

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

March 6, 2007

Spring is just around the corner, the mid-point of our semester is quickly approaching, and this year, the powers-that-be have decided to move our clocks ahead early – at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 11. All are signs that soon we will see students throwing frisbees and running about in shorts, despite the foot of snow remaining on the campus! The first sighting of students in shorts might be a more reliable mark of spring than the sighting of the first robin!

**Graduate Program Accreditation**

Congratulations to **Gary Goodnough**, the Counselor Education faculty, and the College of Graduate Studies on the recent accreditations received from the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). Two of the Counselor Education programs have been accredited: Mental Health Counseling and School Counseling, both part of the MED degree. The Counselor Education program faculty were congratulated by CACREP “for the time, energy, and commitment that they have given throughout this accreditation process.”

**Presidential Investiture**

I hope you have all marked your calendars for Thursday, April 12 for an important day in the history and tradition of Plymouth State University – the investiture of our 14<sup>th</sup> president, Sara Jayne Steen. More information will be forthcoming.

**Distinguished Teaching Awards**

I would like to remind everyone that nominations for Distinguished Teacher and Distinguished Adjunct Teacher are underway. Information and nomination forms are available on the Academic Affairs website, <http://www.plymouth.edu/acadaff>.

**Annual Reports**

The Annual Faculty Report form for the 2006-07 academic year is attached, and also available online in Word format on the Academic Affairs website:  
[http://www.plymouth.edu/acadaff/ann\\_fac\\_06-07\\_Word.doc](http://www.plymouth.edu/acadaff/ann_fac_06-07_Word.doc).

There are no changes to this year’s report format. 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](mailto: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.

**EdD at PSU?**

At the February 26, 2007 Graduate Council meeting, an official motion was made and unanimously approved to pursue doctoral authority and specifically 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.

**NEWS FROM ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**  
**Departments and Faculty**

**College of Graduate Studies:**

- **Dr. Nancy Puglisi** and the PATH (Paths and Approaches to Transformation and Healing) Institute faculty proposed a new certificate program which complements the current PATH certificate. OATH (Organizational Approaches to Transformation and Healing) program courses include: Full Spectrum Leadership, Social Justice at Work, Work as a Personal Journey, Women as Leaders and Creating Organizational Health.
- **Cheryl Baker** is on the conference planning committee for the New Hampshire Staff Development Council's May conference. Several adjunct faculty members are going to be presenting. **Kathy McCabe** will be the keynote speaker; **Kathleen Norris, Shirley Ferguson** and **Ethel Gaides** will be presenting. The topic of the conference is "Job embedded professional development."
- iGrad, the prospective graduate student portal (<http://igrad.plymouth.edu>) will be formally launched in March. Currently, iGrad is in a beta testing mode and focus groups are being held to evaluate its functionality. This tool will allow prospective students to create a customized iGrad account based on their academic areas of interest.

**Music, Theatre and Dance Department:**

- On Jan. 27 **Carleen Graff** gave presentations to teachers and middle school students at Darrell's Music Hall in Nashua. She held two master classes with middle school students of teachers in the Nashua area. One teacher was a recent 2005 graduate, Angela Olszta. In addition she gave her Contemporary Piano lecture/performance on Eastern European Composers to the teachers, their students and the students' parents. This lecture/performance will be given next on March 9 at PSU's ninth Contemporary Piano Festival for high school students and their parents and teachers. She also recently judged for the New Hampshire Music Educators' Association Solo and Ensemble Festival.
- **Rik Pfenninger's** music was recently used on three episodes of the television show "The Survival of the Rich and Famous," which aired on the Warner Brothers Network in January 2007.
- PSU Theatre is in the middle of The Greek Project, a joint project developed by PSU Director of Theatre **Beth Cox** in association with faculty members from Keene and UNH. In the works since 2002, this joint USNH project has received strong sponsorship and support from Chancellor Reno. The three plays proposed, from three different playwrights (Euripides, Aeschylus and Sophocles), follow the story of the Trojan War and its aftermath. THE TROJAN WOMEN portrays the victims of the Trojan War finding the women of Troy accepting their fate and readying to leave their homeland to become the slaves of their Greek conquerors. AGAMMEMNON follows the return of the military man to his homeland. Agamemnon is killed by his wife, Clytemnestra and her lover. In ELECTRA, the daughter of Agamemnon and Clytemnestra links up with her long-banished brother. PSU will be performing THE TROJAN WOMEN at UNH on February 23 and at KSC on March 1. PSU will perform THE TROJAN WOMEN at PSU on March 7, 10 and 11. KSC will perform AGAMMEMNON at PSU on March 8 and UNH will perform ELECTRA on March 9. Tickets can be procured for two or all three productions at reduced ticket prices. Please contact the Silver Center Box office at 535-ARTS.

