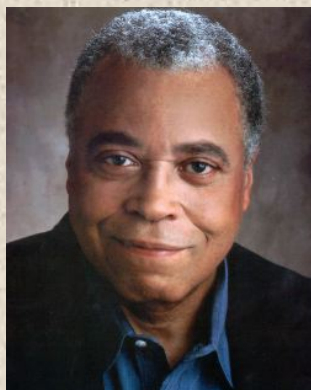




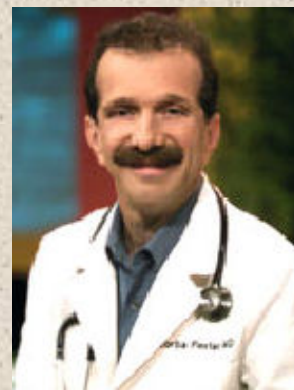
Department Head Notes

Next Wednesday, besides attending our HK faculty meeting, you will have the opportunity to Experience the Liberal Arts. From October 1 through the rest of the month there are approximately 50 events scheduled. Please attend whatever events you are able to. Encourage your students to do the same. Even more importantly, encourage community members you know to participate in this wonderful opportunity to experience lectures, artistic presentations, theatre performances, and other exciting events. James Earl Jones will be speaking on Thursday evening, October 2nd at 7:30 in Loeb Playhouse.

And don't forget our own programs featuring Dr. Zorba Paster. He will be giving two talks on the 17th, one at 1:30 in the East Faculty Lounge and the other at Duncan Hall at 7:00 in Duncan Hall, 619 Ferry Street. He will also be joining us on "Just Walk for the Health of It!" at the Tippecanoe Fairgrounds on Saturday October 18th at 10:00. The walk is sponsored by the Coalition for Living Well After Fifty, YMCA Activate America, Purdue Extension Tippecanoe County, INShape Indiana, Area IV Agency on Aging and Community Action Programs, and the Department of Health and Kinesiology. Please join us and spread the word. Our students should be interested in all three events.



James Earl Jones



Zorba Paster



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Calendar - Sept 28 - Oct 11, 2008

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1 October FACULTY MEETING 3:30 p.m.	2 Blaine Lee Ph.D. Lecture: 10:30 am Workshop: 1:30 pm STEW, 302	3	4 Football Penn State 
5 Last day for grade correction for Spring 07-08 & Summer 08 session. (Incomplete)	6	7	8	9	10	11 Football @ Ohio State 

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HK FALL FACULTY MEETINGS
Wednesday, Oct. 1, 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 12, 3:30 p.m.





Haslyn Hunte

Title: Assistant Professor

Hometown: Berbice, Guyana,
South America



"My favorite hangout spot in Madison, Wisconsin."

I have two home towns, 1) Berbice, Guyana 2) and Newark, NJ.

Most of my close relatives (mother, three brothers, seven nieces, etc) currently live in the NJ-NY metro area. I came to the United States when I was 10 years old. My mother came to the United States on a visitor's visa and never left. I was the first of my other brothers to come to the US. I lived my first 7 years in the US as an illegal alien. Don't worry Bill, I am now legal, thanks to Ronald Reagan! No, I actually do not speak Spanish. Guyana is the only English speaking country in South America. I do not speak with an accent now, because as a child, I was very shy, so not wanting to be singled-out because of my accent, I went home everyday after school and practiced "American English." For the Caribbean accent connoisseur among us, a Guyanese accent is similar to a Trinidadian accent. There are some words (and phrases) I still have a problem saying. Now teaching the Quantitative Methods in Public Health course, I realized that I cannot say statistics (clearly) but I can say biostatistics without any problem. Ask my students!

I have been married to Anne L Hunte for 5 years now. We began dating in college in 1996 and have been together ever since. We have two wonderful boys, Donovan (34 months old) and Ashton (15 months old). Although Ashton was born in the Badger state (Wisconsin) we still love him. Go Blue!

Education:

St Andrews Primary School (Guyana); Science High School (Newark, NJ); Washington and Jefferson College (Washington, Pa); University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public Health (MPH) and Graduate School of Public and International Affairs (MPIA); The University of Michigan-Ann Arbor (PhD).

As far back as I can remember, I always wanted to "help people feel better" in the medical model sense. However, my journey into the world of public health and social determinants of health did not begin until the fall semester of my senior year in college after taking an undergraduate medical sociology course. During my master's education, I became interested in racial/ethnic disparities in health status and health care and have been doing this type of work since.

