

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.

Those wishing to attend should RSVP by Feb. 7 to the Office of Special Events at 49-40900 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 49-48221 or TERY.

The online form is at www.purdue.edu/police.

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 for reaccreditation 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, this is the only time we take a really good look at the entire University," says Vic Lechtenberg, interim provost.

"This process is not about benchmarking others, but about benchmarking ourselves. This is where we gather information from all corners of the University and compile it into a comprehensive self-study that will help lead us into the future."

Among the recommendations from the accreditation review in 1999-2000 were to initiate a

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strategic planning process and to grow commercialization technology efforts (see box, page 4).

For the 2009-2010 review, the Higher Learning Commission specifies five criteria for accreditation and allows for one or more additional areas of special emphasis.

Lechtenberg has appointed Christine Ladisch, vice provost for academic affairs, as chair of the accreditation steering committee and Mark Pagano, dean of continuing education and conferences, as co-chair.

A self-study committee has

been appointed for each criterion and each of the two areas of special emphasis. A steering committee will guide those groups and an additional committee will produce the documents and materials to be used during the process and for the site review.

One of the first tasks for each of the committees will be to evaluate their membership with respect to the charge they have been given to determine if any additional members will be required. The steering committee will then look at the suggestions and will set the final makeup of each group.

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Seeking safety for pedestrians, vehicles



PHOTO BY MARK SIMONS

This scene last week on Stadium Avenue, facing east across Northwestern Avenue, 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 arrow and southbound traffic 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, and 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 by 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.

Strategic plan forums draw many

Blog still open for input

When Purdue asked about what its future should hold, its faculty, staff and students responded.

Hundreds of people attended the four open forums held in December and January as part of the development of Purdue's next strategic plan.

"Holding these forums made it possible for every member of our community to participate in planning Purdue's future," says Victor Lechtenberg, interim provost and co-chair of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee. "The members of the working groups will reflect on these contributions as they draft their white papers."

Each of the eight working groups is focusing on a key area: student success and the student experience; large-scale research and its infrastructure; economic development; quality of life in the workplace; globalization; campus design; synergies between science/engineering and liberal arts/social sciences; and attracting students to careers in the STEM disciplines — science, technology, engineering and math.

Each working group will develop a white paper on its assigned topic to describe objectives, strategies and actions, funding requirements, and potential sources of funding.

The working groups also must show how their initiatives support energy and environmental awareness, diversity, and international awareness. The groups must complete a communication and marketing plan as well.

The white papers are expected to be completed in February.

"The working groups' proposed initiatives must capitalize

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Mighty Mackey

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A Banner rollout

The financial aid portion of OnePurdue's student services effort is set to go live Feb. 11 with Banner software. Page 8.



Statehouse Update

Session quickly providing plenty to keep track of

The 2008 legislative session is off to a fast start, even more so than most short sessions.

Without a budget to pass, the focus has been placed on property taxes 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 universities in the restrictions, mandates, or requirements," he says. "We usually work with the legislators to find common ground and be as supportive as possible."

Several bills this session fall into that category:

■ House Bill 1246 authored by Rep. Terri Austin, D-Anderson, deals with courses taught for credit in both high schools and universities. These "double up" 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, has received some publicity for House Bill 1249, which extends educational benefits to Purple Heart recipients.

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

■ Several bills were filed in both the House and Senate to remove the 10-year time limit on state financial aid.

Currently, once students apply for state aid, their clock starts ticking and their eligibility expires 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 158 from Sen. Johnny Nugent, R-Lawrenceburg, would have prevented universities from regulating the possession, transfer, 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 campus communities," Green says. "This bill would have had a negative impact on those efforts."

Bills sponsored by Rep. Joe Micon, D-West Lafayette, and Sen. Ronnie Alting, R-Lafayette, that would exempt college textbooks from sales tax also did not receive 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 comes 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 devote themselves to excellence in teaching," says Christine Ladisch, vice provost for academic affairs. "The teaching-learning relationship of faculty and students is the foundation of a great university."

In 1997, Purdue followed 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 and present, 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 automatically to the Book of Great Teachers:

■ Those named by the Board of Trustees as distinguished professors for teaching.

■ Recipients of University-wide teaching awards.

■ Recipients of the Indiana Professor of the Year award.

Traffic tangles



PHOTO BY MARK SIMONS

Purdue police Lt. Mike Boesch monitors traffic entering Oval Drive along Memorial Mall in a push to enforce a regulation prohibiting student vehicles on the north academic campus 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday unless the vehicle properly displays an A or B permit. Boesch and an electronic sign reading "No student vehicles" were out Jan. 23. The regulation means the presence of the vehicles there, not merely parking. Numerous students have been using Oval Drive to drop off friends or do errands. Oval Drive is a focus of the push.

The extra traffic creates a confusing and unsafe mix of vehicles, police say, and slows CityBus buses that are trying to keep a schedule. A similar regulation for the south academic campus has the same hours but allows A, B and C permits if properly displayed. Police are working with Purdue Student Government to educate students about the regulations. The Physical Facilities Web pages have more at www.purdue.edu/parking; click "Regulations."

Tier thresholds to get look in '09

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 tier cutoff (for medical plan contributions)? I know our raises aren't much, but some of us lower-level a/p staff have been hovering around the cutoff mark for several years, and with a raise this year, I'll be thrown into the higher tier.

Answer: Many years ago, the medical contribution tier was set so that 90 percent of clerical and service staff were in the lower cost tier. The purpose was to help the lower-paid staff with the 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.

Answers from Staff Benefits

This led to getting out of sync with the 90 percent target.

Today, 92 percent of clerical and service staff are in the lower contribution tier, which includes employees earning up to \$38,000. As a result, we did not increase the salary cutoff point this year.

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

— Answer provided by Brent Bowditch, assistant director at Human Resource Services.

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

Participants who qualified for the \$250 (before taxes) incentive as part of Healthy Purdue 2007 can expect to see that payment on their January pay stub.

The payment will be listed on employees' pay stubs as "Health plan inc. pymt" instead of as "medical credit," as it appeared in 2007.

For those participating in Healthy Purdue 2008, payment of the \$150 (before taxes) incentive, earned for completing a

wellness screening and HealthPath Questionnaire, will begin in February.

If an employee's spouse or same-sex domestic partner is participating and earns an incentive, that payment will also appear on the employee's pay stub.

