

Enrollment Surpasses 14,000

ENROLLMENT HAS TOPPED 14,000 students for Fall 2005 and includes an all-time high graduate enrollment of more than 2,000.

The number of graduate and undergraduate transfer students has increased by more than 10 percent in each category, bringing IUP's total student enrollment to 14,081 for fall 2005. Last fall, student enrollment was at 13,998, according to campus officials. Full-time equivalent students (those enrolled full-time) increased by 112.

Graduate students number 2,034 for fall 2005, up 199 students from last year; this is the highest total in IUP history and marks the first time that graduate enrollment has topped 2,000. Transfer student enrollment includes 671 students for fall 2005, up 65 students from last year. IUP has seen a 19 percent overall increase in the number of students of color enrolled at the university.

"Increased enrollment in light of shifting demographics—in our case, a declining high school student pool in western Pennsylvania—is challenging and certainly reflects the success of new and increased university-wide recruiting and marketing strategies," said President Tony Atwater. ☺

IUP Garners More Than \$3.4 Million in Performance Funding

THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION will award IUP \$3,442,475 in performance funding, twice what the university received last year.

"This result demonstrates a team effort across the university by many individuals to respond effectively and to improve our performance on the indicators. We are studying opportunities for earmarking this funding," President Tony Atwater said.

The System will distribute \$31.2 million in performance funding to the fourteen state-owned universities this year.

The System's Board of Governors established the performance funding program six years ago to reward the universities for demonstrating success and continued improvement in key areas related to student achievement, university excellence, and operational efficiency. The following is a breakdown of funding IUP is set to receive, based on System indicators:

- Degrees Awarded (Bachelor's and Master's) — \$378,956
- Second-Year Persistence Rate (Overall and Minority) — \$328,374
- Four- and Six-Year Graduation Rates (Overall and Minority) — \$245,880
- Faculty Productivity: Total Credits per FTE Instructional Faculty — \$960,582
- Employee Diversity: Percent of Faculty who are Minority — \$283,596
- Personnel Ratio: Total Personnel Compensation as a Percentage of Total Expenditures — \$296,700
- Instructional Cost: Undergraduate and Master's Cost per FTE Student — \$601,824
- Terminal Degrees: Percent of Full-Time Tenured and Tenure-Track Instructional Faculty with Terminal Degrees — \$346,563 ☺

Investiture



Festivities marking the inauguration of President Tony Atwater came into full swing this month. Capstone events included the academic procession and inauguration ceremony, the Magnificent Collage Concert that featured scores of faculty and student performers, and the first inaugural and homecoming ball. "IUP is certainly on the right track. But our excellent university must move forward down that track or it may be overtaken by the market forces and currents of change that are gradually transforming our institution's destiny, and indeed the destiny of higher education in America," Atwater said during his inaugural address. During the inaugural ceremony, Atwater was presented the President's Medallion, which is a symbol of the leadership responsibilities vested in that office. At left is Judy Hample, chancellor of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education.

Gorman Fills Executive Assistant Role

PRESIDENT TONY ATWATER has appointed an interim executive assistant to the president.

Robin Gorman, director of workforce development programs in the School of Continuing Education and most recently in the Eberly College of Business and Information Technology, moved to her new position and into 233 Sutton Hall last month.

Responsible for assisting the president on policy, planning, and budget matters, Gorman said her new duties call for her to be a "director of solutions." She 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.

Gorman earned a bachelor's degree in secondary English and communications from the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown and a master's degree in workforce education and development from Penn State. ☺

Executive Searches Nearing Completion

SEARCHES FOR the four vice presidential posts are nearing completion, according to the chairpersons of the committees conducting the searches.

R.H. Perry and Associates has supplied guidance for the Institutional Advancement and Administration and Finance searches. Searches for the provost and vice president for Academic Affairs and the vice president for Student Affairs have been conducted entirely through an internal search committee. The aim is to fill the positions during the

early part of the spring semester, said President Tony Atwater.

