

Tickets on sale for Big Ten tournaments

The Big Ten men's and women's basketball tournaments both will be held at Conseco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis this year.

The women's tournament is scheduled for March 6-9. The men's tournament will be March 13-16.

For the women's tournament, both all-session and single-session tickets are now on sale at the Athletic Ticket Office at Purdue, the Conseco Fieldhouse box office and through Ticketmaster outlets.

All-session tickets are \$65, and single-session tickets range from \$12 to \$16.

For the men's tournament, all-session tickets are \$150 for upper balcony seating and \$275 for the lower level, club and balcony seating. Single-session tickets range from \$30 to \$85 depending on the location and session.

New stop sign placed near Mackey, Cary

A stop sign has been placed at the intersection of North University Drive and Tower Drive near Mackey Arena to help with pedestrian safety in that area. The stop sign is for drivers going north on North University Drive.

Drivers are to be cautious and watch for pedestrians in the area around Mackey Arena, Lambert Fieldhouse and Cary Quadrangle.

Flu vaccines still being offered at PUSH

It's not too late to get a free flu shot.

Walk-in flu shots will be given to faculty, staff, graduate staff, retirees, and their spouses/same-sex domestic partners from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday in the urgent care area of Purdue University Student Health Center.

Bring PUID. For questions, call 49-45461 or e-mail worklife@purdue.edu.

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Teaching Academy to add nine fellows to its ranks

Purdue's Teaching Academy will induct six new fellows and three new associate fellows as well as recognize two members at a ceremony on Feb. 26.

The event will take place in the faculty lounges at Purdue Memorial Union. A reception will begin at 7 p.m., and the induction ceremony will follow at 7:30 p.m. Both are open to Purdue faculty and staff.

James Nairne, the Reece McGee Distinguished Professor of Psychological Sciences, will be the guest speaker at the event. Nairne

will present "Functional Memory: Implications for Classroom Teaching at Purdue University."

The Teaching Academy provides leadership for the improvement of undergraduate, graduate and outreach teaching. The academy's executive council selects fellows and associates from nominees. Each year, every college and school can nominate faculty members as fellows and graduate students or continuing lecturers as associate fellows.

For outstanding contributions to teaching and learning on

the West Lafayette campus, the inductees are:

■ Four fellows by virtue of winning a Charles B. Murphy Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award: Patricia Hart, professor of foreign languages and literatures; Christine Hrycyna, associate professor of chemistry; Richard Thomas, professor of visual and performing arts; and Karen Yehle, assistant professor of nursing.

■ Two other new fellows: John Contreni, the Justin S. Morrill Dean of the College of

Liberal Arts, and Venkat Venkatasubrama, professor of chemical engineering.

■ Three new associate fellows: Rebecca Bull, organizational behavior and human resource management; Gregory Gibson, sociology; and Kristina Walker, agronomy.

Robert May, professor of history, and Timothy Newby, professor of curriculum and instruction, will be recognized for receiving the Murphy Award in 2007. Both are Teaching Academy members already.

TLT offering wide array of teaching tools

On March 4 and 5, university educators and educational technologists from the Midwest will meet at the Teaching and Learning with Technology conference in Stewart Center.

Presentations, workshops, poster sessions, and vendor exhibits address the theme: "Enhancing the Student Experience."

"We selected the student as our theme because it echoes one of the University's strategic planning themes," says Ed Evans, interim executive director of ITaP's Teaching and Learning Technologies unit.

Nancy Wilson Head, director of TLT's Instructional Development Center, and Michael Brorby, director of user services and instructional technology at Purdue Calumet, evaluated this year's proposals.

"We were pleased with a third more submissions than last year, and they address a broad number of instructional technology topics," Brorby says.

Session leaders will discuss social networking sites, mobile learning games, podcasting and vodcasting, wikis, tablet PCs, wireless video networks, distance learning, service learning, calibrated peer review, collaborative technology, new Web 2.0 technologies, video remote interpretation, WordPress blogging tool, Second Life virtual world, YouTube, and iTunes.

The conference also provides training or demo sessions in some popular technologies, such as Adobe's Presenter and Captivate, Blackboard's Vista 4.0, and Horizon Wimba's Pronto Instant Messenger.

"The TLT conference this year will be an excellent networking event, especially for Purdue faculty and staff from all our campuses," Head says. "Our faculty members present more than 50 percent of the sessions."

To register or learn more about the conference, go to <http://tlt.purdue.edu>.

Chili champion for a cause



PHOTO BY MARK SIMONS

Judy Schmitz, champion of the Chili Cook-off benefit for a Habitat for Humanity house, serves her "Easy on the Gut Chili" to John Campbell, associate vice president for the Rosen Center for Advanced Computing. Schmitz, secretary in international programs, won the trophy on the table in a contest of 27 entrants. Also shown in the photo, both from ITaP's systems and operations area, are Doug White (in jersey), database administrator, and Eric Pratt, applications administrator, who is being served by White.

John McElduff, service delivery manager in IT customer relations, was runner-up with "Spitfire Chili." Student Joshua Beedle took third with "This Ain't Your Grandma's Chili." The event, two days before Super Bowl XLII, had a tailgating theme.

The lunchtime event at University Church, 320 North St., was sponsored by a "Hab-ITaP" group within ITaP. It included a bake sale and raised a combined \$1,034, reports Dan Schumacher, a main organizer and manager of infrastructure services. Hab-ITaP has a Texas Roadhouse percent-of-sales event set for March 3. Other fundraisers will follow in the effort to raise \$40,000. Schumacher says the project theme is "Building more than technology."

Chimp expert Goodall to speak

Tickets will go on sale Feb. 19 for a presentation by Jane Goodall, a world-renowned humanitarian and primatologist, who will speak at Purdue on March 29.

Goodall's talk, "Reason for Hope," is the College of Science Centennial Finale Event. It will be at 1 p.m. March 29 in Elliott Hall of Music.

Tickets are \$15 for students with a valid student ID and \$21 for the general public. They will be available at Purdue box offices and at Ticketmaster.

Goodall, acclaimed for her work with chimpanzees in the wild, will describe the special relationship she has developed with these animals and share her passion for saving them and their habitat.

Founded in 1977, the Jane

Goodall Institute continues Goodall's pioneering research of chimpanzee behavior — research that transformed scientific perceptions of the relationship between humans and animals.

Today, the institute is a global leader in the effort to protect chimpanzees and their habitats. It also is widely recognized for establishing innovative community-centered conservation and development programs in Africa, and the Roots & Shoots education program, which has groups in more than 95 countries.

More information about Goodall and the institute is available at www.janegoodall.org.

More information about the College of Science centennial celebration is at www.science.purdue.edu/centennial/.

Trustees act on ME wing, sports area

The Board of Trustees on Friday approved financing and construction of a new addition to the Mechanical Engineering Building and granted authority to plan a new athletic complex on the north edge of campus.

The board also approved energy conservation work in Herbert C. Brown Laboratory of Chemistry, Stewart Center and the Civil Engineering Building.

In addition, the trustees appointed one named professor and one vice chancellor, and ratified a bachelor's degree program in motorsports engineering at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

The meeting also featured reports on institutional and program rankings from Rab Mukerjea, director of strategic planning and assessment, and on governmental relations from Terry Strueh, vice president for governmental relations.

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Publishing note

Inside Purdue is modifying its spring and summer schedule to accommodate added and changed events:

■ Issue 15 will come out Friday, April 18, covering April's special campus events. It also will carry the monthly calendar for May.

■ Issue 16 will come out Tuesday, May 13. It will carry the June calendar.

■ Issue 17 will come out Tuesday, June 24. It will include news of the rescheduled June meeting of the Board of Trustees. It also will carry the July-August calendar.

■ Issue 18 will come out Tuesday, July 15.



Statehouse Update

Purdue looks ahead as bills cross chambers

The 2008 session of the Indiana General Assembly has reached the deadline for bills to be considered in their house of origin.

"In hockey terms, we've reached the end of the first period," says Kevin Green, Purdue's director of state relations. "During the second period, the House considers the Senate bills and vice versa. The third period is when they work out the differences between bill versions in conference committees."

Of the nearly 800 bills introduced at the beginning of January, fewer than 300 are still being considered. About 150 bills actually make it through the entire process each session, Green says.

