Purdue is going to put text messaging to the test. Researchers will send a text message to a broad cross section of the campus in September to analyze the message speed and dependability. It is believed to be the first test designed to generate independent data.

“There are about 50 companies right now that offer this service, but no independent research we know of has been done to validate their promises,” said Scott Ksander, executive director of information technology networks and security. “Besides having the technical expertise, Purdue has the size — 50,000 students and employees on the West Lafayette campus — to really learn how well these systems perform.”

Within a few days of the Virginia Tech shootings, Purdue was deluged with offers from dozens of vendors offering services that would allow the University to send emergency text messages to students and the campus community. Some promised to deliver 18,000 messages per minute, but the only proven record was 200 to 300 per minute, Ksander says.

Testing is complex, he says, because of a variety of variables, such as the various phone services users choose, cell tower availability, cell signal coverage and traffic volume.

“We will harvest the complex data and share the research findings with others,” Ksander says. “The information

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Geddes receives national medal at White House

Leslie Geddes received the nation’s highest honor for technological innovation, the National Medal of Technology, from President George W. Bush in a White House ceremony on July 27.

During the same ceremony, Rita Colwell, a Purdue graduate who served as head of the National Science Foundation, received the National Medal of Science for her accomplishments in the study of marine microbes and the agent that causes cholera.

Geddes, 86, is Purdue’s Showalter Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Biomedical Engineering. He was recognized for research that has spawned innovations ranging from burn treatments to miniature defibrillators, ligament repair to tiny blood pressure monitors for premature infants. His most recent discovery is a new method for performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation that he says will be more effective than standard CPR.

“Dr. Geddes is an incredibly innovative thinker and a prolific inventor,” says Leah H. Jamieson, the John A. Edwardson Dean of Engineering. “His work is a major reason Indiana has become a national leader in biomedical industries.”

Geddes began his career in 1952 at Baylor University College of Medicine and was recruited to Purdue in 1974 to help develop an organized biomedical engineering research center and create new technologies in the field. In 2004, Geddes received the University’s Outstanding Commercialization Award to recognize his 30 patents, many now licensed by Indiana companies. Patents and technologies emerging from Geddes’ lab have generated $15 million in royalties for Purdue.

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Interim provost selected

Victor Lechtenberg, who has served as Purdue’s vice provost for engagement since 2004, is now the interim provost, succeeding Sally Mason, who left Purdue to become president of the University of Iowa.

Lechtenberg’s appointment was announced July 16 by President France A. Córdova.

During Lechtenberg’s time as interim provost, Jay Akridge will serve as interim vice provost for engagement. Akridge is the James and Lois Ackerman Professor of Agricultural Economics and director of the Center for Food and Agricultural Business.

“I consulted with many Purdue faculty members and administrators before deciding on this appointment,” said Córdova in announcing Lechtenberg’s appointment on her first day as Purdue president. “Dr. Lechtenberg is deeply respected by these people and by alumni and community leaders throughout the state.”

As interim provost, Lechtenberg is responsible for oversight of campus management in research, engagement, teaching and outreach, drinking water, telecommunications, and information technology. A member of the President’s cabinet, he will work closely with Provost Sally Mason and Administrative Vice President Tom Rink.

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Text messaging to be tested as alert method

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President France A. Córdova has launched her Purdue mission with lots of greeting and listening. RIGHT, July 16: At Handshakes and Milkshakes, she says hello to Mariela Alvarado, director of the Latino Cultural Center. The event drew about 2,000 people to Purdue Mall.

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ABOVE, Aug. 11: Córdova dons a Boiler Gold Rush shirt, a sun hat and shades to welcome arriving freshmen and their families.

LEFT, Aug. 4: Córdova makes her first public appearance at the Indiana Black Expo, here talking with Alene Manning, assistant director of the Minorities in Engineering program.

BELLOW, July 20: Córdova makes her first Purdue Black Expo appearance, here talking with Allene Manning, assistant director of the Minorities in Engineering program.
Printing Services relocates

The current agreement has been extended through at least Sept. 30 and that negotiations for continued participation are ongoing. Purdue is hopeful that negotiations will result in Unity remaining in the network and is making every effort to work with both Unity and PHCS," says Brent Bowditch, assistant director of Human Resource Services. "We will update faculty and staff as we receive additional information. Should Unity decide to cancel its relationship with PHCS, the University will provide timely notice to the remaining Purdue 500 participants to make alternative health care arrangement.

Questions about Purdue's Incentive PPO and Purdue 500 medical plans can be directed to 49-42222. Details on the medical plans also are at www.purdue.edu/hr/Benefits/med.htm.

These benefits include:

- The computer screens used by applicants and hiring managers are very intuitive and user-friendly.
- The software provides an effective means of communicating by e-mail so that applicants can keep up-to-date on their employment status related to specific positions for which they have applied.
- Taleo is a leader in monitoring and addressing new regulations or changes in employment law. The changes are incorporated into their system, which keeps Purdue in alignment with federal guidelines.
- Each year the number of job seekers expressing an interest in employment by submitting a referral request has steadily increased.

Purdue West Lafayette received more than 84,000 referral requests last year. Taleo is a tool that will help Purdue better manage its customer communication and electronic data collection.

Though Purdue will soon have a new employment application system, the employment process will not change. Applicants will still apply online, and recruiters will continue to review every resume on an individual basis. Resumes of applicants meeting the minimum qualifications of the position will be forwarded to the hiring department for review.

More details about the new employment application system will be available in Inside Purdue and Purdue Today during late August and throughout September.

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Clarity, simplicity sought as aid to commercializing

Intellectual property policy rewritten

The Board of Trustees has approved revisions to Purdue’s Policy on Intellectual Property that are intended to simplify the policy and make it easier to administer. Peter Dunn, associate vice president for research, says the new policy (VIII.4.1) is shorter and easier to decipher, and places the responsibility of interpretation and administration with the Office of Research Administration within the Office of the Vice President for Research.

“The general principles of ownership described in the previous policy were in line with the University’s and Purdue Research Foundation’s Strategic Plans, but there was a lot of difficulty with understanding the policy because of the way it was written,” says Dunn, who serves as director of university research administration. “As a result, many people didn’t know about it or understand its application to what they were doing. The policy wasn’t having the impact it was intended to have.

“Also, the previous policy never identified any University office or official that was responsible for interpreting and administering the policy. I know that many questions went unanswered because people didn’t know who to ask.”

The primary purpose of the Policy on Intellectual Property is to provide guidance on circumstances under which the University would claim ownership to inventions, copyrightable works and other products of scholarship developed with University resources.

Under the policy, University employees are responsible for disclosing their work to the Office of Technology Commercialization. This disclosure provides the basis for a determination of patentability and for drafting a patent application.

The process

Dunn says the revision process for the policy began in fall 2005, when President Martin Jischke appointed a task force of faculty and administrators to review the policy’s effectiveness. In March 2006, the task force presented its findings and recommendations.

