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**Wine, the Holidays, and a Little Bit of Geography**

"Wine is proof that God loves us and likes to see us happy". The famous Pennsylvanian Ben Franklin wrote those words almost 250 years ago. Throughout the ages in Western Civilization, wine symbolized joy and the exuberance for life. As Robert Mondavi put it, "Wine is the most civilized thing in the world."

Come learn a little more about the geographic influences on wine and what other famous people have said about wine as Bob Sechrist of the IUP Geography and Regional Planning Department leads a tasting of his holiday wine favorites. The program will be held Tuesday, November 28, 2006 at 7PM in Breezedale on the IUP campus.

Bob began his interest in wine, like most of us, as a teenager. Although he took a different tack than most, he started making his own using a home winemaking kit he got for Christmas. As a graduate student his interest in wine took a different turn when he studied the prohibition movement. Since 1999, Bob has taught Geography of Wine. Along the way he accumulated a wealth of wine quotes and images that he will share during the tasting.

By the end, we are sure you will agree that 'Wine is Geography in a Bottle.'



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The University

With its original 1875 building still standing at the heart of its campus, Indiana University of Pennsylvania has a long tradition of academic excellence. The university is recognized as a "Public Ivy" in company with other public colleges and universities that offer academic environments comparable to those at Ivy League schools but at affordable prices. IUP provides an intellectually challenging experience to more than thirteen thousand students at the university's three campuses, all easily accessible from Pittsburgh and the Middle Atlantic region. IUP is the largest member of the State System of Higher Education.

Academic offerings include more than a hundred undergraduate majors with a variety of internship and study abroad programs, more than forty master's degree programs, and eight doctoral degrees. Unusual opportunities for research at all levels and Robert E. Cook Honors College provide special challenges for academic growth. The variety and quality of instruction are characteristic of a big university, yet at IUP, close, one-to-one relationships develop within the teaching framework, and lifelong friendships are formed.

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**"Breakfast-and-a-Book"**

A new program, "Breakfast-and-a-Book," is the initiative of Chris Clouser, Science Librarian and Kelly Heider, Education Librarian. It is intended as a showcase for books published by IUP faculty. At the first two sessions this semester faculty and students have gathered for a continental breakfast and interesting book talk. If you would like to be part of Breakfast-and-a-Book," check the "What's New" section of the IUP Libraries Web Site at [www.lib.iup.edu](http://www.lib.iup.edu). The next program will be Thursday, November 30th at 9AM in Stabley Library, Room 210 when Dr. Tamara Whited will speak about her recent publication, Northern Europe: An Environmental History.

**The Friends of the Library** has been established by the Institutional Advancement Division of the University and the Stapleton Library in order to improve Library resources for students and faculty.

**Goals of the Friends:**

- To provide a medium for encouraging gifts and bequests of funds, as well as for books and manuscripts that support the curriculum of the University beyond the capacity of the Library's budget.
- To encourage an interest in learning through books and reading.
- To increase the usefulness of the Library's resources by making them known to users on a first-hand basis.
- To promote an understanding of the Library's mission and the role that it fills in the life of IUP.

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## Investing for Scholarship and Research

Rena Fowler  
Dean of Libraries

In this issue, as in most issues of Ex Libris, we celebrate donors and friends of the IUP Libraries. Their gifts are investments providing invaluable resources and services for students and faculty and for study and research. This time, we also acknowledge the recent, substantial investment of IUP and our System in strengthening library resources. Chancellor Hample, President Atwater, and Provost Samuels have our thanks.



Last year, the IUP Libraries received \$400,000 over and above its established allocation for library and information resources. This year, a similar sum, a bit larger, will be provided. Following System guidelines and IUP priorities, these funds have been committed to support new programs and those undergoing accreditation. After many years of static budgets, requiring reductions in journal subscriptions in order to manage inflation increases, and a period of budget reduction, this funding seems nothing short of miraculous.

