

**Monthly Report to the Faculty
from Provost Julie Bernier
February 6, 2008**

Welcome back to campus! I hope that you all found some time to refresh and relax during the winter break.

Associate Vice President for Undergraduate Studies- Search Update

Thank you for your feedback regarding the search process for the Assoc VP for UG Studies. Based on what I've heard from the faculty, I've decided to do an external search that would also allow internal candidates to apply.

In addition to the fact that we are currently conducting a search for VP for Finance and Administration, I am concerned about the lateness of beginning an external search for AVP. An internal search would have logistically been possible, but I feel the best timing for an external search process would be to advertise in the fall.

Therefore, I will ask the Steering Committee and the PAT and OS Senates to nominate search committee members by the end of February. I will work with this group later this spring to review the position description and develop an appropriate timeline for the search process. They will then serve as the search committee through the process next fall.

I've asked David Zehr to continue in his role for one more year and he has graciously agreed to do so.

Announcing - Faculty Fellow position for 2008-09, Vice Provost for Academic Administration

Next fall there will be a term faculty fellow position for Vice Provost of Academic Administration. A position description will be sent out to faculty shortly. Any faculty members interested in learning more about this faculty fellow position are encouraged to meet with me to learn more about the opportunity.

Welcome New Faculty

Dr. Roger Marshall is joining the faculty of Computer Science and Technology and will begin his term as Chair of this department. Dr. Marshall has extensive experience in CS&T and in serving in the role of department chair. He comes most recently from the University of District of Columbia. Please join me in welcoming him.

On February 29th, Dr. Patrick Bourgeron will join PSU as the new director for the Center for the Environment and Professor of Environmental Science and Policy. Dr. Bourgeron has been a fellow of INSTAAR (the Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research) at the University of Colorado, Boulder. Please welcome him when he arrives at the end of the month.

40 under 40

Congratulations to Thad Guldbrandsen, Director of the Center for Rural Partnerships, who was just included in the Manchester Union Leader's "40 Under 40" list this year. The list just ran this week in a recent Sunday paper, and Thad will be honored at a recognition dinner in March.

Limerick Ireland 2008

I am pleased to announce that Helen O'Brien (Social Work) has been chosen as the Limerick Program faculty member for the Fall 2008 session.

Diversity Fellow

A reminder that applications for **Diversity Fellow** are now being accepted for the 2008-09 Diversity Faculty Fellowship, and are due no later than April 1, 2008.

ETC

Congratulations to Trish Lindberg and the cast and crew of the 2008 Educational Theatre Collaborative production of Pollyanna. This was the world premiere of the musical whose script and lyrics were written by Trish- music written by Will Ogmundson with choreography by PSU alum Michael David Stoddard and Acting Dance Director, Amanda Whitworth! Special thanks to everyone at Silver Center for the Arts for all they do to support ETC and to everyone on campus who works "behind the scenes" to make ETC happen. FYI- Did you see Robert Miller (ED), Cynthia Vascak (AR), Daryl Browne (CS), Jon Darrow (BU) and Tim Keefe (Dean and CJ) in the show?

NEWS FROM ACADEMIC AFFAIRS **Departments and Faculty**

Business Department:

- **Jonathan Darrow** attended and presented a paper at the 2007 national conference of the business law professors professional organization, the Academy of Legal Studies in Business (ALSB), in Indianapolis, Indiana, August 2007. He also had the following articles recently published: Jonathan J. Darrow & Gerald R. Ferrera, *Who Owns a Decedent's E-Mails? Inheritable Probate Assets or Property of the Network?*, 10 NYU JOURNAL OF LEGISLATION & PUBLIC POLICY 281 (2007); Christine Neylon O'Brien & Jonathan J. Darrow, *Adverse Employment Consequences Triggered by Criminal Convictions: Recent Cases Interpret State Statutes Prohibiting Discrimination*, 42 WAKE FOREST LAW REVIEW 991 (2007).
- **Daniel Lee** had an article published: "Income Inequality and Marriage," (with Kwang Woo Park and Myeong Hwan Kim), *Economics Bulletin*, 15(20) (2007), 1-12.
- **Yvette Lazdowski** presented the following papers August 2007 at the national meeting of the American Accounting Association: *Management Accounting, Mass Production and Scientific Management: A Case Study of the Ford Motor Company*; and *Culture Match: How Greed Destroyed Arthur Andersen and Enron*. In October Yvette passed her final defense at Argosy University for her DBA in Accounting; and in December she passed the Certified Financial Manager (CFM) certification exam. *Congratulations to Yvette!*
- **Trent Boggess** gave a presentation entitled "Designing the Model T Ford" to the staff at The Henry Ford Museum during their annual conference in January.