Forty-three people applied for the position of provost and vice president of Academic Affairs, according to search committee chairperson Carleen Zoni, who said the committee has narrowed the pool to six. After phone interviews, the committee will provide a list of strengths and weaknesses to President Atwater, who will decide which candidates will visit. She anticipated that campus visits will take place in late October or early November.

According to Yaw Asamoah, who is chairing the search for the vice president for Administration and Finance, twenty-nine people had applied for the position as of September 19. He said the committee turned the candidates' credentials over to President Atwater for his review, and candidates are expected to begin to make campus visits between October 10 and 24.

Ron Lunardini, who chairs the search for vice president for

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Faculty and Staff Stars

Filmmaking, Counseling, Conferences, and Publications

Art

Visual Arts Research, published by the University of Illinois, published **Robert Sweeny's** paper "Three Funerals and a Wedding: Digital Images, Art Education, and an Aesthetics of Cloning." He will also present "Re/In/Subverting the Panoptic Gaze: Parasitic Gestures within Spaces of Surveillance" at the Canadian Association of Cultural Studies annual conference at the University of Alberta this month.

Communications Media

Mary Beth Leidman recently completed her second season as media producer for the Music on the Mountain Summer Festival, featuring the Deep Creek Lake Symphony in Garrett County, Maryland. Besides advising, she produced and hosted a live concert that will be heard on various National Public Radio affiliates in the region.

A documentary-in-progress coauthored by **Allen Partridge** debuted last month at the Angelika Film Center in New York as one of the films selected for the prestigious Annual Independent Feature

Project (IFP) Market. *Blacklist: Investigating the Life of Canada Lee* reintroduces to contemporary society actor and activist Canada Lee, as remembered by his widow and friends. Each year, the IFP selects two hundred projects from more than a thousand submissions to premier at the festival, which aims to coordinate industry producers and distributors with independent filmmakers.

Gail Wilson's article "Does College Radio Experience Matter" was published in a recent edition of *College Media Review*. Wilson also has presented her research examining how radio employers view the college radio experience of potential employees at the College Media Advisors National Conventions the last two years.

Counseling

A licensed and nationally certified counselor, **Holly Moore** was recruited by the Red Cross through her affiliation with the National Board of Certified Counselors to aid victims of Hurricane Katrina. Moore was deployed to Baton Rouge for fourteen days last month, according to John McCarthy in the Counseling Department, and applied her specialization in crisis intervention and prevention in an evacuee center in Baton Rouge. The faculty in the department supported her deployment by agreeing to cover her classes in her absence.

English

The Knowledge Contract: Politics and Paradigms in the Academic Workplace by **David Downing** has been published by the University of Nebraska Press. This interdisciplinary study of the dramatic changes in the working conditions of faculty and students in the American university, especially in English studies and the humanities, integrates three main concerns: the economic restructuring of higher education, the transformation of disciplinary models of teaching and research, and the rise of the academic labor movement.

Tom Slater's presentation, "Moving the Margins to the Mainstream: June Mathis's Work in American Silent Film," has been accepted for the annual International Conference on New Directions in the Humanities that will be held at the University of Carthage in Tunisia next summer.

Political Science

Gawdat Bahgat's new article, "Energy Security: Central Asia," has been accepted for publication in *Asian Affairs*, a journal published by the Royal Society for Asian Affairs in London. Bahgat also will present a paper at a U.S. State Department conference this month.

At the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, **Sarah Wheeler** presented a paper, "Decentralization and Family Planning Programs." At the American Political Science Association's conference, she presented "A Meta-analysis of Role Playing Games and Simulations."

Spanish

Eileen Glisan recently conducted two workshops: Teaching Listening: Interpretive and Interpersonal Modes for foreign language faculty at Emory University and Developing Interpretive Reading Through Authentic Texts for teachers in the Pittsburgh Public Schools.

Sociology

Included in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* the last two years, **Deanna Chang** conducted an American Sociological Association workshop on minorities in academia recently. ☺

Featured in Film

A crew from Chinese Central Television visited campus last month to film and interview History Department chairman Wang Xi, whose Chinese book on American constitutional history has been used as a source for a twelve-part television program on the historical rise of nine nations, including the United States.