"We had our eye on more than 100 bills this year, and we are still following about half of them," he says. "From bills on where the flags Purdue flies are made to enhanced 911 service, if it can or will affect Purdue, we watch it."

Several bills of particular interest to Purdue are still making their way through the legislature. House Bill 1246 deals with courses taught in high schools that also qualify for college credit.

These "double-up" courses offer an opportunity for students to come to college with credits already earned. Universities want to ensure that the quality of these courses matches what students receive on campus.

"I think the proposal will be modified to include further study over the summer," Green says. "This is a laudable goal of expanding the offerings while doing it at little cost to the students, but it still needs more work."

House Bill 1280, authored by Rep. Matt Pierce, D-Bloomington, would require that university buildings be constructed or remodeled to meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design and Green Globes energy and environmental standards.

"We're working to ensure that the standards are realistic given the diverse facilities on a university campus," Green says. "We strive to be as efficient as possible. However, we don't want to be more restrictive in setting targets than is attainable. There's an additional cost up front, and that has to be weighed against savings."

The bill is now in the Senate after passing the House 51-46.

House Bill 1249, authored by Rep. Sheila Klinker, has also passed the House. The bill, which would provide tuition exemption for Purple Heart recipients, has been amended to reduce its fiscal load on available state student aid funding. The University would be reimbursed by the State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana for the forgiven fees if the commission has available funds.

"We want to make sure that other students aren't denied aid to fund this new program," Green says. "We're also concerned that Purdue will have to cover this entitlement if SSACI funds run out."

Board appoints named professor, vice chancellor

The Board of Trustees on Friday approved the appointment of one named professor and one vice chancellor.

Trustees also ratified a bachelor's degree program in motorsports engineering at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis and approved a department name change in the College of Engineering.

Bruce Hamaker was appointed the Roy Whistler Chair in Carbohydrate Science in the Department of Food Science. Hamaker's appointment brings the University's total of named and distinguished professors to 150.

"Dr. Hamaker epitomizes the kind of faculty member that makes Purdue one of the leaders in food science," said Interim Provost Victor Lechtenberg. "The Whistler Center is the premier food carbohydrate center in the United States, and Dr. Hamaker will continue the center's mission through his groundbreaking research and leadership."

As director of the Whistler Center for Carbohydrate Research and a professor of food science, Hamaker performs research on carbohydrates and health, cereal starch and protein structure-function relationships, and cereal chemistry and processing. His research ranges from designing carbohydrates for potential health

benefits to ways to improve cereal use in developing countries.

Hamaker earned his bachelor's degree in biological sciences from Indiana University in 1977. He received his master's degree in human nutrition in 1983 and doctoral degree in food chemistry in 1986, both from Purdue. Before joining the Purdue faculty in 1992, he was a postdoctoral researcher at the Instituto de Investigación Nutricional/Johns Hopkins University in Lima, Peru, and was an assistant professor at the University of Arkansas.

Trustees voted to ratify Lawrence Barrett's appointment as vice chancellor for student services and enrollment management at Purdue North Central. Barrett served as associate vice chancellor for student services and enrollment management at North Central since 2005.

Previously, he was responsible for areas including admissions, financial aid, registration, dean of students, student counseling, student athletics, student activities, academic advising, library and media services, and school partnerships. With his promotion, Barrett also is responsible for correctional education, including the programs at Westville Correctional Facility and the Indiana State Prison, and K-12 outreach programs, including the Success



Hamaker



Barrett

Through Education Program and Purdue North Central College Bound Program.

Barrett earned a bachelor's degree in communications from the State University of New York at Plattsburgh in 1986. In 1993, he earned a master's degree in educational administration from the State University of New York at New Paltz. He is working toward his doctoral degree in higher educational leadership.

The bachelor's degree program in motorsports engineering at IUPUI is designed to augment an existing program on the campus. The School of Engineering and Technology offers a motorsports technology certificate program, in which more than 30 students are enrolled.

"This program will educate graduates for careers in automotive-related companies, either in motorsports or in the broader automotive industry, which could include airplanes, boats, trucks,

off-road vehicles and unmanned competition vehicles," Lechtenberg said.

Enrollment for the new program is expected to be 21 students over the first years and increase to 106 students by the fourth year.

The program will be offered first in fall 2008, pending approval by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education. Lechtenberg said it is believed that there are currently no comparable programs in the central part of the United States and only a limited number of similar programs in the country.

Trustees also approved changing the name of the Department of Engineering Education to the School of Engineering Education. The change reflects the full range of academic programs, from the undergraduate to doctoral level, that are offered by the department. The department has a total of 18 faculty members as well as seven courtesy faculty members from the colleges of Agriculture, Education, Technology, Science and Engineering.

It administers an array of interdisciplinary graduate programs, including a master of science, a master of science in engineering education and a doctorate. Since 2003-04, research awards in the area have grown by more than 700 percent, Lechtenberg said.

Trustees approve ME addition, planning of athletic complex

The Board of Trustees on Friday approved financing and construction of a new energy-efficient addition to the Mechanical Engineering Building and granted authority to plan a new athletic complex.

The board also approved a construction contract for a new residence hall at Purdue Calumet, energy conservation work in three buildings and a lease for Lafayette Aviation.

Mechanical Engineering's \$34.5 million Roger B. Gatewood Wing will house a 120-seat classroom, teaching labs, instructional space, breakout spaces for the Prototype Engineering and Realization Lab, faculty and graduate student offices, graduate and undergraduate commons, research labs, and a tech-atrium.

Scholer Corp. of Lafayette and Moody-Nolan Inc. of Indianapolis were hired in April to provide architectural and engineering work for the wing, which will add 84,500 square feet and expand the building space by 55 percent.

Purdue will apply for certification to the U.S. Green Building Council for its Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design rating. Gatewood would be the University's first facility — and the seventh in the state — to receive LEED certification.

"The Gatewood Wing will be a model for sustainable facilities at Purdue," said Morgan R. Olsen, executive vice president and treasurer. "It represents the next generation of architecture that serves both the people inside it and the environment around it."

In honor of mechanical engineering's history as Purdue's first engineering discipline, the wing's Dr. Milton B. Hollander Atrium will showcase the clock from the original Heavilon Hall, the first mechanical engineering

building on campus.

The Northwest Athletics Complex to be planned will be home to a 1,500-seat baseball stadium designed to expand to 2,500 seats. Planning also will include upgrades to the adjacent soccer facility and a multipurpose restroom, locker room and concession building to service all venues at the site.

This continues the migration of Intercollegiate Athletics facilities from the center of campus, consolidating them along the north edge of the campus. The effort also will free up land in the core of campus for other University uses, such as recreational or residential.

No tax dollars will be used for the complex, which will be planned, financed and built in phases. The first phase is expected to cost about \$15 million. Cooke Douglass Farr Lemons Ltd. of Jackson, Miss., is the architectural firm for the project.

The stadium will be comparable to others in the Big Ten and also upgrade fan and news media amenities, said athletic director Morgan Burke.

"This stadium will attract not only more student-athletes, but also will draw more people to watch Purdue sports," Burke said. "It will offer the same quality facility to the baseball program that Mackey Arena and Ross-Ade Stadium have provided for our basketball and football programs."

The board also approved an \$18.1 million construction contract with Berglund Construction of Chesterton, Ind., for the \$21.1 million second phase of student housing at Purdue Calumet. An L-shaped structure will provide 369 beds in 99 fully furnished units. Eighty-six units will have four bedrooms and 12 will have two bedrooms. The remaining

single unit will be for the assistant housing director.

Olsen said he expects students to be living there by fall 2009. The project is funded by bonds to be repaid through student housing fees.

On Thursday, the board's Physical Facilities Committee approved planning for a \$3.5 million renovation of the Krannert Building's third floor, to be funded with gifts. When completed, the west half of the floor will house the Steven A. Webster Undergraduate Programs Office. The office's current space in the basement will be renovated to provide a graduate student office and study areas. Moody Nolan Inc. of Indianapolis will serve as architect and engineer.

As part of Indiana's Qualified Energy Savings Program, the trustees approved a \$4.5 million contract with Energy Systems Group of Indianapolis for the Herbert C. Brown Laboratory of Chemistry, Stewart Center and the Civil Engineering Building. The program is designed to achieve annual energy savings and reduce overall campus peak demand for steam, chilled water and electricity. Proceeds from qualified energy savings bonds will finance the work.

