Purdue to host women’s NCAA early rounds

Purdue will be host to first- and second-round games in the NCAA Division I Women’s Basketball Championship. Games are scheduled for noon, 2:30 and 7 p.m. Sunday, March 25; and 7 and 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 27, at Mackey Arena. Purdue’s women’s basketball team, winner of the Big Ten Tournament championship, has an automatic bid into the tournament and will begin play at the Purdue site. Seedsings and game times were to be announced Monday, March 17.

Tickets are available at the Athletic Ticket Office. All-session tickets are $38 for adults and $28 for students. For information, go to www.purdueSports.com or call 49-4394.

Meeting today to address master plan

Purdue’s master planning consultants will provide an update on the status of the West Lafayette campus master planning process during a meeting at 6:30 p.m. today in Room 314, Stewart Center.

The meeting is open to the public.

Sasaki Associates of Watertown, Mass., and Scholer Corporation of Lafayette will present progress on Phase Three (Master Plan and Implementation) at this meeting.

Phase One (Campus Inventory and Analysis) and Phase Two (Campus Alternatives) of the three-phase process were completed last spring and early this spring. The third and final phase of the master plan process is expected to be complete in fall 2008.

Reserved tickets available for inauguration

Tickets are available for Purdue’s presidential inauguration, scheduled for 2 p.m. April 11 in Elliott Hall of Music.

The inauguration of President France A. Córdova is free and open to the public, but a ticket with an assigned seat is required. Tickets can be picked up at campus box office locations in Stewart Center and Elliott Hall or can be reserved by calling 49-4393 or (800) 914-7469.

Córdova became the 11th president of Purdue on July 16.

The inauguration culminates a weeklong campus celebration, which includes a Global University Convocation moderated by Purdue alumnus Brian Lamb, C-SPAN’s president and chief executive officer, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. April 10 in Loeb Playhouse.

A faculty discussion on interdisciplinary topics is scheduled for 10 a.m. to noon April 11.

More information on that event will be forthcoming.

Open forums scheduled for finalists in provost search

Three finalists have been named for the position of provost at Purdue. The finalists are on campus this week for interviews and to present open forums.

Forums were scheduled for March 17-19. The two remaining forums will be held at noon today (March 18) and Wednesday (March 19) in the South Ballroom, Purdue Memorial Union.

Forums will last for approximately one hour. Each candidate will make a presentation of roughly 15 minutes followed by an opportunity for audience members to ask questions.

“Having three outstanding candidates is an exciting opportunity for Purdue,” said President France A. Córdova. “Other institutions recognize the stature of our candidates; we know that we are competing with the best universities for highly sought after candidates. Thus, we are moving rapidly for the campus interviews and will hold them early during the week following spring break.”

Candidates and their open forums:

■ March 17: Don P. Giddens, dean of the College of Engineering and Lawrence L. Gellerstedt Jr., chair of Biomedical Engineering at Georgia Institute of Technology.

■ March 18: Randy Woodson, Glenn W. Sample Dean of Agriculture at Emory University.

■ March 19: John R. Benbow, Sample Dean of Agriculture at Georgia Tech Bioengineering Research Center.

For information, go to www.purdue.edu/inauguration or call 49-4394.

Facilities use policy sets building hours, bars camping

The Environmental Health and Public Safety office wants to remind the campus community about the University’s facilities use policy.

Carol Shelby, senior director of environmental health and public safety, says that some confusion this semester illustrated the need to increase awareness of the policy’s contents.

“Most recently, there was a misunderstanding about whether students could stay overnight in Stewart Center when lining up to purchase tickets for the upcoming Durker’s Bentley concert,” Shelby says. “We discovered that many people were unaware that each building has set hours under the facilities use policy. Once the building closes, University administrators will ask people to leave if they do not have an official business reason to be there.”

Official University business includes classes, research, work, or scheduled meetings. The policy allows for exceptions through the approval of the executive vice president and treasurer or an authorized representative.

A building’s use typically determines how long it will be open, and at times a department head will request extended hours. Says Martha May, senior director for buildings and grounds, Faculty, staff and students can contact a building deputy for building hours.

Shelby says Purdue Student Security Patrol is checking exterior building doors to ensure that the doors are locked on schedule at Stewart Center and across campus.

Camping also falls under the facilities use policy and is not allowed without prior approval. In
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: Since flexible spending has been turned over to Fiserv, the service level has dropped while the level of errors has increased. It is time to put pressure on this group to perform.

