

Housing Construction to Begin in May

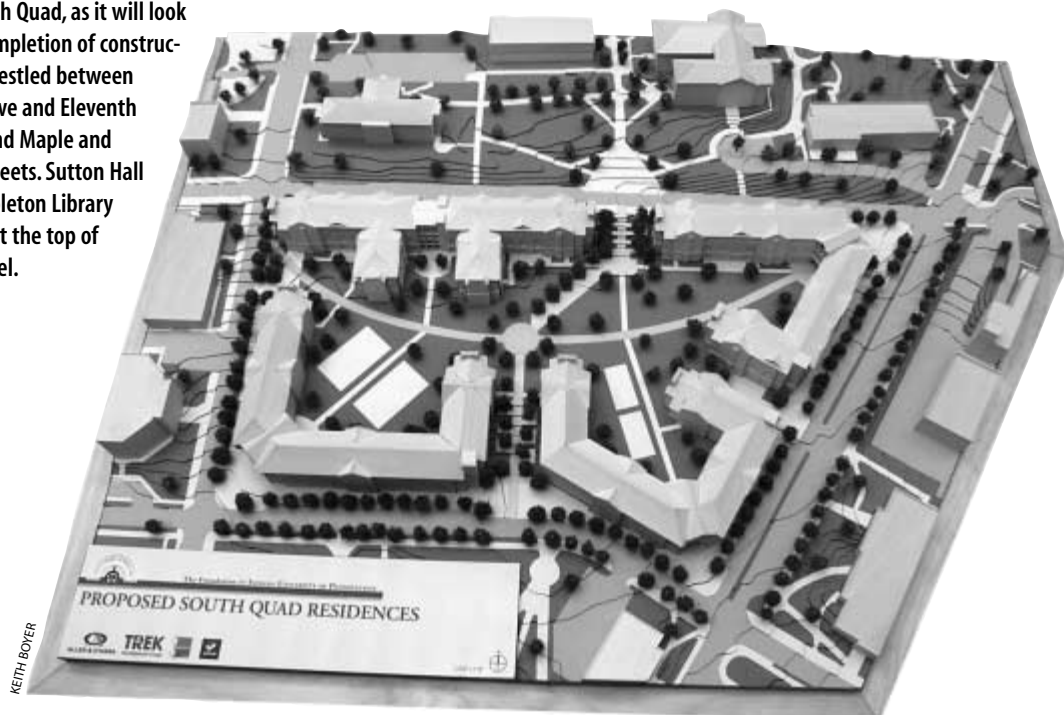
WHAT WAS AT FIRST expected to be an eleven-year project could now be completed in five years, as the first phase of replacing most of the university's residence halls will begin this coming May, according to Tom Borellis in Engineering and Construction.

The Foundation for IUP, which is financing and overseeing the project, has hired the firm of Allen and O'Hara, a housing redevelopment specialist, to lead the project. Allen and O'Hara has, in turn, engaged WTW Architects, a firm that has worked with the university in the past; the engineering firm of H.F. Lenz; and Massaro Corporation as general contractor.

Wahr Hall, which has housed approximately 150 students, is scheduled for demolition after May commencement. The greenhouse and the Administrative Annex will be demolished, and Grant Street will be closed until a new building is constructed. The new building will accommodate roughly 700 students beginning in Fall, 2007.

Between five and seven construction phases will overlap over the course of five years. A master construction plan that will enable the university to plan driving and pedestrian routes during the construction phases will be issued in January. ☺

The South Quad, as it will look upon completion of construction, is nestled between Pratt Drive and Eleventh Street and Maple and Grant streets. Sutton Hall and Stapleton Library appear at the top of the model.



Eberly Again Noted Among the Best

EBERLY COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY has been recognized for the second year in a row by the Princeton Review by being included in its 2006 *Best 237 Business Schools*.

The Princeton Review's *Best* guidebooks program accepts no advertising dollars and uses independent surveys from current students, recent graduates, and college officials to determine which colleges and universities

merit inclusion. This year's publication is a reflection of interviews with more than 16,000 business students from across the nation.

"IUP is consistently included in these prestigious guidebooks, and for good reason," said President Tony Atwater. "IUP is much more than a regional or state institution—it is very much a national university, and we will continue to work to increase its reputation as a national leader in higher education."

"We were certainly pleased to be included for the first time in the 2005 edition of this important guidebook," said Robert Camp, dean of the college.

