

Big Ten Network, Comcast reach deal

The Big Ten Network has reached an agreement with Comcast cable in which Comcast will carry BTN programming across television, broadband and video-on-demand in time for the 2008 college football season.

The agreement was announced June 19.

Beginning Aug. 15, Comcast will include the network as part of its expanded basic level of service in the majority of the states with Big Ten universities, including Indiana.

In spring 2009, Comcast may elect to move the network to a broadly distributed digital level of service in most of its systems in these states.

More about the Big Ten Network can be found online at www.bigtennetwork.com/. To find out when Purdue programming is being broadcast on the Big Ten Network, go to www.purduesports.com and click on the Big Ten Network button.

Concerts plus meals being offered by Union

Four distinct experiences await those who attend Purdue Memorial Union's free guest concerts with dinner option by PMU restaurants on Wednesdays in July.

The programs, which are open to the public, are:

■ July 9: Music, Michael Kelsey (acoustic). Dinner, Flatbreads.

■ July 16: Music, WT Feaster Band (blues). Dinner, Urban Market.

■ July 23: Music, Baaro (reggae). Dinner, Lemongrass.

■ July 30: Music, PMG, rock. Dinner, La Salsa.

Each week, the concert is free and will run 6:30-8 p.m.

Before that, starting at 5:30 p.m., a dinner will be available at \$11 for adults; free for children under 10. Meal tickets are sold only at the event.

More about the series and the Union's restaurants is at www.union.purdue.edu.

Strategic plan officially launches with board's OK

The Board of Trustees on Friday adopted a six-year strategic plan to position the University to meet the challenges facing humanity, grow and create opportunities for Indiana and the global economy, and enhance student learning for success in a changing world.

"Throughout the years, Purdue has improved the quality of life within Indiana, the nation and the world through its high-quality programs," said board chairman J. Timothy McGinley. "This transformative process will continue with the 'New Synergies' strategic plan."

President France A. Córdova said: "The concept of synergy, or connections, is the hallmark of the 2008-14 strategic plan. Our

students, faculty and staff face a present and a future in which the problems they attempt to solve and the subjects they investigate are global in scope and require knowledge, expertise and commitment from all disciplines. The challenges we face require not only technical solutions from the sciences and engineering but also the social awareness and cultural competencies fostered in the liberal arts.

"Through its new strategic plan, Purdue will set the pace for interdisciplinary synergies that serve citizens of Indiana, the nation and worldwide with profound scientific, technological, social and humanitarian impact on advancing societal prosperity

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and quality of life."

The development of the strategic plan began in fall 2007. Working groups composed of faculty, staff, students, community members and Purdue retirees focused on eight key areas: student success and the student experience, large-scale research and its infrastructure, economic development, quality of life in the workplace, globalization, campus design, synergies among the disciplines, and attracting students to careers in the STEM disciplines (science, technology, engineering

and mathematics).

Each working group sought input through electronic media, public forums, focus groups and interviews.

"When I envisioned the process to draft Purdue's next strategic plan, I wanted to ensure that its foundation would be constructed with input from all constituents, both within and external to Purdue," Córdova said. "I believe that our faculty, staff, students, alumni and community members understand our strengths and can best identify our opportunities for improvement. The 'New Synergies' strategic plan is not the

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Marching to a happy tempo in Beijing

Jay Gephart, director of the "All-American" Marching Band and Purdue Bands, exchanges gifts with the director of the Beijing Union University Band on May 30 during the marching band's trip to Beijing. The Chinese director received a Purdue band uniform. Gephart received a doll of Huanhuan, one of five Olympic-colors mascots known as Fuwa. In this pre-Olympic arts celebration, Purdue also performed in a school and at the Great Wall. Other photos and accounts are at www.purdue.edu/bands.



PHOTO BY BRENT RUSSELL FOR PURDUE BANDS

VP for research coming from NSF, U. of Illinois

Richard Buckius, a National Science Foundation administrator, will be Purdue's next vice president for research, President France A. Córdova announced in May.

Buckius will start his Purdue duties this summer or early in the fall semester after completing his appointment at NSF. He will succeed Charles Rutledge, who is retiring after leading Purdue's research programs since 2002.

Buckius, also a professor of mechanical engineering at the University of Illinois, is assistant director of NSF's Directorate of Engineering. As such he has a key role in the agenda for and oversight of a \$600 million engineering research and education budget.

Purdue's vice president for research is charged with assisting faculty and staff in their research efforts and leads research administration and oversight, research development and proposal preparation, funding opportunities, and private sector partnerships.

"Richard is an eminent

scholar and a nationally admired and respected administrator," Córdova said. "He was selected after a rigorous national search. He brings dynamic leadership to



Buckius

Purdue's research initiatives.

"I am very pleased that Richard has joined the Purdue family, and I am grateful to our provost, Randy Woodson, and the search committee he led."

As vice president for research, Buckius will report to Córdova and be responsible for more than \$420 million in projects (for fiscal year 2005-06, the latest year for which figures are available), including sponsored programs funded by federal grants, industry, foundations, state and local governments, and private sources.

Before taking his NSF role in 2005, Buckius was head of the University of Illinois' Department of Mechanical and Industrial

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Engineering in 1998-2004, the Richard W. Kritzer Professor in 1992-97 and associate vice chancellor for research in 1988-91.

"Purdue is poised to build on its legacy as a top research institution," Buckius said. "I look forward to leading the University's substantial research efforts and to working with the world-class scholars on the faculty."

Buckius received doctoral, master's and bachelor's degrees in mechanical engineering from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1975, 1973 and 1972, respectively.

Buckius' research contributions include his work to advance the fundamental knowledge in thermal sciences, specifically in the areas of radiation heat transfer, convective transport and combustion.

His appointment was ratified Friday by the Board of Trustees.

Statewide bio alliance proposed

Indiana and Purdue universities plan a joint request for the state to create a broad-based alliance for research, industry, service and education in the life sciences.

The universities would lead the Indiana Innovation Alliance, aiming to build on the state's strengths in health-related enterprises.

The proposal, announced Thursday, will seek \$35 million for each year in the 2009-11 biennium. Of that, \$5 million each year would help the IU School of Medicine's plan for a 30 percent enrollment increase to avert an expected shortage of physicians, and to expand programs at its eight regional centers.

Research focuses of the alliance would encompass medical and health-related fields, pharmaceuticals, bioenergy and biofuels, nanotechnology, health care delivery and the environment.

Public health will be a major aspect of the alliance. Indiana public health ranks among the lowest of the 50 states, a statistic that is costly to businesses and a drain on economic development.

Nationally, prospects for jobs and economic growth in health and life science disciplines are strong, and Indiana leaders have been devising collaborative ways to capitalize on existing strengths for several years. The new alliance would be a larger, more comprehensive step.

"We have the tools we need," President France A. Córdova said. "The strengths of Purdue and IU in the sciences, engineering, business and the medically related disciplines are formidable. If we concentrate those strengths on building the state's economy, the

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4 professorships ratified in sciences, engineering; total now 157

The Board of Trustees on Friday honored four faculty members with distinguished and named professorships and ratified the appointments of the vice president for research at West Lafayette and the vice chancellor for academic affairs at the Calumet campus.

Trustees also approved an Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne management agreement and resolutions of appreciation to two retiring vice presidents.

The appointments bring the University's total of named and distinguished professors to 157.

"The strength of Purdue is defined by the strength of our faculty," said Provost Randy Woodson. "I am very proud to add these outstanding faculty to our growing list of named and distinguished professors, as they represent the best and brightest of Purdue. They have risen to the top of their fields and bring tremendous recognition to Purdue through their teaching and scholarship."

■ Stanton Gelvin was appointed the H. Edwin Umbarger Distinguished Professor of Biological Sciences.

Gelvin's research focuses on how a soil bacterium, *Agrobac-*

terium tumefaciens, genetically engineers plants. Many genetically engineered crop plants with desirable traits, such as disease resistance, herbicide tolerance and enhanced nutritional value, were generated using *Agrobacterium*. Gelvin conducts basic science research on the mechanism by which this bacterium transfers DNA to plants and works with agricultural biotechnology companies to improve the genetic engineering of crops, including those important to Indiana's economy.

Gelvin, who joined the Purdue faculty in 1981, is an associate editor on the editorial board for *Plant Methods* and is on the Biotechnology Research and Development Corp. scientific advisory board. He was a National Science Foundation Presidential Young Investigator, a Herbert Newby McCoy recipient and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology.

■ Scott McLuckey was appointed the John A. Leighty Distinguished Professor of Chemistry.

