

Opening Convocation to Welcome New Students

THE FIRST-EVER opening convocation for new students will take place Sunday, August 27, at 5:00 p.m. in Miller Stadium.

“This opening convocation is our opportunity to officially welcome new students to campus and convey to them the importance of becoming engaged in the life of the university and IUP’s traditions and values,” said Rhonda Luckey, vice president for Student Affairs. “New students will begin their college career here knowing more about the importance we place on their connections with faculty and

fellow students, building upon experiences they had during spring and summer orientations.”

As with the honors convocation that takes place each Spring, faculty members have been invited to process in academic regalia, and students will be escorted to the convocation from academic department meetings by their orientation leaders. The program will include remarks by Ron Shafer of the English Department; Patrick Barnacle, Student Government Association president;

and Sam Heastie, a member of the Fayetteville State University Educational Leadership faculty who previously served as Grove City College’s special assistant to the president for diversity.

The convocation immediately follows departmental meetings that same afternoon, so that new students, faculty members, and administrators will move to the stadium and convocation at 5:00. Upon the convocation’s conclusion, participants will move from the convocation to a picnic on the soccer field adjacent to the stadium. ☺

Safety Sciences Receives Endowed Fund

THE SAFETY SCIENCES DEPARTMENT was presented with a \$10,000 gift by Eric Nelson ’90, president of Ergonomic & Safety Services. The gift is a step toward a total of \$20,000 to be placed in an endowed fund to assist in purchasing new equipment, library resources, bring in guest lecturers, and more.

“Equipment can get outdated quickly. It’s hard to keep it updated and current,” said department chair Lon Ferguson. “For instance, we need calibrating instruments and industrial hygiene equipment. We’ll place a small plaque noting the company’s gift on the new equipment.”

With IUP graduates making up one-fifth of its employees, ESS is in the top tier of employers for graduates of IUP’s Safety Sciences department. One of the largest safety consulting companies on the East Coast, ESS has IUP graduates all the way to the top. Josh Shaw ’98, vice president of consultation, was student president of the American Society of Safety Engineers when he met Nelson, a guest speaker at IUP, and is currently president of the Pittsburgh Chapter of ASSE. Joe Schmitt ’96, vice president of construction services, was Nelson’s sergeant in the Marines when they were stationed in Albania. Other employees include George Kaza ’99, project manager—Philadelphia region; Craig Campbell ’98, regional safety director; and Del Kubeldis ’82, project manager—Pittsburgh region. ☺

Steinways’ Safe Arrival



Twenty-three new pianos were delivered last month, bringing IUP closer to a goal of owning eighty-two new Steinway pianos and eligibility to participate in the All-Steinway School Partnership in Excellence Program. The new pianos joined ten other Steinways the university already owned. The All-Steinway School Program requires participating schools to own Steinway pianos exclusively and to assure a high level of care for the pianos in order to offer students the best instruments to prepare for the competitive world of developing a music career. President Tony Atwater, left, and Michael Hood, dean of the College of Fine Arts, looked over the pianos, temporarily stored in Cogswell Hall’s DiCicco Rehearsal Hall before being taken to various classrooms, rehearsal rooms, and faculty offices.

Nickname Considerations Underway

AS REPORTED in the May edition of *IUP Reporter*, the NCAA denied the university’s appeal to retain the nickname Indians, and President Tony Atwater charged Robert Davies, vice president for Institutional Advancement, to investigate how the university should react.

Through the summer edition of *IUP Magazine*, alumni have been invited to participate in a poll, asking whether or not the university should retain the nickname and suffer the penalties of

the NCAA sanctions or change the nickname. Faculty, staff, and students also are invited to participate in the poll. The history of IUP’s mascot and nickname, articles about the mascots of other universities, and access to the poll are available at www.iup.edu/mascot. Participation in the poll requires logging on to URSA. Those who wish to comment or ask questions may use a form at the website.

