

Plymouth week

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More Students Select PSU as First-Choice School

In its second year as a University, Plymouth State has seen its undergraduate enrollment increase by 171 students over last year's total.

Twice each year Plymouth State University takes an official census snapshot of undergraduate enrollment on a specific date called R+30. This year fall R+30 was September 30. In fall 2003, at R+30 Plymouth State recorded 3,848 degree-seeking students as registered and identified. In fall 2004, at R+30 a total of 4,019 students were counted.

Of that 4,019 students, 2,119 have been accommodated in campus housing (47 more than last fall), 34 student teachers are living away from Plymouth, and 23 students who are receiving Plymouth State University credits are studying away in locations such as Limerick, Ireland and Seville, Spain.

Many others commute to classes from their homes in other parts of the state.

University President Donald Wharton says, "We had not anticipated that enrollment would rise this quickly, but this is good for Plymouth State and good for the regional community because of the positive economic impact. Every retail merchant, every business, every landlord and every service enterprise benefits from the spending power of increased numbers of students. Community organizations benefit from student volunteerism and their research and expertise."

Some of the enrollment growth can be attributed to the institution's evolution from state college to regional university. There is more interest in PSU at college fairs, higher prestige afforded to the University, higher expectations from students accompanied by

better motivation and higher-quality academic performance, and an increased national recognition level, according to PSU officials.

Vice President for Student Affairs Dick Hage says admissions were very strong this spring, so much so that recruiting was ended early. Hage says, "Interestingly, our admissions pool this year was about the same as last year, but the number of students who elected to accept our offer of admission to the University went up significantly. PSU is increasingly the first choice of admitted students, and more students are staying at Plymouth because they are successful here, so our retention rate continues to rise."

"We'll Always Be Together" for Family Weekend

An array of new events will highlight Plymouth State's Family Weekend, "We'll Always Be Together," October 22 – 24. Families of PSU students are encouraged to join the fun with theatrical and musical performances, Midnight Madness, athletic competitions and a variety of seasonal activities.

The celebration begins at 8 p.m., October 22 with Casino Night in the HUB Courtroom, where participants hope to win play money to exchange for prizes. Midnight Madness takes place at 11:30 p.m. at Foley Gymnasium in the PE Center. Men's and women's basketball teams will commemorate the opening of the season with games, prizes and the annual "slam dunk" contest.

Families can register at 9 a.m. Saturday in the HUB Fireplace Lounge and stay for the Welcome Reception, where coffee and pastries will be served. Activities begin at 11 a.m. in the HUB Pawsway with a selection of games and crafts. Seasonal activities include all-day access to Loon Mountain's gondola, a family hike to Rattlesnake Mountain at 11 a.m. led by the Outing Club, and a two-hour Mount Washington Cruise, boarding at noon. Dinner will be served buffet style beginning at 5:45 p.m. in the HUB Courtroom. Dinner entertainment will be provided by illusionist magicians Jay and Lee, winners of the 2000 International Brotherhood of Magicians Gold Medal Stage Contest.

As a memento of this year's Family Weekend, Old Time Family Photos with a 1950s theme will be taken at Sunday brunch, which will be served from 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. in Prospect Dining Hall.

For more information on Family Weekend events, registration and SCAC performances, call 535-2639 or logon to www.paceevents.org.



Enjoying the fine view on a previous family hike of Rattlesnake Mountain.

Plymouth State People in the News

Congratulations to:

Matt Burkhardt who is now officially the Registrar, **Stacey Curdie** who is now the Special Associate to the CIO for Academic Computing and Online Education, and **Bob Fitzpatrick** who is the Interim Dean for the Academic Experience.



Annette Mitchell (Art) had reviews published in *Art New England* magazine's August/September 2004 issue, "Gravity and Grace: Photographs by Amy Wilson," and in the October/November issue, "Joan Morris/Michele Ratte: Individual and Collaborative Works."

Rik Pfenninger, Craig Jaster and **Tim Gilmore** (Music, Theatre, and Dance) performed at the Big E Festival in Springfield, Mass., in September. The trio was featured as part of New Hampshire day at the fair. Pfenninger also performed at a John Lynch fundraiser in Manchester last week.

Rebecca R. Noel (Social Science) has an article in the just-issued *Annual Proceedings of the Dublin Seminar for New England Folklife for 2002, The Worlds of Children, 1620-1920*. Her article, "Cultures of Boys' Play in Mid-Nineteenth-Century New England: The Case of James Edward Wright," discusses an adolescent boy who kept a diary detailing his love of sports and games.