McLuckey joined the Purdue faculty in 2000 and is a professor of analytical chemistry.

His research group is focusing



Gelvin



McLuckey



Murthy



Shin

on new developments in mass spectrometry instrumentation that will change the way complex biological mixtures are analyzed. Areas of interest include the rapid identification and characterization of proteins, DNA and RNA in complex mixtures.

He has received a number of awards, including the 2008 Herbert Newby McCoy Award and the Anachem Award presented by the National Federation of Analytical Chemistry and Spectroscopy Societies.

■ Jayathi Murthy was appointed the Robert V. Adams Professor of Mechanical Engineering.

Murthy's research interests include computational fluid dynamics and heat transfer; finite volume methods and unstructured mesh techniques; numerical methods for radiative transport; reduced order modeling; nu-

merical methods for multiphase flows; heat and mass transfer in micromanufacturing; microscale heat transfer; electronics cooling; and applications in aerospace, automotive, glass and chemical-process industries.

■ Yung Shin was named the Donald A. and Nancy C. Roach Professor of Advanced Manufacturing.

Shin, who joined the Purdue faculty in 1990, is a professor of mechanical engineering and director of the Center for Laser-based Manufacturing. Shin's research interests include laser-based manufacturing, intelligent and adaptive control, intelligent manufacturing systems, advanced machining processes, intelligent monitoring and diagnostics, and digital machining systems.

He received the Blackall Machine Tool and Gage Award from

the American Society of Mechanical Engineers in 2007.

Trustees approved the previously announced appointment of Richard Buckius as the new vice president for research.

They also ratified the appointment of Ralph Rogers Jr. as the vice chancellor for academic affairs and professor of mechanical engineering with tenure at Purdue University Calumet. Rogers will start in his new position July 1.

Trustees also passed resolutions of appreciation to Joseph Bennett, vice president for university relations, and Terry Strueh, vice president for governmental relations, and granted both administrators emeritus status.

Bennett was scheduled to retire June 30 but has agreed to stay on while the University searches for his replacement. Strueh, who retired June 15, was the University's chief liaison with state and federal officials.

Also, trustees voted to approve the Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne management and academic mission agreement, which runs for five years. Indiana University trustees are considering the same agreement at their June meeting.

Trustees OK biennial budget outline

The Board of Trustees on Friday approved the broad concepts and initial projections for submitting the University's biennial operating budget request to the state for the years 2009-11.

Operating appropriations are requested to increase by \$14.30 million, or 3.9 percent, in fiscal year 2010 and \$350,000, or 0.1 percent, for fiscal year 2011. These increases exclude inflationary costs on current services.

Final budget numbers will be sent to the Commission for Higher Education by its Aug. 1 due date, and trustees will review and approve the detailed budget request in September's meeting.

"Purdue's budget plan reflects our commitment to provide the best education possible to our students and initiatives to enhance our research opportunities for students and faculty and to continue as a key partner in the state's economic development," President France A. Córdoba said.

The West Lafayette campus is requesting \$9.46 million in fiscal year 2010 for research support adjustments, which were first appropriated by the Indiana General Assembly in 2003 and are meant to make state research universities more competitive with other institutions in receiving sponsored research grants.

Each Purdue regional campus is requesting funding for growth in Hoosier resident student enrollments, called base adjustments, based on \$3,500 for each additional full-time equivalent student. The Calumet campus would receive \$355,000, Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne's increase would be \$1.37 million and North Central's would be \$695,000. The West Lafayette campus is considered a "mature" campus in terms of enrollment and, as such, isn't eligible for additional funding for increased student enrollment.

Another base adjustment provides incremental funding for changes in degrees conferred. Degree change is an incentive from the state for the number of students from Indiana receiving a Purdue degree. The state funding provides \$4,000 per student for the increase in degrees conferred. Purdue is requesting \$1.14 million in degree conferral funding for fiscal year 2010, which includes \$60,000 for its Calumet campus, \$605,000 for IPFW and \$475,000 for North Central.

An adjustment for "on-time" degrees — an incentive for graduating students in four years — is funded at \$5,000 per student. Purdue's request is for \$655,000 total: \$415,000 at West Lafayette, \$70,000 at Calumet, \$40,000 at IPFW and \$130,000 at North Central.

The state also provides funding for the annual debt service on bonds issued to build academic and research facilities.

In debt service funding, Purdue is requesting \$638,582 for the West Lafayette campus, \$78,034 for Calumet, \$643,210 for IPFW and \$33,335 for North Central in fiscal year 2010. In fiscal year 2011, Purdue is requesting \$5,075,580 for West Lafayette, \$2,218,065 for Calumet, \$487,477 for IPFW and \$1,983,200 for North Central.

Purdue also is requesting state funding to provide additional faculty positions, infrastructure and student support services in the expanded statewide technology program. The program, driven largely by employer input, is in transition from providing only associate degrees to offering bachelor's degrees at 10 locations throughout Indiana.

"The addition of the College of Technology's bachelor degree program statewide will play a significant role in assisting Indiana economic development," Córdoba

said. "It is a unique program that will enhance the quality of the work force needed for today's high-tech world."

A recurring additional allocation of \$630,000 for fiscal year 2010 and \$350,000 for 2011 is requested for the statewide technology programs. Purdue also is requesting a one-time allocation of \$676,000 for 2010 and \$275,000 in 2011 for equipment and networks to support the statewide technology program.

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education and the state's budget agency have asked that no maintenance and price increases be included in the budget request. These increases include inflationary cost funding such line items as salaries, medical insurance, supplies and inflationary increases. The commission will provide a recommendation for these costs this fall. Therefore, Purdue's needs for the increased costs of doing business at the current level are not reflected in the conceptual budget request approved by the trustees.

In a separate action, Trustees also approved a request for a recommended biennial operating budget for the Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory. The approved request includes additional funding to restore staffing levels. The \$287,000 restoration funding request will be transmitted to the Indiana State Board of Animal Health, and the board will submit the official request to the State Budget Agency for consideration by the 2009 General Assembly.

The Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory diagnoses diseases in livestock, poultry, companion animals and wildlife. It also performs tests required by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Indiana Board of Health and for countries receiving exported animals or animal products.

Alliance – Building on strength

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world will notice, and the end result will be a stronger economy, better jobs for Hoosiers and healthier people."

The boards of trustees at both universities, in their individual meetings Thursday and Friday, approved the alliance concept. Administrators at both universities plan to bring a detailed proposal to trustees at their September meetings.

The alliance would focus strongly on applications that create or grow companies in the state. It also would heighten Purdue and IU's sharing of research, facilities and grants.

Other expected outcomes from the alliance include:

■ Increased funding for research and development, bringing

new funds into Indiana.

■ Attracting and retaining academic and commercial researchers, innovators and entrepreneurs.

■ Increasing the number of health care professionals statewide.

■ Reducing the rate of health care spending growth by companies and organizations.

IU President Michael A. McRobbie said: "This is a unique and unprecedented concept that harnesses all the strengths of Indiana's two major research universities and directs their efforts in a coordinated way toward the state's key educational and economic development goals. It means we will be able to marshal the resources and capacity we need to be competitive with the nation's top tier of life science research centers."

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What makes sense to the senses: Volunteers help lab test food ideas

The power to influence what shows up on supermarket shelves is within the Purdue community's grasp at the Sensory Evaluation Laboratory.

Part of the Department of Food Science, the Sensory Evaluation Laboratory sets up tests for food companies to find out what the average consumer thinks about a product.

"We used to call it taste testing, but when you taste you use more than taste buds," says Steve Smith, manager of the Pilot Lab. "You use all the senses. Your sense of smell is a very important part of taste. If the food doesn't look good, you're probably not going



PHOTOS BY MARK SIMONS

Undergraduate food science major Josh Current bakes a brownie mix using a variety of sugar substitutes in preparation of a test at the Sensory Evaluation Laboratory, part of the Department of Food Science.

to eat it. You even use your ears. If you bite down on lettuce, you want it to have that nice crunch to it."

Some tests compare one product against another, some look at the addition of a new ingredient and others analyze whether a new product will be viable in the marketplace. The lab has worked with companies such as Nestlé, Campbell's and Mrs. Fields to test everything from soups to ice cream to trail mix.

One of the most frequent clients is Kroger, which sponsored the lab. The lab opened in the Food Science Building in 1998.

"These companies come to our lab because when they do sensory evaluation work in-house, it becomes a little bit inbred," Smith says. "They become overly sensitive to really small variations. But the real question they're trying to answer is, will the average consumer be able to tell the difference."

