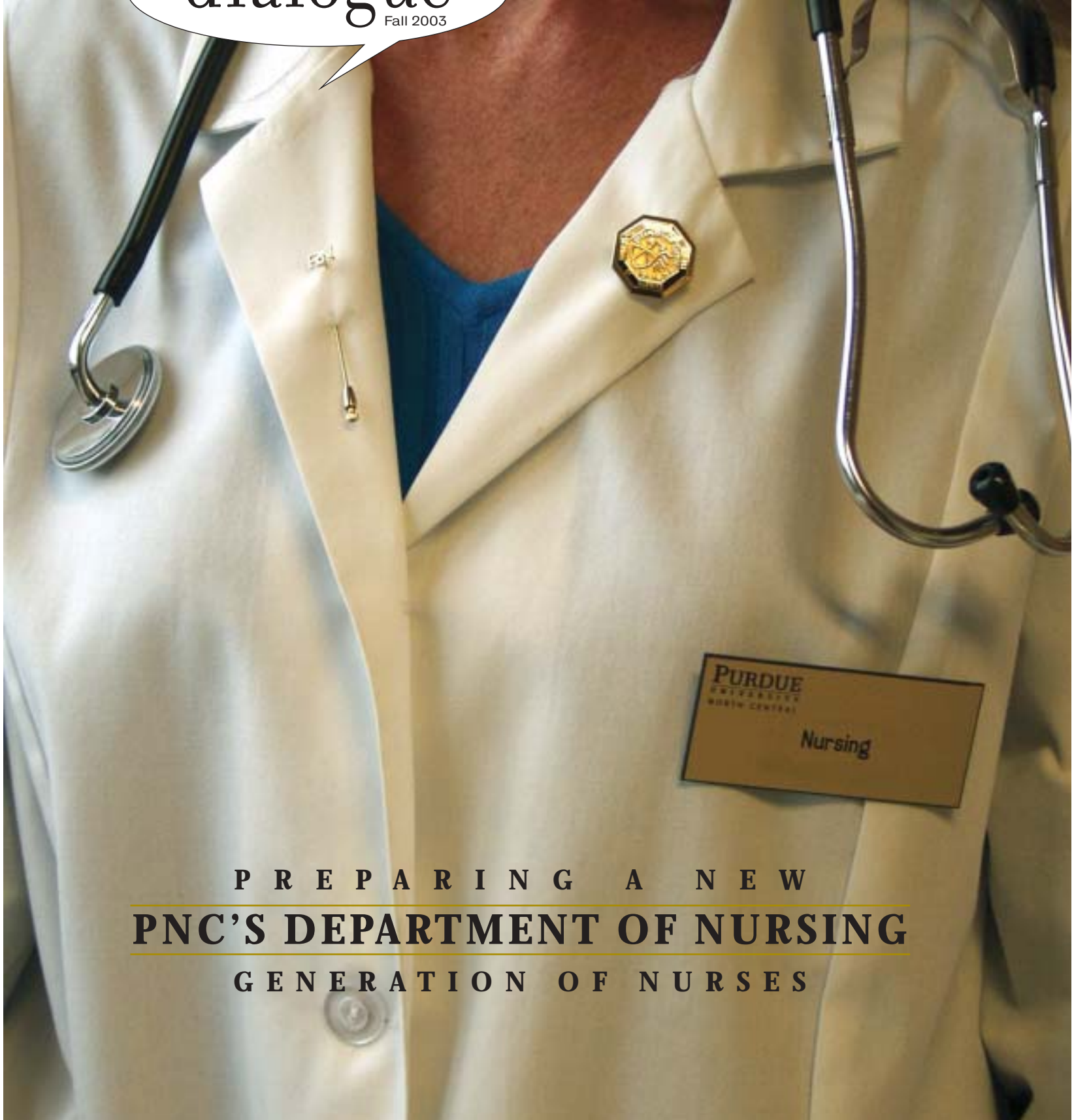


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PNC'S DEPARTMENT OF NURSING
GENERATION OF NURSES

As I travel around the state of Indiana, I am occasionally asked, “Why does Purdue feel it needs a strategic plan?” My answer is that I believe very strongly in strategic planning as the key to systematic progress and effective change.

Strategic planning works because it sets goals, creates a plan for achieving them and establishes measures of accountability. I believe it can be highly effective in large and small organizations and on an individual level. However, success depends on all the key decision makers being on board and involved.

The five-year strategic plans, adopted by all of our Purdue campuses, have been guiding our University’s destiny for two years and I’m happy to report that it is working.

President’s Message

MARTIN C. JISCHKE
PRESIDENT, PURDUE UNIVERSITY

That doesn’t mean everything is perfect or even exactly on schedule. Purdue is a huge and complex organization, and it is subject to numerous external and internal influences. It will never run like clockwork. In fact, challenges and surprises are part of the recipe for greatness in an academic enterprise.

However, each Purdue campus is becoming better under its strategic plan, and that includes Purdue North Central. I am pleased that PNC has shown a growth trend in enrollment over the past few years, increases in student scholarship funding and a focus on student needs.

Student life on campus is being studied with discussions under way regarding the need for housing as well as the need for a comprehensive student activity center or multi-purpose complex. The addition of athletic awards, the start of a softball team as the first women’s varsity sport and the establishment of the Panther Club, modeled after the John Purdue Club on the West Lafayette campus, will help us bring intercollegiate athletics forward.

Academically, in the first step toward campus autonomy, the faculty was reorganized into one school with four academic divisions. Work is under way for the upcoming North Central Accreditation Focus Visit this November. This is an important visit to review PNC’s academically autonomous baccalaureate programs.

Communication and Industrial Technology bachelor’s degrees have been approved by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education. Also, I am pleased that the nursing program has proposed to move its associate degree to a bachelor degree program in response to the great need for healthcare professionals in our state.

System wide, we are in an era of growth and positive change that I believe will be remembered as a turning point for all of Purdue. I look forward to pursuing our goals during the next three years and to laying the foundation for the aggressive planning that must follow.

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A Look Inside

by James B. Dworkin
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Welcome to our latest issue of Purdue North Central’s own Dialogue magazine. What a difference a few months can make!

Inside these pages you will find a snapshot of how far our campus has traveled to fulfill the initiatives that sprang forth from the strategic plan adopted only two years ago.

Perhaps the most exciting news is the announcement of plans to build off-campus market housing that will provide students an opportunity to live near the PNC campus (pg. 17). This project is a public-private partnership between the Purdue Research Foundation and South Coast L.L.C. The design calls for 150 apartments, 39 single-family units and 13 duplex units that will serve faculty, staff, students and the community. The units being planned are not “PNC dorms,” but instead follow a growing trend among universities to offer alternative housing options near campus.



James B. Dworkin
Chancellor, Purdue North Central

I am pleased that a new era has dawned with the arrival of Dr. Lois Kelley as the nursing department chair (pg. 4). Dr. Kelley is leading our dedicated team toward the goal of offering a four-year degree for nursing students. She brings a great deal of leadership experience and enthusiasm for the nursing profession. I hope you will take a moment to read our feature story.

Receiving much publicity, this year’s Odyssey Series began with the presentation of Frank Lloyd Wright’s Samara: Selected Works from the John Christian Home (pg. 2). This was one of several events planned for the year. Thirteen new sculptures have arrived on campus, bringing a new sense of beauty and an opportunity for alumni and friends to experience appreciation of the arts. If you have not visited the PNC campus recently, stop by for some amazing discoveries.

The first phase of a PNC campus master plan has been completed. This plan will guide the placement of new buildings and other improvements for many years to come. Master plans are not a new idea, but are extremely important to prepare our campus for future students. As an example, if you saw the campus master plan of Purdue University from several decades ago, you would be surprised at how accurate the visionaries of that generation were in their plans for campus growth.

I can say with confidence that the strategic plan is doing exactly what it was intended to accomplish — take PNC to the next level. My deepest gratitude is extended to the alumni, friends and businesses that have made gifts to the university. Your generosity has helped us tremendously.

The faculty, staff and students at PNC sense the excitement on campus and invite you to share in the experience. Write to us, call or stop in for a visit. The welcome mat is out and our alumni office staff is ready to greet you.

Let’s keep the dialogue going!

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The living room of Frank Lloyd Wright's Samara: John Christian Home in West Lafayette, Indiana.

FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT EXHIBIT COMES TO CAMPUS

This fall, Purdue University North Central is hosting an architectural exhibit entitled "Frank Lloyd Wright's Samara: Usonian Designs of the John Christian Home in West Lafayette, Indiana."

