$207,000 Grant for Entrepreneurial Leadership Center

The Civic and Community Engagement & Research Project (CCERP) of Millersville University has received a grant to establish the Entrepreneurial Leadership Center (ELC) to sponsor “Infusing Entrepreneurial Thinking throughout the Campus and Community.” The grant comes from the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education.

The project will run from January ’09 to January ’12. The primary goals of the project are to teach entrepreneurial thinking and skills to graduate and undergraduate students and to help enhance the economic development capacity of South Central Pennsylvania. The achievement of these goals will require the fostering and launching of “curricular transformations, and cultivation of community partnerships and collaborations.”

It is anticipated that the ELC will become a permanent fixture within CCERP’s Center for Public Impact led by Dr. John McLarnon. Dr. Melvin Allen, executive director of CCERP, explained that these goals are closely related so there will be a high degree of collaboration among their activities. The curricular, teaching and training components for students will be headed by Dr. Jean Kabongo, business administration.

It is envisioned that an entrepreneur minor, workshops and certificates may eventually be developed. In order to enhance this region’s economic development capacity, a “boot camp” for budding entrepreneurs is planned.

CCERP focuses on coordinating civic and community engagement and research by providing opportunities for Millersville’s faculty, staff and students in concert with community partners to participate in and contribute to both local and global educational, economic and social challenges.

For more information on CCERP and the ELC contact Lori Leaman at x3049 or email Lori.Leaman@millersville.edu.

New Inclement Weather Policy

Grab your gloves, hats and boots, Millersville University has revised its inclement weather policy. Effective immediately, if there is a delayed opening until 10 a.m., all classes scheduled to end after 10 a.m. will meet from 10 a.m. until their normal ending times. This is a change from the old policy, in which any class beginning before 10 a.m. would be cancelled.

All other policies remain the same. If the University is closing at 5 p.m., all classes after this time or in progress during this time will be cancelled. Delays and cancellations can be found at:

- www.millersville.edu
- MU StormLine, 717-872-3101
- MUAalert (sign up at mualert.millersville.edu/)
- WGAL-TV Channel 8
- WHTM-TV ABC-27
- WHP CBS-21
- FOX-43
- WITF-FM radio

Winter Weather Predictions

True to form, the Millersville University’s Weather Information Center has issued its annual Winter Outlook, continuing a tradition that is over 15 years old.

“Over the years the local community has come to anticipate our long-term forecast for the winter ahead,” said Eric Horst, director of the Weather Information Center, “These forecasts are a whole different ballgame from the short-term daily forecasts that we issue. To predict long range we have to look at global signals such as the changing sea-surface temperatures in the equatorial Pacific Ocean that influence atmospheric patterns.”

“This year,” Horst says, “the Pacific Ocean is in a neutral temperature phase, which provides no clear signal for this winter’s conditions. Instead we now have to look at other factors such as the extent of early season snow cover in the Arctic and the location of jet stream blocking across the high latitudes. The current assessment of these factors indicates a good chance for an early start to winter across the Northeastern U.S. and the possibility of a pre-Christmas snowstorm.”

Beyond that, Horst predicts a variable winter with a few mild periods. In the end, temperatures may average out near normal with seasonal snowfall near or slightly above the long-term average of 26 inches.

For more information visit www.atmos.millersville.edu/~wic.
Jean Bradel, music, will premiere a commissioned work “A Cradle Song” written for her and in her honor at First United Methodist Church, Lancaster, on December 14. She will also appear as a soloist at the Glorious Sounds of the Season Concert at Millersville December 6 & 7. In addition, Bradel’s soprano voice major, Theresa Walker, just finished a 74-show-run for an audience total of over 18,000 as the lead in the professional Rainbow Dinner Theatre’s production of “Barefoot in the Park.” Walker will appear in OperaLancaster’s February 2009 production of “The Medium” in the lead soprano role of Monica.

Dr. Sandra Deemer, educational foundations, and Melissa Ostrowski, adjunct in educational foundations, recently presented a paper titled, “A career orientated graduation project...Lesson Learned,” at the Conference on Integrated Learning at Penn State University.

Dr. Cheryl Desmond, educational foundations, presented a paper, “Families in the Hold of the Titanic: Sailing the Neoliberal Seas,” at the annual meeting of the American Educational Studies Association, Savannah, Ga., October 29 – November 2.

Dr. Lisa A. House, counseling and human development, conducted a poster presentation at the 9th annual National Center for Responsible Gaming (NCRG) Conference on Gambling and Addiction. The conference was held in Las Vegas, Nevada from November 16-18. The title of the poster presentation was “Predictors of Different Types of Recreational Gambling Among College Students.”