Being my first academic appointment, my work experience before coming to Purdue, is not unlike most individuals' career path until they began their first academic appointment/career defining job. I worked a few jobs that were fulfilling at the time. Immediately, before coming to Purdue, I held a two-year appointment as a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health and Society Scholar at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Most Memorable Class/Job Experience:

Class: The first day of my first class in college (Intro Chemistry). At the time, sitting there in that classroom was the pinnacle for me. As a child, I always dreamed about succeeding academically, but this path was not clear at all due to my limited exposure to people like me who have done it.

Job: HK 590T: Quantitative Methods in Public Health. Great students!

Activities/Hobbies/Travel:

Did I mention I have two kids under the age of three! When I have time, I do enjoy wood working. I love to travel to the Caribbean, for obvious reasons. However, after having gone to San Andres Island and Bogota Columbia this summer, I am beginning to develop a love affair with the Latin American countries. Argentina here we come! My favorite restaurant is any restaurant in the Caribbean serving Creole Caribbean food. My second favorite restaurant is the Rusty Scupper (Bad name, fantastic food) in the Inner Harbor area of Baltimore, Maryland.

Interesting fact:

I was the manager of my college radio station and an on-air "personality" for the "Reggae Hour of Power" and the "the Joker" radio shows. If interested, I am willing to auction off a copy of the "the Joker show".



"We have all a little Irish in us"



September 26, 2008

C. Harold Veenker, 89



C. Harold "Hal" Veenker, Ph.D., 89, of Palo Alto, Calif., formerly of West Lafayette, died from complications of Alzheimer's disease on Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2008, in Palo Alto.

He was born in George, Iowa. He attended George High School, where he played baseball and basketball and was senior class president. He graduated from the University of Northern Iowa.

After graduation, he joined the Marine Corps and Officer Candidate School at Quantico, Va. He trained with the 28th Regiment of the 5th Marine Division that took part in the invasion of Iwo Jima. He received a Purple Heart.

On Jan. 1, 1944, he married Elizabeth Louise "Betty Lou" Higgins in Quantico. She survives.

He taught school in Osage and Mason City, Iowa, for nearly 10 years and earned a master's degree in health education.

In 1954, he was a visiting lecturer at Indiana University and earned a doctorate degree in 1957. He established the Department of Health and Safety at Purdue University and was chairman from 1961 to 1976. He wrote the Veenker Health Knowledge Test and was editor of the first Synthesis of Research in Health Instruction, a series that has become a standard reference in the field.

In 1969, he was president of the Indiana Association of Health Educators. He retired in 1984 as professor emeritus. He was chairman of the President's Advisory Council on Retirement for Purdue University, received IU's Endwright Alumni Service Award and was inducted into the University of Northern Iowa's Hall of Excellence. In October 2007, he moved to Palo Alto.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters, Jo Lee Shaffer (husband: John) and Vicki Susan Veenker (husband: Tim Crockett); and a sister, Irene Veenker.

A memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 28, 2008 at the First United Methodist Church in West Lafayette, with a reception to follow. All are invited. Also surviving are 2 granddaughters, Hope Crockett and Faith Veenker. Remembrances may be made in Dr. Veenker's name to the Veenker Health Education Merit Scholarship at Purdue University. Checks made out to the "Purdue Foundation" can be mailed to University Development Office, Purdue University, 403 West Wood Street, West Lafayette, IN, 47907. Donations may also be made to the First United Methodist Church, 1700 W. State Street, West Lafayette, Indiana 47906, phone 765-743-1285; or the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 Eighth Avenue, 7th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10001, 866-232-8484.



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PETE'S PALS

PETE'S PAL'S GYM & SWIM PROGRAM

Free Four Week Gym and Swim Program

Place

Faith Community Center
5526 State Road 26 E. Lafayette,
IN

Dates

Wednesdays
May 14th-June 4th

Times

6-8 p.m.



The PETE'S PALS program is an aquatic and motor program offered for children with disabilities. The program is designed to help the participating children become efficient movers in a fun and safe environment. Each child in the program will be assigned a trained clinician who will work one on one for the two hour gym and swim program.

A child's program may include:

Physical fitness activities to improve muscular strength, endurance and flexibility.

Body awareness and special orientation.

Fundamental and motor- patterns and sport skills.

Swimming and water safety skills.

Sensory motor activities.

