

Robert (Chip) German appointed VP of Information Technology

On August 1, Robert F. (Chip) German Jr. will assume the position of 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 of Millersville University. "Chip's work in higher education and his IT expertise will be valuable assets to the University."

German, who was selected after an extensive national search, has his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Virginia. Prior to UMW, German was at the University of Virginia for 20 years, serving in a variety of roles.

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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Local Experience Discussed at Third World Meeting

The Association of Third World Studies (ATWS) is holding its 26th annual meeting at Millersville University on October 26-28. The theme of the conference is "Voices of the Subaltern: Identities, Hierarchies and Social Struggles in a Globalizing Age."

One of the featured speakers will be Dr. Leroy Hopkins, foreign languages, who will be discussing the African-American experience in Lancaster County. Hopkins will describe how local black communities experienced marginalization, enslavement and discrimination but were still able to create their own foundation while participating in resistance to their oppression. "Despite the limitations both legally and illegally placed upon them over the centuries, they have fought in every war in which the country has been involved," said Hopkins.



Dr. Leroy Hopkins

Hopkins will also discuss the local slave experience, the emergence of free African institutions between 1800-50, the Underground Railroad and the survival mode that had to be adopted after the disappointments of Reconstruction.

For more information on the conference contact Dr. Doyin Coker-Kolo at #3816 or by email at dcokerkolo@millersville.edu.

New Alcohol and Drug Programs

A handful of projects are underway for John Baltzer, the Alcohol and Other Drugs counselor at Millersville University, or as he calls himself, "The AOD Guy." This summer, Baltzer will meet with Millersville University football coaches to spread his knowledge of alcohol and drug abuse and prevention. Then he'll present to the student-athletes a dialogue, which he explains is about "reducing harm and getting help for team members with AOD problems."

All incoming freshmen are required to attend a program called "CHOICES," a group exercise about alcohol. CHOICES is a 1½ hour program that explains to the students how to reduce harm when it comes to alcohol, while also giving them basic background knowledge on the drug. This program is necessary because as Baltzer states, "most incoming freshmen don't know the basics about AOD."

Baltzer also plans on training the Orientation Leaders with AOD information. Also, all of the Millersville and Elizabethtown

resident assistants (RAs) will be trained at the RA Alcohol and Other Drug Symposium—a day-long training session at Elizabethtown College on August 15. The symposium, developed by Kathleen M. Jones, has a goal to "provide the fundamental educational tools necessary to recognize the warning signs of drug/alcohol use and abuse." Baltzer will speak on alcohol issues in the morning session.

Going Greener

Directors John Colarusso and Arthur Dickinson, along with facilities management staff recently met with Keith Mullen, a technical specialist with Armstrong World Industries to discuss recycling of used ceiling tiles. Armstrong has developed a program that includes the pick-up of old ceiling tiles that are earmarked for disposal during a renovation or construction project. The tiles are taken to the Armstrong plant, where the material is put through a recycling process and made into new ceiling tiles. The University will engage in the program on the next project that is applicable.

"This adds to a greener environment because it keeps discarded tiles out of the landfills," said Colarusso. "It helps the University by eliminating the cost to dispose of those tiles through the project. It is a win-win situation for both parties while helping to keep a cleaner environment."

Staff Activities

Drs. Ximena Catepillan, mathematics, and **Jeffrey W. Wimer**, wellness and sport sciences, along with Michael West, a senior history education major, recently completed a 10-day National Science Foundation Chautauqua course on Peruvian history, culture and mathematics in Lima, Cuzco, Nazca and Machu Picchu, Peru. And on July 3, Wimer gave a presentation on binge-drinking prevention strategies for United States Air Forces Europe at the Royal Air Force Lakenheath base in Suffolk, England.

Dr. Kazi Hossain, elementary & early childhood education, presented a paper, "e-Learning Goes to School: Challenges and Prospects of Online Education in American Basic Education," at the Resources for the Electronic Classroom: A Faculty-Student Partnership (RECAP) Conference. The conference took place at West Chester University from May 15-16.

Dr. Ryan Wagner, biology, presented a research poster with undergraduate student co-author Amanda M. Ritz at the 2008 American Society of Plant Biologists annual meeting held in conjunction with the Sociedad Mexicana de Bioquímica Rama: Bioquímica y Biología Molecular de Plantas in Mérida, Mexico, June 26 – July 1. The poster was entitled, "The Effects of Anti-Herbivory Compounds Within Ailanthus Altissima Leaf Tissue on the Feeding Behavior of the Larvae of *Hyphantria cunea*."

Retired Staff

Dr. Jack Fischel, faculty emeritus, history, had his review essay, "Questioning the Good War, A Review of Human Smoke; the Beginning of World War II, The End of Civilization," published in the summer 2008 issue of "Virginia Quarterly."