School Psychology Reaccredited

IUP's DOCTORAL PROGRAM in School Psychology has received reaccreditation from the National Association of School Psychologists through 2010. Joseph Kovaleski, director of the program, said reaccreditation gives IUP more national appeal.

"We attract students from all over the country to our doctoral program," he said. "We have successfully met the criteria for the training of the next generation of school psychologists."

The department also recently received approval from the Pennsylvania Department of Education to provide training for Supervisor of Pupil Services certification. Students seeking certification as supervisor of pupil services will become qualified in coordinating districtwide testing and overseeing the work of school psychologists, guidance counselors, social workers, and nurses. ☺

News to Note

FOR FACULTY AND STAFF MEMBERS who need to purchase academic regalia, the Co-op Store will offer a ten percent discount on custom regalia through November 15. ☺

ABOUT IUP REPORTER

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

Deadline for the November edition is October 28.

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.



Be Involved! Nudging Students to Become Good Citizens

THE EFFORT to make students aware of their roles as citizens and community leaders is an idea that now has a home and a name on campus.

The Citizenship and Civic Engagement Initiative, or CCEI, encourages students to become involved in campus and community affairs and to understand that such activity, while adding value to their immediate educational experiences, provides them with a sense of broader implications of activism and community services.

“At its best, the CCEI will encourage and inspire a closer connection between academics and cocurricular opportunities on campus,” said the program’s coordinator, Veronica Watson, dean’s associate in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. “It is a solid initiative, grounded in research and scholarship, that strongly suggests the institutionalization of civic-mindedness benefits both the student as well as the community. It has a natural home in the academics of the college experience.”

Not a programming body itself, the initiative encompasses

activity and opportunity that already is taking place on campus—volunteerism, service learning, and cocurricular programming. It will promote activities and assist students in making them connect to academic endeavors.

Watson said the CCEI, which is affiliated with the Association of American State Colleges and

Universities’ American Democracy Project, has a board composed of university and community leaders. The board will work to bridge the divide between the campus and the community and to form tangible goals for the initiative, with input from many areas of the university.

For details on how CCEI works, see www.iup.edu/ccei. ☺



Katrina Response: We’ll Never Know

WE’LL NEVER KNOW how much we helped.

Of course, you probably saw on our homepage that the university opened its doors to students displaced by Hurricane Katrina, offering access to classes and, if necessary, housing. The point, of course, is that we responded. We were ready to welcome them. While no students came here, at least twenty-five students have gone to the tragedy, deployed by the military to assist with relief efforts.

This year marks my twentieth at IUP. University campuses being what they are—a tumbler of people from many places

who care about many different things—I’ve seen a lot of social response. In two decades, I had never seen so many people right here be consumed by and work for the good of the same cause—until now. Last year’s tsunami in Asia came close.

In addition to pulling out my checkbook, I myself spent a day at Reeger’s Farm near Indiana, washing and blanching tomatoes to be canned for the use of relief workers in a Louisiana town. It was fun, and I gained more satisfaction from it than from writing the check. I worked just seven hours, but I know of at least thirty others who put in much more time—many of whom were colleagues, students, and friends of IUP. One of them was the History Department’s Caleb Finegan, who seemed to enjoy driving the truck around the farm delivering supplies from one point in the process to the next and helping his young sons pick tomatoes. And there was Sara Rutledge from Professional Studies in Education, who peeled and peeled for those thousand quarts. Another was Bob Shively, an alumnus and an owner of McNaughton Brothers,

a local moving company, who mobilized employees and vehicles to make sure canned and collected goods safely made their way south.

Last month, I started asking people to report in with their results, but I quickly realized that it is unlikely we will ever know how much we did. Here are a few examples.

- David Piper, who advises the Society for Human Resources Management in the Industrial and Labor Relations Department, challenged his students to a street collection. While things were going well, he and Mike Kornes decided to challenge them to a student v. faculty collection. Who won has not been reported, but final tallies so far add up to \$12,081.97, which has been turned over to the Red Cross Relief Fund.