“We spent the next year reviewing the policy with stakeholders in the University, including deans, chancellors of regional campuses, and the Faculty Affairs Committee of University Senate. We were broadly discussed to identify any issues that might be of concern to the University community,” Dunn says.

The new policy was then brought before the Board of Trustees, which approved the measure on May 18. The new policy supersedes Purdue University Executive Memorandum B-10: Policy on Intellectual Property. Dunn says the revisions should increase the probability that intellectual property will be disclosed and brought to the public’s benefit.

“Since the new policy was announced, the number of questions coming to me as the focal point for interpretation have increased quite a bit,” Dunn says. “It’s been rewarding to have the opportunity to answer questions when people have concerns or need clarification.

“Having a policy on intellectual property that, more understandable will help faculty, students and others know what steps they need to take. It will be easier to get their work into the pipeline so that it can be developed commercially and be of value to the public.”

Other revisions to the policy include:

- Grants the University president the authority to recover intellectual property back to the inventor. In the past, an action by the Board of Trustees was required.
- Clarifies University rights in faculty-owned educational and scholarly copyrighted material.
- Establishes University ownership of research data generated through the use of University resources.
- To view the revised Policy on Intellectual Property (VIII.4.1), visit www.purdue.edu/policies/pages/teach_resTECH_ipr/viii.4.1.html. Questions or comments about the policy can be directed to Dunn at pddunn@purdue.edu or 49-48640.

This fall, the Office of Research Administration will develop and post a set of frequently asked questions and answers regarding the interpretation and implementation of the policy at www.purdue.edu/research/vpr/index.html.

Intellectual property policy rewritten

Negotiations are continuing in an effort to retain Unity Health- care as a member of Private Healthcare Systems (PHCS), the provider network used by the Incentive PPO and Purdue 500 medical plans.

Some Unity providers had informed their patients that they would no longer participate in PHCS as of Aug. 1. Purdue Staff Benefits has confirmed with Unity and PHCS that negotiations are ongoing.

Health network talks continue with Unity

Provider’s participation in PHCS to last at least through September for PPO, 500

October startup to bring advantages as load grows

Purdue will begin using a new employee application system in October.

Pursuit of a new system began when Purdue learned that its current arrangements for maintenance and upgrades to the Re- sumix employment system would no longer be available. Purdue has used Resumix since 2000.

The selection process for a new employment system vendor led to the project team’s unanimous choice of a company called Taleo.

Shan Sengsanith, employment manager, says job seekers and hiring supervisors alike will see benefits from the new system.

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President greets community, offers thoughts on strategic planning

As we begin a new academic year at Purdue, I hope every member of our faculty and staff is as delighted and proud as I am to be part of this wonderful university. Our campus has reached my one-month anniversary on campus, and my learning curve is very steep indeed. It’s a strong kinship with those of you who are beginning your first semester here. We will learn together.

I come to Purdue from the University of California, Riverside, an institution that is different from Purdue in many ways. It is located in inland California, 70 miles east of Los Angeles, and has existed for only half a century. It serves a very diverse population. But UCR and Purdue also have a lot in common. Both are land-grant institutions with a strong commitment to providing broad access to quality higher education. Both have excellent research programs, and both are committed to achieving the next level of excellence through strategic planning.

When our Board of Trustees approached me about becoming the 11th president of Purdue, they made it clear that they wanted me to build on the University’s great momentum. I’m confident we will meet their expectations by working together. While I will be listening and learning for a while before I ask you to help me create our new strategic plan, I do have some priorities in mind.

These include ensuring that qualified students have access to our programs and have every opportunity to succeed; increasing our research capacity; starting new programs connecting diverse disciplines; working to grow our state and national engagement efforts; and providing the best possible work environment and professional experience for all Purdue faculty and staff.

Together we will determine how to accomplish those priorities and the others that we will set through our strategic planning process. I look forward to meeting those challenges with you. On behalf of my husband, Chris Foster, and me, I thank each of you for the warm welcome we have received from everyone to meeting everyone in person and to beginning the work of building an even greater University.

Hail Purdue!

France A. Córdova, President

Córdova

Cancer propels ECET professor to exercise, eat better

Want to make Bob Herrick happy? Drink more water. Want to make him really happy? Follow up by eating whole—some foods, exercising, relaxing, and joining him in the Lafayette Heart Walk on Sept. 22.

Herrick, distinguished professor and head of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering Technology, will serve as chairman of this year’s Lafayette Heart Walk, which raises funds for research, education and programs relating to heart disease and stroke.

“I am interested in everything that promotes quality of life and good health; exercise, nutrition and getting away from the world to relax,” Herrick says about participating in the American Heart Association event. “It think it’s a fun way to promote walking, which is a very healthy activity.”

Promoting healthy activities has been a priority for Herrick since January 2005, when he was diagnosed with colorectal cancer. After going in for a routine colonoscopy, Herrick underwent surgery to have the tumor removed, but before undergoing surgery a blood biopsy taken after the surgery revealed that Herrick had also Stage 3 lymph cancer and Stage 2 prostate cancer.

When doctors recommended chemotherapy and radiation, Herrick decided to research alternative forms of treatment.

“I began looking at the side effects and the statistics of success, and I thought there had to be a better answer,” Herrick says. “Rather than look at medical solutions only, I started investigating and discovered there is a lot of information about how to help the body heal and maintain itself. You have to pay attention to what your body is telling you and itself. You have to pay attention to help the body heal and maintain its ability to defend itself.”

Herrick started by trading the 120 mg of Diet Coke he drank each day for 90 ounces of water. He adopted a wholesome diet of fresh fruits and vegetables, choosing organic options when available; limited his intake of meat to mostly deep-water, line-caught fish; and cut out processed foods.

“I felt really good during this transition with a renewed natural energy,” Herrick says. “I ate less but got more out of it. My rule is that if it wasn’t food 200 years ago it’s probably not food today.”

Within four months, Herrick lost 47 pounds, slimming down from 227 to 180. He also saw significant improvement in his cholesterol and triglyceride levels. Herrick then decided to reintroduce exercise into his regime, commuting to work on his recumbent bike when possible and using an exercise cycle whenever inclement weather. Herrick had been an avid cyclist 10 years earlier, participating in organized events with daily rides ranging from 60 to 235 miles.

Two and a half years after his surgery, there is no sign of cancer in his lymph nodes, and he goes in for routine checksup to monitor the prostate cancer.

“I was just going along merrily doing my thing, being a department head, writing textbooks, being active in professional societies and so forth,” he says. “It was a real wakeup call for me, and it made me realize it was good to have that wakeup call because now I’m much more careful for good health and impacting other lives.”

To make an impact, Herrick gives presentations on basic nutritional facts to “everybody who will listen.” He also served as a Purdue Wellness Ambassador from 2005 to 2007.

