Comes to a Successful Close

Capital Campaign

The Gateway to Opportunity capital campaign will formally close on June 30 with gifts and pledges totaling more than $20,301,961, significantly ahead of a $14 million goal. Within that total is $7,078,561 raised for student scholarships and $5,277,721 raised for the Student Opportunity Fund, both well ahead of their stated goals.

“I am very pleased with the success of this campaign,” said President Tony Atwater, “and I want to offer my sincere appreciation to the many volunteers who have been part of this effort, especially William Shipley ’75 and Myron Tomb ’69, co-chairs of the campaign. I also want to recognize the staff in the Institutional Advancement Division, including Institutional Advancement Vice President Robert Davies, and congratulate them for exceeding this goal.

“Students are at the heart of all that we do at IUP and the initiatives of this campaign are deliberately designed to meet that priority,” Atwater said. “I continue to be impressed with the generosity of our alumni and friends who believe in our students and the future of this university, especially in the category of scholarships and enhanced opportunities for academic success and achievement.”

Currently, more than 85 percent of IUP’s students receive some form of financial aid.

“While this level of support is significant,” Atwater said, “the need of our students is far greater than the funds currently available. Obtaining more funds to support student scholarships will enable IUP to continue to meet its mission of providing access to excellence.

“In addition to providing assistance to financially needy students, IUP will seek to provide additional scholarships based on academic merit. These awards enable the university to recruit today’s brightest students—students who contribute to maintaining and raising academic standards in the classroom.”

CHANGES ON FOUNDATION BOARD

The Foundation for IUP, the nonprofit corporation that receives and manages donations made to the university, is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors.

The board welcomed the following new members during a recent meeting: David Antolik ’88, Frank Kinter, Herlinda Hernandez, Ruth Riesemann ’84, and Randall “Louie” Sheretz ’77.

The board bid farewell to departing members Nancy Lanzillo ’82, Donna Part ’99, Eugene O’Sullivan ’71, and Gregor Young.

The board elected Chris Holida ’89 as president, Daniel Prushnok ’76 as vice president, and Thomas Curtis as secretary-treasurer.

The following IUP campus representatives have been appointed to the Foundation board: Nancy Lanzillo ’82, Chad Schumaker ’07, Keri Waller ’75, and Brian Widgery ’88.

Other current Foundation board members include: Lonna Abamenati ’83, George Chressant ’77, Barbara Hoffer, Cecelia Mackey, Robert Marcus, William Hrozewski ’75, James Renacci ’80, Catherine Renzo ’61, Timothy Report ’86, William Shipley ’75, David Siesko ’83, Andrew Stephenson ’72, Regina Stever ’75, and Sarah Wheeler.

In addition to the student scholarship and student opportunities funds raised during the campaign, other campaign targets included the following:

- Special projects, including the Allegheny Arboretum: $1,566,954
- Support for the IUP regional campuses—IUP at Punxsutawney and IUP at Northpointe: $899,482
- Support for the IUP Libraries: $983,502
- Support for science and technology: $773,618

A total of $3,633,126 has been donated in the unrestricted category, which permits funds to be put to the use determined best by the university.

“Bringing this campaign to a successful close clears the way for our team of volunteers and staff to concentrate on securing the remaining funds for the Regional Development Center and Sports Complex as well as other important initiatives for the university that moves this university forward,” said Davies, who also serves as executive director of the Foundation for IUP.

The Regional Development Center and Sports Complex is a $38 million, 164,000-square-foot facility. It will include a technology and training support center and a 4,000- to 6,000-seat convocation center to serve both the university and the community.

A total of $4.5 million has been raised to date, 20 percent of the $20 million goal for the facility. Under Gov. Tom Ridge’s administration, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 2000 awarded IUP a $3-million grant to design the building and pledged a $20 million match to IUP to help build the facility.

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Fulbright Will Take Boldin to Macedonia

As a 2006 Fulbright Scholar, Robert Boldin, a member of the IUP Finance and Legal Studies Department faculty, will use the award to teach and conduct research in Macedonia, a small Balkan republic, during the next academic year. He plans to research methods for economic development and teach courses on finance and entrepreneurship. One of his top goals is to identify key factors to further Macedonia’s development that can be put into immediate use by policymakers.

Boldin’s award is among the nearly sixty Fulbright awards earned by IUP faculty members since 1959, the most of any faculty in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. It is the seventh Fulbright award won by a faculty member of the Liberty College of Business and Information Technology in the last ten years.

