

Monthly Report to the Faculty from Provost Julie Bernier  
September 5, 2007

What a beautiful Labor Day weekend! Whether you were grabbing the last opportunity of the summer to vacation or were here on campus moving boxes on move-in day, it was an extraordinary three days of sunshine and blue skies. The excitement is all around us as students arrive for the first time, or return for another year– there is positive energy everywhere you turn. **OUR STUDENTS ARE BACK!!**

And so are you! Many of you who were here for the summer can attest to the increase in activity everywhere. The town of Plymouth and our campus underwent major renovations together – with some still continuing. The work at Mary Lyon Hall has been spectacular and you will have an opportunity to see it at the grand opening in October. Congratulations to Bill Crangle, Residential Life and Physical Plant. This is truly a project to be proud of.

Faculty Week seemed to fly by as new faculty orientation, workshops, retreats, and Faculty Day activities took place. We welcomed 15 new faculty to campus this year; a variety of workshops on subjects covering technology, academic integrity, grants, and other topics chosen by your colleagues to welcome you back to campus were offered; our academic department chairs spent time together at a retreat discussing a number of important issues facing them today; and on Faculty Day we came together to begin a conversation about assessment – one which we will continue throughout the year. It was a week of new beginnings, learning new skills, a continuation of important conversations and a renewal of ourselves and our commitment to education. Thanks again go to Dean Zehr, the faculty and staff that presented during faculty week and the staff in undergraduate studies and my office for all of the organization and oversight involved.

I'd like to begin this semester by sharing with you some of our accomplishments from last year:

- *Last year the faculty of Plymouth State University taught, advised, and mentored nearly 7000 students and offered more than 5,000 classes*
- *Over 500 presentations were made or books, chapters, and peer reviewed articles written by our faculty*
- *The Academic Departments successfully completed 15 faculty searches and have brought in an outstanding group of individuals to join you*
- *We named Chris Chabot and Gary Goodnough as our undergraduate and graduate distinguished faculty and for the first time we honored an adjunct faculty member. Jack Barry received that award.*
- *We created two new faculty awards and named them on Faculty Day. Wendy Palmquist was honored for Distinguished Service and Kylo Hart for Excellence in Research and Scholarship.*
- *The President announced the creation of two new Professorships: the Stevens- Bristow Endowed Professorship for “those that educate the educators” and the Ed and Marilyn Wixson Endowed Professorship of Mathematics. They will both be named in the coming weeks.*
- *We began work on a draft of the next strategic plan which we will finalize this fall.*
  
- *We had successful external accreditations by Social Work, Athletic Training, Business, Graduate Counseling, and the Child Development Center.*
- *The doctor of Education proposal received unanimous support by our campus and the USNH Board of Trustees and will this year be presented to the legislative body for a*

*change of charter for PSU. Congratulations again to AVP Dennise Maslakowski and the faculty who worked to develop a strong program that we can be proud of.*

