President to hold cider social Feb. 14
Faculty and staff are invited to join President France A. Córdova for a Cider Social on Valentine's Day.
Córdova will host the social from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Feb. 14 in the North and South Ballrooms of Purdue Memorial Union.
All staff may attend the social in pay status with the approval of their supervisor.
Please RSVP by Feb. 7 to the Office of Special Events at 49-4096 or events@purdue.edu.

Books & Coffee to offer weekly treats
Purdue's 57th Books & Coffee series will warm the four Thursdays in February with refreshments and talks about best-selling books.
Books & Coffee, which is free and open to the public, begins at 4 p.m. for tea, coffee, hot cocoa and baked goods.
The half-hour book talks begin at 4:30 p.m., all in rooms 302-306, Stewart Center.
Attendees also may enter drawings for prizes, including books and sweatshirts.
A list is in the Calendar, page 7. More is at www.cla.purdue.edu/english/

Laptop registration encouraged by police
Purdue's Police Department has launched an online laptop computer registration program.
The program is voluntary, but recommended to all students, staff and faculty who own laptop computers.
Desktop computers can also be registered.
Much as in the successful bicycle registration program, the online form will ask for serial number, make and model of the laptop.
For help in completing the form contact Purdue police at 49-4822 or TERY.
The online form is at www.purdue.edu/police.

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Accreditation: Preparation for 10-year review begins

Once every 10 years, the University gets a chance to take a comprehensive look at itself — to assess its programs and operations in preparation for a review by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.
Purdue, which has been accredited continually since 1913, was last reviewed and fully accredited during 1999-2000.
More than 80 faculty and staff have begun preparations for the next review, to be conducted in 2009-2010.
The nearly two-year process involves teams of Purdue faculty, staff and students who take a look at strengths and weaknesses throughout the University.
“Though many of our colleges, schools and programs go through regular reviews in their particular areas and disciplines, and the only time we take a really good look at the entire University,” says Vice Chancellor for Energy, Environment, and Sustainability John Green, “is when the accreditation process is used.”

Seeking safety for pedestrians, vehicles

This scene last week on Stadium Avenue, facing east across Northwestern, shows the new “No Turn on Red” signs for eastbound traffic. The purpose is to control turns to protect pedestrians crossing Northwestern. Pedestrian traffic at the corner has increased since the opening of Neil Armstrong Hall of Engineering in fall 2007. However, as shown here, when the green right arrow also is lit along with the red light, as when northbound traffic on Northwestern has a left-turn signal while eastbound traffic is red, the right-turn movement isn’t moving — the pedestrian signal on the pole is a red “stop” hand and the turning traffic may continue without a stop. Pedestrians are to wait for the pedestrian walk signal, which they can summon using a button on the pole on whichever corner they are. For news of limits for student vehicles on campus, see page 2.

Eligible-access Web site assisting career, social ties

Purdue alumni, students, supporters, faculty and staff have a new way to connect, reconnect and network.
Boilersphere, a Web-based networking site exclusive to Purdue people, was launched Jan. 28.
The site allows Purdue alumni to post job openings for free and provides an outlet for easier interactions between job posters and responders.
Users also can connect with former friends and professors, network with other Purdue people, and share experiences with current students.
“Students view this as a professional network, and alumni see this as an opportunity to reconnect with classmates and professors and also to use it for professional networking purposes,” says Daniel Gentry, director of development information services in the University Development Office. “Faculty and staff, a vital part of the Purdue family, can use it to stay connected with one another, students and alumni.”
University development officials led the Boilersphere project, and a committee composed of representatives from all of Purdue’s colleges and schools worked together to plan the setup.
“We recognized that a growing trend with students and alumni is that they want to connect with one another,” Gentry says. “Whether it’s networking, mentoring, socially interacting, posting or reviewing job openings, Boilersphere allows Purdue people to connect in volume that was not open to them before.”
The site goal is to register 10 percent, or 30,000 Purdue people, in the first year. To ensure that only Purdue people are part of the network, all eligible members are in a database. When someone attempts to join the system, the database will authenticate the user before access is granted.
A Purdue help desk is available to answer any questions or address any login problems at 49-69770 or e-mail at boilersphere@purdue.edu.
Everyone on the Boilersphere will help monitor the contents.
To register to become a member of Boilersphere, go online to www.purdue.edu/boilersphere.
Statehouse Update

Session quickly providing plenty to keep track of

The 2008 legislative session is off to a fast start, even more so than many in recent years.