"However, being ranked for the second year in a row among the top best business schools in the nation speaks volumes about our program and reflects the strength of our program and its reputation, as well as the commitment and expertise of our faculty and staff." ☺

Performance Funding

HAVING RECEIVED the third highest allocation in performance funding in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, IUP is putting the final touches on a formula to distribute the funds, according to Barbe Moore in Planning and Analysis.

Of the \$31.2 million that the System distributed, IUP received just over \$3.4 million. Of that, \$2.5 million is considered undesignated. The undesignated funding will be allocated based on requests from divisions next

semester to enhance the performance measures. The \$983,000 of designated funds will be used to assist the library or with accreditation. Ten percent of the undesignated funds will be distributed to areas on campus that enabled IUP to exceed the performance requirements. In addition, the formula ensures that each division will benefit from the distribution of additional funds, Moore said.

The following is a breakdown of distribution of undesignated funds: Academic Affairs, \$145,375; Student Affairs, \$17,868; Administration and Finance, \$34,613; Institutional Advancement, \$10,983; and President's Office, \$6,209. ☺

Longer Look at Substance Abuse



Last month at a press conference, President Tony Atwater announced he was forming the Commission on Substance Abuse to make recommendations on ways to curb campus substance abuse. Robert Ackerman, pictured, a professor in the Sociology Department and director of the Mid-Atlantic Addiction Training Institute, will chair the committee. Ackerman noted to members of the press, "I think we have a problem, but I don't think we are outside the norm." Representatives from the Student Government Association, the University Senate, the Division of Academic Affairs, the Division of Student Affairs, the University Planning Council, the IUP Alumni Association, and the Athletics Department, among other units, have been asked to participate. The commission is expected to issue a preliminary report in March.



Student Stars

Books and Biologists

STUDENTS IN the **African American Cultural Center** who organized the Books for Africa drive last spring—part of a larger effort—placed second in the nation of groups who participat-

ed in the program. With the help of many students, the program was coordinated by **Tyree Lewis**. During previous drives, IUP's effort has resulted in regional rankings.

Two graduate Biology students have earned awards. **Matthew Newcamp** won the Outstanding Student Poster competition at the annual meeting of the National Association of Biology Teachers. His presentation, "Using Fern Marking Techniques with Genetic

Analysis to Confirm that *Botrychium Dissectum* and *Botrychium Obliquum* Are Variants of a Single Species," stems from research he is conducting in association with his degree and in consultation with faculty member Tom Lord. **Brian Chubb**, who worked with Lord and Leanne Avery, will receive this year's William B. McIlwaine Science Teaching Award at the upcoming convention of the Pennsylvania Science Teachers Association. ☺

Forward, But Looking Back



KEITH BOYER

The theme of the recent presidential inauguration activities may have been IUP Forward, but the festivities also paid tribute to the past. During a picnic that took place the night before the Homecoming parade, a cast of actors roamed the crowd, portraying prominent townspeople and school leaders who witnessed the campus's beginning in 1875, when IUP was known as Indiana Normal School. From left: Bruce Dries of the Communications Office (John Sutton) and Larry Judge, retired Sports Information director (A.W. Wilson); and community members David Serene (J.T. Gibson), Chip Engelmann (Harry White), Peggy Buckley (Jane Leonard), Jim Cupp (a teacher), and Donna Cupp (a teacher). The actors developed their characters under the direction of Ed Simpson of the Theater and Dance Department.

First Undergrad Research Conference Scheduled

THE UNIVERSITY WILL HOST its first research conference for undergraduates next semester.

The Undergraduate Scholars Conference will take place Tuesday, April 4. No classes will be held that day, according to Ramesh Soni, interim dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research, who is part of a group coordinating the conference. "Of course, participation is voluntary by the faculty, but knowing how the faculty supports students, we are expecting wide-based support," he said.

Participating students, in consultation with faculty mentors, will be expected to present completed research or research that is underway. Presentation media include posters, oral presentation, performance, and artwork displays. A postconference compendium will be published on-line or in print, or both, Soni said.

Soni said the committee's intention is to make the Undergraduate Scholars Conference

an annual event and eventually to include students from other universities. Steven Hovan in the Geoscience Department and Kelly Jo Kerry Moran in the Professional Studies in Education Department are serving as cochairs with Soni and are being assisted by Michele Schwietz from Graduate Studies and Research and a committee of about twenty faculty and staff members and students.

A call for papers was issued early this month. More information is available at www.iup.edu/undergradconf. ☺

In Transition

The following employees have joined the university:

Brenna Avery, multicultural recruiter, Admissions Office, began September 28.

Michael LeMasters, director, Office of Housing and Residence Life, began October 31.

