

Parents Newsletter

MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Fall 2008

MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY RANKS IN TOP TIER



DID YOU KNOW...?



U.S. News & World Report, in its annual college rankings issued for 2009, ranked Millersville University in the top tier in the category of Best Universities – Master's in the North region. Millersville and Shippensburg University tied at 58 and were the highest ranked among the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) universities in this category.

"While we always strive to do better each year, Millersville University students and their families should be pleased with the results of the U.S. News & World Report rankings," said Dr. Vilas Prabhu, provost. "They are getting real value in return for the investment they are making in their education at Millersville."

Rankings are based on numerous factors, including graduation and freshman retention rates, class size and student-to-faculty ratios. Overall, the category included 572 institutions nationwide, ranked by region, which provide a full range of undergraduate and graduate programs.

HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES EXPAND

Homecoming, Community Day and Family Day Combine!

Come join the celebration of Millersville University's 75th anniversary of Homecoming. This year, Family Day, Homecoming and Community Day are all rolled into one exciting event on November 1.

The day will begin with the community parade at 9 a.m., where it will go from Herr, to Landis and then finally end at George Street in front of the Student Memorial Center. Viewers may line the streets and watch the parade in lawn chairs. There will be a detour on the day of the parade. Visit www.parade.millersville.edu for details. Parking will be available in lots all around campus and in the University parking garage located on the corner of Prince and Cottage Avenue. A map of the campus is available at www.millersville.edu.

Next to the lake on Brooks Field will be Fall Fling from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Activities include more than 50 craft and food vendors, a petting zoo, pony rides, Marauder Treasure Hunt and a reptile show. Hosted games will raise money to benefit student clubs and organizations. Adjacent to the lake will be the Pet Costume Contest, which will begin at 12:30 p.m. in a tent next to Wickersham. Millersville University athletes will be visible all day, working a face-painting stand, Skully tattoos, spin art and more. At the Homecoming football game, the Marauders will take on East Stroudsburg at 1:30 p.m.

The All Campus Musical Organization Showcase will be held at 7 p.m. on November 1 in Lyte Auditorium. The Family Day Lunch will be held on Sunday, November 2, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. in Gordinier Hall. Also on November 1, there will be a Family Day worship service at 11 a.m. in the Student

Memorial Center's multi-purpose room.

For any Homecoming questions, contact the Alumni Services office at **800-681-1855**. For questions about Family Day activities, contact Student Affairs at **717-872-3594**. Information on all the Family Day and Homecoming activities will be available on the MU home page. Watch your mail for a Family Day brochure highlighting the exciting events.



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• FREE Admission



LISTEN TO GAMES ON THE WEB

Marauder parents can now tune in to Millersville sports on the web! The fall season marked the beginning of the newly established Marauder Sports Broadcasting Network (MSBN). Domenic Panza '06 is featured as the play-by-play commentator. MSBN includes interviews with coaches and student-athletes. Archived audio broadcasts are available.

Ethan Hulsey, director of athletics communications, said, *"We can now broadcast all of our sporting events live to an audience—including parents—from anywhere in the world."*

Internet broadcasting is the newest frontier for broadcasters. Tune in, view a schedule, or listen to past broadcasts via a link on the athletics web site: www.millersville.edu/~athletic.

SMOKING BAN TAKES EFFECT



Smoking a cigarette anywhere on campus is now prohibited. Effective September 17, students, employees and visitors can no longer light up – not even in a campus parking lot. The ban is a direct result of the Clean Indoor Air Act (CIAA), signed by Governor Ed Rendell on June 13, 2008. The act prohibits smoking in restaurants, businesses, and public areas.

John C. Cavanaugh, chancellor of Pennsylvania's 14 state-owned universities, said he interprets the law to include all campus grounds, including courtyards, parking lots and athletic fields.

The law gives state health officials the responsibility for enforcing the laws dealing with the ban. The Pennsylvania Department of Health lists fines for non-compliance.



MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY PARADE NAMES GRAND MARSHALS

Dr. Ralph Anttonen and his wife, Judy, were selected as this year's grand marshals for the Millersville Community Parade. They are known as Doc and Mama at the campus radio station, WIXQ.

Dr. Anttonen is chair of the Department of Academic and Student Development and director of the Exploratory Program. He has served on Millersville's faculty since 1971. Judy is retired from Conestoga Valley School District where she worked as a special education and learning support teacher. She also worked with the Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13, a regional educational agency.

The Anttonens will lead the two-mile award-winning parade that attracts more than 5,000 spectators. The theme for this year's parade on Saturday, November 1, is "Animals: Fictional or Real." Judy's four-foot teddy bear will ride alongside her. "Doc gave him to me for my 60th birthday as my protector," said Judy.

