



Summer 2010



ORIENTATION BENEFITS STUDENTS AND FAMILIES



Orientation is a great way to help students adjust to college life. It encourages students to get involved, learn about college life, meet new people and become valued members of the Millersville University community.

Wednesday, August 25, is the start of the five-day orientation program for new students. Check-in begins at 9 a.m. for residential students, 1 p.m. for commuting students, and closes at 3 p.m. Students who did not take the placement tests during spring or summer must register before noon in order to take the tests that day.

Students living in the residence halls will have assigned check-in times that correspond with their residence hall and will have a separate check-in for orientation later in the day.

The orientation days are filled with many activities for students to get involved and explore. There will be meetings for each

academic department, discussions about the common reading (see page 4), programs about campus safety, information fairs and a tour of Lancaster City. Orientation ends with a movie on the quad Saturday night, followed by a midnight breakfast and a quad party Sunday afternoon. Classes begin the next day, August 30.

For questions about orientation, contact 717-871-5553 or visit www.millersville.edu and click on New Student Orientation in the large graphic area.



E-BILLS

Don't watch for your Millersville bill to appear in your mail box. All bills are now online and available through the student's MAX account. In order for parents or third parties to view and receive an electronic bill notification, you must complete the third party (parent) authorization information, which can be found on the MAX account. Reminder: Payment for the fall semester is due August 11, 2010.



UNDECIDED? IT'S OK!

Is choosing a major absolutely necessary for a college freshman to start out on the right track? The answer is no. With what seems to be an endless list of majors and choices for students, intimidation and confusion may arise when deciding what major is the right one for them.

Millersville University's Exploratory Program helps to guide students to select a major within their first year. Students who have not decided on a major are automatically enrolled in the program, which offers numerous benefits such as trained advisors for each student, a required three-credit freshman seminar and the opportunity to live in a learning community with other students enrolled in the undecided major. Students take general education courses to become familiar with their own interests to identify the field they would like to concentrate on.

"No one can expect a student to make such a difficult decision of declaring a major before college, but the exploratory program will guide students in the right direction," said Dr. Ralph G. Anttonen, professor and director of the program for 25 years.

The undecided option serves as an opportunity to explore. For more information on the Exploratory Program, go to: www.millersville.edu/undprgm.



PRINCETON REVIEW RANKS MILLERSVILLE

Millersville's commitment to an environmentally efficient way of operating has earned recognition as an environmentally responsible college, according to The Princeton Review. The nationally known publication selected Millersville University for inclusion in a new guide it has created for college applicants, "The Princeton Review's Guide to 286 Green Colleges."



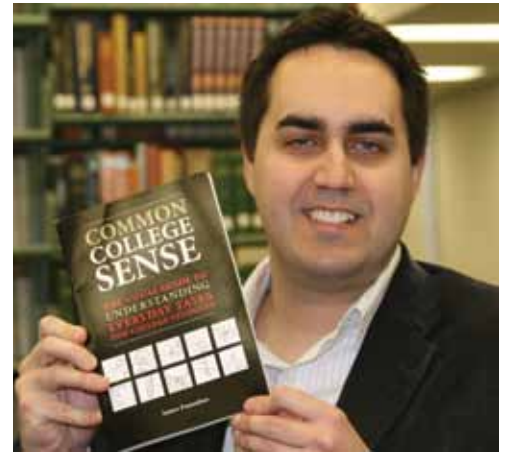
"Millersville University understands that sustaining our environment is more than just a passing trend," said Roger Bruszewski, vice president for finance and administration at Millersville. "Being a green campus not only helps reduce energy costs, decreasing Millersville's carbon footprint, but having green facilities also improves the quality of learning for our students."



PRACTICAL SKILLS FOR AN UN-PRACTICAL WORLD

Upon high school graduation you should have learned about Darwin's theory of evolution, the basic principles regarding human rights and the twisted fiction of Edgar Allen Poe—but did you learn how to do laundry? *Common College Sense*, a new book by James Pannafino, professor of graphic and interactive design at Millersville University, is designed to enlighten and entertain students with basic information and skills.

"With the general public's growing dependence on technology, basic skills seem to be forgotten or rather, untaught. University students are capable of many things, but when it comes to the bare essential life lessons, young adults seem to be helpless without technological assistance," says Pannafino. "Technology has ultimately hindered our ability and time to teach the youth of today how to perform ordinary tasks manually."



Common College Sense is filled with both visual diagrams and written explanations to clearly describe each common sense task that students should know. Some of these entertaining, yet educational skills include: How to cook pasta, clean a toilet bowl, write a check, throw a football, properly set a dinner table and do laundry.



NEW VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER UNDER CONSTRUCTION



Millersville University is getting a new Visual and Performing Arts Center featuring a concert hall, recital/rehearsal hall, piano lab, multipurpose dance hall, classrooms, music library, recording studio, departmental and faculty offices, an art gallery, scene shop and theater. This \$26 million project will house the music department and foster interdisciplinary engagement in the arts for the campus and community.

Renovation of Lyte Auditorium/Alumni Hall began this spring. Throughout the past 60 years, the auditorium has been the home of hundreds of cultural activities, performances and shows.

The center is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2011. The current 29,041-square-foot building will be entirely renovated, along with a 59,452-square-foot addition. The renovation project is part of the University's master plan to effectively use and reuse existing land, facilities and infrastructure.

The renovation is funded through capital funds and capital campaign gifts including a \$1 million gift from Dr. Charles and Mrs. Winter.