“The poll is just one exercise we’ll use to gather feedback,” said

Davies. “We also are planning a series of town meetings, at which interested parties will be invited to comment. So far, we’ve received a decent response from alumni who have participated in the poll, which will be in operation through the end of September, and we hope faculty, staff, and students will check in, too.”

Davies will use the information gathered through all three efforts to create a recommendation to the president. ☺

Getting Around Campus

OBSTACLES CREATED by construction progress will cause temporary rerouting of pedestrian and auto traffic and parking. To assist pedestrians and drivers, a campus map summarizing construction will be inserted in the registration issue of the *Penn*. The following provides an itemized summary:

Safety

- The walkway on the construction side of Pratt Drive between Grant and Maple streets is inaccessible, and pedestrians should instead use the sidewalk on the opposite side of the street.
- Signs will direct pedestrian traffic to a crosswalk running from South Drive to the southeast corner of Pratt Drive.
- A pedestrian walkway is being constructed from the second crosswalk on South Drive to Pratt Drive. The walkway is an alternative for pedestrians who normally would use the Grant Street hill sidewalk to travel between Pratt Drive and Eleventh Street. Reserved and metered parking spaces on the lower end of South Drive have been eliminated to ensure pedestrian safety.

Bus Transportation

- The Park-n-Ride bus route will change. The route will still originate at Robertshaw; the bus will travel to the HUB parking lot and back to Robertshaw by way of Maple Street, shortening the round trip to fifteen minutes—seven and a half minutes each way.
- A new bus shelter located directly in front of the parking lot by the R&P Building will be installed.
- The Park-n-Ride bus stop along Pratt Drive will be moved to a new bus shelter in front of Pechan Health Center.
- The IndiGO bus stop will be moved to Maple Street, near the entrance to Turnbull parking lot.

Parking

- As previously mentioned, all reserved and metered parking spaces on the lower part of South Drive, from the second crosswalk to Pratt Drive, have been eliminated. A pedestrian walkway will replace them. It will run from Pratt Drive to Eleventh Street, along the south side of Clark Hall, parallel to Grant Street.
- To make up for the loss of parking spaces on Grant Street and in the Stonewall parking lot, the R&P parking lot will be available from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for 250 faculty, staff, and commuter vehicles. Forty-three spaces at the front of the lot will be available until 10:00 p.m. Those who use the R&P lot will find

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IUP Earns Middle States Accreditation

THE MIDDLE STATES COMMISSION on Higher Education has awarded reaccreditation to IUP for the next ten years, along with noteworthy accolades for the university's "exemplary" comprehensive self-study and for its outstanding faculty, student services, and information technology.

The Commission on Higher Education, based in Philadelphia, is the unit of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools that accredits degree-granting colleges and universities in the Middle States region.

IUP began preparing for reaccreditation three years ago. Throughout the process, more than two hundred people were involved in the development of the self-study, which examined the university in the context of the fourteen Middle States standards for accreditation. IUP met all of the standards and was recognized for outstanding programs and procedures within the categories.

"This highly positive outcome confirms the excellence and high quality of IUP's academic programs, services, and operations," said President Tony Atwater.

The reaccreditation report praised the university for "strong, dedicated, hard-working, and talented faculty who are poised and anxious to begin work in earnest to achieve the university's new shared vision and mission;" a commitment to information technology and to the development of wireless connectivity; and student services, noting that "IUP offers a broad array of academic support services based on institutional and well-articulated divisional and unit missions. There are extensive services, programs, and activities available to extend the academic experience." ☺

EXECUTIVE REPORT

New Marketing Theme Goes Beyond Expectations

by Robert Davies, Vice President for Institutional Advancement

I'VE RECENTLY MARKED my sixth month at IUP, and I find myself in awe.

IUP abounds with opportunities for students. For example, by their own admission, IUP students surveyed by the Princeton Review say they have "awesome professors" who are concerned with their "academic welfare and growth." They view themselves as adept at "balancing academics" with "social outlets," and one said, "Anyone attending can achieve the same education as another student at an Ivy League school" as long as he or she is "truly interested in learning."

