

Upward Bound Program Coming to IUP

CONGRESSMAN John P. Murtha, chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, has announced that IUP received a \$250,000 Upward Bound Math and Science grant through the U.S. Department of Education.

IUP has the opportunity for \$1.25 million in continued funding for this program over the next five years. Only five programs were awarded to Pennsylvania institutions, and only about 130 programs are funded nationally.

The Upward Bound Math and Science programs are designed to strengthen the skills of high school students and to encourage them to pursue postsecondary education programs that lead to careers in these fields.

"This program joins the outstanding academic resources and faculty of IUP with local

high school students," said Murtha. "This will help improve the competitiveness of our students once they enter the increasingly technical and science-driven job market." This grant will enable IUP annually to provide fifty economically disadvantaged students in four Indiana County public high schools with math and science learning support and tutoring services.

"We take pride in Congressman Murtha's ongoing support of IUP and his commitment to helping area students build successful futures," said IUP President Tony Atwater. "The Upward Bound Math and Science programs are extremely important to IUP's outreach mission, joining the IUP McNair Scholars Program, another federally funded TRIO program that prepares first-generation, low-income, and

underrepresented minorities to enter graduate school and eventually earn a Ph.D. The addition of the Upward Bound Math and Science program instills another component of TRIO programming at IUP that again demonstrates IUP's commitment to academic excellence and student academic success."

Specifically, students at Marion Center, Penns Manor, Purchase Line, and United junior and senior high schools are targeted for the program, but students attending any high school in Indiana County are potentially eligible. Activities include participation in intensive instruction taught by the IUP faculty in mathematics and science during a six-week summer research institute, including lab experience, computer training, continuous assessment of academic and personal needs, cultural enrichment, mentoring, tutoring, and standardized test preparation.

Upward Bound is one of seven federal TRIO programs authorized by the Higher Education Act of 1965 to help "low-income Americans enter college, graduate, and move on to participate more fully in America's economic and social life."

The grant program proposal was developed last year by Hilary Staples of IUP's McNair Scholars program and Calvin Masilela, who directs the McNair program and also is a professor of Geography and Regional Planning. Staples and Masilela are co-principal investigators for the grant.

"Hosting a TRIO Upward Bound program continues to bring visibility to IUP," Masilela noted. Research projects developed under the guidance of faculty or graduate student mentors will be showcased each year on campus, he said. "This important outreach program will also support recruitment and retention efforts of first-generation college students from the region. All of these characteristics contribute to a positive campus climate while creating a diverse learning atmosphere that benefits students, faculty, and staff." ❧

Endowed Lecture Series Established

THANKS TO the generosity of a local financial company, IUP and the surrounding community will benefit from a new endowed lecture series.

The First Commonwealth Bank Endowed Lecture Series will bring speakers of national and international prominence to campus. The first event is expected to occur in Fall 2008.

"By endowing this series, First Commonwealth demonstrates its commitment to provide educational and cultural programming to the community and to support higher education and academic inquiry," said Robert Davies, vice president for University Relations and executive director of the Foundation for IUP. "We are especially grateful to the bank for providing a grand intellectual activity for our students, faculty, staff, and the community as a whole." ❧

Best Colleges Guide Lists IUP

FOR THE SEVENTH consecutive year, IUP has been included in the Princeton Review's annual *Best Colleges* guide.

A total of 130 four-year accredited colleges and universities in Pennsylvania and 2,343 in the United States were included in Princeton Review's *Best 366 Colleges*, 2008 edition. The Princeton Review accepts no advertising dollars for the guide and uses independent surveys from current students, recent graduates, and college officials to determine what institutions are included in the guide. The book is a reflection of interviews with more than 100,000 college students from all over the country.

"To be selected for these guidebooks for seven consecutive years and to be in the company of institutions like Princeton, Yale, and the University of Chicago clearly demonstrates IUP's status as an outstanding and nationally ranked university," *continued on page 3*

NSF-Funded Equipment Provides Flexible Research Opportunities

A TEAM OF IUP scientists has received a National Science Foundation award of \$369,000 to purchase a Quantum Design Physical Properties Measurement System.

Led by Gregory Kenning, associate professor of Physics, the team will use the system to determine and characterize properties of materials.

"This instrument will serve a wide range of research and educational projects," Kenning said. "Besides providing research opportunities for our students, acquisition of this instrument and its operation as a user facility will satisfy a regional need for other local universities and corporations in western Pennsylvania."