The Anttonens' contributions span several decades. Doc and Mama coordinate the annual Millersville Mile event that benefits the Millersville Fire Company, serve as honorary members of the Millersville Fire Company, dress up as Santa and Mrs. Claus for area schools, nursing homes, and the Millersville Business Association's annual tree lighting and for Millersville University, sponsor Adopt-a-Highway along Long Lane, and they are the rockin' disc jockeys for Millersville University's radio station, WIXQ-FM radio.

The parade coincides with Millersville University's Homecoming weekend, Family Day and Community Day. The parade chairman, Steven DiGuseppe said, "This is one of the best and biggest parades in the county." The parade will get underway at 9 a.m. at Penn Manor High School and ends at 11:30 a.m. at the Student Memorial Center on the Millersville University campus.



BIG NEWS!

NEW DEGREE AT MILLERSVILLE

Students interested in a career in health care can now major in allied health technologies at Millersville and receive a bachelor of science degree.

“By offering this new competitive degree, Millersville University will help fulfill the needs of the community and the Commonwealth for healthcare professionals,” said Dr. Vilas Prabhu, provost. “The new degree will also allow Millersville to develop new programs in additional healthcare areas in the future.”

According to the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL), employment opportunities for clinical laboratory scientists are expected to increase 10 to 20 percent by 2012. The USDOL also projects that 40 percent of occupations in the United States are expected to grow the fastest are in health care.



MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT HIRES NEW DEPUTY CHIEF

F.Y.I.

The Millersville University Police Department recently hired a new deputy police chief, Anthony Floyd of Philadelphia, Pa. Floyd has 20 years of experience at the Philadelphia Police Department where he retired as a lieutenant commander.

Floyd came to Millersville University to fulfill his goal to interact with students – higher education in particular.

“I felt that this job was an open gateway to a rewarding career and experience.” Floyd resides in Middletown, Delaware. Floyd has his associate’s degree in science from Central Philadelphia, a bachelor’s in management from Chestnut Hill College of Philadelphia and he is a master of science candidate at Wilmington University. He also attended the Northwestern University School of Police Staff where he was president of the 174th class.



MEMO

ROBERT (CHIP) GERMAN APPOINTED AS VP OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

In August 2008, after an extensive national search, Robert F (Chip) German Jr., assumed the position as vice president of information technology at Millersville University. German served as the vice president for information resources and chief information officer at the University of Mary Washington (UMW) in Virginia since 2002.

“We’re pleased to have Mr. German on board,” said Francine G. McNairy, president. “Chip’s work in higher education and IT expertise will be valuable assets at the University.”

German earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Virginia. While at UMW, he was director of the university news office, and then chief of staff to the president and director of policy and strategic planning for over nine years. German was appointed by the Governor of Virginia to the Commonwealth’s Council on Technology Services, has served on the board of trustees of the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library in Charlottesville, Va., and has been on many national program committees for EDUCAUSE, a non-profit organization whose goal is to advance higher education by promoting the use of information technology.



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CORRECTION TO THE NEW PARENT GUIDEBOOK, P.16 - THE CAMPUS SAFETY PHONE NUMBER SHOULD READ 717-872-3433.



STUDENT TASK FORCE STUDIES INFIRMARY HOURS

This fall a student task force is looking into how the University's infirmary can best support student needs. "We want to know what the students think is the best option," said Dr. Aminta Breaux, vice president of student affairs. The task force will hold focus groups with students to decide on the best course of action for the future.

During the fall semester while the task force is

working, the infirmary has reduced its hours. Students must make an appointment to be seen. Millersville's location provides access to several medical facilities within five miles of campus, so the task force recommended the reduction in hours – a trend at many universities and colleges across the nation – until the situation could be studied further.

According to Dr. Breaux, "One possibility would be

to continue the reduction of hours on a permanent basis. Another option would be to increase student fees to move back to the 24/7 operation."

Millersville was one of only three schools in the State System with 24/7 coverage in the health facility. Health Services hours: Monday-Friday 8 a.m. – 9 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; no hours on Sunday.



DEBATE OVER DRINKING AGE

Should the drinking age be lowered? Millersville University does not think so, but across the country, more than 100 college presidents have formed a group to encourage dialogue about changing the country's drinking age laws. "The Amethyst Initiative" is a petition of sorts to lower the drinking age.

The coalition includes mostly small, liberal-arts schools. At least 15 are in Pennsylvania.

Millersville University President Francine G. McNairy is not alone in finding fault with the idea of lowering the drinking age.

"Many campuses are experiencing more students coming to college with issues around alcohol abuse and addictions," said McNairy. "To provide greater access runs counter to the supportive environment that we at Millersville try to provide for all our students. We do not want to create

greater obstacles to their success—namely, more access to alcohol, but rather help them to address the issue itself. It is Millersville's intention to obey the law as it currently stands."

Millersville University has programs in place through the counseling department, including a program for incoming students called "Choices." Millersville's Peer Health Educators also work directly with students on issues such as alcohol.

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