The board also approved a 17-year lease for Lafayette Aviation Inc.'s operation at the Purdue Airport, subject to approval by the governor and the Indiana Commission for Higher Education.

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New Purdue Extension director striving for success around state

The new director of Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service will be spending a lot of time behind the wheel in 2008.

Charles Hibberd plans to visit each of Indiana's 92 counties during the first year of his new position, which started on Nov. 1. So far, it's 19 down, 73 to go.

"I want to get to know the Extension staff in each county and to learn about the counties, their economies, and the initiatives that are important to each area," he says. "These trips have been a tremendous opportunity to get a feel for Indiana and what goes on in the state, which is quite different from western Nebraska."

Hibberd comes from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where he served as district director of the Panhandle Research and Extension Center and Panhandle Extension District. At the University of Nebraska, he was responsible for research and Extension activities at four research locations and 12 county offices.

Now in Indiana, Hibberd will guide the administration

and management for Purdue Extension, an organization with nearly a \$50 million budget and more than 500 educators on campus and throughout the state.

But whether it be Nebraska or Indiana, one thing has remained consistent for Hibberd — Extension's commitment to excellence.

"Extension professionals in Nebraska and in Indiana have the same dedication to their clientele," he says. "No matter where you go, Extension staff have the same mentality and the same approach, and that's really gratifying."

That spirit and dedication reflect Hibberd's own passion about his work. The new director appreciates Extension's role in providing the science-based research, information and education that help people succeed.

Now, he plans to further that role by not only solving problems but by getting out in front of them.

"Extension has always been known as a problem solver, and we do that extremely well," he says. "A good example of that came during the flooding in January in northwest Indiana. We had



PHOTO BY MARK SIMONS

Charles Hibberd, the new director of Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service, wants Indiana residents to value the organization for its responsiveness, customer service, and science-based research and information. Hibberd, also associate dean of Purdue Agriculture and associate vice provost for engagement, started at Purdue on Nov. 1.

Extension publications on flood recovery delivered to the affected counties before floodwaters had even crested.

"Our opportunity, though, is not only to be responsive to things like that, but to try to be

proactive. Right now, there's a team from Consumer and Family Sciences developing mold management education. That will be a huge issue this spring and summer."

Hibberd also plans to concen-

trate on developing opportunities for Indiana residents by helping to identify new revenue sources and new avenues to market products.

"The wine industry in Indiana is a great example of this," he says. "Over the past 10 years, the business has exploded, and new wineries are being formed by Indiana residents. These wineries are becoming very successful because they have a high-quality product, and much of the grape growing and wine making expertise comes from Purdue research and Extension programs."

Most of all, Hibberd wants people to know that Purdue Extension is available to provide information or referrals to the right resources for any topic.

"We have Extension educators in all 92 counties, and they bring Purdue to the people of Indiana," Hibberd says. "People can come to us with any issue or questions, and we will respond. We want people to value us for the outstanding customer service and information that we provide on economic development, family nutrition and health, youth, and agriculture."

Senate to vote on grade index adjustment on Feb. 18

The University Senate will vote on an amended proposal that addresses grade index adjustment at its Feb. 18 meeting.

The original proposal brought before the Senate on Jan. 28 called for the use of two scholastic indexes — a semester and an adjusted cumulative — and uncoupled academic forgiveness from the change of degree objective (CODO). The Senate passed an amendment that eliminated any adjustment to the cumulative index.

James McGlothlin, chair of the Educational Policy Committee, brought the original proposal to the Senate floor. Under the proposal, students would be allowed to omit up to 12 credit hours taken in the first 24 months of undergraduate studies. The omitted courses would appear on the transcript with an "X" before the grade.

"Students who knew how to work the system by CODO-ing to different colleges and schools could significantly impact their GPA at any time during college," said McGlothlin, who also is

associate professor of industrial hygiene and ergonomics. "The proposal by the EPC puts limits on this process in terms of credits and time, and it offers fairness and flexibility to students who want to either stay in their major or transfer to another program."

Scott Feld, who presented the amendment, said that placing an adjusted cumulative index on a transcript, even with explanatory notes, could be perceived as misleading.

"While it is legitimate for faculty to consider some form of student forgiveness, especially for freshmen, the issue of the nature and extent of appropriate forgiveness can be treated directly and separately from transcript GPA grade adjustments," said Feld, professor of sociology.

Other senators also voiced their opposition to using the GPA as a means of forgiveness and suggested that any leniency be left for the individual colleges and schools to decide.

George Bodner, chair of the

University Senate, called for a show of hands on the amendment. Thirty-one voted in favor of the amendment, 27 voted against it and two abstained.

After the vote, another discussion occurred, and several senators left the meeting. When the Senate then attempted to take a vote on the amended proposal, it lacked the 51 members needed for a quorum. The vote is now scheduled for Feb. 18.

In other business

■ The Educational Policy Committee proposed scheduling changes for evening exams. Under the revised policy, the earliest evening exam would be at 6 p.m., and no exam would run later than 10 p.m. Currently, evening exams start at 6:30 p.m., and some exams last until 10:30 p.m.

McGlothlin said student safety issues and an increase in exams longer than one hour prompted the EPC's discussion of the policy with the Registrar's office. The revised policy is scheduled to be

voted on in February.

■ Bodner reported to the Senate about a proposed draft of an interpretation of the University's Policy on Intellectual Property. The interpretation of the policy was created to resolve questions that arose after the intellectual property policy was revised in May 2007.

■ Bodner also reported on proposed modifications to Purdue's Policy on Research Integrity, Executive Memorandum C-22. The policy has not been modified since its adoption in 1991 and is no longer consistent with the federal policy on research misconduct. Bodner says the modifications also are intended to address procedural concerns with Purdue's current policy.

Bodner asked for questions on both reports during the meeting and told Senate members to e-mail their comments and suggestions on the drafts to him. The e-mail will be forwarded anonymously to the authors of the final drafts of these documents.

Purdue literary magazine to celebrate 20th anniversary with gala

Sycamore Review, Purdue's nationally recognized journal of literature, opinion and arts, will celebrate its 20th anniversary with a gala on Feb. 29.

"For two decades Sycamore Review has consistently published a lively mix of established and emerging writers and visual artists," said Patrick Nevins, managing editor of the Sycamore Review and a graduate student in creative writing.

The event, which is free and open to the public, is at 7:30 p.m. at the Wells Center, 638 North St., Lafayette. Music will be provided by jazz artist Danny Weiss. Complimentary beverages and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Participants can enter a raffle to win prizes from area businesses.

Funds raised will benefit the Sycamore Review and help expand its Looseleaf Writing Workshop Series, which offers creative writing sessions to adults and children. Writing topics include fiction writing, character development and poetry.

These community workshops take place at Lafayette's Southside Community Center, the downtown branch of the Tippecanoe County Public Library, and the West Lafayette Public Library. The next workshop will be 6:30-8:30 p.m. Feb. 21 at the West Lafayette Public Library. Registration is available at each location and a complete schedule of workshops is available online at www.sycamorereview.com.

Graduate students in the master of fine arts creative writing

program instruct the workshops and participate in the editing process of the Sycamore Review, which is published twice a year. The students screen hundreds of submissions a year. The journal is affiliated with the College of Liberal Arts and the Department of English.

The Sycamore Review has an advisory board composed of Purdue faculty members David Blakesley, Marianne Boruch, Patricia Henley, Bich Minh Nguyen, Donald Platt, Porter Shreve, Sharon Solwitz and Patricia Sullivan. The graduate student staff has control over the content and managing of the journal.

Early Sycamore Review contributors included John Updike, Mary Oliver and Charles

Bukowski, and recent issues have featured interviews with novelists Charles Baxter and Nick Hornby. Poet Paul Muldoon selected Amy Gerstler's poem "Watch" — first published in Sycamore Review — for inclusion in "The Best American Poetry 2005."

"Beginning with the Winter/Spring 2006 issue, Sycamore Review started publishing in a striking eight-inch square format, distinguishing it from other magazines of its kind," Nevins said.

In that same issue, the staff launched the Wabash Prizes in Poetry and Fiction, which award a \$1,000 prize and have been judged by such well-known authors as Richard Bausch, Eavan Boland and Ellen Bryant Voigt.

