Reorganization in Academic Affairs

Earlier this month Dr. Vilas Prabhu, provost, announced a reorganization within Academic Affairs to attain further efficiencies in administrative structure. Dr. W Douglas Zander has been named associate provost for enrollment management, which is in addition to his current duties as director of admissions. Minor (Will) Redmond has been named assistant vice president for academic services. He will continue to serve as the director of the Lancaster Partnership Program. And, Dr. Melvin Allen has been named interim executive director of the Civic and Community Engagement and Research Project (CCERP).

“We anticipate that our unified approach to enrollment management, in collaboration with Student Affairs, will further improve recruitment and retention of students, support services for academic and student life, and ultimately their academic success,” explained Prabhu. “This restructuring has been accomplished by consolidating and reassigning existing positions. No new positions were added to the administrative complement.”

In his new role, Zander will oversee the enrollment management unit, consisting of admissions, the registrar’s office and academic services. His responsibilities include leading the development, implementation and evaluation of a strategic enrollment plan for the University. Zander serves as the provost’s chief deputy in matters relating to recruitment, retention and graduation of all student populations.

Redmond will oversee academic services, which includes the Department of Academic and Student Development, the Office of Learning Services, the AIM for Success/Act 101 Program and the Lancaster Partnership Program.

As interim executive director of CCERP, Allen provides vision, leadership, advocacy and direction for the programs, policies and personnel of CCERP, which is charged with bringing focus and coordination to University-wide civic and community engagement efforts and fostering a university culture committed to civic and community engagement. He oversees the Office of Internships and Civic Engagement Services, and is responsible for the Walker Center for Civic Responsibility and Leadership, the Center for Public Policy, and the Center for Public Scholarship. Allen will play a lead role in raising external funds for CCERP, as well as creating partnerships and serving as a liaison to nonprofit organizations, federal, state and local government agencies, businesses and other regional community entities.

Winter Weather Is Coming!

As the seasons change to winter, anxious eyes look skyward for signs of the first flakes. Once they start to fall, you will need to know where to turn for information about delays or closings.

This year Millersville University will submit all delays or closing information to WGAL-TV Channel 8, ABC Channel 27, CBS Channel 21 and FOX 43. If you are away from your television, you can use your radio and tune into WIOV 105.1 FM or WITF 99.7 FM.

Information will also be posted on Millersville University’s homepage, but if you would like to be notified directly by the University, sign up for the MU-Alert texts or emails at www.millersville.edu/safetyandsecurity/index.php.

MUPD Receives Grant

Millersville University’s Police Department recently received a $19,519 grant under the 2009 Department of Homeland Security Grant Program and the Philadelphia Urban Area Security Initiative. The grant marks the second year in a row the University has received funding from the Department of Homeland Security. The funding will be broken down into two segments: equipment, and planning, training and exercise.

“The grant will not only aid the purchasing of public safety-related equipment, but also support the continual education and training of the University’s police officers,” said Chief Wayne Silcox. The grant was part of the $354,000 grant approved by the Pennsylvania Emergency Management and Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) to be distributed throughout the 14 PASSHE universities.
**Drs. Ximena Catepillan**, mathematics, **Natalia Dushkina**, physics and **Nazi Hardy**, computer science, presented the talk “Developing an Interdisciplinary Course: Women in Mathematics and Science” at the PASSHE Women’s Consortium Annual Conference at West Chester University, November 6.

**Dr. Alex DeCaria**, earth sciences, is co-author of an article titled “Production of Lightning NOx and its Vertical Distribution Calculated from 3-D Cloud-scale Chemical Transport Model Simulations” that has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Geophysical Research – Atmospheres*. Other authors of the article are from the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, the University of Maryland College Park, the University of Maryland Baltimore County, Rutgers University, the National Center for Atmospheric Research and Science Systems Applications Incorporated.

**Dr. Oliver Dreon**, educational foundations, presented “Googlify Your Classroom: Engage Your Students through Online Collaboration and Communication” on November 11 at the Gifted Network meeting held at the Conference and Training Center at IU-13 in Lancaster. Dreon’s point was that with Google Docs, student collaboration and communication can now move online.

**Dr. Sam Earman**, earth sciences, presented a paper “Possible impacts of snow-to-rain shifts on groundwater recharge” at the National Ground Water Association’s 2009 Thesis Conference in Boulder, Colo., on October 3.

**Dr. Laurie Hanich**, educational foundations, and **Dr. Jane Bray**, Dean, School of Education, had an article published in the Pennsylvania Teacher Educator monograph titled “No Child Left Behind: An Examination of Pre-service Teachers’ Knowledge and Preparation.” They were also invited to present their research at the 38th Annual Teacher Education Assembly in October 2009. In addition, Hanich and **Dr. Linda McDowell**, educational foundations, presented a conference workshop at the Assessment Institute for the First Year Experience in Charlotte, N.C. Their presentation focused on assessing the impact of first-year programming efforts including seminars and the common reading program.