As a lecturer, Boldin will focus on what he knows best: finance and entrepreneurship. He has taught these subjects at IUP since 1978 and is currently the director of the Small Business Incubator, an outreach program that provides start-up businesses the resources and office space necessary to succeed.

Boldin has extensive international experience. For example, he was invited by the World Bank to serve as lecturer and consultant to Northern Jiaotong University in Beijing, has traveled to Yugoslavia as a consultant for Brackenridge, Inc., and has completed consulting work for the U.S. Agency for International Development in Montenegro.

Key Signatures

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New Murtha Institute Administrator Named

President Tony Atwater has named Jeff Crane, a recognized expert in emergency preparedness and crisis management, as executive director of the John P. Murtha Institute for Homeland Security. He began his new duties June 1.

The John P. Murtha Institute for Homeland Security oversees the coordination of IUP programs in domestic preparedness and weapons of mass destruction, emergency response, cybersecurity education, environmental training, and cryptologic education and instructional design.

Crane, who comes to IUP from Jackson Health System in Florida, will be responsible for developing the vision, mission, strategies, and goals of the institute. He also will be responsible for developing new programs that support IUP and the Murtha Institute, providing outreach to legislators and other government leaders, supporting research activities of IUP related to areas of homeland security, and working closely with internal IUP entities to ensure that institute projects are being managed effectively.

At Jackson Health System, Crane served as associate administrator and emergency management coordinator. He also served as director of the Domestic Preparedness Program for the Center for Environmental/ Occupational Risk Analysis and Management at the University of South Florida, among many other activities.
Faculty and Staff Stars

Presentations, Publications, Grants, and Awards

Academic Technology Services
User services coordinator

Nancy Evans attended the C-CUE Technology Summit and gave two presentations: “Technology Time Savers! A Well Stocked Tool Belt” and “How Do We Reach Students about Computer Security? Let’s Ask!”

Biological Sciences
Two papers co-authored by Professor Emeritus Jan Humphreys and two former graduate students were recently published. “Serorelevance of Antibodies to Toxoplasma gondii in the Pennsylvania bobcat (Lynx rufus rufus),” co-authored by Humphreys and Eric Mucker, was published in the journal of Wildlife Diseases; “Serological Evidence for a Novel Entovilchis Species in Woodchucks (Marmota monax),” USA, by Humphreys and Dan Kubar was published in Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences. The research for the studies was done in collaboration with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, the Parasitology Institute of the United States Department of Agriculture, and the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

Communications Media
Kurt Dutt attended the Pennsylvania College English Association’s spring conference in Pittsburgh. He contributed to the session A Poetry of One’s Own, at which he read six poems.

Educational School Psychology
William Barker is a co-investigator and evaluation of Guided Goal Setting as a Behavior Change Approach and Monitoring Protocol in Pennsylvania’s Women, Infants, and Children Program. This special project grant has been funded by the United States Department of Agriculture for $370,000 over three years and is designed to take goal-setting—the counseling approach recommended for use in the Pennsylvania WIC Program—and evaluate its current state of implementation in Pennsylvania.

Lynnane Black presented “Developing Emergent Literacy Skills in Preschoolers through Parent Workshops” at the Annual Convention of the National Association of School Psychologists. She also presented “Quick Fixes: Dealing with Your Child’s Challenging Behavior as a Head Start Parent” to Head Start parents and “Helping Parents Foster Emergent Literacy Skills in Their Preschoolers” at the Children’s Advisory Committee Meeting in Indiana.

Health and Physical Education
At the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance national convention, Andrew Shim presented three papers: “Quia: The Next Generation of Mindtools for Health Education,” “Teaching Self-Defense to the Physically Disabled,” and “The Effects of a Five-Week External Rotator Shoulder Strength Training Program on Collegiate Women Tennis Players.” The last was authored by Yvonne Niederbracht ’04, M’05, was published in Research Quarterly Review; and Great Ideas in Teaching Health and Wellness Newsletter published Shim’s “An iPod Apple a Day.”

History
At the invitation of the Instructional Design Center, Paul Arpaia held peer-to-peer workshops on electronic-mediated strategies for integrating WebCT into discipline-based courses. The workshops integrate four pedagogical approaches: the connection between the reading and writing processes, learning communities, student-active learning, and sustained-formative feedback in skills development.

Alan Baumler presented “Labor, Opium, and the Chinese” at the Asian Migrations Conference held recently at SUNY-Binghamton.