Janice Edwards (Music, Theatre, and Dance) sings the role of Marcellina with Granite State Opera's production of Mozart's *Le Nozze di Figaro* at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord. Performances are at 8 p.m., Friday, November 19 and at 2 p.m., Sunday, November 21. For ticket information, call 878-0539.

Kylo-Patrick Hart (Communications) presented the paper "The Love between Warden and Prew That Dare Not Speak Its Name: Containing Homosexuality as Subtext in *From Here to Eternity*" at the Screen Media and Sexual Politics conference October 8 – 9 on the Plymouth State University campus.

58 To Receive Service Recognition

The annual Campus Recognition Reception will take place from 3:30–4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 27, in Hall Heritage Commons. The presentations will begin at 4 p.m.

A total of 58 (52 full-time and six part-time) employees will be recognized for their service to Plymouth State University.

Those receiving recognition include:

35-Year Recognition

Dick Fletcher

30-Year Recognition

Mary E. Campbell
Gail Carr
Bill Kietzman
Dominick Marocco
Wayne Vik

25-Year Recognition

Nancy Aldrich
Roger Babin
Peter S. Cofran
Pat Hage
Barton Macchiette
Dennis McManus
Annette Mitchell
Diane Newberry
Mark Okrant
Ellen Shippee
Robert Swift

20-Year Recognition

Elaine Allard
Elaine Berry
Dick Bruce Jr.

Robert Fitzpatrick

Katy Fralick
Bill Haust
Ed Huckins
Dennise Maslakowski
Susan Noel
Frank Olcott
Deb Tobine

15-Year Recognition

Carolyn Adams
Jane Babin
Robin Cummings
Juanita Field
Jerry Griffin
Mil Haines
Jen Hall
Lisa Ladd
Susan Lafreniere
Barbara McCahan
Lisa Prince
Martha Riess
Pahl (Buzzy) Sharrow

10-Year Recognition

Ellen Braley

Joy Butler
Kent Cherrington
Lynn Davis
Ginny Fisher
Dean Merrill
Paul Mroccka
Jonathan Santore
Kurt Schroeder
Richard Sparks
Susan Superchi

25-Year Part-time

Tom O'Donnell

20-Year Part-time

Ken Bergstrom

15-Year Part-time

Scott Maltzie

10-Year Part-time

Jan Bass
Judi D'Aleo

Sodexo Employees

Carol Gowen – 10 years

Did you know...

Cancer Walk

The Fifth Annual Walk to Fight Cancer, held recently at the PE Center, has raised \$9,000 to date. The Web site www.memoriesalive.org has more information about this year's walk and a photo gallery.

Opera Concert Benefits Scholarships

Twenty-one Plymouth State undergraduate singers will present arias and small ensembles from operas at the Opera Showcase Concert on Saturday, October 23, and Sunday, October 24 at Silver Cultural Arts Center. The concerts are part of the Family Weekend celebration.

Works from Mozart, Beethoven, Donizetti, Humperdinck, Gounod, Delibes, and Verdi will be featured. Accompanying the students will be collaborative pianists Constance Chesebrough, Will Ögmundson and Allan DiBiase.

Directing and coaching the singers are Music, Theatre, and Dance Department voice faculty Kathleen Arecchi, Daniel Perkins, Eva Nagorka and Janice Edwards.

Proceeds from the concerts will benefit the Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance Scholarship Fund. Performances will take place at 1 p.m., October 23 and 24 in Smith Recital Hall. For tickets contact the SCAC Box office at 535-ARTS.

Material Connects Past and Present

Educators will learn how objects, artifacts and documents can tell important stories about the past and the present at PSU's Heritage Studies Conference on Friday, October 22. "Material Matters: Objects, Artifacts, Documents and the Stories They Tell That Connect Past and Present" will take place from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. in Heritage Commons at Hall Residence Hall.

Presentations will cover topics such as New Hampshire's Native Americans, combining forensic anthropology with historical research, methods of historical detective work, using objects as an interdisciplinary organizing tool, and integrating local material culture into classroom learning.

The conference is a part of PSU's Exploring Heritage Series: Professional Development Opportunities for Educators, 2004 – 2005. Participants will see how ideas from the conference may be incorporated into curriculum enhancement, professional development plans and the New Hampshire Department of Education's Social Studies framework. The conference will also provide possible graduate credit for Heritage Studies.

Uranium Mining's Impact on Native Americans

The impact of uranium mining on Native American workers and their fight for environmental justice, fair compensation and adequate health treatment will be discussed at 7 p.m., Monday, October 18, at Silver Cultural Arts Center. Two Utah State University professors, Dr. Gary Madsen and Dr. Susan Dawson, will report on their 10-year study of the issue.

