

Interim Appointments



David Werner joined IUP December 10 as interim provost. Chancellor emeritus of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Werner served as interim president of Mansfield University for nearly a year. Before becoming chancellor at Southern Illinois, a position he held for seven years, he served as provost for a decade and dean of the School of Business for twelve years. Werner holds doctoral and master's degrees in Industrial Engineering and Management Science from Northwestern University and a bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering from St. Louis University.



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Susanna Sink has been named interim vice president for Administration and Finance. She stands in for David Burdette, who will depart IUP January 4. Currently the associate vice president, she oversees the university's financial matters, from budget to bursar. A 1982 graduate of IUP, Sink holds a bachelor's degree in Finance. Employed at IUP since 1985, Sink previously served as director of Fiscal Affairs. Over the course of her tenure, she has overseen grant accounting, budget planning, and payroll. Sink and her husband, Bill, make their home in Homer City.

Defense Appropriation Includes Research at IUP

WITH APPROVAL of this year's federal Department of Defense appropriation bill, IUP is set to receive \$1 million in funding, according to Congressman John Murtha's office.

The allocation will fund research directed by IUP professor of biology Narayanaswamy Bharathan to develop a rapid screening and detection system of multiple biothreat agents for the Department of Defense and other federal and state emergency responders. Bharathan, a molecular biology specialist, is a member of the IUP Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) project team.

"IUP truly appreciates Congressman Murtha's continued foresight and commitment to homeland security projects and his confidence in IUP's ability to serve our nation in this important arena through projects like the Rapid Forensic Evaluation of

Microbes in Biodefense program," said IUP President Tony Atwater. "We are proud to serve as the home of the John P. Murtha Institute for Homeland Security and will continue to work diligently to develop and advance programs within this institute that are critical to our nation's security and emergency preparedness."

Historical attempts to use biological agents as weapons, including the 2001 use of bacillus anthracis (anthrax) spores through the United States Postal Service, revealed a gap in the nation's overall preparedness against bioterrorism, Bharathan explained.

The Rapid Forensic Evaluation of Microbes in Biodefense research program will generate an ultrasensitive, single-application detection method that can be used for a range of

bioterrorism agents to include ebola, anthrax, and other threat-delivered bioengineered and genetically modified biohazards.

In addition to Bharathan, the Rapid Forensic Evaluation of Microbes in Biodefense research team includes coprincipal investigator Seema Bharathan, an IUP Biology Department faculty member and member of the WMD team, and Allan Andrew, retired IUP Biology faculty member and WMD team member, in addition to other IUP faculty members and graduate students. The Bharathans and Andrew have been actively involved in developing protocols for biodetection for the last six years through the WMD program and other projects.

The Rapid Forensic Evaluation of Microbes in Biodefense research project is expected to take three years to complete. ☺

Residential Revival Phase III Concepts Approved

THE FOUNDATION FOR IUP Board of Directors approved proceeding with the development of final design and construction plans at a meeting last month, sparking commencement of Phase III of the Residential Revival housing replacement project.

According to Tom Borellis, the project's director, the next phase entails demolition of Campus Towers, Esch and Wallace halls, and Pechan Health Center. Living accommodations for more than a thousand students will be constructed on the

sites of Campus Towers and Esch and Wallace halls, while the southwest corner of Pratt and Maple streets, where Pechan currently is located, temporarily will serve as space for construction storage until the fourth and final phase begins.

The building that will replace Esch and Wallace, located along Pratt Drive between Grant and Locust streets, will include a multipurpose space for up to 150 people. The building replacing Campus Towers, located on the southeast corner of Pratt and Maple, will remain

operational during class breaks to accommodate international students who remain on campus. Both new facilities will feature lounge, recreational, and study space, in contrast with service-oriented office space featured in the project's first two phases.

Borellis said demolition is set to begin in May 2008. Pechan's demolition is set for August, when the Health Services operation will move into new accommodations in Suites on Maple, part of the project's second phase. ☺

New Center to Spark Entrepreneurship

TO AID IN the region's economic development, IUP will establish the Excellence in Entrepreneurial Leadership (ExcEL) Center.

Located in the Eberly College of Business and Information Technology, the center will provide a wide array of entrepreneurial education opportunities, business support services, and community outreach and will operate under the supervision of Joette Wisniewski, a member of the Management faculty.

The ExcEL Center will further distinguish IUP as an entrepreneurial resource for both the regional business community and for the IUP community, said Robert Camp, dean of the Eberly College of Business and Information Technology.

"In recent decades, Indiana has lost a large number of energy and manufacturing-related jobs. Several major employers either no longer exist or have moved operations elsewhere. Employment in the county has been relatively high because of

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This new building will grace Pratt Drive, where Esch and Wallace halls currently are located. Flagstone Theater, not visible, would be in the foreground.