In my recent submission, they took the entire reimbursement process off my flexible account despite the fact that one form was from my husband with his Purdue e-mail address.

Future responses to questions and comments selected from those submitted online at www.purdue.edu/benefits.

**Policy – For safety and security**

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February, members of the Paint Crew staked out their places in line for general admission seating almost a week before the Michigan State men’s basketball game.

“We had rules about line formation in place all year long, and the students were breaking those rules by camping,” says Heather Hoglund, director of operations for Intercollegiate Athletics.

“When we discussed the issue, it was determined there was also a policy on campus that prohibited camping. The policy helped support our decision not to allow it,” says Shelby.
New head of directing stays busy with theater, books and family

One of the West Lafayette campus’s new professors may work more than you’d find in Purdue Theatre’s costume department. His varied roles include director, actor, playwright, screenwriter, educator, producer, artistic director, columnist, hockey player, book-aholic and family man.

And now, Gordon McCa...
Rates for term life insurance decrease

Positive claims experience has allowed for an average 20 percent decrease in term life insurance rates for employees.

The new rates become effective for biweekly-paid employees on March 26 and for monthly-paid employees on March 31.

"Claims against the plan have been low enough over a period of time that the premiums can be lowered," says Teresa Wiesner, benefit manager for retirement/life/disability. "It has been several years since these rates have been increased, and we're pleased that the experience has allowed for this decrease to occur."

Purdue employees provide an amount of term life insurance as part of their annual base salary up to $15,000. Employees can purchase additional term life insurance to equal a maximum benefit of $300,000.

The new term life insurance rates for employees are as follows:

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*Example: For a biweekly-paid employee, age 45-54, with annual salary of $30,000:
- 1 times salary = $1,500 per pay today, $1,125 per pay with new rate ($1.125 x 30 divided by 26 pays)
- 2 times salary = $1.76 per pay today, $1.3125 per pay with new rate ($1.3125 x 30 divided by 26 pays)

Employees can purchase additional term life insurance for an additional cost, with coverage amounts ranging from $30,000 to $300,000.

In recent years, the term life insurance program has been very successful in providing low-cost coverage to employees. With a combination of low claims experience and favorable market conditions, the benefits were able to be decreased.

Employees are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to review their term life insurance coverage and make any necessary adjustments. For more information or to make changes, contact the Benefits Department at 49-46683.
Focus Awards honor contributors to disability accessibility, diversity

Initiative and dedication for outstanding contributions to dis- ability accessibility and diversity were honored recently with Focus Awards.

Among the awards, given on the West Lafayette campus each March during the state’s Disability Awareness Month, are honors for morning students, faculty and staff.

The Affordable Action Office and Office of the Vice President for Human Relations sponsor the awards and an annual reception at which they are presented.

For 2008, the theme was “Attitude is Everything” and the speaker at the reception was Purdue sophomore Brandon Scott, a communication major from Indianapolis. Though having only slight arms or arm or leg, Scott is a competitive swimmer.

He is close to the qualifying time in the 50-meter backstroke for the 2012 Paralympics in London.

Scott recited a poem titled “It’s All a State of Mind” that he wrote after an accident and injury and had to stop wrestling, he became a manager.

His teammates pulled him into their traditional pile as they recited the poem together.

“They’re all guys, that’s what I really mean,” he said.

He then supported his competitive fire to swimming. Reciting the poem before his races, he placed sixth in his first international competition.

“As long as a person has the right state of mind and attitude, they can do anything they want,” he said.

Alaysia Christmas Rollock, vice president for human relations, presented the awards, noting how often honorees say they were just doing what they do.

“Sometimes you get left up in the rest of the campus and Indiana can recognize the possibilities,” she said. The awards were:

Student: Chelsea Koch, a senior in health sciences (pre-occupational therapy) from Warrick County near the Ohio River; and Jamie Sommers, a senior in materials engineering from Indianapolis.

For several years, both have been service providers for stu- dents with disabilities through what is now the Disability Re- source Center, which they attend classes and take notes. Koch has also been a reader and tutor.

“When I heard of this, I thought it was a great job, getting paid to learn,” she said after the ceremony.

“And we meet such great people,” Sommers added.

Faculty. The award went to a search group of which Brandon

Duerstock is a principal investiga- tor on a nearly $300,000 National Science Foundation grant for 2008-09.