Without a budget to pass, the focus has been placed on proposals and local government reform. For universities, the focus will be on the many bills that have an effect on them, often one that is unintended, says Kevin Green, Purdue's director of state relations.

"When legislators write bills, they usually don't intend to include unintended restrictions, mandates, or requirements," he says. "We usually work with the legislation to get changes made in the bill and get the legislation passed and signed into law, but if it doesn't work, we'll have to deal with it in the next session."

Several bills this session fall into that category:

• House Bill 1246 authored by Rep. Jim Lucas, R-Huntington, deals with courses taught for credit in both high schools and universities. These "dual-credit" courses allow students to get advance credits for college and gain a head start toward a degree.

• "We're working to ensure the quality of the courses match our standards so that students aren't shortchanged," Green says.

• Rep. Sheila Klinker, D-Lafayette, received some publicity for House Bill 1249, which extends educational benefits to Purdue undergraduate students.

"Our concern is that the universities aren't leaving to cost the cover of the cost of these students from other students' fees," Green says. "A benefit like this should be covered with the resources of the university as a matter of public policy."

• Several bills were filed in both houses this session to remove the 10-year time limit on state financial aid.

"Currently, once students apply for financial aid, their clock starts ticking and their eligibility expires every 10 years later. This can be a problem for students who stop for a time and come back later to get a degree," Green says. Some bills related to universities failed to get a hearing. One of them, Senate Bill 138 from Sen. Johnney Nugent, R-Lawrenceburg, would have prevented universities from regulating the possession, transportation or sale of firearms on campus.

"In light of the Virginia Tech tragedy, universities nationwide have been making efforts to ensure the safety and security of their students," Green says. "This bill would have had a negative impact on those efforts.

Bills sponsored by Rep. Joe Micon, D-West Lafayette, and Sen. Tim Bostelmann, R-Lafayette, that would exempt college text books from sales tax also did not get a hearing. Members of Purdue Student Government made their annual trip to speak with Indiana's legislative leadership on Jan. 15.

To follow Statehouse activity, go to www.in.gov/legislative.

Book of Great Teachers turns page to nomination period

Selection for the Book of Great Teachers, one of Purdue's key faculty honors, is open for nominations through March 3. This period covers every five years.

Names of those selected are placed on a display in the west foyer in Purdue Memorial Union.

"It's important that we give public and permanent recognition to those who do the most in excellence in teaching," says Christine Ladisch, vice provost for academic affairs. "The teaching-learning environment of faculty and students is the foundation of a great university."

In 1997, Purdue opened the opening of Academy Park — named for Plato's ancient Academy in Greece — with plans to honor great teachers. Selections were made mostly in 1998, and the Book of Great Teachers, bearing 225 names from Purdue's past, was dedicated April 23, 1999, in Academy Park.

In 2003, the names of 42 more were selected. They were placed in the book Aug. 28, that year.

Again this year, plans call for a ceremony and reception early in the fall semester.

The nomination form is at www.purdue.edu/provost/ GreatTeachers/index.htm. Succinct answers in list form are preferable. The selection committee can follow up as warranted.

To be eligible for the Book of Great Teachers, a person must have had 15 years of continuous service to the University.

The following are added ad

omatically to the Book of Great Teachers:

• Those named by the Board of Trustees as distinguished professors for teaching
• Recipients of University-wide teaching awards

$250 Healthy Purdue incentive from ’07 to be in this pay period

Employees can use their health plan benefits to cover the wellness screening requirement for Healthy Purdue’s HealthPath Questionnaire. Although free wellness screenings are available through campus screening events, participants can also have the screening done at a primary care physician's office, often at little or no cost. For a preventive visit, the following benefits apply:

• Incentive PPO and Purdue 500: Employees and their covered dependents each receive an annual $400 benefit for preventive care, which must be used with in-network providers. This amount is not subject to the deductible or co-insurance.