Sandra Hart, clerk typist, Admissions Office, began November 1.

Lee DeCoske, information technology technician, Libraries, began November 7.

The following employees have moved to new positions:

Mary Morgan, special events manager in the President's Office from assistant director in Alumni Relations, October 17

Lori Roles, transfer recruiter in the Admissions Office from admissions counselor in the Academy of Culinary Arts, October 17

The following employees have retired or submitted notice of retirement:

Barbara Cerovich, Purchasing, December 23

Susan Fry, Payroll, March 31, 2006

The following employees have resigned:

Bryan Seal, Safety Sciences, November 11

Dave Caldwell, Athletics (Swimming), March 17, 2006 ☺

News to Note

FACULTY MEMBERS planning to participate in December 18 Commencement processions are reminded that the deadline for **ordering rental regalia** at the Co-op Store is Monday, November 21.

The Folger catering area has been officially named the **Crimson Event Center**, according to Lora Herrick in the Office of Housing and Residence Life, which is in the process of revamping a separate entry to the facility that will include an awning.

A **video of recent presidential inauguration events is available** on DVD and may be obtained through David Lind in the College of Education and Educational Technology. Contact Lind at 357-7517 or send e-mail to david.lind@iup.edu for more information. ☺

ABOUT IUP REPORTER

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

Deadline for the December edition is December 2.

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.





Faculty and Staff Stars

Awards, Publications, and Presentations

Three Professional Awards

Two faculty members, **Valeri Helterbran** and **Tom Short**, received recognition from professional societies, as did **Kate Linder**, who directs the Office of Student Conduct.

The Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Teacher Educators named Helterbran its Teacher Educator of the Year. She serves as assistant chairperson of the Professional Studies in Education Department and as coordinator of the Master's in Education program.

His dedication to practicing and teaching statistics recently earned Short, of the Mathematics Department, the Statistical Education Award from Mu Sigma Rho, the national honor society for statistics. The honor was based on his achievements at the institutional, regional, and national levels.

Linder received the Outstanding Contribution to the Profession Award, presented by the Pennsylvania College Personnel Association to recognize notable contributions to the profession. She is not the first from IUP to receive the award. It was presented to Ron Lunardini in 2000.

Art

Invited as a panelist for a discussion on emerging issues in craft education, **Steve Loar**, director of the Center for Turning and Furniture Design, participated in the World Turning Conference and presented an overview of the evolution of his work at the Sculptural Objects-Functional Art conference. Next semester, his work will appear in the Woodturning on the Edge exhibit at the University of Idaho.

Chemistry

Jaeju Ko presented "Application of THEMATICS to Non-Catalytic Ligand-Binding Proteins" at the Fourth International Conference on Bioinformatics, at the symposium of Association of Asian Societies for Bioinformatics, and at the annual conference of the Korean Society for Bioinformatics.

Communications Media

"Crows" and "Ribbons," poems by **Kurt Duddt**, have been published in *Red Owl Magazine*.

Educational Technology has published "The Design of 3-D,

Digital, Fast-Action Games for the Classroom," an article by **Erick Lauber**. The article describes how games can be used in education, particularly in the K-12 environment, to accomplish real learning, and it supplements a presentation Lauber made at a technology and learning symposium at New York University.

Criminology

Using research funded by an IUP Senate Grant and information gained through field work in Singapore, **Timothy Austin** wrote an article, "Life on the Atoll: Singapore Ecology as a Neglected Dimension of Social Order," that was published in the *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*.

Economics

James Jozefowicz and **Stephanie Jozefowicz** presented "Eyes on the World: Economics in a Multicultural Landscape" at the 2005 National Council on Economic Education Annual Conference in San Antonio.

Educational and School Psychology

Roger Briscoe provided the keynote address for Indiana Area School District's first in-service day. He spoke about the importance of attending to diversity in the classroom and the relationship between culture and learner diversity.

"Students with Severe Disabilities," a hundred-page chapter of Piliouras and Morettini's *Encyclopedia of Education and Human Development*, was coauthored by **Becky Knickelbein**.

School Psychology program director **Joseph Kovaleski** is among the national experts who wrote *Response to Intervention: Policy Considerations and Implementation*, published by the National Association of Directors of Special Education, Inc. Kovaleski has testified before Congress and continues to conduct workshops around the country on Response to Intervention, an alternative research-based method of identifying students with learning disabilities.

History

Paul Arpaia served as a roundtable facilitator for the Symposium on Communication and Communication-Intensive Instruction, presented by the Bernard L. Schwartz Communication Institute and hosted by Baruch College.

