Editorial

The 2004-2005 aca-

Esteemed professor, Dr. Robert Stonebraker, took early retirement from IUP in 2002 after thirty years of service. He is now at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, South Carolina. In response to alumni inquiries, we've asked Bob to comment on his new adventure in the "land of grits and gravy" (see Newsletter, Issue #35).

"As for newsletter stuff, there isn't much new to report. Many of my activities are exactly the same as at IUP. For example, I still enjoy students and teaching as much as ever and I still give exactly the same type of exams – all short answer and problems, no multiple choice. I still play racquetball (though have fewer potential opponents than at IUP), root for the Buccos and eat hot dogs whenever possible. But much has changed as well. Having to teach new courses (Public Finance, Environmental Economics, Managerial Economics for EMBA students, Winthrop's equivalent of Basic Econ) to new types of students has been a welcomed kick in my professional pants and reinvigorated me in some ways.

"And my university service is very different. I've stayed

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Promotions and Appointments

- Dr. Stephanie M. Dzefowicz became Co-director of IUP Center for Economic Education in Fall 2003.
- Dr. Stephanie M. bzefowicz and Dr. James J bzefowicz received tenure effective Fall 2004.
- Dr. Stephanie M. Jozefowicz and Dr. James J. Jozefowicz were promoted to Associate Professor effective Fall 2004.
- Dr. Jon Halvorson was hired as Assistant Professor Fall 2003.
- Dr. Jeff Lewis was hired as Assistant Professor Fall 2003.
- Dr. Jack Julian was hired as Assistant Professor Fall 2004 (was Visiting Assistant Professor 2003-2004).
- Dr. Yaw Asamoah was appointed Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences in 2003.
- Dr. David Yerger is President of Pennsylvania Economic Association 2003-2004, and is editor of the *Pennsylvania Economic Review*.
- Dr. Stephanie M. Jozefowicz was elected to the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Economic Association 2004.
- Dr. James J Jozefowicz serves as Vice President-Membership for the Pennsylvania Economic Association for 2003 and 2004.

Presentations

- Dr. James J Jozefowicz and Robert Viégas ('03) presented "Innovation Function Estimation with Count Panel Data" at the Annual Conference of the Pennsylvania Economic Association, West Chester, PA, May 2003.
- Dr. Stephanie M. Jozefowicz, Dr. James J Jozefowicz, and Professor Emeritus Dr. Robert J Stonebraker presented "Do Religious Free Riders Prefer Popular Denominations?" at the Society for Scientific Study of Religion/Religious Research Association Conference in Norfolk, VA, October 2003.
- Dr. Todd Potts served as a discussant at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Economic Association in San Antonio, TX, November 2003.
- Dr. Jon Halvorson presented "The Impact of Seniority on Federal Transportation Spending" at the annual conference of the Eastern Economic Association in Washington, DC, February 2004 (with Harold Elder, University of Alabama).
- Dr. Jon Halvorson presented "Term Limits, Incentives, and the Size of Government" at the Annual Conference of the Pennsylvania Economic Association at Robert Morris College, June 2004.
- Dr. James J Jozefowicz and Dr. Stephanie M. Jozefowicz presented "Applied Introductory Econometrics" at the Annual Conference of the Pennsylvania Economic Association at Robert Morris College, June 2004.
- Dr. David Yerger presented "The Impact of U.S. Growth Upon Canadian Provincial Exports: A Co-Integration Analysis of Province-Specific Measures of U.S. Growth" at the Annual Meetings of the Canadian Economic Association 2004 (with Gary Sawchuk, Policy Research Initiative).

Other Notes

- Former professor John W. Cross and his team won the IUP Golf Scramble held on September 24, 2004, at Meadowlane Golf Course in Indiana, PA.
- The Department of Economics at IUP will host the Annual Conference of the Pennsylvania Economic Association in 2006!

Our students continue to distinguish themselves with their academic pursuits. We wish to highlight the following works of scholarship and the recipients of academic scholarships and recognition:

Donald A. Walker Scholarship

2003 recipient: Justin A. Ulrich 2004 recipient: Caleb M. Moore

IUP Undergraduate Research Grant

2004 recipient: Justin A. Ulrich

George A. Chressanthis Department of Economics Scholarship (\$36,000 in scholarship money has be awarded to date)

2003 recipients: James Bogacz, Kenneth Munshower, Stephanie Halliday

2004 recipients: Brian Andrewlavage, Rachel Kessler, Zoë Thorkildsen, Rebecca Uecker, Justin Ulrich

Graduation Awards

2003

Wall Street Journal Award - Brooke Chimino and Jennifer Trimble

Dr. Brewer Award - Mileah Kromer

McGraw- Hill Award - Micah Savidge and Robert Viégas

2004

Wall Street Journal Award - Nathan Arabia

Dr. Brewer Award - Helena Rados

McGraw- Hill Award - Kenneth McDermott

Presentations of Works of Scholarship

Midwest Economics Association Conference, St. Louis, MO, March 2003

Student Presenters:

Kenneth McDermott ('04), Micah Savidge ('03), Anya Sheftel ('02), Robert Viégas ('03)

Pennsylvania Economic Association Conference, West Chester University, May 2003

Student Presenters:

Justin Aion ('04) "Factors of Freshman Retention"

Chrystina Black ('03) "Casino Gambling Determinants of the Crime Index of Atlantic City, NJ'

Thomas Kruise ('03) "School Expenditures, Student Performance, and the Tiebout Hypothesis: Why are Citizens 'Voting with Their Feet'?"

Micah Savidge ('03) "New Economic Geography: The Lessening Role of Geographic Isolation on Economic Growth"

Robert Viégas ('03) "Determinants of Political Participation in the United States"

Pennsylvania Economic Association Conference, Robert Morris University, June 2004

Student Presenters:

Carrie Jenkins (senior) "