To verify that the payment has been made, go to the OnePurdue portal login at www.purdue.edu/onepurdue and use Employee Self Service to view a salary statement.

Preventive care provision can meet screening's cost

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 their 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 may 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 includes in-network preventive care benefits. Preventive screenings performed by a primary care physician would be subject to a \$15 copay.

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

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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.

More information about the HealthPath Questionnaire and upcoming campus screenings is at the Healthy Purdue Web site at www.purdue.edu/healthypurdue.

A form listing the screening results participants will need 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 being provided by Avidyn Health, a subsidiary of Fiserv.

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

■ Changes in names:

• Arnett Managed Care plan is now UnitedHealthcare.

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

• Anthem Rx is Anthem/Well-Point NextRx.

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Researcher expands means to fight cancer through new position

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 Andersen-Hebbeln Professor of Prostate Cancer Research at the University of Iowa College of Medicine and as research vice chair for the Department of Urology.

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

"I was in grad school with visions of being a forest ranger and trooping around the woods doing forestry-type things," Ratliff says. "My father died of malignant melanoma, and within six months my father-in-law died of prostate cancer. At that point, I redirected my career."

His new focus took him to Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis,



PHOTO BY MARK SIMONS

Timothy Ratliff, as the new director of the Purdue Cancer Center, plans to bring together multidisciplinary research teams, develop more clinical trials and work on community outreach. Ratliff came to Purdue in July from the University of Iowa College of Medicine.

where he completed a postdoctoral fellowship in immunology, served on the faculty, and contributed to a significant breakthrough in cancer detection.

Ratliff worked on the team that validated the use of the prostate serum antigen test (PSA) in detecting prostate cancer.

"By the time there are symptoms, 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."

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

In the late 1980s, Ratliff worked on the early stages of what is now the treatment of choice for superficial bladder cancer, BCG therapy. In the therapy, bacteria instilled into the bladder induce a strong inflammatory response that eliminates the tumor.

"In my studies, I identified an important protein associated with the treatment," he says. "We are planning to utilize this protein at Purdue for targeting bladder cancer and delivering nanoparticles that are therapeutic. We have very big hopes for

Get involved

The first Purdue Cancer Center Challenge will take place at 8:30 a.m. April 12 at Ross-Ade Stadium. The 5K walk/run will help raise money for cancer research being done at Purdue. Details for registration are at www.cancer.purdue.edu.

that in the near future."

As director of the cancer center, Ratliff says he will bring multidisciplinary teams together to tackle cancer research. The center now has 76 members from 12 departments and six colleges.

Other goals include developing more clinical trials and making the center more "community responsive."

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 that 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."

It's also a great way for Ratliff to get outdoors. He and his wife, Jackie, will participate in the event.

The couple are enjoying settling into the area, but they did need to take a trip back to Iowa on Dec. 15 for a new shared passion — doting on their new granddaughter.

"My son and his wife called when they were heading to the hospital, and we drove over immediately in a snowstorm," he says. "We just took off. First-time grandparents will do anything."

MS Office 2007 training offered

Two training sessions are offered in February for campus computer users who plan to 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 (LWSN), Room 1142.

For upcoming dates and times, or to register, go to www.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 are posted for each product, and their materials are very good," Bilyeu said.

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 Networks and Security staff?

Do anti-virus installations or firewall configurations have you confused?

Maybe you are concerned about wireless technology and would like to see whether your laptop is properly configured to be secure in a wireless environment.

Asking those and other questions is now easier.

From January through June, security analysts and Identity Access and Management Office staff will be available once a month to answer questions in person.

Dates for in-person advice are Jan. 30, Feb. 27, March 26, April 30, May 28 and June 25. Staff will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at an information table in the Stewart Center west lobby beneath the murals.

For more information, contact Cherry Delaney at 49-61288 or cdelaney@purdue.edu.

APSAC discusses possible policy updates

Changes to Purdue's policy on the terms and conditions of employment for administrative and professional staff came before APSAC on Jan. 19.

The creation of a provisional period of employment for new a/p employees also was 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 do not change the intent of the current B-55 policy," said Ganz. "Instead, we want to bring clarity 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 are now obsolete.

Offer letters replaced contracts for new hires last spring. Ganz said the contracts were misleading, were not legally meaningful and created unnecessary 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.

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

Ganz said termination-at-will is seldom exercised, typically used for terminating senior management, 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 employment.

Several APSAC members voiced their concerns about a provisional period.

Steve Santy, IT security 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 cause for the termination or in any grievance or wrongful termination suit," he said.

Alternatives to the provisional period were offered. Suggestions included training for supervisors on hiring and terminations, and using an outside service to confirm prospective hires' education and work experience.

Changes to Executive Memorandum No. B-55 are still under review, Ganz said. The policy is at www.purdue.edu/policies/pages/human_resources/b_55.html.

In other business

■ APSAC will begin accepting applications for its individual professional development grants on Feb. 1.

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

The deadline is March 3. Notice of awards will be given by mid-April.

More details are available at www.purdue.edu/hr/apsac/grantgeneral.htm.

■ APSAC will vote in February on a new vice chair to replace Sam Axley, who left the University in mid-January. Axley, formerly Purdue's assistant director of recreational sports, served as the representative for a/p staff working for the vice president for student services.

The new vice chair will serve in the role through May and become the chair of APSAC in June.

Accredit – Roles assigned for 2-year process

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“This is an incredibly important process and we have set out to give ourselves the time and the resources to bring it to a successful conclusion,” Ladisch says. “We are thrilled to have assembled a group of talented and knowledgeable faculty, staff and students for this project.”

The five criteria for self-study:

■ Mission and integrity. The organization operates with integrity to ensure the fulfillment of its mission through structures and processes that involve the board, administration, faculty, staff and students.

■ Preparing for the future. The organization’s allocation of resources and its processes for evaluation and planning demonstrate its capacity to fulfill its mission, improve the quality of its

education, and respond to future challenges and opportunities.

■ Student learning and effective teaching. The organization provides evidence of student learning and teaching effectiveness that demonstrates it is fulfilling its educational mission.

■ Acquisition, discovery and application of knowledge. The organization promotes a life of learning for its faculty, administration, staff and students by fostering and supporting inquiry, creativity, practices, and social responsibility in ways consistent with its mission.

■ Engagement and service. As called for by its mission, the organization identifies its constituencies and serves them in ways both value.

Purdue’s special emphases:

■ The student experience.

