William J. Reuter, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Susquehanna Bancshares, Inc., was selected as the 2008 honorary inductee to Millersville University’s chapter of Omicron Delta Epsilon, an international economics honor society. Reuter was inducted into the Alpha Sigma Chapter of the society during the University’s annual Regional Economy Symposium & Awards Dinner on April 29.

“It’s truly an honor to join the ranks of inductees to Millersville University’s chapter of Omicron Delta Epsilon,” Reuter said. “Past honorary inductees have distinguished themselves through their work at local businesses and community organizations. In addition, the student members of this organization represent the highest levels of achievement in the study of economics.”

“We are blessed to have such a supportive business community. Past honorary and student inductees are an integral part of our regional economy. It is with great pleasure that we welcome a community and business leader as accomplished as Mr. William J. Reuter,” said Dr. Mike Gumpper, economics.

The program also recognized Susquehanna Bancshares’ commitment to Millersville University and EconomicsPennsylvania, a non-profit organization that provides tools and training about financial education to area elementary, middle school and high school faculty. The program’s educational center is being named the Susquehanna Bank Center for Economic Education at Millersville University. Susquehanna, via its financial support of EconomicsPennsylvania, is providing a $4,000 donation to the newly established Omicron Delta Epsilon Research Award in Economics.

The prevention of school violence will be the topic of a conference at Millersville University on June 23 and 24. The School of Education, along with Verizon, is sponsoring the conference for teachers, principals, superintendents, school counselors and psychologists, as well as school safety officials, law enforcement personnel and university faculty.

“This conference is a way for Millersville University to take a lead in the community to educate ourselves and our school districts on the preparation for and prevention of violence in schools,” said Dr. Jane Bray, dean of the School of Education at Millersville. “Since Virginia Tech and the Nickel Mines tragedies, the landscape for schools and universities has changed. We must be prepared for potential threats but, more importantly, work diligently to do everything possible to prevent such tragedies.”

School Violence Conference

Speakers for the June conference include:
• Hilda Quiroz-Graham from the National School Safety Center
• Dr. Ronald Stephens, executive director of the National School Safety Center
• Col. Jeffrey Miller, commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police
• Dr. Patrick Tolan, director of the Institute for Juvenile Research, Univ. of Illinois at Chicago

For more information, contact the School of Education at #3379.
**Staff Activities**

*Kevin Bevenour*, maintenance operations, represented the University at the Sahd Salvage 2nd annual Earth Day event on April 19. Bevenour presented recycling information. At the event, the community brought in 3,247 pounds of aluminum cans, meaning 110,398 aluminum cans were recycled and taken out of the potential waste stream, an increase of over 34,000 cans from last year.

*Dr. Sandra Deemer*, educational foundations, recently authored a book review for the Journal of Educational Research. Deemer also presented at two PASSHE conferences — one on urban education and the other on TEACH mentoring programs. She was also elected secretary for the Teaching Educational Psychology special interest group at the annual meeting of the American Research Association conference.

*Dr. Ross Ellison* and *Jean Bradel*, music, performed an organ recital at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lancaster on April 26. Ellison will be a recitalist on organ, playing harpsichord, in a candlelight recital at historic Bruton Parish Church in Colonial Williamsburg on May 24.

*Dr. Chris Hardy*, biology, has received a grant from the National Evolutionary Synthesis Center (NESSCent). This two-year grant will cover the cost of multiple trips by Hardy and his 11 other co-investigators from outside Millersville to NESCent’s computing facilities in Durham, N.C. Hardy and his colleagues will hold group meetings where they will develop new theory and methods to quantify patterns and processes in the evolution of complex flowers and pollination systems. Also, on April 1, Hardy presented a seminar at the University of Maryland at College Park entitled “Notes on the Natural History and Evolution of the Cape Flora, Southern Africa.”

*Dr. Nazli Hardy*, computer science, recently had her article, “Architectural Feasibility of an Intelligent E-Commerce Network: Simulation of Network Efficiencies” accepted for publication in the proceedings of the 2008 Networking and Electronic Commerce Research Conference.


*John M. Hughes*, biology, presented a tabletop lecture on April 17 entitled “Respiratory Therapist – The Best-kept Secret in Allied Healthcare” at the Pennsylvania School Counselors Association’s 52nd Annual Conference. Hughes also presented on May 2 at the Women’s Lung Health seminar. His speech was, “COPD/Empysema.”