The exhibit, which came to PNC as a part of the Odyssey 2004 Arts and Cultural Events Series, includes a selection of furniture, textiles, lamps, photos and drawings from the distinctive John Christian home, which has been proudly owned by Dr. John Christian since its design and construction in the 1950s.

Named Samara, which means "winged seed," the house is an outstanding example of the balance of form, function and livability common to Frank Lloyd Wright's Usonian homes, which are known for their organic, ground-loving designs.

The exhibit, which is free to the public, is available for viewing from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturdays through Nov. 15. It can be seen on the PNC campus in the Library-Student-Faculty Building, lower level, Assembly Hall, Room 02.

PNC INCREASES FULL-TIME STUDENT NUMBERS

Purdue University North Central has continued its trend of recent years with a growing portion of its student body composed of full-time students.

The fall 2003 semester includes 2,031 full-time students who are taking 12 or more credit hours of classes, representing 58.5 percent of all PNC students. This marks a record

percentage of full-time students on campus. In turn, another record was set this semester at PNC, as students averaged 10.3 credit hours each. The overall number of credit hours taken on campus has grown 14.8 percent since 1998. In all, 3,469 students are enrolled at PNC, taking a total of 35,764 credit hours.

"We are happy to see that full-time students are making PNC their university of choice," said Chancellor James B. Dworkin. "During the past few years we've added a number of bachelor degree programs that have attracted more full-time students to our campus."

PNC RECOGNIZED BY U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT

Recently, Purdue North Central received word that *U.S. News and World Report* again rated it second in its peer group as graduating students with the least amount of debt. According to the publication, a full 61 percent of PNC graduates have no debt at graduation. The 39 percent of students who do graduate with debt owe an average of \$8,270.

PNC TO HOLD INFO SESSIONS IN AREA COMMUNITIES

Purdue University North Central will host information sessions at several locations in LaPorte and Porter counties during the coming months. Prospective students are invited to attend and meet with PNC representatives to learn about educational opportunities at the PNC campus and at evening locations throughout the area.

Information on enrollment, fees and financial aid will be available. Currently enrolled students and those already admitted to PNC may come to these sessions to register for the fall semester. All sessions are from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The sessions are free and no reservations are necessary. Prospective students should bring academic records, proof of high school graduation and other appropriate documents if they wish to begin the admissions process.

For exact dates and times, please call the PNC Admissions Office, 1-800-872-1231, ext. 5455. Complete information on academic offerings and schedules is available on the PNC web site: www.pnc.edu.

FACULTY MEMBER EARNS STATE AWARD

This summer, Purdue University North Central faculty member Dr. Linda Duttlinger earned the Indiana Academic Advising Network (IAAN) Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award for the 2002-2003 academic year. Duttlinger was honored at the IAAN annual conference held at Purdue North Central.



Duttlinger

Duttlinger started her career as an academic advisor and faculty member when she was hired by Purdue University North Central in 1985. She is assistant to the vice chancellor of academic affairs for academic advising, associate professor of developmental studies, department chair for developmental studies, secretary to the faculty senate and campus coordinator of the Lilly Endowment Retention Initiatives. Duttlinger was presented with the PNC Outstanding Teacher Award in 1987, 1992, 1996 and 2000. She is president elect for the Indiana Association for Developmental Education and is a charter member of that organization. She earned her bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees from Purdue University.

The IAAN Outstanding Indiana Advisor Awards were created to recognize the importance of academic advising at colleges and universities in Indiana.

CARLISLE SELECTED FOR EDUCATION AWARD

Patricia A. Carlisle, special assistant to the chancellor and equal opportunity/affirmative action officer, is one of 10 LaPorte County leaders earning the March of Dimes "Mission in Motion" award. Carlisle was selected for her contributions to education in LaPorte County.



Carlisle

Award selection criteria included having a creative and innovative approach to supporting students; finding means of engaging and inspiring students and having the message for better education heard by the larger community.

Carlisle has been with PNC since 1982. She's held several positions and has a series of accomplishments to her credit. She was key in organizing the annual conference, "Women on the Move," the implementation of women's programming and a number of advocacy initiatives including a "return to learn" program for women returning to post-secondary education, giving them the tools and confidence to return to school.

SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM FORMED

Purdue University North Central students recently formed a campus Speech and Debate Team. The team is supported and advised by faculty from PNC's Communications Department.

According to newly-elected president Diana Mead, some club members are communication majors, but others are interested in entering careers requiring effective public speaking, communication and critical thinking abilities.

Team members plan to participate in a variety of competitions and host forums and presentations on various communication issues and topics. Members also have the opportunity to take part in the long-standing PNC Hyde Park Forum public speaking contest, the campus Poetry Olympics and the annual Potpourri of Literature oral interpretation presentation.

Other planned activities include a forum on communication careers, an informal student activity based on the television program "Whose Line Is It Anyway" as well as several fundraising activities.

ODYSSEY 2004 UPDATE

Odyssey 2003-04 offers a range of sculptures as diverse in their conceptual underpinnings as they are in their materials. Every piece is unique, owing its origin to science, mythology or art theory. Each concept gives rise to the artist's odyssey of creativity.

We invite you to experience your own odyssey of reflection and thought as you observe these works of art. The exhibit is open to the public for self- or guided tours. Information is available in Schwarz Hall at Campus Relations. Tours can be arranged by calling (219) 785-5593.

PNC WELCOMES NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

In August, Purdue North Central welcomed 10 new faculty members for the 2003 - 2004 academic year:

Laura Blaser, visiting assistant professor of chemistry.

Megan Bluhm, visiting instructor of biology.

Debra DeFoor, visiting assistant professor of education.

Carolyn Higgins, continuing lecturer in communication.

Lois Kelley, professor of nursing and chair of the Nursing Department.

Kent Lange, visiting assistant professor of biology.

Nancy Scannell, visiting assistant professor of English composition and rhetoric.

Alain Togbe, assistant professor of mathematics.

Rebecca Trinks, visiting assistant professor of nursing.

Betsy Walits, assistant professor of business.

Other PNC appointments include:

Cynthia Grindley, named a continuing lecturer in foreign language.

Sylvia Lorente-Murphy, acting chair of the Modern Language Department.

Richard Hengst, acting chair of the Biology/Chemistry Department.

Scott Smithson, acting chair of the Communication Department.

Tom Young, acting chair of the English Department.

WRITING CENTER CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY

The Purdue University North Central Writing Center turned 20 years old and an anniversary party marked the occasion on Thursday, Sept. 25, in the Library-Student-Faculty Building.

The event, which was open to the public, also was attended by former students and tutors at the Center. On display were souvenirs and photos, as well as 20 quilt squares made by former tutors to commemorate the Writing Center's history. The squares were made into a quilt wall hanging that was displayed at the event.

The Center was created by Barbara Lootens, professor emerita of English, as a campus resource, open to all students, to provide free one-on-one tutoring for generating, revising and editing papers. It has evolved to



(l to r) Belinda Wheeler, Kathleen Mason and Scott Bayer proudly display the Writing Center quilt.

also offer one-on-one computer instruction for word processing and use of the Internet. Also available are audiotape tutorials, informative handouts, exercise worksheets and reference materials. Students may also visit the Center to study or do online research.

PNC students volunteer their time and expertise to tutor their fellow students, providing a valuable resource on campus. More than 800 students visit the Writing Center each semester.

ACCOUNTING STUDENTS MAKE FINALS

In October, PNC accounting students won third place at the Fall 2003 Indiana CPA Society Case Study competition in Indianapolis. Their presentation was on the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. Led by Faculty Advisor Professor William Mack, students participating in the event were Liz Babcock, Jessica Kelly, Misty Speelman and Rose Ann Switt. Purdue North Central was the only non-traditional school to make the final six teams.



Getting into the Act — PNC student Roscoe Hoffman (r) and West Lafayette student Matthew Harris (l) were the opening musical act at the 2003 Purdue University Homecoming on Oct. 4.



PREPARING A NEW

"I have a tendency to think that, if you have intelligence, you have a responsibility to use it to the best of your ability."

— Bethany Vallangeon, second-year nursing student, PNC

LOIS KELLEY, RN, D.ED., THE NEW CHAIR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NURSING AT PURDUE NORTH CENTRAL, IS IN TOTAL AGREEMENT. And students like Vallangeon, who is planning to earn her bachelor's degree and then, perhaps, enter graduate school, are perfect role models for what Dr. Kelley believes is the dawning of a new generation of nurses. It is a generation embracing the idea that education for nurses is a life-long journey and that nursing is a discipline as well as a profession — where nursing science, theories and principles guide professional nursing practice.