CEAPS Department:

- Two of **Sam Miller's** undergraduate research students (Norm Shippee and Dan Michaud) presented posters at the American Meteorological Society (AMS) Student Sixth Annual Student Conference in New Orleans. Sam Miller also led a Mount Washington Observatory "EduTrip" to the summit of Mount Washington.
- **Lourdes Avilés** has been appointed to the Board of Higher Education of the American Meteorological Society. The Board is composed by a handful of individuals from small and large universities throughout the nation and, among other duties, it provides support for higher education programs in meteorology and related sciences (such as curriculum recommendations and teaching awards).

- **Heather Dinon and Matthew Morin**, two PSU undergraduates, presented an oral paper at the Aviation, Range, and Aerospace Meteorology (ARAM) Conference in New Orleans. Both students worked with **Jim Koermer** in Florida over the summer and reported on their research on strong winds from thunderstorms that frequently affect the Kennedy Space Center (KSC).
- At the AMS ARAM conference, **Jim Koermer** presented a poster paper summarizing a study, which he conducted with an Air Force scientist, relating to the impact of eliminating several towers from the extensive weather tower network in and around KSC in east-central Florida.
- **Evan Lowery, Julie Soper, and Christopher Warren**, three of **Eric Hoffman's** graduate students, presented papers on their M.S. thesis research at several different conferences held during the Annual AMS Meeting in New Orleans.

Education Department:

- On January 26, **Marcel Lebrun** presented on “Depression in Children and Adolescents” at a Harvard Medical School forum attended by 550. The presentation was so well received that his book *Student Depression: The Silent Crisis in our Schools* sold out at the Harvard bookstore.

English Department:

- **Robin DeRosa** received a book contract from McFarland Press for her manuscript, *Specters, Scholars, and Sightseers: Telling (and Selling) the Story of the Salem Witch Trials*. The book will come out in 2009. Robin also recently gave talks on the Salem Witch Trials at the Alton and Dublin Historical Societies as a speaker for the New Hampshire Humanities Council.
- **Karolyn Kinane** is a contributing editor to the *Once and Future Classroom*, an online journal of medieval studies for K-12 teachers, which just launched its latest issue: <http://www.teamsmedieval.org/ofc/F07/ed.htm>. Her review of "Angels on the Edge of the World: Geography, Literature, and English Community, 1000–1534" (Cornell U Press) came out in the October edition of the *Journal of British Studies*.
- “Sid and Walt,” a screenplay by **Paul Rogalus**, won the PictureStart Film Festival Short Film Script Competition in New York City in December. And two of his poems, “Addicts” and “Lori with an I,” were published in the January issue of *My Favorite Bullet*.

Department of Biological Sciences:

- **Chris Chabot, Casey Doyle, Andy Moore, Conor O'Donnell, Jeff Yelle** (all Biological Sciences), and W.H. Watson (UNH) presented a paper entitled “The relevance of environmental cues to the temporal partitioning of behavior in the American horseshoe crab, *Limulus polyphemus*” at the International Symposium on the Science and Conservation of Horseshoe Crabs, Oakdale, Long Island, NY, June, 2007. Chabot and O'Donnell, along with Win Watson and Sue Schaller (UNH) also presented a paper entitled “The relationship between small- and large-scale movements of horseshoe crabs in the Great Bay estuary and *Limulus* behavior in the laboratory.” A chapter in a forthcoming book on Horseshoe crabs will be based on the latter presentation.
- **Michael Hallworth** defended his MS in Biology at PSU on March 1, 2007. He and advisor **Len Reitsma** recently had two papers published: “Does age influence territory size, habitat selection, and reproductive success of male Canada Warblers in central New Hampshire?” Leonard R. Reitsma, Michael T. Hallworth, and Phred M. Benham in the *Wilson Journal of Ornithology*. AND “Canada Warbler Breeding Ecology (*Wilsonia canadensis*) in Young Forest Stands Compared to a Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*) Swamp. Michael Hallworth, Phred M. Benham, J. Dan Lambert, Leonard Reitsma, in *Forest Ecology and Management*

College of Graduate Studies:

- **Dennise Maslakowski** presented two workshops on the topic of assessment at the NH Association of School Principals' Winter Conference in Concord. Dennise also presented a workshop on case studies of literacy coaching at the European Conference on Middle Level Education in Vienna, Austria.
- **Cheryl Baker** presented a workshop on using technology for classroom walkthroughs at that same conference. Dennise and Cheryl recruited students for the International School Counseling program and the Doctor of Arts program.

Music, Theatre and Dance Department:

- During the January 6th Sandwich Singers concert at the Silver Center, four MTD students and chair, **Jonathan Santore**, had "new works" premiere. The "new works" were commissioned by the Yeoman's Fund for the Arts in Sandwich, who asked the five musicians to write new descants, or countermelodies, to be sung with familiar Christmas carols. At the concert, the audience sang the carols, and the Sandwich Singers sang the new descants. The participants were: **Daniel Glynn** -- Music Major -- "Silent Night"; **Noah Glynn** -- Music major -- "Angels We Have Heard On High"; **Andrew Morrissey** -- Music Ed major -- "We Three Kings"; **David Saunders** -- Music Ed major -- "Away In A Manger"; and **Jonathan Santore** -- "In the Bleak Midwinter." This was a very exciting project primarily because the Yeoman's Fund came up with a very clever way to engage audiences with new music, and provided our students a fantastic opportunity to engage with a general audience. Allan DiBiase, a PSU collaborative pianist, accompanies the Sandwich Singers.
- **Dance Division faculty** taught and performed with 8 guest artists from NYC and Boston at the annual Dance Premier. Saturday February 2, 2008 over 100 dancers from around New England attended the day long event which culminates in a Gala performance. PSU faculty classes and choreography will be highlighted!
- **Carleen Graff** (piano) recently gave a series of piano master classes in Dover and Nashua for pre-college age students and their teachers. She also gave a lecture/recital in Nashua with music by Griffes, Bloch and Riegger.

Social Science Department:

- **David Starbuck** (Anthropology/Sociology) delivered a paper entitled "The Dynamics of a Shaker Landscape in Canterbury, New Hampshire" at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology on January 10, 2008, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. David also delivered an invited lecture about the New Hampshire Shakers to a class at Dartmouth College on January 17.
- **Steve Whitman** (Geography) recently returned from a field study trip with nine students. They spent two weeks studying sustainability in south eastern India. The purpose of the course was to examine many topics under the issue of sustainability, gain a better understanding of ecological footprinting (how much we require each year in resources from the planet to support us), and learn from some experiments in sustainability in a different cultural situation.
- Katherine Donahue (Anthropology) was interviewed by Laura Knoy on "The Exchange" (NHPR), on Friday, January 18. The interview focused on the circumstances Donahue described in "Slave of Allah: Zacarias Moussaoui vs. The USA" that led Moussaoui to join al Qaeda. Donahue was also interviewed by several regional newspapers, including the Laconia Citizen.
- Marcia Schmidt Blaine (History) served as a member of the Sterling College Advisory Council during the past fall and winter as Sterling explores the prospect of adding a Masters

program. The Council met at Sterling in January 11-12 for the final Advisory Council session.