In its AccessScope project, the team explored and devised ways to make bright field microscopic accessibles for persons with mobility- and vision-related disabilities. Such microscopes are standard in university-level research in life and physical sciences, said Duerstock, assistant research pro- fessor at the Center for Paralysis Research.

“The microscopes are con- trolled by computers and thus adaptable,” he said, and the view is displayed on a monitor.

Others on the team were:

• Richard Borgerts, the Mari Hulman George Professor of Ap- plied Neuroscience and director of the center.
• John Florio, electronic/ computer specialist at the center.
• J. Paul Robinson, professor of computer science.
• Wamiq Ahmed, a former graduate student with Robinson now working in basic medical sciences.
• Alasa Marapurugan, professor and associate head of educational studies.

Staff. Rob Mate, assistant dean of students; and Gail Polles, disabilities service consultant in the Student Health Center (PHOTO COURTESY OF CHRISTINA LANDON)

The two observed that students with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) often needed help coping with college life. They made it Happen, a coaching group and strategy for academic, social and personal growth.

Polles was able to attend. Mate, in accepting the award, said wryly, “What better reward than when you’re working with students with ADHD?”

Three other offices at Purdue co-sponsored the March 4 recep- tion, whose emcee was Diana Prieto-Welch, assistant director of WorkLife Programs.

“Purdues campus.”

The awards today speak to the remarkable work being done by many on this campus.

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In general, Wellness Ambassadors help motivate their colleagues to achieve healthier lifestyles.

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Applications are due by April 1, and prospective Wellness Ambassadors will be interviewed during April and May.

For more information, contact WorkLife Programs at 49- 454611 or worklife@purdue.edu.

PPPO, 500 plans free offer insurance benefit

Employees participating in the University’s new PPO plans can take advantage of enhanced immunization coverage for free.

The two plans will cover all recommended child and adult immunizations with no deduct- able and nocon co-payment payable by the patient when services are provided through an in-network provider. While infant immu- nizations were already covered, the immunization benefit was extended to all covered members as of Jan. 1.

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Service Anniversaries

40 years: Daniel Elston, animal sciences research farms.
30 years: Richard Austin, intercollegiate athletics administration; Sandra Hartman, news service; Theresa Kline, Cary Quadrangle; Phyllis Jane Lockard, ADDL; Gina Richey, earth and atmospheric sciences.
25 years: Julia Gable, management.
20 years: Deborah Bishur, intercollegiate athletics administration; Steven Bobs, intercollegiate athletics administration; William Drake, electrical and computer engineering; Jerry Jewell, operations and maintenance; Amy Kingma, registrar’s office; Barbara McManaway, building services; Terri Minick, IT infrastructure; John Orr, airport operations; Denise Riley, ADDL.
15 years: Christine Hall, Purdue Village; Todd Himen, Purdue Ag Center NE; Edward Parks, building services.
10 years: Carolyn Ake, physical facilities business office; Ina Anstett, dean of students office; Ronald Burkart, safety and security; IFPW; Don Coffey, heating and power; Susan Crager, consumer and family sciences; Ewa Forghalska, comptroller’s office; IFPW; Dorsi Groff, Harrison Hall; Paula Kerkhove, aeronautics and astronautics; Quanying Liu, Purdue Memorial Union; Olivia Richardson, civil engineering.

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

CSSAC to choose officers

The Clerical/Service Staff Advisory Committee is preparing to elect new officers.

Nominations for vice chair will be held during the April 8 meeting, chair Gary Carter said at CSSAC’s meeting on March 11. Election of the vice chair will take place during the group’s May meeting. The vice chair succeeds to the chair position the following year.

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New PRISM center at Purdue 1 of 5 new Centers of Excellence

The National Nuclear Security Administration has awarded a $17 million cooperative agreement for a research center at Purdue's Discovery Park to develop advanced simulations for commercial and defense applications, Purdue officials announced on March 7.

The center will focus on the behavior and reliability of miniature switches and is one of five new Centers of Excellence chosen by the National Nuclear Security Administration.

About 35 researchers at Purdue, including faculty members, software professionals and students, will be involved in the new Center for Prediction of Reliability, Survivability and Volatility of Microsystems, or PRISM. The University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, and the University of New Mexico will collaborate in the center.