“I am a layman; I’m not an expert nutritionist. But there are some common sense things people can do about their health, and I want to approach discussing it,” Herrick says. For Herrick, those discussions begin with the basics: eat right, exercise, and take time to relax and unwind. And, of course, trade in that can of soda for water.

“Lots of people have changed their health habits because of my example,” he says. “I feel really good about that because I know what happened to me with my previous bad health habits. If they can even make a few healthier choices, I feel like I’ve made an impact.”

People also should take time to research quality health choices to make wiser decisions about their health. Herrick says, “I am really good about that because I know what happened to me with my previous bad health habits. If I can even make a few healthier choices, I feel like I’ve made an impact.”

Ivy Tech pacts for Technology credits secured

Starting this fall, it will be possible for students at any Purdue State College location to transfer credits to Purdue University’s College of Technology, thanks to an agreement between the two institutions.

Purdue’s College of Technology now has in place a systemwide articulation agreement with Ivy Tech for three programs: organizational leadership and supervision, industrial technology and engineering/technology teacher education.

The agreement will make it easier for students in related programs at Ivy Tech to pursue a Purdue bachelor’s degree.

“The agreement means that Ivy Tech students can transfer credits to the college’s West Lafayette campus and any of our 10 statewide locations that offer these programs,” said Mary Sadowski, associate dean for undergraduate programs and learning in the college of Technology.

“This is significant because this is the first statewide articulation agreement between Ivy Tech and our college. Before, each Ivy Tech site had to have a separate agreement with each Purdue College of Technology location, which made transferring credits much more difficult.”

In all three Purdue College of Technology programs, Ivy Tech students can transfer nearly half the credits required to earn a bachelor’s degree. Students pursuing majors within the Ivy Tech technology and business divisions will receive the highest number of transfer credits.

The Purdue-Ivy Tech agreement is the first step toward meeting an Indiana General Assembly mandate that requires all state universities in Indiana to establish articulation agreements with at least one campus in the Ivy Tech State College and Vincennes University systems.
Wanted: Conversation, friendship for students

A simple, proven way to share happiness awaits those who join Purdue’s International Friendship Program.

The West Lafayette campus program connects volunteers from the staff, faculty and community with students from other nations for occasional activities, meals and conversations. Hundreds of area residents enjoy sharing their welcome and culture, as well as learning about other cultures. In general, hosts and students get together once a month, though many choose to meet more often.

The Office of International Students and Scholars sponsors the program and matches residents and students by interests. The office also provides guidance including a required one-hour orientation for volunteers. Sessions are at 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Elin Room at the West Lafayette Public Library on:

• Wednesday, Aug. 22
• Thursday, Aug. 23

Marcus Hammack, immigra- tion counselor in ISS, says most
hosts invite their students to dinner at home, on a picnic or to an interesting place or event in the area.

Hosts undertake no legal, financial or housing obligation, he says.

In recent weeks, Hammack says, more than 1,100 new international students have been arriving at Purdue.

According to ISS, “nearly 80 percent of the 500,000 international students in the United States never step foot into an American home.”

The International Friendship Program spans that divide and provides a bridge to international understanding a few people at a time, Hammack says.

A program summary is online at www.iss.purdue.edu/Pro- grams/IPF.

ISS also has a brochure about the program and a guide to dealing with various aspects of such a relationship.

To participate or learn more, contact Hammack at 49-45770 or hammack@purdue.edu.

Libraries work with Sun to offer giant data archive

Purdue researchers can worry more about science and less about how to organize and preserve their data, thanks to Purdue Li-braries and Sun Microsystems’.

Sun has provided Purdue Libraries an object-based storage system to help develop its data library to handle the volumes of information being generated by University researchers.

The system is called the Sun StorageTek™ 5800 System, and Purdue has implemented a stor-age capacity of 32 terabytes. By comparison, it would take about 6,800 conventional DVDs to do as much information.

Purdue is one of only a handful of universities worldwide to begin work on developing such repositories. And although Purdue and these other institutions will lay the groundwork, it could become a wave of the future as researchers grapple with what many scientists refer to as “the data deluge.”

“We think we’re on the leading edge of something that is increasingly crucial — curat-ing science data to make it easily discovered and accessible,” says D. Scott Brandt, associate dean for research in Purdue Libraries and interim head of Purdue’s Distrib-uted Data Curation Center, also known as D2C2.

“The results of our research at the West Lafayette campus are so exciting that we know our scientists will want to concentrate on their projects while we help them determine how to best archive and preserve their data.”

Purdue’s digital data collec-tions are not housed in a single building or on a single server. Instead, Brandt refers to the data collections as a part of a “distrib-u-ited institutional repository.” The data is stored in many different places, including researchers’ hard drives, departmental servers, and on the TeraGrid, a large-scale national computing grid.

Storing and retrieving data is an increasing problem for sci-entists as technologies speed the data deluge. “The results of their research will provide access to scientific datasets. Describing, preserving, and pro-viding access to scientific datasets. The results of their research will be incorporated into the Univer-sity’s new data repository service, Purdue-e-Data.”

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United Way: Connecting funds to needs

HFS team working to raise awareness

Housing and Food Services is get-ting a head start on United Way fundraising this year. Twenty-two HFS staff members grabbed sponges, hoses and buckets on Thursday, Aug. 2, and held a car wash at Purdue’s Transportation Service building.

Shelly Cochran, United Way senior chair for HFS, says the group made $510 during its three-hour car wash.

Among those helping wash cars were John Sautter, vice president for housing and food services; Barb Frazee, executive director of university residences; Steve Eberly, director of food stores; Brenda Coulson, director of HFS human resources; Elaine McVay, director of HFS marketing; Sarah Johnson, director of university residences dining services; and Kevin Maurer, director of residential life.

HFS also is selling “Froggy Friday Frenzy” T-shirts for $10 each. Cochran says those T-shirts can be worn on Fridays, in departments that allow it, to show support for United Way. In addition, HFS has “Boiler Up for United Way” magnets for sale for $5 each.

“Our goal for this year is to raise awareness of United Way and the needs of our community,” Cochran says. “Although we concentrate most of our efforts during the campaign season, United Way agency needs are year-round.”

For more information about the HFS United Way efforts, contact Cochran at scochran@ purdue.edu.

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Connections keep us all going — our connections with family, friends, colleagues, and our community.

That’s the message United Way volunteers will spread this year as Purdue kicks off its 2007 campaign with the theme “We Matter.”

“Connecting with others can help us all feel good about being a part of this community,” says Anne Washburn, Purdue United Way director. “When we connect with others, we see that we matter to so many people. That’s what United Way does. It connects people with others who can help them in so many ways.”

On the West Lafayette cam-pus, UW kickoff will be Sept. 18. The campus goal is $720,000, part of the overall community goal of $4.85 million.