Annual in-network preventive care beyond $400 is subject to the in-network deductible and coinsurance. All preventive care through out-of-network providers is subject to the out-of-network deductible and coinsurance.

• UnitedHealthcare: Coverage is subject to a preventive care benefit. Preventive screenings performed by a primary care physician would be subject to a $15 copay.

It is important that employees inform their medical providers about the preventive care benefit so that the service will be coded as preventive rather than medical.

Answers from Staff Benefits

In this feature, Staff Benefits at Human Resource Services responds to questions and comments selected from those submitted online at www.purdue.edu/benefits.

Comment: Is there any plan to raise the taper cutoff (for medi

Answer: The Book of Great Teachers honored 225 teachers during the first selection period.

Claim: By increase the tier of clerical and service staff in the lower cost tier, the savings in the higher tier can be increased.

Answer: Many years ago, the medical contribution tier was set at 90 percent of clerical and service staff were in the lower cost tier. The purpose was to help the university with the higher costs of health insurance.

Purdue increased the tier amount to match the average salary increase every year for several years in the 1990s and early 2000s.

This led to getting out of sync with the 90 percent target. Today, 92 percent of clerical and service staff are in the lower cost tier, which includes employees earning up to $38,000. As a result, we did not increase the salary cutoff this year.

We recognize that when an employee's salary increase takes them above the current tier, their medical contribution tier can go up more than their pay does that year. Beginning in the spring of 2009, we will be considering other options to the $38,000 tier. If you have thoughts, let us know at www.purdue. edu/benefits.

Preventive care provision can meet screening's cost

Wellness program contacts, smoking cessation action, page 8

This is key to having the claim paid correctly.

Additional information about preventive health benefits can be found through www.purdue.edu/benefits/med.htm.

For more information about the HealthPath Questionnaire and upcoming campus screenings is at the Purdue Health Web site at www.purdue.edu/healthypurdue. A form listing the screening results will be available from their health care provider can be downloaded at the site by following the "Forms" link.

Program fact reminders

• Case management for Incentive PPO and Purdue 500 is provided by Avidyn Health, a subsidiary of Five STAR.

• United Behavioral Health is providing mental health benefits for UnitedHealthcare.

• Changes in names:

• Annet Managed Care Plan is now UnitedHealthcare.

• Future Planning Associates (FPA), Purdue's voluntary benefits administrator, is USI Affinity.

• Anthem Rx is AnthemWell-Point NextRx.

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Ratliff to build teams, programs as Purdue Cancer Center director

Tim Ratliff is a man with many passions. Whether it be his love of the outdoors, penchant for hiking and running, or dream of becoming “the Ansel Adams of the Hawaiian Islands,” Ratliff’s life brims with diverse interests.

Ratliff’s energy and dedication also extend to his work — seeking a cure for cancer. As the new director of Purdue Cancer Center, he hopes to accomplish his mission.

“I’ve worked all of my research career on cancer-related problems,” says Ratliff, who started the position in July. “My lab has always been committed to that, and there are certain things you can do in that context. In the broader context of this center, I have the opportunity to build bigger programs, involve more people and coordinate more activities. That is very appealing.”

Before coming to Purdue, Ratliff served as the Anderson-Hebbel Professor of Prostate Cancer Research at the University of Iowa College of Medicine and as research vice chair of the Department of Urology.

Ratliff decided to pursue cancer research after losing his father and father-in-law to the disease.

“At that point, prior to PSA testing, around 70 percent of the cases diagnosed were metastatic. Now, less than 5 percent are. The five-year survival rate prior to PSA was in the range of 30 percent, and now it’s virtually 100 percent. It has made a real difference,” Ratliff says.