Dr. Keith A. Lauderbach, faculty emeritus, industry & technology, recently presented "Green Bowl Turning—The Appalachian Firewood Technique" to the International Rotary Chapter of Manheim, Pa., on June 18th. Representatives from both Pennsylvania and Africa were in attendance.

Obituary

Nicholas C. Brown, 87, died June 28 in Lancaster. Brown served as vice president for academic affairs from 1969 to 1979 at Millersville, serving briefly as the acting president from August 1977 through January 1978. Brown is survived by his wife of 66 years, Mary Kirkpatrick Brown, of Willow Valley Manor, a son and two daughters, as well as nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

New Asst. Director of Major Gifts

Millersville University has named Linda A. Roush assistant director of major gifts.

Roush arrives at Millersville with 15 years of philanthropic work experience. Most recently, she served as director of financial development for Schreiber Pediatric Rehab Center.



Linda A. Roush

"Linda comes to us with terrific experience and a real knowledge of our region since she has lived here for more than 20 years," said Martha MacAdam, director of development.

Roush recently completed a \$2 million capital campaign.

At Millersville she will secure philanthropic support for major University projects, with special liaison responsibilities to the School of Education.

Roush earned her bachelor's degree from F&M College and a master's degree from the University of Delaware, as well as a certificate in nonprofit administration.

The New Welcoming Center



The leather sofas have arrived. The flat screen TV is crystal clear. The cookies are scrumptious! The new Welcome Center at Millersville University is now up and running. Located on the first floor of Lyle Hall, the entire area has received a make-over that includes interactive computer kiosks.

For Sale

House on Nissley Road, Lancaster. \$219,900. Open to leasing or lease to own. Contact Dr. Ojoma Edeh Herr, Ojoma.Edeh@millersville.edu or 717-380-9188.

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The First Lady's Garden



Former Millersville University first lady Linda Caputo, honored for her extraordinary dedication to the University, has a scenic garden at Wickersham Green named after her. Pleasantly placed behind Lyle Hall, the garden features an eight-foot-high waterfall and pond complete with several energetic fish. Shrubbery and perennials flood the area with nine months of color. The Linda Caputo garden includes azalea, winterberry, crepe myrtle and more, along with perennials such as rudbeckia, daylilies and liriop.

September Events

8 - Hazel I. Jackson and Kenderdine Lectures, 7 p.m., Lyte Auditorium, Alumni Hall, Author Ishmael Beah presents: "A Long Way Gone: A Story of Redemption and Hope."

10 - Film: Praying for Lior, 7 p.m., Lyte Auditorium

17 - Film: Chicago 10, 7:30 p.m., Lyte Auditorium

18 - Film: Innocent Voices, 7 p.m., Myers Auditorium, McComsey Hall

24 - "Sistahs and Sisters: Black Women White Women: Acknowledging Differences, Seeking Common Ground" - Dr. M. Cookie Newsom, 7:15 p.m., Lehr Room, Bolger Conference Center

28 - The Complete History of America (Abridged) Special Election Year Edition, 7 p.m., Lyte Auditorium, Alumni Hall, tickets at the SMC Ticket Office, #3811 or www.MUTicketsOnline.com

For Rent

Spacious luxury townhouse in East Hempfield. Two car garage, all appliances, fireplace, private patio. No pets. No smoking, call (717) 560-5948.

Students Help High School Students Breathe Easy

Students from Millersville's respiratory therapy program took on an important community project this spring. The Respiratory Therapy program was asked to help perform the sports physicals for students in the Hempfield School District athletic program. On June 3 and 4 approximately 1,400 high school students filled the high school gymnasium. More than 130 students stopped at the Millersville station because they had experienced some type of respiratory problems. Each student went through a brief interview with a respiratory therapy student, who conducted an auscultatory assessment and a pulmonary function screening.

"This program was an amazing opportunity," said John Hughes, director of the program. "Not only did it help the students of Hempfield High School but it was an excellent learning experience for Millersville University students. It gave them a valuable hands-on experience coupled with the satisfaction of knowing that they are helping people."

The Millersville students also had the opportunity to reinforce proper use of aerosolized medications during the exams.

Ville Idol Takes Center Stage this Fall

Who has what it takes to sing their way into Millersville University's heart? The second annual 'Ville Idol singing competition, sponsored/produced by the Alumni Association in cooperation with the Alumni Services office, will be coming back this fall. 2007 winners included alumnus Matthew Hepler '83, Conshohocken, and student winner, Theresa Walker of Lancaster; runner-ups alumnus Angel Varner '05, Middletown, and student Leslie Barton, Mountville.

