus Fifty, Nuclear Proliferation, and Electronic Games

Anthropology

Miriam Chaiken's paper, "The Promise of a Community Based Approach to Managing Severe Malnutrition: A Case Study from Ethiopia," was accepted for the major international journal *Food and Nutrition Bulletin*. The work discusses innovative famine management

strategies implemented by Save the Children and was coauthored by colleagues of that organization. Chaiken has been asked to serve on the editorial board of *Hunger and Environmental Nutrition*, a journal published by Haworth Press. As president of the Society for the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition, she has

been invited to be one of three guest editors of a special edition of *Ecology of Food and Nutrition* to honor the memory of Christine Wilson, founder of the discipline of nutritional anthropology.

Art

Works by **Steve Loar**, director of the Center for Turning and Furniture Design, and **Betty Scarpino**, the center's artist-in-residence, have been included in Woodturning on the Edge, a University of Idaho exhibition that focuses on work by lathe artists who have "pushed the envelope" and contributed significantly to inspire the growth of the entire field of turned wood art over the last half-century.

Loar is one of many international artists to be invited to display work in Turning 20—Still Evolving, an exhibit showcasing the work of those who were studio artists in 1986, the year the American Association of Woodturners was established. The exhibit opens in the Kentucky Museum of Art and will move to the AAW Gallery in Minnesota.

Robert Sweeny recently presented "net_work_ed," a paper dealing with the possibilities for teaching art in a network society, at the 2005 Digital Art and Culture Conference, held at IT University in Copenhagen. He also reviewed a chapter for publication in *International Handbook of Research in Arts Education*, published by University of Illinois-Champaign/Urbana.

Communications Media

An electronic game called Podz developed by **Allen Partridge** has been accepted for distribution in *Quest* magazine. *Quest* is a children's magazine with a circulation of 1.2 million worldwide. The game is on a CD that is included within each copy of the magazine.

Educational and School Psychology

"A Test of the Validity of the Strong Interest Explorer with a Sample of Hispanic Youth," an article coauthored by **Edward Levinson**, was published in *The High School Journal*. He collaborated with Denise Ohler, a graduate of the doctoral program in School Psychology, and Angela Christy and Mary Maus, students in the School Psychology program.

The department's Center for Educational Program Evaluation has received a contract from the Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network to provide training and research support for public school districts. **Joseph Kovaleski** will serve as principal investigator, while **Lynanne Black** and **Levinson** are involved in the project, which is being conducted in conjunction with Lehigh University and will provide training in assessment and instructional procedures for school districts throughout the state, with special attention to seven pilot elementary schools, which will serve as model sites. The contract is being coordinated by the IUP Research Institute.

Graduate Studies and Research

Michelle Schwietz received a grant from the University of Pittsburgh to partially fund her doctoral dissertation research, "Internationalization of the Academic Profession: An Exploratory Study of Faculty Attitudes, Beliefs, and Involvement at Public Universities in Pennsylvania." The Association of International Education Administrators awarded Schwietz its Josephson Award, which recognizes emerging leadership in international education through the student's graduate study and research, especially research in the field of international education.

Philosophy

Mary MacLeod presented "Kant's Theory of Synthesis and the Problem of Universals" at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association in New York. Another of her papers, "Morality and Temporality in Kant's Philosophy," has been accepted for presentation at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association in Portland, Oregon, this month.

Political Science

Among **Gawdat Bahgat's** latest publications are "Nuclear Proliferation—Egypt," which was accepted for publication in *Middle Eastern Studies*, and "United States Oil Outlook," which was accepted for publication in *Middle East Economic Survey*.

Sarah Wheeler's article, "Role Playing Games and Simulations in International

Issues Courses," was accepted for publication in the *Journal of Political Science Education*.