Program Specialists

Aquatic and Motor Skills Specialist: Susan Flynn & Carole DeHaven

Physical Education Specialist: Holly Pierce

Special Educator and Parent Forum: Sarah Templin

Physical Therapist: Mame Adams

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

5:45-6:00 p.m. Meet in parent room

6:00-6:45 p.m. Aquatic Activities

Parent's Guest Speaker

7:00-7:45 p.m. Motor Activities

Parents support group

8:00 p.m. Clinicians meet parents in the parent room.

Interested parents will participate in a guest lecture series for 3 of the 4 weeks and also join in the parent support group forum and discuss their needs/questions/concerns with educators and therapist serving as facilitators.

Parents will be provided with information from the professional guest speakers to help advocate for their child in the educational environment and enhance knowledge to assist their child's motor needs at home.

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COLLOQUIUM SERIES
FALL 2008**

All Meetings will be at 3:30 in Lambert Room 108



Wednesday, November 5, 2008

Dr. Marietta Harrison
Professor of Medicinal Chemistry and
Molecular Pharmacology
Director, Oncological Sciences Center

Cancer Research at Purdue: Discovery with Delivery



Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Dr. D. Randy Black
Professor of Public Health, Health Sciences,
Foods and Nutrition and Nursing

Quality Assessment and Evaluation of Peer Helping Programs



A short piece on Colonel John Boyd submitted by George Avery

A Good Lesson

US Air Force Colonel John R. Boyd may have been the most brilliant tactical and strategic thinker of the Twentieth Century. His tactical insights led to the design - against the conventional wisdom of the Pentagon establishment- of the F-16 Falcon and F/A-18 Hornet fighters, which remain the best air-to-air combat aircraft developed. He developed a model for decision-making (the Observe-Orient-Decide-Act or OODA loop) that has attained wide acclaim not only as a military model, but also for strategic management in a wide variety of governmental and industrial organizational settings. Despite his accomplishments (or perhaps because of them), his career suffered, and he watched numerous less capable but more compliant officers pass him by and achieve General's stars. Boyd realized that his maverick status hurt his career, but recognized it as the price for making a real difference, and was careful to point out the risks to his acolytes of doing the right thing:



Col John R. Boyd, USAF

*"Tiger, one day you will come to a fork in the road," he said. "And you're going to have to make a decision about which direction you want to go." He raised his hand and pointed. "If you go that way you can be somebody. You will have to make compromises and you will have to turn your back on your friends. But you will be a member of the club and you will get promoted and you will get good assignments." Then Boyd raised his other hand and pointed another direction. "Or you can go that way and you can do something - something for your country and for your Air Force and for yourself. If you decide you want to do something, you may not get promoted and you may not get the good assignments and you certainly will not be a favorite of your superiors. But you won't have to compromise yourself. You will be true to your friends and to yourself. And your work might make a difference." He paused and stared into the officer's eyes and heart. **To be somebody or to do something. In life there is often a roll call. That's when you will have to make a decision. To be or to do. Which way will you go?"***

Article from: <http://www.d-n-i.net/dni/john-r-boyd/to-be-or-to-do/>



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Dr. Al Smith quoted in The New York Times

Selected paragraphs from...

Help for Budding Couch Potatoes

By [TARA PARKER-POPE](#)

Published: September 14, 2008

TEENAGE dropouts have long been a concern for parents and educators. But these days, the health community is increasingly worried about a different kind of dropout — teenagers who quit sports as they enter high school.

Several studies show that children's activity levels plummet between middle school and high school, as students get busier with friends and academic pursuits. Another reason is that team sports become more exclusive, and many young people simply can't make the team.

One of the most surprising findings is that a parent's activity level doesn't appear to have a significant effect on whether teenagers exercise. While behavior by parents is important for setting an example on issues like [smoking](#) or eating fruits and vegetables, the problem with parental exercise is that it tends to happen apart from the family — at the gym, on the golf course or the bike trail.

“There is not a lot of strong support for the idea that if you're active, your kid will be active,” said **Alan L. Smith**, **director of graduate studies at the department of health and kinesiology** at [Purdue University](#). “There's not a rubbing-off effect.”

But parents who play sports with their children may have a stronger impact, say researchers. Even more important is whether parents provide logistical support for sports pursuits. Parents who make the effort to sign up their children for sports and make sure they have a way for them to get to practice are more likely to have kids who exercise.

Another strategy is to enroll a child in a sport or dance class with a close friend. A Purdue study of nearly 200 sixth graders found that the most physically active kids were those who had a close friend also taking part in the sport.