Yet, we know that in our target market areas, the larger public has a different view of IUP. Many believe we are still a state teachers college,

don't know that we offer a wide variety of majors, don't know that we have excellent graduate programs, and certainly aren't aware of our vast array of extracurricular and cocurricular programming. In short, they don't know that the IUP experience is much more than they expect. We must change that.

IUP Reporter's April edition referred to an enrollment management and integrated marketing study we have undertaken. As part of that, we plan to implement an aggressive educational campaign to change the way the outside world views us. We want people to know that IUP far exceeds their assumptions and that the experience we offer, regardless of whether it is at the undergraduate or graduate level, goes well beyond their expectations.

While I am the university's chief marketing officer and will lead the charge, I cannot make it happen without the IUP community's help. As our plans come together in the near future, we will be calling on some of you to be profiled or to speak on our behalf. But, truly, the very best marketing tool we have is our ability to continue what each of us, individually speaking, does best; continue to improve on that success; and continue to believe that what we as an institution offer our students goes beyond expectations. ☺

Executive Report will appear as needed for members of President's Cabinet to present, firsthand, issues and ideas to the university community.

Faculty and Staff Stars Outreach, Nuclear Security

Developmental Studies

Because of a proposal developed by **Mel Jenkins**, IUP will host for the next several years the R. Benjamin Wiley Partnership Program, a multiyear outreach program that prepares students from urban Pennsylvania high schools. The program is funded by a \$141,656 grant from the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education.

Economics

James Jozefowicz and **Stephanie Brewer Jozefowicz** represented the IUP Center for Economic Education at the "Finding the Keys to Your Financial Success" teacher training program held at the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia.

Hospitality Management

Prentice Hall invited **Stephen Shiring** to review chapters of *Hospitality Operations: Careers in the World's Greatest Industry*.

Political Science

The Program of Atlantic Security Studies invited **Gawdat Bahgat** to participate in its upcoming conference on Democracy and Security in Prague. Bahgat's latest article, "Nuclear Weapons Free Zone in the Middle East," was accepted for publication in *World Affairs*.

Sociology

At the International Colloquium of Studies on Men and Masculinities and the National Congress of the Mexican Academy of Gender Studies of Men, **Betsy Crane** presented "Youth Voices on Male Gendered Identity and Relationships: Tough Guy vs. Sweet Guy." Her research was done in collaboration with an undergraduate student. At the same gathering, **Robert Heasley** presented "Ending Men's Violence by Queering Masculinity" and "Shifting Gears: Finding Intimacy in Men's Friendships." Heasley serves as vice president of the American Men's Studies Association.

Spanish

Eileen Glisan conducted a day of professional development for ten new instructors in the Foreign Languages Department at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Special Education and Clinical Services

Director of the Speech, Language, and Hearing Clinic, **Karen Stein** was elected chair of the Pennsylvania Board of Examiners in Speech, Language, and Hearing. She was originally appointed to the licensure board by the governor and confirmed by the Senate in 2003 and expects to be reappointed by the governor. ☺

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a new bus shelter to use for bus service. The Marching Band will practice in the R&P lot beginning at 4:00 p.m. each day.

- The twenty-two parking meters in Johnson Hall parking lot on Tenth Street will be removed. Those spaces will be available for faculty and staff parking.
- Twenty-two faculty and staff parking spaces in the Stright Hall parking lot will become metered spaces.
- All parking meters in the Stright Hall parking lot will be removed and upgraded with pay-by-space parking machines. These new machines will also replace the older machines in the HUB, Reschini, and Miller Stadium lots and in the parking garage. The third level of the parking garage, formerly pay-by-space, will be designated for reserved spaces.

Other Construction

- The work at Sutton, Stouffer, and Davis halls is expected to be completed by mid-August.
- Plans tentatively call for Eleventh Street between Maple and Grant streets to be open by the end of August. To accommodate move-in day traffic, the street will open for the university's two move-in Saturdays, August 19 and 26; however, depending on the project's progress, the street may be closed again if necessary. ☺

ABOUT IUP REPORTER

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

Deadline for the September edition is September 1. Submissions are edited for length and style. 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.