- In Graduate Studies, the CAGS program celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary; we opened a new site in Concord at 2 Pillsbury Street, offered 41 courses, and served over 560 graduate students; we enrolled 46 students from Shanghai in online courses in the MEd program and will teach two courses on-site in Shanghai this year.*
- The Center for the Environment (CFE) has partnered with Hubbard Brook, Squam Lakes Association, and the White Mountain National Forest to name a few; they received a grant and held the first annual NH Water Conference in Concord, drawing 200 people including the Governor and 7 legislators; CFE brought in nearly \$300,000 in new funding, bringing the total to more than \$2,000,000 since the Center's inception. These grants plus existing funding supported 13 graduate students.*
- The Center for Rural Partnerships (CRP) hosted a number of events including: Rural Health and Wellness lecture series at PSU, co-convened the first Coos Symposium meeting and continues to facilitate quarterly meetings of regional leaders in Coos County; co-hosted the Northern Forest Center's Ways of the Woods exhibit on the Plymouth Riverfront; provided technical expertise to nonprofit organizations throughout rural NH; and served as board members for the NH Rural Development Council, the NH Center for a Food Secure Future, the Northern Forest Regional Biomass Energy Plan Advisory Council, and the North Country Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies Committee.*
- CRP and CFE co-hosted the E4 Coalition Conference & Expo ("Exploring Your Woodland Opportunities)*
- We completed the Master Planning process for the replacement of the PE Center. The ALLWell Center (Active Living-Learning for WELLness) a five phase project.*
- We developed a "Transition to Retirement" program in which four faculty members have enrolled.*
- The Frost School had its inaugural year and now has 30 matriculated students and over 140 continuing education students - a number of which plan to become matriculated Frost School students.*
- Langdon Woods opened and earned Gold certification for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) by the U.S. Green Building Council for its demonstration of excellence in the use of sustainable practices or "green design."*
- One of our most historic buildings underwent a complete renovation and has re-opened. Mary Lyon Hall is absolutely gorgeous right down to the crown molding, chair rails, original hardwood floors, staircase and fireplaces. Furniture that had been stored for decades that was once in the house of President Harold Hyde has been re-upholstered and is being used throughout Mary Lyon in the lounges.*
- The College for University Studies will finally have a home. Along with Undergraduate Advising, they will occupy a newly renovated space in the "garden level" of Mary Lyon*
- ...and so much more.*

We have much to celebrate. Congratulations to all those involved in the great number of achievements.

Please be sure to extend your own personal welcome to the following new faculty:

*Megan Birch, Instructor, EN*

*Debra Brown, Contract Faculty, BU*

*Debbie Burnell, Contract Faculty, BU*

*Eric Cintron, Contract Faculty, LL/Spanish*

*Lisa Doner, Research Assistant Professor, CEAPS*  
*John Donovan, Assistant Professor, MA*  
*Wilson Garcia, Contract Faculty, LL/Spanish*  
*Elliott Gruner, Associate Professor & Director of Composition, EN*  
*Daniel Lee, Contract Faculty, BU/Economics*  
*Holly Oliver, Contract Faculty, MU/Music*  
*Christian Roberson, Contract Faculty, CS*  
*Susan Shapiro-Barnard, Contract Faculty, ED*  
*Lisa Spradley, Contract Faculty, ED*  
*Moxie Stoermer, Instructor, AR*  
*James Whiting, Assistant Professor, LL/Linguistics & TESOL*

Congratulations to the following faculty for promotion and tenure approvals received this summer from the USNH Board of Trustees:

*Marcia Schmidt Blaine, SS, Assistant to Associate w/tenure*  
*Barbara Boschmans, MA, Assistant to Associate w/tenure*  
*Scott Coykendall, EN, Assistant to Associate w/tenure*  
*Robin DeRosa, EN Assistant to Associate w/tenure*  
*Jong-Yoon Kim, AR, Assistant to Associate w/tenure*  
*Marjorie King, HHP, Assistant to Associate w/tenure*  
*Vedran Lelas, BU, Assistant to Associate w/tenure*  
*Linda Levy, HHP, Assistant to Associate w/tenure*  
*Xiaoxiong Li, SS, Associate to Professor*  
*David Martin, AR, Associate to Professor*  
*John Rosene, HHP, Associate Professor w/tenure*

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

A number of publications were added to publications' case outside the Provost's office over the summer and are now proudly displayed:

- A new book for Joe Monninger (EN): "Baby" published by Front Street, in Asheville, NC.
- The March 2007 issue of "*Environmental Monitoring and Assessment*," focused on watershed studies at Acadia National Park in Maine, and was co-edited by Steve Kahl (CFE). This publication is an international journal devoted to progress in the use of monitoring data in assessing environmental risks to Man and the environment, More than half the articles were authored by Steve along with a number of PSU students.
- "*Archaeology Magazine*," July/August issue, contains an article written by David Starbuck (SS), "Commerce of War: Inside a colonial merchant's house." This piece focuses on a military camp where merchants sold supplies to the British Army at the largest encampment of the French and Indian War in northern NY State.
- Sara Jayne Steen, Lynne Magnusson, "Early Modern English Women's Letters: Perspectives on Interdisciplinary Teaching [workshop summary]," *Attending to Early Modern Women: Structures and Subjectivities*, ed. Joan E. Hartman and Adele Seeff, Newark: University of Delaware Press, 2007, pp. 359-60.
- Sara Jayne Steen, "Living with Our Words: What English Department Administrators Should Know about the Language of Higher Education Policy," *ADE Bulletin*, 141-42 (Winter-Spring 2007): 49-54.