Tiller honored with Order of the Griffin

Football head coach Joe Tiller received the Order of the Griffin on Sunday night in Naples, Fla., as part of President's Council Weekend.

The Order of the Griffin, one of the University's highest honors, is given to individuals



Tiller

whose commitment and service to the University go well beyond the call of duty, and whose strength and vision have greatly benefited the institution.

Tiller received the award from President France A. Córdoba, who was joined during the presentation by athletics director Morgan Burke and New Orleans Saints and former Purdue quarterback Drew Brees.

Córdoba praised Tiller's leadership as Purdue's coach for the past 12 years.

"There are many people who say that Joe Tiller not only changed the football fortunes of Purdue, he changed the way the game is played in the Big Ten and made it more exciting than ever for our students and fans," Córdoba said.

"Joe, your accomplishments are not only in football victories but in developing young men who go on to be leaders in their communities and our nation."

Past recipients of the Order of the Griffin have included Nobel Prize winner Herbert Brown, and astronauts Neil Armstrong and Gene Cernan.

Many finish apples to earn '07 incentive

Nearly 25 percent of Healthy Purdue 2007 participants completed their five apples to earn the \$250 (before taxes) incentive.

More than 9,000 people were eligible to pursue the incentive after they finished a wellness screening and the HealthPath Questionnaire.

Of those participants, 2,283 people, or 24.3 percent, completed their apples and received the incentive at the end of January. Forty-five percent of those eligible worked toward completing the incentive.

Of the apple options, coaching proved to be the most popular. Just more than 35 percent of participants choose to participate

HealthyPurdue

in either phone or mail-based coaching from StayWell.

Faculty and staff who took part accounted for nearly 65 percent of participants; spouses and same-sex domestic partners accounted for 27 percent.

The online tracking system for the apples is available at www.purdue.edu/healthypurdue by clicking on "Check My Apples." The system currently shows results from 2007.

Apples could be earned for Healthy Purdue 2008 as of Jan. 2. Participation for 2008 is being tracked, but will not be shown in

the system until March.

Get started

To get involved in Healthy Purdue 2008, faculty and staff must first get a wellness screening on campus or through their health care provider.

Information on campus screenings is available at the Healthy Purdue Web site, www.purdue.edu/healthypurdue.

The screening information will be used to complete the HealthPath Questionnaire, which can be obtained on the Web site or by calling (800) 926-5455.

The deadline for completing the screening and questionnaire is April 30.

Web sites focus on finances, retirement

Staff Benefits recommends these sites to employees seeking information and tools related to retirement and financial matters.

- IRS: www.irs.gov
- IRS Free File. Free tax preparation and filing for individuals who have combined income of less than \$54,000: <http://www.irs.gov/efile/article/0,,id=118986,00.html>
- Tax-deferred annuity vendors. Sites provide calculators and tools to help with financial planning. There are five companies in which to invest retirement savings through Purdue:
 - TIAA-CREF: www.tiaa-cref.org/purdue/
 - Lincoln: www.lfg.com

- Fidelity: www.fidelity.com
- AIG Valic: www.aigretirement.com
- American Century: www.americancentury.com/index2.jsp
- Public Employees' Retirement Fund. Employees covered by the PERF retirement plan can sign up for workshops, update personal account information and change investment options: www.ai.org/perf/
- U.S. Office of Personnel Management. Site for those who have civil service benefits: <https://www.opm.gov/index.asp>
- Social Security Administration. Calculate benefit; plan your retirement: www.ssa.gov

Notables

Kapp named United Way volunteer of year

Greg Kapp, executive assistant to the president, recently received the Volunteer of the Year award from United Way of Greater Lafayette.

The organization honored Kapp for his role in "transforming the way we invest campaign dollars in programs and services" in the community, according to Kate Walker of the United Way.

"It's the biggest award we give for individuals," Walker said.

Kapp helped organize and was chairman of the new Community Investment Committee. The committee, a combination of the previous allocation and planning committees, revamped the system by which agencies apply for funding.



Kapp

The Indiana Associations of United Ways will recognize Kapp in April at a statewide banquet with volunteer award winners from other areas, Walker said.

Kapp said, "Community investment are the key words. I was really floored when I found out (about the award)."

A United Way volunteer since 2002, Kapp has worked at Purdue since June 1993.

Purdue won an Award of Merit from United Way for Best Overall Campaigns of 500 and more employees. The Burton D. Morgan Center for Entrepreneurship in Discovery Park won a Leadership Award.

2 add leadership roles in College of Education

Marcia Gentry, associate professor of educational studies, has been appointed director of the Gifted Education Resource Institute.

Gentry is responsible for overseeing the institute's goals related to learning, engagement and research.

She has served as associate director of the institute since joining the Department of Educational Studies in 2004. Gentry is succeeding Sidney Moon, associate dean in the College of Education and GERI director from 1997 to 2007.

Ala Samarapungavan,

associate professor of educational psychology, has been appointed associate head of the department of educational studies.

Her initial appointment in the department was as a National Academy of Education/Spencer Postdoctoral Fellow in 1993. She has a national reputation in research related to knowledge acquisition in the sciences.

2 engineering professors elected to elite group

The National Academy of Engineering has elected two Purdue engineering professors into its society.

Kumares Sinha, the Edgar B. and Hedwig M. Olson Distinguished Professor of Civil Engineering, and Andrew M. Weiner, the Scifres Distinguished Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, are among the 65 new members and nine foreign associates elected this year.

"Election to membership in the National Academy of Engineering is one of the highest distinctions that can be bestowed on an engineer," said Leah Jamieson, Purdue's John A. Edwardson Dean of Engineering and a 2005 academy inductee. "Professor Sinha was elected for his contributions to the advancement of highway infrastructure engineering and management and to the education of transportation professionals worldwide.

"Professor Weiner was elected for his contributions to the development of femtosecond optical-pulse shaping technology."

Weiner's technology creates and controls ultrafast laser pulses for applications including advanced sensors, more powerful communications technologies and more precise laboratory instruments.

Purdue now has 21 current and retired faculty members of the academy.

New Golden Girl to enjoy one-semester run

Tierney Brown, a senior from Bloomington, Ind., is the 26th Golden Girl at Purdue, having been the Girl in Black since entering Purdue in 2004.

Brown took over the Golden Girl role when Meghan Lamontagne left Purdue to change her focus of study and be closer to her New Hampshire home.

An unforeseen scene



PHOTO PROVIDED BY PURDUE THEATRE

Louise (Dawn Glover) is wooed by the poet Versati (Ryan Pratt) in the Steve Martin adaptation of "The Underpants," a 1910 play by German playwright Carl Sternheim. Louise is a housewife whose underpants fall down as the King's parade passes, provoking the consternation of her husband, but attracting the attention of would-be suitors. Purdue Theatre will present the play Feb. 14-24 with evening performances at 7:30 p.m. and weekend matinees at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$17-\$10. For details, call 49-43933 or visit a campus box office.

Brown, a management major who will graduate in May, made her first appearance as Golden Girl at the women's basketball game Jan. 10 at Mackey Arena.

She performed that evening with Silver Twins Megan and Morgan VonDielingen, who also will graduate. Thus all four solo twirling positions will be open for fall 2008.

Auditions overseen by Purdue Bands are March 1.

Appointments

Richard Borgens, the Mari Hulman George Professor of Applied Neurology in the School of Veterinary Medicine, has been appointed honorary professor at Chongqing University in Chongqing, China. ... **Brenda Knebel** has been named director of admissions for the master's and executive programs at Krannert School of Management. ... **Gerritt VanderMeer**, a 1996 alumnus, is interim assistant director of Purdue Musical Organizations and interim director of the Purdue Varsity Glee Club,

succeeding Brian Breed, who retired Dec. 31. ... **Catharine Adair** is director of special events for Advancement, having been assistant director the past three years. ... **Jackie Butram** is administrative assistant for corporate relations in Advancement, having been secretary to the associate director of Sponsored Programs the past three years. ... **Brian Knoy** is director of development for the Weldon School of Biomedical Engineering, having been manager of development operations and director of leadership giving in the annual giving department. ... **Erin Bittenger** is director of development for the College of Liberal Arts, having been donor relations specialist for Ivy Tech Community College.