Tests generally call for 100 participants and are open to Purdue employees and students. Smith sends an e-mail alert about each test, and he currently has about 500 people on the notification list.

"Sometimes we have to go around and recruit people in the hallways," Smith says. "We like to get a wider range of people so we don't have the same group all the time."

The lab is divided into two areas — the preparation room and the panelist room. In the former,

How to participate

To receive e-mail notification about tests going on at the Sensory Evaluation Laboratory, contact Steve Smith at smithrs@purdue.edu.

students run the test and prep the food samples as well as prepare a report to send to the food company on the same day.

Smith sums up the design of the panelist room with one word: bland. But that's simply part of the room's function — to eliminate all distractions so the focus stays on the food.

"The design really utilizes some psychological things," he says. "Each participant has a

private tasting area so that the person won't be affected by others in the group. It's a quiet space, and it also needs to have the proper lighting. There aren't any paintings or bright colors to draw your attention."

Ventilation is controlled to keep odors from the food preparation room from transferring to the panelists, who receive their samples through small doors that go up and down at the front of each booth.

During a recent test of a new chicken quesadilla Hot Pocket sandwich, participants received two samples to compare. They were asked for their opinions on the flavor and texture of the cheese, sauce and chicken as well as which sample they preferred. Participants also were asked ques-



Jill Blume, enology specialist in the Department of Food Science, prepares to start the brownie test.

tions about themselves and their purchasing habits.

The panelists received a treat for completing the evaluation. On that day, the reward was candy, but fruit and yogurt are also given out frequently.

Barbara Davies, secretary in the Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering, tried out the Hot Pockets.

"I thought they were good," she says. "Hot Pockets always seem to be a popular item at the lab."

Davies has participated in the tests for almost three years and enjoys rounding up new participants.

"I thought it sounded interesting, and I love the idea of giving them my input," she says. "Being a participant helps the lab, and it's fun to do. I've tried things over there I wouldn't have tried on my own. All around it's a good experience."



Several product testers try types of brownies in the Sensory Evaluation Laboratory and record their responses by following instructions on computer screens.

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administration's plan. It is the entire University community's plan, made possible by the hard work and input of our many stakeholders."

Three major goals form the plan's foundation:

- Launching tomorrow's leaders by enhancing student success with careers in a dynamic global society as well as fostering intellectual, professional and personal development for life-long learning.

- Promoting discovery with delivery by conducting field-defining research with breakthrough outcomes and catalyzing research-based economic development and entrepreneurship.

- Meeting global challenges by enhancing Purdue's presence and impact in addressing grand challenges of humanity.

"Achieving this exciting new vision for Purdue will require setting key priorities that emphasize our commitment to attracting the best talent, increasing diversity and inclusiveness, and enhancing the quality of our academic programs and student services across the entire University community," Provost William R. "Randy" Woodson said.

Key priorities are student success, faculty/staff development and work-life, research competitiveness, economic development and entrepreneurship, national/global presence, campus design.

A sampling of the objectives for fulfilling priorities includes:

- Developing universitywide core curriculum.

- Promoting faculty for significant national awards and honors.

- Implementing staff development programs and a campus-wide system for staff promotion.

- Achieving competitive compensation for faculty and staff.

- Implementing a new campus master plan in concert with campus and local communities.

- Establishing signature programs abroad; become national role model for global partnerships with impact.

"Funding requirements for the key priorities will be assessed and refined annually, and specific allocations will be clearly shown in the University's budget plans each year," said Morgan R. Olsen, executive vice president and treasurer.

Purdue also will examine the return on these investments through the metrics and benchmarks established by the plan. The metrics will monitor the plan's progress within the University, and the benchmarks will assess progress and competitiveness compared with peer institutions.

Each college and school, as well as other academic and non-academic units, will develop a strategic plan using "New Synergies" as an overall framework. The plans will delineate strategies to improve national and international competitiveness.

Purdue's regional campuses are drafting strategic plans to present to the board for action at its September meeting.

The 2008-14 strategic plan is available at www.purdue.edu/strategic_plan/2008-2014.

Board OKs Rec Sports, other facilities plans

The Board of Trustees on Friday approved planning for a \$98 million renovation and expansion of the Recreational Sports Center, the 51-year-old fitness facility on the West Lafayette campus.

The move was one of several building-related actions by the board and one of its committees.

The renovation and expansion of the Recreational Sports Center will enhance exercise space devoted to cardiovascular fitness, weight training, jogging, walking and group exercise. Racquetball courts, gyms and other facilities, including locker rooms, common space and dining areas, will be improved.

Thomas Robinson, vice president for student services, said that when the center was built in 1957, it was the first university building in the nation created solely to serve students' recreational needs.

"Purdue remains committed to our students' health, fitness and overall well-being," Robinson said. "Reinvesting in the center will allow us to improve the quality of the center's programming and increase space per student."

The trustees authorized an estimated \$6.5 million design contract with architects Moody Nolan Inc. of Indianapolis. The recreation center project will be funded with \$3 million in gifts, and the remainder will come from bond proceeds to be repaid with a student fee assessment.

The proposed fee for students has yet to be determined but will not be collected until after students are being served by building improvements. The funding plan

will go to the 2009 Indiana General Assembly for approval.

At Purdue Calumet, construction of a \$28.9 million emerging technologies building will create a home for several centers, institutes and affiliated laboratories, including biological sciences.

The new building also will house the schools of Education and Nursing, currently in the Gyte Annex. The trustees approved contracting Schmidt Associates of Indianapolis to design the building, which will be funded by fee replacement bond proceeds. The majority of that funding will need to be approved by the legislature in 2009.

The third phase of the Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne student housing complex will add up to 448 beds.

"Additional on-campus housing will increase the diversity and vitality of student life on campus," said Chancellor Michael Wartell. "It also will help the University attract and retain high-caliber students."

The \$38 million project may also provide new commons facilities, a service and maintenance building, open recreation space, access drives, and additional parking. The expansion, scheduled to be complete by fall 2010, will be funded by student facilities system revenue bond proceeds.

On Thursday, the trustees' Physical Facilities Committee approved awarding a \$6 million design/build contract to Indianapolis-based Pepper Construction Co. of Indiana to replace the facade on the east and west sides

of Young Hall. Joseph Mikesell, interim vice president for physical facilities, said the design/build process allows a single firm to both design and build a project, saving time and money.

"All previous attempts to fix the facade's chronic leaking problems have had only temporary impact," Mikesell said.

Construction, to begin in July and be complete by next March, will be funded by repair and rehabilitation bond proceeds.

"Repair and rehabilitation bonds were an innovative new approach authorized in 2005 by the Indiana General Assembly, providing an important tool to address Purdue's substantial deferred repairs backlog," said Morgan R. Olsen, Purdue executive vice president and treasurer. "These bonds will be repaid primarily with the proceeds from a student repair and rehabilitation fee approved by the Board of Trustees for this purpose."

The committee also:

- Approved renovation of the third floor of the Krannert Building to house the Steve A. Webster Undergraduate Programs Office. The \$3.5 million project will be funded with gifts.

- Approved renovation of the Hillenbrand Hall Dining Court. The \$3.2 million cost will be paid from University Residences repair and rehabilitation funds.

- Approved planning for a new data center power feed at Calumet to support high-performance computing. The \$3.6 million project is funded by a federal grant.



PHOTO BY MARK SIMONS

Kelly Thomas, account clerk in Discovery Park, tosses a gold bag during the new cornhole tournament at Spring Fling on May 21. The game was on the field east across Martin Jischke Drive from the Recreational Sports Center.

Spring Fling shines bright

Several thousand faculty, staff, and retirees enjoyed Spring Fling, the annual appreciation event held this year on May 21.

Entertainment, including a trivia contest, a new lunch menu, yard games and various activities kept faculty, staff and retirees engaged throughout the afternoon, enjoying the sun, the fitness walk, the vehicle show, and bingo, among other events.

More than 1,093 enjoyed the Fitness Walk and received a medal featuring Neil Armstrong Hall of Engineering.

The Birck Boilermaker Golf Complex hosted 154 golfers.

Twenty-five vehicles were on display: 17 cars, 3 trucks, 3 motorcycles and 1 special interest vehicle.

Twenty-four teams took part in the Boilermaker Trivia Contest.

Carrie Hanson, employee group services consultant in Human Resource Services and chair of Spring Fling 2008, offers thanks to all of the individuals who volunteered to help make Spring Fling possible.