Professional Studies in Education

"Brown and the Failure of Civic Responsibility," an article by **Beatrice Fennimore**, was included in a special edition of *Teachers College Record* called *Brown Plus Fifty*. Fennimore related the history of the reception of *Brown* by the American public, including educators and school administrators, to her own eighteen years of experience as an urban public school parent and advocate for equal treatment of children. She was subsequently invited to present at the *Brown Plus Fifty* conference that took place at New York University. Fennimore also recently presented "How Can Teacher Educators Provide a Moral Example of Leadership for Social Change in Their Own Institutions?" at the annual meeting of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education in San Diego.

Religious Studies

Tawny Holm published a chapter titled "Daniel 1-6: A Biblical Story-Collection" in the volume *Ancient Fiction: The Matrix of Early Christian and Jewish Narrative*.

Special Education

In addition to chairing the association's national pilot program of offering continuing education to deaf educators across the country, **Nancy Benham** has been selected president-elect of the Association of College Educators—Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

Sociology

Deanna Chang has been awarded a grant from the national chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta to assist two graduate students to present their papers at the Pacific Sociological Association's annual meeting in California. The students, Christian Vaccaro and Molly Allen, are local chapter members of the organization.

Spanish

Serving as a consultant to the Pittsburgh Public Schools on a project to conduct districtwide on-line oral proficiency testing, **Eileen Glisan** presented an in-service workshop, "Developing Students' Interpretive Listening Skills," for world language teachers. ☺

Best at Best Practices

AN IMPRESSIVELY HIGH NUMBER of faculty in the Educational and School Psychology Department have been invited to contribute chapters to *Best Practices in School Psychology*, which is published every five years by the National Association of School Psychologists.

"This really demonstrates that the IUP school psychology program is a nationally and internationally recognized program," said Edward Levinson, interim chairperson of the department.

Contributors are chosen based on their expertise in certain areas of school psychology. From IUP, Joseph Kovaleski (the author of two chapters), Levinson, and Mary Ann Rafoth, interim dean of the College of Education and Educational Technology, will contribute to the book. Rafoth will coauthor her chapter with Becky Knickelbein. ☺

Students Earn Pennsylvania Honors

FOR THE FIRST TIME in the history of the Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education, a single university—IUP—has won awards in every category of its scholarship competition. The students, Yang Dai, Tanko Adamu, Brittney Davis, and Chris Fluellen, accepted their awards at PBCOHE's annual meeting last month.

Dai earned PBCOHE's Esther-Jafari Haymon Undergraduate International Scholarship. She has a perfect 4.0 academic average and was awarded the Haymon scholarship for her leadership skills and involvement in extracurricular activity.

Adamu, a graduate student in Industrial and Labor Relations, was selected to receive the John S. Shropshire Graduate Scholarship. Recipients of the award must be black residents of Pennsylvania and display exceptional leadership qualities, extracurricular involvement and interpersonal relationships.

Davis, a Communications Media major, was selected to receive a K. Leroy Irvis Undergraduate Scholarship. The Irvis award is given to black residents of Pennsylvania who show excellence in academics, leadership, interpersonal qualities, and extracurricular involvement. Davis has an academic average of 3.87 and submitted essays and references that reflected on her personal experiences and abilities.

Fluellen received the Robert D. Lynch Leadership Scholarship. He is a Criminology major involved with IUP's ROTC program. The Lynch scholarship is awarded with a special focus on leadership qualities, which Fluellen demonstrated alongside academic achievement, extracurricular activity, and strong interpersonal qualities. ☺

In Transition

The following employees have moved to new positions:

Dana Bowser, from GPFC to instructor, Highway Safety Center, January 9.

Jessica Snyder, from temporary to permanent administrative assistant in the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, February 4.

Sandra Hart, from temporary clerk typist in the Admissions Office to permanent clerk typist in University Safety, March 6.

Audrey Swartz, from temporary clerk typist in the Office of Housing and Residence Life to permanent clerk typist in the Office of Human Resources, March 6.