Lamson Library:

- **David Beronä** had the following published: "Introduction" to Frans Masereel's *Passionate Journey: A Vision in Woodcuts*. Dover Publications, 2007.

Psychology Department:

- Jim McGarry presented "Mindflight-- a university based, technology-intensive, interdisciplinary enrichment program for middle school students, at the Hawaii International Conference on Education (Honolulu, January 2008).

Communication and Media Studies Department:

- Warren Mason reviewed the proposed publication, "Best Practices and Factual Examples in Business and Professional Communication" for Thomson-Wadsworth Publishers. This upper-level undergraduate and graduate textbook is scheduled for release later this year.

Health and Human Performance Department:

- **Deborah John** presented original research, Experiencing Behavior Change: Using Peer Counseling for Physical Activity to Teach Exercise Psychology, at the Association of Applied Sport Psychology annual conference last month in Louisville, KY. This month, **Drs. John and McCahan** along with five students enrolled in the Physical Education–Applied Health Fitness option attended the Northeast District American College of Sports Medicine fall meeting in Providence, RI.
- **Anita Lee**
 - Published a peer-reviewed article entitled "Fitness and physical activity: The magic medicine for Type 2 diabetes" in the Indiana Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Journal, Fall 2007 issue, with Dr. Raymond Leung from Brooklyn College, NY; Dr. Jim Kamla from South Indiana University; Dr. Oliver Leung from Nepean Hospital, Penrith, Australia; and Dr. Vivien Leung from Montefiore Medical Center, Bronx, NY.
 - Presented, "Comparison of school athletic systems between Hong Kong and New Hampshire" and "Physical Best 2007: Ways to make activities from the Physical Best Guides meet the needs of your program", at New Hampshire Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance annual conference on November 16, 2007.
 - Presented, "Comparison of school athletics systems between Hong Kong and Massachusetts", at Massachusetts Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance annual convention on November 5, 2007.
- **Angel Ekstrom**
 - Ended 3 year term (2004-2007) as an Association of Outdoor Recreation & Education (AORE) BOD member and treasurer (2005-2007) at the end of the AORE national Conference Nov.3, 2007
 - Delivered 2 conference presentations on: Co-presented with a PSU student (Chelsi Coulombe) - Pollutions Solutions: An Experiential Water Quality Lesson and Climate Change in the Northeast: Effects on Outdoor Programs
 - Took 4 PSU students to the AORE conference
 - 2 students received scholarships from Plymouth State HUB/VC
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 - Defended dissertation proposal on 10/30/07
- **Christian Bisson** co-presented a workshop at the Association for Experiential Education International Conference on Teaching Best Practice in Adventure Education academic

- programs. This workshop was based on a new book (in press) edited by Bisson and Dr. Robert Stremba.
- **Linda Levy, Liesl Lindley** and 15 athletic training students hosted a workshop titled, “Cutting through the Barriers: Equipment Removal and Airway Access for EMS Personnel” on Saturday, January 26. The workshop was attended by 21 EMT’s from eight different towns in Central New Hampshire. The focus of the workshop was for EMT’s to learn and have the opportunity to provide emergency care for the head and spine injured individual. Each participant practiced (1) football helmet facemask removal, (2) athletic, sport and recreational (football, ice hockey, lacrosse, motorcycle, snowmobile, ski) helmet removal, and (3) football helmet and shoulder pad removal.

Social Work:

- **Scott Meyer** conducted a half-day orientation and training workshop for the program's Spring 08 Practicum field instructors (1/23).
- Cynthia Moniz attended the first meeting of the newly formed Board of Directors of EngAGING NH (1/9). She also prepared a Social Work Reinvestment Action Plan for the NH Chapter of NASW as Chair of the chapter's Social & Legislative Action Committee. The chapter received \$15,000 to help them participate in a national initiative to reinvest resources in the profession.
- Stephen Gorin participated in a full-day retreat as a member of the State Committee on Aging (SCOA).
- Helen O'Brien was appointed a Consulting Editor for the professional journal Health & Social Work published by NASW and has already reviewed a number of articles.