Nationally, nurses are calling for better working conditions and an elevated perception of their profession. At the same time, hospitals and patients are calling for more qualified and more educated nurses who are capable of a higher degree of expertise and responsibility — whether they are working in the emergency room, intensive care unit or promoting health with groups and families in the community. Armed with a progressive plan for the department, Dr. Kelley and the faculty are doing their part to ensure that the education and skill level of those who graduate from PNC in the coming years reflects this higher standard of nursing.

Though Dr. Kelley has been on campus for only a few months, she already has helped the department take what could be a monumental step forward in proposing a bachelor of science in nursing degree at Purdue North Central. This next step is possible because of the long standing excellence of the associate degree program, which has been in existence for 36 years, and Dr. Kelley's experience in leading other baccalaureate and higher degree programs.

"In 1996, the National Advisory Council on Nurse Education and Practice suggested that, by 2010, two-thirds of registered nurses should hold a bachelor's degree or higher," explained Dr. Kelley, noting that an estimated 60 percent of the current nursing workforce is composed of individuals with preparation at the associate degree or diploma level.

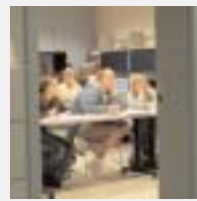
Kelley said there still remains a need for registered nurses who may never earn a bachelor's degree. However, she states that, all things being equal, "if I were in the hospital, I'd ask for a nurse who has the greatest education, as the care I'm going to get is directly reflective of the education of that nurse. It's a question of the knowledge base, and capacity for, giving the quality of care I would want," said Dr. Kelley, adding that there are now nurses educated at the associate, baccalaureate, master's and doctoral levels in nursing.

Life-long learning and educational progression is at the core of the department's platform. Nurses are invited to think of their calling as a continuous, scholarly pursuit, which is why Kelley describes the focus of the faculty as engaging in a teaching-learning process with students. "The focus is on educating nurses to be guided by knowledge and principles. You no longer merely train a nurse," said Dr. Kelley.

This may seem to be only a matter of semantics but, to Dr. Kelley, the distinction is crucial when nursing-care situations are becoming increasingly complex and nursing practices no longer fit a "one right way" standard.

Similarly, Dr. Kelley has challenged her faculty to "move to a new level of excellence," particularly in regard to creating environments that enhance student learning and professional development. As part of her first departmental memo to the faculty and staff in late August, she wrote the following. "It has been said that it is the calling of a true scholar, first and foremost, to reinterpret the body of knowledge, assimilate the new into the old, reassess and transform the shape of the whole. Only after faculty achieve this central objective and are habitually performing it, are the faculty considered ready to move into their own particular function of scholar teacher, scholar clinician and scholar researcher."

GENERATION OF NURSES



Responding to the Challenge

Fortunately for Dr. Kelley and the department, the faculty has been moving along these lines for many years. Faculty such as Ann Moodie are exemplars in teaching excellence. Moodie, who has been at PNC nearly 25 years, has numerous plaques hanging in her office honoring her for being selected by faculty and students as Teacher of the Year.

Faculty are also exemplars in using and refining critical thinking as a teaching strategy — making a contribution to nursing literature which is useful to other disciplines, and in mentoring new faculty. Another example can be found in Whei Ming Su, an associate professor of 25 years at PNC. Recently, Su was the lead author of an interdisciplinary paper for publication in *Nurse Educator*, entitled “Applying the Revised Bloom’s Taxonomy to a Medical/Surgical Nursing Lesson.”

Su, along with Associate Professors Beth Starnes and Paul Osisek, a contributor from PNC’s Department of Developmental Studies, spent a good portion of the summer preparing the paper after implementing the teaching strategies into their curriculum last spring.

“It just flowed,” said Starnes of the writing process which took roughly a month during the course of the summer. “It’s a groundbreaking article, not just for nursing but for any discipline.”

The *Nurse Educator* article is Starnes’ first attempt at being published. But, she is quick to add, “It was the first but it will not be the last.”

For Associate Professor Su, the paper marks the third time in five years she’s been involved in preparing a published article. She submitted “Infusing Teaching Thinking Skills Into Subject/Area Instruction” to *Nurse Educator* in 1998 and “Teaching Critical Thinking in the Clinical Laboratory” to *Nursing Forum* in 2000 with PNC Associate Professor Joyce Masoodi.

Su also has been published in various journals of nursing in Taiwan and China over the years and has conducted numerous workshops on critical thinking during her travels to the Peking Union Medical College.

In addition, faculty are exemplars in bringing funding resources to the Department of Nursing while involving students in health promotion. An example is Associate Professor Diane Spoljoric, a family nurse practitioner, who has been a leader with the Department of Nursing in having funded research and opportunities for mentoring students. Recently, Spoljoric received funding for forming a student-led coalition to assess the campus need for a smoke-free environment.

“Programs like these enable the university to develop students who will be the future leaders of this community,” said Spoljoric, who is the faculty advisor of the student organization Cleaning the Air. “Ideally, these experiences will inspire students to pursue or challenge legislation when they get into positions of influence as adults.”

With assertive and passionate attitudes like these, it appears the faculty are solidly grounded to move to the next level of scholarship. Indeed, Dr. Kelley encourages the faculty to continue current scholarship and move beyond traditional teaching methods — to explore new ways of making a contribution to existing nursing theory and the building of nursing science.

The Art and Science of Nursing

According to Dr. Kelley, another aspect of taking the department to a higher level of excellence is gaining and promoting an appreciation and respect for nursing’s unique knowledge base.

Dr. Kelley considers herself a Parse Scholar, in the tradition of Rosemarie Parse, an internationally renowned expert in nursing and founder and editor of *Nursing Science Quarterly*. As Dr. Kelley sees it, “Rosemarie Parse identified the essential elements of what many of us in nursing see as the art and practice of the nursing profession.” In Dr. Kelley’s view, an important step in taking the PNC Nursing Department to the next level of excellence is educating faculty and students about these 13 essentials:

Know and use nursing frameworks and theories

Be available to others

Value the other as a human presence

Respect differences in view

Own what you believe and be accountable for your actions

Move on to the new and untested

Connect with others

Take pride in self

Like what you do

Recognize the moments of joy in the struggles of living

Appreciate mystery and be open to new discoveries

Be competent in your chosen area

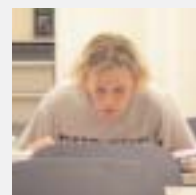
Rest and begin anew

“I introduced the Parse Essentials to our department as an example of one ethical, philosophical stance a nurse can take. I want to let our students know that there’s more than one theory of nursing. Nursing isn’t just about getting a patient to comply with a physician’s requests,” said Dr. Kelley. Encouraging students to look at all sides of any care-giving situation with a patient is vital. In Dr. Kelley’s words, it is critical that nurses be fully prepared to “help patients find a way to feel good about their choices and to honor and respect those decisions while accompanying the patients on their journey through illness and all of life.”

PNC Associate Professor Jean Hayes agrees that nursing students are now being encouraged to be more independent, critical



Dr. Lois Kelley, the chair of PNC’s Department of Nursing, hopes that the advent of a baccalaureate program will inspire nurses to continue their education.



(l to r) Faculty Whei Ming Su, Beth Starnes and Joyce Masoodi are among those who are advocates of teaching critical thinking to their students.

thinkers. “We’ve changed a lot in how we teach. From the classic approach of ‘I have it all — I’ll give it to you — relay it back to me,’ we have transitioned to a new style that involves the student more actively in the process.”

Associate Professor Su adds, “One ultimate goal of our nursing curriculum is to help our students transfer their classroom learning to the clinical practice. We realized you cannot do that without providing students with proper thinking strategies.”

Hopefully, in the very near future, students will have an even greater opportunity for exposure to these strategies through further education in the proposed bachelor’s degree program.

Two Plus Two Equals ... Baccalaureate Degree

This fall, the Purdue University Board of Trustees will vote on a request from PNC to add a four-year degree in nursing to its list of academic programs. The nursing faculty supports the proposed baccalaureate program in a two-year plus two-year format and is hopeful the program is in place by the fall of 2004 — pending approval of the degree by the Indiana Commission of Higher Education.

In the proposal, the framework of the bachelor’s program “is designed to enable nurses who have completed a nursing associate degree — and who are registered nurses — to earn a baccalaureate degree in nursing while attending PNC either full or part time.”

“Our goal in designing the program is to assist those nurses who have already started on their educational journey and provide them with the opportunity of additional years of study,” said Dr. Kelley.