The following employees have retired or submitted notice of retirement:

William Bowser, Custodial Services, March 31. ☺



Student Stars

New York Times, All-Academic Team, Season Round-ups

AN ESSAY by Jenni Easton was **posted on NYTimes.com** last month. Easton wrote the essay, addressing the role of newspapers in a democracy, for a conference held at the offices of the *New York Times* in 2005. The essay was one of seven published from the conference Inside the Times, sponsored by the *New York Times* and the American Democracy Project. The conference involved newspaper editors from public universities nationwide. Easton and another editor attended on behalf of *The Penn*, IUP's student newspaper.

The IUP men's and women's cross country teams and five individuals on the two squads have been named to the **United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association All-Academic team** for the 2005 season. The IUP women had a team grade point average of 3.42, while the men were at 3.03. To qualify for the award, a team had to have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher and all of the participants in the regional meet had to possess that GPA. Individually, five runners earned spots on the USTFCCA All-Academic team, including Mindy Sawtelle (a December graduate), Nicole Blaesser, Katie Farnsworth, Charlene Wirfel, and Eric Kruttschnitt.

Lahnor Ridley won the long jump and triple jump, was fourth in the high jump, and was named the Outstanding Field Athlete of the Meet at the **PSAC indoor track and field championships**. Joining Ridley as an event champion was Sean Strauman, who repeated as the titlist in the 800 meters, matching his own meet record. Strauman will run the 800 at the NCAA Division II nationals in Boston. Jermaine Clayton scored in three events for the men, including a second place effort in the triple jump, breaking a twenty-year-old school record. Clayton was also second in the long jump and earned a spot at nationals in that event.

Luci Plaxton won three events at the **PSAC swimming meet**, repeating as the conference champion in the 50 and 100 freestyles and 100 backstroke to help the IUP women take a third place finish in the final team standings. Plaxton will compete in those three events at NCAA Division II nationals in Indianapolis. She was the national runner-up in the 100 freestyle at the nationals last March. Taking second place finishes at the PSAC meet were Heidi Mitskavich (1650 freestyle), Brittany Watkins (400 individual medley), and Carlee Myers

(100 butterfly). On the men's side, Pawel Glowiak was second in the 100 backstroke and 200 individual medley and third in the 200 backstroke. He will swim the 100 and 200 backstrokes at nationals.

Both the **men's and women's basketball teams** were eliminated during the first round of their respective PSAC tournaments. The women finished the season with a winning 19-9 record during a season that was highlighted by two team members, Katie Glaws and Kara Taylor, being named to the *ESPN the Magazine* Academic All-District II Team and freshman Jahzinga Tracey being named PSAC Rookie or Player of the Week five times. The men's team finished 19-9 with a season highlighted by senior Eddie Peterson completed his career ranked among the leaders in most categories, including second in scoring (1,621), tied for first in games played (119), first in steals (259), second in assists (425), and second in free throw percentage (81.3). ☺

More National Awards



The Office of Communications won three awards in the Twenty-first Annual Admissions Advertising Awards competition sponsored by *Admissions Marketing Report*. IUP won two silver awards: one for a single magazine advertisement for the university's *Fortune* magazine display ad, and one for the video viewbook, "The Perfect Fit." The advertisement was designed by Ron Mabon with photography by Keith Boyer, copywriting by Karen Gresh, director of communications, and placement by Jerri Cochran, IUP advertising coordinator. The video was produced by IUP videographer Bill Hamilton with assistance from Emily Jaros, assistant videographer. The IUP Academy of Culinary Arts viewbook also won an award of merit in the competition. It was designed by IUP graphic designer Emily Wells with photos taken by Boyer and from other sources. The most recent awards bring to 45 the number of major awards the Communications Group has won: 20 for *IUP Magazine* and 25 for other projects. President Tony Atwater, right, took a moment to congratulate Jaros, left, and Hamilton.

Do Good: Write Letters

THE CITIZENSHIP AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVE is looking for a few good writers.

Operation Uplift: You've Got Mail, is being coordinated by Jackie Beck in the College of Health and Human Services. Students, faculty, and staff members are invited to participate in writing letters and developing other means of correspondence to students who are deployed on active military duty.