The center takes advantage of Purdue's interdisciplinary strengths and considerable expertise in computational modeling and nanotechnology, President France A. Córdova said.

The center will advance the emerging field of "predictive science," or applying computational simulations to predict the behavior of complex systems, said JayATHY. "The goal of these springing disciplines is to enable scientists to make precise statements about the degree of confidence they have in their simulation-based predictions," Murthy said.

PRISM will be based at Birck Nanotechnology Center and is affiliated with the Energy Center. The center is funded with $17 million over five years from the Nuclear Science Advanced Simulation Alliance Program, Purdue and its partners also are providing $4.2 million in matching funds for the center.

PRISM and the other four newly selected centers will focus on unclassified applications of interest to NNSA and its three national laboratories: Lawrence Livermore, Los Alamos and Sandia.

Under PRISM, the miniature switches, called MEMS devices, are being created to replace conventional switches and other electronic components. MEMS are machines that combine electronic and mechanical components on a microscopic scale.

"The MEMS are far lighter and smaller than the conventional technology and could be manufactured in large quantities at low cost," Murthy said. "Research is needed, however, to improve the reliability, ruggedness and durability of the devices," she said.

The new simulations will make it possible to accurately predict how well the MEMS devices would stand up to the rigors of varying and extreme environments and how long they would last in the field. Devices in many environments must withstand crushing gravitational forces, temperature extremes, radiation and shocks from impact.

"Reliability pertains to long-term performance," Murthy said. "Improving the integrity and survivability relative to the fact that MEMS get used in very adverse conditions. You don't want the MEMS to fail before the systems in which they are embedded are deployed. MEMS have many potential important applications in civilian and defense applications."

"The MEMS can be used to turn radio signals on and off for a variety of purposes in military and commercial tracking satellite communications. Potential civilian applications include miniature telecommunications products, automotive sensors, and liquid-crystal-display projectors for large screens.

The technology will make it possible to reduce the size of switching equipment from several inches to 1 millimeter, or thousandths of a meter. "Even though MEMS have a big size, weight and cost advantage, they are not really reliable enough yet," Murthy said.

Research finds being first not always key to success

Marketing research from three university suggestions isn't always best to be first.

Products from well-known brands may benefit from entering the market as followers rather than as the first of their kind because consumers don't judge new products in the same way they evaluate existing products, the researchers determined.

These findings suggest how managers can predict when a product might be more successful, said one of the researchers, James Oakley, assistant professor in Kranert School of Management.

The findings are detailed in a research paper that appears in the February issue of the Journal of Consumer Research. In addition to Oakley, authors are Subramanian Balachander, also from the Kranert School; Adam Dubachek, assistant professor in marketing from Indiana University's Kelley School of Business; and S. Stram, an assistant professor in marketing from the University of Connecticut.

"The research was funded privately, but Dubachek received research support from the center," Oakley said.

Companies with recognized brand names can benefit from waiting, but companies that don't necessarily fit in a particular area might have better luck if they introduce a new product first, the research showed.

Researchers collected data from 125 undergraduate students regarding the introduction of a new product. The results showed that when a company is well known in a particular area, it is evaluated more positively if it enters the market as a follower rather than being the first.

"The challenge for managers is to how to give a brand name company broad recognition without sacrificing reputation, and we were looking to provide insights for managers on how to better introduce new products," Oakley said.

Technology uses live cells to detect food-borne pathogens, toxins

Researchers at Purdue have developed a new technology that can simultaneously screen thousands of samples of soil or water for several dangerous food-borne pathogens in one to two hours.

The technology, which has potential biosecurity and food safety applications, also can estimate the load of microbes present and whether they pose an active health risk. This could help nutritionists determine potential threats and improve food processing techniques, said Arun Bhunia, professor of biology.

"For food safety and biosecurity purposes, you need a quick test — a first line of defense — to be able to tell if there is something pathogenic in the food or water," Bhunia said.

Researchers Ernest Blatchley III and Jing Li at Purdue review data in work to better understand how certain airborne contaminants are created when chlorine reacts with sweat and urine in indoor swimming pools, a step toward learning how to reduce the formation of "volatile disinfection byproducts" that cause respiratory irritation.

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**Grants awarded for technology projects**

**Program seeks to boost instructional effectiveness**

The Teaching and Learning Technologies (T3LT) unit of Purdue’s information technology department announced the recipients of its annual digital content development grant at the T3LT conference on March 5. T3LT’s Instructional Development Center (IDC) awarded $10,000 to support 10 projects this year.

