



Fall 2009



## HOMECOMING – OCTOBER 24

Homecoming festivities on Saturday, October 24, will begin at 9 a.m. with the Community Parade—an award-winning two-mile parade that winds through the Borough of Millersville, ending at the Student Memorial Center. This year's parade theme is "Myths, Fables and Fairy Tales."

Viewers line the streets and watch the parade in lawn chairs. For parade details, visit [www.parade.millersville.edu](http://www.parade.millersville.edu). Parking will be available in lots around campus and in the University parking garage located on the corner of Prince and Cottage Avenues. A map of the campus is available online.

Back by popular demand is Fall Fling, which runs from 11 a.m.–4 p.m. next to the lake at Brooks Field. Fall Fling has something for everyone—

craft and food vendors, entertainment, clowns, a petting zoo, pony rides, games and activities and a Marauder Treasure Hunt for kids age 5–12 years old from 2:30 p.m.–4 p.m.

The Marauders will take on Kutztown in the Homecoming football game, starting at 1:30 p.m. at Chryst Field in Biemesderfer Stadium. The 2009 Charity King and Queen will be announced at halftime, and the Marching Band will perform.

## IMPROVED SAFETY AT INTERSECTIONS



Trying to cross at the George and Frederick Street intersection had become a challenging task—a task made more difficult by the heavy traffic, pedestrians on cell phones, and other distractions.

Over the summer, the George and Frederick Street intersection was completely redone. The final plans include new traffic flows, and traffic and pedestrian signals. These talking signals are meant to improve safety and accessibility, making the journey of crossing the street less of a challenge.

The signals have a push-button activated, audiovisual mechanism that will tell pedestrians when it is safe to cross.



## MILLERSVILLE RANKED IN TOP 100

*U.S. News & World Report*, in its annual college rankings issued for 2010, placed Millersville University in the top tier at 54 in the category of Best Universities—Master's in the North region. Millersville was the highest ranked among the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) universities in this category. Bloomsburg came in at 74, Shippensburg at 77 and West Chester at 81.

Highlights of the college rankings are published in the September 2009 issue of *U.S. News & World Report*.

"As we start the 2009-2010 school year, we have much to celebrate at Millersville," said Dr. Vilas Prabhu, provost. "Our students are gaining national recognition, our faculty are obtaining major grants and awards and we continue to focus on service learning through our Civic and Community Engagement and Research Project (CCERP)."

*U.S. News & World Report* rankings are based on numerous factors, including graduation

and freshman retention rates, class size and student-to-faculty ratios. Overall, the category included a total of 572 institutions nationwide, ranked by region, which provide a full range of undergraduate and graduate programs.

## Family Day – November 7

Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 7, for Family Day at Millersville. Watch your mail for a brochure highlighting the day's activities. For more information, contact the Office of Student Affairs at 717-872-3592, or [www.millersville.edu](http://www.millersville.edu).

## H1N1—WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW



*The following is an excerpt from a letter sent to students and families from Dr. Susan Northwall, director of health services.*

Millersville University is looking forward to a healthy 2009-2010 academic year, and we'd like to share some information related to the H1N1 virus (swine flu).

Millersville University has taken multiple preventative actions, such as establishing an Incident Response Team as well as creating an Incident Specific Plan to respond to an outbreak of Pandemic Flu; placing hand sanitizers in the residence halls, classrooms and other campus buildings; outfitting critical buildings with infection control supplies and materials; scheduling flu immunization clinics; and offering campus-wide flu prevention educational programs.

The CDC recommends that individuals frequently wash hands with soap and water or alcohol-based sanitizer, get plenty of rest, manage stress, drink plenty of fluids, and avoid contact with ill persons. When you cough or sneeze, cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or your sleeve (if you do not have a tissue); after you sneeze or cough, wash your hands with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand gel. Avoid contact with potentially contaminated items such as cups, food items or equipment, and keep surfaces such as desks, countertops and door knobs clean to help prevent the spread of H1N1 flu.