Thanks go to:

- All participants in the volleyball and lawn game tournaments, golf, the vehicle show, trivia contest, and the fitness walk.

- Staff from Tarkington Hall and Meredith Hall who prepared the food.

- Staff from Hillenbrand Hall and University Residences storekeepers who assisted in setup.

- Staff from Food Stores who delivered the food.

- Staff from the Athletic Dining Room at Cary Quadrangle who coordinated the distribution of soda and popcorn.

- Staff from Meredith Hall who coordinated the carryout from Meredith Hall.

- Staff from Hillenbrand Hall who set up the tents.

- All staff and retirees who volunteered to serve food, soda, popcorn, and ice cream. Also those who volunteered to help set up and tear down.

- Recreational Sports Center staff who helped set up and tear down, and kept the facility running smoothly.

- Staff from the University Residences Directors Office who coordinated the staff who volunteered.

- Physical Facilities grounds staff who handled trash and recycling equipment, delivered and picked up tables and chairs, and delivered sign standards.

- Physical Facilities staff from

Materials Management Distribution who provided helium to fill the balloons.

- Physical Facilities staff who handled electrical needs.

- Physical Facilities Zone 2 for the loan of the zone cab.

- Members of the Purdue University Retirees Association (PURA) who sponsored the food drive.

- Staff, retirees, and members of the Wabash Wanderers who helped with the fitness walk.

- Clerical and Service Staff Advisory Committee members who distributed cups.

- Administrative and Professional Staff Advisory Committee members who coordinated bingo.

- Areas and departments that donated prizes for bingo: IT Networks & Security, Cooperative Extension Services, Office of the University Architect, Food Sciences, University Residences Directors' Office, School of Veterinary Medicine, Purdue Memorial Union, Electrical & Computer Engineering, and College of Liberal Arts.

- Thanks also to everyone who was able to donate blood and/or food this year.

- All members of the Spring Fling coordinating committee: Sally Baugues, University Residences Directors Office; Emily Branson, libraries; Marsha Griner, Cary Quadrangle; Zella Hatfield, Meredith Residence Hall; Erik Kurdelak, Harrison Residence Hall; Melissa Markofski, graduate staff; Lisa McCloud, Human Resource Services; Mitch Nettesheim, Recreational Sports Center; Larry Ogborn, Purdue University Retirees Association; Ann Pickett, University Residences Directors Office; Tish Powell, Meredith Residence Hall; Steven Putt, Human Resource Services; Julie Rosa, University Periodicals; Pat Russell, Human Resource Services; Lenny Seidel, Purdue Memorial Union; Amber Simons, Human Resource Services; Kay Vierk, University Collections Office; Lois Wark, Purdue University Retirees Association; Sharon Williams, Human Resource Services.

Spring Fling winners

Several faculty and staff were winners in the annual Spring Fling door prize drawings.

A list of prizes and winners of the prizes will be posted online at www.purdue.edu/hr/springfling.

In addition, there were winners in the classic vehicle show and in the volleyball and lawn game tournaments.

Lechtenberg again fills interim role, this time in government relations

Victor Lechtenberg, vice provost for engagement, has assumed additional duties as vice president for government relations, President France A. Córdoba announced June 16.

Lechtenberg will serve while the University conducts a national search for a successor to Terry Strueh, who has retired. Strueh had led Purdue's governmental initiatives for nine years.

Rabindra Mukerjea, director of strategic planning and assessment, is chairing the search committee.

As interim vice president for government relations, Lechtenberg will coordinate relationships and communication with the Indiana congressional delegation and the legislative and executive branches of Indiana state government. He also will be the University's chief liaison with state and federal officials.

A search advisory committee announced in May consists of Mukerjea and:

- Pamela Horne, dean of admissions and assistant vice president for enrollment management.

- William R. "Randy" Woodson, provost.

- Morgan R. Olsen, executive vice president and treasurer.

- Joseph Hornett, senior vice president, treasurer and COO of the Purdue Research Foundation.

- Leah Jamieson, the John A. Edwardson Dean of Engineering.

- Larry DeBoer, agricultural economist in the College of Agriculture.

Agriculture dean search being chaired by Reed

Willie Reed, dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine, is heading the search for a new dean of Purdue Agriculture.

Reed is leading a 17-member

committee charged with finding a successor to William R. "Randy" Woodson, the former Glenn W. Sample Dean of Agriculture and now Purdue's provost.

"Because we have a close and complementary relationship with the College of Agriculture, I'm very pleased to be asked to lead the effort to find its new dean," Reed said.

The dean of Purdue Agriculture oversees the College of Agriculture, Purdue Extension, the state's Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory and other statewide entities.

Woodson said the target is to name a new dean before the end of the year. Jay Akridge, the James and Lois Ackerman Professor of Agricultural Economics and director of the Center for Food and Agricultural Business, is serving as interim dean.

Others on the search committee include:

- Layi Adeola, professor of animal sciences.

- John Baugh, director of Agricultural Services and Regulations.

- James Forney, professor of biochemistry.

- Gary Geswein, president, Agricultural Alumni Association.

- Catherine Hill, associate professor of entomology.

- Matthew Holt, professor of agricultural economics.

- Jess Lowenberg-DeBoer, associate dean and director of International Programs in Agriculture.

- Jim Luzar, county Extension director and agricultural and natural resources educator, Purdue Extension, Montgomery County.

- Dinah McClure, communications specialist, Office of the Dean of Agriculture.

- Tesfaye Mengiste, associate professor of botany and plant pathology.

- Angus Murphy, professor of horticulture and landscape architecture.

- Suzanne Nielsen, professor and head of the Department of Food Science.

- Kathryn Orvis, associate professor in youth development and agricultural education.

- Linda Prokopy, assistant professor of forestry and natural resources.

- Jenna Rickus, associate professor of agricultural and biological engineering.

- Mitch Tuinstra, Wickersham Chair of Excellence in Agricultural Research in the Department of Agronomy.

Education dean search to extend into fall

Purdue Provost William R. "Randy" Woodson announced in May that the search for a new dean of the College of Education has been extended.

Woodson said he has asked the search advisory committee to work during the summer to bring candidates to campus in the fall semester.

The search committee, which began its work in fall 2007, brought four finalists to campus for open forums in April.

"We had a number of excellent candidates in many ways, and I hold each of those individuals in high regard," Woodson said. "At this point, however, we feel that no one candidate provided the right fit."

Kevin Kelly, who has served as head of Purdue's Department of Educational Studies since 2002, is serving as interim dean of the College of Education.

The search committee, which is chaired by Dennis Depew, dean of the College of Technology, is searching for a successor to George Hynd.

Resuming job order contracts expedites projects

Job order contracting (JOC), a procurement method for small-to medium-size construction projects, has returned to Purdue after an eight-year budget-induced absence.

The process generates speed by letting the steps of project design and cost proposal development occur simultaneously with one contractor.

"Our goal with JOC is to get projects in construction in less than 90 days," says Owen Cooks, director of project management in the Office of the University Architect. "Equivalent projects that are sent to bid can take up to six months to reach the construction phase. Project development is 50 percent faster with JOC."

Bid projects typically are designed in-house or by an architecture and engineering firm, after which contractors analyze costs and develop bids.

The Office of the University Architect took bids for JOC status, and two firms are in that arrangement and thus on call for projects deemed suited to the JOC approach.

The JOC contractors are Olsen Construction & Manage-

Choice of method

Job order contracting is one option for construction projects managed by the Office of the University Architect, along with in-house construction and capital bid projects.

ment and Centennial Contractors Enterprises Inc.

JOC is best suited for small to medium repair, new construction, and renovation valued at less than \$750,000, Cooks says. It works particularly well for Repair & Rehabilitation (R&R) projects, such as mechanical equipment upgrades and lab or classroom renovations, because of their well-defined scope.

The contractors are bound by a term contract of 12 months or \$4 million, whichever comes first. When the limit of the contract is reached, it can be renewed up to four times.

This term contract relationship is one of the benefits of JOC, Cooks says. Contractors are motivated to work faster and more efficiently in order to reach

the \$4 million limit before the 12 months are up.

Cooks says, "It is important to remember that JOC is a partnering relationship. When non-JOC projects are bid, the lowest bidder wins the project. They might only perform that one project and not be back. With JOC, not only is the contractor motivated by the financial terms of the contract, they have made a commitment to the University and want to continue to receive projects."

JOC was chosen to complete the electrical upgrade and rehabilitation of a wind tunnel at the Aerospace Science Laboratory for John Sullivan, professor of aeronautics. Using JOC will enable the project to be completed this summer. The renovation of a lab in the Heine Pharmacy Building will be another JOC project.