■ Synergies between science/

engineering and liberal arts/social sciences.

“We have chosen our special areas of emphasis deliberately to go along with our strategic plan focus on those areas,” Ladisch says.

The committees have begun meeting and will submit findings to the steering committee at the end of the spring and fall semesters of 2008. A draft self-study will be prepared during spring 2009 and will be reviewed during summer and fall 2009 in preparation for the HLC site review team visit in late 2009 or early 2010.

“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.”

1999-2000 recommendations became actions

The University carefully heeded the advice from the Higher Learning Commission after its 1999-2000 review.

“You will recognize many of these recommendations as initiatives that have taken place or begun over the past seven years,” says Christine Ladisch, vice provost for academic affairs and chair of the accreditation steering committee. “As we look at the improvements that have been made, we can attribute many of them to our 1999-2000 review and this University’s commitment to planning and working toward preeminence.”

Among the recommendations cited by the commission:

■ Initiate a strategic planning process as the new president assumes the helm.

■ Make the budgetary process increasingly transparent through sharing information about, and seeking comment on, sources of funds and funding priorities and allocations.

■ Prepare to launch a major development campaign with a goal no less lofty than other major public institutions. Process should be driven by academic priorities and guided centrally.

■ Continue commitment to sustained investment in research infrastructure.

■ Grow commercialization technology efforts.

■ Centralize management of information technology and hire a world-class chief information officer.

■ Increase tuition and fees to support academic programming.

Accreditation committees and task forces for criteria and special emphases

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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 willingness of our donors to help Purdue educate and graduate athletes who can be stars both in competition and in the classroom,” President France A. Córdova said as five 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 \$82 million. It would create a complex between Northwestern Avenue and University Drive for all of 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 sports facility that does not require any support from taxpayers.”

Trustee Michael Birck, 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,” Birck said. “The facilities at Mackey draw many fans, but if we want to continue recruiting top athletes, we need to upgrade them. We are happy to make this gift to Purdue’s student-athletes and the community of fans and alumni who will also benefit from it.”

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

The recent donors

■ Michael and Katherine (Kay) Birck, \$5 million. A trustee and 1960 alumnus, Michael Birck is chairman of Tellabs Inc. Kay is a nurse and administrator.

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

■ Tom Spurgeon, \$3 million. A trustee and 1961 alumnus, Spurgeon is an entrepreneur who built and sold several companies and now does consulting.

Among previous namings: Tom Spurgeon Golf Training Center, Spurgeon Hall of Spirit in the Dick and Sandy Dauch Alumni Center.

■ Bob Holloway, \$2 million. Holloway, a 1948 alumnus and former Purdue Exponent sports editor, owns hotels in Kentucky.

The gymnasium in the student-athlete academic center will be named for Holloway. Among previous namings: Doris Z. Holloway Pool in the Boilermaker Aquatic Center, for his wife, Doris, a 1947 alumna, who died in 2005.

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

The gift will create the Shelbourne 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 Mackey Concourse 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, Kimra. Richard Schleicher is a 1959 mechanical engineering graduate; Kimra is a 1988 liberal arts graduate. The



IMAGE PROVIDED BY INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

This southward-looking rendering of a proposed Mackey Arena complex reflects what a completed \$82.3 million renovation and expansion would look like along Northwestern Avenue. Plans call for the renovation to begin construction in 2009 and be completed by the start of the 2011-12 basketball seasons. The arena will remain home court throughout the project.



Katherine and Michael Birck

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 biotechnology industry consulting business in Chicago. Sally, a 1961 liberal arts graduate, is a former elementary school teacher.

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

■ Jim and Lois Ackerman, \$1 million. Jim, a 1947 agricultural economics alumnus and Exponent sports editor, is a former



Spurgeon

banker, broker and cable television executive, and now an Indianapolis venture capitalist.

The main entrance to the intercollegiate athletics center will be named for the Ackermans. Among previous namings: James F. Ackerman Center for Democratic Citizenship at Purdue, Ackerman Hills Golf Course, chair in agricultural economics.



Holloway

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.

■ Dick and Jeanne Groben, \$1 million. Dick is a 1950 alumnus. The project gift and previous strong support of athletic scholarships 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 1975-78.

■ Drew and Brittany Brees. ■ Beth Brooke, a 1981 management alumna 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 McGinley. He is chairman of the Board of Trustees, a 1963 chemical engineering alumnus and a former basketball player. She is a 1962 alumna in elementary education.

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

■ Carol Shelbourne, wife of Dr. K. Donald Shelbourne. ■ Joy Spurgeon.

Bennett retiring as longtime university relations VP

Joseph Bennett, vice president for university relations, has announced that he will retire June 30 in line with University policy for senior administrators as they reach age 65.

Bennett joined Purdue in 1981 as the director of the Office of Public Information, coming from managing the news bureau at Penn State.

Murray Blackwelder, senior vice president for advancement, said the University will conduct

a national search for Bennett’s successor.

“I am enormously grateful to Joe, not only for the integrated communications system he helped build here, but also for his steady counsel and remarkable leadership,” Blackwelder said.

Bennett became director of university relations in 1985 in a reorganization of public relations and communications efforts, and he was appointed vice president in 1989.

He has served as an adjunct instructor in Purdue’s Department of Communication and is the author of the book “Boilermaker Musicians,” chronicling the early years of Purdue Musical Organizations.

“I feel very fortunate to have been present during some of the most exciting times in Purdue’s history,” Bennett said. “I am especially grateful to the leadership and staff of the University Relations units.”

Van Meter named to interim leadership in utilities, construction

Erick Van Meter has been named interim senior director of utilities and construction in Physical Facilities.

Van Meter succeeds Joe Mikesell, who was appointed interim vice president for Physical Facilities in August 2007.

Van Meter began his career

at Purdue in October 1982 as an instrument and control technician. He recently celebrated 25 years of service, during which time he worked his way through the utilities department in a number of capacities, including most recently director of utilities and Wade Utility Plant manager.

During his tenure at Wade Utility Plant, Van Meter managed major capital construction projects. He said he looks forward to the opportunity to work alongside the construction team in their continued success to manage projects for other departments across campus.

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Items of Special Interest to Clerical and Service Staff

For CSSAC updates, go to www.purdue.edu/cssac.

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- 11- or 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.

■ Fill out proper financial aid forms before March 1.

