

**MONTHLY ACADEMIC AFFAIRS REPORT
TO THE FACULTY OF PSU
From the Interim Provost and Vice President
for Academic Affairs**

April 4, 2007

I hope that everyone found some needed relaxation time over the spring break. What happened to spring? It was here not long ago.

Update on EdD: I reported to you in March that the "Graduate Council had unanimously approved the pursuit of doctoral authority and specifically to explore a doctor of education (EdD) degree. A formal proposal and degree outline will be submitted to the Graduate Council and faculty later this spring."

I wanted to provide you with an update and a proposed timeline.

- The "Intent to Submit" the EdD will be presented at SAPC this Friday.
- The EdD program proposal is currently under external review. We expect those reviews back in the next week or two.
- The taskforce will make revisions and present the final program proposal to Graduate Council in April.
- We expect the proposal to move on to Executive Council at the last April meeting and then to the May Faculty meeting.
- The continuing timeline includes SAPC, President's Council, and Programs and Services in May and the full Board in June.

Following Board approval we will begin a process for legislative authority which will take us into 2008.

Update on Strategic Plan: A draft of the Strategic Plan has been shared with the University Planning Committee (UPC) and we will discuss at our next meeting any recommendations they might have for future discussions on campus. At this point, I want to share the draft with you (see attached). *Warning, you might want to review it "on screen" and decide which pages to print. The entire document is 55 pages with the actual "plan" only taking 2 pages, with the balance being a number of important, supporting documents*

The immediate plan is to discuss this draft at upcoming meetings of the Council of Chairs, Extended Cabinet, and Executive Council.

The strategic plan is a living document that sets the overall direction for the University and will evolve as the University evolves and meets the goals presented in the plan.

Given the proposal on today's agenda to dissolve the UPC, a new planning group will likely be formed for next academic year. Recommendations on purpose and composition are topics of discussion at the UPC and CBC committee meetings as well as with the President and Cabinet.

In the meantime, please feel free to share any thoughts you have about the draft or the planning process with Scott Mantie, or me.

Distinguished Teacher Nominations: The nominations for distinguished teachers are in and the committees are beginning their meetings this week to determine 3 finalists in each category who will be asked to prepare a statement of teaching philosophy and a self-assessment of teaching effectiveness.

These statements will be reviewed by the committees, and recipients of the awards will then be determined. We are all excited to be presenting the first Distinguished Adjunct Teaching Award this year.

Searches: Faculty searches are progressing. We have had 6 successful searches thus far, with 7 more to finish up. It has been gratifying to note the quality, diversity and enthusiasm of the candidates who have been coming to campus for interviews. News has spread that PSU is a great place to teach!

Annual Reports: The Annual Faculty Report form for this year is available online on the Academic Affairs website: http://www.plymouth.edu/acadaff/ann_fac_06-07_Word.doc.

You will again need to submit electronic versions to my office this year. Please send your electronic version to Alice O'Connor (aoconnor@plymouth.edu). Please include an updated CV. You will still need to submit a copy of your report to your department chair.

The deadline for submitting reports to department chairs and this office is Tuesday, May 1, 2007. The chairs' deadline for submitting annual evaluations to this office is Friday, June 1, 2007.

If there are any questions, please contact Alice O'Connor, x. 2091.

NEWS FROM ACADEMIC AFFAIRS **Departments and Faculty**

Two Fulbright Scholars Named at PSU:

The Fulbright Scholarship, which is sponsored by the US Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, sends 800 US faculty and professionals abroad each year. Grantees lecture and conduct research in a wide variety of academic and professional fields.

- **Catherine Amidon**, director of PSU's Karl Drerup Gallery, was recently informed that she was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to Jamaica for second semester of next year. She will work at the National Gallery of Jamaica and teach at the Edna Manley School of Art.
- Graduate student, **Alison Charbeneau**, was recently chosen for a Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program. Alison is an eighth-grade language arts teacher at the Belmont, NH middle school.

Criminal Justice Department:

- **Stephanie Halter** presented a paper (A) and published an article (B): A) Halter, Stephanie. "The Reconceptualization of Juvenile Prostitutes from Delinquency Offenders to Child Sexual Abuse Victims." Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 2007. B) Meyer, Scott, Lisa Townsend and Stephanie Halter. 2006. "Assessing After-School Program Efficacy in Engaging Youth in New Hampshire: Using Logic Models to Develop Evaluation Research Design and Measures." New Hampshire Journal of Education (In Press).
- **David Mackey** presented a paper (A) and published an article (B). The conference presentation was with a CJ Major. A) Wynands, A. and Mackey, D. A. (2007). Redefining posse comitatus in the new millennium: Military assistance to civilian authorities. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Seattle, WA. B) Mackey, D. A. and Berg, B. L. (2007). Challenges and opportunities for the new collegians: Transitioning from Gen X to the Millennials in criminal justice education. New Hampshire Journal of Education. In press.