Ratliff will continue more of his work from Washington University in his own lab at Purdue.

In the late 1980s, Ratliff worked on the team that validated the use of the prostate specific antigen test (PSA) in detecting prostate cancer.

“By the time you are symptomatic, you have advanced disease,” he says. “When my father-in-law was diagnosed, he had metastatic disease. There was no real treatment for him, and he died within a year.”

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MS Office 2007 training offered

Two training sessions are offered in February for campus computer center occupants who will start using Microsoft Office 2007.

Training sessions will cover the differences between Microsoft Office 2003 and the new Microsoft Office 2007 in Word, Outlook, Excel and PowerPoint but not Access, according to Connie Bilyeu, director of Training for ITAP.

“The training is available to University faculty and staff,” Bilyeu said. “Some (faculty) continue to struggle with this updated software in the ITAP instructional labs, and this training will be able to help them.”

The training will be held in Lawson Computer Science Building (DSVN), Room 1142.

ITAP security to have Q-and-A table

Do you have a burning question about your computer security that you would like to ask one of the Information Technology Network’s security staff? Do anti-virus installations or firewall configurations have you stumped? Maybe you are concerned about wireless technology and wonder whether your laptop is properly configured to be secure in a wireless environment.

Asking those and other questions is now easier.

For upcoming dates and times, or to register, go to itap.purdue.edu/training and select the Microsoft Office 2007 heading.

Other Microsoft Office 2007 learning resources are available for self-study at the same Web site.

The resources are listed within the “Learning Materials” tab and are Web links that lead to product-specific online and downloadable learning materials. Materials include the ITAP class manuals, accompanying practice files, and printable quick reference cards (job aids).

“Additionally, a directory of links to Microsoft’s online learning resources is posted for each product, and their materials are very good,” Bilyeu said.

APSCA discusses possible policy updates

Changes to Purdue’s policy on the terms and conditions of employ- ment for administrative and pro- fessional staff came before APSAC on Jan. 19.

The creation of a provisional period of employment for new a/p employees was also discussed.

John Beelke, director of Human Resource Services, and Tom Ganz, assistant director of employee relations and HR policy, presented information on both topics before listening to the group’s comments and concerns.

Human Resource Services is looking at revisions to Executive Memorandum No. B-55 that would simplify wording regarding termination-at-will. B-55 defines terms and conditions of employment for a/p staff. The revisions would not change the intent of the current B-55 policy,” said Ganz. “Instead, we want to make it more clear to it.”

The current policy dates back to 1979. Proposed revisions would eliminate references to a/p contracts and to a 30-day working notice of termination, both of which have now been obsolete.

Offer letters replaced con- tracts for new hires last spring. Ganz said the contracts were misleading, were not legally meaningful and created unnes- sary paperwork.

The adoption of a Separation Pay policy in 2002 eliminated the 30-day working notice. Instead, an employee terminated by the University must leave on the day of notification and receives separation pay of one-half of one month’s regular pay.

APSCA members asked questions about the frequency of at-will terminations, offer letters, and how the policy applies to employees with sets contracts.

Ganz said termination-at-will is seldom exercised, typically used for terminating senior manage- ment, and applied only when necessary and through senior leadership of the University.

No one expressed opposition to the revisions clarifying at-will terminations.

Ganz and Beelke also asked APSAC for feedback on the creation of a provisional period for a/p staff. A provisional period of 90 days now applies to clerical and service staff during this trial period, a new hire could be terminated without access to the grievance procedure.

Beelke said the period is used to make sure new hires demonstrate the characteristics to have long-term successful employ- ment.

Several APSAC members voiced their concerns about a provisional period.

Steve Santy, human resources project manager, said the addition would provide equity between a/p and c/s staff, but that it could hinder Purdue’s ability to attract a strong, diverse candidate pool.

“Will it be a roadblock to recruiting globally?” Santy asked.

Mike Budzik, APSAC chair, said a provisional period is unnecessary as a protection against employees who misrepresented themselves.