To apply for either one of the grants, fill out an application and mail it along with required documents through campus mail to Danielle Sheese, CSSAC Grants

Chair, OSS/RHPH.

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

The CSSAC grant fund is supported by a portion of revenues from vending machines on the West Lafayette campus, contributions, and sales of designated football and basketball tickets.

CSSAC DEPENDENT GRANT APPLICATION

NAME _____

APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

PUID _____ E-MAIL _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

NAME OF PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN EMPLOYED AT PURDUE

____ Mother/stepmother ____ Father/stepfather
____ Legal guardian ____ Retiree

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S DEPT. _____ DEPT. PHONE _____

**** Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

Return application by March 1, 2008, to Danielle Sheese, OSS/RHPH.

CSSAC EMPLOYEE GRANT APPLICATION

NAME _____

PUID _____ E-MAIL _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____ CAMPUS PHONE _____

DEPARTMENT _____

CAMPUS ADDRESS _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Did you remember? ____ Letter of recommendation ____ Goal statement

**** Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

Return application by March 1, 2008, to Danielle Sheese, OSS/RHPH.

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Focus Award nomination deadline nearing

The Affirmative Action Office is seeking nominations for the Focus Awards, given annually for outstanding contributions toward disability accessibility and diversity at Purdue.

Award categories are faculty, staff, student and organization. Alumni and retirees will be considered within the appropriate category.

Focus Awards will be presented at the Disability Awareness Month reception March 4 in the West Faculty Lounge, Purdue Memorial Union.

Nomination forms and instructions are at www.purdue.edu/humanrel; click AAO then Focus Awards. Or contact Diana Prieto, AAO director, at 49-47253 or dprieto@purdue.edu. Nominations are due Feb. 1.

Internships, study abroad have deadlines nearing

Staff and faculty are encouraged to remind students of deadlines Feb. 1 and March 1 for opportunities abroad.

Feb. 1 is the deadline to apply for one of Purdue's summer internships in London or Sydney. It is also the deadline for a select set of summer and fall study abroad programs.

The date to apply for the

majority of the University's summer and fall programs abroad is March 1.

Purdue's Office of Programs for Study Abroad has more than 250 programs in 50 countries. More than 1,300 Purdue students study abroad each year.

Students can learn more by calling the office at 49-42383 or at www.studyabroad.purdue.edu.

Age 3 children, mothers sought for study in CDFS

Researchers in Child Development and Family Studies are recruiting families with children between the ages of 3.5 and 4 years old for a study on mother-child attachment relationships and children's socialization behaviors.

The primary investigator is German Posada, associate professor of child development and family studies, along with Garene Kaloustian, doctoral student researcher.

Participation in the study includes two contacts one and one-half years apart, when children are 3.5 and 5 years old.

In each contact year, child-mother dyads will participate in one home visit and two playground visits.

Also, teachers and mothers will answer questionnaires about child behavior in the preschool setting.

Participating families will receive monetary gift as a token of appreciation for their time, and a child's book for their involvement.

For more information, please contact Garene Kaloustian at gkaloust@purdue.edu or (765) 430-2125 and/or German Posada at gposada@purdue.edu or 49-41029.

Annuity company to offer one-on-one meetings

A representative from Fidelity Investments will be on the West Lafayette campus to meet one-on-one with Purdue faculty and staff on Feb. 6 and Feb. 20.

Appointment dates for March through June are also available. Those interested may reserve an appointment at www.fidelity.com/atwork/reservations or by calling (800) 642-7131.

Fidelity Investments is one of five Purdue sponsored tax deferred annuity companies.

Chili cook-off, bake sale to help fund Habitat home

A chili cook-off and bake sale Feb. 1 will be a fundraiser for a Habitat for Humanity of Lafayette home to be built.

Faculty and staff in the Office of Information Technology at Purdue are the cook-off's organizers, and the event is the first

of several planned efforts to raise the \$40,000 needed to construct a Habitat home, sponsored under the project name of "Hab-ITaP" for Humanity.

The cook-off and bake sale, scheduled for 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Feb. 1 at University Church, 320 North St., is open to the public. The meal, for a minimum \$5 donation, will include a bowl of chili, crackers and a drink. Ingredients lists will be posted as an indicator of how spicy the chili concoctions are.

All items from the bake sale will be priced at \$1.

"Purdue's chief information officer, Gerry McCartney, brought the idea of helping out Habitat for Humanity, and our employees in ITaP thought it was great," said Dan Schumacher, manager of infrastructure services and a lead organizer for the Habitat project. "This is a great team-building activity for us in ITaP, and it's a tremendous community outreach."

A 30-person committee from ITaP, with several subcommittees, is working on several other projects to help raise the \$40,000, Schumacher said.

"We're going to keep pushing forward, whether it takes one year, two years or whatever it takes," Schumacher said.

A Texas Roadhouse night already is scheduled for March 3. A percentage of sales from the restaurant in Lafayette will go

toward the project.

PMO's singing valentines available for the big day

Singing valentines from Purdue Musical Organizations are available for \$30 again this year.

To order, call 49-66091 by Feb. 12. Valentine delivery on campus or in the Lafayette-West Lafayette area includes a song, rose, treat and personalized card.

PMO also will deliver song-only valentines over the phone. All deliveries are on Feb. 14.

Payment must accompany order. Cash, check and credit card are accepted.

Engineering Education to host open house

An open house in Neil Armstrong Hall of Engineering will offer a variety of ways to learn about the Department of Engineering Education.

The open house, will run 1-4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, in in Room 1300 of Neil Armstrong Hall.

Visitors will be able to see interactive displays and the Ideas to Innovation Lab; talk with faculty and graduate students about collaboration across disciplines; and learn about departmental programs such as First-year Honors, Interdisciplinary, Multidisciplinary and the INSPIRE program for P-12 teacher education.

Calendar

Events are free unless noted. Ticket prices are for single events, not any series or discount offers. The online calendar for the West Lafayette campus is at <http://calendar.purdue.edu>, which has a link on the Purdue home page at www.purdue.edu.

Athletics

For tickets, call Athletic Ticket Office, (765) 494-3194 or (800) 49-SPORT [497-7678].

Friday, Feb. 1
■ **Swimming and diving (men and women) vs. Minnesota and Wisconsin.** 6 p.m. Boilermaker Aquatic Center.

Saturday, Feb. 2
■ **Swimming and diving (men and women) vs. Minnesota and Wisconsin.** Noon. Also, women only vs. Illinois. Boilermaker Aquatic Center.