Purdue’s UW campaign chair is Robert Wild, assistant to the head of the Department of Chemistry. Vice chair is Roger Blalock, senior associate athletics director. Purdue’s loaned cam-paign representative this year is Jeff Buchanan, training coordi-nator in sponsored programs, who is available to give presentations and answer questions about United Way to campus units.

The United Way is a commu-nity-wide effort to assist 25 local service agencies as they provide help to individuals and families throughout Tippecanoe County.

The UW Pacset campaign has begun as some organizations and companies help to “kick start” the overall campaign. The Purdue University Retirees Association and Purdue

Purdue Bowlermakers invite women on the Purdue faculty and staff to join their bowling league.

The league is a women’s closed handicap league whose members are Purdue employees (current or retired), or relatives of a Purdue employee, or Purdue students. Teams consist of three members (with an optional fourth as an alternate).

The bowling season begins Aug. 29 and is 30 weeks with time off at holidays. Bowling is at 6 p.m. Wednesdays at the Purdue Bowling Lanes/Recreation Center in Purdue Memorial Union.

An organizational meeting is set for 5:30 p.m. Aug. 22 in Room 202, Stewart Center.

Those interested should con-tact Kathy Walters at 49-4758, kw@purdue.edu, or Barb Gotham at 49-4707, barb@purdue.edu.
Tours to showcase park facilities

Discovery Park will begin offering formal public tours this fall at research facilities in Birck Nanotechnology Center, Bindley Bioscience Center, Gerald D. and Edna E. Mann Hall, and the Burton D. Morgan Center for Entrepreneurship.

Discovery Park’s four current buildings on the southwest edge of campus have been available for tours by officials in academia, industry, government and other groups since the first building at the research complex, the Burton D. Morgan Center, opened in 2004.

With a fifth building in the planning stages, Discovery Park officials want the public to see how the $350 million interdisciplinary research complex is helping Purdue and the nation find solutions to challenges in areas such as energy, cancer, health care, homeland security, nanotechnology and advanced manufacturing.

“We are inviting the community to see up close what incredible facilities, instruments and laboratories we have for Discovery Park faculty, researchers and students that are helping benefit our state and nation’s overall economy,” said Candis Vibbert, associate vice provost for engagement at Purdue and associate director for engagement in Discovery Park.

“The community also will continue to be an important partner as we expand Discovery Park and the types of research we tackle in its state-of-the-art facilities on campus.”

The public tours, which must be scheduled in advance, will run from 30 minutes to an hour. They will start at Burton D. Morgan Center and provide information on the health care, cancer, advanced manufacturing and homeland security activities housed in Mann Hall.

From there, visitors will see the life sciences activities in Bindley Bioscience Center and the nanotechnology research under way at Birck Nanotechnology Center.

The Discovery Park public tours program begins Oct. 1. For tour information, to schedule a tour or to find out more information about facilities at Discovery Park, contact Valerie Lawless, Discovery Park’s engagement operations manager, at 49-43662 or lawlessv@purdue.edu.

More than 1,000 faculty members are actively engaged in the park.

Photo by David Liang

Emergency response procedures

Ronnie Wright, director of emergency preparedness and planning, is working to get the word out about Purdue’s emergency response procedures.

Posters have been sent to residence halls and are being distributed among building deputes to place in visible areas of campus buildings. The posters and an emergency preparedness brochure outline Purdue’s plans and advise on the appropriate responses to campus area emergencies.

In addition, emergency preparedness information is available online at www.purdue.edu/emergency/prepare/.

“Clearly, text messaging, if it is working, is an effective way of notification,” Wright says. “Our first line of communication is our sirens.”

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Text message – Just one way of notification

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Already, almost 90 percent of Purdue's first-year students who attended Day on Campus this summer have registered.

Registrants also will be able to receive emergency text messages should the need arise while the University analyzes the data.

“Only emergency messages will be sent,” Ksander says. “We are well aware that there is a charge for receiving text messages. We expect that there might be only a handful of emergency text messages in a given year.

Based on the data we gather, Purdue can work with service providers to improve speeds and can better make decisions on what systems to purchase, if any. These kinds of services can be very expensive, and it is important to make an informed decision. Some of the systems cost in excess of $300,000 a year.”

The results also would help students, faculty and staff weigh emergency communication performance when selecting a phone carrier.

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APSAC grant process to begin

The semiannual period will begin Sept. 1 for APSAC to receive applications for individual professional development grants.

APSAC, the Administrative and Professional Staff Advisory Committee, will accept applications through Oct. 1.

Notice of awards will be given by mid-November, and funds will be available after Jan. 1.

Grants generally fund professional education; attendance at lectures, conferences and seminars; or tuition assistance for academic classes.

Rebecca Richardson, chair of APSAC’s Professional Development Subcommittee, says several criteria of the grants process have been clarified. These guidelines include:

(1) Applicants must be at least 0.50 full-time equivalent a/p classification.

(2) Current APSAC members are eligible to apply, as long as they are not serving on the Professional Development Subcommittee.

(3) Regional campus a/p staff are not eligible to apply. The grant monies consist of revenue from vending machines on the West Lafayette campus; only a/p staff there and in the Extension Office are eligible.

(4) A copy of the grant award letter must be submitted when requesting reimbursement.

Richardson adds that the information on application requirements and the grants is being streamlined for easier reading.

More details are available at www.purdue.edu/hr/apsac/grantgeneral.htm. As of Sept. 1, the grant application will be available at that site.
Expansion of West Lafayette campus continues to promote new build- ings open and installation of air conditioning in residence halls continues, he says. And then there's the weather.

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"The 5,400 tons of new capacity are added, "it should provide the ability, even in adverse weather, to meet cooling demand for at least three years," he says. This year, Mann Hall and Neil Armstrong Hall have joined the list of buildings with cooling demand, and five more sizable buildings are in planning.

Physical Facilities planning, Vannmeter says, includes the pos- sible installation of a sixth and final chiller in the satellite plant."

**Options for user support including ESS abroad**

The OnePurdue Support Center, open 8 a.m.-6 p.m. EST Mon- day through Friday, offers help via telephone and e-mail to anyone with questions on using the new OnePurdue systems. Send e-mail to onep- help@purdue.edu, or call 49-6600.

Famous artist's works now available online

Purdue librarians are working with the Tippecanoe County Historical Association to digitize key works that detail Native American en- counter and councils before their forced removal from the Wabash region of Indiana.

The materials come from handwritten journals, manus- scripts and artworks by one of the state's best-known artists, George Caleb Bingham.

Winter's work covers Native Americans in Indiana from the 1830s to the 1870s. Most of the works to be digitized are from the 1830s and 1840s and document the removal of the Miami and Potawatomi tribes.

All of the works are owned by the Tippecanoe County Historical Association and are being made available in digi- tal form by Purdue Libraries, which has created a Web site for the collection: http://earcaches.library.purdue.edu/cdm4/browse.php?CISOROOT=/gwinter.

Five full-time technical staff from the ITAP work in the OnePurdue Support Center, along with Business Services staff, who rotate through during the week.

