

Substance Abuse Commission Offers Recommendations

WHILE THE FINAL REPORT will be issued May 31, members of the President's Commission on Reducing Student Substance Abuse presented a draft report to President Tony Atwater, who appointed the commission last fall to provide recommendations aimed at curbing campus substance abuse.

Charged by Atwater to lead the effort, Robert Ackerman, a Sociology faculty member who also directs the Mid-Atlantic Addiction Training Institute, said at a press conference May 1, "The primary goal was to make sure we do everything we can to ensure the health and safety of students both on and off campus."

Ackerman said that the group's recommendations include soliciting more parent involvement and awareness. While the recommendations include continuing existing sanctions, a goal is to promote a culture of individual responsibility for students.

"This is really a national challenge," Atwater said of substance abuse on campuses. "We are not alone, but we are taking proactive measures."

The commission's recommendations are divided into six areas.

Enforcement: Maintain an aggressive awareness campaign

regarding the judicial sanctions for alcohol, drug, and related offenses; design programs that focus on student behavior code regulations. Insure that the campus judicial system continues to investigate the relationship between student behavior code violations and the use of alcohol and other drugs. Sanctions, including parental notification, referral for assessment and education, etc., should continue to be delivered in a timely manner in order to clearly communicate to students the consequences of misuse and abuse of alcohol and other drugs both on and off campus.

Prevention: Provide more student-focused comprehensive alcohol prevention programs. Consolidate the Resident Safety Assistant Program (Housing and Residence Life) and Student Safety Team (Student Life) and expand the scope of peer environmental management beyond university-owned residential buildings and campus-based social/entertainment events.

Education and Awareness: Focus attention on the education of new students by broadening and formalizing alcohol awareness and substance abuse prevention programs. Require incoming freshmen to enroll in a one-credit course that covers many aspects of college life,

including coping with the new atmosphere, the workload, and the effects of the use of alcohol and other drugs.

Campus and Community Environmental Management: Delay rush within the Greek culture at least until spring semester or the entire first year of college. Build and nurture a culture of self-management and responsibility within identifiable student communities (residence hall floors and buildings, Greek chapters and houses, athletic teams and houses, off-campus student residential districts). Expand the mission of the on-campus SOAR Floor to include community (floor, building) responsibility. Facilitate communication and connection between community residents and neighboring student tenants. Finalize and implement a Greek management plan.

Intervention: Hire a full-time certified drug and alcohol counselor through the Center for Counseling and Psychological Services, which will provide programs, support groups, and treatment interventions related to substance abuse. Within twenty-four hours after a substance abuse citation, counsel each student who, as a consequence of the abuse, required supervision by a responsible adult, hospital care, or incarceration.

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NCAA Denies IUP's Appeal to Remain Indians

UPON RECEIVING WORD from the National Collegiate Athletic Association, President Tony Atwater released the following statement to members of the community.

I was notified by the NCAA Executive Committee representative that IUP's appeal to maintain use of the "Indians" nickname has been denied.

This decision by the executive committee affirms the decision of the staff review committee in November, 2005, that IUP should be retained on the list of colleges and universities subject to restrictions on the use of Native American mascots, names, and imagery at NCAA championships.

With today's final ruling by the NCAA, the university will be forced to address the issue of retaining or changing the existing nickname. We have made our strongest case to the NCAA for retaining the nickname "Indians," and we have exhausted all options within the association's appeal procedure.

This issue is one that is highly controversial and sensitive, due to different perspectives of alumni and others. We will need to serve the greater good of the university, its student athletes, and an enhanced national profile as we review this matter.

As we consider options, I will be taking into account feedback from all sectors of the university community, including students, faculty, staff members, administrators, and alumni. However, it is incumbent upon the university to take decisive steps on this matter in the short-term and long-term interests of the university.