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Faculty and Staff Stars

Urban Teaching, Asthma Information, and Candy Curriculum

Anthropology

Francis Allard presented a paper titled “The Role of Prestige Goods in the Development of Pre-Qin Societies in Lingnan” at the Fourth International Conference on Ancient Cultures of South China and Neighbouring Regions in Hong Kong.

Coauthor of a poster in a companion session titled “Anthropology Goes to High School,” **Beverly Chiarulli** was co-organizer and chair of the discussion forum “Anthropology Goes to High School and Other Experiences with Teen Learners” at the American Anthropological

Association annual meeting in Washington, D.C.

Counseling

At a provincewide conference sponsored by the Allergy and Asthma Information Association and the Ottawa (Can.) Anaphylaxis Support Group, **Laura Marshak** presented “Couples with Children at Risk.”

English

Helen Sitler and sophomore Kayli Foulk presented “Revising the Way We Think about Revision: Taking the Long View” at a full-day workshop at the

National Council of Teachers of English convention in New York City.

Health and Physical Education

Andrew Shim, Mark Sloniger, Madeline Bayles, Tom Short (Mathematics Department), and alumna **Yvonne Niederbracht** authored “Effects of a Shoulder Injury Prevention Strength Training Program on Eccentric External Rotator Muscle Strength and Glenohumeral Joint Imbalance in Female Overhead Activity Athletes,” which was published in the *Journal of Strength and Conditioning Research*.

History

Currently a scholar-in-residence at the American Academy in Rome, **Paul Arpaia** did translation of poems by Italian poet Guido Mazzoni and gave a talk at the academy on “Who’s in Charge? Who’s Responsible? Occupied Rome, 1943-1944.” His letter from Rome, titled “Happy New Year...in Rome,” appeared in the Fall issue of *IUP Magazine*.

Alan Baumler, with **Wang Xi**, also of the History Department, and Hanchao Lu (Georgia Institute of Technology), edited the Fall 2007 issue of *The Chinese Historical Review*, which is distributed worldwide.

William and Mary Quarterly published **Wayne Bodle’s** review essay “Atlantic History Is the New ‘New Social History.’” Bodle presented “American Reactions to the News of the Death of Rochambeau in 1807” at the Colloque International Rochambeau in Vendome, France.

Lynn Botelho presented papers at the Sixteenth Century Society and Conference and the North American Conference of British Studies. She was also reelected to the Board of Directors of the American Friends of the Institute of Historical Research, University of London, which is a charitable body that funds material gifts to the IHR Library, as well as sending North American students to study in England.

A member of the National Endowment for the Humanities Grant Review Panel, **Kevin Britz** was invited to Washington, D.C., to review grant applications for anthropology museum exhibits.

Mathematics

Ed Donley presented a department colloquium titled “Calculator Projects in Calculus.”

A large IUP contingent attended the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Council of Teachers of Mathematics last month. **Larry Feldman** presented “Spaghetti and Meatballs for Perimeter and Area.” **Mary Lou Metz** gave two talks, “Student Work—A Window into Student Thinking” and “Developing Mathematical Reasoning by Connecting Multiple Representations.” **Edel Reilly** presented “The Candy Curriculum: Teaching Probability Using M&M’s.” **Brian Sharp** presented “Bats and Bugs: Connections to Elementary Mathematics.” In addition, retired faculty member **Ann Massey** received the PCTM Hall of Fame Award for lifetime achievement in mathematics education.

Political Science

Gawdat Bahgat, Jeffrey Crane of the John P. Murtha Institute for Homeland Security, and **Patrick Higgins** of the IUP Research Institute participated in the Regional Energy Critical Infrastructure Resilience Conference, sponsored by Pennsylvania Department of Homeland Security.

Professional Studies in Education

Drawing connections between historical, parent-run cooperative nurseries and implications for parent involvement programs today, **Beatrice Fennimore** described the Union Cooperative Nursery, 1963-1983, at the history seminar of the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Larry Vold received a grant from the Pennsylvania Academy for the Profession of Teaching and Learning to expand teacher education programs in urban areas. Since 2004, he has received

nearly \$800,000 from the School District of Philadelphia and the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education to develop and expand the Philadelphia Urban Seminar Program and student teaching in Philadelphia. This past May, 430 preservice teachers from the State System institutions as well as Penn State University, Robert Morris University, and four other private colleges participated in the two-week cultural immersion program. Vold also has been appointed to the National Association of Teacher Educators Commission, which will review programs and publish results of its study.