- Faculty members and students involved in Theater-by-the-Grove’s production of *Pockets* donated the ticket proceeds to the Red Cross Relief Fund. Ironically, the play’s script was written by Dennis Bagnieris, a

—by Regan Houser

student from New Orleans, according to Brian Jones in Theater.

- Sally McCombie’s Family and Consumer Sciences Education students collected more than four hundred cleaning supply items that were turned over the Red Cross.

- According to Miriam Chaiken, the Anthropology Club sold baked goods in the Oak Grove and turned the proceeds over to America’s Second Harvest, which is active in relief efforts.

- Students at the Academy of Culinary Arts and the Punxsutawney Campus, with the help of Aramark, organized and cooked a spaghetti dinner that was held at a local social club. All proceeds went to relief funds, according to Valarie Trimarchi.

- Christine Black’s Community Health Class created and coordinated a campaign called Katrina’s Kids that collected items pertaining to the needs of children—everything from diapers to teen-size clothing. As of press time, the group anticipated finding a way to distribute the items to victims who have taken refuge in Pennsylvania. ☺

In Transition

CONDOLENCES ARE EXTENDED to family and friends of Janet Fontaine, who died September 16. She was a faculty member in the Counseling Department.

The following employees have joined the university:

Alison Ditch, assistant director, Financial Aid, began September 6.

Robert Bowser, director, Purchasing, began September 12.

Erin Fritz, assistant director, Financial Aid, began September 12.

Ryan Rowles, coordinator, Archaeological Services, began September 12.

Eric Strittmatter, clerk, Digital Studio Lab, began September 12.

Lisa Watson, clerk typist, Center for Student Life, began September 20.

Jenny Kawata, study abroad advisor, International Affairs, began September 27.

Cheryl Lazor, clerk typist, Admissions Office, began October 3.

Lindi Turgeon, clerk typist, Admissions Office, began October 3.

Heather Duchene, clerk typist, Housing and Residence Life, began October 10.

The following employees have moved to new positions:

Mary Smiley, clerk typist, President’s Office from Highway Safety Center, September 26

Sharon Soltis, work supervisor from custodial worker 2, Custodial Services, October 1

Sonja Sowerbrower, clerk typist, Purchasing Office from Registrar’s Office, October 10

The following employees have retired or submitted notice of retirement:

Harry Adamson, Custodial Services, August 19

The following employees have resigned:

Jackie Ashbaugh, Custodial Services, September 16 ☺





Executive Searches...

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Student Affairs, said the committee received forty-eight applications. Telephone interviews took place during the first week of October, and President Atwater was expected to review candidate credentials during the week of October 17. Lunardini anticipated that campus visits would take place between October 31 and November 8.

As of October 3, the search committee for vice president for Institutional Advancement had reduced the candidate pool from twenty-three to six, according to chairperson John Eck. The slate of names had been forwarded to the president for approval to begin inviting these candidates to campus for interviews. ☺

Museum Benefit



COURTESY OF THE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM

A masquerade event featuring games of chance in support of the University Museum took place at the home of Christine and Lute Olson last month. Yaw and Carol Asamoah and Peg Purdy take their chances at the blackjack table, while a masked Earl Cunningham observes from a higher perch. While most participants wore purchased masks, Ned Wert, retired Art professor and retired museum director, chose to make his own mask for the event.



COURTESY OF THE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM



- Fall Recess, No Classes
- October 24-25**
- Men's Basketball Home Opener vs. Thiel College, 7:00 p.m.
- November 21**
- Onstage Presents *Miss Saigon*, Fisher Auditorium
- October 27-28**
- Onstage Presents Pat Metheny Trio, Fisher Auditorium
- October 30**
- Women's Basketball Hosts Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Classic Tournament
- November 25-27**
- Family Weekend
- November 4-6**
- Live! Arts Presents *Uncle Vanya*, Theater-by-the-Grove
- November 10-13, 16-19**
- Men's Basketball vs. University of Pittsburgh (exhibition) at Petersen Center, 2:00 p.m.
- November 13**

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

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