The multidisciplinary grant-writing team of IUP instructor-researchers included Devki Talwar, Physics; Charles Lake, Chemistry; Larry Freeman, Physics; Heba Abourahma, Chemistry; and John Taylor, Geology.

"Measurements made on this device will provide high-quality, research-grade data for faculty members and graduate students. It will provide a rapid, easy-to-use, flexible educational tool for incorporation into the undergraduate laboratory curriculum," Kenning said. "Acquisition of the Physical Properties Measurement System will provide a cross-disciplinary platform for advancing both pure and applied knowledge in the fields of physics, chemistry, and geoscience."

Faculty and student researchers at IUP have previously been limited to examining materials in specific environments. The new measurement system will allow for materials to be analyzed in a greater range of both temperatures and magnetic fields.

"I am very proud and pleased that our team has received the NSF grant," Abourahma added. "The acquisition of this instrument will have a great impact on my research as well as on the Chemistry Department. The instrument will enable my research students to collect significant data that will enhance the quality of their research projects. The instrument can be incorporated into the introductory and advanced chemistry courses for majors, which will give our students hands-on experience in using a state-of-the-art instrument and will complement their excellent education and training at IUP" ❧

Town Hall Meeting



Senator Arlen Specter presented a town hall meeting recently in IUP's Eberly Auditorium. Numerous members of the community attended. Before the meeting, the senator toured portions of campus with IUP President Tony Atwater.



New Faculty

IUP WELCOMES the following to the faculty:

Accounting:
Sekhar Anantharaman

Marketing: Framarz Byramjeez

Communications Media:
Mark Piwinsky

Counseling: Mary Graham and
Kirsten Murray

Professional Studies in
Education: DeAnna Laverick and
Joseph Marcoline

Special Education and Clinical
Services: Lisa Hammett-Price
and Joann Migyanka

Music: William Collins

Theater and Dance:
Jason Chimonides

Criminology: John Lewis

Human Development and
Environmental Studies:

Kristy Klick Ramassini

Nursing and Allied Health
Professions: Cynthia Zidek

Safety Sciences: Jan Watcher

English: Shimmerlee Jiron-King

History: Kevin Britz

Philosophy: Tiger Roholt

Religious Studies: Tamar Reich

Sociology: Valerie Gunter

Biology: Megan Knoch and
Timothy Nuttle

Geoscience:

Katherine Farnsworth

Mathematics: Mary Metz,
Mavis Pararai, and Edel Reilly

Psychology: Lisa Newell

Advising and Testing:
Dawn Zeligman

Library: Mary-Bess Halford ☺

Faculty and Staff Stars

Diabetes Expo, Printmaking Exhibits, and E-Commerce

Business

Cyndy Strittmatter, assistant dean for Administration in the Eberly College of Business and Information Technology, has served as an external reviewer for the Middle States Commission on Higher Education since 2002. This past summer, she reviewed periodic review reports for Dominican House of Studies, SUNY College of Brockport, SUNY College of Oswego, SUNY College at Purchase, and Thomas Edison State College.

College of Health and Human Services

Susan Dahlheimer, Donna Griffith (School of Graduate Studies and Research), **Lynn Pike, Enid Resenic, Diane Wagoner**, and dietetic interns

participated in the two-day Diabetes Expo held at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in August. Their cooking demonstrations and accompanying nutritional information sessions were at overflow capacity, and observers included executives from the American Diabetes Association.

English

An article by **Jim Cahalan**, "Teaching Hometown Literature: A Pedagogy of Place," will appear in the January, 2008, issue of *College English*.

Fine Arts

Recent and upcoming exhibitions by **Patricia Villalobos Echeverría** include *Bienal de Cuenca*, Cuenca, Ecuador; *Falun Triennial*, Falun, Sweden; *Further: Printmaking at the*

Edge, Kunstraum Wohlleb, Vienna, Austria; and *Power*, Future Tenant gallery in Pittsburgh from September 28 through October 19.

Hospitality Management

Tom Van Dyke, Linda Parrish-Sullivan, Stephen Shiring, and **Albert Wutsch** (Academy of Culinary Arts) attended Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort's Inaugural Educators Forum on August 8.