Punxsutawney

Dean **Valarie Trimarchi** was honored at the Pennsylvania Governor’s Conference for Women in Philadelphia in November. She was one of five finalists for the Be the Change award selected from among 150 nominations. The award, according to conference officials, was “presented to a Pennsylvania woman who personifies compassion for her community and commitment to improving the everyday lives of those around her.”

Spanish

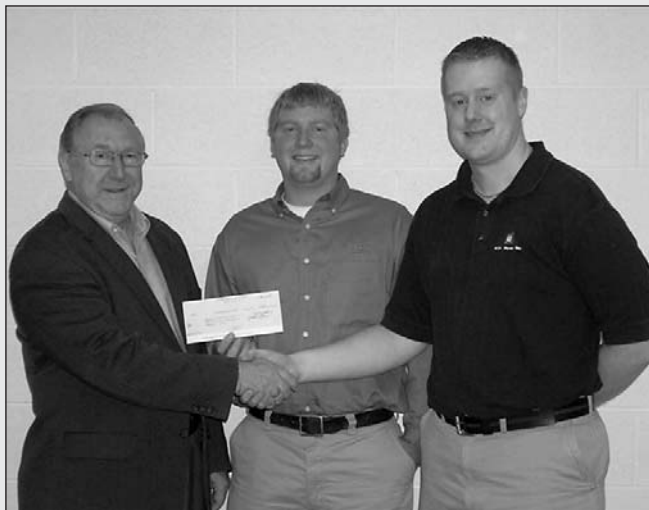
Frank Brooks, Eileen Glisan, Sean McDaniel, and Dawn Smith-Sherwood presented “Using Assessment to Mend the Lang/Lit Split in Higher Education” at the annual conference of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages in San Antonio.

Eileen Glisan will be one of four panelists on the Ensuring High-Quality Language Teachers in K-12 Classrooms panel at the IEPS International Education Forum, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education’s International Education Programs Service in Washington, D.C.

Student Affairs in Higher Education

Selected as the consultant-in-residence for the Mid-Atlantic Association for College and University Housing Officers annual conference, **Holley Belch** was invited to speak about her research on “Cultures of Success: The Link Between Organizational Culture and Successful Staff Recruitment and Retention” and “Mountains, Mounds, or Molehills? Exploring Generational Differences in the Workplace.”

General Motors Gift



General Motors employees Steve Hepburn '07 and Sean Griffith '01 recently presented a \$10,000 gift to the Safety Sciences Department in recognition of the talented employees the department has supplied the company in recent years. Robert Soule accepted the gift on the department's behalf. The two alumni will return to campus in the spring to make a presentation to students.

News to Note

AS PART OF its continued commitment to the community, IUP offers 501c3 nonprofit organizations the opportunity to receive surplus items at no cost. Nonprofit organizations interested in receiving items such as furniture, fixtures, equipment, and supplies should contact Michele Fatora (michele.fatora@iup.edu) at 724-357-4074 or Walt Gill (walter.gill@iup.edu) at 724-357-7569 for guidelines and registration forms.

ABOUT IUP REPORTER

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

Deadline for the January edition is January 4. Submissions are edited for length and style. Submissions may be sent to my-news@iup.edu or by campus mail to the Communications Office, 316 Sutton Hall. Call 724-357-3062.



Ten Recognized for Teaching Excellence

THE FOLLOWING FACULTY members recently were recognized with Teaching Excellence Awards through the IUP Center for Teaching Excellence. The awards acknowledge the multidimensional nature of the practice of teaching.

For general practice: **Stuart Chandler**, Religious Studies

For advising: **Valeri Helterbran**, Professional Studies in Education; **Ramesh Soni**, Management; **Gwen Torges**, Political Science; **Janet Walker**, Mathematics; and **Stacey Winstead**, Developmental Studies

For innovation: **David Loomis**, Journalism, and **Thomas Lord**, Biology

For content pedagogy: **Sue Rieg**, Professional Studies in Education, and **Feng Zhou**, Physics ∞

Student Stars

Football Postseason, Broadcasting Accolades

THE FOOTBALL TEAM has celebrated postseason accolades in addition to reaching the **second round of the NCAA playoffs**. Senior tight end Dan Pickens was named to the **Daktronics All-Northeast Region first team**, while senior offensive lineman Rory Thomas and junior linebacker Terrence Jackson were selected to the second team in voting by the region's sports information directors. Eleven players made **PSAC All-Conference Squad**.

According to Jay Start in the Communications Media Department, the students in the IUP chapter of the **National Broadcasting Society** recently won several awards at the society's Freedom States Convention, including first place for video segment, an honorable mention for video package, rookie member of the year, and most improved chapter. ∞

Annual Tree Lighting



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President Tony Atwater recognized Theta Phi Alpha for raising funds to support the tree-decorating program associated with the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. Accepting a certificate of appreciation is chapter president Carly Martin. Hundreds of students from IUP's fraternities and sororities raised more than \$1,000 from the community recently for the Treasures for Children holiday tree initiative and donated another \$1,000 to the IUP scholarship fund associated with this initiative.