The money is particularly bolstering collections in growing programs of graduate study where we have the greatest need. Graduate students are expected to know the literature of their discipline, particularly trends in research. Doctoral students may be called upon to produce an original piece of research which entails first reviewing relevant studies related to their topic before they undertake their own contribution to original scholarship. The library must stock and/or offer access to the broader and deeper resources associated with this literature and research. It is a significant task. The IUP Libraries will strive to build strong collections and systems for access in the university's chosen graduate fields. We will succeed through the combined support of its System, IUP, and its donors and friends.

## Local History Collections Added

IUP Special Collections and Archives seek collections that document the economic and social life of Western Pennsylvania. Two new collections have been added that will offer much to researchers interested in these areas.

The McKeage Lumber Collection, MG 138, was discovered by William T. Spencer, a former IUP history student in the carriage house of a home he had just purchased. Mr. Spencer recognized the value of the business papers of the lumber company founded in Mahaffey, Pennsylvania in 1856. The company owned timber lands throughout the central part of the state. Mr. Spencer donated the papers last fall, and the collection is now available for researchers. The second gift is the research collection of Oscar Nestor. Mr. Nestor worked on a history of Sagamore, Pennsylvania, and the papers are materials he collected documenting the history of this interesting coal town. They include photographs, personal and corporate correspondence, books, and oral history interviews. They are currently being processed by Bobbie Jo Zapor, a history intern and will be available to researchers by the end of the semester.

## Oral History Grant Awarded

Special Collections and Archives staff, working with independent researcher Sonya Stewart, have received a local history grant from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission to interview local African-Americans. During the next year Ms. Stewart will be doing interviews to document the work and social lives of African Americans in Indiana County during the mid to late 20th century. The recordings will be added to the Archives collection and will be available for researchers. Contact Dr. Theresa McDevitt at 724-357-3039 for more information.

## Coal Culture Website Available

In the Spring of 2006, IUP Libraries was awarded a Library Services and Technology Act grant to create a digital library of materials which document the history of coal mining families in the region. The site, Coal Culture, is still under construction but can be visited at <http://www.lib.iup.edu/depts/speccol/mininglife/>

## 2006 Children's Literature Festival: "Camp Read-a-Lot"

On Saturday, April 8th, Stapleton Library held a children's literature festival for the students of the

Indiana Child Care and Development Centers (Indi Kids). The festival, which had a camping theme, was a collaborative effort between Dr. Kelly Heider, IUP's education librarian, Stephanie McAadoo, Indi Kids' early childhood specialist, and Marti Higgins, Indi Kids' executive director. Activities included campfire stories, a reader's theater, crafts, games, and guest readers. Stapleton Library faculty and staff, as well as faculty from the Professional Studies Department of IUP's College of Education, volunteered to be guest readers. Students of the College of Education gained valuable teaching experience by running many of the events.

## Libraries Support Graduate Students

The IUP Libraries is strengthening the resources and services to graduate students. \$400,000 of performance funding from the State System for library acquisitions enabled the acquisition of more than 5000 titles for the book collection together with purchases of DVDs and online databases. Close consultation between library bibliographers and departmental subject specialists identified the new acquisitions.

In addition, IUP librarians cooperating with the Graduate School introduced the Graduate Academic Success Program (GASP), which is a multipart library orientation program designed specifically for IUP graduate students. During the past year the library extended its evening hours to 2AM; an enhancement long sought by students. The graduate student lounge in the library has been equipped with new computers, printers, a TV, DVD/CD player and more comfortable furniture. The library is committed to fully supporting graduate studies at IUP.

## Invitation

You are invited to the  
Friends of the IUP Libraries  
fall event on Tuesday,  
November 28, 2006 at 7PM in  
Breezedale on the IUP campus.

Bob Sechrist of the IUP  
Geography and Regional  
Planning Department will  
present "Wine is Geography in  
a Bottle." Learn about the  
geographic influences on wine  
as you enjoy sampling some of  
Bob's holiday wine favorites.  
Refreshments will be served.

Open to the Public, must be 21.

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