The Council on Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Educators (CHRIE) International Conference in Dallas included **Tom Van Dyke**, chair of CHRIE's Service Learning Group, and **Stephen Shiring**, site evaluator for the CHRIE-affiliated Accreditation Commission for Programs in Hospitality Administration and a moderator at the conference. Van Dyke and Shiring attended a dinner reception hosted by Thomas Gathers '77, executive vice president of Human Resources for RARE Hospitality International, Inc.

Management

The article "E-Commerce Usage and Perception of E-Commerce Issues among Small Firms: Results and Implications from an Empirical Study" by **Prashanth Bharadwaj** and **Ramesh Soni** will be published in the October issue of *Journal of Small Business Management*.

Nursing

An article by **Teresa Shellenbarger** and Alicia Culleiton M'04, "Transition of a Bedside Clinician to a Nurse Educator," will appear in the August issue of *MEDSURG Nursing*.

Physics

At the Education and Training in Optics and Photonics 2007 conference in Ottawa, Ontario, **Feng Zhou, Dorothy Zilic**, and **Pat Scott** presented "Applied Electro-Optics Educational and Training Program with Multiple Entrance and Exit Pathways," an overview of the 2+2+2 Electro-Optics Program.

Political Science

"Iran and the United States: Reconcilable Differences?" by **Gawdat Bahgat** will be published in *Iranian Studies*.

Punxsutawney

The first Punxsutawney Summer Opportunity Program resulted in development of a new fine arts course integrating music, theater, and art. Faculty members involved in the

program were **Rob Gretta** (Theater), **Ron Horner** (Music), **Kyle Houser** (Art), **Barbara Kraszewski** (English), and **Lea Massiello** (English).

Professional Studies in Education

Beatrice Fennimore, Joan Isenberg (George Mason University), and **Mary Jalongo** are the series editors of *Educating the Young Child: Advances in Theory and Research, Implications for Practice*. Jalongo edited the first volume, *Enduring Bonds: The Significance of Interpersonal Relationships in Young Children's Lives*, to be published in Winter 2007. Jalongo, **Laurie Nicholson**, and **Sue Rieg** (along with coauthor doctoral candidate Denise Dragich) contributed chapters to the volume in collaboration with Nurun Begum M'04; Natalie Conrad M'98, D'04; Jacqueline Motari D'04; and Marilyn Roseman M'92, D'05. The latter are all graduates of the doctoral program in Curriculum and Instruction.

Spanish

Eileen Glisan conducted a two-day workshop, "The ACTFL Integrated Performance Assessment," for faculty members in the department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures at the University of South Carolina. Glisan also conducted a workshop for world language faculty members in the Pittsburgh Public Schools on the topic "Beyond Proficient: Moving Students Toward Advanced-Level Proficiency." ☺

Correction

IN THE JULY ISSUE of *IUP Reporter*, it was noted that Paul Arpaia was the first IUP professor to win a Rome Prize. In both 1970 and 1971, **Daniel Perlongo** won the Rome Prize in musical composition and was resident at the American Academy in Rome while on leave from IUP. ☺

ABOUT IUP REPORTER

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

Deadline for the October edition is September 28. Submissions are edited for length and style. Submissions may be sent to my-news@iup.edu or sent by campus mail to the Marketing and Communications Office, 316 Sutton Hall. Call 724-357-3062.

English Faculty Members Earn Publishing Award

A BOOK PENNED by two members of the English Department faculty has received top honors from an accrediting agency.

Unpacking the Loaded Teacher Matrix: Negotiating Space and Time Between University and Secondary English Classrooms by Linda Norris and S.J. Miller received the 2007 Richard A. Meade Award from the National Council of Teachers of English. The book was published this year by Peter Lang.

According to the council, the award recognizes published research that investigates English and language arts teacher development.

Norris, an associate professor, is the English Department's director of undergraduate education, while Miller is an assistant professor of English and English education. ☺

In Transition

New to the university:

Theresa Fleming, dispatcher in the University Safety Office, August 24

Jennifer McIntire, director of Annual Giving in University Relations, September 17

David Wilson, clerk in Postal Services/Bulk Mail, September 17

Moved to new positions:

Bradley Smith, from interim to full-time IT services coordinator in IT Services, August 6

Jennifer James, from Clerk 1 to Clerk 2, University Police Department, August 13

Lisa Halmes, from the Bursar's Office to administrative assistant in the Robert E. Cook Honors College, August 20

Bernadette Polenik, from fiscal assistant to fiscal technician in Payroll Services, August 20

Kristen Succheralli, from Clerk 2 to Clerk 3 in University Printing and Postal Services, September 4

Resigned or submitted notice of resignation:

Eui Gab Hwang, Criminology, August 17

Matthew Snyder, Paint Shop, August 17

Gordon Hannah, Psychology, August 24

Kevin Ammons, Facilities Transport Services, August 28

Deaths

Patrick Minich, Building Maintenance, August 10 ☺



Student Stars

Fulbright Tradition Continues

MATTHEW FEDINICK, a recent Religious Studies graduate, received word he has been named a Fulbright Scholar. He is the seventh IUP student to be so recognized.