"We hope that these letters will keep them connected to the lives that they have put on hold to serve this country," said Dr. Veronica Watson, dean's associate in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and director of the CCEI. "We also hope it will remind them that IUP is eager for their safe return."

"IUP Operation Uplift is our way to show support and appreciation for our U.S. military men and women," said Beck. "We would like to acknowledge their sacrifices, dedication, and service to our country by sharing our thoughts in letters and cards. We hope that this letter makes their day a little better, knowing that they have not been forgotten by our campus community."

Citizenship and Civic Engagement Initiative strives to educate students on the value of citizenship and the broader implications and applications of their education.

Those interested in participating should visit www.iup.edu/ccei. ☺

ABOUT IUP REPORTER

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

Deadline for the April edition is March 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.

Scholars Conference Promises to be Diverse Venture

THE FIRST UNDERGRADUATE Scholars Conference is set to take place April 4. Keynote speaker is Samuel Jones, a psychology professor at Jefferson State College in Birmingham, Alabama, who is known for providing workshops on the pursuit of graduate education.

"As the numbers indicate, we have had a great deal of interest in the first annual Undergraduate Scholars Conference. We are very pleased and excited by the large response we received from students and faculty, since it exceeded our

original expectations by far. We project that next year's response will be even greater as students and professors see the many benefits of bringing together scholarly work from across different disciplines," said Ramesh Soni, dean of Research and conference cochair.

Soni said submissions from undergraduate students were diverse: thirty-four from the College of Humanities and

Social Sciences, thirty-two from the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, eleven from the College of Fine Arts, eleven from the College of Health and Human Services, thirteen from the College of Education and Educational Technology, and one from Eberly College of Business and Information Technology. ☺



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is the heart of a great university, and if we want to remain a big-league university, we've got to have a big-league library," Paterno said in 1997, during a Penn State capital campaign, before the Paterno Library was constructed.

The Schafer Speaker Series was established at IUP through the generosity of the late Mary Jane McMurray Schafer, a member of the Class of 1931. The series reflects Schafer's love of learning and reading. ∞

Distinguished Alumni Awards

SIX ALUMNI will be honored with Distinguished Alumni Awards at an April 1 gala sponsored by the IUP Alumni Association. The gala takes place in Sutton Hall's Blue Room. For more information, contact the Alumni Relations Office at extension 7942. The honorees are

• **Tim Cejka '73**, president of ExxonMobil Exploration Company and vice-president of ExxonMobil Corporation

• **Merelyn Davis '64**, a Hollywood music designer and editor with sound tracks to her credit such as those for Friends, The Drew Carey Show, and Joey, who also has edited music for the Scottish National Ballet

• **Robert Davis M '76**, who for nearly three decades played a key role in music education at the nation's fourth-largest school

system, Florida's Miami-Dade County Public Schools

• **John Frank '58**, an avid community volunteer and an IUP administrator for fifteen years before retiring to become a field representative for U.S. Congressman John Murtha

• **Scott Rudy '84**, current vice-president of SAP America, who as a member of U.S. Special Forces received many commendations

• **Nancy Dezort Suttentfield '71**, vice chancellor for Finance and Administration at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill ∞

Our Turn




IUP's new Center for Turning and Furniture Design recently celebrated its opening with a special event called Spring Showcase, which featured presentations by center director Steve Loar, faculty member Chris Weiland, and artist-in-residence Betty Scarpino. In the photo, Scarpino works with students Nathan Eames and Matt Narma. IUP's is the first program in the country to offer undergraduate and graduate degrees in fine arts with a studio emphasis in both turning and furniture design.

IUP CALENDAR

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

- April 4**
 - No classes
 - Undergraduate Scholars Conference
- April 19**
 - Lively Arts: A Flea in Her Ear opens
- April 21 through May 12**
 - University Museum: Hunt
 - Botanical Prints and Allegory
 - Arboretum Exhibitions
- March 19 through 22**
 - Middle States Accreditation Visit
- April 1**
 - Distinguished Alumni Awards Gala
- April 2**
 - Honors Convocation



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