Gala Offers a Night on the Nile

THE UNIVERSITY MUSEUM will host an exhibit of the work of Kamal Youssef, the Egyptian-born artist who makes his home in Indiana County. To complement it, the annual University Museum Gala's theme will be A Night on the Nile.

The gala takes place September 23 in Sutton Hall's Blue Room and includes a reception and preview of the exhibit, dinner, and entertainment. Tickets, at \$125 per person, are available from the College of Fine Arts by calling 724-357-2397. The gala, which benefits the University Museum, will feature Egyptian delicacies and traditional music

and an auction of original work, including a painting by Youssef.

The exhibit takes place September 26 through December 9 in the museum, which is located on the first floor of John Sutton Hall. A retrospective of Youssef's painting and sculpture, it covers his career from its avant-garde beginnings in Egypt during the 1930s to the present. The exhibit is supported, in part, by a grant from the Pennsylvania Council for the Humanities. It will be featured by the National Endowment for the Humanities in the fall issue of *Humanities*.

Youssef was one of the first Muslim modernist artists to

exhibit in Egypt and in the West—in Paris, 1949. Political changes in Egypt during the early 1950s encouraged him to move with his American wife to the United States, where he has made his home since 1956. Professionally known as Kamal, he continues to paint in his Indiana County studio. His works are in the Museums of Modern Art in Cairo and Alexandria and in the Museum of Modern Art in Paris, in addition to numerous corporate and private collections. An artist's reception will take place October 7 from 5 to 8 p.m. in the museum. ☺

Student Stars

Awards, Division II Honors

KRISTY ANTHONY of Glen Campbell is the first recipient of the Department of Biology's **Graduate Student Research Award**. Anthony, a student in the biology master's program, will receive \$250 and be recognized on a permanent plaque in the Department of Biology. The competitive award is presented for best research project conducted by a graduate student under the supervision of a Biology Department faculty member. Anthony's work was supervised by N. Bharathan.

The IUP women's basketball team is ranked fifteenth in the nation among Division II programs for its team's grade point average of 3.422 in the **Women's Basketball Coaches Academic Top 25 Team Honor Roll**. The award recognizes teams throughout the nation that have the highest GPA for the 2005-06 academic year, based upon nominations submitted by WBCA-member coaches. The University of Nebraska-Kearney is ranked first among Division II programs at 3.663. At 3.422, IUP is first among Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference teams, just ahead of Slippery Rock, which is sixteenth at 3.407. "I give a lot of credit to Coach Martin for stressing academics," said IUP captain Katie Glaws, who will be a senior this coming season. "We always have tutors in study halls, and we helped each other out as teammates with our weaker subjects. Coach Martin emphasizes the three Cs: the classroom, the community, and the court. Excelling in those three areas helps us be a good team."

Jason Heckman, a junior Communications Media major from Brookville, won two bronze **Telly Awards** for his television productions. The awards honor local, regional, and cable television programs, as well as film productions. Commercials or programs that have not appeared on national feeds or on one of the four major TV networks (ABC, CBS, NBC, or Fox) are eligible. Heckman's award-winning productions are *The Miracle of Life* and *Squirrels: An Unexpected Terror*, both done as class projects for Erick Lauber, a faculty member in IUP's Communications Media Department. *The Miracle of Life* was then shown on WIUP-TV, IUP's student-operated television station. ☺

In Transition

New to the university:

- David Berberich, residence director, Housing and Residence Life, July 10
- Deena Kelly, residence director, Housing and Residence Life, July 10
- William Zimmerman, residence director, Housing and Residence Life, July 10
- Emily Jaros, assistant director, Video Services, July 31
- Kimberly Kosky, clerk typist, College of Education/CCAC Program, July 31
- Casey Quinlan, admissions counselor, August 7

Moved to new positions:

- Linda Askins, from Fine Arts public events to clerk-typist in Philosophy and Religious Studies, July 31

Retired or submitted notice of retirement:

- Marjorie Arnett, Fine Arts, August 25
- Stephen Sanderson, Sociology, August 25
- Phyllis Groomes, Bursar's Office, September 29

Resigned or submitted notice of resignation:

- James Lucas, Housing and Residence Life, July 14
- Joe Utay, Counseling, July 20 ☺

Grant for Governor's Institute



CATHERINE PRATO

Thanks to the generosity of a \$105,782 grant from Keystone College through the Pennsylvania Department of Education, IUP hosted a Governor's Institute for Early Childhood Literacy earlier this month. Pictured is a keynote speaker, Harriet Darling, professor of Family Studies at Penn State University's York Campus. The conference brought to campus early childhood educators from across Pennsylvania for a week's worth of workshops. The institute and development of the grant were coordinated by Mary Anne Hannibal of the Professional Studies in Education Department.

New Faculty

The university welcomes the following new faculty members:

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| Fauzia Ahmed, Women's Studies | Julia Greenawalt, Nursing | Bradley Rives, Philosophy |
| Hussam Al-Shammari, Management | Theresa Gropelli, Nursing | Yaya Sissoko, Economics |
| Michael Biggrigg, Computer Science | Derek Hatfield, Psychology | Mark Staszkiwicz, Educational and School Psychology |
| Michelle Bruno, Counseling | Eui-Gab Hwang, Criminology | Pavani Tallapally, Accounting |
| Kristy Chunta, Nursing and Allied Health Services | Eun Jin Hwang, Human Development and Environmental Studies | Geoffrey Tickell, Accounting |
| Jean-Louis Dassier, French and German | Sarah Jackson, Economics | Kevin Turner, Art |
| Scott Decker, Industrial and Labor Relations | Richard Kemp, Theater and Dance | Danhua Wang, Developmental Studies |
| Sharon Deckert, English | John Mills, Psychology | Edith West, Nursing ☺ |
| Kimberly Desmond, Counseling | Tara Neely, Psychology | |
| | Russell Newman, Developmental Studies | |
| | Shannon Phaneuf, Criminology | |



Punxsutawney Progress



KEITH BOYER

An \$18-million building project on the Punxsutawney Campus continues with construction of the Learning Center, rising near the site of the recently razed Old Main building. Phase I of the project, a 194-bed suite-style residence hall, opened last fall. The Learning Center, a new academic and commons facility, will be open for classes at the end of this month and will house all of the functions formerly within the Old Main facility, including the academic programs, computer lab, science labs, classrooms, and library; faculty and administrative offices; and physical plant and maintenance offices and functions. The commons area will include dining facilities, book store, game room, and fitness facility. Piles of dirt in the foreground are all that remain of Old Main. The site will be used for parking.

International Affairs Now Reports to Provost

THE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS OFFICE is on the move again, reporting to the Academic Affairs Division as of the start of the fall semester.

“The past three years in Student Affairs have been important for the development and increased visibility of the international affairs effort,” said Michele Petrucci, the office’s director. “We look forward to continuing our strong and collaborative relationship with that division. With the provost, we will also be working to expand our involvement with faculty in an effort to further internationalize the IUP community. These cross-divisional relationships are essential to the success of both the international student community and study abroad students at IUP.”

The International Affairs Office will remain in its current location in Wallace Hall. Currently, IUP welcomes approximately six hundred international students from more than seventy countries through exchange programs and regular enrollment. According to Petrucci, the office’s goals for the year include increasing the number of international students and the number of IUP students participating in overseas study-abroad programs and working more closely with faculty to further internationalize the IUP community.



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

IUP CALENDAR

- August 29** Staff Reception
- September 1** Faculty Reception
- September 6** Monroeville Open House at the Penn Center
- September 15** Council of Trustees Meeting
- September 16** Hall of Fame Luncheon and Awards
- September 23** Football Home Opener vs. East Stroudsburg University Museum Gala

- August 25** President’s Fall Speech to the IUP Community
- August 27** Student Fall Convocation
- August 28** Fall Semester Classes Begin

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