#### **Art:**

- Adjunct Liz D'Amico has shared the following news:

- Acceptance of a mixed media box assemblage by the National Collage Society for the 23rd Annual Juried Exhibit at the Cornell Museum in Delray Beach, Florida from September 13th -October 28<sup>th</sup>;
- awarded a grant/work exchange for 4 weeks at the Vermont Studio Center in Johnson, Vermont for June 2008; and
- acceptance of a 2007 mixed media box assemblage, <sup>3</sup>Global Renaissance,<sup>2</sup> and a 2006 encaustic mixed media painting, <sup>3</sup>Heed the Warning,<sup>2</sup> at the Library Arts Center Juried Regional Selections in Newport, NH from August 17<sup>th</sup>-September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **Business:**

- Department Chair, **Trent Boggess**, spent a week at The Henry Ford's Benson Ford Research Center assisting in evaluating and processing several of their accessions. **Yvette Lazdowski** also went to Dearborn and was assisted by Trent in collecting data on the Ford Motor Company's early accounting systems for her doctoral dissertation. Trent recently returned to Dearborn as a part of The Henry Ford's guest lecturer series. The lecture is entitled "Death and Taxes: The Ford Motor Company Minority Shareholders vs. the Bureau of Internal Revenue" and stems from some discoveries he made in one of the Benson Ford Research Center's little known accessions during his spring 2005 sabbatical leave. He was cited in the August 13, 2007 issue of Forbes for his knowledge of the early years and products of the Ford Motor Company.

#### **Education:**

- New Education Department faculty member **Susan Shapiro-Barnard** co-authored a book with Carol Tashie and Zach Rosetti, "Seeing the Charade: What To Do and Undo To Make Friendships Happen," published in 2007 by Inclusive Solutions, London.

#### **The Frost School of Continuing and Professional Studies:**

- **"Be on TV" Commercial Competition:**
  - The Frost School in collaboration with faculty from Communication Studies, Business Administration and the PR department are sponsoring the Frost School "Be on TV" Commercial Competition. The competition is for the best 15 second and the best 30 second television commercials advertising the Frost School. The submissions will be put on YouTube so that the entire college community can voice their opinion on the best commercials. The commercials with the most votes will become the finalists that will be reviewed by the Award Panel who will determine the first and second place winners for each category (15 and 30 second ads). The finalists and campus community will be invited to a gala event where the winners will be announced (the 1<sup>st</sup> place winners will get \$200 while the second place winners will get \$100). The commercials will be aired on tv in the spring. Look for posters announcing this event and/or check for official guidelines with the Frost School office.
- **Community Education:**
  - Frost School has assumed responsibility for non-credit Community Education and is launching its first on-campus classes this fall – look for brochures soon. The new theme for Community Education is "Your bridge to learning for fun, learning for life". The Frost School will be offering non-credit community education on-campus, around town, and online. Non-credit online career training courses are offered through partnerships with Ed2Go, Gatlin Education, and Winchester Center for Management.

#### **Office of Teaching and Learning Technologies:**

- The **Office of Teaching and Learning Technologies** has been busy helping numerous faculty members develop blended and online courses, and is gearing up for an even busier fall semester. As always, we welcome faculty to participate in the Blended and Online Learning at PSU program to become qualified to teach blended and/or online courses. To date, we have 57 faculty members who have either completed or are in the process of completing the program. Last year,

PSU offered a total of 104 blended and online undergraduate courses offered - an increase from 61 in the previous academic year.