“This degree is far more than just ‘two more years,’” added Dr. L. Edward Bednar, vice chancellor for academic affairs. “It signals the intent to prepare nurses who are capable of leadership in the nursing field and who are knowledgeable users of the abundant and continuously expanding literature pertaining to nursing theory and practice.”

The curriculum of the proposed bachelor’s degree will consist of 68 credit hours required for the associate degree plus the 61 additional credit hours required for the baccalaureate degree. Of the 129 credits required to graduate, 69 will be nursing specific and 60 will be general education courses.

“The science of nursing has become so advanced, both from a knowledge base and from a technical base, that many nursing positions now require baccalaureate preparation for entry-level positions,” states Dr. Kelley. She adds that, “In northwest Indiana and the Chicagoland region, the number of such positions has increased considerably in the last decade.”



If PNC is approved to offer a bachelor's degree in 2004, it will be a satisfying experience for longtime faculty members such as Associate Professor Hayes, who, when asked how long she's been waiting for the four-year degree, replied "since 1974" — her first year on campus. "It's been a matter of timing and planning. However, now we feel strongly that it is the right time." And while Hayes is proud of her role in the associate degree program, she has always felt the need to expand.

While other faculty members may not have had to endure the same wait as Hayes, they nevertheless anticipate the arrival of the four-year degree with open arms.

"I'm so excited to see it coming," said Rachel Moody, who began teaching at PNC in 2000. "Most of the nurses I talk to at the local hospitals tell me if PNC ever gets a bachelor's degree, they'll go back.

"It's just going to bring everyone to a new level in the profession of nursing from the standpoint of looking at research and building our knowledge base — what it means — and how we can use it," continued Moody. "Students get very little of that at the associate degree level and I think it is so important for the profession that students understand research, nursing knowledge and the impact these have on the care that we give every day."

Serving the Community

Whether through pure volunteer efforts or coordinated service learning projects that are tied into their overall curriculum, PNC nursing students have historically been active in lending their talents to the community. Moody, who is a co-sponsor of PNC's chapter of the National Student Nurse Association, already sees significant activity from the group that was formed last year and includes an active core of over 20 students.

"Our hope in starting the chapter was to empower students to become active in the community so that, when they graduate, they continue those practices," said Moody. "We really just want them to get engaged in the process of becoming a professional. And community service is a major component of that process."

Moody claims that she was "shocked" by the motivation exhibited by the group in the early stages of its existence. "A main goal of the students was to start doing community service through service learning projects. To hear that come directly from the student group without them being prompted with the idea was exciting."

One of the initial activities the group organized last spring was a free blood pressure screening, both on campus as well as at a local Meijer store. Moody says that experience alone was an eye-opening

venture for the students. "They were amazed at some of the people who took the test and had no idea their blood pressure was elevated."

Other activities organized by the group include packing information for runners of the Chicago Marathon this fall and starting a baby-sitting service for clients of a local women's shelter.

But Hayes notes that, while the "service learning" concept of community service has been popular in recent years, nursing students have always been active in the community.

"Nursing, as a profession, has historically been involved in service to a certain extent, but that's not the same as service learning," said Hayes. "While we've provided 'service' to the community many times, that doesn't mean we have provided the 'learning' aspect for the student. But, that's what we are doing now."

Taking A Look Back

Since the days when it was housed in the Barker Mansion in Michigan City, the Nursing Department at PNC has been a cornerstone of the University. In 1966, the fledgling department was home for 26 students, including Linda Satkoski (see feature, page 18), a 1968 PNC graduate who is now the vice president of patient care services and chief nursing officer at LaPorte Hospital.

"I remember doing our clinicals at St. Anthony's Hospital in Michigan City and taking classes in what was a garage-type structure — just a small concrete building built next to the hospital," said Satkoski. "We would often meet there before going over to the hospital and I recall taking a food and nutrition class in there as well."

What Satkoski also remembers is a department that was loaded with talented and caring faculty members.

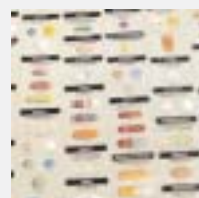
"I have to say I had excellent instructors," she recalled, rattling off names from her experiences over 35 years ago: "Dr. Del Vecchio (the original chair of the department); Carrie Byrd sticks out in my mind and Howard Murdoch, who taught chemistry and was just dedicated to the nurses."

A year after its inception, the nursing department made the move, along with the rest of the campus, to its current home in Westville. In 1974, Hayes joined the faculty and has been at PNC ever since. She remembers all the years that the program had a "split personality" — as the department was housed in the basement of the LSF Building (1975 – 2000) while the learning lab, where students spent much of their time, was located in Schwarz Hall.

In the late 1990s, Hayes was part of a committee responsible for designing the layout of the new Nursing Department facilities to be housed in the Technology Building. In 2000, when the department completed the move to its new home, students and faculty alike raved



Student Bethany Vallangeon is planning on pursuing her bachelor's degree then, perhaps, enrolling in graduate school.



about the convenient layout of key training and lab facilities. The Nursing Resource Center, where students begin their clinical training, is adjacent to a computer lab which includes equipment and specialty software for nursing studies.

For Hayes, the best aspect of the layout, however, may well be the student's proximity to their instructors.

"We love it," said Hayes. "The students have easy access to us now that we are in the same building. In fact, they can go to the lab, walk out the door and my office is right there. I think it's improved the communication we have with the students. And I guarantee the Resource Center has improved their learning."

The Legacy Continues

As the Nursing Department enters a new era with the initiation of the baccalaureate degree, it is a fitting time to reflect on the positive influence the department already has had on northwest Indiana over the years.

According to one PNC graduate, who is employed at an area hospital, "The region is full of PNC nursing alumni and many of them are in positions of authority — positions that permit them to make decisions that affect the hospitals and the nursing profession in this area."

Besides the quality healthcare professionals PNC has supplied to the region, and the world, Dr. Kelley also is proud to note that, through generous support from alumni and friends of the University, PNC will continue to educate many students who may not have had the opportunity to study if not for a significant scholarship program.

"It is so gratifying to see those in financial need or first-generation students enrolled in the program — knowing that many of these scholarships are essential to making their dream come alive," said Dr. Kelley.

Berri Langowski, a 1997 graduate of the Nursing Program, is also one who believes PNC has championed the cause of underdog students in the area for many years. Like a good number of nursing students, Langowski came to campus as a non-traditional student in her 30s.

"I appreciate the resources that the Nursing Program and PNC, in general, provides the community," said Langowski, a Long Beach resident who currently works on the Cardiac Floor at Memorial Hospital in South Bend. "They have always been supportive of all students — regardless of age or gender."



Rachel Moody was pleasantly "shocked" by the motivation exhibited by students in PNC's chapter of the National Student Nurse Association.



Shown assisting a student in the Nursing Resource Center, longtime Associate Professor Jean Hayes enjoys having her office directly across from the hub of nursing student activity.

IS THERE A NURSE IN THE HOUSE?

A “Shortage” Story

Far too often in recent years, the answer to that question would be, “no.” The landscape of the nursing profession has changed greatly in the 29 years since Associate Professor Jean Hayes came to Purdue North Central as a faculty member in 1974. In her estimation, much of the shortage is due to the baby boomer generation, which is reaching retirement age at a rapid pace.

“Over the years, we’ve gone through the normal cycling where we’ve had more students than we could get jobs for or not enough students for the jobs available. But the difference this time is the aging of the population. This shortage is going to stick around,” Hayes predicted.

Unfortunately, statistics show that the rate of entry into the nursing profession has a long way to go to match the high rate of retirement. In a field dominated by women, the prospects for returning to the days when hospitals were saturated with nurses appears unlikely in the near future.

“Women today have many more career options than they did years ago when young women would either go into teaching or nursing. Now, women can go into other professional areas,” said Dr. Lois Kelley, chair of the Department of Nursing at PNC. “Therefore, we must rely on attracting someone who is truly committed to being helpful and, based on that commitment, to work the extraordinary hours necessary in nursing and really go beyond the call of duty.”

Based on current trends, the nursing workforce is becoming older. As one study released in 2001 predicted, by the year 2010 approximately 40 percent of RNs will likely be older than 40. The same study reports that women graduating from high school in the 1990s were 35 percent less likely to become RNs than women who graduated in the 1970s.

The result? In June of 2000, the American Hospital Association released statistics which showed that hospitals nationwide reported 126,000 RN vacancies.