This reflective process will be executed strategically and expeditiously. I am charging Dr. Robert Davies, vice president for Institutional Advancement, with pursuing efforts that will generate feedback from all segments of the university community. ☺

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

Navigating Through the Construction

Construction projects abound on campus this summer. Too numerous to account for here, the best way to find out where construction is occurring, how to avoid it when walking or driving, and where to park is on the web.

IUP's homepage, www.iup.edu, carries a link called Construction: Updates on Parking and Traffic. The subsequent page carries the latest updates and access to a printable map in Portable Document File format. The map will be updated as construction projects begin and end.

Lombardi Returns



The new head men's basketball coach isn't all that new. Joe Lombardi, who was named last month to replace Gary Edwards, served as an assistant to IUP coach Tom Beck during the early 1980s. Lombardi returns to IUP from an assistant coaching position at the University of Pittsburgh and has held previous posts at St. Francis, St. Bonaventure, and LaSalle universities. His wife, Janet Servinsky Lombardi, graduated from IUP in 1985. "The vision of what I hope to accomplish at IUP is to win championships with players who will proudly represent the institution. We will have the type of team that will give back to the university and community and [whose members] will not have a sense of entitlement because they are basketball players," he said during a press conference. In the background is President Tony Atwater.

Thumbs Up to Us

READERS OF *IUP Reporter* will recall September's edition carried an announcement of the university's inclusion in *The Best 361 Colleges and Universities*. The Princeton Review, the book's publisher, recently provided a sneak peek of IUP's profile in the book, which will reach bookstores in August.

According to the profile, which was based on the results of an online survey open to the entire undergraduate student body, the university gets a thumbs up. Following are excerpts, some of which incorporate direct quotes from students.

- Students enjoy "awesome professors" who are "concerned with their welfare and academic growth."
- [Students] find their teachers "ridiculously easy to get into contact with—no need to make an appointment."
- Thanks to "strong educators" and "small class sizes" students are "pushed to think critically."
- [Students] "can always access [the administration] when in need."
- Overall, students feel they get more for less at IUP.
- While fraternities and sororities are "popular," there is "a place for everyone" on campus. ☺



Faculty and Staff Stars

Visit to Kuwait, Aegis Award, and More

Academic Affairs

Following a regional conference, the National Academic Advising Association named **Rebecca Sterley**'s presentation Best of Region. As a result, Sterley has been invited to present "Academic Advising via Online Communication: Bearing the Facts While Avoiding Cyber and Legal Bear Traps" at the organization's national conference in the fall. The award includes financial support to the conference.

Biology

Emeritus professor **Jan Humphreys** recently presented an invitational paper, "Raccoon Roundworm: An Emerging Zoonosis?" at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Mosquito Control Association.

Communications Media

A six-minute video by **Erick Lauber** earned two awards: a 2006 Aegis Award, the video industry's premier competition for peer recognition, and a Videography Award, which is presented by professional videographers and editors. "Pennsylvania Aktion in Action" was the first product of the new Digital Media Institute housed in the College of Education and Educational Technology and was produced for an organization sponsored by Kiwanis Clubs. The Aegis is the third Lauber has received in four years.

Counseling

"Crisis in Context: An Ecological Model," an article coauthored by **Holly Moore** appears in the spring issue of the *Journal of Counseling and Development*.

The Center for Counselor Training and Services hosted the spring meeting of the Greater Pittsburgh Counseling Association at the IUP Monroeville Professional Center. **John McCarthy** presented "Getting Out of and Rid of the Box: Helping Clients (and Counselors) to Think Differently."

Developmental Studies

Army Carranza has accepted an invitation to be a visiting professor at Kuwait University, which is interested in developing an academic support center and developmental education department. She has also been invited to deliver the keynote address at the annual conference of the National College Learning Center Association in October.

Serving a fourth year in a leadership position of the

National Association of Developmental Education, **Paul Hrabovsky** is the new treasurer and NADE's alternate director for the Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education.