- The focus for the OTLT team this year will be on video production and editing for blended and online courses. We have been fortunate to be able to convert Lamson 109 into a video production area and are encouraging faculty to experiment with videotaping lectures and lessons. Lamson also has many videos in their holdings which faculty can use in part or whole (depending on copyright issues) in their Blackboard courses. To find out more, contact Scott McDonald at x2813 or write him at [scmcdonald@plymouth.edu](mailto:scmcdonald@plymouth.edu).
- We've also just announced a series of student orientations in various formats. Students can come to face-to-face sessions in Lamson 124 from 12:15-1:00 or 5:00-5:45 every weekday from Tuesday, September 4 through Friday, September 14. Or, students can log into a new Student Orientation course. In addition, faculty can also download individual modules on each of the most used Blackboard tools. Contact Stacey Curdie at x2813 or [scurdie@plymouth.edu](mailto:scurdie@plymouth.edu) for more information.
- The OTLT has also lined up a fantastic fall schedule of workshops. Detailed information on this will be available soon on our new website: [www.plymouth.edu/otlt/secure](http://www.plymouth.edu/otlt/secure). And we're in the process of producing our first edition of a newsletter called the "Wired Classroom," designed to keep faculty informed about the latest happenings in online and blended learning here on campus and elsewhere. Keep your eyes open for the first issue by the end of September.

#### **College of Graduate Studies:**

- **Associate Vice President Dennise Maslakowski** presented two workshops on Issues and Trends in Literacy to the Sanborn Regional School District Administrators and teachers in August.

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

##### **Linda Levy:**

- Presented the workshop, "A Practical Approach to Clinical Instruction" at the National Athletic Trainers' Association Annual Symposium and Conference in Anaheim, CA in June, 2007.
- Reviewed a taping text book titled, "*Taping and Wrapping Made Simple.*"

##### **Mardie Burckes-Miller** presented:

- Search for the Perfect Body: Disordered Eating and Weight Disorders, at the 32<sup>nd</sup> National Wellness Conference, July 2007 at Stevens Point, WI.
- Keynote: Untangling the Web of Eating and Weight Disorders: Anorexia Nervosa to Obesity, 26th Annual School Nurse Institute, Saint Anselm College, NH in August 2007.
- The Trillium Model of Eating Disorders: Education and Prevention at the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual School Nurse Institute at Saint Anselm College, NH in August 2007.

##### **Anita Lee** had a busy summer!

- Was appointed as the Folio Review Coordinator by National Council for Accreditation of Coaching Education for 3 years (2007-2010).
- Attended National Coaching Educators' Conference, and represented Plymouth State University at the Delegate Assembly in June.
- Reviewed a rejoinder folio for National Council for Accreditation of Coaching Education.
- Reviewed a manuscript for *Measurement of Physical Education and Exercise Science* journal.
- Reviewed 5 research abstracts for the Research Consortium of American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Annual Convention for 2008.
- Reviewed a book *Fitness Assessment Workbook*, authored by Duquette, J., Cain, D., and McCartney (2007), Kendall/Hunt publisher.
- Served as volunteer Water Safety Instructor Trainer for American Red Cross – Granite Chapter in June. Students served as water safety instructor in Lake Region and North Country this summer.
- Served as a Lifeguard Training Instructor, Learn-to-Swim teacher and Master's Swimming coach for the Community Aquatic Program at Plymouth State University.