“If a new employee falsifies his resume or exaggerates his skill set, the inability to perform job duties would easily be justifiable as a cause for the termination or in any subsequent wrongful termina- tion suit,” he said.

Alternatives to the provisional period were considered. Suggestions included training for supervisors on hiring and terminations, and using a computerized tool to confirm prospective hires’ education and work experience.

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One way the center will reach out to the community is through its first Purdue Cancer Center Challenge (see box), a 5K walk/run on April 12.

“It’s a great way to help with awareness of cancer and help people know where we’re here and what we’re doing,” Ratliff says.

“If people have questions, they can come to us and we can help them understand what the issues are. That’s a first step of getting out into the community and working on the education side.”

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Get involved

The Clinic Cancer Center is the first of its kind in the nation. The center is dedicated to the fight against cancer through new research initiatives and patient care.

Please contact Cherry Delaney at 49-61288 or cdelaney@purdue.edu for more information.

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Inside Purdue
The University carefully heeded the organization’s allocation of administration, faculty, staff and mission through structures and security to ensure the fulfillment of its organization operates with integrity.

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Gerald Lynch, professor of economics and academic director of full-time master’s programs, Jane Kirkpatrick, associate professor of nursing Marne Helgesen, director, Center for Instructional Excellence Audeen Fentiman, associate dean and professor of nuclear engineering Susan Aufderheide, director, Undergraduate Studies Program Hans Aagard, graduate student, curriculum and instruction, College of Education Co-chair: Craig Beyrouty, professor and head of agronomy

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Gita Ramaswamy, associate dean of the Graduate School

Co-chair: Craig Beyrouty

Liaison to the Learning Commission after its 1999-2000 recommendations became actions

The committees have begun meeting and will submit findings to the steering committee at the end of the spring semester and summer of 2008. A draft self-study will be prepared during spring 2009 and will be reviewed during the summer and fall 2009 in preparation for the HLC site review team visit in late 2009. We hope to keep the campus community well informed of our findings during the next two years,” Ladisch says. “We want to build awareness, and we want and need the input of our faculty, staff and students as we work toward our goal of full accreditation.”
Mackey project powers up with major contributions

Loyal supporters, steering committee announced

Eight major gifts totaling $15 million for the renovation and expansion of Mackey Arena were announced in recent days. The gifts carry the private fund-raising portion of the project two-thirds of the way to its goal of $30 million. “I greatly appreciate the welcome support of these donors to help Purdue educate and graduate athletes who can be stars both in the classroom and on the court,” said President France A. Córdova as first of the gifts were announced Jan. 19.

As a group, the donors share a history of loyalty to Purdue in dollars and service. Most are alumni, two are trustees and one has applied his medical expertise to Purdue athletes for 26 years.

The cost of the most extensive version of the project is pegged at $30 million. It would create a complex between Northwestern Avenue and University Drive for all Intercollegiate Athletics.

“Purdue is doing its part by leveraging funds from our Big Ten television contracts, but this plan will not materialize without the generous support of donors like these,” said Morgan Burke, director of intercollegiate athletics. “We are thankful that they are sharing in Purdue’s vision for a state-of-the-art facility that does not require any support from taxpayers.”

Trusue Michael Birk, whose $5 million gift with his wife, Katherine, was announced Saturday, expressed some of the feeling of the donors in general. “Kay and I have enjoyed Purdue athletics for many years,” Birk said. “The facilities that Mackey draws many fans, but if we want to maintain our status as a top athletics program, we need to upgrade them. We are happy to make this gift to support our student-athletes and the community of fans and alumni who will also benefit from it.”

Members of the steering committee were recognized at halftime one Saturday’s men’s basketball game.

The recent donors

■ Michael and Katherine (Kay) Birk, $5 million. A trustee and 1963 alumnus, Michael Birk is chair of Tellfins Inc. Kay is a nurse and administrator.

■ The new Intercollegiate Athletic Center will bear the Bircks’ name. Among previous namings: Birk Nanotechnology Center, Birk Boilemer Golf Complex.