Honors

Sally Ann Hastings, associate professor of history, will receive a research grant for her work in "Gender and Japanese Politics: Women Legislators, 1946-74." ... **Lisa Lee Peterson**, professor of visual and performing arts, is

lecturing this spring on "Documenting a Living Tradition: Fieldwork and Analysis of the Technical Processes of Backstrap Loom-Woven Textiles" at the Balaa Xtee Guech Gulal Community Museum in Oaxaca, Mexico. ... **Bruce Harding**, professor of mechanical engineering technology, was elected to a three-year term on the American National Standards Institute's board of directors. ... **Kevin Taylor**, associate professor of electrical engineering technology at Purdue's College of Technology in Kokomo, has been selected for 2008-09 as chair-elect of the technology accreditation commission of ABET, formerly known as the Accreditation Board for Engineering Technology. ... **Mark Jackson**, associate professor of mechanical engineering technology, has published the first edited book on the commercialization of micro and nanotechnology products, published by Taylor and Francis/CRC Press. He is one of two editors of the book. ... **Dan Schendel**, the Blake Family Endowed Chair in Strategic Management, and his wife, Mary Lou, have been honored by the Strategic Management Society in San Diego. The group renamed its best paper award "The Dan and Mary Lou Schendel Best Paper Award" in recognition of their founding of and contributions to the society and its Strategic Management Journal. ... **Kwei Tang**, associate dean of Krannert programs and student services and professor of management, was named a fellow for the Decision Sciences Institute, a professional organization of academicians and practitioners interested in the application of quantitative and behavioral methods to the problems of society. ... **Randy Roberts**, distinguished professor of history, was featured on a History Channel "History in Focus" episode titled "Charlie Wilson's War," relating to the recent feature movie of that name. ... **Chris Pincock**, associate professor of philosophy, has received a National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship.

Awards

Brenda Coulson, director of human resources and cultural programming for University Residences, received Purdue's 2008 Dreamer Award on Jan. 21 during the Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration.



PHOTO BY MARK SIMONS

Construction continues on the new Patty Jischke Early Care and Education Center, located at the western edge of Purdue Village. The new \$3.1 million center is intended to complement the Ben and Maxine Miller Child Learning Center operated by the Department of Child Development and Family Studies.

Interest list available online for new child care center

Progress continues on schedule for the new Patty Jischke Early Care and Education Center, which is slated to open in late July or early August.

Purdue faculty, staff and students who would like to place their name on an interest list for the center can do so on a new Web site at www.purdue.edu/Childcare.

To get on the list, visitors to the site will click on "Center

Enrollment" on the left side of the page. They will then be prompted to complete an online form.

People on the interest list will receive new information on the center and notification of when official registration will occur.

The site also has answers to frequently asked questions about the center as well as information about Children's Choice, the site operator.

Cancer research, Science Bound get boost from \$2.5 million gift

A \$2.5 million deferred gift from a Purdue alumnus and his wife will help to arm researchers in the fight against cancer and also support the University's Science Bound program.

A \$2 million gift from Peter and Sally Kay of Cincinnati will create an endowed professorship in clinical cancer research. Another \$500,000 will support, through Science Bound, the University's mentorship and scholarships for students in Indianapolis Public Schools.

The gift was announced Sunday night (Feb. 10) at the President's Council Appreciation Dinner in Naples, Fla.

"Peter and Sally Kay's gift brings hope to people worldwide who live with cancer and to students who aspire to college," President France A. Córdoba said. "I am grateful for their gift, which will make it possible for Purdue to support a leading researcher in oncological science and support our Science Bound program."

Timothy Ratliff, director of the Purdue Cancer Center, said the gift will help Purdue move forward in its cancer research.

"To solve a complex, global problem like cancer, we need the best minds in clinical research working toward solutions that are cost-effective and adaptable for human trials," Ratliff said. "The Kays' gift will allow us to invest in one of our most important resources in the fight against cancer — our researchers."

Peter Kay, who earned his doctorate in chemistry from Purdue in 1966, said he and his wife believe in the cancer research under way at Purdue.

"We want to see an impact on society by transitioning research

into human clinical trials where it can bring hope and answers to cancer sufferers," he said. "This gift to Purdue is the best way we know to help."

The Kays served on the director's advisory board of the Purdue Cancer Center in 2003-05 and continue to advise the center on an informal basis. They are co-chairs of the Purdue President's Council, a group of more than 17,000 alumni and friends who financially support the University.

Peter Kay has retired from Strategic Management, a business consulting firm he founded in 1986, but continues to perform consultation work.

A fan of sports, especially crew, he founded and chaired the Purdue Crew Fund, and has both contributed to and helped raise funds for the Purdue Crew Club boathouse.

In addition to his leadership with the crew team, Peter Kay is a former president of the Purdue Alumni Foundation. He has held several advisory roles across the University, including membership on the Discovery Park Advisory Council, Science Dean's Advisory Council, President's Council Advisory Committee and the national steering committee for the University's \$1.7 billion Campaign for Purdue.

Sally Kay spent 36 years with the Dow Chemical Co. and Glaxo-SmithKline Consumer Healthcare.

The Kays have supported a number of projects at Purdue in the past, including Science Bound. They also have contributed to cancer research and to the construction of the Wayne T. and Mary T. Hockmeyer Hall, which will house the structural biology program upon its completion.

Córdoba's inauguration to have convocation

Event will emphasize concept of global university

Purdue's presidential inauguration events in April will feature leaders of academia and government from around the world in a convocation focusing on the concept of the global university.

C-SPAN President and CEO Brian Lamb, a Purdue alumnus, will moderate the convocation, which will be held 2:30-4:30 p.m. April 10 in Loeb Playhouse. At least seven panelists from four continents will form the discussion group.

A symposium of Purdue faculty also is being planned. It will be April 11 and discussion will be on selected interdisciplinary topics.

The inauguration ceremony will take place at 2 p.m. April 11 in Elliott Hall of Music.

"Purdue draws students and faculty from throughout the world," said President France A. Córdoba. "The University also has a strong tradition of research and engagement in other nations. In an era of global economics and communications, all universities are examining their roles. Purdue will use the occasion of this inaugural to engage some of the best minds in the world on these topics. This convocation will draw on a broad global talent base that will provide valuable insights for everyone in higher education."

Members of the panel to date include:

■ Jorge Allende, vice president for research and development,

University of Chile.

■ Robert Berdahl, president of the Association of American Universities.

■ Zhangliang Chen, vice governor, Guangxi Province, and former president of the China Agricultural University.

■ José Antonio de la Peña, president of the Mathematical Union of Latin America and the Caribbean, Institute of Mathematics, National Autonomous University of Mexico.

■ Nina V. Fedoroff, science and technology adviser to the U.S. secretary of state.

■ Maurilio Alves Moreira, dean of research and graduate studies, Federal University of Vicosa, Brazil.

■ Sigmar Wittig, rector emeritus, University of Karlsruhe; chair emeritus, European Space Agency; and professor of turbomachinery, University of Karlsruhe, Germany.

Córdoba was selected in May as the 11th president of Purdue. She took office in July, after having served as chancellor of University of California, Riverside, since 2002. She previously served at the University of California at Santa Barbara, where she had been vice chancellor for research and a professor of physics. Before that, she was the first woman and youngest person to hold the position of NASA chief scientist, working on projects that included the Hubble Space Telescope.

President elected to SAIC board of directors

SAIC Inc. announced last week that Purdue President France A. Córdoba has been elected as a member of the SAIC board of directors effective Feb. 21. She will serve on the Compensation Committee and the Ethics and Corporate Responsibility Committee.

"I am honored by this opportunity to work with a company that plays an important role in our nation's security," Córdoba said. "I hope my experience as a staff member and adviser to federal laboratories, as well as my advocacy for the role of higher education in informing all aspects of public policy, will serve the SAIC board well."

Ken Dahlberg, SAIC chairman

and chief executive officer, said, "Dr. Córdoba's record of achievement as a scientist and academic leader makes her an outstanding addition to our board. We look forward to her contributions."

SAIC is a leading provider of scientific, engineering, systems integration and technical services and solutions to all branches of the U.S. military, agencies of the Department of Defense, the intelligence community, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and other U.S. Government civil agencies, as well as to customers in selected commercial markets. SAIC had annual revenues of \$8.3 billion for its fiscal year ended Jan. 31, 2007.