Having spent the Spring 2006 semester studying at IUP's exchange partner, Kansai Gaidai University in Osaka, Japan, Fedinick is studying in the Teaching English as a Foreign Language program in South Korea during the 2007-2008 academic year. His Fulbright award comes on the heels of his selection as IUP's second Freeman-Asia Grant winner in 2006.

The scholarship is sponsored by the Institute of International Education, which also sponsors the Fulbright scholarship program. ☺

Athletes, Coaches Honored by Hall of Fame Induction

SEVEN ATHLETES AND COACHES were inducted into the IUP Athletic Hall of Fame September 8, while an avid fan was honored with the annual Bellringer Award.

Walter Charley (posthumous), Football 1946-49: Charley was nominated by former IUP coach Frank Cignetti in recognition of his coaching career at Ford City High School.

Bob Babiak, Track and Field 1988-90: Babiak won the national championship in the demanding decathlon during his senior season, earning All-America status for the second time in three years.

Dave Kling, Wrestling 1965-69: Kling was a four-year letterman in wrestling, a two-time team captain at IUP, and an All-American in 1968 after finishing fifth at the NCAA College Division championships. He amassed a career dual meet record of 53-4-2 for an impressive winning percentage of .915.

Kevin McMullan, Football 1985-88, Baseball 1988-90: McMullan was a two-time all-conference performer in both baseball and football and was selected team captain while earning All-America accolades in both sports. Overall, he played on six PSAC championship teams.

Michael Mann, Football 1990-93: Mann's place in the IUP record book makes him without question one of the best football players in school history. He is IUP's all-time leading rusher with 4,805 yards, nearly 1,000 more than anyone else in school annals. He holds four other career records, including rushing touchdowns (48), total touchdowns (52), scoring (312), and rushing attempts (849). His uniform number 33 is one of three that have been retired by the university.

Tawney Nardozza-Schmitt, Swimming 1991-95: In her four years at IUP, Nardozza-Schmitt earned All-America honors each season and is one of only four IUP women swimmers to hold that honor. Not even previous IUP Athletic Hall of Fame inductees Leigh Lincoln (2000), Kim Berghoff (2003), or Janice Clarkson (2005) can match Nardozza-Schmitt's feat of four appearances on All-America teams all four seasons of their college careers.

Tony Bernardi, Assistant Men's Basketball Coach 1967-69, 1973-74, 1978-88: Bernardi served as an assistant on the IUP men's basketball staff for thirteen years under three successful head coaches—Herm Sledzik, Carl Davis, and Tom Beck. Each of those coaches attributed a lot of their success to Bernardi, who made key contributions to teaching the fundamentals and principles of defense.

Jack Ferguson, Honorary Inductee: The IUP Athletic Hall of Fame annually bestows the Bellringer Award on an honorary inductee who exhibits exemplary support and service to the university in some capacity. ☺

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said IUP President Tony Atwater. "To see that IUP is consistently chosen by independent evaluators as one of the best universities in the nation offers validation of the university's high academic quality and of the excellence of the IUP faculty."

In the last year, IUP also has been recognized by *Consumers Digest* magazine and The Kiplinger 100, which lists schools that combine outstanding value with first-class education. ☺

State of the University



While President Tony Atwater covered the accomplishments of the last year during his State of the University Address, he emphasized that the university's strategic plan is now in place. Copies of the plan, called *Advancing A Legacy of Excellence*, are available by contacting the Office of Institutional Planning, Research, and Assessment. The plan may also be viewed online at www.iup.edu/strategicplan.

Homecoming: Parade, Football, and Black-Tie Ball

WHILE THERE ARE many departmental events planned for Homecoming, most events take place Saturday, October 13. The following is a list of those open to all alumni or the larger community.