## Lamson Library

- **David A. Beronä** published two Book Reviews: “Bloodletting & Miraculous Cures,” by Vincent Lam. *Library Journal*, 132:13 (August 1, 2007):78. and “Stop Forgetting to Remember,” by Peter Kuper. *Raintaxi*, Summer, 2007. <http://www.raintaxi.com/online/2007summer/kuper.shtml>
- **Alice Staples’** article “Berlin History on the Web and on the Road” was published in *Plymouth Magazine*, Spring 2007
- Lamson’s new library webpages are using **Casey Bisson’s** software, Scriblio. This allows searching within our catalog, LOLA, as well as across our webpages. A direct link to our online catalog LOLA will remain available.
- We are implementing SFX - the original OpenURL link resolver—later this Fall which will link not only to our full text articles but also to our OPAC (for local holdings), document delivery, local information repositories, and our Ask a Librarian research service.
- A permanent exhibit of six photographs from the Images of Arctic Peoples from the collection of the late Professor Charles McGoldrick is mounted in the New Books area in the library. Photographs from the collection of over 60 images will be rotated each semester.
- Our print newspapers have been relocated downstairs in the Café area.
- Foot traffic increased by 46% in Lamson last year, in large part due to our successful Learning Commons.
- New Databases added last year to our Online Resources:
  - ArtStor*
  - Columbia Granger’s World of Poetry*
  - Dissertation Abstracts*
  - JStor Arts and Sciences IV*
  - Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts*
  - Mergent Online*
  - Naxos Music Library*
  - New York Times 1980-Present*
  - Project Muse Base Research Collection*
  - Wall Street Journal 1989-Present*
  - Web of Knowledge*
  - XReferplus*
- Over 75 researchers visited our Michael J. Spinelli Jr. Center for University Archives and Special Collections. Beyond Brown Paper website continues to boasts thousands of hits.

## Languages and Linguistics:

- In August, full-time French Contract Faculty member, **Marie-Therese Gardner** did research in Quebec City at Laval University on the 17<sup>th</sup> century French –Canadian heritage from Normandy, France. She will be connecting with a French History professor, Pierre Legouix, who lives in Quetthou, Normandy, France in order to help her link the language and modes of life existing between the early French-Canadian settlers and the French Normans during the 17th century. She will be using her research information to develop a Past and Present Directions Course, as well as part of her doctoral thesis.
- In June, as part of his Fulbright scholarship, ESOL/Linguistics Assistant Professor **James Whiting** gave workshops on using poetry and drama in the foreign language classroom at the spring conference of Panama TESOL in Chitre, Panama.
- Chair and Associate Professor of Spanish, **Barbara Lopez-Mayhew**, completed a visit of the new CC-CS (Center for Cross-Cultural Study) study abroad site at the University of Alicante, Spain in July. She did research at the Biblioteca Nacional in Madrid for her next edition of a 17th century play, *Valor, agravio y mujer* by Ana Caro. She also submitted for publication a theater review on the Fall 2006 Georgetown performance of *La traicion en la amistad* to *Comedia Performance*, a journal of the Association for Hispanic Classical Theater.
- Our Administrative Assistant, Fawn Ouellette, successfully completed her first course, Behavioral Perspectives in Marketing, in the MBA program in June 2007.

## Music, Theatre and Dance

- **Beth Cox** performed at the Winnepesaukee Playhouse as Saunders in *FALLEN ANGELS* by Noel Coward. She is currently in rehearsal for *WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF* which will open on September 19 in the Studio Theatre in the Silver Center for the Arts.
- **Kathleen Arcocchi** was the co-coordinator of the National Association for the Teachers of Singing Summer Workshop "Tools for Singing" that was held in Newport, RI in July.
- **Dr. Gary Corcoran** has been invited to be a guest conductor of the United States Navy Band on September 22 at a concert to be presented in Virginia. The invitation was extended by Ensign Patrick K. Sweeten, Associate Conductor of the Washington-based Navy Band. Ensign Sweeten, one of Corcoran's former graduate assistants at Pittsburg State University in Kansas, has been assigned to the band since October. The United States Navy Band has been the Navy's premier musical organization since 1925.
- In June, **Dan Perkins** led a performance/work tour to Peru with the NH Master Chorale raising funds for COOPERU. In July, Dan was guest conductor for orchestra and chorus of the American Festival for the Arts in Houston, Texas. In August, he led a performance tour to Portugal with the Manchester Choral Society.
- **Jonathan Santore's** composition *Kalevala Fragments* was chosen from among 49 entries by composers nationwide as the second prize winner in the 2007 University of South Carolina Choral Composition Contest. The prize includes a \$250 cash award, a performance during Spring 2008 by the USC Choirs, and submission of the work to a publisher on Santore's behalf by the USC Choral Program. *Kalevala Fragments* was originally composed for the New Hampshire Master Chorale (directed by PSU faculty member Dan Perkins) which Santore serves as Composer in Residence.
- **Robert Swift** conducted the 65-member touring choir of the Pemigewasset Choral Society during its tour of the Charlevoix Region of Quebec the last week of June. Former PSU faculty member Margot Swift was piano accompanist. Tenor soloist was sophomore music education major Jonathan Ross.