Despite the short-term benefits of teen exercise, it's not clear whether active children are more likely to become active adults. Most studies have not shown a correlation. Because so many variables affect lifetime sports participation, such as a person's job, family demands and overall health, researchers say it's virtually impossible to know whether a particular child athlete will stick with his or her sport.

“There are a lot of factors that make it difficult to predict if what we do today with our 12-year-old will translate into how they are as a 30- or 40-something,” said **Dr. Smith** of Purdue. “The hope is that your child sees intrinsic value in the activity and it becomes part of their life, but it's hard to predict.”

See complete version at http://www.nytimes.com/2008/09/15/health/healthspecial2/15dropout.html?_r=1&oref=slogin



Crushers Get Second Victory of Season

With mild temperatures and the lights shining brightly on the Gold intramural fields, it was a great night for football. It was also a great night for the Crushers offense. With the unveiling of the new spread offense and stout defense the Crushers outmatched team “Just Take It” and just took a victory from them 34-6. “The spread offense was the key”, said quarterback Steve “Thurston” Howell III, “Blocking is hard, so everyone just runs a route. I’ll get it to them. I don’t need blockers to score touchdowns. I’ll make it rain out here!” And rain touchdowns it did. Howell and quarterback Anna Piazza combined for Brian Griese-like numbers with 4 passing touchdowns and only one interception while spreading the ball to several Crusher receivers. Piazza was also the recipient of a Howell pass and tip-toed down the sideline breaking several “tackles”. Said Piazza, “I was inspired by Kory Sheets’ Sportcenter highlight from the game with Western Michigan.” Several other receivers made big plays. Tobin “Quick” Silver and Jeff “Receiver Gloves” Schoenle each found the end zone while Margaret Sampson and Kathryn Campbell each made acrobatic catches to keep drives alive. Said Campbell “I channeled my inner Jerry Rice, a great receiver and an excellent dancer, bring on dancing with the stars!”

But let us not forget the defense. Playing Bears-like defense (okay, so the Bears apparently don’t play defense anymore) the Crushers allowed only one touchdown and had several key interceptions. Said linebacker Jackie Poliseo, “Our flag pulling improved this week, I think it’s the new Tampa Bay Rays shirt I’m wearing. It’s reminds us to play as a team like they do. Did I mention I’m from Tampa?” Rays’ t-shirt or not, this week’s victory was once again a giant step toward a playoff appearance and postseason success. Said Poliseo “Hey, if the Rays can make the playoff, anyone can!” - **J.D. DeFreese**





Throw Out the Radio and Take the Fiddle Down From the Wall

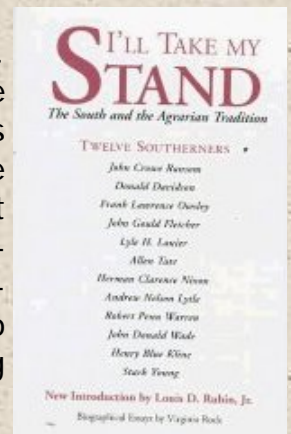


H. L. Mencken

It was so long ago that speculating on exactly what provoked them to write what they wrote is time misspent. But there is little question that H. L. Mencken's ridicule of the entire Southern tradition following the 1925 Scopes trial in Dayton, Tennessee, whipped them up to a real lather. The South, Mencken reported, was "the bung-hole of the United States, a cesspool of Baptists, a miasma of Methodism, snake-charmers, phony real-estate operators, and syphilitic evangelists." Them was fightn' words to not only the snake charmers, phony real-estate operators, and syphilitic evangelists; Mencken offended the entire South, and most especially a group of twelve Southern writers who became known as the Agrarians (first known as the Fugitives). So fight they did and by speaking their minds.

They published a collection of essays in November 1930 under the title, *I'll Take My Stand: The South and the Agrarian Tradition*. Nearly 80 years later these 12 collected essays have become classics even if they remain largely unread by us moderns. The remarkable collection of authors included writers, poets, men of letters, teachers—most all of whom had agrarian backgrounds and ten of whom had affiliation with Vanderbilt University in Nashville. They were: John Crowe Ransom, Donald Davidson, Frank Lawrence Owsley, John Gould Fletcher, Lyle Lanier, Allen Tate, Herman Clarence Nixon, Andrew Nelson Lytle, Robert Penn Warren, John Donald Wade, Henry Blue Kline, and Stark Young.