On a year-long sabbatical, **Wayne Bodle** is working on a monograph-length, new synthesis of mid-Atlantic history. This research is being funded by nationally competitive grants from the American Philosophical Society and the Library Company of America.

Lynn Botelho's *Old Age and the English Poor Law, 1500-1700*

was just published, as was her heavily illustrated, popular-audience essay, "Old Age in Seventeenth-Century Europe." She soon will begin her sabbatical to serve as visiting professor at the University of Essex in England.

Two of twenty-five college professors chosen for national competition, **Soo Chun Lu** and **Wang Xi** both won National Endowment for the Humanities grants to attend the NEH-AHA Summer Institute, "Rethinking America in Global Perspective."

Two of **Caleb Finegan's** articles have been published—one of them in Spanish. "Parish Priests on Defense in the Diocese of La Paz, 1680-1700," appeared in the *Bolivian Studies Journal*, and "La Política Pueblerina y el Declive de la Visita Pastoral en la Diócesis de la Paz, 1680-1700" appeared in *Anuario de la Academia Boliviana de Historia Eclesiástica*.

Political Science

Gawdat Bahgat's article, "Energy Security: The Caspian Sea," was accepted for publication in the Swedish journal *Minerals and Energy*. The Italian Institute for International Political Studies invited Bahgat to contribute a chapter on the future of EU-Gulf relations in a new book to be published in Italian by the institute. ☺

Alumni Ambassadors



President **Tony Atwater**, left, and **David Mawhinney '86**, right, president of the IUP Alumni Association, flanked alumni who were honored during Homecoming as ambassadors. In the front row, from left, are **Renee Zettle-Sterling '97**, a member of the art faculty at Grand Valley State University; **Rafael Rivera-Vigo '99**, a managerial staff member at Westin Innisbrook Golf Resort; and **Marissa Carney '00**, a reporter at WTAJ-TV in Altoona. In back from left are **David Reed '00**, a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives; **Maureen Walls-McKay '88, D'95**, a member of the psychology faculty at Longwood University; and **Robert Scherrer '96, M'99**, principal of Woodland Hills High School. The Ambassador Awards are given annually to graduates who are alumni of ten years or less and who have distinguished themselves in their careers. Recipients are chosen from separate colleges.



Gearing Up for December Commencement

IUP WILL HOLD its annual December commencement on Sunday, December 18. Nearly thirteen hundred August and December graduates have the opportunity to participate.

There will be two ceremonies—one for graduate students in Fisher Auditorium at 10:30 a.m. and one for undergraduates in Memorial Field House at 1:30 p.m.

A featured speaker will receive an honorary doctoral degree during the undergraduate ceremony. More information will appear in the December edition of *IUP Reporter*.

Undergraduates should report to Memorial Field House Auxiliary Gym no later than 12:30 p.m. for line-up instructions. Faculty members participating in the event are to line up in Zink Hall's Gym A. Live video coverage of the ceremony will be shown in the Eberly College of Business Alumni Auditorium and Beard Auditorium in Stouffer Hall for guests who do not have tickets for the Field House.

Graduate students and faculty members should report to Waller Hall (beside Fisher Auditorium) no later than 9:45 a.m. Doctoral student guests will be seated in a reserved area in the auditorium. Tickets are necessary for admission to this area and may be picked up at the School of Graduate Studies and Research in 125 Stright Hall by graduating doctoral students. Other guests may sit elsewhere in the auditorium and will not be required to present tickets.

Immediately after each ceremony, President Tony Atwater will host a reception honoring all students, families, and guests in Folger Hall's Crimson Event Center. A shuttle bus service from Fisher Auditorium will be available.

Questions should be directed to commencement co-chairpersons Mary Morgan at 357-2145 or Bob Simon at 357-2217. ∞

Raindrops



It rained on Homecoming, but it didn't really matter. Alumni and campus and community members still lined Philadelphia Street to see the annual parade.

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

IUP CALENDAR

- November 21**
 - Men's Basketball Home Opener vs. Thiel College, 7:00 p.m.
 - November 23-25**
 - Thanksgiving Recess
 - November 25-27**
 - Women's Basketball Hosts Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Classic Tournament
 - November 30-December 3**
 - Theater by the Grove: *Così fan Tutti (Everyone Does It)*
- December 4**
 - Holiday Music Concert
 - December 12-17**
 - Final Exams
 - December 16**
 - Council of Trustees Meeting
 - December 18**
 - Commencement
 - January 17**
 - Classes Resume