Sunday, Feb. 3
■ **Wrestling vs. Ohio State.** 1 p.m. Intercollegiate Athletic Center. Tickets: public, \$5; students, \$2.

Tuesday, Feb. 5
■ **Men's basketball vs. Penn State.** 9 p.m. Mackey Arena. Tickets: \$22.

Thursday, Feb. 7
■ **Women's basketball vs. Ohio State.** 8 p.m. Mackey Arena. Tickets: public, \$10; student, \$5.

Friday, Feb. 8
■ **Men's tennis vs. Indiana State.** 5 p.m. Schwartz Tennis Center.
■ **Wrestling vs. Indiana.** 7 p.m. Intercollegiate Athletic Center. Tickets: public, \$5; students, \$2.

Sunday, Feb. 10
■ **Wrestling vs. Minnesota.** 1 p.m. Intercollegiate Athletic Center. Tickets: public, \$5; students, \$2.

Tuesday, Feb. 12
■ **Women's tennis vs. Western Michigan.** 1 p.m. Schwartz Tennis Center.
■ **Men's basketball vs. Michigan State.** 7 p.m. Mackey Arena. Tickets: \$22.

Thursday, Feb. 14
■ **Women's basketball vs. Iowa.** 7 p.m. Mackey Arena. Tickets: public, \$10; student, \$5.

Friday, Feb. 15
■ **Wrestling vs. Northwestern.** 7 p.m. Intercollegiate Athletic Center. Tickets: public, \$5; students, \$2.

Saturday, Feb. 16
■ **Men's tennis vs. Maryland.** 1 p.m. Schwartz Tennis Center.

Sunday, Feb. 17
■ **Men's tennis vs. Toledo.** 1 p.m. Schwartz Tennis Center.

Saturday, Feb. 23
■ **Women's tennis vs. Virginia Tech.** 11 a.m. Schwartz Tennis Center.

Sunday, Feb. 24
■ **Women's tennis vs. DePaul.** Noon. Schwartz Tennis Center.
■ **Women's basketball vs. Michigan State.** 1 p.m. Mackey Arena. Tickets: public, \$10; student, \$5.

Wednesday, Feb. 27
■ **Men's basketball vs. Minnesota.** 9 p.m. Mackey Arena. Tickets: \$22.

Friday, Feb. 29
■ **Men's tennis vs. Ball State.** 5 p.m. Schwartz Tennis Center.

Exhibitions

Ongoing
■ **Rueff Galleries, Pao Hall.** Patti and Rusty Rueff Department of Visual and Performing Arts; Purdue University Galleries. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. 49-62958.
♦ Through Feb. 1: "PLUSHED: art gone soft." From artists working as part of a contemporary "do-it-yourself" craft revolution. Focusing on handmade toys.
♦ Through Feb. 1: "Fashion Forward: Selections from the Purdue University Division of Theatre Special Collection of Historic Dress." Developments of apparel technology and fashion design from the 1860s to the present.
♦ Feb. 4-15: "2nd Inklandia Print Exhi-

bition." Fine art prints by contemporary American artists, including original prints from the permanent collection of Purdue University Galleries.
♦ Feb. 11-15: "Social Issues and Poster Design." Works by students at School of Art, South Central University, China, and at Purdue. -- Reception: Friday, Feb. 15, 4-6 p.m.
♦ Feb. 18-29: Art and Design Undergraduate Exhibition. Juried exhibition of undergraduate students in the Patti and Rusty Rueff Department of Visual and Performing Arts. Ceramics, photography and related media, visual communications design, industrial design, interior design, sculpture, metals, painting, drawing, fiber arts and printmaking. -- Reception and awards ceremony: Feb. 21, 5-6:30 p.m.

Through Feb. 17
■ **Purdue University Galleries.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, plus Thursday until 8 p.m.; 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Robert L. Ringel Gallery, PMU, and Stewart Center Gallery. 49-67899 or galleries@purdue.edu or www.purdue.edu/galleries.
♦ "Insights into Suburbia." Juried exhibition of 55 works in various media by 27 contemporary women artists. National Association of Women Artists and the Opalka Gallery of the Sage Colleges, Albany/Troy, N.Y. Robert L. Ringel Gallery.
♦ "60 Square Inches: 16th Biennial North American Small Print Competition." Purdue Galleries, competition host. Stewart Center Gallery.

Through Feb. 27
■ **Libraries – Archives and Special Collections.** "Snowflakes and Icicles: Winter Scenes of Campus." Photographs. 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Room 279, STEW. www.lib.purdue.edu/spcol/snowflakes/.

Films

Ongoing
■ **FRIDAY and SATURDAY. Flicks at Fowler film series.** 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Fowler Hall, STEW. Admission: public, \$4; Purdue student ID, \$2. Films subject to change. 49-48976.
♦ Feb. 22-23: TBA.

Lectures

Ongoing
■ **TUESDAYS. College Teaching Workshop Series 1: Basics of Teaching.** For faculty, staff and grad students. Center for Instructional Excellence. Through April 1 except March 4 and 11. Except as noted, 9:30-11 a.m. Registration required: www.cie.purdue.edu.
♦ Feb. 5: "Presentation Techniques to Enhance Learning."
♦ Feb. 12: "Using Feedback and Assessment to Improve Your Teaching."
♦ Feb. 19: "Micro Teaching: Practice Your Teaching." (2 hours, 9:30-11:30 a.m.)
♦ Feb. 26: "Discussion Techniques to Enhance Learning."
■ **THURSDAYS. College Teaching Workshop Series 2: Expanding Your Teaching Toolkit.** For faculty, staff, grad students. Center for Instructional Excellence. Semester series ends Feb. 21. Except as noted, 9:30-11 a.m. Registration required: www.cie.purdue.edu. Questions: CIE@purdue.edu or 49-66422.
♦ Feb. 7: "The Meta-Classroom: Should We Be Teaching more than Disciplinary Content?" Joe Palmer, English.
♦ Feb. 21: "Simple Technologies to Help Students Learn: The Gospel According to George." George Van Scoyoc, agronomy. 1:30-3 p.m.
■ **THURSDAYS. Books and Coffee.** Feb. 7-28. Department of English and Purdue Student Union Board. 4-4:30 p.m.: Coffee, tea, cocoa, baked goodies. 4:30-5 p.m.: Talk. Rooms 302-206, STEW. Podcasts to be available after event.
♦ Feb. 7: John Duvall, professor of English, on Don DeLillo's "Falling Man."
♦ Feb. 14: Bich Nguyen, assistant professor of English, on Michael Chabon's "The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay." Chabon will be the speaker at 2008 Literary Awards on April 15;