The South was already by then well on its way to becoming the New South. But the humiliation at Dayton accelerated the South's determination to be perceived as modern (meaning Northern). Southern politicians, business leaders, and social reformers used commercial and material success as the measuring stick for Southern progress; and Southern progress meant speed, noise, waste, contrivance, consumerism, and unconstrained and un-directed growth. This imitative model even infected the educators at Vanderbilt University. There was a shift in curriculum and building priorities to promote science, laboratories, and practical industry over the longstanding reign at Vanderbilt of the humanities.



But the Agrarians thought the South was selling itself not only short, but out. So instead of embracing the Northern model, the Agrarians attempted to reinvigorate some of the cherished values of the Old South (slavery was not one of them) that they believed were being jettisoned in the rush to imitate the North. Looking backwards, as they did, resulted in them taking a stand challenging the notion of progress for progress sake, and stumping instead for the virtues of a non-acquisitive quality of life. "A farm is not a place to grow wealthy," wrote teacher and novelist Andrew Lytle, "it is a place to grow corn."

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Poet John Crowe Ransom's paper, *Reconstructed but Unregenerate*, opened the collection and straightaway set the tone for the entire Agrarian response. He challenged the unchallengeable: Progress. And he pulled no punches:

This is simply to say that Progress never defines its ultimate objective, but thrusts its victims at once into an infinite series. Our vast industrial machine, with its laboratory centers of experimentation, and its far-flung organs of mass production, is like a Prussianized state which is organized strictly for war and can never consent to peace. . . . Our progressivists are the latest version of those pioneers who conquered the wilderness, except that they are pioneering on principle, or from force of habit, and without any recollection of what pioneering was for.



What the Agrarians believed was at risk was the destruction of the "easy temper" of the Southern culture. According to historian, teacher, poet, and social critic Donald Davidson, this temper created opportunities for seamless, integrated work and leisure experiences. In the North, Davidson railed, the feverish pace of the industrial version of leisure was no leisure at all; "either it is pure sloth, under which the arts take on the character of mere entertainment, purchased in boredom and enjoyed in utter passivity, or it is another kind of labor taken up out of a sense of duty, pursued as a kind of fashionable enterprise for which one's courage must be continuously whipped up by reminders of one's obligation to culture."

The Agrarians were to a one in agreement that the overall effect of industrialism and capitalism was negative with regard to the quality of human life and preservation of the natural environment. In this regard and in their defense of humanism, they were prophetic. What they were defending was a way of life that saw the virtue in perpetuating values that were respectful of both human and environmental needs: "lives founded on such common practices as good manners, conversation, hospitality, both empathy and sympathy, and respect for nature, neighborhoods, individuals and families, and romantic love in the social exchanges which reveal and develop sensibility in human affairs. "As they play," wrote Lytle, "they do not constantly remind one another that they are having a good time. They *have* it." Lytle went so far as claiming that the Old South was so darned playful that if all other records of this culture were lost, the fabric of Southern life—its arts, language, sense of time and space, education, music, labor, and religion—could be reconstructed by way of their various indigenous, inborn, participatory, and natural leisure and play activities.



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But rather sadly, the Agrarians were much clearer about what they were against than what they were for. Had they produced a genuine model for how their backward reach could become forward thinking, they could have changed the course of history. But because of this inability of the Agrarians to produce an example of their philosophy in action, the tract produced by the twelve wasn't especially popular even at the time of its appearance, much less today.



The Vanderbilt Agrarians

They were labeled then as "hopeless reactionaries." The student magazine at Vanderbilt, the *Masquerader*, chided the Agrarians in an editorial, and published an irreverent cartoon portraying Davidson, Tate, and Ransom dressed as farmers desperately fending off the "pests of modern technology" from the tree of Civilization they were trying to protect. Mencken wrote: "Left to the farmers of Tennessee, the Agrarians would be clad in linsey-woolsey and fed on sidemeat, and the only books they could read would be excessively orthodox."

Far be it from us to figure out how hopeless or impractical *I'll Take My Stand* was. But in it there is one lesson in particular we took to heart. Whether we are old fashioned or new—whether we play the fiddle or listen to the radio—a good life depends on an attitude that is as rare today as it is necessary. This attitude hovers over all of the Agrarian essays, but it is most clearly put by John Crowe Ransom in his opening piece: "I believe there is possible no deep sense of beauty, no heroism of conduct, and no sublimity of religion, which is not informed by the humble sense of man's precarious position in the universe." This is a lesson to be universalized. In other words, we are guests of a mysterious host or hostess and we ought to behave accordingly.