■ Toon Spurgeon, $3 million. Among previous namings: Tom Spurgeon Golf Training Center, Spurgeon Hall of Spirit in the Dick and Sandy Dush Alumni Center.

■ Bob Holloway, $2 million. Holloway, a 1948 alumnus and former Purdue Exponent sports editor, owns hotels in Kentucky. The gymnastics in the student-athlete academic center will be named for Holloway. Among previous namings: Doris Z., Holloway Pool in the Boilemer Aquatic Center; for his wife, Doris, a 1947 alumnus, who died in 2005.

■ Dr. K. Donald Shebourne and Clariran Health, $1 million. Shebourne, an Indianapolis orthopedic surgeon, has served as an orthopedic consultant to Purdue’s athletic programs since 1982.

■ The gift will create the Shebourne Sports Medicine Training Room of Mackey Arena.

■ Dennis J. Schwartz, $1 million. He is a 1963 industrial engineering alumnus and retired banker.

■ The Dennis Schwartz Basketball History Exhibit in the new Intercollegiate Athletic Center will recognize the new gift. Among previous namings: Dennis J. and Mary Lou Schwartz Tennis Center.

■ The Schleicher family, $1 million. Richard and Alice Schleicher of Sellersburg, Ind., and their daughter, Kimma. Richard Schleicher is a 1959 mechanized engineering graduate; Kimma is a 1988 liberal arts graduate. The family operates 56 KFC restaurants in four states.

Among previous namings: Schleicher Field in Mollenkopf Athletic Center.

■ Robert and Sally Weist, $1 million. Robert, a 1962 chemical engineering graduate, is president of Weist Associates, a biotechnoloygy consultancy consulting business in Chicago. Sally, a 1961 liberal arts graduate, is a former elementary school teacher.

■ The place between the intercollegiate athletic center and the student-athlete academic center will bear the Weist’s names. Among previous namings: a named professorship in elementary education.

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Bennett joined Purdue in 1981 as the director of the Office of Public Information, coming from managing the news bureau at Penn State University, the alma mater of his economics graduate; Kimra Van Meter, of Sellersburg, Ind., is an economics alumnus and Expo- sition executive, and now does consulting. Among previous namings: James F. Ackerman Center for Democratic Citizenship at Purdue, Ack- erman Hills Golf Course, chair in agricultural economics.

The project

The new round of gifts builds on previous gifts including two announced in September:

■ Drew and Brittany Brees, $2 million. The alumni couple’s gift will create the Drew and Brittany Brees Student Athlete Academic Center in the expansion. $1 million. Dick is a 1950 alumnus. The project gift and previous approval of athletic scholars led Purdue Intercollegiate Athletics to name its endowed scholarship program the Groben Society.

Steering committee

In addition to all of those making major gifts this month, the steering committee for the Mackey project includes:

Co-chairs

■ Eugene and June Parker, Eugene, a 1978 management alumnus, played basketball in 1975-76.

■ Drew and Brittany Brees.

■ Beth Brooke, a 1981 management alumnus who played basketball.

Members

■ Ron and Kay Belin, parents of two alumni and longtime supporters. Kay also attended Purdue before graduating with Ron at the University of Miami.

■ Dick and Jeanne Groben.

■ Tim and Jane McKinley. He is chairman of the Board of Trustees, a 1963 chemical engineering alumnus and a former basketball player. She is a 1962 alumnus in elementary education.

■ Becky Morris, daughter of Bob Holloway and a 1974 alumna in consumer and family sciences.

■ Carol Sholbourne, wife of Dr. K. Donald Sholbourne.

■ Joy Spurgeon.

Bennett retiring as longtime university relations VP

On February 14th, send your love with a Valentine that also helps raise funds for student-athlete academic and athletic success.

In Person or by Phone

IN PERSON or BY PHONE

$30 price includes a rose, treat, personalized gift card or certificate, and $15 donation.

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The Clerical and Service Staff Advisory Committee (CSSAC) is accepting applications for employee and dependent grants. Grants for employees can assist staff in taking Purdue credit courses at the West Lafayette campus.