The couple's talk *Navajo Uranium Workers and Environmental Justice: A Case Study of Grassroots Activism, Science and Social Policy* is part of PSU's Saul O Sidore Lecture Series. Both professors work in USU's department of sociology, social work and anthropology.

Drs. Dawson and Madsen have investigated Native Americans' experiences as miners, millers and transport workers and how they were exposed to the hazards of uranium production during the cold war period from the 1940s through the 1980s.

The couple's approach to research combines scholarly analysis with an activist orientation that attempts to improve the lives of Native Americans who were involved in the process. The next Sidore Lecture will be *Asthma Activism: Scientific Challenges of Air Pollution and Environmental Issues*, November 16.

The event will be held in Smith Recital Hall. The talk is followed by a reception with refreshments. For more information, call 535-2501.

History Channel to Feature Starbuck's Research

David Starbuck (Social Sciences) has conducted a forensic anthropology project over the past two years, focusing on the life and death of Jane McCrea, the best-known American woman murdered and scalped during the American Revolution.

Kurtis Productions of Chicago, producer of many shows for The History Channel, has announced that its program featuring David's project will air at 8 p.m., Friday, November 26 (as well as periodically over the following month).

Plymouth State will be identified several times in the 60-minute show, which will feature historical re-enactors; the exhumation that was conducted on April 9, 2003; the DNA analysis that followed; and the recreation of the murder and scalping that was filmed this August.

One of David's "veteran" diggers portrays Jane McCrea in the show, wearing period dress. What television viewers won't be told is that Jane's modern-day counterpart had to be murdered and scalped 15 times before the filmmakers shot a take that was acceptable.

Teacher Scholarships Set

The PSU Teacher Education Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony will be held from 11 a.m.–noon on Saturday, October 23, in Heritage Commons at Hall Residence Hall.

This ceremony is designed to honor the 21 students who have applied for and earned a scholarship. All students who receive scholarships are enrolled in a teacher education program at PSU.

News From ...

Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports

The first three graduates of the certificate program in Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports are Patricia Eddy, Marge Leblanc and Cassandra Laleme, according to Dr. Marcel Lebrun (Education). The three graduate students are from the North Country. The PBIS certificate is a 12-credit program that is offered in conjunction with PSU, Rivier College and the N.H. Center for Effective Behavior Interventions and Supports. Contact Graduate Studies for more information about the PBIS certificate program. Specific questions may be addressed to Dr. Lebrun at 535-2288.

Residential Life

Each year PSU students and the Department of Residential Life sponsor a community Trick-or-Treat program in the residence halls and the student apartments. The Centre Lodge will host a Halloween Party for toddlers and pre-schoolers from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 31. Trick-or-Treating for area youngsters in grades K – 5 will be done in the residence halls from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. the same day. For more information, contact Residential Life at 535-2260.

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Calendar

Monday, October 18

Deadline for reservations for the October 20 Society for Scholarly Dialogue dinner.

Tickets are \$8.75; presentation only is free. Contact: David Zehr, 535-2404.

Sidodre Lecture Series. 7 p.m. Silver Cultural Arts Center. Free ticket required. Susan Dawson and Gary Madsen present *Navajo Uranium Workers and Environmental Justice: A Case Study of Grassroots Activism, Science, and Social Policy*. Followed by a reception and refreshments. Contact: Box office, 535-ARTS.

Tuesday, October 19

Writing workshop. BAD GIRLS. 9 a.m. – noon. HUB 109. \$10 non-PSU participants. A workshop on how to create your personal story. Stories will be read at 7:30 p.m. and all are welcome free of charge. Sponsored by Women's Services and Gender Resources. Contact: Delilah Smith, 535-2387.

Film. *Mother By Choice*. 6 – 7:30 p.m. Frost Commons. Facilitated by Dorothy Fadiman. Followed by discussion regarding the importance of a woman's right to vote, choose and be heard. Food will be provided. Presented by Concord Feminist Health Center, Women's Services and Gender Resources, and AWARE. Sponsored by Women's Studies Council and the President's Commission on the Status of Women. Contact: Delilah Smith, 535-2387.

PACE film. *The Terminal*. 7 and 9:30 p.m. Hyde 220. Free. Contact: Rodney Ekstrom, 535-2639.

Wednesday, October 20

Silent Auction to support Alternative Spring Break. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., through Friday, October 22; Saturday, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. and 5 – 7 p.m. HUB Pawsway, and Friday during Family Weekend Casino Night. Contact: Dan DeSantis, d_desantis@plymouth.edu.