English Department:

- **Bonnie Epstein** has received the Oregon-California Trails Association (OCTA) Outstanding Educator Award. OCTA is a national organization dedicated to the study of western emigrant trails and the Outstanding Educator awards program honors those who educate students in this area. The award was presented at OCTA's annual convention in St. Joseph, Mo.

- **Ann McClellan** will be presenting a paper, "Sweet Girl Graduates Gone Sour: The First Women Academics in the work of Mrs. Frances Marshall (ps. Alan St Aubyn)" at the 15th Annual British Women Writers Conference at the University of Kentucky on April 14. (<http://www.uky.edu/AS/English/bwwc/>) Ann also has an article under review with the Journal of the Short Story in English on Virginia Woolf's short stories.
- **Meghan Plumpton**, a current junior English major, will be presenting a paper on women Gothic writers at the annual International Sigma Tau Delta Conference in Pittsburgh, PA March 29-April 1. For information about this conference, please visit <http://www.english.org/pittsburgh/ConvTemp.html>
- **Liz Ahl** was a semi-finals performance judge and Paul Rogalus was the prompter for the finals of the 2nd annual Poetry Out Loud high school recitation competition at Keene State College on March 18th. This national recitation competition is sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation, among others.
- Two poems by Liz Ahl appear in the most recent (March/April 2007) issue of The Women's Review of Books. (Available in Lamson Library)
- **Lynn Rudmin-Chong** has been reelected for another 3-year term to the Winnisquam School District's School Board.
- **Bob Garlitz** published four poems on 3by3by3 (<http://3by3by3.blogspot.com/>) and, with Rupert Loydell, six poems in the new SUGAR MULE special double issue #26: An Anthology of Collaborations, guest edited by Sheila E. Murphy.
- **Robin DeRosa** recently chaired a panel, "Rethinking the Theory Course," at the Northeast Modern Language Association conference in Baltimore. She will also be presenting a paper, "Black and White Witches: Salem Mythology in the Golden Age of Hollywood," at the Pop Culture/American Culture Association in Boston in early April. Robin has also signed on to lead a book discussion on a Russell Banks novel at the Berlin Public Library, and to give a talk on her Salem research at the Alton Historical Society.
- **Paul Rogalus** is presenting a paper on "Portraying the Unexplainable: The Use of Fantasy in Realistic Baseball Short Fiction" at the Pop Culture/American Culture Association Conference in Boston on April 6.
- **Karolyn Kinane** will present "Fuqua's Multi-Culti Arthur" at the same conference. (For information about this Association and the conference, including the program, please visit <http://www.popularculture.org/>). Karolyn will also be chairing a panel on Medievalists in the Classroom at the 42nd International Congress on Medieval Studies in May. To learn more about this conference, please visit <http://www.wmich.edu/medieval/congress/>

Communications and Media Studies Department:

- Film and Sexual Politics, an anthology edited by **Kylo-Patrick Hart**, has been published by Cambridge Scholars Publishing. It contains his chapter "The Love Between Warden and Prew That Dare Not Speaks Its Name: Containing Homosexuality as Subtext in From Here to Eternity" along with seventeen additional academic essays. In addition, Kylo presented the paper "'Competent but Really Quite Ordinary': Exploring the (Not So) Groundbreaking Cinematic Attributes of Brokeback Mountain" at the 2007 Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities. His essay "Retrograde Storytelling or Queer Cinematic Triumph?: The (Not So) Groundbreaking Qualities of the Film Brokeback Mountain" has been accepted for publication in the academic journal Intertexts.
- **Annette Holba's** essay "Publics, Dialogism, and Advocacy: Notes Towards a Reconceptualization of Public Relations in the United States" has been published in the academic journal PRism. She also presented the essay "I-It as Rhetorical Strategy: Finding Hope, Courage, and Transformation" at the annual convention of the National Communication Association in San Antonio.

- **Metasebia Woldemariam** has returned after spending her Fall 2006 sabbatical leave teaching in the Graduate School of Journalism and Communications at Addis Ababa University.