Spring Fling 2008 to offer day of food and fun

Spring Fling 2008, the annual appreciation event for faculty and staff, is scheduled for May 21 in and around the Recreational Sports Center.

Faculty, staff, retirees and graduate student staff are invited to join in the activities, which will begin at 11:30 a.m.

The day of food and fun will include many traditional favorites: lunch (with a vegetarian option), fitness walk, classic vehicle show, and free play activities at the RSC.

In addition, sand volleyball will return, and there will yard games such as corn hole, hillbilly golf, washers and horse shoes. Registration for volleyball and yard games will be the day of the event.

Golf also is on the activity list. Tee times will be available at the Ackerman Hills course only.

Registration forms for events that require advance registration will be mailed to faculty and staff in late March.

The activity list this year also includes a chance to donate blood at the Indiana Bloodmobile, which will be parked outside the RSC, and an opportunity to contribute to the Food Finders Food Bank. Also, the Lafayette Fun Squares will offer square dancing — you can watch or dance along.

The face-off trivia contest also will return.

Watch the mail in March and April for more information about all the Spring Fling activities.

How to volunteer

Faculty and staff are encouraged to volunteer for an hour or so during Spring Fling 2008.

Opportunities for volunteering include helping in the food line, helping serve popcorn, and assisting with setup

and/or cleanup.

Those who volunteer for Spring Fling get additional chances to win door prizes, which include gift cards and merchandise.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities, call Carrie Hanson at 49-47397.

Honoring heritage. Celebrating diversity.

Join Purdue faculty, students, and alumni in exploring black culture and history.

"Pouring Tea: Black Gay Men of the South Tell Their Tales" — E. Patrick Johnson

Monday, February 18
7:00 p.m., Carole and Gordon Mallett Theatre in Yue-Kong Pao Hall of Visual and Performing Arts, Purdue University

This one-man show featuring E. Patrick Johnson is based on oral histories from black gay men. Show topics include coming of age in the South, religion, sex, transgenderism, love stories, and coming out. Johnson embodies a range of characters.

"Diversity Without Division: Building an Inclusive Campus" — Keith O. Boykin

Tuesday, February 26
7:00 p.m., Fowler Hall in Stewart Center, Purdue University

Keith O. Boykin is a host of the BET show *My Two Cents*, a *New York Times* bestselling author of three books, and a regular commentator on CNN. He is noted for his perspective on race, sexuality, and politics.

Sponsored by the Black Cultural Center at Purdue, these campus events are free and open to the public.

For more information, visit www.purdue.edu/bcc.

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Items of Special Interest to Clerical and Service Staff

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

Service Anniversaries

January

30 years: Teresa Maria Brown, libraries; Rebecca Clement, Purdue Village; Tim Johnson, building services; Gary Ogden, grounds.

25 years: Connie Houston, calendar office; Rebecca McCormick, development office; Deidra Pitman, liberal arts counseling and student services; Cynthia Robertson, alumni association; Sharon Stokes, university residences directors office; Steven Titolo, mechanical engineering; Jonathan Wiggins, operations and maintenance; Robert Willis, mechanical engineering.

20 years: Gary Cooley, building services, Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne; Sandra Cornell, Hawkins Hall; Craig Flynn, operations and maintenance; Rebecca Jarvis, building services, Purdue Calumet; Denice Johnson, continuing and distance education; Richard Oglesby, building services; Judith Kay Stotler, biochemistry; Judith Tennyson, financial aid; Robert Whitus, building services.

10 years: Elizabeth Brooks, veterinary medicine; Gloria Kahlust, office of director of business managers; David Ket, HTM food service; Robin King, bursar's office; Darlene Nelson, technology, Purdue North Central; Bruce Polstra, recreational sports; Barnet Stetler, HTM food service; Elisheba Van Winkle, graduate school administration; Michael Wheeler, safety and security, Purdue North Central.



30 years: Teresa Brown, information processing systems operator, Purdue University Libraries.



30 years: Rebecca Clement, service maintenance worker, Purdue Village.



25 years: Connie Houston, clerk, university calendar office.



25 years: Deidra Pitman, secretary, liberal arts counseling and student services.

CSSAC grant applications due March 1

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

The grants help recipients attend classes at Purdue.

Guidelines and requirements for applying for the grants are available at the CSSAC Web site: www.purdue.edu/cssac.

In addition, the Web site includes samples of a recommendation letter and goal statement, both requirements for applying for employee grants.

To apply for either one of the grants, fill out an application (available in the Jan. 29 issue of *Inside Purdue* or on the CSSAC Web site) and mail it along with required documents through campus mail to Danielle Sheese, CSSAC Grants Chair, OSS/RHPH.

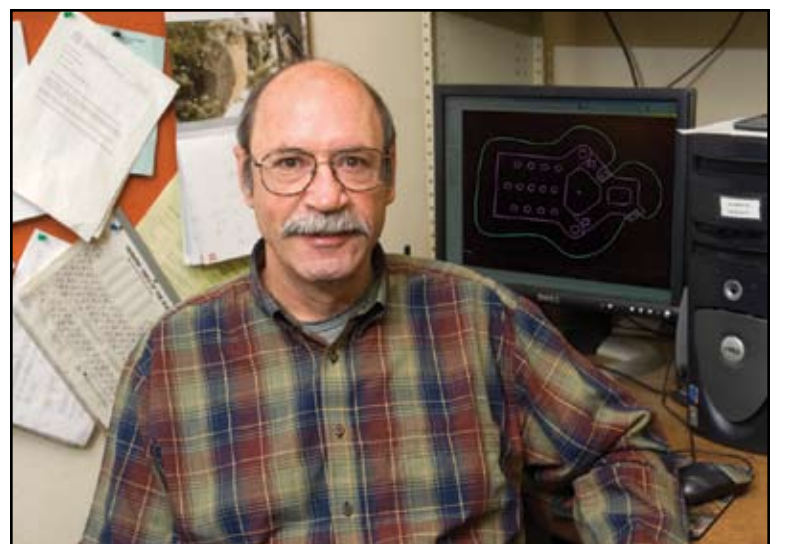
The deadline for applying for grants is March 1.

For more information, 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.



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25 years: Jonathan Wiggins, electronics technician, operations and maintenance.



25 years: Robert Willis, machinist, mechanical engineering.

Rec Sports tour to Texas furthers vision for renovation planning

Staff, students learn what went into impressive recent facilities

A recent staff and student visit to five Texas universities added to Purdue's sense for what a campus recreational hub can be, says the director of recreational sports.

Howard Taylor, the director, says, "What stood out was the nature of recreation and the range of things that it encompasses. For our students, it was a great opportunity to catch a vision for the impact a modern recreational facility can have."

Opinion favoring major improvements to the Recreational Sports Center on the West Lafayette campus — a longstanding wish of many — has broadened since Taylor's arrival in March 2005.

He has tapped into student interest through surveys, advisory groups and images of facilities at other universities. Many go far beyond barbells, treadmills and basketball courts.

Eight students visited campuses with Taylor; Mitch Nettesheim, RSC associate director of facilities and operations; and Christopher Marks, contract manager in Physical Facilities' Engineering, Utilities and Construction section.

The group visited Texas-Austin, Texas A&M in College Station, Texas State in San Marcos, Texas-San Antonio and the University of Houston.

Kelly McMains, president pro tem of Purdue Student Government and chair of its 2-year-old ad hoc committee on the Co-Rec, made the trip.

"The features that we thought were the most interesting were the student community oriented features like classrooms for organization meetings, grills for cookouts, massage clinics, personal trainers available for appointments, and leisure pools in addition to a more open feeling with a natural light design incorporated in the buildings," she says.

Modern amenities and open spaces are universal themes, Taylor says, including outdoor pools that are anything but rectangular. Purdue will consider building a pool for leisure recreation indoors, as Midwest universities such as Illinois, Missouri, Kent State and Ohio State have done.

Most of the Texas facilities on the itinerary are quite recent, and generally they

feature rock climbing walls in a visually impressive central location, Taylor says.

Taylor says the trip, in early December, also furnished much information about operational factors. For example, in planning a pool with sections and elevated features such as slides or waterfalls, it's important to maintain lines of sight for lifeguards. There are numerous modern design issues that can be learned by visiting other facilities.