About 30 JOC projects are in the planning phase right now with a total value of several million dollars.

Purdue was using JOC before the State of Indiana stopped funding R&R during 2000-01. Resumed funding this year has created a base of R&R projects on which to apply JOC.

APSAC welcomes members, plans fall events

The Administrative and Professional Staff Advisory Committee recognized outgoing members and newcomers at its luncheon and meeting in May, and heard about plans for analysis of Purdue's benefits package and retirement plans at its June meeting.

During the May 14 luncheon, President France A. Córdoba thanked the 10 outgoing members for their service, and each received a small gift.

The members who completed their terms are Barb Austin, Kristie Bishop, Juan Casas, Jeff Gunsher, Maureen Huffer, Dan Leaird, Sarah Merchant, Steven Putt, Rebecca Richardson and Mike Budzik.

New members were welcomed at the luncheon and the meeting. Their terms began June 1.

Incoming members and their areas of representation are:

■ Susan Byers — primary representative for Fort Wayne campus.

■ Terri Chance — primary representative for Calumet campus.

■ Marsha Freeland — College of Engineering.

■ Bonnie Fox — College of Science.

■ Leslie Fuller — primary representative for North Central campus.

■ Michelle Gilhooly — secondary representative for Calumet campus.

■ Kathy Heath — Intercollegiate Athletics, Senior Vice President for Advancement, Dean of the Graduate School, Vice President for Human Relations, Vice President for Research, Vice President for Governmental Relations.

■ Nick Howell — Vice President for Business Services, Internal Audit, Executive Vice President and Treasurer.

■ Sally Luzader — College of Consumer and Family Sciences, School of Management.

■ Mollie Penneck — Intercollegiate Athletics, Senior Vice President for Advancement, Dean of the Graduate School, Vice President for Human Relations, Vice President for Research, Vice President for Governmental Relations.

■ Linda Rose — Office of the President and areas reporting directly to the provost.

■ Mark Sobers — College of Agriculture, Cooperative Extension Services.

■ Janice Whisler — secondary representative for North Central campus.

■ Ed Wiercioch — College of Liberal Arts, College of Education.

■ Christina Wilson — College of Agriculture, Cooperative Extension Services.

Officers for 2008-09 are Leonard Seidel, chair, and Cherry Delaney, vice chair.

Also in May, APSAC discussed planning a meeting with the Clerical and Service Staff Advisory Committee for this fall. Budzik said joint efforts between the committees could benefit both groups and their constituents.

At its June 11 meeting, John Beelke, director of Human Resource Services, discussed plans for analyzing Purdue's benefits package and retirement plans.

A consulting firm will be hired to compare the University's benefits with those of its peers and to offer suggestions for improvement. Beelke said the results of the benefits comparison will be shared with APSAC, the Fac-

ulty Compensation and Benefits Committee and CSSAC.

APSAC also is involved in the evaluation of retirement plans. Beelke said that in the future Purdue might add investment opportunities through TIAA-CREF or bring in an additional vendor.

Also on June 11, APSAC approved a letter to be sent with CSSAC to President France A. Córdoba. The letter calls for keeping the cash incentives of the Healthy Purdue program.

APSAC confirmed the selection of Colts chaplain Ken Johnson as the speaker for this fall's Richard A. Hadley Lecture. The lecture will be from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Oct. 14 in Loeb Playhouse, Stewart Center.

The event ties into APSAC's 20th anniversary celebration, which has the theme of "Be Your Own Best Champion." To celebrate the anniversary, APSAC will hold a Self Improvement Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 21 in the ballrooms of Purdue Memorial Union.

The fair will showcase the programs and opportunities available to Purdue employees to improve the quality of their lives.

Latin American, Latino studies minor begins

Purdue University's College of Liberal Arts will begin offering a new program and an undergraduate minor in Latin American and Latino studies.

The 15-credit hour minor will require the "Introduction to Latin American and Latino Studies" course.

Students also are required to demonstrate advanced oral and written proficiency in Spanish or Portuguese.

New study abroad and scholarly exchange opportunities in Latin America and the Caribbean will be available.

The program grew out of the work of Purdue's Council on Latin American and Latino Studies. The proposal was coordinated by Adriela Fernandez, associate dean for academic programs in the College of Liberal Arts.

It is housed in the college's Office of Interdisciplinary Studies but designed for students and scholars across the University and community, Fernandez says.

University Residences honored by retirees

University Residences recently won the 2008 Arthur G. Hansen Recognition Award for its relationship with its retirees.

The award, sponsored by the Purdue University Retirees Association and the Office of the President, was presented June 4 at the University's annual retirement banquet in Purdue Memorial Union.

University Residences received a trophy to be displayed in the department and will be listed on a plaque in the corridor of Purdue Memorial Union. The award also includes \$2,500, funded by TIAA-CREF, that can be used to help strengthen the department's ties to its retirees.

The award is named for former Purdue President Arthur Hansen, Purdue's eighth president, who established the retirees' association in 1976. The award is given annually to a Purdue school, department, office or division that cultivates and maintains meaningful relationships with its retirees.

Some activities that foster the continuing involvement of retirees include inviting them to help with student organizations, encouraging them to assist with alumni contacts, including them in e-mail distributions with general departmental information, and inviting them to attend social events.

"Long after active employment with Purdue ends, the retirees continue to contribute in very meaningful ways to the University," says Scott Rumble, PURA president. "We encourage departments to value the many contributions retirees make and salute the departments that provide opportunities for interaction and demonstrate appreciation for retirees' involvement."

University Residences was nominated by retired staff members Lanny Wilson and Marilyn Yoder.

They wrote: "After retiring from Purdue University, one of the things we missed was the longtime friendships that had

been established over the years with colleagues, including those who had retired."

Although University Residences always included retirees in newsletter mailings to keep them updated on campus happenings, there was still a void, the nominators said.

A meeting in the fall of 2006 helped change that. A committee was formed to include four current University Residences staff members and three retirees. That committee was charged with putting together a plan on how to reconnect with retirees.

The first official event was a luncheon in June 2007 in Hillebrand Hall to which all UR retirees were invited. More than 40, plus their guests, attended the event.

Another luncheon was held in October 2007 at Ford Dining Court and more than 30 attended, along with their guests.

At both events, retirees were able to connect with old friends and colleagues as well as learn



PHOTO BY MARK SIMONS

Barb Frazee, director of University Residences, accepts the 2008 Arthur G. Hansen Recognition Award for her unit. Morgan R. Olsen (left), executive vice president and treasurer, and Scott Rumble of the award-giving Purdue University Retirees Association participated in the presentation at the annual retirement banquet.

about the current events in University Residences.

UR also invites retirees to holiday parties, retirement receptions, open houses, and tours of new and renovated facilities.

"It is always fun to get to see former co-workers and retirees to re-establish those fond bonds that once existed," Wilson and Yoder wrote. "All in attendance have a wonderful time."

Retirements of 2007-08 saluted as years of achievement, loyalty recognized

More than 150 individuals who retired from Purdue since July 1, 2007, or who will retire by June 30, were honored June 4 at the University's annual retirement banquet.

Those who were honored, by department:

Advancement: Carolyn Gery, Hanna Moore, Karen Stitsworth, Michael Stitsworth, Lila White, Elizabeth Witherspoon.

Agriculture: Yinglin Bai, Andrew Boston, Elaine Chase, Jane Darkis, Sandra Dittle, Judith Hauser, Linda Jeckaman, Mark Hermodson, Jerome Hobough, Dorothy Keeton, Melborn Lang, Phyllis Jockard, William Lorton, Jeri McIntyre, John Moser, George Parker, Ruby Pearson,

Nancy Radabaugh, Otto Schmidt, Gregory Shaner, David Steen, Huide Zhang.

Alumni Association: Anita Douthit, Darleen Johnson.

Business Services: Paula Adams, Brenton Bowditch, Kay Branson, Herman Buchanan, Gail Carlton, Marsha Castello, Robert Cornell, Ramona Haley, Barbara Paddock, Daniel Wantz, Judith Winship.

Consumer and Family Sciences: Jane Arnold, Myrna Cochran, Holly Schrank, John Schroeder, Geraldine Smith.

Engineering: Marian Delp, Christine Kitterman, Janine Reklaitis, Werner Soedel, Charyl Waller.

Governmental Relations: Terry Strueh.