Social Science Department:

- **David Starbuck** (Anthropology) attended and presented a paper at the annual meeting of the Ohio Country Conference on March 24-25 at the University of Pittsburgh - Greensburg. The title of the presentation was "The Archaeology of the French & Indian War." He also lectured on "Archaeology as a Career" at Boston University's Sargent Center in Hancock, NH, on March 7.
- **Mark Okrant** has completed a report for the Northern Forest Center entitled, "Heritage and Nature-Based Tourism in the Northern Forest Region: A Situation Analysis." The report is available on line at <http://www.northernforest.org>. Okrant has had a paper accepted for the forthcoming international conference of the Travel and Tourism Research Association. The paper is entitled, "Toward a Model of Balanced Tourism Development on Baffin Island." He presented his findings to the March meeting of the PSU Society for Scholarly Dialogue
- As a member of the board of the Plymouth Historical Society, **Marcia Schmidt Blaine** presented at PHS on March 13 titled "There used to be Farms Here: Farming in Northern New England, 1830-1870."
- **Kate Donahue** recently returned from Narbonne, France where she interviewed the mother of Zacarias Moussaoui. Her book, "Slave of Allah: Zacarias Moussaoui versus the USA," has been accepted and will be out in July.

Chemical, Earth, Atmospheric and Physical Sciences Department:

- **Susan Swope** and **Anil Waghe** (CEAPS), along with recent PSU graduate DeAna (Robinson) Irving, were invited to attend the Teacher Leader Conference held at the American Chemical Society Headquarters in Washington, DC Feb 23-25. The conference focus was the development of a model for the Advanced High School chemistry workshops to be held this summer 2007. Workshop presenters are comprised of 2 college/university faculty and 1 high school teacher. DeAna Irving currently teaches chemistry at Merrimack Valley High School and will be part of the Los Angeles workshop while Susan and Anil will lead workshops in Hartford, Conn. and St. Paul, Minnesota, respectively. Invitation was based on their expertise with the inquiry-based learning model used in the general chemistry curriculum at PSU. For further information on these workshops, see http://www.chemistry.org/portal/a/c/s/1/acdisplay.html?DOC=education\professional\advanced_chemistry.html
- Forty-five **undergraduate and graduate students** from the Plymouth State University Student Chapter of the American Meteorological Society and four meteorology faculty members attended the 32nd annual Northeast Storm Conference hosted by Lyndon State College in Springfield, MA from March 9 -11. The conference is the largest student run conference in the nation and gives students an opportunity to attend a scientific conference geared toward undergraduates and meet their peers and future colleagues from other schools. Once again this year a number of Plymouth State students and faculty presented talks and posters:
 - Oral Presentations:
 - **Lindsay Tardif, Kristin Cummings, and Greg Veras:** "A Case Study of Several Cool-Season California Tornadoes: 8-11 January 2005"
 - **Jen Thorp and Samuel Miller:** "Improved Sea Breeze Forecasting for Boston's General Edward Lawrence Logan International Airport"
 - **Melissa Wellman:** "A Quantitative Analysis of Reduction in Traffic Volume During Winter Storms in New Hampshire"

- **Kristin Cummings, Elizabeth Dupont, and James Koermer:** "An Updated Warm-Season Convective Wind Climatology for the Florida Space Coast"
 - **Melissa Payer** and coauthors: "A Climatological Study of Lake Champlain Lake-Effect Snow Band Events"
- Poster Presentations:
 - **Bridget Bixby and Eric Hoffman:** "Weather Influences on Power Outages in New Hampshire: Development of Web-based Decision Making Tool"
 - **Norman Shippee, Samuel Miller** and coauthors: "Ekman Transport and Tidal Variations in the Gulf of Maine"
 - **Dan Michaud, Samuel Miller,** and coauthors: "Synoptic Scale Conditions Causing Enhanced Northeasterly Winds in the Western Gulf of Maine"
- **Dennis Machnik** visited several area schools to present planetarium shows. He also presented a show at the Mark Sylvestre Planetarium on Monday, March 26th.

Social Work Department:

- The **Social Work Dept.** just completed its 3-day site visit from CSWE to review the Self Study for reaccreditation of the program; the final review occurs in June by the Commission on Accreditation.
- **Stephen Gorin** is finishing a manuscript, *Health Care Reform*, for the 20th Edition of the *Encyclopedia of Social Work* which is published by NASW every ten years. He also participated in a meeting the Governor held with the NH Delegates to the White House Conference on Aging.
- **Scott Meyer** presented "Ethical Issues in Advocating for Oppressed Clients: Empowering People with Histories such as Poverty, Offender Status and Substance Abuse" as a guest speaker at NH Hospital for Social Work Month (March). He also provided training for hospice volunteers at Pemi Baker Home Health and Hospice and elementary school teachers in the Union Sanborn School as part of PSU's TIGER program regarding "strategies to prevent bullying".
- **Cynthia Moniz** was appointed to a Special Review Group by the National Association for Social Workers which has been "meeting" via conference calls. She has also participated in planning meetings of EngAGING NH.
- **Helen O'Brien** is accepting applications from students in the Social Work major for the 2007-08 Child Welfare Partnership awards and will be conducting interviews with staff from DCYF next month.
- **James Mazzuchelli** was chosen as the BSW Student of the Year by the NH Chapter of NASW and was honored at the annual dinner held in Bedford.