To be eligible for the grants, employees must be:
- Full-time or 9-, 10- to 12-month regular employee.
- Clerical and service staff with a minimum of one year of continuous service.
- Registered for a minimum of three credit hours.

A letter of recommendation and goal statement must be turned in with the employee grant application.

To be eligible for dependent grants, students planning to attend Purdue’s West Lafayette campus must:
- Be a full-time undergraduate student.
- Have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- (Incoming freshmen) have a probability score of 75 or more, which is assigned by the University.
- Have a parent or legal guardian who has been employed in a Purdue full-time clerical or service staff position for one continuous year prior to dependent’s application.

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For more information, go to the CSSAC Web site, www.purdue.edu/cssac, or call Sheese at 49-63773.

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CSSAC offers grants for education for employees, dependents

The Clerical and Service Staff Advisory Committee (CSSAC) is accepting applications for employee and dependent grants.

Grants for employees can assist staff in taking Purdue credit courses at the West Lafayette campus.

To be eligible for the grants, employees must be:
- Full-time or 9-, 10- to 12-month regular employee.
- Clerical and service staff with a minimum of one year of continuous service.
- Registered for a minimum of three credit hours.

A letter of recommendation and goal statement must be turned in with the employee grant application.

To be eligible for dependent grants, students planning to attend Purdue’s West Lafayette campus must:
- Be a full-time undergraduate student.
- Have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- (Incoming freshmen) have a probability score of 75 or more, which is assigned by the University.
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Employment at Purdue to be focus of sessions

Purdue is offering community outreach events to showcase the benefits of working at Purdue and to provide information on applying for a position.

The sessions will begin with a brief overview of Purdue and the employment process. Current staff members will then talk about their experience in the workforce. Additional services include a resume critique and mock interview provided by the Career Resource Services representative.

The schedule for the sessions:

- **February 8**: Academy of Ancient Music, Concerts, Classics. 7:30 p.m. Loeb Playhouse. STEW. $25-$16.
- **February 10**: The John Henson Quartet. Concerts, Jazz. 7:30 p.m. Loeb Playhouse, STEW. $26-$16.
- **February 14**:
  - Evening of Romance: Big band jazz, dancing and desserts with Purdue Jazz Band. 8 p.m. University Inn Ballroom, WL. Tickets: $19.50 per person, call 49-43933 or (800) 914-SHOW.
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- **February 15**:
  - Evening of Romance: Big band jazz, dancing and desserts with Purdue Jazz Band. 8 p.m. University Inn Ballroom, WL. Tickets: $19.50 per person, call 49-43933 or (800) 914-SHOW.
- **February 21**: Purdue Recital. Purdue Musical Organizations. 30:0. Order deadline Feb. 12. 49-66901.
- **March 2**: English Language and Culture. 7:30 p.m. Loeb Playhouse, STEW. $19-$11.
Financial Aid primed for Banner system's first stage Feb. 11

The Banner Financial Aid soft- 
ware is on track to go live Feb. 11 for the spring semester. For the imple- 
mentation, several staff members from the Division of Financial Aid have been working with OnePurdue’s Enrollment and Student Affairs (ESA) team to prepare and finish testing.

This will be the third OnePurdue release overall, and the first of two Banner modules that will begin use before fall semester.

SunCard Higher Education’s Banner software is the suite of applications that will replace the bulk of the new student systems. Already in use at Fort Wayne and Calumet, the software was introduced at the West Lafayette and Purdue North Central campuses.

“Mock” testing of the new financial aid system has been under way since fall. The initial testing, using Mock 1, was completed Nov. 9. Mock 2 began Nov. 26 and continued into January. Some additional testing, known as Mock 2.1, is still under way, and must be completed by the February release.

Banner financial aid will be used by DFA staff members have been involved with this for several months, and as many as 15 of them have been working on it full-time since OnePurdue since November, said Bonnie Joerschke, senior associate director of DFA. In addition to helping with the testing, they were the first in the department to be trained to use both the Banner financial aid software and Cognos, the new reporting tool that will work with it.