**Janet Kacskos**, APR, University Communications & Marketing, has been elected as secretary for the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) Central Pa. Chapter. She will serve during 2010. In addition, Kacskos has been re-elected to a three-year term on the Universal Accreditation Board as a representative of the national PRSA group.

**Dr. Jessica J. Kelly**, geography, presented her research findings, “Detecting Forest Cover Change and Transition in the Tropics,” at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Middle States Region of the Association of American Geographers in New Paltz, N.Y., on November 7.

**Dr. Joseph C. Labant**, elementary and early childhood, presented at the 56th Annual Pennsylvania Council for Social Studies Conference, held in Johnstown, Pa. Labant’s presentation was titled “Applying Appropriate Instructional Models: Utilizing Jerome Bruner’s Three Modes of Knowing in Teaching the Voting Process in Elementary Schools.”

**Dr. Jon Landis**, educational foundations, presented “Adolescent Psychology Online: Capturing the Power for the Classroom” at the National Middle School Association’s annual conference in Indianapolis this November.

**Dr. M.P.A Sheaffer**, English, participated in the October 29 program of “Poetry at the Players” at the Players’ Club in New York. She read works by Edgar Allan Poe.


**Dr. Barbara Stengel**, educational foundations, was honored as the Kneller Lecturer at the American Educational Studies Association annual meeting this month in Pittsburgh. The Kneller is an endowed lecture in philosophy of education. Her talk was titled “Schooled to Fear: Educative Feeling and Miseducative Emotion.” In October, Stengel was awarded Northern Illinois University’s James and Helen Merritt Award for Contributions to the Philosophy of Education. Her Merritt Lecture was titled “Facing Fear with a Philosopher of Education.” In addition, Stengel was recently named the chair of the Commission on Social Affairs of the John Dewey Society.

**Dr. Ronald Umble**, mathematics, served as a visiting research consultant in the Department of Applied Mathematics at the University of Seville, Seville, Spain, during the months of September and October. His work, which focused on problems in digital image processing, applied some new techniques for encoding digital images he helped to develop over the past 10 years. His visit was funded by a grant from the Spanish government.

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**MUBA Toys for Tots**

MUBA is now collecting toys for the Toys for Tots program. Marines will be at the MUBA luncheon on December 2 to collect the toys. New, unwrapped toys can be dropped off at Duncan Alumni House. The toys will be distributed for the holidays to children in need in Lancaster County.

MUBA holds quarterly luncheons. Pictured are MUBA members during the October 13 luncheon with Chef Luis Logan – who provided members with an entertaining and informative culinary experience.
November 20
Farewell to Lyte Auditorium
Lyte Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
“Farewell to Lyte Auditorium” will include the Celestial Brass, violinists Brittany Peterson and Seth Kerner, Lyte’s Out Jazz Combo, Trombone Ensemble, Flute Quartet, and the Men’s Choir with Keenan Metcalfe on marimba. Tickets available at the door with a $5 donation to benefit Aaron’s Acres. There will be a 50/50 raffle. For more information, contact the music department at ext. 3357.

Derek James - Singer Songwriter
SMC Club de ’Ville, 9 p.m.

November 19 - 22
HAIR: The American Tribal Love-Rock Musical
Rafers Theatre, Dutcher Hall
Nov. 19, 20, 21, 8 p.m.
Nov. 22 & 23, 2 p.m.
Ticket information at ext 3811.

The first and most successful of the “Rock Musicals” HAIR originated in the Vietnam War era and provides an insight into the philosophy of the flower children of the 1960s, but it is also a social commentary of our time. Parental discretion is advised.

November 22
Music of the Season
Lyte Auditorium, 2:30 p.m.
“Music of the Season” featuring Donald Grantham’s composition, “Fantasy Variations,” Tchaikovsky’s “Suite from The Nutcracker” and a combined piece in honor of American veterans, along with other seasonal pieces. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information please contact music department at ext. 2257.

November 23
Opening Reception for “Two: Views: Landscape Paintings”
Sykes Gallery, 5 p.m.
Aaron Brooks and Paul Manlove Exhibit, The exhibit will run from November 23 – December 18. For more information contact Sykes Gallery at ext. 3298.

November 24 - 29
Thanksgiving recess

December 1
African Music in Colonial Jamaica
Myers Auditorium, McComsey, 1 p.m.
Dr. Richard Rath  (see story on page 4).

Humanities Film Series:
Myers Auditorium, McComsey, 7 p.m.