At the NADE conference, **Sally Lipsky** and **Arden Hamer** presented a preconference institute called "Facilitative Helping: Training Tutors, SI Leaders, and Peer Educators."

Lipsky also presented a concurrent session, "Transforming Learning Theory into Practical Learning Strategies," at the national Teaching Academic Survival Skills conference in March.

Economics

Stephanie Brewer Jozefowicz and **James Jozefowicz** coauthored "Making Economic Principles Personal: Student Journals and Reflection Papers," which was published in the *Journal of Economic Education*.

Educational and School Psychology

Director of the School Psychology program, **Joe Kovalski** served as a guest coeditor of a recent issue of *Remedial and Special Education*. He also coauthored two articles that appear in a special issue of the journal: "The Need for Problem Solving Teams" and "Bringing Instruction Support Teams to Scale: Implications of the Pennsylvania Experience."

Interim dean of the College of Education and Educational Technology, **Mary Ann Rafter** contributed a chapter on strategic learning to the recently released book *Children's Needs III: Development, Prevention, and Intervention*. The book is published by the National Association of School Psychologists.

French and German

At the Pennsylvania Canadian Studies Consortium's annual meeting, **Peter Sullivan** presented "The German Communities in Saskatchewan: Migration and the Preservation of Cultural Heritage."

Health and Human Services

Dolores Brzycki and **Kurt Dudd** of the Communications Media Department presented a poster, "Overcoming Barriers to Technology Innovation," for the Research Appreciation Week poster session. Based on a recently published article in the *Journal of Technology and Teacher Education*, the poster

compares the approaches and accomplishments of IUP's Preparing Tomorrow's Teachers to Use Technology grant to the Concerns Based Adoption Model. The results of this recent grant closely parallel the stages of concern and levels of use of the CBAM model with a few modifications.

History

With three others involved in the same research, **Scott Moore** published "The Pyla-Koutsopetria Archaeological Project: First Preliminary Report (2003-2004 Seasons)" in *Report of the Department of Antiquities of Cyprus*. Moore has made presentations about the Pyla-Koutsopetria project at several meetings, including those sponsored by the American Schools of Oriental Research, the American Archaeological Research Institute, and the Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute.

Peking University Press recently published a revised and expanded edition of **Wang Xi's** book, *Principles and Compromises: The Spirit and Practice of the American Constitution*. Wang Xi also has contributed "Building African American Voting Rights in the Nineteenth Century" to *The Voting Rights Act: Securing the Ballot*, a volume in CQ Press's Landmark Events in U.S. History series.

Hospitality Management

As a member of a site evaluation team for the Accreditation Commission for Programs in Hospitality Administration, **Stephen Shiring** recently evaluated the Hospitality and Tourism Management Program at Delaware State University.

Libraries

Music librarian **Carl Rahkonen** presented "Scandinavian Fiddling in the United States: A Preliminary Overview" at the annual meeting of the Niagara Chapter of the Society for Ethnomusicology last month.

Marketing

"Social Cause Versus Profit-Oriented Advertisements: An Analysis of Information Content and Emotional Appeals," an article by **Charlene Bebko** and **Lisa Sciulli**, appears in the spring edition of the *Journal of Promotion Management*.

Through a grant from the Lance Armstrong Foundation that was awarded to Cancer Control Specialists of Western Pennsylvania, Sciulli conducted a seminar, "Focus Training Session and Survey Construction," for the

American Cancer Society. She also was an invited to participate in an editorial panel to review *Marketing*, a textbook published by McGraw-Hill Irwin.

Philosophy

Ian Duckles presented "Kierkegaard, MacIntyre, and the Limits of Reflection in Ethics" at the central division meeting of the American Philosophical Association. He chaired a meeting of the Søren Kierkegaard Society at the same conference.

Professional Studies in Education

At the annual meeting of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, **Beatrice Fennimore** presented "Modeling Child Advocacy in Teacher Education." She encouraged participants to implement a personal and professional stance of advocacy by addressing ethical issues that have an ultimate impact on children in the academy, in field placements, and in the development of socially responsible course curriculum.