Although Banner Financial Aid will be used by DFA staff members, it is concentrating on large-room concerts and is winning critics’ praise for his show. The Bentley concert, which

starts at 7:30 p.m. and is present-

eed for two of Purdue’s medi-

cal plans.

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members to perform tobacco cessation
counseling and smoking cessation. This in-cludes prescription drugs such as nicotine patches or gum.

Members will pay 20 percent co-insurance for any of the cov-ered products. The medical plan will pay 80 percent of the costs, up to a $400 annual maximum per person.

In order to take advantage of the smoking cessation benefits, PPO and 500 participants should have a prescription or written order from a physician. Members must pay for any prescriptions or OTC smoking cessation products at the pharmacy counter and should give their pharmacist their Anthem card in order to have the co-insurance applied. All qualified smoking cessation products must be purchased through the pharmacy’s system. Anthem will not reimburse claims made outside of the system by members who purchase OTC prod-

ucts without going through the pharmacy. Also, this benefit is not available through the mail-order prescription service.

The University Health Care plan does not cover smoking cessation products or counseling. However, employees and family members on the UHC plan may use the free smoking cessation counseling available to all benefit-eligible employees through campus wellness programs.

Employees who want to quit smoking have more options available for help from two of Purdue’s medi-
care benefits for 2008. The two plans now cover up to five smoking ces-
sion counseling visits annually. The provider must be a health care professional who is quali-
fied to perform tobacco cessation counseling and is paid a primary care doctor. If the counseling is from a

provider who is in-network, there will be deductible co-insurance, and these visits do not apply toward the annual $400 preven-
tion benefit.

Also, the Anthem prescription plan for PPO and 500 now covers conditions for tobacco or smoking cessation. This includes prescription drugs such as Wellbutrin or Chantix and over-the-counter (OTC) products such as nicotine patches or gum.

Disabilities service offices merge as resource center

Two Purdue programs for students with disabilities have merged as the Disability Re-
source Center.

The center combines TALIEV, or Transition to Access for Visually Impaired, Students, and Adaptive Pro-

grams. DRP, like its predecessor,

ators, is a unit of the Office of the Dean of Students. The center’s mission is “to enable students with disabilities to fully participate in all Univer-
sity-sponsored educational programs and activities,” says Heather Stout, associate dean of students.

Purdue faculty, staff and, at the Elliot and Stewart Center box office, 49-4393.

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Pair of PSUB events have tickets on sale

Tickets are on sale for two events in coming weeks presented by the Purdue Student Union Board.

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students with Purdue has been a strategic initiative that will bring the most posi-
tive impact in advancing Purdue toward its vision,” says Bodner, the Arthur Kelly Distinguished Professor of Information Technol-

ogy and Engineering.

Input accepted on blog

Purdue faculty, staff and stu-

dents still have the opportunity to contribute ideas for the next strategic plan through a blog at www.purdue stratégic_plan. com

Visitors to the site can answer questions posted by the working group, provide formal com-

ments to the steering committee, and view and respond to posts from other participants.

Deaths

Leona L. Downey, 83, died Jan. 4 in Lafayette. She worked as a cook in Food Services at Mcguckin Hall for 20 years.

Sandra K. Treadway, 68, died Jan. 4 in Indianapolis. She worked in Accounting Services for 20 years.

Robert C. Rund, 83, died Jan. 7 in Lafayette. He was an admin-

istrator in the Department of Agriculture and was in charge of tax returns, and more frequent batch processing.

From Jan. 23 to Feb. 7, all remaining DFA staff, including students, will be attending two-day Banner Financial Aid training sessions, Hall said.

“All 52 of us will be trained just before the new software is released, so we’ll be ready by the ground running,” she said.

North Central financial aid personell will receive training on their campus.

About eight DFA employees and four PNC staff will receive Cognos training as well. There will be more training over the summer as other processes are implemented.

“This is an exciting time for us,” Hall said. “We are about to change every process we do in this office, but we’re ready.”