Business Department:

- **Jonathan Darrow** had another article published over winter break (January 6th). It is available at: <http://www.lawtechjournal.com/> (lead article)

The Center for Rural Partnerships:

- **Thad Guldbrandsen** has co-authored a book that has recently been released, "Local Democracy Under Siege."

Education Department:

- **Royce Robertson** was involved over the last few months in the SunGard Summit as:
 - Presenter: 1 session this year (Supporting ePortfolio: No Small FEAT)
 - Facilitator: 2 BOF sessions (iWebfolio Users and TracDat Users)
 - Coordinator: He was in charge of the whole Academic Solutions track (evaluated, scheduled, and reviewed 20 sessions)

Organizer: the Academic Lounge (he successfully lobbied for the word Lounge instead of Café; (he is proud!) where there will 10+ open forums on everything from Blackboard to the Spellings Report.

Music, Theatre and Dance Department:

- **Kathleen Arcchi** is working as the Casting Director for the Paper Mill Theatre (Lincoln) summer season; she also saw 300+ 2-min. auditions at the New England Theatre Conference auditions March 17-19 and 600+ 90-sec. auditions at Strawhats March 22-24 in NYC.
- **Gary Corcoran:**
 - Guest Conductor - Manchester West High School, 3/9
 - Guest Conductor - Pinkerton Academy, 3/23
 - 3/16 - Began term of office as President of the New England College Band Association
 - Attended the national conference of the College Band Directors National Association, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Health and Human Performance Department:

- Both the **BS in Athletic Training** and the **MEd in Athletic Training** received a 5-year accreditation renewal from the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). Congratulations AT faculty!!
- **Dr. Linda S. Levy** represented the Department of Health and Human Performance at the Epping High School Career Day on March 21st. On April 1st, Dr. Levy was one of 14 instructors teaching CPR and AED skills to 70 Kimball Union Academy students. The event was organized by Katherine Bello (MEd '05) as part of her campaign to get AED units in every high school in New Hampshire.
- On Sunday, April 1st, **Dr. Linda S. Levy** took part in Kimball Union Academy's "KUA Has Heart – Supporting Matt's Mission." Organized by **Katherine Bello (MEd '05)**, this day-long CPR/AED certification brought together 25 CPR instructors to teach 70 KUA students how to do Adult, Child, and Infant CPR and AED skills. The event was put together to honor the life-saving techniques the KUA athletic training staff performed on Matt Keene (a KUA football player) when he went into cardiac arrest last fall. Co-sponsoring this event was Plymouth State, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Hospital and Zoll Medical Corporation.
- **Dr. Christian Bisson** went to the Epping Middle School to talk about high altitude mountaineering on Mt. Everest and his 2003 Service Learning Expedition that he led.
- **Dr. Anita N. Lee** presented two original researches entitled "*Physical Activity and Subsequent Risk of Severe Cognitive Impairment Among Older Adults*" and "*The Effects of Tai Chi Training on Improving Physical Functions in Patients With Coronary Heart Diseases*", and certified as *Physical Best Specialist* at the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance annual convention at Baltimore, MD, on March 15 and 16.

College of Graduate Studies:

- As part of a NH Literacy grant initiative, **Dennise Maslakowski** has been appointed as a literacy coach at Belmont Middle School. Dennise is also serving on the Literacy Task Force, part of the New England Comprehensive Center for Literacy, and is collaborating on a literacy action plan for New Hampshire's schools.
- **Cheryl Baker** has been appointed to the Board of Directors for the New Hampshire Association of Middle Level Education. The New Hampshire Association for Middle Level Education's mission is to articulate and to promote the philosophy and dynamic practices of middle level education at the state and local level, to influence the development, implementation and evaluation of middle level curriculum and resources and through publications and programs to

develop a network of middle level educators and community stakeholders who advocate early adolescents as learners.

- **Nancy Puglisi** is co-presenting with **Tonya Tookes-Reznik** at the Fourth annual Counselor Education Diversity Institute on April 21, 2007. The focus of the institute is mind-body integration and applications for spiritual counseling. On April 20, Nancy is giving the keynote address, "Gateways to Awakening and Transforming," at the New Hampshire Women in Higher Education Leadership Conference.
- **Gary Goodnough** has received an all-expenses paid invitation to attend the first College Board Counselor Education Summit in Washington, DC on June 19, 2007. Participants will "engage in dialogue regarding equity, access and academic preparation among student groups in today's schools and how this impacts their future career options; and how the SAT is developed, should be used and, what school counselors working with students need to know about this information to be able to better guide their students' course choices."