Housing and Food Services: Shirley Bossung, Carolyn Brissey, Brenda Butcher, Yaning Chen, Steve Eberly, Mary Hoagland, Judith Johnson, Julia Lewis, Carol Mason, Margaret McDermott, Margo Reiss, Donna Reynolds, Sharon Smith, Verna Sturgill, Luella Tully, Donna Ubelhor.

Information Technology: Helen Green, Donald Kidder, Kay Scott, Karen Slater, Richard Spear, Ginger Walkup, Nancy Youchnas.

Intercollegiate Athletics: Mark Beck, Earl Brose, Carla Coffin, Fred Klemm, Leah Marion.

Liberal Arts: Glenda Crippen, Harvey Marshall, Gaye Matthews, Colleen Stump, Huiqu Yin.

Libraries: Lucy Allen, Mary Brown, Carolyn Dexter, Robert

Kramer-Baker.

Management: Herbert Moskowitz, Elizabeth Myers, Adelia Sorge.

Office of the Provost: Winifred Walter.

Physical Facilities: James Albregts, Miles Biery, Scott Condrey, David Fritz, Michael Grenat, Jane Hadley, John Harvey, Hiromi Jones, Donna Kemper, Wayne Kjonaas, Michael McClure, Lester Mitchell, William Morris, Mark Nethercutt, Richard Oglesby, Janet Peeler, Larry Switzer, Thelma Taylor, Russell Vandervate, Merna Webb, Terry Whitworth, Ricky Zinn.

Purdue Research Foundation: Barbara McKinney.

Research: Marilyn Hines, Charles Rutledge.

Science: Michael Bourgeois, Adam Bujak, Ellen Butz, Cloria Collins, David Elmore, Yanan Jiang, Fred Lytle, Joyce Lytle, Dale Margerum, Marlena Thomas.

Student Services: Ann Allen, Phillip Howard, Dianne Mork, Nancy Oliver, Mary Remster, Elizabeth Smithka-Johnson, Sandra Taylor.

Technology: Russell Aubrey, Gary Eiff, Ned Derhammer, Frederick Emshousen, Roland Guay, Larry Hoffman, Michael Holcombe, Michael Menefee, Allen Oberlander, James O'Neal, William Ross.

University Relations: Joseph Bennett.

Veterinary Medicine: Sharon Albregts, Patricia Scott.

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Items of Special Interest to Clerical and Service Staff

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

Marks elected CSSAC vice chair

Matt Marks was elected vice chair of the Clerical and Service Staff Advisory Committee for the 2008-2009 session.

Members elected Marks, operations and maintenance, at their May 13 meeting. Two members who were nominated at the April 8 meeting withdrew, leaving one other nominee, Alan Farrester, grounds. The vice chair succeeds to the chair position the following year.

Gary Carter is the current chair of the committee. The current vice chair, Maggie Grogan, will succeed him. New officers take office in September.

On June 10, CSSAC members visited Purdue North Central for their annual visit to a regional campus. Members heard from Mike Ramian, senior admissions counselor, who provided a brief overview of the campus. In addition, Judy Jacobi gave an art tour of the campus.

At the June 10 business meeting, the group approved a proposal to add emeritus members. Emeritus members would be outgoing members who would have an advisory role and no vote. There can be up to three emeritus members who will serve one-year terms.

The emeritus members would provide mentorship and be a resource of knowledge and history, particularly for new members.

Also on June 10, the group approved a letter to be sent jointly with the Administrative and Professional Staff Advisory Committee to President France A. Córdoba. The letter calls for keeping the cash incentives of the Healthy Purdue program.

CSSAC members also discussed questions and discussion items for President Córdoba's scheduled visit to CSSAC's July meeting.

ServiceAnniversaries

40 years: Vonda Dowell, chemistry.

35 years: Gary Delp, building services; Karen Fields, libraries.

30 years: Denise Heath, agricultural and biological engineering; Susan Keller, Hillenbrand Hall; Bonnie Misner, electrical and computer engineering; Victoria Moellman, libraries; Tammy Muthig, computer sciences.

25 years: Patrick Nee, general stories operations, Calumet; Sue

Ann Phebus, sponsored program services; Donna Reynolds, Purdue Memorial Union; Terry Lee Shoaf, printing services; Brenda Watts, electrical and computer engineering.

20 years: Janice Flora, education administration; Carol Galloway, construction inspectors; Glen Griffith, printing services; James Jacobs, building services; Nancy Loveless, building services; Marti VanCourt, nursing;

Gilberto Vera, heating and power; Willie Walker, building services, Calumet.

15 years: Ruth Carlson, Earhart Hall; Marion Hutsell, operations and maintenance; Cheryl Vaughn, Purdue Memorial Union.

10 years: Michelle Conwell, political science; Cheryl Erwin, marketing communications; Donald Fultz, biochemistry; Dawn Hamilton, Cary Quadrangle; Alan Hudson, building

services, Calumet; David Hunt, operations and maintenance; Peter Limon, building services; Shirley Maines, youth development and ag education; Sarah Manley, registrar's office; Gilberto Naranjo, grounds, Calumet; Georgia Pearson, Purdue Memorial Union; Eric Ridgley, materials management and distribution; Rebecca Staley, admissions; Billie Vanderbilt, operations and maintenance.



40 years: Vonda Dowell, clerk, chemistry.



30 years: Denise Heath, information processing systems operator, agricultural and biological engineering.



30 years: Bonnie Misner, secretary, electrical and computer engineering.



30 years: Tammy Muthig, account clerk, computer science.



25 years: Sue Ann Phebus, clerk, sponsored program services.



25 years: Terry Shoaf, copy center operator, printing services.



25 years: Brenda Watts, secretary, electrical and computer engineering.

Notables

New director of budget, fiscal planning named

Melissa Johnson, assistant director of budget and fiscal planning, has been promoted to director of budget and fiscal planning.

Johnson succeeds James David, who will continue to support special projects within business services on a part-time basis.

The appointment was effective June 1.

"We have just completed a very thorough national search and identified Melissa as clearly the best candidate for the position," says James Almond, vice president for business services and assistant treasurer.

As director, Johnson will be responsible for institutional budgetary planning, implementation, management, and controls relating to budget processes and systems.

Before serving as assistant director, Johnson was director of financial affairs for Advancement.

ITaP selects Head to lead teaching / learning unit

Nancy Wilson Head took the reins June 1 as executive director of Teaching & Learning Technologies, a major unit of ITaP.



Head

Head, who has 16 years of teaching and administrative experience at Purdue, had been director of TLT's Instructional Development Center since July 2007.

She had been associate professor in the Department of Computer & Information Systems Technology in the College of Technology.

The new appointment was announced by Gerry McCartney, vice president for information technology and chief information officer.

UG admissions application, steps change

Several significant changes to undergraduate admissions will affect students who apply to Purdue for 2009.

Additions to the application for admission include a required personal statement, dedicated space for students to list their activities, honors, and accomplishments, and questions regarding previous criminal offenses or academic misconduct.

In their personal essay, students have the option of addressing one of three topics: how a college education will help them achieve personal or professional goals; how they used and learned from someone's advice; and how they reacted to and learned from a setback in their life. Essays must be 500 words or less.

The essay adds to the University's holistic approach to admissions, says Pamela Horne, assistant vice president for enrollment management and dean of admissions.

"Through their essay, students

will have the chance to tell us about themselves in their own words," Horne says. "This gives Purdue the opportunity to look beyond the numbers when considering applicants."

Also for 2009, students must answer personal conduct questions regarding criminal offenses or academic misconduct. Most Big Ten peers have similar questions on their applications.

Horne anticipates that most reports won't affect the applicant's admission decision.

"Purdue recognizes that an educational environment characterized by safety, respect, honesty, and integrity enhances learning for all students," she says. "We're not trying to focus on youthful indiscretions, but instead on whether the person might jeopardize that educational environment."

Beginning with students who apply for 2009 enrollment, there will be multiple advantages to applying online, Horne says.

Applying online expedites the application process. In addition, students can confirm online that their application is complete as well as check for an admission decision.

Purdue has moved back its release date for admission decisions from September to December for students applying for fall 2009. The University will begin releasing decisions online after 5 p.m. Dec. 5 and begin mailing decision letters on Dec. 8.

Decisions are not guaranteed by Dec. 5. After Dec. 8, decisions will be on a rolling basis — released as applications are completed and decisions are made.

"Moving the release date to December will allow for a more thorough evaluation of a larger pool of applicants prior to releasing decisions," Horne says.

As application volume has increased nationwide, many other large universities have moved to later decision dates, including Michigan, Illinois, and Ohio State.