University of Virginia Press has released The World of John Winthrop: Essays on England and New England 1588-1649, which was edited by Lynn Botelho and a colleague at Millersville University.

In the last year, Roger Carpenter published five book reviews and thirty encyclopedia entries and was appointed to the editorial board of the Journal of Early American Wars and Armed Conflicts. He published “From Indian Women to English Children: The Leni-Lenape and the Attempt to Create a New Diplomatic Identity” in Pennsylvania History: A Journal of Mid-Atlantic Studies and “Womanish Man and Manlike Woman: The Native American Renchade as ‘Warrior’” in Journal of Early American Wars and Armed Conflicts.

During the last academic year, Wang Xin’s presentations included “Make Every Slave Free, and Every Freeman a Voter: The Construction of Black Suffrage Discourse in the Age of Emancipation” at the conference Contested Democracy: Freedom, Race, and Power in American History, held at Columbia University, and commentary on three papers presented at the Rural China, Past and Present panel at the American Historical Association. As a Changjiang Scholar, he gave eight lectures on state- and nation-building in American history at the National Graduate Seminar on World History at Peking University.

Bob Zens published “Bibliography of Works in Ottoman and Turkish Studies, 2003-4” in International Journal of Turkish Studies. He also presented “The Ayakli and the Emergence of the Ottoman Warlord, 1791-1815” at the Middle East Studies Association Conference and was the principal discussant of the “Administration in the Ottoman Arab Provinces” panel at the Great Lakes Ottoman Symposium in Toronto.

Hospitality Management
In July, Stephen Shiring will co-present “Fifty Years in Ninety Minutes: Experiences of a Professional Caterer” at the 2006 American Culinary Federation National Convention Trade Show at the Philadelphia Convention Center.

Marketing
Emerald Literati Network presented Rajendar Garg a Highly Commended Paper Award for “Benchmarking Culture and Performance in Chinese Organizations,” which was published in Benchmarking: An International Journal.

Political Science
Gawdat Bahgat’s article “Israel and Nuclear Proliferation in the Middle East” will appear in the upcoming issue of Middle East Policy.

Sociology
The Thomas Merton Center in Pittsburgh has presented Harvey Holtz with a New Person Award, given to several Pittsburgh area activists in recognition of a commitment to peace and justice. He has been responsible for the creation of a variety of groups, including the Indiana Progressive Alliance, has worked with the IUP Women for a Change, and was advisor to the IUP/NAACP for five years. He has also been involved in anti-nuclear groups, has worked with campus groups struggling against heterosexism and with a variety of other activist groups through the years, and initiated Indiana Voices for Peace prior to the invasion of Iraq. Holtz helped form and advises the “leftist” Libera- tion Ground and the “rightist” Students for Free Speech.

Student Contact
Three Turner received the Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education Service Award in appreciation of outstanding work as the conference’s historian.

Theater and Dance
At the International Congress on Medieval Studies, Thomas Ault presented “The Nuptial Celebrations of Lucasia Borgia and Alfonso I d’Este.”

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Daniel Griffith, left, an Asbel Smith Professor of Geospatial Information Services at the University of Texas at Dallas, received an honorary Doctor of Science degree at May commencement ceremonies. Griffith earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees from IUP, a second master’s from Penn State, and a doctoral degree from the University of Toronto. IUP presented him with a Distinguished Alumni Award in 1982. With Griffith and President Tony Atwater is Rachel Sams, who received her B.S.Ed in Elementary Education and served as student speaker.

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continued from page 1 other related professional positions.

An Army and Navy veteran, Crane has a Doctor of Public Health degree in Health Management and Emergency Preparedness from the University of South Florida and two master’s degrees: one in Business Administration from the University of South Florida and one in Public Administration from Troy State University. He earned his bachelor’s degree at Appalachian State University. ~

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Student Stars

Emily Fargo, a Robert E. Cook Honors College student, was one of two national winners in dramaturgy in the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival competition. As the winner of the festival’s PlayLabs fellowship, she will spend two weeks in July working in dramaturgy at the Playwright’s Center in Minneapolis in the field of original play development. In addition, she is an invited participant in the Literary Managers and Dramaturgs of the Americas conference also to be held this summer. Fargo is from Marion, Ohio. Dramaturgy is a specialized branch of theater art and involves translating the elements of story to stage. It involves research, contextualization, and creative composition.

IUP Designated Center for Academic Excellence

IUP HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS A Center for Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education by the National Security Agency (NSA) and the Department of Homeland Security, joint sponsors of the program. According to the NSA, the Information Assurance Centers program is intended to reduce vulnerabilities in the national information infrastructure by promoting higher education in information assurance and producing a growing number of professionals with information assurance expertise in various disciplines.