- **Jonathan Santore's** composition *House Song to the East* was performed in January by the Austin-based professional choral ensemble *Conspirare* as part of an American Masterworks choral festival sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts. *House Song to the East* was originally commissioned by Dan Perkins and the PSU Chamber Singers.

### **Business Department:**

- **Innovation and Creativity: Apprentice PSU III**  
 The Business Dept is launching a new episode of the C-Man "Apprentice" at PSU, lead by **Dr. Bonnie Bechard**. This time, each team will develop an ice cream flavor that they will bring to market with all sales being donated to a designated charity. The Common Man will give each team a budget of \$250.00 to purchase cones, napkins, spoons, bowls, ice cream scoops--whatever they need to execute. They will track and account for their budget. Team performance will be judged on total project, ice cream uniqueness, flavor, popularity, total sales, and complete business/sales/marketing/budget presentation.  
 The ice cream of the winning team will be featured at the "Frosty Shoppe" (the Common Man's new ice cream stand built late last fall) in front of the Common Man Inn throughout this summer.
- **Business department to run two fundraisers for Habitat for Humanity:**  
**Eileen Bennett's** classes will be organizing and running two exciting events this spring with the Pemi-Valley Chapter of Habitat for Humanity receiving the proceeds. The first event, "Shreddin' for Shelter," will be held at Loon Mountain on Sunday, March 11. Teams of four will ski/snowboard in a 24-hour race to see which team can make the most runs during the time period – 10 p.m. -10 p.m.. Sign-ups are from 8-9:30 a.m. and 4-5:30 p.m. The Bunyan Room will be open all night, with a DJ, food, games, 50/50 raffle, and more. Tickets are \$25/person, \$15/person if you have a 3dom Pass. Don't miss this opportunity for a great party and at the same time help the Habitat folks.  
 The second event is called "Raise the Roof" and is based on the CBS hit television show "The Amazing Race." Similar to the television show, our version will require teams of two to four people to race across campus and through downtown Plymouth deciphering clues and performing certain activities to be the team with the best time. The proceeds from the entry fee will go directly to Habitat for Humanity. In addition to the race, they will have food and activities at the finish line, which will hopefully attract the members of the community who are not racing. The proceeds from these activities will also be donated to Habitat.
- **Jon Darrow** has just had an article published in the Sanford Technology and Law Review. It is available online at <http://stlr.stanford.edu/pdf/darrow-patentability.pdf>. Congratulations, Jon!

### **Health and Human Performance Department:**

- Health Education classes and the Health and Wellness Club, under the coordination of **Dr. Mardie Burckes-Miller**, held the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Love Your Body Week at PSU, February 26-March 2. The week celebrated National Eating Disorders Awareness Week. Governor John Lynch recently signed a proclamation declaring this week NH Eating Disorders Awareness Week.
- **Dr. Lynn Johnson** has just had a book released for publication: Potter, D.L., **Johnson, L.V. (2007)**, Softball – 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition: Steps to Success. Champaign, IL: Human Kinetics.

### Social Science Department:

- **Kate Donahue** (Anthropology/Social Science) is back from sabbatical. She finished the manuscript for “Slave of Allah: Zacarias Moussaoui vs. the USA” for Pluto Press, London. This February she went to Narbonne, in southern France, to interview Aicha el-Wafe, the mother of Zacarias Moussaoui. Moussaoui was found guilty of conspiracy in the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks and is serving a life sentence in the Supermax prison in Florence, CO.
- **Marcia Schmidt Blaine** is now on the Board of the Plymouth Historical Society. She was also on “Human Ties,” an hour-long radio show produced by the NH Humanities Council on January 24. The show was archived and is available at [http://www.wkx11450.com/dynamickxl/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=1137&Itemid=118](http://www.wkx11450.com/dynamickxl/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1137&Itemid=118). Click on “Wednesday, January 24, 2007” and it should (after a pause to download) begin to air. Deborah Watrous, the director of the NH Humanities Council, interviewed Marcia about the work she does in NH history.
- **David Starbuck** (Anthropology) chaired a symposium on Military Sites Archaeology at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology in mid-January at Colonial Williamsburg in Virginia; he also presented a paper on his current excavations at French & Indian War sites in northern New York State. David has also had a paper accepted for publication in *Archaeology Magazine*; entitled "America at War: Sutlers' Provided Early American Soldiers with Much-Needed Relief" and it will appear in the May/June issue of *Archaeology*.