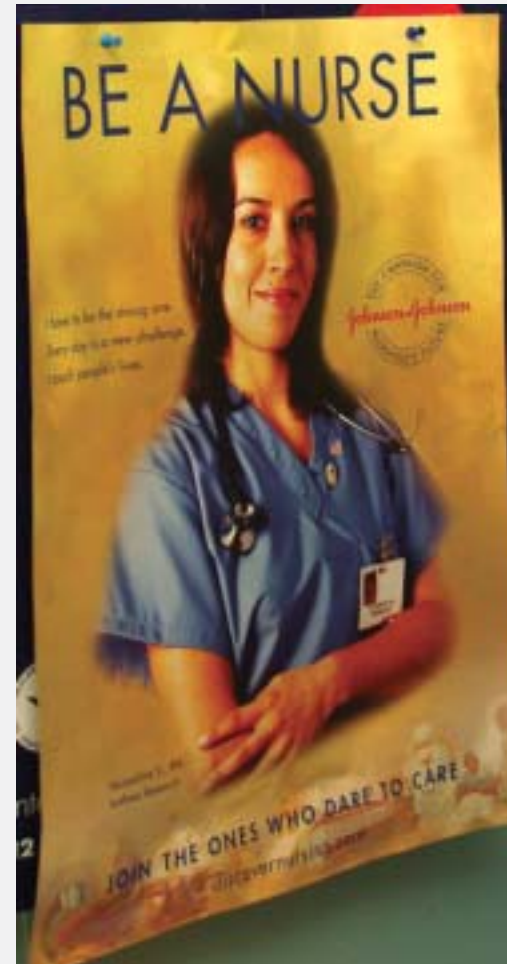
Male Call

Some feel that one obvious way to combat this crisis is to enroll and educate more males as nurses. And, indeed, while females may be selecting different career paths as their professional options become greater, more males are enrolling in the nursing curriculum at PNC — a reflection of a national trend. Many see this career shift as part of the answer to meeting the nursing shortage now and in the future.

“I can certainly see the need for marketing to and recruiting males being laid off from the steel and manufacturing industries,” said Assistant Professor Rachel Moody. “We need to let them know that, if they enjoy taking care of people and being in that type of environment, then they could be a nurse. I think it’s something we need to pursue more vigorously.”

“Men used to look at their industry jobs as this nice, secure thing they had but now they’re looking at other options,” added Hayes.

PNC nursing student Bill Wring is one former steel mill employee who had the foresight to look into PNC last December — while he was still employed with National Steel. When National was bought out by U.S. Steel earlier this year, Wring became one of the many layoffs that resulted from the buyout. Fortunately, by then, he was already enrolled at PNC for the fall semester. For Wring, the turmoil in the steel industry actually allowed him to pursue a career that, deep down, he had always wanted to explore.



Posters like this aim to attract students into a profession which is in dire need of young recruits.

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— PNC Assistant Professor
Rachel Moody

“I’ve always liked to help people,” said Wring. “When I’d take those tests that match your ideal career with your profile, it always came up that I should be in a caregiver type of position. It’s really what I’m about.”

Moody applauds men like Wring for being dedicated to their career path.

“I can honestly say that they have a passion. They have chosen this profession because they really want to be a nurse. And I can say that for every male I’ve seen come through my office or our program.

“It’s a very personal choice,” Moody continued. “They realize that they are a minority in the group but I have also seen them talking to other males and telling them what a great profession it is. I see them as a great asset to have out there in recruitment.”

Hayes predicts that the gender barrier in nursing will slowly erode as the standards of education continue to improve. “Certainly, I’d like to see more males in nursing. Nursing should be a gender neutral profession. You can be caring and a caregiver regardless of gender.”

Who Will Teach Them?

Moody also laments that the nursing shortage may overshadow what may be an even larger problem for the profession as a whole — a lack of faculty members in sufficient numbers to instruct all these new prospective nurses, not necessarily just at PNC, but in higher education overall.

“I think that has hit me more than anything — looking at those I’m working with or those at other institutions and realizing that most of these people will retire in five to 10 years. And I don’t see people coming in the door to take their place,” said Moody.

“I don’t think the public is aware of that concern the same way they are becoming aware of the nursing shortage,” added Hayes. “The nurse educator shortage is, I think, going to be a bigger problem.”

Moody adds, however, that she has been approached by several students who have expressed an interest in continuing their education after their undergraduate studies — a trend which she finds encouraging.

On another positive note, Hayes says that one of the visiting faculty members this year is a former student, Becky Trinks, who graduated from PNC in the mid-90s and went on to earn both her baccalaureate and master’s degrees. “It’s always nice to see younger people coming in and doing this job so well,” said Hayes.



(l to r) Lon McIntosh and Lance Hinkel are two PNC students who have answered the call for more male nurses.



“Nursing should be a gender neutral profession. You can be caring and a caregiver regardless of gender.”

— PNC Associate Professor
Jean Hayes

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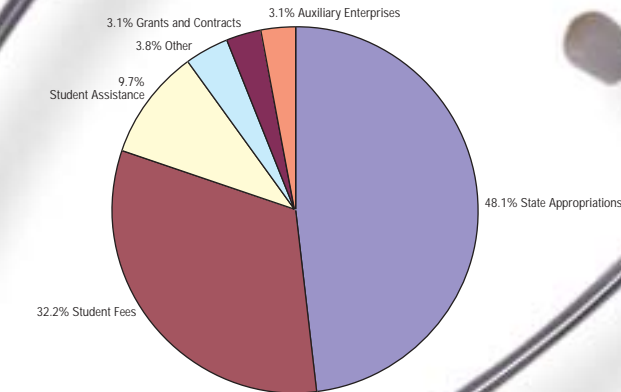
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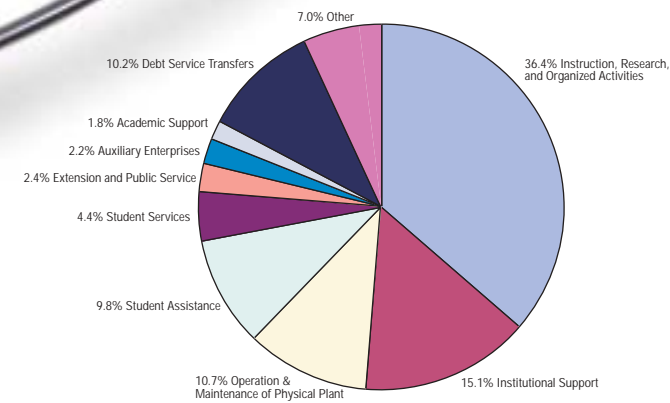
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State Appropriations	12,707,133	48.1%
Student Fees	8,489,963	32.2%
Student Assistance	2,559,994	9.7%
Other	1,000,370	3.8%
Grants and Contracts	812,685	3.1%
Auxiliary Enterprises	827,941	3.1%
	26,398,086	100.0%

2002-03 EXPENDITURES

Instruction, Research, and Organized Activities	36.4%
Institutional Support	15.1%
Operation & Maintenance of Physical Plant	10.7%
Student Assistance	9.8%
Student Services	4.4%
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PAST MEETS PRESENT

Earlier this fall, Dr. Lois Kelley, the new chair of the Department of Nursing at PNC, traveled to Ann Arbor, Michigan, to meet the founding chair of the department at PNC, Dr. Angela Del Vecchio, who assumed that position in 1966.

“She was an inspiration,” said Dr. Kelley. “Our conversation really helped give me a reference of where the department has been over the years and I also appreciated her feedback on some of the ideas we have for the future here at PNC.”

During their meeting, Del Vecchio gave interesting insights as to the humble beginnings of the program — which only helped illustrate how hard everyone has worked over the years to get the department to the level it is today. Insights such as the fact that PNC started its program with only a handful of students at a time when the Chemistry Department was housed in a shower stall at the old Barker Mansion. And how, then, like today, one of their greatest concerns was recruiting faculty.



Dr. Del Vecchio (l) and Dr. Kelley shared their PNC experiences during a recent meeting in Ann Arbor, Mich.

However, Del Vecchio notes with pride that it was the people — more than anything — who helped get the program off the ground and ensured years of success.

“The administration was kind, helpful and very supportive of what we were trying to accomplish,” said Del Vecchio, noting that “excellence was the goal of everyone.”

Del Vecchio also commended the area hospitals who were instrumental in helping the program identify new students, adding that “the administrators of the former Memorial Hospital in Michigan City were especially helpful in providing support to the new program.”

In the 36 years since, six others have carried the torch that Del Vecchio helped light as the first chair of the Department of Nursing. They are: Carol Rocke, Bernice Schaapveld, Iva Brunner; Pat Babcock, Marilyn Asteriadis and Lois Kelley.

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PNC softball recruits (l to r) Katie Ebach, Carly Ristich, Kristen Johnson and Cristin Zaragoza. Standing is Assistant Coach Denny King and Head Coach Gil Arzola.