IM Taskforce to Implement Recommendations

A NEW COMMITTEE has been charged with implementing communications recommendations made by a consultant.

Robert Davies, vice president for University Relations, has formed the Integrated Marketing Task Force, which will work to implement recommendations made by Stamats Communications on how best to foster positive belief in the university by various constituencies and to help to steer recruitment, fundraising, and image enhancement communications.

"Part of our efforts will lead to prioritizing many of the projects that pass through the university's Communications area, including helping to determine what projects may not be taken on by that operation," Davies said. "The group will meet regularly to review issues and concerns and to strategically map the direction IUP takes in terms of image and promotion."

The group consists of representatives of the various recruitment areas, the Provost's Office, University Relations personnel, Fiscal Operations, and University Printing.

The university's integrated marketing plan may be found at www.iup.edu/em-im. ∞

In Transition

New to the university:

Douglas Pittman, information technology technician in Stapleton Library, November 26

Carol Ramer, fiscal assistant in the Travel Office in Accounts Payable, December 10

Moved to new positions:

Sandy Beck, from Custodial Services to clerk in the Post Office, November 12

Kathleen Evanko, from Continuing Education/Academic Affairs Division to director of Conferences and Noncredit Programs in Conference Services/Administration and Finance Division

Mary Smiley, from Continuing Education/Academic Affairs Division to clerk typist in Conference Services/Administration and Finance Division

Susan Snyder, from Continuing Education/Academic Affairs Division to fiscal assistant in Conference Services/Administration and Finance Division

Retired or submitted notice of retirement:

Deborah McCutcheon, Nursing and Allied Health Professions, December 21

Douglas Frank, Mathematics, December 31

Anita Henry, French and German, June 27

Resigned or submitted notice of resignation:

Louella Ondo, Health Center, November 19

David Burdette, Administration and Finance, January 4

James Sherman, Physics, January 4 ∞

Credit Transfer Agreement Set with CCAC

IUP PRESIDENT Tony Atwater and Community College of Allegheny County Interim President Michael Murphy signed a Memorandum of Agreement to ease the transfer process for community college students who plan to continue studies at IUP.

The first specific curriculum to be aligned under the arrangement is the Criminal Justice and Criminology program. Associate's degree graduates will be able to continue their studies toward a bachelor's degree in Criminology offered at IUP's main campus and Monroeville location.

Officials are looking at several other programs that could qualify for seamless articulation. Students who earn the designated associate's degree would be guaranteed admission as juniors to IUP.

"The signing of these agreements advances IUP's Community College Strategic Partnership Initiative, an ongoing university program designed to facilitate the completion of four-year degree programs by community college students," Atwater said.

Murphy noted that CCAC has had a strong working relationship with IUP for many years, most notably with an elementary education bachelor's degree collaborative on the Allegheny Campus and a bachelor's degree in business collaborative on the Boyce Campus.

"We're pleased to be able to build on them," he said. ∞



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several large construction projects. In light of the foregoing, the county needs to diversify its economic base," Camp said.

One of the center's objectives is to create a universitywide minor in entrepreneurship. Eberly College will offer the core coursework, while departments from the other colleges will be invited to submit proposals for the creation of additional coursework on a discipline-specific basis. The center also will strive to create an Entrepreneur Resource Library that will be open to IUP students and the

community, an Entrepreneur Student Placement Center to help place students in the appropriate entrepreneurial setting, and an Entrepreneur in Residence Series that secures successful local, regional, and national entrepreneurs to spend three to five days on campus to speak to classes, student groups, faculty, and community members.

"This project will strengthen the entrepreneurship major already in place at IUP and provide an opportunity for students from across the university to learn how to start their own businesses. Faculty, students, and community members will be given greater opportunities to become engaged in entrepreneurial activities and equipped with the mindset and skills needed to start and operate new companies or expand existing companies," said Wisnieski.

IUP Plays Pittsburgh



JAMIE EMPFIELD

In the majestic setting of Heinz Hall, numerous ensembles entertained more than 1,100 alumni, students, parents, and friends of the university last month, when IUP sponsored an evening at Pittsburgh's premier venue. Among the performers was the IUP Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Kevin Eisensmith.



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

IUP CALENDAR

- January 14 Spring Classes Begin
- January 21 Martin Luther King Day
- No Classes
- March 10-14 Spring Break
- April 26 IUP Legacy Gala in Pittsburgh

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