Special fun for younger children, the Kidz Karnival, put on by the IUP Ambassadors student alumni association, will operate on North Seventh Street, between Philadelphia and Water streets, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. This year's theme is Board Games.

The football game against Edinboro begins at 2:00 p.m., while the Crimson Huddle pregame party for alumni takes place at a tent on the southeast side of Miller Stadium, near the soccer practice field, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Tickets for the game may be purchased by contacting the Athletics Department at 724-357-2752.

The Alumni Relations Office is hosting the Fifth Quarter Reception at The Coney on Philadelphia Street from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Members of the university and Indiana communities are invited to the Homecoming Ball, which will take place at Indiana Country Club. A black-tie affair, the ball begins at 7:00 p.m. and includes cocktails, dinner, and dancing. For more information, contact the University Events Office at 724-357-2145.

In addition to Saturday's festivities, Alumni Ambassador Award recipients will be honored at an invitation-only reception and will visit selected classes on Friday. Award winners will appear in the November edition of *IUP Reporter*. ☺



News to Note

THE COMMISSION ON Accreditation of Athletic Training Education has continued accreditation of IUP's Athletic Training Education program through 2012.

The Pennsylvania Higher Education Foundation has awarded IUP a **Nursing Education Grant** for this academic year. The grant helps to address a nursing shortage in Pennsylvania and is meant to produce more nursing majors, direct care nurses, and nurse educators. ☺





Suites on Grant New Home to Cultural Services

WHILE THE OPENING of Suites on Grant will be celebrated during a September 21 ribbon-cutting ceremony, the new amenities space the suites afford for three campus operations—the African American Cultural Center, the Office of International Affairs, and the Office of Social Equity and Civic Engagement—are open for business.

Located in Suite B25, the African American Cultural Center, in addition to organizing numerous programs and activities, facilitates Project ROCS. The program is a mentoring and educational support service to entering, first-time, Board of Governors scholars, and minority freshmen. The center also hosts an African American history and culture library that contains a large collection of books, videos, magazines, journals, and newspapers. The center may be reached at 724-357-2455.

The Office of International Affairs, also now located in Suite B25, provides services and programs that help international students, visitors, and faculty members adjust to life in the United States, fosters and maintains a variety of international exchange and study-abroad programs for all students, sponsors and organizes a variety of activities and programs to internationalize the campus and broader community, and facilitates exchange agreements and other university internationalization efforts. The office may be reached at 724-357-2295.

The Office of Social Equity and Civic Engagement works to create a campus environment that promotes diversity and values individual differences. The office is committed to assist members of the campus community to resolve concerns and complaints pertaining to employees in regard to harassment and discrimination and to accommodate employees with disabilities. Located in Suite B17, the office may be reached at 724-357-3402.

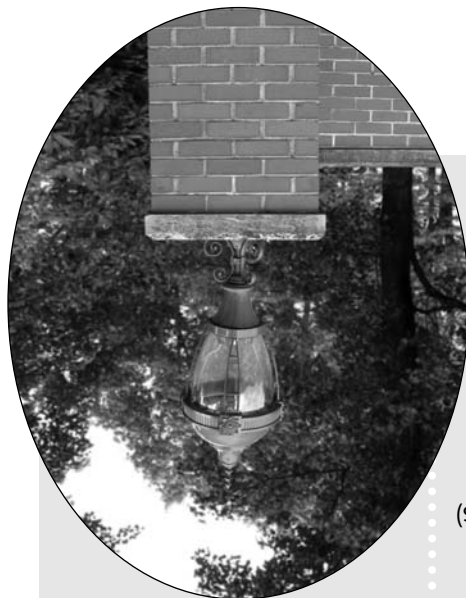
Amenities spaces will sponsor open house sessions on Friday, October 12, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. ☞

Move-in Day



KEITH BOYER

The beginning of the semester marked the beginning of a new era when students moved into Suites on Grant. Lance Marshall of the Admissions Office was one of many IUP employees who assisted students with their belongings. IUP will celebrate the opening of Suites on Grant with a ribbon-cutting ceremony September 21.



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

- September 21 Residential Revival Suites on Grant Ribbon Cutting (includes guided tours)
- October 12 Suites on Grant Amenities Space Open House
- October 12-14 Homecoming
- November 2-4 Family Weekend
- November 27 IUP Performs at Heinz Hall

IUP CALENDAR