"This has been a real great mix of staff," Snethen says. "We are in a small room, so we can talk back and forth among the technical staff, who answer those types of questions, and the business office staff, who know what the employees who are calling are dealing with on that end. "We've really learned from each other as we've worked on these is- sues."

Snethen suggests that staff mem- bers first check with their business of- fice if they have questions about their time worked or vacation accrual. "Often the business office knows more about that than we would in the support center," he says. "If questions remain, please e-mail or call us and we will find the answer for you."

Information about password expiration and warnings.

If you have forgotten your career account ID and password, please e-mail or call us and we will work with your business of- fice if they have questions about their time worked or vacation accrual.

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New dining spots nearly ready at Union
Favorite cuisines, ‘Joe Tiller Show’ aiming to please customers

Taste buds on the West Lafayette campus are in for a treat — then another, then another.

New restaurants at Purdue Memorial Union will open sequentially from mid-August to mid-October, says Gary Goldberg, director of PMU dining services, which has plans to call attention to the new era with a big splash.

“We can look forward to the opening of the new Villa Pizza at the start of school on Aug. 20,” he says. The familiar favorite will carry the name Villa Fresh Italian Kitchen and has expanded in the same location it has had.

Within a few weeks, five other venues will open along the new street scape, a curving corridor among the restaurants that allows easier access and movement. The menu themes are in response to customers’ expressed desires.

“The entire 23,000-square-foot area will be known as Union Commons,” Goldberg says. Seating will be nearer point of service and will total about 75 more seats than pre-renovation.

“Significant marketing” is what Goldberg calls PMU plans for publicity in several forms.

“We’re having a city bus painted with all of our logos under the heading of Union Commons,” he says.

“Our effort is to be hospitality,” he adds. “Also, we’re going to be hosting ‘The Joe Tiller Show’ in Pappy’s. We want to attract a student audience to the show, and many students love to hang out in Pappy’s.”

The radio show will be live at 6-7 p.m. Mondays from Aug. 27 through Nov. 12 on the Purdue Sports Network.

Samples of the new menus already have reached the public during PMU’s Summer Concert Series, and more tasting opportunities are coming.

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“Then on Aug. 24, we’ll have Taste of the Union on the lawn, where everyone can try foods from all of our restaurants, even if they haven’t actually opened.”

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Continuing venues
■ Pappy’s, The Original Sweet Potato Shop, open or yet to open.
■ Urban Market with Loops. Urban Market is an upscale convenience store: grab-n-go sandwiches and salads, personal pizza, baked items, soup, juices, soft drinks, candy, chips, other snacks, cereal. Open until just before Urban Market closes.
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Dining at the Union: Here’s what you’ll find as the autumn unfolds
Taste of the Union will be at 2-4 p.m. Aug. 24 on the Union front lawn. It will offer free samples from all dining venues in the Union, open or yet to open.

New venues
■ Villa Fresh Italian Kitchen, an enhanced Villa Pizza with a “pick and mix” salad area. Opening: Monday, Aug. 20. Hours: 10 a.m.-10 p.m. daily.
■ La Salsa Fresh Mexican Grill, “south of the border” cuisine with salsa bar. Opening: Mid-September.
■ LeMongrass, with wok-fired entrees and Pho soups, in tradition of Thai and Vietnamese sauces and spices. Opening: By end of September.
■ Flatbreads, a gourmet sandwich shop with salads and soups, and featuring hot artisan breads. Opening: By end of September.
■ Zia Juice, taking up where Freshens left off, with freshly squeezed juices plus smoothies and healthy snacks. Opening: Mid-October.
■ Urban Market with Loops. Urban Market is an upscale convenience store with “organic, sustainable and natural foods.” Loops is a cereal bar. Opening: Mid-October.
■ Continuing venues (hours may vary during remainder of renovation to ensure adequate dining opportunities.)
■ Pappy’s, The Original Sweet Potato Shop. Diner concept. 7 a.m.-midnight Monday-Friday; 7 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.
■ Oasis. 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday.
■ Starbucks. 7:30 a.m.-11 p.m. Monday-Friday; 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Saturday; 8 a.m.-11 p.m. Sunday.
■ Quick Cuisine. Convenience store: grab-n-go sandwiches and salads, personal pizza, baked items, soup, juices, soft drinks, candy, chips, other snacks, cereal. Open until just before Urban Market is ready. 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday; 4:30-11 p.m. Sunday.
■ Sagamore Restaurant (second floor). 6:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. daily. Reservations accepted; occasional special evening offerings.

Attention, UDO staff:
Would you like to better manage donations to your department?
Make the UDO intranet work more smoothly for donors — and for you!

Now, your department’s Make a Gift page is capable of using pre-fill fields for easier use.

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To see how this new system is working for the Biology Department, go to www.biology.purdue.edu/people/alumni/maintgift.htm

To get started setting up your page, go to www.purdue.edu/udo/info/intranet/forms/coderequest.html fill out the form, and press the “submit” key.

Dalai Lama to speak in October
The 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet, the spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhism and winner of the 1989 Nobel Peace Prize, will deliver a public talk at 2:30 p.m. Oct. 26 at Elliott Hall of Music.

Titled “Cultivating Happiness,” the talk will draw from Tibetan Buddhist and other religious and intellectual traditions. Portions will be provided through a translator.

The talk is being presented by the Tibetan Cultural Center in Bloomington, Ind., and Purdue Convocations in cooperation with Purdue’s College of Liberal Arts.

Tickets went on sale Aug. 11 and are available through Ticketmaster at 743-5151 and ticketmaster.com. Tickets are $50 for all seats in Zone A, $30 for the general public and $20 for students and children in Zone B.
Extra security measures will be used on the day of the event.
Patrons are asked to arrive by 1 p.m. to pass through security. Items such as backpacks and handbags will not be permitted, and all items and attendees are subject to search. Specifics on security and parking will be at www.convocations.org.

The talk is part of October’s Experience Liberal Arts; for more, see www.cla.purdue.edu/experience or call 49-4788.
Foster heading K-12 efforts at Discovery Park

Christian Foster has been named Purdue’s director of Discovery Park K-12 programs that focus on science, technology, engineering and mathematics education.

“Chris is an experienced science educator with more than 30 years of teaching and research to his credit,” said Alan Rebar, executive director of Discovery Park.

Foster, who reports to Rebar, has his office in Mann Hall in Discovery Park.

In 1994–96, Foster, who is the husband of President Frances A. C. Gómez, led the establishment of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s White House Office for the Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment program, known as “GLOBE.”

The international, Internet-based, environmental science education program focuses on precollege students at more than 10,000 schools in 95 countries.

At the University of California campuses at Santa Barbara and Riverside, he developed and led successful programs in academic outreach and undergraduate research.

Foster joins Discovery Park at a time when Purdue is striving on several fronts to lead a reversal of a national downsizing among K-12 of interest in science and engineering.