*Dr. M.P.A. Sheaffer*, English, was a featured reader on the “Salute to Irish Poetry” program at the Players’ Club in New York on April 24. She read selections from the poetry of WB. Yeats.

*Dr. Ying Wushanley*, wellness and sport sciences, recently had his article, “Shaquille O’Neal” published in Matthew C. Whitaker’s “African American Icons of Sport: Triumph, Courage, and Excellence.”

**Retired Staff Activities**

*Dr. John Osborne*, faculty emeritus history, recently had two articles published. “‘Governed by Mediocrity’: Image and Text in Vanity Fair’s Political Caricatures, 1869-1889,” was published in “Victorian Periodicals Review” and “Preparing for the Pandemic; City Boards of Health and the Arrival of Cholera of 1832,” was published in “Urban History Review.”

**Obituary**

Dr. James E. Heffern, medical director at Millersville University for the last 25 years, died on April 25. Despite battling pancreatic and colon cancer in recent years, Heffern continued his work at the University until a week before his death. Prior to joining Millersville University, Heffern served as the medical director of Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., and owned a private medical practice in Alexandria, Va.

**Giving to Millersville**

To date, close to $34 million has been raised for the Soar to Greatness campaign! This is 55% of the total goal of $60 million. Since the campaign began in 2006, more than 161 employees have contributed close to $34,000,000 and have committed over $80,000 in specific pledges. This fiscal year alone, employees contributed more than $94,000.

**Correction**

In the 5/1 Exchange it should have read that the late Dr. James E. Koken was a chemistry professor.

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Later this month the campus will be installing sirens as one more way to alert the community to potential threats. The sirens will be tested during the month of June. The University is inviting the campus community as well as area residents to a public, informational meeting on the sirens. It will be held Thursday, May 29, at 7 p.m. in the Reighard Multipurpose Room of the Student Memorial Center.

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Muscular dystrophy (MD) is a group of inherited diseases in which the muscles that control movement get weaker over time. Over 50,000 people, young and old, are affected by the various types of this disease which currently has no cure. Some affected by MD can enjoy a normal life with symptoms that move slowly through the body. However, there are other sufferers who experience severe muscle weakness and wasting, and die in their late teens to early 20s.

Drs. Stanley and Doris Lefkowitz, retired faculty from Texas Tech School of Medicine are searching for a cure for MD. Not only is Doris Lefkowitz, Stanley Lefkowitz’s wife, affected by MD but so is their son. About 35 years ago, the family heard of an experimental treatment for MD, available in Japan. The treatment was a success, but the scientist who prepared the treatment suddenly died and the drug was lost.

Through research and experiments the Lefkowitz believe the substance used in Japan was caldecrin, a small protein found in pancreatic fluid. They wrote to Millersville seeking help from Dr. Jay Moné, biology, who received his master’s and doctoral degrees under Stan Lefkowitz at Texas Tech University. Moné is working with the Lefkowitz’ family to conduct a preliminary study to see if caldecrin can alleviate the symptoms of MD.

“We would like Moné to do a preliminary study to determine if this substance (caldecrin) is the one which had such dramatic effects on patients over a generation ago,” said Stan Lefkowitz. “Should we be successful in this endeavor it could be a major boom for the treatment of this horrific disease.”

The caldecrin needed for the study is very scarce and has been obtained via cloning from Dr. Miklos Sahin-Toth from Boston University School of Medicine. The study calls for experiments in two phases. First, normal mice were injected with caldecrin to see whether it would lower their calcium levels. Cells of sufferers of MD do not regulate calcium like normal cells do.

“I have just finished determining that caldecrin does lower serum calcium levels in mice,” said Moné. “Now that we know the protein (caldecrin) is active, we plan on obtaining dystrophic mice to see if caldecrin can help the dystrophic phenotype.”

“There are currently no real treatments for this debilitating, progressive disease,” said Moné. “If we could show clinical improvement of dystrophic patients receiving caldecrin, it would be the first real candidate for a drug to treat this disease.”

Susquehanna Supports Financial Education

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to be presented to a Millersville University undergraduate economics major who is pursuing a student-faculty research project. In addition, Susquehanna is sponsoring 100 teams in the Stock Market Game, which teaches area public school students about investing, as well as sponsoring the Stock Market Game Award banquets.

“We are very happy to have the leadership and support of Susquehanna Bank and EconomicsPennsylvania behind our efforts to improve the economic and financial literacy of our community,” said Gumpper. “Understanding economics and financial markets at an early age are the keys to developing the future workers, voters, investors, and entrepreneurs necessary to improve the standard of living of the next generation,” Gumpper said.