Nguyen is awards chair.
♦ Feb. 21: Julio Ramirez, professor of civil engineering, on Thomas L. Friedman's "The World is Flat."
♦ Feb. 28: Margie Berns, professor of English, on Jack Kerouac's "On the Road" (1957, re-released in 2007). This book was selected in a process conducted by the Purdue Student English Association (SEA), of which Berns is adviser.
■ **OCCASIONAL. AAO workshops.** Affirmative Action Office. To register or for more information, aao@purdue.edu or 49-47253 (voice) or 49-61343 (TTY).
♦ Feb. 5 (Tu): "The Nuts and Bolts of Faculty Search and Screen for Support Staff." 1:30-3 p.m. Room 318, STEW.
♦ Feb. 8 (F): "Search and Screen Essentials." 10-11:30 a.m. Room 318, STEW.
♦ Feb. 19 (Tu): "ADA Audio Conference: Accommodating Older Workers." 2-3:30 p.m. Room 213, STEW.

Wednesday, Feb. 6
■ **Jewish Studies Noon Lecture.** Ana Gómez-Bravo, FLL (Spanish). "Jewish Disclosure and Converso Authorship in Late Medieval Spanish Literary Culture." 12:30 p.m. Room 320, STEW. www.cla.purdue.edu/jewish-studies/ or 49-47965.
■ **Difficult Dialogues.** Monthly presentation of research about race and society. Black Cultural Center and American Studies Program. 2 p.m. BCC. First Wednesday of each month.

Thursday, Feb. 7
■ **College of Science Centennial Distinguished Lecture Series.** Mildred Dresselhaus, MIT. 4:30-6 p.m. Room 114, Physics Building.

Friday, Feb. 8
■ **Bioethics Seminar Series.** Barbara Karn, EPA-National Center for Environmental Research. "Nanotechnologies and Environmental Concerns." 6-7:30 p.m. Room 121, Burton Morgan Center. www.purdue.edu/bioethics.

Tuesday, Feb. 12
■ **La Polilla Café.** Book discussion of "Heading South, Looking North: A Bilingual Journey" by Ariel Dorfman. 6-7 p.m. Latino Cultural Center.

Monday, Feb. 18
■ **Sears Lecture Series.** Tom Ricks, Washington Post military correspondent. "The Iraq War as a Failure of the American System?" Department of Political Science. 8 p.m. Loeb Playhouse, STEW.

Friday, Feb. 22
■ **"Women's Art, Women's Vision, Women's Dreams ... A Womanist Poetry Event!"** Campus poets sharing poems that honor women. Black Cultural Center and Women's Resource Office. 7 p.m. Multipurpose Room, BCC.

Tuesday, Feb. 26
■ **"Diversity without Division: Building an Inclusive Campus."** Keith O. Boykin, author and host of BET show "My Two Cents." Black Cultural Center 7 p.m. Fowler Hall, STEW.

Wednesday, Feb. 27
■ **Jewish Studies Evening Lecture.** Film screening and discussion by David Ofek, Israeli filmmaker, of his award-winning "No. 17 is Anonymous." Co-sponsored by Foreign Languages and Literatures. 7:30 p.m. Room 206, STEW. www.cla.purdue.edu/jewish-studies/ or 49-47965.

Music & Variety

Tickets are available at campus box offices or at 49-43933 or (800) 914-SHOW [-7469]. Prices are given for single-show tickets; a box office handling fee may be added.

Thursday, Jan. 31
■ **Déjà Vu Blues: An Encore Double Bill with Eric Bibb & Ronnie Baker Brooks.** Convocations, Frets on Fire. 7:30 p.m. Loeb Playhouse, STEW. \$25-\$16.

Friday, Feb. 1
■ **Swing Dance at Elliott.** Lab and Concert Jazz Bands & American Musical Repertory Ensemble. 7:30 p.m. Elliott Hall of Music stage. 49-66785 or kcmatter@purdue.edu.

Calendar item deadlines

- Feb. 15, for the Feb. 26 issue (events of March 1-31).
- March 21, for the April 1 issue (events of April 1-30).
- Submit items at dhowell@purdue.edu, by fax at 496-1725, or at 417 ENAD. No phone submissions, but for questions call 49-42028.

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 then will talk about their Purdue experiences.

Additional services include a resume critique and mock interview with a Human Resource Services representative.

The schedule for the sessions:

Thursday, Feb. 7
■ **Academy of Ancient Music.** Convocations, Classics. 7:30 p.m. Loeb Playhouse, STEW. \$26-\$16.

Saturday, Feb. 9
■ **Designed by Grace Choir.** From Univ. of Southern Indiana; concert of spirituals, hymns and contemporary gospel. Black Cultural Center. 5 p.m. Fowler Hall, STEW.

Thursday, Feb. 14
■ **PMO Singing Valentines.** Purdue Musical Organizations. \$30. Order deadline Feb. 12. 49-66091.
■ **The John Jorgenson Quintet.** Convocations, Frets on Fire. 7:30 p.m. Loeb Playhouse, STEW. \$25-\$16.

Friday, Feb. 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. Information: 49-66785 or kcmatter@purdue.edu.

Friday, Feb. 22
■ **American Music Repertory Ensemble.** 8 p.m. Loeb Playhouse, STEW. 49-66785 or kcmatter@purdue.edu.

Sunday, Feb. 24
■ **Windworks I.** Varsity Band and Purdue Concert Band. 2:30 p.m. Long Center, 111 N. Sixth St., Lafayette. 49-66785 or kcmatter@purdue.edu.
■ **"Annie."** Convocations, special event. 5 p.m. Elliott Hall of Music. \$45-\$20.

Friday, Feb. 29
■ **Purdue Bells concert.** Purdue Musical Organizations. 6 p.m. Culver's Restaurant, 340 N. Creasy Lane, Lafayette.
■ **Noche Flamenca.** Convocations, World Stage. 8 p.m. Loeb Playhouse, STEW. \$26-\$19.
■ **Ben Folds concert.** Independent rock musician in trio. Student Concert Committee and Purdue Convocations. 8 p.m. Elliott Hall of Music. Tickets: public, \$30; Purdue and Ivy Tech students with ID, \$27.