A GLOBAL VIEW

Paul Franz '07, who graduated with dual degrees in government and history, was the editor-in-chief of *The Snapper*, the University's weekly student newspaper. He's now in graduate school at the University of Miami studying multimedia journalism.



Franz was recently named one of five winners in the nationwide

Project: Report 2010 contest and received a \$10,000 grant for future travel. The contest was a partnership between YouTube and the Pulitzer Center on crisis reporting for non-professional, aspiring reporters to share their stories with the world.

For the contest, Franz produced a piece, "Florida's Modern Day Slavery," which follows a Haitian immigrant as he works in the fields of southern Florida.

Franz was in South Africa in April, where he filmed a documentary about environmental pollution. This summer, he will be filming another documentary on the Roma people in Bulgaria, Slovakia and the Czech Republic.

What's next? "I want to continue my reporting on Haitian immigration issues in South Florida, but because of the grant, I'm looking to use the money to travel to Haiti and cover the issue from the other side," he said. He is also considering a story on the Large Hadron Collider, the world's largest and highest-energy particle accelerator, in Switzerland. "I'm a big science nerd, so using this grant to travel to one of the most advanced scientific experiments in human history is quite enticing."

For more information, visit www.youtube.com and search "Project Report 2010."



RESOURCES FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Many incoming freshmen are nervous about transitioning from high school to college—not knowing what to expect or how to prepare for classes and college life.

The Academic Survival Kit, A.S.K., is designed to help. The A.S.K. website provides a list of resources and links to make it easy for students to navigate and find the information they need. The kit is useful for all current and incoming students. Students do not need to be struggling academically to benefit from the resources offered.

Included in the A.S.K. are course registration instructions, general education guidelines, student forms center, MAX web instruction booklet and a four-year graduation guideline to help keep students on the right track. Also available are services that will help students succeed including the Writing Center, Tutoring Center, Math Assistance Center, Office of Learning Services and more.

For questions, contact the Office of Academic Advisement at 717-872-3257 or visit www.millersville.edu/advisement.



DINING TAKES GOLD FOR GREEN AWARENESS

Held monthly, themed dining events are great fun for students to learn about other cultures or issues. One event from August 2009, the "Mother Earth Diner Night," received a gold medal from the National Association of College & University Food Services competition.

"'Mother Earth Diner Night' was planned to be an interesting, informative, educational time and a fun foods event revolving around a green, eco-friendly theme," says Nancy Peterson, food services manager.

"Green" prizes were awarded for the "Great Green Trivia Contest" and "Green Recycle Man," the event mascot, joined in the fun. Students were given options of hormone-free meat choices, free-range chicken menu items, certified organic food selections, as well as vegan and vegetarian food choices.

Dining services is also making strides to reduce wasted food. The biggest change was eliminating trays in the dining halls.

"We have reduced our production of food prepared by 10-15 percent since students

are not taking as much food and throwing it away," said Gerry Shehan, associate director of dining services.



In the fall, Millersville plans to participate in a food recycling system where food waste is collected and sent it to a local farm to be used as compost, which is then spread over the fields and used to grow produce. The produce, in turn, will be purchased by the University so that fresh produce is going straight from the farm to the table.

For more information, go to Millersville University's website (www.millersville.edu) and click on the "Parents" tab at the top.

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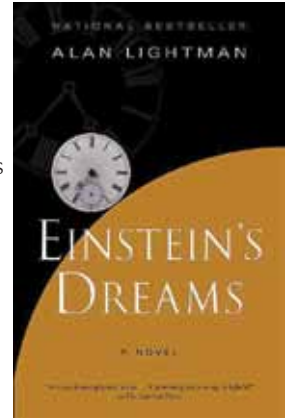
IMPORTANT DATES

Wed., Aug. 25	Orientation begins for new undergraduates Move-in date for residential students	Mon., Sept. 6	Holiday – no classes
Sun., Aug. 29	Residence halls open for returning students	Sat., Sept. 25	Family Day
Mon., Aug. 30	Classes begin	Oct. 9-12	Fall recess
		Oct. 22-24	Homecoming
		Nov. 24-28	Thanksgiving recess
		Sun., Dec. 19	Fall 2010 term ends



SUMMER READING EXPERIENCE

Einstein's Dreams by Alan Lightman has been designated as the freshman common reading book. This factitious collage of stories captures Albert Einstein's dreams in 1905, when he worked in a patent office in Switzerland. As the defiant, but sensitive, young genius is creating his theory of relativity, he imagines many possible worlds.



All new students should read the book prior to attending orientation in August. During orientation, students will break into groups to discuss *Einstein's Dreams* with their orientation leader, faculty, staff and other freshmen. This program offers a great introduction to academic life at Millersville.

Also, on September 9, actor and writer Ed Metzger will be on campus to portray Einstein in a presentation of "Einstein: The Practical Bohemian." Metzger is known for his ability to portray real-life famous people.



IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

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Department of Housing & Residential Programs – 717-872-3162
Health Services – 717-872-3250

MARAUDER GOLD

Marauder Gold offers a safe, pre-paid way for your student to access spending money.



Marauder Gold accounts are connected to student identification cards and act as cash in local participating businesses. On campus, students may use their Marauder Gold at campus vending machines, dining halls and for laundry machines. CVS, John Herr's, Sheetz and Giant are among the off-campus locations where students can use Marauder Gold.

To set up an account, log into the student's MAX account, found on Millersville's homepage, and click on "Marauder Gold" to follow the instructions.