## Psychology

- **Brian Healy** has been working with several students in his lab analyzing the cardiovascular correlates of anxiety and sustained attention.
- **Justin Somers**, a PSU student majoring in Psychology, was recently awarded the Combat Action Ribbon for his service in Iraq. In a ceremony on the common in his hometown of Dunbarton NH, Sen. John Sununu presented Somers with his Ribbon. Somers is a member of the US Marine Corps.

## Social Science

- **Stacey Yap** reports that the Certificate (Graduate) in Historic Preservation has been approved and the announcement of the Certificate has been launched on the Plymouth Homepage and in newspapers around the State. Core courses will be taught starting this coming Spring. The NH Division of Historical Resources helped to set up these courses and find qualified faculty to teach in the program. In addition, thanks go out for the support and help from numerous faculty on campus in finding additional qualified faculty.
- The process of getting the MA in Historic Preservation to SAPC this coming year is underway. An advisory group is set up for its first meeting in October.
- The M.Ed. Heritage Studies continues to attract a large number of new students to the program (about 40+ students in this program now). Core courses such as Heritage Studies Foundations will have a second offering this coming year.
- In July, **Patrick May** started a 3-year term as President of the New Hampshire Council for the Social Studies (NHCSS), the state-wide organization for social studies educators and one of the regional branches of the national organization (NCSS). In that capacity, he attended a 4-day Summer Leadership Institute in July to meet other regional coordinators for planning purposes.

In addition to writing policy proposals for the national organization, they met with the educational legislative aids of Senator Judd Gregg and Congressman Paul Hodes to lobby for a greater inclusion of social studies in No Child Left Behind.

- **Khuan Chong** was a guest of the Royal Military College's Putera (Prince) - 50th Anniversary of Malaysia's Independence celebration in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from July 27th to Aug. 5th 2007. He attended meetings and symposia and talked about his experiences during the British colonial administration and his participation in Malaysia's Independence Day on Aug.31st 1957. He was at the parade that saw the lowering of the Union Jack and the raising of the Malaysian flag; and was one of the first to sing the Malaysian National Anthem - Negara-ku.
- **David Switzer** will be giving a presentation next week to the Plymouth Historical Society on "Archaeology Under New Hampshire Waters," an examination of four submerged sites, two on the coast and two in lakes.

### **Social Work**

- **Helen O'Brien** was appointed a consulting editor for the Health and Social Work national journal.
- **Scott Meyer** was appointed by Governor Lynch to serve on the Commission on the Status of Men beginning July 2007. He also co-presented at the National Children, Youth and Families at Risk conference in May in Chicago with **Stephanie Halter of Criminal Justice Dept.** and Paula Gregory of the UNH Cooperative Extension. The presentation was entitled: Effective Strategies to Promote Project Sustainability. Scott co-presented a lecture at the Plymouth Regional Senior Center in June on "As Families Grow Older" with Fran Olson. In July Scott and Leo Sandy of the Education Department were published in the *Academic Leader*. The article was entitled: The Role of Higher Education in Promoting a Culture of Peace.

**As you can see, the faculty at PSU are an active, vital and amazing assembly of educators. Welcome back!!**

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