His collection of photos from the trip includes not only pools, indoor tracks and weightlifting areas, but lockers, fire alarms, stairs, instructional signs, motivational posters, gathering spaces, flooring, equipment shops, kitchens and bathrooms.

He is working on sustainability factors. The project will meet as many as possible of the "green" criteria of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design



Taylor

program, he says. But like research laboratories, it has special factors that make full LEED approval for buildings in general difficult.

"For example, intense activity increases the need for 'turnover' of the air in a room," Taylor says. "It's best to have the system be adaptable to changes in usage."

"But some steps are available. Natural lighting decreases the need to run artificial lighting. Sensors can turn off lights when no movement occurs in an area."

Other sustainability issues include the durability of materials and appeal of design features.

Taylor also has added insights from Texas into his assessment of how much Purdue should aim to build if finances allow.

A common experience of universities, he says, has been a boom in interest once a new, versatile, more spacious facility opens.

"It's hard to get at the number who have chosen not to come to the [university's old] facility because of its lack of space," Taylor says. "My colleagues at other universities say it's often more than you imagine."



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY DIVISION OF RECREATIONAL SPORTS

This Purdue group traveled with Howard Taylor, director of recreational sports, to this facility at the University of Houston and four other Texas campuses in December. They saw how facilities put features together, talked with students and staff, and collected information on nuts and bolts issues for the next steps in planning a renovation and expansion of the Recreational Sports Center. Purdue staff members on the tour were Taylor; Mitch Nettesheim (front left), associate director of facilities and operations at RSC; and Chris Marks (far right), contract manager in Physical Facilities' Engineering, Utilities and Construction.

Students in the group are affiliated with Purdue Student Government or its ad hoc committee on the initiative. From left: Kelly McMains, PSG president pro tem and committee chair; Jonathan Sandhu, academic affairs chair; Amy McManama, PSG vice president; Jill Steiner, student trustee; Melissa Markofski, Purdue Graduate Student Government treasurer; Kim Chapman, student affairs chair; Nathan Welch; and Levi Cowser. More about Purdue's effort is at www.purdue.edu/recsports.

Taylor's surveys and imagination-stimulating "recreation solution" for Purdue presentation also have incorporated knowledge from a leading consulting firm, Brailsford and Dunlavey. The firm will be important in determining the optimal scope of the project, he says.

Several newer centers elsewhere have one or two large exterior walls that are not load-bearing and can give way easily to further expansion.

The overall aim is to develop an inviting space for a wide variety of health and recreation activities, fun and social gatherings. By using windows and open spaces, the center invites spectators and visitors to try new activities and get involved. Recreational centers are providing multi-

purpose rooms and refreshment areas that make them important to their campuses as gathering places and centers for campus community

The project has not reached official design status, but administrators and students are working hard to identify the most appropriate concepts to begin to solve the long overdue issues of aging recreational facilities.

President France A. Córdoba is voicing her support for it as an element in student experience, within the new strategic plan.

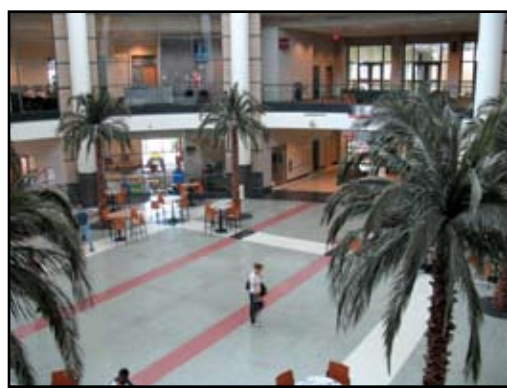
McMains gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Board of Trustees in December. The PSG Senate has passed a resolution and is seeking statements of support from student organizations.

Taylor is working to make the most of this support.

"We're continuing our information gathering, putting together concepts that will meet the program goals," he says. "We identify a range of goals, work out their costs and look at what can realistically be achieved."

"If we can't afford all of it, we look at ways to make 90 percent of it work, and so on."

"This all has to be looked at in terms of the new Strategic Plan. So we'll see where that's going, and we'll give everyone the best information we can."



LEFT: The atrium of the upscale recreation center at the University of Houston is designed as more than an entrance. It is a place to meet, to share a healthy beverage in the cafe area, or even to have an academic or organizational reception or other event. Like newer buildings at Purdue, it features vertical space and natural light. RIGHT: A weightlifting area at the University of Texas at San Antonio also emphasizes natural light, which saves on electricity. Many recreational centers are using open, multi-level spaces.



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Purdue's 2007 highlights captured on video

The 53rd edition of the Purdue Newsreel, a video collection of University highlights from 2007, is now available.

The 17-minute program, produced by the Broadcast Services unit of the Office of University Relations, can be viewed online or is available at the John W. Hicks Undergraduate Library. The video also can be purchased from the Purdue Alumni Association.

The video, "A Year of Celebrations," is sponsored by the Alumni Association and Office of the President. It is shown to Purdue alumni clubs around the world.

The 2007 newsreel is narrated by 1989 Purdue graduate Kathy Bruni, a production assistant in Purdue Convocations. The program was produced and directed by Ray Cubberley, director of broadcast services in university relations.

The program can be viewed on the Purdue News Service Web site at <http://news.uns.purdue.edu/> or on YouTube at <http://youtube.com/purdue>.

A DVD or VHS tape of the newsreel can be purchased for \$19.95, plus \$3 for shipping and handling, from the Purdue Alumni Association, Dick and Sandy Dauch Alumni Center, Attn: Nicki Reas, 403 Wood St.,

West Lafayette, IN 47907-2007; telephone 49-45175.

Burger up! 'Rube' teams aiming for job well done

How many ways are there to make a hamburger? Purdue students will beef up the complexity of the task Feb. 23 trying to win the regional Rube Goldberg Machine Contest.

The 26th annual event, which caps National Engineers Week at Purdue, will start at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 23 at the Purdue Armory. Doors will open at 9:30 a.m.

The winner will move on to the April 5 national competition, which also will be at Purdue.

The contest, sponsored by Phi Chapter of Theta Tau fraternity, is free and open to the public.

For this year's competition, the task is to assemble a hamburger consisting of no less than one precooked meat patty, two vegetables and two condiments, sandwiched between two bun halves — and do so by machine in an illogically complicated way.

The family-oriented event, like the machines, goes beyond the basics. A high school 'Rube' competition begins at 2 p.m.

"We will also have food vendors on site, so families can turn this into an entire day of fun," says Ben Parsons, Theta Tau's regional contest chairman.

More than 1,500 people attended last year's regional contest.

Purdue's Society of Professional Engineers is three-time defending regional champion. Last year SPE squeezed and poured orange juice in 134 steps.

Other National Engineers Week events open to the public:

■ A blood drive sponsored by the Purdue Engineering Student Council. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 19. Neil Armstrong Hall.

■ Boiler Engineering Dash — bed race featuring teams of five students each. 7-8 p.m. Feb. 20. Purdue Armory.

■ School of Engineering Education open house. 1-4 p.m. Feb. 22. Neil Armstrong Hall.

Accessible hardware, software serves students with disabilities

The demand for more accessible learning services for students with special needs is on the rise on Purdue's West Lafayette campus.

This trend is not because the number of students who qualify for these services has increased, says David Schwarte, manager of ITaP's Adaptive Learning Programs lab.

"Actually, the number of students we have helped every year since I joined ALPs in 1995 has been about 700 to 800," Schwarte says. "What has changed is greater awareness among students, faculty, and staff of what assistive services we offer and the training we conduct on adaptive software and other tools.

"Students are coming to the lab because they see others with disabilities enjoying better mobility and independence with the tools we now have available. Increasing students' independence is one of our essential goals. A degree from Purdue is valuable, so they must earn their degrees independently. I just help these students help themselves."

Services available

ALPs, a unit of ITaP's Teaching and Learning Technologies, offers help to students, faculty, and staff. Its consulting assists instructors in creating learning



PHOTO BY MARK SIMONS

Dean Brusnighan (left) uses a keyboard designed to assist the visually impaired as David Schwarte reads a sheet of braille last week in the lab for Adaptive Learning Programs, Room 111, Stewart Center. Both men are assistive technology specialists for ALPs, a part of ITaP's Teaching and Learning Technologies unit.

materials that are accessible to all students, especially with computers and technology. Schwarte offers one-on-one software training for faculty by appointment. He also conducts personal evaluations of students to assess their technology needs for all their courses.