Lactation law prompts new WorkLife program

WorkLife Programs will serve as a campus liaison between supervisors and employees when Purdue launches its lactation support program on July 1.

The program is being established to comply with Senate Bill 0219, which requires employers to "make reasonable efforts to provide a room or other location, other than a toilet stall, in close proximity to the work area, where an employee can express the employee's breast milk in privacy."

Purdue is not required to provide additional paid break time to employees. In most situations, an employee can express her milk during normal meal and break times. However, additional time may be needed, and supervisors are encouraged to grant reasonable flex scheduling to accommodate the need.

WorkLife Programs will assist in identifying appropriate locations, scheduling and resources. Expenses incurred to address the bill are to be funded by the respective department.

In addition to working as a liaison, WorkLife Programs offers a number of resources for both the supporting department and the employee. Resources are available through the WorkLife Programs Web site at www.purdue.edu/worklife or by contacting WorkLife Programs at 49-45461 or worklife@purdue.edu.

"Lactation support helps to lower health care costs, turnover rates and absenteeism while increasing employee productivity and morale," says Amber Simons, worklife/wellness specialist with WorkLife Programs. "We encourage employees to share this information to make others aware of the University's spirit of support."

Healthy Purdue: Go to level 2

Those who finished level one of Healthy Purdue and earned their \$150 (before taxes) incentive have until Nov. 7 to complete level two by finishing five of eight colored apples.

Those who complete their five apples will earn an additional \$250 (before taxes) incentive.

Some apples take longer than others to complete, so allowing ample time is encouraged.

If participants are interested in completing health coaching (the blue apple) or an online healthy living program (the white apple), they may call StayWell's HelpLine at (800) 926-5455 with questions about how to sign up.

Further details are at www.purdue.edu/healthypurdue.

Online tracking is available. Go to www.purdue.edu/healthypurdue and click "Check My Apples." After logging in, click "2008" on the left-hand side.

Campus wellness programs are available to answer questions about how to complete the apples. For more information:

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

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

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

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

Calendar

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

Athletics

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

Tuesday, Aug. 26

■ Soccer (women's) vs. Eastern Illinois. 5:30 p.m. Varsity Soccer Complex. Tickets: public, \$5; students, \$2.

Aug. 29-30

■ Volleyball (women's). Mortar Board Premier. Purdue's matches: 7 p.m. Friday vs. Duke; 10 a.m. Saturday vs. Tennessee State; 7:30 p.m. Saturday vs. Kansas State. Intercollegiate Athletic Facility. Tickets: public, \$9/\$8; students, \$6/\$5.

Exhibitions

Through Aug. 1

■ Exhibition: "57/1: Artists from the Premier Edition of the PMC Guild Annual." Purdue Galleries. Artworks, jewelry created by use of precious metal clay. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, and by appointment. Robert L. Ringel Gallery, PMU. For class or group visits, contact Mary Ann Anderson at 49-67899.

Through Aug. 15

■ Exhibition: "From the Kitchen to the Classroom: Lillian Gilbreth and Home Economics." Libraries: Archives and Special Collections. Purdue researcher and innovator in efficiency methods. 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Room 279, STEW. www.lib.purdue.edu/spcol.

Through Aug. 29

■ Exhibition: "Una Herencia Mexicana" (A Mexican Heritage). Works of Mexican Modernists. Sponsors include Purdue University Galleries and Purdue Latino Cultural Center. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Art Museum of Greater Lafayette, 102 S. 10th St., Lafayette (south off South Street). 742-1128.

Lectures & Info

Sunday, July 6

■ Materials and nanotechnology lecture. Masa P. Rao, mechanical engineering; Birk Nanotechnology Center, Center for Advanced Manufacturing. "High-aspect-ratio Micromachining of Titanium." 3:30 p.m. refreshments; 3:45 p.m. seminar. Room 1010, Neil Armstrong Hall.

Thursday, July 17

■ CyberSecurity Presentation Series. "Basics of Setting Rules for the Firewall." Information Technology Networks and Security (ITNS). Series addresses topics relevant to the work of the Computer Emergency Readiness Team (CERT). Noon-1:30 p.m. Room 320, STEW.

Wednesday, Aug. 13

■ CyberSecurity Presentation Series. "Basics of Dynamic Routing." Information Technology Networks and Security (ITNS). Series addresses topics relevant to the work of the Computer Emergency Readiness Team (CERT). Noon-1:30 p.m. Room 318, STEW.

Music & Variety

Friday, July 4

■ Stars and Stripes Celebration. Community event for Independence Day. 7 p.m.: Big Swing Band of Lafayette. 8 p.m.: Lafayette Citizens Band and Greater Lafayette Freedom Singers, with break at 9-9:15 for Tippecanoe Fife and Drum Corps. About 10 p.m.: Fireworks. Slayter Center.

◆ Traffic and parking notes: Stadium Avenue west of Russell Street will be closed. No parking along Cherry Lane or McCormick Road.

Wednesdays, July 9, 16, 23, 30

■ Summer Concert Series. Free music; optional ticketed dinner. Purdue Memorial Union. Dinner serving starts at 5:30 p.m.; music is 6:30-8 p.m. See item, page 1. Other information at www.union.purdue.edu.

Saturday, Aug. 30

■ Global Fest. A local celebration of cultures and peoples through foods, clothing, music, dance and more. City of West Lafayette. 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Morton Community Center, 222 N. Chauncey Ave.

Calendar item deadlines

- Aug. 15, for the late August issue (events of September).
- Sept. 18, for the late September issue (events of October).
- Submit items at dhowell@purdue.edu, by fax at 496-1725, or at 417 ENAD. No phone submissions, but for questions call 49-42028.

Operational

Sunday, July 6

■ Cleaning begins in north section of Northwestern Avenue Garage. Cleaning to be done 10:30 p.m. to 7 a.m. Through July 18. Vehicles left in the garage during cleaning will be towed at the owner's expense.

Saturday, July 19

■ Planned outage of central computing resources. Includes e-mail and other services requiring career account login. 4 p.m. Saturday to 8 a.m. Sunday. <http://www.itap.purdue.edu/newsroom/detail.cfm?newsId=1717>. (Same scenario planned for July 26-27.)

Sunday, July 20

■ Cleaning begins in south section of Northwestern Avenue Garage. Cleaning to be done 10:30 p.m. to 7 a.m. Through July 29. Vehicles left in the garage during cleaning will be towed at the owner's expense.

Saturday, July 26

■ Planned outage of central computing resources. See entry for July 19.

Wednesday, July 30

■ Cleaning begins in Marsteller Street Garage. Cleaning to be done 10:30 p.m. to 7 a.m. Through Aug. 3. Vehicles left in the garage during cleaning will be towed at the owner's expense.

University

Thursday, July 3

■ Summer session Module 2 ends. Grades due at Office of the Registrar by 5 p.m. July 8 (Tu).

Friday, July 4

■ Independence Day. University holiday. Offices closed. ◆ Operator Services Office (telephone) closed from 7 p.m. July 3 (Th) to 7 a.m. July 7 (M). In emergency, call 911 or Purdue police at 49-48221. Questions: 49-43050.

Monday, July 7

■ Summer session Module 3 begins. Last day is Aug. 1 (F). Grades due at Office of the Registrar by 5 p.m. Aug. 5 (Tu).

July 14-20

■ Purdue at Indiana Black Expo. Displays, programs, etc. Indianapolis.

Saturday, Aug. 2

■ Commencement (WL). 9:30 a.m. Elliott Hall of Music. By ticket only.

Friday, Aug. 15

■ Purdue Day at the State Fair. Exhibitions, entertainment, etc. Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis.

Monday, Aug. 25

■ Fall semester begins.

Historic overhaul of computing systems nearing final major launch

Transition to Banner set for July 3-21

Banner Student, which includes every new student system except financial aid (released in February), is scheduled to launch this July. This will be OnePurdue's fourth and final — and most visible — major software release.

Although Banner's official "go live" date is July 7, it's a little more complicated than that, said Rita Clifford, the Enrollment and Student Affairs (ESA) team lead. "Not all functions will be immediately available July 7," she says. "We'll be rolling out most of it over the course of the following two weeks."

The Academic History and Degree Audit features will be released in October.

There are three important dates to remember, she says: July

3, 7 and 21.

Purdue North Central also is implementing Banner.

"PNC is an active partner in OnePurdue and will be going live in July with Banner," says Larry Barrett, vice chancellor for enrollment management and student services. "Its implementation schedule and functionality, however, is slightly different than that at West Lafayette."