“Susquehanna is committed to assisting with financial literacy in our communities. Financial education is a key to smart consumers and a strong economy,” Reuter said. “The work of EconomicsPennsylvania and Millersville University is vital to the lifelong education of future business leaders, and we are proud to support these efforts.”
Who Makes Millersville Special?

This issue of the Exchange features Kathy Naegle-Delgado, assistant director of the Office of Community and Academic Partnerships now Internships & Civic Engagement Services.

Q: As the assistant director what are some of your responsibilities?
A: You could call me a matchmaker. I help connect our faculty members and students with community organizations and businesses for service-learning opportunities and internships. I'm also an advocate. I'm passionate about the benefits of experiential education and the vital role of civic engagement in higher education, and I advocate for these every chance I get—see, I'm doing it now!

Q: How long have you been at Millersville?
A: I came back to Millersville to work in this position almost five years ago. But I also worked at the University from 1987 to 1994.

Q: Did you have an internship?
A: You bet. I was a communications major at Temple University, and I interned with the Philadelphia Inquirer. It was a great learning experience, because I found out I was a poor match for that career field before it was too late to make a change. My writing skills were up to par, but the setting wasn't right for me. Obviously, I went in a different direction.

Q: Do you enjoy your job?
A: It's very rewarding, I really do enjoy it. The essence of my work is to facilitate community partnerships that lead to positive outcomes for our students and for the community. That's good stuff, and I'm fortunate to be a part of the process. I also work with terrific people here at Millersville University and in the community, and that makes it all click.

Q: What is your favorite part of your job and why?
A: When I can help make the right connections for people, the impact can be huge. I've had students say that their service-learning experiences or their internships were life-changing. Community organizations tell us about important research, personal relationships, and new programs that students have developed that make a real difference for the people they serve.

Q: What is your favorite thing about the Millersville campus?
A: The cheese danish? Those things are so-o-o good. But really, I love walking around this campus because even at 8:50 on a Monday morning when everyone is hurrying to class, there is still a sense of calm and openness that I find very welcoming. I've recently realized that if I have a meeting across campus I arrive at the meeting in a much better frame of mind if I walk rather than drive.

Q: Tell us about vacations and where was your furthest vacation from here?
A: I've been to Europe – that's the farthest I've traveled. My family and I travel to Puerto Rico regularly to visit my husband's family and enjoy the beautiful, quiet beaches along the southern coast of the island.

Q: After work what do you do?
A: I return to being a mom to my eight-year-old daughter and 10-year-old son. It's just the regular stuff of everyday life; homework, dinner, backpacks, cello and violin practice, karate, PTA; but I love it.

Q: Do you have any hobbies?
A: I love cooking and baking for my own family and for others. I'll prepare dishes for bake sales, church events, school events, people in need of a little extra TLC, any excuse to fire up the oven and play with food!

Q: Do you have any pets and are you a dog or a cat person?
A: We have two cats, Princess and Sparkles, who love my husband best even though he professes to despise them. Go figure.

Q: What is your favorite season and why?
A: I'm a fan of summertime. I love the warm weather—even hot weather is fine by me. I enjoy the slightly more relaxed pace of life and spending a lot of time outdoors.

Q: Do you have a favorite book and what are you currently reading?
A: I don't just read books, I devour them. I have to be careful about opening a new book because it's always likely that I won't want to close it. I enjoy all genres of writing—I love being exposed to new ideas and different points of view through reading. I recently finished "The Kite Runner" and "A Thousand Splendid Suns" by Khaled Hosseini. They were so powerful and so emotional that I'm taking a break right now and sticking to "Newsweek" and "Family Circle" magazines for a few weeks.

Q: What kind of vehicle do you drive?
A: A minivan. Of course.

Q: What kind of music do you listen to?
A: I enjoy country music for the simplicity and intimacy of its songs, I love to listen to classical music for its passion and complexity, and when I hear Bob Seger I still turn up the volume and sing with abandon just like I did when I was 17.

Q: If there was one thing that the Millersville community did not know about you, what would it be?
A: I love humor, and it has gotten me in trouble plenty of times! I was the class clown as a kid in school, I would make my brothers laugh out loud in church, you know the type. I actually did a couple of nights of standup at a comedy club in Philly in my 20s. It was an "Amateur Night" kind of deal, and nobody offered to make me a star, but I got some laughs and it was a lot of fun.

Kathy Naegle-Delgado