*Students experiencing symptoms of the flu, which include sore throat, cough, fever, muscle aches or headaches, chills and fatigue are strongly encouraged to call Millersville University Health Services at 717-872-3250 to be properly evaluated and advised on appropriate treatment and precautions.*

As an added precaution, your student should have a "self-care" kit consisting of the following items: Tylenol/Advil, a thermometer, Gatorade, water or fruit juices, over-the-counter cold remedies and tissues.



## BINGE DRINKING ON OUR CAMPUS

I write this article on binge drinking as a concerned, frightened and frustrated parent of a Millersville sophomore. There have been many articles written about binge drinking on our college campuses. The statistics point to an ever increasing amount of this type of behavior. I have read many studies and have lived through some scary incidents with young adults and binge drinking. In fact, drinking-related deaths among students aged 18 to 24 years have increased steadily from 1,440 a year in 1998 to 1,825 in 2005, according to a report from the U.S. National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. It is estimated there are probably 700,000 students who are assaulted each year by a drinking college student and 100,000 sexual assaults that are linked to college drinking.

Education, monitoring and talking do not seem to have much of an impact when it comes to drinking and drugs. I know, most of us did it in college, and boy do I hate to say "do as I say, not as I do...or did." But I don't remember students dying of drinking on campus back in the '60s. The first week of school last year a freshman died at a party at the University of Delaware. Kids were just walking over him as he lay drunk on the floor dying of alcohol poisoning. I know some of these students come to college already social drinkers...they started in high school. Some even go to AA meetings, and they see many of their friends there!

On any given weekend there are beer parties at various "houses" on and off Millersville's campus. They are "money makers" for the people living in these houses. I'm not sure if the university and the authorities know about these parties or not. Freshmen seem to be the most reckless. I had a student tell me that "the girls are doing things that are out of control and the boys love it."

So what is the college to do? Well, maybe we, the parents, should help the college administrators by getting involved. I understand that the school is not their mother, but the administration told us that the school was doing everything it could. Maybe we should help the college by being another resource to get these students to stop this reckless behavior. The college has suggested that we (the parents) meet with John Baltzer, the alcohol and drug counselor. John is very involved in many areas of alcohol education. If parents would like to get involved, please contact John and we can all sit down and set an agenda to help the administration control binge drinking on campus.

A Concerned Parent

NOTE: John Baltzer can be reached at 717-872-3122 or [John.Baltzer@millersville.edu](mailto:John.Baltzer@millersville.edu).



## NEW MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Dr. Susan Northwall has been appointed medical director for the student health services office at the University. Northwall has been a family practice physician with the Crossroads Family Medical Center since 1981. Due to her present obligations, Northwall will work on a part-time basis with the student health services office through December, and will begin a full-time schedule in January.



Dr. Susan Northwall



## GRANT FROM PLCB

Millersville University received a grant from the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board totaling \$10,820. This grant will expand Millersville's existing strategies to tackle underage and high-risk drinking, which include: data collection through completion of the American College Health Association National Collegiate Health Assessment, delivery of the CHOICES Program to all incoming students, social norms campaign implementation, enforcement activities and E-CHUG assessment.



## OFFICERS ON BIKES

The Millersville University Police Department (MUPD) recently received a \$3,000 grant from the Lancaster Bike Club to purchase two new patrol bicycles. Prior to receiving the grant, MUPD was equipped with only one outdated bicycle and uniform, inadequate for patrol.

In order to ride a police bicycle, officers must complete an International Police Mountain Bike Association course which teaches riders how to deal with riding through crowds, down steps and curbs, as well as how to use the bicycle as an offensive or defensive weapon.

Bicycles that are specifically made for police are equipped with water bottles, a lighting system, an odometer, a bag, rear lighting and a bell. The brakes and materials of the police bikes are heavier, and they do not make sounds when drifting.

Since a bicycle is not confined to the road, an officer on a bicycle can respond more promptly.



Officer Joshua Keller rides one of the new patrol bikes.