Special Events

Friday, Feb. 1
■ **Mock Indian wedding.** Purdue Student Union Board. 7 p.m. South Ballroom, PMU. Limited seating. 49-48976 or www.union.purdue.edu/psub.

Saturday, Feb. 2
■ **College Bowl.** Purdue Student Union Board. Noon-4 p.m. Stewart Center. Purdue competition to advance to regionals. 49-48976 or www.union.purdue.edu/psub.

Saturday, Feb. 2
■ **Ag Alumni Fish Fry.** 11:30 a.m. luncheon. Speaker: Andrew Card, former White House chief of staff, on "Managing Amidst Crisis." Toyota Blue Ribbon Pavilion, Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis. Advance tickets only: \$20; 49-48593 or agalumni@purdue.edu.
♦ **9:30 a.m.:** Ag Forecast. Discussion of agriculture and agribusiness issues. Free. Old National Bank Grand Hall, Indiana State Fairgrounds.

Thursday, Feb. 7
■ **Election series.** Purdue Student Union Board. Voter registration; election and issue information. 7:30-9:30

■ Feb. 2. 9-11 a.m. Second Baptist Church, 2925 S. 18th St. Lafayette.

■ Feb. 16. 9-11 a.m. Family Services, 615 N. 18th St., Lafayette.

The sessions are being sponsored by the Diversity Task Force within the Office of the Executive Vice President and Treasurer in partnership with HRS.

For more information, visit www.purdue.edu/treasurer/diversity/events.shtml or contact HRS at 496-1828.

p.m. South Ballroom, PMU. 49-48976 or www.union.purdue.edu/psub.

Feb. 18 – March 7
■ **Project Respect.** Theme: "It Takes Everyone. It Starts with You." Sponsored by many University offices and organizations; coordinated by Women's Resource Office. Description and events at www.purdue.edu/humanrel/project_respect.
♦ Feb. 19: Keynote speaker Wilma Mankiller, former principal chief of the Cherokee Nation. 7:30 p.m. Loeb Playhouse, STEW.

Tuesday, Feb. 19
■ **Online chat from Westwood.** President Córdoba to host conversation and respond to questions. Moderator: Kirk Cerny, executive director, Purdue Alumni Association. 8-8:15 p.m. Streaming video will be at www.purdue.edu/alumniparty.
♦ Submission of questions: A dedicated e-mail address available starting Jan. 31.

Saturday, Feb. 23
■ **Rube Goldberg local competition.** 10:30 a.m.: University division. 2 p.m.: High school division. Armory.

Friday, Feb. 29
■ **Passport: Africa.** Purdue Student Union Board; each passport event celebrates culture somewhere in the world. 7-9 p.m. West Faculty Lounge, PMU. 49-48976 or www.union.purdue.edu/psub.
■ **Boilermaker Ball.** Purdue Alumni Association. Crowne Plaza Union Station, 123 W. Louisiana St., Indianapolis. To secure an invitation, visit www.purduealum.org. For more information, contact Kelly Cerny, kellycerny@alumni.purdue.edu or (800) 414-1541.

Theater & Dance

Tickets are available at campus box offices or at 49-43933 or (800) 914-SHOW [-7469]. Prices are given for single-show tickets; a box office handling fee may be added.

Saturday, Feb. 2
■ **Margery Williams' "The Velveteen Rabbit"** by Enchantment Theatre Company. Convocations, Family Adventures. 3 p.m. Loeb Playhouse, STEW. Tickets: public, \$14; student/child, \$10. Recommended for age 5 and up.

Feb. 14-16
■ **Mystery Dinner Theatre.** "Boardwalk Melody Hour Murders." Purdue Student Union Board. 6:30-8:30 p.m. East and West Faculty Lounges, PMU. Tickets: public, \$35; Purdue students, \$25. 49-48976 or www.union.purdue.edu/psub.

Feb. 14-24
■ **Purdue Theatre.** "The Underpants" by Carl Sternheim, adapted by Steve Martin. Marquee Series. 7:30 p.m. Feb. 14-17, 21-23; 3 p.m. Feb. 17, 23-24. Nancy T. Hansen Theatre, Pao Hall. Tickets: public, \$17; 62+ seniors, \$13; students, \$10.

Monday, Feb. 18
■ **"Pouring Tea: Black Gay Men of the South Tell Their Tales."** One-man show by E. Patrick Johnson based on oral histories. Black Cultural Center. 7 p.m. Fowler Hall, STEW.

Financial Aid primed for Banner system rollout's first stage Feb. 11

The Banner Financial Aid software is on track to go live Feb. 11. To get ready for the implementation, several staff members from the Division of Financial Aid (DFA) in West Lafayette 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.

SunGard Higher Education's Banner software is the suite of applications that will compose the bulk of the new student systems. Already in use at Fort Wayne and Calumet, it is being 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 round, 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.

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 at 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 after the February go-live date, most people outside of the department may not notice significant changes.

"Our goal is to make the transition to the Banner system seamless, so that students and staff will hardly notice any changes in financial aid processes," Joerschke said.

DFA staff will work to make the transition to Banner through spring and into summer, so some of its features will be rolled out over time. One of its benefits, however, will be helpful immediately.

"For the first time, we will have an integrated system, which means we won't have to keep looking up information in multiple legacy systems," Joerschke said.

DFA Executive Director

Joyce Hall agrees.

"With the current system, we often have to look up data in as many as three or four different systems on campus, and all of them operate under different codes," Hall said. "But having a single source of information will allow us to do our work — and assist students — much more quickly and efficiently."

One Banner feature will be available to students as early as April: the ability to accept or reject financial aid offers (for the fall semester) online, said DFA Associate Director Marvin Smith.

"This should be an intuitive process for students and improve some financial aid processes for us," Smith said.

The new financial aid system will eventually bring other improvements, including imaging (having access to electronic images of paper

documents), easier data entry of tax returns, and more frequent batch processing.

From Jan. 23 to Feb. 7, all remaining DFA staff, including student employees, 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 able to hit the ground running," she said.

North Central financial aid personnel 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."

'Stop smoking' efforts get boost by benefits

Employees who want to quit smoking have more options for help from two of Purdue's medical plans.