Invited to contribute to Prufrock Press's "Involved Parent's Guides" book series, **Jennifer Rotigel** has published *Encouraging Your Child's Math Talent*. The book, coauthored by Michael Bossé of East Carolina University, details many aspects of working with talented children and offers practical advice to parents regarding such topics identifying talent, working with schools, and supporting the talented child at home.

Political Science

Gawdat Bahgat's recent publications include an article, "Europe's Energy Security: What Lies Ahead," which will be published in Scotland, and "United States and the Middle East: Interdependence not Independence," which will appear in *OPEC Review*. The journal is published by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries in Vienna.

Psychology

At the Pennsylvania Psychological Association's Spring Continuing Education and Ethics Conference, **John ("Jay") Mills** conducted a three-hour workshop, "Theoretical and Dynamic Issues/Ethics in Clinical Supervision." His peer-reviewed

presentation was offered as three hours of approved training for psychologists in Ethics Education.

Gordon Thornton presented "Death Across the Life Span: Pregnancy Loss" at the annual conference of the Association for Death Education and Counseling (ADEC). As chair of the ADEC credentialing council, he also gave a presentation on "Certifications in Thanatology" at the conference.

Spanish

Eileen Glisan copresented two sessions at the Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages: "The Integrated Performance Assessment: Linking Instruction, Learning, Assessment" and "Building Classroom Conversations and Interpersonal Proficiencies."

Student Affairs

Tedd Cogar, residence director in the Office of Housing and Residence Life, and **Kate Linder**, director of the Office of Student Conduct, presented "Effective, Ethical Communication with Parents: A Primer," at the American College Personnel Association conference. The program was prepared by Linder and **Shauna Shira**, graduate student in Student Affairs in Higher Education.

At the same conference, Cogar and **Melvin Jenkins** of Developmental Studies copresented "Strategies for Successful Relationships with Students of the Millennial Generation."

Student Affairs in Higher Education

Holley Belch presented "Effective Practices in Recruiting and Retaining Live-in Residence Life Staff" at the American College Personnel Association conference. The presentation focused on the results of a national multi-campus study funded with a grant from the Association of College and University Housing Officers-International.

At the same conference, **John Mueller** and graduate student **Amanda Gunther** presented preliminary findings of their research "Faculty Observations of and Experiences with Millennial College Students." ☺

ABOUT IUP REPORTER

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On Libraries, Learning, and Football



PHOTOS BY KEITH BOYER

Legendary Penn State coach Joe Paterno visited Fisher Auditorium last month to serve as the first Schafer Speaker. Everyone knows Paterno as the enduring football coach; some are surprised to learn of his support of Penn State's library system. 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. Because of the generosity and tenacity of several donors and volunteers who helped to underwrite the cost of the event, Paterno's appearance in the auditorium and at a private dinner held before his lecture garnered the IUP Libraries approximately \$30,000.

Social Equity Position Filled

PRESIDENT TONY ATWATER has named Jimmy Myers as IUP's director for Social Equity and Civic Engagement.

Myers, currently serving as director of the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity at Youngstown State University, will join IUP July 1.

"Jimmy Myers has a distinguished and proven record as a university chief diversity officer," said Atwater. "I have full confidence in his abilities to advance the university's goals relative to strengthening a campus climate of inclusiveness, civility, and mutual respect. He also has a proven record of engaging the community outside the university in supporting the achievement of diversity goals for the university."

In his new role, Myers will serve as a member of the president's executive team and provide leadership for equal opportunity and diversity and multicultural campus initiatives; plan and develop community and university partnerships that promote diversity; lead the Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Council; develop diversity and equal opportunity policies and procedures; and develop and conduct staff and faculty

diversity activities. He also will work to foster a supportive campus community environment to promote inclusiveness, civility, and equality.