For those who are visually impaired, ALPs has many software programs, such as JAWS for Win-

dows, a screen reader, and Zoom Text Magnifier, used for screen enlargement. Naturally Speaking, a voice recognition software, and Kurzweil 1000 and 3000, a text-to-speech software, help students who are primarily auditory learners or visually impaired. Because ITaP has a campus-wide license for Kurzweil 3000, it is available in all ITaP instructional computing labs.

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President's online chat to reach out to alumni

President France A. Córdova will speak from Westwood to a global audience at 8 p.m. Feb. 19 using streaming video on the Internet.

Billed as an "alumni party," the 15-minute talk will be used to address submitted questions and talk with a group of students and alumni invited to be at the president's home.

The chat will be at www.purdue.edu/alumniparty.

Hiroshima survivor to speak at observance

Sachiko Masuoka, who survived the Hiroshima bombing, will talk at Purdue's Hiroshima-Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Exhibition.

Masuoka, of Chicago, will talk at 1 p.m. Feb. 23 in Room 200, Wetherill Laboratory, along with Yuki Miyamoto, associate professor of religious studies at DePaul University.

The exhibition includes displays, hands-on origami and a film. More is at <http://tell.fll.purdue.edu/hiroshima/>.

Remind students of strategic plan forum

Purdue students will have a chance to contribute ideas for the university's next strategic plan at an open forum Wednesday.

The forum will take place at 5-6:30 p.m. Feb. 13 in the North Ballroom, Purdue Memorial Union.

Students will be able to speak with representatives of working groups from four focal areas: Quality of Life in the Workplace; Student Success and the Student Experience; Synergies Between Science/Engineering and Liberal

Arts, and Attracting Students to Careers in the STEM (science, technology, engineering and match) Disciplines.

Comments and feedback also can be given through a blog at www.purdue.edu/strategic_plan/comments/.

Students who cannot attend a forum and do not want to comment online can send input to Rabintra Mukerjea, Room 200, HOVD.

Chinese culture course being offered by institute

The Confucius Institute at Purdue and Purdue Continuing Education will offer a non-credit course in Chinese culture this spring.

The course, A Glimpse of China, will cover selected topics on the Chinese civilization, geographic, historical, and aesthetic components of Chinese culture and the contemporary life of the Chinese people.

Classes, which are limited to 15 participants, will take place at 7-9 p.m. on five Wednesdays, March 19 to April 16, in Stanley Coulter Hall, Room 114. The course fee is \$95 and includes course materials. Lectures will be in English. Registration is at <https://www.continuing.purdue.edu/chinese/>.

Cherokee leader to give kickoff for Project Respect

Wilma Mankiller, the first principal female chief of the Cherokee Nation, will speak Feb. 19 about the role of positive thinking and women's leadership in the 21st century.

The lecture, which begins at 7:30 p.m. in Loeb Playhouse, Stewart Center, is free and open to the public. It is the feature

event of Project Respect, an annual series designed to increase awareness of diversity.

This year's Project Respect is scheduled for Feb. 18 through March 7. Events are described at www.purdue.edu/projectrespect.

Mankiller was born in Oklahoma, but grew up in San Francisco, where she became involved in Native American issues. In 1977, she returned to Oklahoma and worked for the Cherokee Nation.

In 1983, Mankiller was elected deputy chief of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma. She was principal chief from 1985 to 1995. The nation then had an enrolled population of more than 156,000, an annual budget of \$75 million and more than 1,200 employees over 7,000 square miles.

Police offering course in self-defense for women

A Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) System course is being offered by the Purdue Police Department in February.

The course is free and is offered at the Police Department Conference Room, 205 South Martin Jischke Drive (TERY), from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. on the following dates:

- Friday, Feb. 22.
- Monday, Feb. 25.
- Wednesday, Feb. 27.

The program is a 12-hour self-defense system course designed primarily for women. Participants must be 12 years of age or older. Attendance at all sessions is required for successful completion of this course.

More about the course is at www.purdue.edu/police/programs/types/rad.htm.

For more information or to register, send e-mail to sasheppard@purdue.edu.

"The vast majority of Purdue students with disabilities, however, have been diagnosed with attention deficit disorder (ADD or ADHD) or another learning disability," Schwarte says. In such cases, he meets with the student — and the instructor, if available — to evaluate needs and determine what assistive technology is appropriate.

To review all that ALPs offers, call the lab at 49-44387 or browse to www.itap.purdue.edu/tlt/idc/alps/index.cfm/.

Competitive climate

Today, many high school students with disabilities and their parents check out the assistive technology and disabled student services programs when they tour prospective universities. With all that the Americans with Disabilities Act requires of educational institutions, Purdue is finding more ways to help students with all kinds of disabilities, whether they be physical, cognitive, visual, or auditory.

Dean Brusnighan, assistive technology specialist who works with Schwarte, says, "Students with disabilities today have so many more options in choosing universities. Each institution complies with the ADA, but they also have individual policies that create strengths in providing certain services. Because those policies vary, students are active consumers in deciding which campus offers them the best situation for their particular needs."

With the increase in students seeking services, Schwarte had

less and less time to attend to overarching institutional needs, such as keeping software up-to-date and consulting with Purdue's human resources department on technology for an employee with disabilities.

To remedy the time shortage, Brusnighan transferred last fall from Adaptive Programs in the Office of the Dean of Students. He now works directly with Schwarte, primarily to handle the administrative duties that the University and the federal government require.

"Our focus is to localize this national law (ADA) and apply it to our Purdue population," Brusnighan says. "By centralizing the technology needs for all persons with disabilities on campus, we are more efficient."

One of Brusnighan's current projects is finalizing a Web accessibility policy, which will define standards that Purdue's Web developers follow to ensure that individuals with disabilities have access to the Web and the Internet.

This policy includes such guidelines as using text equivalents for images, headers for data tables, and descriptive frame titles that facilitate navigation. The policy also recommends that designers avoid screen-flicker rates that may cause an individual to have a seizure.

Information on creating accessible Web sites is available at the Purdue Universal Access Initiative's Web site at www.purdue.edu/odos_xtra/puai/index.html.

Earl Butz, ag leader, dies

Earl Butz, former U.S. secretary of agriculture and former Purdue dean of agriculture, died Feb. 2 in Washington, D.C. He was 98 years old.

"Butz served Purdue well as a respected faculty member, department head and dean," said Randy Woodson, the Glenn W. Sample Dean of Agriculture. "He was a tireless advocate for agriculture, and his efforts helped bring Purdue Agriculture into international prominence."



Butz

Of the many roles he had in life, it was teaching that he most enjoyed, according to his comments in a Purdue "Connections" article.

Wally Tyner, former agricultural economics department head, remembers Butz as a friend and mentor.

"He always knew how to provide encouragement, and he thanked people for a job well done," Tyner said.

Butz earned a bachelor's degree in agriculture from Purdue in 1932. As a senior, he was editor of the Purdue Exponent. In 1937, he earned the first doctoral degree in agricultural economics awarded at Purdue.

Butz joined the staff in the Department of Agricultural Economics in 1937. He served as head of the department from 1946 to 1954. Butz was made dean of Purdue Agriculture in

1957 and served until 1967. He was dean of continuing education and vice president of the Purdue Research Foundation from 1968 to 1971.

In his U.S. governmental posts, Butz was assistant secretary of agriculture from 1954 to 1957 under President Dwight Eisenhower. He was secretary of agriculture from 1971 to 1976 under presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford.

Later he traveled the world as a lecturer and consultant. In 1999, Butz donated \$1 million to the Department of Agricultural Economics.

Butz, a native of Albion, Ind., married Mary Emma Powell, from North Carolina, in 1937. They met in 1930 at the National 4-H Camp in Washington, D.C. She died in July 1995.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Federated Church, 2400 Sycamore Lane, West Lafayette, IN 47906 or to the Earl Butz scholarship fund at Purdue Agriculture Development, 715 West State St., West Lafayette, IN 47907 or PFEN.

Deaths

Zilla M. Capper, 78, died Jan. 24 in Lafayette. She worked as a typist at Purdue for 10 years. Memorials: Indiana Veterans' Home Community Services.

David R. Ransom, 84, died Jan. 23 in West Lafayette. He was a professor of English for 30 years.