December 2
Biological Department Colloquium Series
Caputo 210, 4 p.m.
“Vaccine Development: Human Respiratory Syncytial Virus” by Mike Teng, Dept. of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Penn State Hershey College of Medicine. For more information contact Dr. James Mone at James.Mone@millersville.edu or ext. 3417

December 5 and 6
Glorious Sounds of the Season
Lyte Auditorium
Saturday; 2:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
Sunday 2:30 p.m.
Join Millersville University for a holiday music extravaganza featuring more than 250 students and faculty from the University’s music department. Tickets are $15 for general admission. For more information contact the Millersville University Ticket Office at ext. 3811.

Updated Photography Process
University Communications & Marketing will be reviewing the University’s photography history from the last two years and prioritizing recurring events that require photography. The new process, which begins in January 2010, will streamline requests. All endowed lectures, major events such as homecoming, selected athletics events, cultural events, commencement, among others will be identified at the beginning of each semester and assigned to a photographer. This will allow the University to contract earlier with photographers to ensure their availability. Other individual requests made online at www.millersville.edu/ucm/photorequest.php will still be reviewed and filled by a smaller team of student photographers. If students cannot cover the event, equipment will be offered to the requester.

For more information on the process, please contact Liz Braungard or Deb Miller in UC&M.
**Who Makes Millersville Special**

Francisco Feliciano, Sr. is a custodial work supervisor in the housekeeping department. He has been with Millersville University for 12 years.

Q: What is it that you do at Millersville?
A: I supervise custodians in the housekeeping department.

Q: What is the favorite part of your career?
A: The interactions with co-workers in my department as well as with others throughout the University.

Q: What is the best book you have ever read?
A: This I consider a work in progress, it's the Holy Bible, and it has it all! Adventure, heroism, romance, which happens to real people not made up characters.

Q: What are your hobbies outside of work?
A: I think this would be just trying to stay fit, I’m not as athletic as I once was.

Q: What is your favorite season?
A: Summer, period. Physically I feel strong and zero oil payments!

Q: What is your favorite part about Millersville University?
A: The many different cultures that have sprung up over the past decade. It reminds me of New York, my former home state.

Q: What inspires you?
A: People that want to do good for others; just positive influences.

Q: What is the most challenging aspect of your job?
A: Raising my children and being there for them.

Q: What is your greatest accomplishment?
A: No, I thought I was going to become a fireman or an accountant, but I'm happy!

Q: If you had to write a book, what would it be about and why?
A: Cooking, because I'm Latino and I can become creative with some of the foods stored in a kitchen.

Q: If you could spend a day with anyone dead or alive who would it be and why?
A: I would have to say my dad. He passed away when I was eleven years old. I didn't get a chance to say I love you!

Q: If you could live anywhere in the world where would it be?
A: Hmmm, water.

Q: What is one piece of advice you would give every person if you could?
A: Project love to both friend and foe because for that you will always be remembered by both.

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**Travel Programs**

Millersville University has made the difficult decision to suspend our Destinations Travel Program in 2010 due to rising costs associated with the program. Thank you for your patronage and support over these past years and we hope to serve our travelling public again soon.

**Alumni & Friends**

State System

Reservations/info available at ext. 3352. Or visit www.alumnivacations.com, click on Millersville.

- Western Caribbean Cruise Jan. 10-17
- Punta Cana (Dominican Republic) Jan. 18-25
- South American Cruise Mar. 13-24
- Mediterranean Cruise Jun. 17-27

**UC&M and P&D Production Timelines**

Recent increases in the volume of design and print requests have made it necessary for both Printing & Duplicating (P&D) and University Communications & Marketing (UC&M) to become more diligent in adhering to the timelines provided on the electronic job request form. It is important for faculty and staff to plan ahead, in accordance with the designing, printing and mailing timelines. The Service Request Form can be found on UC&M's homepage www.millersville.edu/services/ucm/requestform.php, along with additional information on timeframes for various types of jobs. Faculty and staff are encouraged to start with the project due date and work backwards to when the job should be opened. Jobs cannot be designed and printed faster than these timeframes allow.

**African Music in Colonial Jamaica**

Dr. Richard C. Rath, Millersville alum Class of ’91, will be on campus December 1 for a lecture on the transmission of African music to colonial Jamaica. Rath’s first publication was an article in the William and Mary Quarterly on “African Music in Seventeenth-Century Jamaica: Cultural Transit and Transition.” It is an expansion of a paper he had written under the supervision of Dr. John Thornton at Millersville.

Rath has also published a path-breaking book on How Early America Sounded. He is currently a visiting fellow at the Annenberg School of Communications at the University of Pennsylvania.

Rath will speak at 1 p.m. on Dec. 1 in Myers Auditorium in McComsey. The event is free and open to the campus community.

**Keep Well**

The Employee Wellness team on campus is sponsoring “Walk for Wellness” on December 9, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Join the employee wellness team over your lunch hour.

For more information, contact Sylvia Lepore at sylvia.lepore@millersville.edu

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