Panthers Announce Athletic Scholarship Awards

Recently, the Purdue North Central Athletic Department announced that a number of new signees will attend PNC with assistance from the school's athletic awards. This fall, for the first time ever, student-athletes at PNC were eligible to receive scholarship aid.

PNC Signs Baseball Recruits

The Purdue University North Central baseball team added 15 new recruits who signed letters of intent to attend PNC. The student-athletes come from towns throughout Indiana and many are transferring from other colleges and universities to join PNC's growing athletic program.

"We're fortunate to have so many talented student-athletes join us," said Ryan Brown, head baseball coach and assistant athletic director. "We're excited about the new season and looking forward to getting out on the field."

The PNC Panther baseball recruits are:

Justin Bremer — sophomore transfer student from Tri-State University

Steve Georgion — graduate of Boone Grove High School

Ryan Hawkins — junior transfer student from Ancilla College

Bryan Jones — sophomore transfer student from St. Xavier University

Jim Kaufman — freshman from Westville

John Koutelas — freshman from Boone Grove High School

Lance Losinski — junior transfer from Ancilla College

Billy Pitts — junior transfer student from Ancilla College

Bobby Pitts — junior transfer student from Ancilla College

Gary Ray — transfer student from Calumet College of St. Joseph.

Jason Stuebe — junior transfer student from Calumet College of St. Joseph

Brandon Tallman — freshman from Indianapolis Ben Davis High School

Jerad Tallman — junior transfer student from Judson College

John Vucko — junior transfer student from Vincennes University

Dustin Waters — junior transfer student from Judson College

Softball Expands Roster

PNC's women's softball team also added several talented northwest Indiana ballplayers to the roster for the 2003 - 2004 academic year. The student-athletes signed letters of intent to attend PNC during a ceremony on campus earlier this summer.

This is the team's second competitive season, its first as a varsity sport. The new signees are attending PNC with assistance from the school's athletic awards.

"I'm delighted to have these talented student-athletes join our team," said Head Coach Gil Arzola. "They are good athletes and good students, that's the combination we look for in our ballplayers. I'm looking forward to this new season."

Joining the PNC Panthers softball team are:

Holly Bender — junior transfer student from Ancilla College

Katie Ebach — a softball recruit signed earlier this year, has been announced as the recipient of the new Patricia C. Bednar Women's Softball Scholarship

Kristen Johnson — freshman from New Prairie High School

Carly Ristich — freshman from Portage High School

Cristin Zaragoza — freshman from Portage High School

Special note: After the softball team's Spring signing, Coach Arzola expanded his roster by adding three additional players: Brandy Varga (Hobart H.S.), Stephanie Bernier (Chesterton H.S.) and Jill Kiemach (Valparaiso H.S.).

Basketball Players Signed

Four area basketball players have signed letters of intent to attend Purdue University North Central for the 2003-2004 academic year. The players include graduating high school seniors and community college transfer student.

"We welcome these student-athletes to Purdue North Central," said men's head basketball coach Grayling Gordon. "We have a group of fine athletes who will be assets to our athletic program."

"We look forward to the upcoming basketball season. This is a tremendous event for PNC Panther athletics," added Ryan Brown, PNC assistant athletic director.

Recent signees include:

Adam Dobrzeniecki – freshman center from Lake Central High School

Matt Martinez – freshman guard from Portage High School

Michael Tyler Moore – freshman guard/forward from Knox High School

Jeff Whiteside – forward/center from Boone Grove High School

Special Note: After the basketball team's Spring signing, Coach Gordon expanded his roster by adding five additional players: Jeremy Mc Celos (LaPorte H.S.), Joshua Brust (Morgan Township H.S.), Brandon Cygan (Morgan Township H.S.), Jamaal Garrett (East Chicago Central H.S.) and junior transfer Julian Jones (Black Hawk College).

PNC fields teams in basketball, baseball and softball. The men's baseball and basketball teams are members of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, (NAIA) and the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC). The women's softball team competes in the USCAA.

PNC Announces Construction of Off-Campus Housing

Chancellor James B. Dworkin announced in September that off-campus housing will be constructed and available to students in the fall of 2005. Through a unique public-private partnership between the Purdue Research Foundation and South Coast L.L.C., groundbreaking on this project will take place soon for a development which will include 150 apartments, each with two or three bedrooms, 39 single-family units and 13 duplex units that will serve faculty, staff and the community.

This unique public-private partnership will bring the development named University Village to property owned by the Purdue Research Foundation and located directly across from campus, on the west side of U.S. Highway 421. The partners include the Purdue Research Foundation and South Coast L.L.C., whose principals are Harley Snyder of Valparaiso and James Combs of Merrillville, both experienced and successful real estate developers.

As explained by G. William Back, PNC vice chancellor for administration and the director of this project for the PNC campus, a recent study indicated the need for a well-planned development close to campus, which would provide attractive housing options to students and the community.

"Many parents told us that even though they live within commuting distance, they wanted their students to live close to campus for convenience as well as to enjoy an 'on-campus' independent living experience," said Back. "This will accommodate those student needs."

He further explained that PNC gets inquiries from students living throughout Indiana, the United States and internationally, but in most cases could not serve those students due to the lack of housing. "This will open up many opportunities," said Back. "Our faculty and staff can also take advantage of the housing. Our employees move here from cities throughout the country and in the future we will be able to offer a tremendous living experience for them. And we look forward to people currently living in the area choosing to live here as well. It will have the feel of a neighborhood."

The land features gently rolling terrain and will accommodate ponds, walking and bicycle paths, landscaped roads and common areas. It will be located directly across U.S. Highway 421 from the south end of campus at the traffic light. Residents will be able to walk or ride bicycles from University Village to PNC, establishing a campus community, said Back. "Our students will live closer to the heart of campus than they would at most residential colleges."

The development encompasses 46 acres. The University purchased 37 acres in March of 2002, and T-P Orthodontics generously donated an additional nine acres in June. The exact date of the groundbreaking and further details will be announced soon.

MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 2003-2004

November 2003

5	Indiana University NW	7:00	Gary, IN
8	Campbellsville U.	2:00	Scholl Center
14	Indiana University East	6:00	Richmond, IN
22	Goshen College	7:00	Scholl Center
25	Moody Bible Institute	7:30	Scholl Center
28-29	Spring Hill College Tourn.	TBA	Mobile, AL

December 2003

3	Taylor University FW	7:00	Fort Wayne, IN
6	TBA	TBA	Scholl Center
12	Indiana Univ. South Bend	7:00	Scholl Center
28-30	Clarke College Tournament	TBA	Dubuque, IA

January 2004

3	Goshen	3:00	Goshen, IN
7	Trinity Int. University	7:00	Scholl Center
10	Calumet College-St. Joseph's	1:00	Whiting, IN
13	Moody Bible College	7:30	Chicago, IL
14	Kendall College	7:30	Palos Heights, IL
17	Trinity Christian College	1:00	Scholl Center
21	Cardinal Stritch University	7:30	Milwaukee, WI
24	Judson College	7:30	Elgin, IL
28	Indiana University East	6:00	Scholl Center
31	Trinity Int. University	7:30	Deerfield, IL

February 2004

2	Indiana University Northwest	7:00	Scholl Center
4	Calumet College	7:30	Scholl Center
7	Kendall College	1:00	Scholl Center
11	Trinity Christian College	7:30	Chicago, IL
14	Cardinal Stritch University	1:00	Scholl Center
16	Taylor University FW	7:00	Scholl Center
18	Judson College	7:30	Scholl Center

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Chancellor's Leadership Scholarship Recipients

Did you know that the university accepts gifts that can be designated for use as student scholarships? Gifts for scholarships are an investment in people because they provide educational opportunities that often change the course of a student's life.

Gifts in any amount can be made to the general scholarship fund or to a scholarship fund for a particular degree program or activity. For example, a donor may designate that the gift be used to provide athletic scholarships in basketball, baseball or softball. The university determines the recipients and the time when the scholarship is given.

Some donors choose to support scholarship endowments. Endowments are designed to invest gifts received (i.e., the principal) and use the earnings to fund future scholarships. Endowment income enables the university to attract the most capable and innovative students. It also supports Purdue's land grant mission to make higher education available to all who qualify, regardless of background or financial status.

Some examples of endowment funds that are accepting donations are the Barbara and Bernie Lootens Scholarship for students in Liberal Arts or Humanities, and the William and Kathryn Shields Scholarship for the Education of Healthcare Professionals. All gifts to these funds will be added to the principal, providing lasting scholarships.