Benefits fair. 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. HUB Multi-purpose Rm. Breakout session in HUB 109 at 11:30 a.m. Open benefits enrollment is 10/4 – 10/29. Contact: Carol Kuzdeba, 535-2619.

Directions workshop. *Assessment in Directions Courses*. 12:15 – 1:15 p.m. Frost Faculty Center conference room. Wendy Palmquist and Bob Fitzpatrick will

lead this workshop based on what they learned this summer at the Policy Center for First Year Experience. RSVP please. Contact: Dick Hunnewell, 535-2546.

Workshop. Reading Strategies I: Reading Strategies Across the Curriculum. 4 – 5 p.m. Frost Commons. Presented by Annamary Consalvo. Refreshments provided. Workshop will be repeated on Thursday, October 21. RSVP to Dick Hunnewell, rhunnewell@plymouth.edu.

Society for Scholarly Dialogue. *Creating History: The Development of a Student-Driven Historical Exhibit*. Marcia Schmidt-Blaine will talk about the process and results of a student-created exhibit called "Life in Plymouth: 1938 – 1945." 6 p.m. social half hour; 6:30 p.m. dinner; 7:15 p.m. presentation. Frost Commons. RSVP for dinner; presentation only, is free. Contact: David Zehr, 535-2404.

Archaeology Month presentation. *What I Did on My Summer Vacation: Reflections on Digging Up Scotland*. Joann Guilmett. 7 p.m. Rounds 207. Contact: David Starbuck, 535-3076 or 2883.

PACE film. *The Terminal*. 7 and 9:30 p.m. Hyde 220. Free. Contact: Rodney Ekstrom, 535-2639.

Thursday, October 21

Workshop. Reading Strategies I: Reading Strategies Across the Curriculum. 4 – 5 p.m. Frost Commons. RSVP to Dick Hunnewell, rhunnewell@plymouth.edu.

Panel discussion. Religious and constitutional issues of same-sex marriage. 7 p.m. Silver Cultural Arts Center. Featured panelists Marcus Hurn and Robert E. Stiefel. Free. Sponsored by the Society for Scholarly Dialogue. Contact: David Zehr, 535-2404.

Theatre. *The Art of Dining*. 8 p.m. Silver Cultural Arts Center. Contact: Box office, 535-ARTS.

Friday, October 22

Faculty Executive Council. 3:35 p.m. HUB 119. Contact: Gary McCool, 535-2457.

Theatre. *The Art of Dining*. 8 p.m. Silver Cultural Arts Center. Contact: Box office, 535-ARTS.

Saturday, October 23

Admission information session. 10 a.m. registration. Silver Cultural Arts Center. Followed by overview, campus tour, and complimentary brunch in Prospect Dining

Hall. RSVP recommended. Contact: Admission, 535-2237.

Scholarship awards. 11 a.m.–noon. Heritage Commons. Teacher Education Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony. Contact: Brenda Gleich, 535-2803 or bgleich@plymouth.edu.

Concert. *Opera Showcase*. 1 p.m. Silver Cultural Arts Center. PSU advanced voice students perform opera arias, duets and ensembles to benefit the scholarship fund of the Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance. Contact: Box office, 535-ARTS

Theatre. *The Art of Dining*. 3 and 8:30 p.m. Silver Cultural Arts Center. Contact: Box office, 535-ARTS.

Sunday, October 24

Theatre. *The Art of Dining*. 3 p.m. Silver Cultural Arts Center. Contact: Box office, 535-ARTS.

Home athletic events

Wednesday, October 20. Men's soccer vs. Green Mountain. 6 p.m. Panther Field.

Saturday, October 23. Women's soccer vs. Western Connecticut. 11 a.m. Panther Field; football vs. Husson (Maine) 1 p.m. Currier Field; field hockey vs. Worcester State. 1:30 p.m. Arold Field.

Ongoing

Contact: Karl Drerup Art Gallery, 535-2614.

Through October 23. Green Map.

Silver Cultural Arts Center lobby.

Through October 23. Faculty Exhibition.

Karl Drerup Art Gallery.

October 21 – 24. The Art of Dining.

8 p.m. 21 – 22; 3 and 8:30 p.m. 23; 3 p.m. 24. \$12 adult/\$10 senior and youth/\$5 PSU students. This hilarious comedy by Tina Howe is based on America's obsession with food. On opening night of their upscale restaurant, Ellen the chef has her hands full creating a gourmet meal and keeping her husband Cal from eating everything in sight. Delicious cuisine, elegant atmosphere, friendly owners and the zest of interesting patrons constitute a recipe for fun, food and mayhem. Contact: Box office, 535-ARTS.