## MCNAIRY HEADS MARINE SCIENCE CONSORTIUM BOARD



President McNairy

Dr. Francine G. McNairy, president of Millersville University, has been appointed as president of the Marine Science Consortium (MSC) Board. Her term will run for two years. McNairy was appointed by the board, which is made up of the presidents of the senior and full member universities.

The MSC is a nonprofit educational corporation located on Wallops Island, Va., that has programs for undergraduate, graduate, pre-college and continuing education students.

“It’s a privilege to be able to serve the consortium,” said McNairy. “We have a wide variety of classes from Millersville that study at Wallops Island—everything from oceanography and biology to invertebrate zoology and botany.”

As president of the board, McNairy will oversee all functions of the board of directors, such as providing leadership to the board of directors, presiding over meetings, and championing the growth, programs and other initiatives of the Marine Science Consortium.

Millersville’s Council of Trustees recently approved Millersville University becoming a full member of the MSC.



## NEW DEGREE PROGRAM IN HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES

This fall marks the first class of students to enter the new allied health technologies degree program at Millersville University.

The new bachelor of science degree will offer students four options: clinical laboratory science, nuclear medicine technology, pre-athletic training and respiratory therapy.



Professor John Hughes works with respiratory therapy students.

Millersville’s 120-hour respiratory therapy program works in partnership with Lancaster Regional Medical Center to prepare students for careers as respiratory therapists. The respiratory therapy program is one of the oldest programs in the nation, having its roots in a training course first given at the former St. Joseph’s Hospital, now Lancaster Regional Medical Center, in 1963.

“The degree is doable in three and a half years,” said John Hughes, director of the respiratory therapy program. “And, while the job market has softened, we have never had a graduate of our program go wanting for a job. Our students are recruited heavily from hospitals in Pennsylvania, Delaware and the Baltimore area.”



## LACK OF STRINGS LEADS TO FULBRIGHT



Dr. Madeleine Darmiento

A lack of string players, specifically violists in Greece, was the impetus for a Millersville University faculty member to apply for a Fulbright Scholar Grant. The J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board agreed, and Dr. Madeleine Darmiento, assistant professor of violin/viola and chair of Millersville’s string department, is spending the fall semester at the University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, as a Fulbright Scholar.

Recipients of Fulbright awards are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential in their fields.

“There are very few string players in that country and not much classical music. In fact, they don’t have any violists on the faculty at the University of Macedonia,” said Darmiento. While in Greece, she will be in residence as a specialist in viola performance and offering performance master classes.

## Cultural Events

Visit [www.millersville.edu](http://www.millersville.edu) for upcoming cultural events at Millersville University.



## IMPORTANT DATES

**Friday-Tuesday, October 9-13**

Fall recess begins after last class on Friday

**Friday-Sunday, October 23-25**

Homecoming Weekend

**Saturday, November 7**

Family Day

**Tuesday-Sunday, November 24-29**

Thanksgiving recess begins after last class on Tuesday

**Sunday, December 20**

End of fall term

Winter Commencement

**December 21 – January 17**

Winter term 2010

**Tuesday, January 19, 2010**

Spring term begins

### New Refund Policy

There is a new refund policy for those students who reduce their credit hours after the drop period.

### No More Paper Bills!

Heads up! Don't look for paper bills in the mail—you won't find them. Beginning with the fall 2009 semester, E-Bills have become the only form of billing.

For more information about the refund policy or E-bills, contact the Bursar's office at 717-872-3641 or 717-872-3683, or visit [www.millersville.edu/bursar](http://www.millersville.edu/bursar).



## MU ALERT: IS YOUR STUDENT SIGNED UP?

Millersville University uses text messaging to communicate with faculty, staff and students about emergencies on campus as well as school delays and cancellations. Due to a change in vendor, everyone needs to renew their account. Please encourage your student to sign up or renew their account by logging on to the Millersville University homepage at [www.millersville.edu](http://www.millersville.edu) and clicking on the "MU Alert" link under "Announcements."

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