If you are interested in learning more about making a donation for scholarships, contact the Development Office at (219) 785-5697.



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Asserting Herself

Linda Satkoski has been a leader at LaPorte Hospital since virtually her first summer on the staff in 1968. After graduating from PNC in the spring of that year, and passing her boards in the early part of the summer, Satkoski found herself in charge of the pediatric nurse staff for two weeks while the head nurse was on vacation.

"I was probably too young to be scared," laughed Satkoski. "But they also told me that they trusted me because I asked questions. So maybe that was part of it, as I look back, but it's certainly not the same orientation program we have today. I have to say, though, that it was an excellent experience."

Thirty-five years later, Satkoski still serves LaPorte Hospital — the only medical facility she has ever worked at — as the vice president of patient care services and chief nursing officer.

As the leader of the nursing staff, Satkoski is in the process of applying for the hospital to receive Magnet status — an accreditation process through the American Nurses Credentialing Center that rewards medical institutions for excellence in the field of nursing.

"It's important to us from the standpoint that we already have a lot of the traits of the Magnet program," said Satkoski. She notes the low turnover rate of the nurses — lower than local, state, and national rates — as one of the most telling statistics.

"When we looked at the standards, we felt we were doing those things and that it has been our philosophy for at least 10 years," said Satkoski, noting that the nurses are part of over 90 separate committees that help make decisions at the hospital. "It's not like we decided to go for Magnet status and then, all of a sudden, decided we've got to do this and that. We don't think Magnet status is going to change what we're doing. We just feel it's going to give us the recognition for what our philosophy has been."

Satkoski noted that a central part of that philosophy is the hospital's emphasis on patient satisfaction and standards of care that the nurses provide — something of which Satkoski is especially proud.

In November of 2002, Satkoski sent in the hospital's application after compiling figures and samples to document their activities this past year. The application should be reviewed within the first six months of 2004. Hopefully, accreditation will soon follow.



As one of the first graduates of the Nursing Program at PNC, Satkoski is now committed to raising the standards for nursing at LaPorte Hospital.

In her tenure at the hospital, Satkoski has essentially done it all — from pediatrics to surgical orthopedics to medical telemetry. She was even named head nurse of the hospital in 1977, a position she held for a year before leaving to raise her daughter. When she returned to the hospital, she worked in various part-time supervision positions and special education projects before returning full time in 1983 in a quality assurance position.

When her daughter was old enough to attend school, Satkoski returned to school and earned her bachelor's degree from the College of St. Francis in 1988 and her master's from the University of Notre Dame in 1995. Satkoski is quick to credit her husband of 34 years, Daniel, for his support of her professional and educational endeavors.

"He's always been extremely supportive of me working or going back to school," Satkoski said of Daniel, a barber/hairstylist in Michigan City.

With all that Satkoski has accomplished in the medical field, she still seems to hold on to the parting words from one of her instructors at PNC — words that served as both a compliment and a challenge at the same time. "They told me 'you'll be a good nurse but you've got to learn to be more assertive,'" recalled Satkoski.

If visiting LaPorte Hospital today, her professors likely would be pleased with how this former student has turned out.

Have Degree ... Will Travel

Joe Frye certainly owes a lot to the nursing profession.

For starters, his initial interest in the profession — sparked by his four years of service as a medical corpsman in the Navy and Marine Corps — led him to Purdue North Central, where he met his future wife, Diana Jaspers. Diana's interest in Joe's line of study grew and she eventually enrolled in the Department of Nursing after obtaining her bachelor's degree in liberal arts.

After becoming registered nurses, the flexibility of the profession allowed Joe and Diana to travel to the four corners of the contiguous United States — always as employees of a hospital looking for qualified "travel nurses" to fill a variety of temporary positions. Included on their tour were stops in California, Connecticut, Illinois, Ohio and Florida, a state that regularly staffed up during the winter months to meet the demands of their increased population during the tourist season.

"It was great," said Frye of their migration to locations such as Key West. "We'd go down there from Thanksgiving to Easter and then pack up and go somewhere else we were needed."

All totaled, the Frye's traveled over 65,000 miles in 2½ years. "It worked out well for us," said Frye. "During that time we enjoyed the thrill of being in different places and gaining experience from the places we worked. It was a great adventure for both of us and nursing provided it."

When the time came for the couple to settle down and start a family, they chose to return to northwest Indiana, and Joe accepted a position at St. Anthony's Hospital in Michigan City in 1997. In the six years that followed, Frye worked in a number of management positions ranging from nursing supervisor to safety officer and risk management specialist.

Seemingly taking a page from the handbook of Dr. Lois Kelley (see feature — page 4), Frye also found time to return to school and pursue his bachelor's degree in nursing, which he received in 2002 from Indiana Wesleyan University. The following year he continued with his studies as he earned his fellowship in Public Health from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

However, in just the past year, Frye left his full-time position at the hospital to devote time to starting his own consulting company. In addition, Frye also has returned to his nursing roots by practicing at local

hospitals through medical temporary employment agencies. "When I was in the management role, I found myself removed from patient care," said Frye. "So going back to being a nurse — to being the one that provides bedside care — I found to be a refreshing change from the challenges of management."



Joe Frye with wife, Diana, and children (l to r) Nicholas, Alyssa and Rebecca.

Now that the couple's three children — Rebecca, 9; Nicholas, 8; and Alyssa, 4, are old enough to be active in a number of extracurricular activities, Joe is thankful that his nursing background allows him the flexibility to return to working as a "per diem" agency nurse while he continues to grow his consulting business.

"Fortunately, my nursing background allows me to work with the area hospitals as a consultant dealing with accreditation and safety issues," said Frye. "I have some bids out with the hospitals right now and, if I reach an agreement with them, then consulting will move to the forefront."

This flexibility is of critical importance to Frye. For, despite what can tend to be a hectic and diversified work load, it allows him to spend time with those that mean the most to him.

"What really matters to me are my kids and my wife," said Frye. "I can work days or I can work midnight shifts so I've always got evenings home with my family. Basically, I can tell the temporary agencies when I want to work and they always call with more opportunities than I can possibly fulfill."

"The bottom line is that nursing has let me make choices in my lifestyle that allow my family to take center stage in my life. Nursing has been a career choice that has helped me to grow as a person and as a professional and has also provided rewards that are meaningful and profound."

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Carl Denison (BS/Mechanical Engineering '72) has retired from AMP-Ohio.

Stephen Zolvinski (BA '78) is a Ph.D. candidate in the Anthropology Department at Ohio State University.

David Bowen (BS '80) is a project engineer for Molex Incorporated.

Jeff Meinhard (BA '99) is teaching at New Prairie United School Corporation. He and wife **Gwen Craig Meinhard (AA '90)** have two daughters, Abigail and Lydia.

George Ewing (BLS '01) retired from Bethlehem Steel and relocated to Florida.

Ryan O'Neal (BLS '02) recently married Stacy Laughlin O'Neal (BLS '01).

In Memoriam

The Alumni Association asks that you remember the following members of the PNC family:

Annamarie Herndon former associate professor of food and nutrition at PNC, October 15, 2003.

Charles C. Wray (BS/Supervision '76 – AAS Electrical Engineering Technology '73), June 2003.

Judy Locke (BLS '86), Summer 2003.

Stacey R. Soto ('96 Nursing), of Knox, June 25, 2003.

Dr. Jeene Wilbur Gaines, a former psychology professor at PNC, May, 2003.

Former student **Michael B. Perrine** of Portage, February, 2003.

PNC Group Treated to Boilermaker Victory

The Purdue North Central Alumni Association hosted a bus trip to the Purdue versus Notre Dame football game on Sept. 27 at Purdue's Ross-Ade Stadium in West Lafayette. A crowd of happy people made the trip and celebrated an exciting 23-10 Boilermaker victory over the Irish.

Participants enjoyed a tailgate luncheon at the Purdue Memorial Union and a pre-victory concert at Slayer Hill.



Mike Hope, director of alumni programs at Purdue North Central, addresses the PNC alumni group prior to the Notre Dame vs. Purdue football game in West Lafayette.

Gala Honors 'Shining Stars' of Purdue North Central

On June 30, nearly 200 of PNC's special friends and supporters gathered at Sand Creek Country Club, Chesterton, Indiana, for a black-tie gala to celebrate recent major donors — The Shining Stars of Purdue North Central — and to kick off the Campaign for Purdue North Central.

Chancellor James B. Dworkin recognized Horizon Bank, Family Express, Inc. and NIPSCO for their generous gifts to the Chancellor's Leadership Scholarship program. T-P Orthodontics was honored for its donation of acreage adjacent to PNC, as were anonymous donors for their bequests. Dworkin announced that Purdue North Central had accumulated over \$2 million toward the \$6.5 million goal.