Myers also will be responsible for Americans With Disabilities Act and sexual harassment prevention training programs; work toward improving recruitment and retention of diverse faculty and staff; function as a campus resource for investigation of equal opportunity and discrimination issues and complaints; and will be designated as the university's Affirmative Action Director, Title IX coordinator, and employee ADA coordinator.

Before joining Youngstown State, Myers served as director of the Office of Equity and Diversity and associate director of Human Resources at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. He also served as director of the Office of Affirmative Action and as a grievance officer for that office.

He has a bachelor's degree in political science and history from the Detroit Institute of Technology and a master's degree from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor's Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy. ☺

Student Stars

Fulbright Scholarship, Phi Kappa Phi Grant

ROBERT E. COOK HONORS COLLEGE student Rebecca Galloway has been awarded a **Fulbright Scholarship** to spend a full year studying in the Netherlands. Only 1,200 university students in the nation are chosen for this prestigious scholarship. The award will allow Galloway to enroll in a master's program at the Universiteit Maastricht, a liberal arts college in the Netherlands for the next academic year. Galloway, who graduated this month, speaks five languages. She spent last summer working in Belgium, and toured Ireland and France before beginning a summer course in Dutch at the Universiteit Antwerpen. She previously earned a diploma in international management from a French business school during a study-abroad experience. Most recently, she presented her econometric research, "The Effects of Immigration on Unemployment in the Netherlands: An Analysis of Twenty-Six Labor Market Regions," at the 2006 **Europe: East and West Undergraduate Research Symposium** held at the University of Pittsburgh.

Sophomore history major Gina Russo became the second IUP student in the last two years to receive one of thirty-eight national grants from **Phi Kappa Phi** national honor society for study-abroad experiences. A member of the Robert E. Cook Honors College, she is a tutor in the Writing Center and serves as an IUP Student Ambassador.

Natural sciences and pre-optometry major Kristen Taddie is one of eight students selected to participate in a rigorous research program at the University of Utah. She will conduct an independent research project involving the development of stem cells under a hematology professor as part of the nine-week **Research Experience for Undergraduates** program based at the Utah School of Medicine. She is a student in the Robert E. Cook Honors College.

Sixteen music students participated in the **National Association of Teachers of Singing Eastern Regional Student Auditions**. Thirteen singers advanced into the semifinal round and eight advanced to the final round. Matthew Szalankiewicz and Lauren Shuyler placed first in their categories. Steven Cosnik, Paul Tosti, and Eric Black placed second, while Kenny Biter, Naomi Berkey, and Adam Hoak took honorable mention.

Awarded an **NATS Foundation Award for Vocal Excellence** for 2006, the IUP Music Department has in turn presented the scholarship made possible by the award to Paul Tosti, a senior music education major. Tosti is active in University Chorus, Chorale, Opera Workshop, and Phi Mu Alpha.

Alisha McCurdy has been named IUP's **Student Employee of the Year**. She works in the Center for Counseling and Psychology Services and was nominated by members of the CCAPS staff. An art education and art studio major, she is on the dean's list and is a member of the IUP Ambassadors, the IUP National Art Education Association (serving as vice president), and Kappa Delta Pi education honor society.

Catherine Gumm's presentation, "Computational Studies on the Physical Basis of Repulsive Intramolecular Interactions," took sectional **first place at the Intercollegiate Student Chemists Convention**. Five other undergraduate students presented their research: Kaycie Butler, Michael Deible, Chad Myers, Jeffrey Rupert, and Joseph Zewe. The students were accompanied by faculty members Carl LeBlond and Ronald See. ☺

Atwater Named to ACE Commission

PRESIDENT TONY ATWATER has been asked to serve on the American Council of Education's Commission on Lifelong Learning.

The commission advises the Center for Lifelong Learning and reviews policy statements, guidelines, and principles of good practice on adult learning issues. His term will run through July, 2009. ☺

Substance Abuse...