“Security is an often overlooked area in the computer science field,” said William Oblitey, professor of Computer Science and cochair of the original grant that helped fund IUP’s information assurance program. “There is also a perception that only large businesses need personnel trained in the information assurance field, but that is not true. In fact, we are hoping to work with some of the smaller businesses in this community through internships and workshops to help them with issues of information assurance.”

IUP was one of the first universities in the nation joining the disciplines of criminology and computer science in the information assurance field and is one of only seventy-five designated centers in the country.

“This is a significant honor and a great recognition of the quality of our program,” said John Eck, dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. “Many other universities have received this designation at the graduate level, but we have a unique position of being the first undergraduate program to be so designated.”

In Transition

New to the university:

Jasen Bethlehem, University Police, May 8.
Jeffrey Crane, executive director, John P. Murtha Institute for Homeland Security, June 1.

Moved to new positions:

Alison Ditch, from assistant director to customer service coordinator, Financial Aid Office, July 8.

Retired or submitted notice of retirement:

Timothy Brown, Culinary Arts, August 18 (erroneously reported in the last edition as a resignation).
Edward Simpson, Theater and Dance, August 18.

Resigned or submitted notice of resignation:

Paul Failla, Athletics (Football), May 5.
Brandi Williams, Housing and Residence Life, May 26.
Gary Martz, Housing and Residence Life, May 28.
Adam Marchal, Athletics (Baseball), May 31.
Emily Reetz, Housing and Residence Life, June 9.
Earl Cunningham, Major Gifts, June 16.
James Ramsay, Safety Sciences, June 30.
Richard (Chad) Gibbs, Human Development and Environmental Studies, August 16.

Kuwait University Molds Program After IUP’s

Carranza conducted focus-group discussions with students; met the provost, deans, and faculty; and helped organize an advisory board to guide the development of the new project, mirroring components of IUP’s program. She also conducted a series of workshops on topics related to college success for groups of students in the Women’s College and the colleges of Science and Engineering, Business, and Medicine.

Kuwait University also plans its own version of IUP’s successful College Undergraduate Success Program (CUSP), an early-entrance experience for first-year students that Carranza initiated in 1999.

There are striking differences between Kuwait University and IUP. For example, classes are taught in both English and Arabic—students are expected to be fluent in both languages. Men and women, by law, are enrolled in separate classes. Tuition is free and, as there are no on-campus residences, all students drive cars to campus.

Carranza noted that it all needs to be taken in context. “Students are students everywhere,” she said. “Their needs are universal.”

Trustees Resolutions

At the last Council of Trustees meeting, chairperson Susan Delaney presented Donna Pritt with a resolution of appreciation for her work as president of the Foundation for IUP Board of Directors. Pritt completed her term this spring. Others recognized with resolutions at the meeting included Ramesh Soni, Sally McComb, and Narayananavm Bharathan, who earned Distinquished Faculty Awards, and graduating seniors Chetona Gove, the student member of the Council of Trustees, and Mark Collins, a student member of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Board of Governors.

Changes Noted on Council

At the latest Council of Trustees meeting, David Dolackowicz was named chair of the council, Kim Lytle ’72, M ’79 was reappointed as vice chair while Robert Houman ’76 continues as treasurer; Susan Delaney ’64 was named secretary.
Named to Special Olympics Board

Beverly Roberts-Atwater has been appointed to the Special Olympics Pennsylvania Board of Directors. Roberts-Atwater’s duties will include meeting the needs of participating athletes, setting policies that guide the organization, writing a plan for the organization’s growth and development, and assuring that the organization meets its financial goals.

“We are proud to welcome her to our team,” said Janine Cesare, president of Special Olympics Pennsylvania. “As a physician, Dr. Roberts-Atwater will bring a unique skill set and area of expertise to our board.”

Roberts-Atwater is a practicing physiatrist and has extensive expertise in medicine and psychology. She is a member of the American Association of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, the American Association of Osteopathic Medicine Physicians, and the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association and serves as president of the National Osteopathic Medical Association.

State Government Forum

State Senator Don White recently hosted a program in the Eberly College of Business and Information Technology to introduce area high school students to many facets of state government. The event brought to campus more than two hundred students who were able to meet and ask questions of members of the state General Assembly, legislative staff, special interest groups, and the media. White, left, took a few minutes to chat with student guests.