Incentive PPO and Purdue 500 added smoking cessation benefits for 2008. The two plans now cover up to five smoking cessation counseling visits annually.

The provider must be a health care professional who is qualified to perform tobacco cessation counseling, such as a primary care doctor. If the counseling is from a provider who is in-network, there will be no deductible or co-insurance, and these visits do not apply toward the annual \$400 preventive care benefit.

Also, the Anthem prescription plan for PPO and 500 will now cover items used 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.

Wellness offices

Here is contact information for wellness programs on each campus:

■ West Lafayette: (765) 494-5461, worklife@purdue.edu

■ Calumet: (219) 989-2709, lowry@calumet.purdue.edu

■ Fort Wayne: (260) 481-6647, tillapau@ipfw.edu

■ North Central: (219) 785-5519, tlaux@pnc.edu

Members will pay 20 percent co-insurance for any of the covered 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 the pharmacist their Anthem card or information to have the co-insurance applied.

All qualified smoking cessation products must be purchased through the pharmacy's system. Anthem will not reimburse claims manually submitted by members who purchase OTC products without going through the pharmacy. Also, this benefit is not available through the mail-order prescription service.

The UnitedHealthcare 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.

Disabilities service offices merge as resource center

Two Purdue programs for students with disabilities have merged as the Disability Resource Center.

The center combines TAEVIS, or Tactile Access to Education for Visually Impaired Students, and Adaptive Programs. DRC, like its predecessors, is a unit of the Office of the Dean of Students.

The center aims "to enable students with disabilities to fully participate in all University-sponsored programs and activities," says Heather Stout, associate dean of students. It

also can furnish information and respond to referrals for the campus in general.

The center will arrange academic adjustments, auxiliary aids and services for students with permanent or temporary disabilities. Students can receive assistance with accessibility concerns, note takers, readers, interpreters, parking, housing and individual counseling.

The center also offers a variety of innovative accommodations to students who are blind or have visual impairments or other print disabilities.

Strategic – Forums build participation

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on Purdue's strengths to position the University distinctly among the great research universities of the world," Lechtenberg says.

Lechtenberg and George Bodner, chair of the University Senate, serve as co-chairs of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee. The 18-member steering committee, which includes the leaders of eight working groups, will use the white papers and community input to complete a draft of the plan by early spring.

"Once the white papers are available, we will begin to synthesize the strategic initiatives that will provide the most positive impact in advancing Purdue toward its vision," says Bodner, the Arthur Kelly Distinguished Professor of Chemistry, Education and Engineering.

Input accepted on blog

Purdue faculty, staff and students still have the opportunity to contribute ideas for the next strategic plan through a blog at www.purdue.edu/strategic_plan/comments/.

Visitors to the site can answer questions posted by the working groups, provide general comments to the steering committee, and view and respond to posts from other participants.

Deaths

Leona L. Downey, 85, died Jan. 4 in Lafayette. She worked as a cook in Food Services at McCutcheon Hall for 20 years.

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

Robert C. Rund, 83, died Jan. 7 in Indianapolis. He was an administrator in Biochemistry Control for 26 years, retiring in 1992. Memorials: Alzheimer's Association, 9135 N. Meridian St., Suite B4, Indianapolis, IN 46268.

James R. Maris, 88, died Jan. 9 in Lafayette. He was a professor of aviation technology and was head of the Department of Aviation Technology from 1955 through 1982. He was in the administration in the School of Technology, where he retired in 1984. Memorials: Church Women United Food Pantry, c/o First Christian Church.

Edith A. Clark, 90, died Jan. 12 in Lafayette. She worked in food services at Purdue Memorial Union, retiring in 1979.

James M. Ricks, 86, died Jan. 13 in Lafayette. He was a building engineer for 36 years, retiring in 1988.

Frances E. Vessels, 73, died Jan. 16 in Lafayette. She worked in Building Services.

Nola Irene Blevins, 70, died Jan. 16 in Lafayette. She worked at Young Graduate House.

Popular musicians Folds, Bentley bringing concerts

Two big-name concert performers have joined the lineup of acts coming to the West Lafayette campus this semester.

Independent rocker-jazzman Ben Folds will perform Feb. 29 and country sensation Dierks Bentley will bring his Throttle Wide Open Tour on April 10, both in Elliott Hall of Music.

Folds' concert, presented by the Student Concert Committee in conjunction with Purdue Convocations, will start at 8 p.m. The versatile Folds will perform as part of a trio.

After success leading the Ben Folds Five in the 1990s, he has had a string of well-received solo releases and tours this decade.

Tickets are on sale at campus box offices in person or at 49-43933, and via Ticketmaster at 743-5151 and www.ticketmaster.com. There is a six-ticket limit. The price is public, \$30; Purdue and Ivy Tech students with ID, \$27.

Bentley has had five No. 1 singles and two No. 1 albums on the Billboard country charts since his 2003 debut. This spring he is concentrating on large-room concerts and is winning critics'



Folds



Bentley

praise for his show.

The Bentley concert, which starts at 7:30 p.m. and is presented by Convocations, will include Bucky Covington and Luke Bryan. Covington has made an eighth-place "American Idol" finish a plus, putting out a hit single and building his fan base. Bryan was the only country musician among Billboard's 2007 new faces to watch.

Bentley tickets are public, \$36.50; Purdue and Ivy Tech students plus others under age 19, \$29.50. The tickets will go on sale on this schedule:

■ Through Feb. 11: Friends of Convocations may order tickets at 49-49712.

■ Feb. 15 (F): At 10 a.m., sales open to Purdue and Ivy Tech Lafayette students, and Purdue

faculty, staff and retirees, at the Elliott and Stewart Center box offices or 49-43933.

■ Feb. 16 (Sa): At 10 a.m., public sales open through Ticketmaster at 743-5151 and www.ticketmaster.com.

More about the shows is at www.convocations.org.

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:

■ Second City comedy troupe. March 1, 7:30 p.m. Loeb Playhouse, STEW. Tickets: public, \$20; students with Purdue ID, \$10. At box office in Stewart Center or by phone at 49-43933.

■ Mystery Dinner Theatre: "Boardwalk Melody Hour Murders." Feb. 14-16, 6:30-8:30 p.m. nightly. East and West Faculty Lounges, PMU. Dinner and drama. Tickets: public, \$35; Purdue students with ID, \$25. At PSUB office, Room 268, PMU, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Questions: www.union.purdue.edu/psub or 49-48976.