Vibbert joins leadership in DP, engagement

Candiss Vibbert, executive assistant to Purdue President Martin C. Jischke from 2000 to 2007, has been named to the dual role of associate vice provost for engagement at Purdue and associate director for engagement at Discovery Park.

Vibbert assumed her new duties July 1. In the Office of the President, her duties included being liaison and advisor to Discover-

Vibbert Park.

Before that, she had been an associate dean in the Graduate School.

Research post brings Harbor back

Jon Harbor has begun work as associate vice president for research for centers and institutes.

Harbor was an honored professor and administrator at Purdue, where he came in 1994. After a stint as dean in Colorado, he is returning to help lead Purdue’s strengthening of its research infrastructure.

The appointment, announced Aug. 3 by Charles Rutledge, vice president for research, includes focus on the University’s Washington Projects.

Other responsibilities include oversight of centers and institutes, research development, communications and information technology.

Purdue wins U.S. award for retention excellence

Purdue received a national award for student retention program at a conference July 12 in recognition of the Multicultural Learning Communities program.

The Lee Noel-Randi Levitz Retention Excellence Award is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the faculty and staff who created this program,” said Pamela Horne, associate vice president for enrollment management and dean of admissions.

The program involves about 200 freshmen, and 91 percent of participants have returned to Purdue for their second year. For comparable students not in the program, retention was 84 percent.

The program is part of the Office of Student Access, Transition and Success Programs, directed by the Office of the President. It is a unit of the Office of Enrollment Management.

Teams win Google trip

A team from Purdue West Lafayette and one from Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne were among nine nationally-based teams that received all-expense-paid trips to Google headquarters as the prize in a 3-D imaging competition.

The Google competition is a joint effort of the Office of Research and the Office of Technology Transfer.

Appointments

Laura Glitz is women’s tennis head coach, coming from coaching at Cornell University and a playing career including All-American honors and experience on the world level. … Connor Holt is assistant men’s cross country and track and field coach, coming from California State University, Northridge. … J. Agnew is assistant coach and recruiting coordinator for men’s swimming, coming from Yorktown (Ind.) High School. … Glen Lantham is assistant coach for wrestling, coming from the University of North Carolina. … Marisol Uribe is executive assistant at the Latino Cultural Center. … Catherine Lin is administrative assistant for the Foundation Relations team in the University Development Office, coming from work with the Corporate Relations team. … Brian Miller is director of the Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant College Program, having been its outreach coordinator and associate director and the Purdue Extension coordinator for the Department of Natural Resources. The program, addressing coastal and Great Lakes needs, is a partnership of the University of Illinois and Purdue. … Tom Paccioti is general manager of the new residence hall being constructed on State Street.

Foster was professor of rhetoric and composition at Cornell University and a specialist in dramatic literature, specifically Greek tragedy and philosophy, Shakespeare, and modern drama, as well as literary theory and criticism, and Jewish studies.

Honors

Kenneth Morris, associate head of the Department of Industrial and Physical Pharmacy and director of graduate programs, was named chair of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s advisory committee for pharmaceutical sciences, having served on the committee since August 2004.

… Brian Thompson, manager of Boile Television, has been selected as president of the Association of Higher Education Television Administrators, which supports instructional, informational and entertainment efforts on campuses.

Awards

E. David Schoorman, professor of management and director of the Gisma Business School, is the co-recipient of the 2007 Academy of Management’s Distinguished Educator Award. … Steve Thompson, director of the Pet Wellness Clinic in the School of Veterinary Medicine, received the 2007 Veterinary Public Relations Award from the Indiana Veterinary Medical Association. …

Thomas Rickert, assistant professor of rhetoric and composition, and Michael Salvo, assistant professor of rhetoric and composition, have received two awards for their research involving letters in a related essay titled “... And They Had Protocols.”
Considering MS Office 2007? Discretion may be better part of valor

The insistent march of Microsoft’s new Office 2007 suite of productivity applications reaches Purdue in full force this fall. Although a few businesses have made the transition since the software’s initial release last fall, larger organizations such as Purdue have been carefully weighing the consequences of transitioning too soon.

Complicating matters is the decentralized nature of Purdue’s technology decision making. While many parts of Purdue exhibit a wait-and-see attitude toward Office 2007, other parts have already begun planning a fall 2007 deployment.

Here is the latest information to help Purdue employees understand ITaP’s position on Office 2007, what it means for Purdue, and when to consider making the change.

Compatibility
Office 2007 represents a big change for any organization, but Purdue is particularly sensitive to new software. Many software standards exist in large part to create optimal compatibility between disparate groups. Before making the change to Office 2007, be sure compatibility is not an issue.

According to Gary Newsom, OnePurdue executive director, Office 2007 is incompatible with some major IT initiatives.

“There are known compatibility issues issues with the current release of the OnePurdue software and Office 2007, Internet Explorer 7, and Windows Vista,” Newsom says. “At this time, we would not recommend any OnePurdue user go to Office 2007, IE 7 or Vista until the OnePurdue application upgrades can be completed, fully tested, and rolled out later this year. This is especially critical for those who use the ‘SAP GUI’ and the ‘BEx’ add-on tool for reporting.”

Compatibility is also an issue between versions of Office. Without special action, Office 2003 users may not be able to open and use files generated with Office 2007. It is possible to save Office 2007 documents as Office 2003 versions for compatibility reasons, but this step is not the default behavior, can be cumbersome, and does not solve all compatibility issues. Excel 2007, for example, has new fundamental capabilities that, if used, render the resulting spreadsheet completely incompatible with older versions of Office.

“The issues increase in complexity as Purdue employees use personal computers for University purposes,” says Julie Kercher-Updike, associate vice president of ITaP’s Customer Relations department. “Employees must ensure that work done on a personal computer away from campus is compatible with the software available to consumers of that work at Purdue.”

Availability
Office 2007 is currently available to students, faculty, and staff through BoilerCopyMaker for about $30. The current licensing agreement allows Purdue faculty, students, and staff to purchase one copy of the software for installation and use on one computer. This purchase agreement is made through the Microsoft Campus Agreement licensing arrangement.

Ed Evans, interim executive director of ITaP’s Teaching and Learning Technologies group, says some academic colleges and labs across campus intend to introduce Office 2007 this fall.

“The expectation is that students will begin to arrive with Office 2007 on their personal computers,” Evans says. “Because computer labs are more student- and faculty-oriented, we are choosing to adopt the newer Office 2007 software while continuing to provide access to Office 2003.”

Usability
Software usability is an inexact science, at best. Although the specialists at Microsoft have worked hard to create what they consider a better way of interfacing with Office 2007 applications, the new software is a huge change from previous versions.

Gerry McCartney, CIO and vice president for information technology, says the best decision be made by each business unit when more work has been done to understand and mitigate incompatibilities and security risks.