The competition is open to all current students and alumni and boasts the grand prize of \$1,000 each to the top student and top alumnus. The format of the competition consists of an audition and a maximum of three performances in Lyte Auditorium in Alumni Hall. Genres of music will be selected for each performance and contestants will be scored on vocal ability, stage performance and appearance.

Special judges include:

- Kelly West, radio personality, WARM-FM (103.3) radio;
- Deb Lenssen, singer, conductor and voice instructor at Millersville University;
- Raymond Antonelli '83, director/producer/actor;
- Ric Zimmerman, singer/performer, American Music Theatre, Sight & Sound Theatre, Continental Singers



- Host: Lori Burkholder '89, news anchor/reporter, WGAL-TV (NBC)

Producer of this program is Steve DiGuiseppe '82, alumni, special events and data management.

Deadline for contestants to register is September 19. Auditions will be held on September 27, with performances (open to the public) on October 11 at 3 p.m., October 25 at 3 p.m. and November 1 at 3 p.m., with voting from the audience and judges. For more information on 'Ville Idol, please contact the Millersville alumni services office: (800) 681-1855; email: mualumni@millersville.edu or www.villealumni.com.

Who Makes Millersville Special?

Our spotlight staff member for “Who Makes Millersville Special” is Jennifer Mariacher, assistant budget director. Mariacher has worked at Millersville University for four years.

Q: What are your duties as assistant budget director?

A: One of my primary responsibilities is the personnel component of the University’s budget. I am also responsible for preparing the budgets for the auxiliary enterprises, which include the Student Center, Residence Life and University Dining and assisting in the preparation of the general fee package for submission to the cabinet for approval. With the implementation of SAP Finance in November 2006, I have served as the primary campus trainer on this new finance system. In addition, I work with academic affairs in the development of new program initiatives, review and approve all budget transfers and serve as the principal budget office contact for all personnel budgeting matters.

Q: How did you come to work in the budget office at Millersville?

A: My ex-mother-in-law sent me the job posting (she works for Slippery Rock) and encouraged me to apply. At the time, I was not seriously looking for a new job but was called for an interview and made an offer I could not resist.

Q: What would you say is the most difficult part of your job?

A: We don’t currently have a position control system at the University so the personnel projections must be calculated and maintained manually on several very complex spreadsheets. It is a very



Jennifer Mariacher

cumbersome and time-consuming process.

Q: Where did you receive your education and what did you receive a degree in?

A: I attended Slippery Rock University and have my bachelor’s in business administration with an emphasis in accounting.

Q: What exactly is a “rebudget” and what are they used for?

A: A rebudget is when the budget office prepares a revised budget based on the actual revenues and expenditures incurred to date. It allows for the more accurate allocation of funds based on what is known. Often times, it allows for additional monies to be used for one-time departmental requests.

Q: What do you enjoy most about working at Millersville?

A: I enjoy the wide variety of my job responsibilities. The days pass very quickly, and I do not get bored having to do the same thing day in and day out. I also enjoy the SAP training and report development. I like being able to help our users obtain the financial information they need.

Q: What are some of your previous jobs?

A: Out of college I worked for a bank as a customer service representative for five years. I then worked for a medical malpractice insurance company as accountant for five years.

Q: Did you always think you would be working with money?

A: No, I actually entered college as an engineering major. Had it not been for calculus, which I really did not enjoy, I think I would have stuck with that.

Q: In your opinion, what do you think most Americans waste their money on?

A: That is a tough question. What might be frivolous to me might in fact be a necessity to someone else.

Q: What advice do you have for students who need to manage their money?

A: I would pass on some good advice that was given to me... Keep an eye on your priorities and keep in mind that loans must eventually be paid back.

Q: If you personally had an unlimited budget, what would you buy?

A: I don’t think I would buy anything. I would just want to ensure that my family never wanted for anything.

Q: What are your future goals?

A: I want to get my MBA. It is a goal I have had for years that I hope to begin next fall.

Q: What do you like to do in your spare time?

A: What spare time? I work full time, I have an eight-year-old daughter and I volunteer at her school as president of the PTO and May Day chairperson.

Q: What is your favorite vacation spot?

A: Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Q: What would your ideal day be like?

A: An ideal day for me would be sunny, about 70 degrees and nothing on the agenda except spending some uninterrupted quality time with my daughter.

Q: What is your favorite food?

A: That has got to be pizza. It is my weakness.

Q: What is your life motto?

A: Don’t sweat the small stuff.

Q: What would you never be caught dead doing?

A: Going on Jerry Springer. You know if they contact you, the outcome is not going to be good.

Q: Who is the one person you look up to the most?

A: My mother. She is the strongest, kindest and most genuine person I know. She left an abusive relationship with my father, even though she had never had a job while they were married and had virtually no credit to her name, and managed to support my two sisters, my brother and me.

Travel Programs Destinations

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