The grant evaluation team awarded grants to:

- Lori Snyder, assistant professor in agronomy. She received two grants and will use one for preparing fundamental agricultural resource materials, penned iARIF, and the second for developing CHOPVIEWS, comprehension resources for observing plants in a visual interactive environment.
- Maria Cooks, associate professor of foreign languages, who will develop an online Spanish tutor, a self-assessed pronunciation primer with feedback.
- John Sundquist, associate professor of foreign languages and literatures. Sundquist plans to help students learn the cognate AFR desktop application.

- James Mohler, associate professor of computer graphics technology and assistant department head. Mohler will use his grant to develop a computer-based spatial assessment of intervention software for learners with attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder.
- Yung-Hsiang, assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering. Hsiang will work with the IDC’s educational technology team to help improve instructional effectiveness through the use of digital and online technology. The center’s educational technologists and student interns assist grant recipients to transform subject matter content into educational technology. Joe Conte, manager of the IDC’s consulting and training group, says, “The grants pay for faculty release time, graduate student salaries, and interns who work on developing projects.”

**Faculty, staff can nominate Homecoming court**

Candidates must include a $10 and seven copies of the application to enter the competition. A complete list of eligibility guidelines and requirements is available at www.union.purdue.edu/pusb. Students interested in serving on the court must submit applications by 5 p.m. March 28.

**Deaths**


Stanley A. Hagedoorn, 57, died Feb. 20 in Lafayette. He worked as a research associate in psychological sciences.

Robert L. Droe, 59, died Feb. 22 in Lafayette. He was a console operator in operations and maintenance, working at Purdue for 30 years. Memorials: Riley Children’s Hospital, 1200 West Washington St, Suite 208, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

David Zese, 49, died Feb. 27 in Lafayette. He worked for two years in the Technical Assistance Program, Memorial, St. James, and The General Hospital Building Fund, 1916 Meharry St., Lafayette, IN 47904.


Jerry L. Cruce, 67, died March 2 in Lafayette. He worked in building services at the Physical Plant.

Doris J. Groff, 67, died Feb. 29 in Lafayette. She worked at Harrison Residence Hall. Memorials: FWV Ladies Auxiliary Post #3313.

Ralph E. Crowell, 80, died March 1 in Brownville. He worked as a maintenance worker at the Physical Plant. Memorials: Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, 686 Harry- ler-Clapper Funeral Home, 101 W. Fourth St., Brookston, IN.

Kenneth McGlothlin, 73, died March 3 in Lafayette. He worked as a technician in chemical and mechanical engineering. Memorials: Cancer Research Clinical Partnership at Purdue.

Evelyn M. McIntyre, 79, died March 3 in Lafayette. She was a mail clerk and worked for 25 years. Memorials: American Cancer Society.

Kenneth A. Simmons, 80, died March 7 in Lafayette. He was a maintenance engineer, working at Purdue for 28 years. Memorials: American Heart Association, 3125 Wabash Ave, Bloomington, IN 47401.

William E. “Bill” Drake Jr., 43, died March 7 in Lafayette. He was a computer graphics specialist, working at Purdue for 19 years. Memorials: American Cancer Society.

**New financial aid system launches**

“Purdue, We Have lift-off!” With those words in mid-February, Joyce Hall, executive director of the Division of Financial Aid (DFA), announced the launch of Purdue’s new financial aid system for the West Lafayette campus. The system, which grew out of an idea from Purdue’s vice president for student affairs, is intended to enhance window.


Ralph E. Crowell, 80, died March 1 in Brownville. He worked as a maintenance worker at the Physical Plant. Memorials: Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, 686 Harry- ler-Clapper Funeral Home, 101 W. Fourth St., Brookston, IN.

Kenneth McGlothlin, 73, died March 3 in Lafayette. He worked as a technician in chemical and mechanical engineering. Memorials: Cancer Research Clinical Partnership at Purdue.

Evelyn M. McIntyre, 79, died March 3 in Lafayette. She was a mail clerk and worked for 25 years. Memorials: American Cancer Society.

Kenneth A. Simmons, 80, died March 7 in Lafayette. He was a maintenance engineer, working at Purdue for 28 years. Memorials: American Heart Association, 3125 Wabash Ave, Bloomington, IN 47401.

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