“As with any migration to a new version of software, we recommend you weigh the risks against your need for the new functionality and how that tradeoff changes over time,” McCartney says. “This will enable each unit to make an educated decision about the right time to migrate to the new release. Sometimes — unless you need specific functionality right now — it’s better to wait for the product to mature.”

The Purdue-Alumni Web Community is improving for YOU.

One Web site … www.purdue.edu/alumni contains a wealth of information for Purdue alumni.

Recently added:
• Search for fellow alumni via their degree level
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35 years: Carolyn Niccum, Purdue Memorial Union; Gail Shively, chemistry; (Lola) Kathy Smith, Earhart Hall; Jack Trent, grounds.

25 years: Pamela Cederquist, Cary Quadrangle; Kathryn Garner, libraries; Laura Hanley, libraries; Karen Mosson, dean of students office; Sandra Oswalt, CEC business services; Donna Ubelhor, Windsor Halls; Kevin Vanderbilt, operations and maintenance.

30 years: Linda Howell, office of the vice president for research; Christopher Jones, IT infrastructure; Brenda Kaufman, Purdue Memorial Union; Dennis Reynolds, operations and maintenance; Samuel Sledo, intercollegiate athletics; Roger Strater, libraries; Kirk Wright, heating and power.

20 years: Milly Ann Allen, admissions; Richard Allen, aviation technology; Haley Rebecca Atkinson, biological sciences; Shirley Bossung, Tarkington Hall; Monte Brewer, operations and maintenance; Kenneth Buchanan, intercollegiate athletics; Theresa Bunch, financial aid; Marsha Griner, Shreve Hall; Jeffrey Hemersbach, operations and maintenance; Alan Holtman, materials management and distribution; Gene Lowery, operations and maintenance; Patricia Ann Kinniear, computer science; Jean Ann Morton, English; Diane Oilar, building services; Peter Peters, construction and engineering, Purdue Calumet; Sue Ann Stone, management; Roger Van Voorst, intercollegiate athletics.

15 years: Catey Brooks, materials management and distribution; George Casey, operations and maintenance; Scott Cronk, animal sciences research farms; Camilla Downing, human resource services; Connie Fitsimons, Earhart Hall; Annette Knott, consumer and family sciences; Gary Martin, building services; Peggy Messing, student athletics, Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne; Dorothy Shaifer, education opportunities program, Purdue Calumet; Kelly Smith, operations and maintenance; Verna Sturgill, Earhart Hall.

10 years: Tamie Bever, building services; James Brenner, heating and power; Gary Carter, operations and maintenance; Robert Wayne Cobbs, grounds; Kenneth Dickinson, recreational sports; Margaret Gehlhausen, animal disease diagnostic laboratory; Joletta Geller, international programs in agriculture, Harriet Groff, McCutcheon Hall; Judith Hunsicker, admissions; Pamela McDowell, accounts payable and travel; Sean McLane, IT teaching and learning technologies; Brenda Meagher, libraries; Betty Mulinski, Tarkington Hall; Shirley Noffsinger, building services; Benitta Norris, Hawkins Hall; Victoria Royer, card services office; Vicki Sickler, building services; Stephanie Stillwell, veterinary teaching hospital; Elizabeth Ann Woody, state chemist’s office.

For CSSAC updates, go to www.purdue.edu/cssac.
Events are free unless noted. Ticket prices are for single events, not any series or dis- count offers. The online calendar for the West Lafayette campus is at athletics.purdue.edu, which has a link to the Purdue home page at www.purdue.edu.

Football ticket special helps employees go, aids CSSAC grants

Intercollegiate Athletics and the Clerical and Service Staff Advisory Committee are teaming up again to offer Purdue employees a special price on Purdue football tickets.

That means money in the bank for the CS- SAC Grant Program, which supports grants for departments, clerical and service staff at West Lafayette as well as for employees.

CSSAC tickets for the Sept. 8 and 15 games at Ross-Ade Stadium are priced at $20. Of that, CSSAC receives $4 from each ticket sold to faculty and staff, spouses and dependents.

The form at right contains instructions for placing an order. Deadline for discount ticket orders is one week before the game.

Volleyball, soccer to be strong, exciting

The Purdue volleyball team will hold an open scrimmage this Sunday, Aug. 19, at 2 p.m. in the Intercollegiate Athletic Facility. The Boilermakers, with seven returning starters and a freshman class that ranks among the nation’s best, have high expecta-
tions for 2007.

The Purdue women’s soccer team, returning the most experi-
enced roster in its 10-year history, will open the season Aug. 31 in the Boilermaker Challenge Cup. Event details are on this page.

Eight seniors are projected to start for the Boilermakers, alongside veteran forwards Sylvia Forbes and Jessica Okoroafo.

Sophomore Jenny Bradfitt and freshman Carianne Betts are this year’s candidates for goal-
keeper, a job that will be decided during preseason practices.

The Purdue midfield is packed with veterans — Jordyn Shafter at defensive midfielder, and Shauna Stapleton and Jill Barbaugh on the wings.

The Boilermakers are the Big Ten selection Parrissa Eyorokon gave Purdue a balance of speed and poise on the roster.

The Boilermakers play 2006 NCAA qualifiers Louisville, Ken-
tucky, Washington and Portland through the season’s first two weekends in addition to a mid-
week contest with an up-and-coming Xavier program.

Season tickets for Purdue women’s soccer are on sale at the Athletic Ticket Office. They are $30 for adults and $20 for stu-
dents. Single game tickets are $5 for adults and $2 for students.

More about both programs is at www.purdueportsports.com.
Helping hands

Management staff of Purdue Memorial Union used July 24 as a day for a staff retreat and community service at several sites including those shown here. ABOVE: Seth Grant, assistant catering manager, joins Indiana Veterans Home resident John McDonald in a little fishing. RIGHT: Ground-level parts of roofing work on a Habitat for Humanity house in Lafayette get a lift from Terry Clayton, assistant director of building services and scheduling; Heather Owen, director of programs and recreation; and Phillip Morgan, catering coordinator. ABOVE RIGHT: Liz Morris helps acclimate a student to Purdue. RIGHT: Ground-level parts of roofing work on a Habitat for Humanity house in Lafayette get a lift from Terry Clayton, assistant director of building services and scheduling; Heather Owen, director of programs and recreation; and Phillip Morgan, catering coordinator. Above: Liz Morris helps acclimate a student to Purdue. Right: Ground-level parts of roofing work on a Habitat for Humanity house in Lafayette get a lift from Terry Clayton, assistant director of building services and scheduling; Heather Owen, director of programs and recreation; and Phillip Morgan, catering coordinator.

Provost –

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and related academic activities in coordination with the Office of the President. His office will oversee academic systems such as the libraries, computing center and student services (admissions, registrar, financial aid, health facilities), along with the Black Cultural Center, Latino Cultural Center and the new Native American Educational and Cultural Center.