Veronica Longenecker, information technology, participated in a panel discussion on “Organizing IT for Optimal Value – IT Governance” along with Fred Brittain, University of Maine, Nicole Broyles, University of Houston, Diane Dagefoerde, Ohio State University, and MaryBeth Stuenkel, University of Michigan at Educause, Ohio State University, and MaryBeth University of Houston, Diane Dagefoerde, and Fred Brittain, on “Organizing IT for Optimal Value – IT technology, participated in a panel discussion on “Teacher Preparation Programs.” The session illustrated the multifaceted application of TWS methodology throughout a teacher education program and its application as an instructional and assessment tool for teacher candidates and performance-based measures.

Dr. Elba Rohena, special education, recently presented a session at the annual conference of the Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children titled “Planning to Increase Non Mainstream Families Participation in the Special Education Process.” This presentation included sample action plans created by special education teacher candidates at Millersville University on how to include non mainstream families in the IEP process.

Dr. M.P.A. Sheaffer, English, sang as an alto ringer for the Canterbury Choral Society’s fall concert of Giovanni Gabrieli’s Symphoniae Sacre and Jean Langlais’ Missa Salve Regina at the Church of the Heavenly Rest in New York City on November 16. In addition, she was a featured reader in a special poetry evening at the Players’ Club on October 30, also in New York.

Jennifer Shettel and Dr. Mary Ann Gray-Schlegel, elementary education, recently presented the workshop, “Teaching Their Minds: Nonfiction Reading Strategies,” at the 41st Annual Keystone State Reading Association Conference.

Retired Staff

Dr. Charles Scharnberger, emeritus, earth sciences, was interviewed by several local TV and radio stations, and York County newspapers, about a swarm of small earthquakes that have been occurring near the town of Dillsburg in northern York County. Scharnberger assisted seismologists from Columbia University in installing a temporary network of seismographs in the town of Dillsburg in northern York County. Scharnberger was interviewed by several local TV and radio stations, and York County newspapers, about a swarm of small earthquakes that have been occurring near the town of Dillsburg in northern York County. Scharnberger assisted seismologists from Columbia University in installing a temporary network of seismographs in the Dillsburg area to monitor this activity. He also participated in a public meeting at the Carroll Township building on October 28 to answer residents’ questions about the earthquakes.

Obituary

Dr. Edward Andrew Tuleya, 89, of Millersville, passed away on November 11. He was a history professor at Millersville University from 1968 to 1981, retiring as professor emeritus. He is survived by his wife, Olga, of Millersville and two daughters, Dr. Helena Tuleya-Payne and Andrea Tuleya-Angelo.

New Associate VP Hired

Roger V. Bruszewski, vice president for finance and administration has announced the appointment of Louis P. DeSol as the associate vice president for human resources at Millersville University, beginning January 30, 2009. DeSol was hired after an extensive national search.

DeSol comes to Millersville with over 25 years of experience from the Office of Human Resources at the New York State Department of Transportation. He has been the director of human resources management where he performed a full range of leadership and executive duties. He has partnered with human resource colleagues from the State University of New York system on teams and committees to resolve mutual challenges. In addition, DeSol has been the director of the Employee Relations Bureau and the acting director of Personnel Bureau, Director of Staff Development and the Agency Labor Relations Representative.

DeSol received his bachelor’s in sociology from Lock Haven University and his master’s degree from the University of Hartford, West Hartford, Connecticut.

For rent

Antiques-filled 3 BR, 2 bath house on 1.5 acres in park-like setting near WGAL. Office space on 2nd fl. 6 mos + lease: $650/mo. plus utils ($350 approx.) Rent negot. in exchange for house/lawn projects/maintenance. 717-397-5039 or 717-397-5448.
Millersville University has announced that the Glorious Sounds of the Season Scholar Award was awarded to 21 students. The students were each given the $500 award in recognition of their exceptional accomplishments both musically and academically.

Pictured in their new location, above, Diane Fleishman (left) will continue to direct the department and assume day-to-day management of civic engagement services, while Kathy Naegle-Delgado (right) will have primary responsibility for the internship program and will be the contact for faculty and employers.

Millersville University’s radio station, WIXQ, turned 40 years old this fall. Operating since 1968, WIXQ-FM broadcasts at a frequency of 91.7 FM and streams live from WIXQ.com all around the world via the Internet. Known for their comic relief and their constant antics, WIXQ has kept Millersville University and the 20 surrounding miles entertained for generations.