Speakers that evening included Purdue's President Martin C. Jischke who noted with pride what has been accomplished at PNC. Speaker Marsha Buckingham, a student who blossomed as a leader at PNC explained, "I was drawn into the University like a magnet by the faculty, administration, staff and students. PNC has helped me reach a turning point in my life."

Panther Drive Golf Outing Supports PNC Athletics

The weather couldn't have been better for the Annual Panther Drive Golf Outing.

Sponsored by the Purdue North Central Alumni Association (PNCAA), the June 23 event was held at the Briar Leaf Golf Club in LaPorte. Over 120 golfers from northwest Indiana participated in the golf outing, which raised scholarship funds to support PNC student-athletes. According to Ryan Brown, assistant athletic director at PNC, "This support from our Alumni Association is pivotal in our efforts to recruit top student-athletes and build the PNC intercollegiate athletics program. It means a lot to have PNCAA's support of our programs and our great students."

The field of teams included a Who's Who of local government officials, area business executives and community and school leaders. They were joined by special guests from Purdue University administration, athletics and alumni relations including, Purdue President Martin C. Jischke, Director of Athletics Morgan Burke, Greg Christopher of the John Purdue Club and Chad Johnson of the Purdue Alumni Association. Purdue football legend Leroy Keyes also joined in play, as did PNC Chancellor James B. Dworkin and Dr. L. Ed Bednar, vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Speaking at the awards banquet, Joe Goepfrich, vice chancellor for development at PNC, reminded participants that "this opportunity to benefit athletics at Purdue North Central was only possible because of the support of Purdue alums and friends." Goepfrich then offered a special "Thank you to Von and Andy Mason, of the Mason Corporation, and our corporate friends at NIPSCO for their very generous financial support as Panther Drive sponsors."

Mike Hope, director of alumni programs and special events at PNC, also thanked Briar Leaf Golf Club for helping to make the event so successful. "The staff at Briar Leaf did a great job, from beginning to end."

For information on the 2004 PNC Panther Drive Golf Outing, contact the PNC Office of Development and Alumni at (219) 785-5697 or email alumni@pnc.edu.

Alumni Association Sponsors Classic Film Series

The Alumni Association, in cooperation with the Vickers Theatre, is sponsoring the Friday Classic Film Series which will highlight one classic film per month through March of 2004.

The schedule of films is as follows:

Friday, Dec. 5 — Akira Kurosowa's "Rashomon" (1950)

Friday, January 16 — Roman Polanski's "Knife in the Water" (1962)

Friday, February 20 — Michelangelo Antonioni's "L'Avventura" (1960)

Friday, March 19 — Jean Cocteau's "Beauty and the Beast" (1946)

Each movie is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be available for a nominal fee.

All films are subtitled and showings will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. in Assembly Hall (Room 02) of the Library-Student-Faculty Building. Persons needing disability accommodations may contact Mike Hope (219) 785-5307.

The Alumni Association gives special thanks to the Purdue North Central Library for helping to make the series possible.



A Fair Assessment — Youngsters line up for an opportunity to win prizes at the PNC "Wheel of Fortune" while Purdue Pete entertains those waiting in line during Purdue Day at the Indiana State Fair in August. During the day, the fairgoers lined-up to "spin and win" and collected information about PNC.

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Continuing through Friday, December 19

Mahouts: The Elephant Drivers of India

Photo works of Rebecca Janes • Free and open to the public; Odyssey 2003-04 Series Event • North Study Lounge, TECH • Contact: Judy Jacobi, ext. 5593, jjacobi@pnc.edu

Friday, November 7

PNC Players Fall Production, Blithe Spirit by Noel Coward

Open to the public, tickets required • 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., LSF 114 • Contact: Dr. Daniel Padberg, ext. 5384, dpadberg@pnc.edu

Saturday, November 8

"Jewels" of the Gold Coast of Chicago, and More, Fall Bus Trip

Open to members of Purdue North Central Women's Association • 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. • Cost: \$30 per person (does not include lunch) • Reservations required • contact Lou Ann Robinson, ext. 5225, lrobinson@pnc.edu

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Sunday, November 9

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Friday, November 14

PNC Players Fall Production, Blithe Spirit by Noel Coward

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Saturday, November 15

PNC Players Fall Production, Blithe Spirit by Noel Coward

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Sunday, November 16

PNC Players Fall Production, Blithe Spirit by Noel Coward

Open to the public, tickets required • 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., LSF 114 • Contact: Dr. Daniel Padberg, ext. 5384, dpadberg@pnc.edu

Thursday, November 20

Faculty Research Series Presentation by Dr. Jeff Shires

Free and open to the public • 4:30 p.m., Assembly Hall, LSF 02 • Contact: Debbie Nielsen, ext. 5332, dnielsen@pnc.edu

Friday, November 21

Last Day to Drop a Class

Contact: George Royster, ext. 5299, groyster@pnc.edu

Battle of the Bands

Contact: Gary Demski, ext. 5479, gdemski@pnc.edu

Tuesday, November 25

Books and Coffee Series

Rita Dagsy presenting **Small Wonder** by Barbara Kingsolver • Free and open to the public
Noon, LSF 02 • Contact: Cindy Roberts, ext 5219, csrobert@pnc.edu

DECEMBER

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Tuesday, December 2

Red Cross Blood Drive

Open to the public, appointments recommended • Time - TBA, LSF Lounge • Contact: Linda Rizer, ext. 5230, lrizer@pnc.edu

Friday December 5

Friday Classic Film Series Presentation

Introduction and after-film discussion by John Vickers, owner Vickers Theatre, Three Oaks, Mich. • Free and open to the public • Time - 7 p.m.; LSF 02 • Contact: Mike Hope, ext. 5307, mhope@pnc.edu

Friday, December 12

August/December Graduation Reception

Open to graduates and invited guests • Time - TBA, LSF • Contact: Debbie Nielsen, ext. 5332, dnielsen@pnc.edu

JANUARY

Monday, January 12

Spring Semester Classes Begin

Contact: George Royster, ext. 5299, groyster@pnc.edu

Friday, January 16

Friday Classic Film Series Presentation

Introduction and after-film discussion by John Vickers, owner Vickers Theatre, Three Oaks, Mich. • Free and open to the public • Time - 7 p.m.; LSF 02 • Contact: Mike Hope, ext. 5307, mhope@pnc.edu

Monday, January 19

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

No classes • Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday celebration. Donations of books or money to purchase books suggested. Celebrating with speeches, music, essay contest winners and a special reading presentation. Sponsored by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee of the Unity Council of Healthy Communities of LaPorte County in cooperation with PNC. Free and open to the public. • PNC cafeteria. Contact: George Royster, ext. 5299, groyster@pnc.edu

Tuesday, January 27

Books and Coffee Series

Tom Brady, Jr. presenting **Linked: The New Science of Networks** by Albert-László Barabási • Free and open to the public • Noon, LSF 02 • Contact: Cindy Roberts, ext 5219, csrobert@pnc.ed

FEBRUARY

Thursday, February 12

Red Cross Blood Drive

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Friday, February 20

Friday Classic Film Series Presentation

Introduction and after-film discussion by John Vickers, owner Vickers Theatre, Three Oaks, Mich. • Free and open to the public • Time - 7 p.m.; LSF 02 • Contact: Mike Hope, ext. 5307, mhope@pnc.edu

Tuesday, February 24

Books and Coffee Series

Sharon Koelm presenting **Gardens in the Dunes** by Leslie Marmon Silko • Free and open to the public
Noon, LSF 02 • Contact: Cindy Roberts, ext 5219, csrobert@pnc.ed

March - April

Friday, March 19

Friday Classic Film Series Presentation

Introduction and after-film discussion by John Vickers, owner Vickers Theatre, Three Oaks, Mich. • Free and open to the public • Time - 7 p.m.; LSF 02 • Contact: Mike Hope, ext. 5307, mhope@pnc.edu

Tuesday, March 23

Books and Coffee Series

Nancy Scannell presenting **What Happy People Know: How the New Science of Happiness Can Change Your Life for the Better** by Dan Baker, Ph.D. • Free and open to the public
Noon, LSF 02 • Contact: Cindy Roberts, ext 5219, csrobert@pnc.ed

Tuesday, April 20

Books and Coffee Series

Teresa Henning presenting **Harry Potter and The Order of the Phoenix** by J.K. Rowling • Free and open to the public • Noon, LSF 02 • Contact: Cindy Roberts, ext 5219, csrobert@pnc.ed



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