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Assessment: Develop a systemized program of substance abuse assessment. Survey IUP students to determine their beliefs as to the causes of substance abuse on campus and possible remedies. ☺

In Transition

The following employees are new to the university:

Jessica Smith, information technology technician, Technology Services Center, April 17.

Tiffany Lybarger, clerk, University Safety Office, April 24.

Kevin Groll, information technology technician, Technology Services Center, May 22.

The following employees have moved to new positions:

Kimberly Anderson, from History Department to Housing and Residence Life Office, April 17.

The following employees have retired or submitted notice of retirement:

Alice Ferringer, Pechan Health Center, May 26.

Eleanor Winsheimer, Professional Studies in Education, May 26.

The following employees have resigned or submitted notice of resignation:

Jeff Stadler, Purchasing, April 20.

Julie Goebel, Housing and Residence Life, May 12.

Christopher Vahl, Mathematics, May 26.

Victoria Wohlt, Developmental Studies, May 26.

Timothy Brown, Culinary Arts, August 18. ☺



Scholar-Athletes Honored



Dan Vollmer, golf, and Kara Taylor, basketball, received Scholar-Athlete of the Year Awards during the annual All-American/Crimson Club Dinner last month. Special guest speaker was former NFL All-Pro offensive lineman William Roberts, right, who was joined by President Tony Atwater, left, for the photo.

Robertson Scholarship Award



CATHERINE PRATO

Lindsay Cox, second from right, received the Patricia Hilliard Robertson Memorial Scholarship for Outstanding Female Science Student during the recent Women in Math, Science, and Technology forum held during Research Appreciation Week. An emergency medical technician who is active in the American Chemical Society, she plans to attend medical school following graduation from IUP. Her interests include cancer research, pediatric medicine, and challenges to providing adequate medical care to rural communities. Patricia Hilliard Robertson, a 1985 graduate of IUP, was a NASA flight surgeon and was on track to become an astronaut. She died in a 2001 plane crash. Congratulating Cox are Cheryl Samuels, IUP provost; Ilse Hilliard, Robertson's mother; and John Eck, dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

Atwater Forms Administrative Advisory Council

FROM SOUP TO NUTS—or from SAP to strategic planning—the newly formed Administrative Advisory Council is studying issues from across the university.

An initiative of President Tony Atwater, the council consists of thirty-six members—deans, union leaders, vice presidents, and others—and is expected to meet quarterly.

According to Robin Gorman in the President's Office, the council will serve as a forum for sharing information and gathering input on timely and significant initiatives, issues, and developments that cut across all divisions of the university, as well as serve as a resource for the university on planning initiatives and facilitate communication and awareness of universitywide goals and initiatives. ∞

Speaking Out in Chalk



KEITH BOYER

Freshman Shelley Steffey participated in the Sidewalk Commentary contest last month. The contest, sponsored annually in the Oak Grove by the College of Fine Arts, allows participants to speak in chalk on political and social topics. It also happened to be Citizenship Month, an initiative of the Citizenship and Civic Engagement Initiative, which encouraged students to participate in the contest and numerous other activities. "Citizenship Month is all about raising awareness about how much students really do on campus and how much positive difference they make in the community. It is about getting people not only to volunteer their time, but to consider the larger societal issues that give rise to the need for civic activism and volunteerism. We hope Citizenship Month made everyone think about what our communities really need to thrive, and what everyday individuals can do to meet those needs," said Veronica Watson, CCEI's coordinator.

IUP CALENDAR

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

- June 2**
 - Early Summer Session Ends
- June 3**
 - Weyandt Hall Planetarium Show
 - Wednesdays at lunchtime. Enjoy music and food in the Oak Grove.
- June 5**
 - Summer Session I Begins
- June 7, 14, 21, 28**
 - Picnics in the Grove
- July 5, 12, 19, 26**
 - Alumni Reunion Weekend
- August 2, 9**