Millersville University’s radio station originally began as WMSR-AM radio 600 in October of 1968 broadcasting out of the basement of the infirmary. A few years later when the Student Memorial Center (SMC) was completed, WMSR moved into their basement and was able to begin broadcasting 24-hours a day. In 1975 plans were drawn up for the station to become an FM channel that would be able to reach more students and parts of Lancaster city. At the same time WIXQ, then WMSR, received a very valuable volunteer.

Dr. Ralph Anttonen, or “Doc Roc” as he is affectionately called, has been a staple at WIXQ since very close to its beginning. Doc started hosting his own oldies show after he was discovered spinning vinyl at an oldies dance in the SMC.

This fall is also the anniversary of Dr. Anttonen’s radio show, “Doc and Mama Roc” which he has hosted for the past 30 years with his wife, Mama.

WIXQ is volunteer run and is always looking for help. If you are interested in becoming a deejay or learning more visit: www.wixq.com.

Dr. Jeffrey S. Gemmell, director of Choral Activities and coordinator for the Glorious Sounds of the Season concert believes that the awarded students displayed, “exemplary participation in ensembles that went above and beyond expectations...and a strong contribution of time, talent, and effort to our department in general.”

Scholarship recipients from the Glorious Sounds of the Season. From left to right, front row: Brooke Barski; Paulino Contreras; Dr. Jeffrey Gemmell, music; Sarah Ambrose. Second row: Emily Murphy; Sarah Zschunke; Rachael Van Sant; Ashley Weer; Kathryn Leslie; and Amanda Burrows. Third row: Joshua Kobel; Jonathan Lefever; Steve Hannaford; Brandon Nase; Daniel Meeker; Jeff Porter; Mike Phelps and Samuel Kochenberger. Not pictured are the following students: Derek Martin, Tyler J. Riegel, Nathan Sheeberger and Dan Stauffer.
Who Makes Millersville Special?

This edition of "Who Makes Millersville Special" features Alan Foster, English, who has been at Millersville University since 2000.

Q. How long have you been teaching at Millersville University?
A. I started in the fall of 2000, but spent two years of that time teaching at Shippensburg. That's how it works with adjunct faculty, you are hired for one year and a decade goes by.

Q. Have you taught anywhere else? If so, where?
A. Penn State, Elizabethtown, Wilson College and Frostburg State in Maryland.

Q. What got you into journalism?
A. I like to write and I'm curious about everything. You can take a look at some of my work at: newsandviewshalanfoster.blogspot.com (A quick plug for my blog.)

Q. Where did you go to school?
A. Miami Dade College, Penn State and Shippensburg.

Q. What was your major?
A. Journalism, Community Development and Communications (Don't ask me to define Community Development, because I don't think I can. Maybe it's what Barack Obama used to do.)

Q. Was this your first major choice, or did you have other options you wrestled with at first?
A. I tried a couple of majors. I really wanted to go to law school for a while.

Q. What was the most interesting story you have written?
A. There are so many, but I guess my favorite was an interview I did with Sen. Arlen Specter, what an interesting politician.

Q. What publications have you written for?
A. Somerset Daily American, Pittsburgh Post- Gazette, The Sun, Apprise Magazine and the Harrisburg Patriot-News. I was also the news editor of my college paper, The Falcon Times—can't forget that one.

Q. What is unique about a job in journalism?
A. You get to ask questions of people who normally would not have time for you.

Q. What do you do for fun?
A. I play tennis with my two sons, go to movies and travel as much as I can. We did a big trip last year to London and Paris, and it was great. I'm also a news junkie and spend way too much time online. My wife, Cindy, and I enjoy coffee at Starbucks almost every other day. She's a good friend and I'm lucky to have hooked up with her.

Q. If you had the opportunity to see any musician, dead or alive, who would it be?
A. John Lennon, but I'm lucky, my family and I go to a lot of concerts. We've seen James Taylor, CSN, John Mellencamp, The Rolling Stones, Van Halen, Billy Joel, and Bruce Springsteen. I have one son who plays bass and the other lead guitar. I like listening to them a lot, too.

Q. What do you like most about teaching at Millersville?
A. The students are the best. Most are first-generation college and seem to appreciate what you have to teach them.

Q. If you could change anything in the world, what would it be?
A. I would like to see all of us get along better and not resort to war as quickly as we seem to.

Q. If you could go back in time, where would you go?
A. Back to the time when my dad was alive so we could go for a walk together. You never really appreciate how much you miss your parents until they are gone. He was a cool guy.

Q. Do you have any interesting anecdotes about the life of a journalist?
A. All over the place these power-generating windmills are sprouting up and one time I got to climb to the top of one. It was 200 feet in the air and the view was epic (I would have said awesome, but that's so 90s).