The provost’s office, in coordination with the president, also will be directly involved in developing support from federal agencies, corporations and foundations and will be responsible for issues of academic concern for the University’s four regional campuses and Extension sites.

Akridge, as vice provost for engagement, will lead Purdue’s efforts to use University resources to address economic development and other issues affecting the state’s prosperity and quality of life. He will work directly with Indiana’s leaders, the business community and citizens to find ways for Purdue to advance that mission.

Akridge also will help communities throughout the state develop technology parks and promote the growth of high-paying jobs. Another goal is to advance initiatives such as the Technical Assistance Program, which last year helped 536 Indiana companies implement new technologies. Akridge also will work with the Purdue Center for Regional Development to assist with strategic economic development planning on a regional basis.

Additional programs under Akridge’s supervision will include the Office for Continuing Education and Conferences and Science Board, which assists Indianapolis Public Schools students in preparing for a science-related degree at Purdue.

Migrating courses to Blackboard Vista 4.2

During the summer, ITaP’s Teaching and Learning Technologies (TLT) unit installed the course management system Vista 4.2, now owned by Blackboard Learning System.

TLT encourages all faculty, teaching assistants, and staff who used WebCT 3 to follow these guidelines for migrating to Vista 4.2.

Training

TLT’s Instructional Development Center (IDC) offers Blackboard Vista 4.2 training, in which you will learn what’s new in 4.2, as well as how to set up your grade book, customize classes, and create online assignments, assessments, and peer review rubrics.

For course descriptions and training schedules, visit www.itap.purdue.edu/ training/counseling.cfm?ID=78.

The IDC staff can arrange just-in-time training for your department or school on any of our training topics. Contact idc@itap.purdue.edu with questions or to schedule a session.

MS Office 7 — yes, no, later?

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Migration a must

During this fall semester, both Vista 3 and Vista 4.2 will be available for use, but all Vista 3 courses must be migrated to Vista 4.2 by the start of spring semester. The last day to access Vista 3 will be Jan. 2, 2008, at 5 p.m.

Instructors of academic courses on the West Lafayette campus must formally request a course migration from Vista 3 to 4.2. Go to www.itap.purdue.edu/ibl/blackboard/staff.cfm and select the link “Migrate a section from WebCT V3 to Blackboard Vista 4.”

TLT will handle migration requests on a first-come, first-served basis. Depending upon demand, the migration may take up to two weeks from the request date to request your migration. The last day to request a migration will be Dec. 19 at 5 p.m.

If you have an Open Campus course, you must e-mail your request to itap@purdue.edu, and include the full course name and instructor contact information.

TLT recommends that faculty develop new courses in Vista 4.2 when possible. If one of your existing courses has little content, it’s much easier to build and redevelop a new course in Vista 4.2 than to migrate.

If you choose to continue using Vista 3 during fall semester and you want to use a Vista 3 course from a previous semester, request a semester transition.

However, all Vista 3 courses will be migrated at some point during the fall semester. Please note that Turnitin, language packs, and construction will not be available in Blackboard Vista 4.2 at the start of fall semester.

If you wish to use one of these tools this semester, you should start out with Vista 3 to teach your class.

Those with questions or concerns about Vista software should send a message to itap@purdue.edu.

Krantner to present ex-senator

Former U.S. senator and Nobel Peace Prize nominee George Mitchell will give the keynote address Oct. 25 at Krannert Management’s seventh annual Leadership Speakers Series in Purdue Memorial Union.

Richard A. Goonewardene, Krannert School dean and Leeds Professor of Management, and President France A. Córdova also will speak at the event during 6:30 p.m. Several special alumni awards will be presented during the evening.

The lecture is part of Krannert’s 50th anniversary celebration, which includes a number of guest speakers, alumni panels, musical activities and other festivities surrounding the homecoming weekend. Information about the anniversary celebration is at www.mgmt.purdue.edu.

Specially priced tickets are available to Purdue students, faculty and staff. For ticket information, contact Tim Newton, Krannert School director of external relations and communications, at 49-67271 or tnewton@ purdue.edu.

The deadline to purchase tickets is Sept. 27.

Mitchell was a senator for 14 years and has been active in international politics since his retirement in 1995. He may be best known for his appointment to the Select Committee on the Iran-Contra Affair in 1987.

Mitchell was Senate majority leader from 1989 until 1995.

Deaths

Faith M. Combs, 93, died July 7 in Muncie. She had worked in loans at Purdue, retiring in 1970.

Wolfgang Leidenfrost, 88, died July 8 in West Lafayette. He was a professor emeritus of mechanical engineering, having taught from 1961 to 1989.

Emily S. Palffer, 82, died July 11 in West Lafayette. She taught for several years starting in 1988 in freshman English and the writing labs. Memorial: International Center of West Lafayette.

Thomas M. Ryan, 82, died July 11 in Monticello. He worked at Purdue as a storekeeper, retiring in 1986. Memorial: McLeish Center, St. Elizabeth Hospice or Blessid Sacrament Church.

Chester C. Perigo, 84, died July 19 in Fort Wayne. He was an electrician at Purdue, retiring in 1986. Memorial: McLeish Center, Fort Wayne Church; or his grandson’s mission work, New Life International Ministries, 3026 Tyne Neck Road, Suite B, Portsmouth, VA 23703.


Patricia S. Ice, 77, died July 25 in Tippecanoe County. She had worked at one time in Duplicate Services. Memorials: Otterbein United Methodist Church.

Mildred A. Massey, 95, died July 31 in Fort Wayne. She worked in the Administrative Services Build ing from 1955 to 1977.


Discovery Park will sponsor a daylong symposium on Aug. 28 to help faculty and researchers navigate the complex regulations within the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to commercialize their research. A team from the Oncological Sciences Center, Burton D. Morgan Center for Entrepreneurship and Weldon School of Biomedical Engineering will join regulatory consultants from Saltis Solutions LLC to explain how the regulatory process affects strategies, procedures and ultimate translation and commercialization of innovations developed by faculty and researchers.

“The best understanding of the processes and data necessary to ready a device, diagnostic or drug for future FDA approval, researchers will be better equipped to guide and plan their research initiatives toward eventual translation,” says Julie Nagel, managing director of the Oncological Sciences Center. The symposium, “Research Translation: Planning for What Lies Ahead,” will run from 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Room 121, Burton D. Morgan Center for Entrepreneurship.

For a complete schedule and to register, go to www.purdue.edu/dp/bdm/translation. For more information, contact Kris Swanek at 49-46744 or kswanek@ purdue.edu.

“Past Discovery Park workshops have exposed our entrepreneurially inclined faculty, researchers and students to experts in developing business plans and making pivotal connections with venture capitalists,” says Julie Goonewardene, associate director of technology commercialization for Discovery Park and the Burton Morgan Center. “We hope this event can help clear some of the fears that researchers have about complex federal regulations.”

Goonewardene’s role is to help transfer technology smoothly to business at Purdue Research Park.