For more information about Banner at PNC, contact Barrett at lbarrett@pnc.edu.

At 5 p.m. July 3, just before the Independence Day holiday weekend, a "freeze" will be put on student-related business transactions at the West Lafayette campus, says University Registrar Bob Kubat. "At that point, we will no longer process anything for the fall semester under the old system."

Registration for fall semester



will stop, too, but will recommence July 21 — using Banner.

From July 7 to 21, Banner will be used primarily by staff in Admissions, Office of the Registrar, Enrollment and the Bursar's Office in West Lafayette, while the system undergoes final "validation."

This process will cover a number of last-minute checks, Clifford says, including verifying that the fall schedules were converted properly into the Banner system and that course information is accurate.

Banner training also is being planned, and information on how to register for classes is being made available, says Connie Bilyeu, director of training for ITaP Customer Relations.

"We've put together a tentative training calendar, but this is a working document and subject to change," she says.

The calendar, course catalog and more can be accessed from www.purdue.edu/onepurdue/training/esatraining.shtml.

"July 21 is the date that will be important to most people in West Lafayette," Clifford says. "That's when the system will be made available to all faculty and students, in addition to staff who will use Banner in their jobs."

The most visible aspect of this will be the widespread release of myPurdue, the Internet portal through which all West Lafayette faculty and students will access Banner and its self-services. (PNC's Banner portal is called myPNC.) This will immediately allow students to register for and drop and add their fall classes. Several informational

resources about Banner and myPurdue, including online demonstrations and presentations, are at www.purdue.edu/onepurdue/about/secure/index.shtml. Access requires a career account username and password.

"This is not only the last piece of OnePurdue," Kubat says, "but also the part that will impact the most number of people, including all faculty and students."

"A lot of people have worked hard to make this happen, and we're going to build on this foundation to keep improving the system over time."

General questions about Banner and myPurdue can be sent to onepurdue@purdue.edu.

For specific help accessing or using myPurdue, go online to www.itap.purdue.edu/help or contact the ITaP Customer Service Center at itap@purdue.edu or 49-44000.

Exterior window washing making rounds

Ropes, ladders, lifts and poles outside campus buildings this summer are signifying that window washing is back.

After a seven-year interruption forced by tight budgets, exterior window washing is taking place on academic and administrative buildings on the West Lafayette campus.

Interior glass in public spaces such as lobbies, atriums, and stairwells also will be cleaned. Recreational sports, residence halls, and athletic facilities are not included.

Crystal Clear Window Washing of Greenwood, Ind., was selected to clean 105 buildings. The company has handled window washing for four years at Indiana University Purdue University-Indianapolis.

The company's specialty is

cleaning high-rise buildings. Though Purdue doesn't have many such buildings, the campus does present its own set of challenges, says Bob Morman, Building Services day general foreman and project manager.

"Many of our buildings have sloping tile roofs that preclude the use of rolling roof rigs and a boatswain's basket, standard equipment used on lower structures," Morman says.

"However, the biggest challenge will be working around all the major construction projects scheduled this summer."

The large number of buildings means that the workers can switch locations, juggling their schedule around other projects.

"They'll be flexible working with building occupants, too," Morman says. "If a special event

is planned in or near a building, they will be happy to accommodate the staff."

Barring weather-related interruptions, two four-person crews will work Mondays through Fridays. They'll use extension ladders, work from the ground with poles, ride in 60-foot lifts, or rappel from the rooftops with ropes and harnesses.

No power washing equipment will be used on this project. Instead, crews will individually hand clean seven year's worth of dirt from thousands of window panes across campus.

Building Services staff will contact building deputies a week in advance. Any questions or concerns regarding this project may be directed to Bob Morman at rwmorman@purdue.edu or 49-45872.



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Contract employees use extenders to wash Freehafer Hall windows. On other buildings, lifts or rappelling ropes are being used.

Deaths

Robert L. Fassnacht, 83, died May 6 in Lake County (Fla.) Hospice Care. He worked as an electrician and retired from Purdue in 1978. Memorials: St. Elizabeth Hospice or hospice of choice.

Ruth R. Shedrow, 78, died May 12 in Lafayette. She worked at Purdue about 16 years, ending in Building Services in 1993-94.

Theodore K. Scott Jr., 71, died May 26 in Lynchburg, Va. He was professor emeritus of philosophy, having taught at Purdue from 1966 to 1999.

Gwen Bouwkamp, 47, died May 29 in West Lafayette. She worked in physical facilities at Purdue. Memorials: Almost Home Humane Society.

Ernest F. Mockobee, 68, died May 31. He worked for 16 years in the physical plant.

Donna M. Crider, 60, died June 2 in Otterbein. She worked in the business office at Purdue Memorial Union. Memorials: Otterbein Area Volunteer Fire and Rescue, P.O. Box 577, Otterbein IN 47970.

Emily B. Huie, 69, died June 13 in West Lafayette. She had worked in food services at Purdue. Memorials: Purdue Foundation with a memo notation for Huie Endowment for IPIA (International Programs in Agriculture) in memory of Emily Huie.

Genelyn M. "Gene" Yeoman, 76, died June 14 in West Lafayette. She had worked 11 years in the School of Veterinary Medicine. Memorials: General fund of St. Thomas Aquinas Church or St. Elizabeth Hospice.

Incentive PPO, Purdue 500 medical plans to see changes

Staff Benefits wants to make participants in the Incentive PPO and Purdue 500 medical plans aware of two upcoming changes.

On July 1, UnitedHealthcare Options will become the provider network for both medical plans, and medical plan administrator Fiserv Health will change its name to UMR.

In consultation with the Health Plan Advisory Committee, Purdue decided to adopt UnitedHealthcare Options as the network for the Incentive PPO and Purdue 500 plans at West Lafayette, Calumet and North Central. This change does not affect Fort Wayne campus employees, who have a different network arrangement.

UnitedHealthcare Options will replace Private Healthcare Systems (PHCS). The UnitedHealthcare Options network is different from the network used by the UnitedHealthcare medical plan offered at Purdue.

Changing to the UnitedHealthcare Options network gains a number of benefits for both employees and Purdue, says John Beelke, director of Human Resource Services.

With UnitedHealthcare

For FSA participants

Employees contributing to a flexible spending account also should note that Fiserv Health will change its name to UMR as of July 1. Fiserv Health is the administrator for Purdue's FSA program.

Options, more providers used by Purdue participants are in-network, including IU Medical Center providers. UnitedHealthcare Options also has a stronger national presence and greater discounts.

"As a result, employees and Purdue will pay less for health care," Beelke says. "By moving to the UnitedHealthcare Options network now, Purdue hopes to help hold down medical plan premium increases for next year."

Fiserv Health is changing its name to UMR as a result of being purchased by UnitedHealthcare. In the coming months, employees will see more references to UMR and fewer to Fiserv Health as the company makes the transition.

Case manager Avidyn Health, a subsidiary of Fiserv Health, will

become UMR Care Management.

With these changes, Incentive PPO and Purdue 500 participants should note the following:

- Incentive PPO and Purdue 500 participants will receive a new medical plan ID card by July 1. The front of the card will show the new UMR name and the UnitedHealthcare Options logo. Contact information for UnitedHealthcare Options and UMR will be provided on the card's back.

- Anthem/WellPoint will continue to be the provider network for prescription coverage and will not require a new prescription ID card.

- Employees should show the new ID card to their medical provider at their next office visit.

- Employees should check to see if their medical provider is in the UnitedHealthcare Options network at www.fiservhealth-services.com. Click on "Find a Provider" in the upper left part of the screen.

"Although the UnitedHealthcare Options network has more providers used by Purdue participants than PHCS has, it is important to verify that your provider is considered in-network,"

Beelke says.

Employees who are now under treatment with a PHCS provider who is not part of the UnitedHealthcare Options network will have a 90-day "transition of care" period. This period will allow employees to finish treatment with their PHCS provider and find a UnitedHealthcare Options provider to continue care.

During this 90-day period, PHCS claims will be processed as though they were from an in-network provider if participants contact UMR at (866) 795-6382 or submit a designated form, found at www.purdue.edu/benefits.

Mayo Clinic will continue to be covered as an in-network provider due to Purdue's current relationship with this facility.

"Due to the size of the UnitedHealthcare Options network, we expect this network change to go smoothly for Incentive PPO and Purdue 500 participants," Beelke says. "However, we realize that a change of this type will always have a few concerns and many questions. Staff Benefits is available to help you."

For assistance, call 49-42222 or e-mail staffbenefits@purdue.edu.

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