### Psychology Department:

- The Psychology Department recently accepted two students into their honors program, Chrissy Brown and Sarah Revels. Chrissy will conduct a study entitled “Assessing False Uniqueness for Nicknames,” while the title for Sarah’s study is “Writing: A Tool for Premature Group Consensus.”
- **David Zehr...**
  - \* is a member of the Programming Committee for the first annual NEEPS Conference (Northeastern Evolutionary Psychology Society). The NEEPS conference will be held at SUNY New Paltz, April 13-14.
  - \* has been invited to be a member of the steering committee for the sixth annual “Best Practices in Teaching Psychology” conference offered by the Society for the Teaching of Psychology (STP, Division 2 of APA). The 2007 conference will be entitled “Beginnings and Endings: Best Practices for Introducing and Bringing Closure to the Undergraduate Psychology Major.” The conference is scheduled for October 12-13 in Atlanta, GA.
  - \* has also been invited to join a panel on “Teaching the history of psychology course” to be held as a pre-convention event on Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at the Association for Psychological Science (APS) meetings in Washington, D.C.

### Education Department:

- On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, **Pat Cantor** and **Mary Cornish** presented a 3-hour workshop on “Mentoring and Evaluating Student Teachers” to over 50 PSU cooperating teachers and 15 student teacher supervisors at the HUB. This workshop was organized by the Office of Teacher Certification and offered under the auspices of a NH State Department of Education Professional Educator Preparation Program grant.
- **Pat Cantor** and **Mary Cornish** presented a day-long seminar on “Mentoring, Supervising, and Evaluating Staff” at the New Hampshire and Vermont Association for

the Education of Young Children Administrator's Conference in Fairlee, Vermont, on February 9.

- **Marcel Lebrun...**

- \* co-chaired the PBIS SUMMIT conference in Concord, January 25-26. Twenty-five schools attended, now making the PBIS Initiative a group of 145 schools statewide.

- \* presented a training session on At Risk Assessments to Lakes Region schools on February 9<sup>th</sup> here at PSU.

- \* has a new book which was released on January 28<sup>th</sup>: *Student Depression: The silent crisis in our schools and communities.*

### **Art Department:**

- **Dr. Cynthia Vascak** was the keynote speaker for the NH Art Educators' "Arts Alive Conference" on February 12 held at the Belknap Mill in Laconia. Her presentation addressed "Creativity and the Art of Printmaking." She also presented the Integrated Instructional Model Arts in Action: Be Our Guest: Looking at our students and curriculum through the Magic Mirror of Possibility at the PSU Integrated Arts Conference, January 27<sup>th</sup>.

- Exhibition openings:

- \* Student Juried Exhibition opens March 7<sup>th</sup>, 4-6 p.m.

- \* "From the Center," Tom Driscoll's Paintings Exhibit opens March 28<sup>th</sup>, 4-6 p.m. in the Drerup Gallery.

- Student Artists:

- \* Andy Carey has landscape photographs being exhibited in Lamson Library and Anthony Cormier's Kiosk Show was a hit – with very professional looking didactics.

- \* Jimmy Russell, Laura Tripodi, Laura Utley, Jacinda Isabey and Amanda LaBrie are printmaking students who have works that have been accepted into the Boston Printmakers 2007 Fifth Arches Student Print Show, February 18-April 1, 2007, with an opening reception on Sunday, February 18 from 3-5 p.m. at the 808 Gallery, 808 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.

- \* Carla Blakely has been awarded a scholarship from the Women's Caucus for ART, New Hampshire Chapter. She is presently working on her thesis at PSU for her BFA in Ceramics while also earning her MAT in Art Education.

- **Chehalis Hegner-Melloni's** image "Trophy" (from her series on "Photography and Healing") has been selected for the cover of the current (Feb/Mar) issue of *Art New England*. This is the same image that was featured in the Boston globe article/review of the PRC/POV exhibition in Boston in November. The image was also selected by *Popular Photography* and *American Photographer* websites for "Photo Exhibitions in America to see in November/December." The link for the cover and online version of the publication: <http://www.artnewengland.com/index2.html>.

- **Elizabeth D'Amico** has one of her prints featured in the current juried exhibition, "Bodies in Ink," which is being held at Two Rivers Printmaking Studio in White River Junction, Vermont, through the month of March.

### **Social Work Department:**

- **Cynthia Moniz** attended a joint meeting of the NASW Executive Committee and the NASW Insurance Trust Board of Directors in February in Puerto Rico to participate in efforts to restructure the organization. She was appointed Chair of the NASW Annual National Awards Committee.

- **Stephen Gorin** was appointed to the NASW Publications Committee, a committee of editors of the Association's journals and the Encyclopedia of Social Work.
- **Scott Meyer** conducted "Techniques to Empower Clients for Success" during January for the staff of Bridge House (the local homeless shelter) and, together with **Stephanie Halter** (Criminal Justice Department), is conducting an outcomes assessment of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Grant, NH Department of Education to expand after school program activities to grades K-3 in the Hillsboro-Deering School District.

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