New Information Resources Division Announced

To meet the rapidly changing information resource needs of faculty, staff and students on campus, President Francine G. McNairy has announced the establishment of the Division of Information Resources, which brings the library and Information Technology under consolidated, cabinet-level management. Chip German, currently vice president for information technology, will lead the new division.

“New technologies, new media, new expressive capabilities, new patterns that humans exhibit in interacting with information—all of these suggest the need to think deeply about changes in the way coming generations will learn—new ways of knowing, even new definitions of what it means to ‘know,'” said McNairy. “The pioneers on these questions are the librarians and technologists, who are both experts in information resources and the changing means of access to them. They will help guide us to that future.”

“The new division allows us to bring two strong units, the library and IT, under consolidated management,” explained Dr. Vilas Prabhu, provost. “It will play a greater role in catalyzing integrated learning by using emerging technologies and new media. The new division ensures that Millersville University is in a strong position to fulfill the information resource needs of our students, faculty and staff, well into the 21st century.”

The library faculty will retain their current responsibilities and will continue to follow the same tenure and promotion process as outlined in the CBA for all faculty.

“In addition to leveraging existing synergies between the Library and Information Technology to enhance teaching, learning and scholarly endeavors at the University, the reorganization will enable Millersville to address current fiscal realities through further administrative cost reductions, by eliminating the director of library and associate vice president of IT positions,” said Prabhu.

German had supervisory responsibility for both the library and information technology at his previous institution. “Now more than ever before, faculty and students depend on librarians and information technologists to wrestle with the massive amounts of information available and to bring some order to it,” said German. “Such organizations can no longer be simple service organizations. Instead, we need to build even further our capabilities to be full partners in the teaching, learning and scholarly endeavors of the institution. That will be the key as we continue to build programs of national distinction.”

Keystone Innovation Grants Awarded

The Keystone Innovation Grant (KIG), has awarded a total of $27,465 to Millersville University to fund three projects: development of a remote-controlled device to detect Improvised Explosive Devices (IED); test marketing Millersville’s assessment system for education studies; and development of new technologies to assist in the detection of ovarian cancer. Six Millersville professors are involved in these innovative projects.

Dr. Len Litowitz, industry and technology, was awarded $7,465 to develop a remote-controlled surveillance vehicle and IED detection platform. IEDs are the single deadliest weapon used against U.S. forces in Afghanistan and have become the greatest conflict-related killer of civilians. Litowitz will use the money from the grant to develop a safe, inexpensive and reliable prototype of a full-scale, unmanned vehicle that can be controlled remotely from a distance of up to one mile. This vehicle must function for a minimum of two hours while crossing over an unpaved terrain. “I’m proud to be working on a project that couples the technological capabilities of my students with a real-world problem we have all become too familiar with,” stated Litowitz.

Drs. John Ward, educational foundations, Lucinda Ridley, special education, and Jane Bray, dean of education, were awarded $10,000 to test market Millersville’s teacher education assessment program. Five years ago, the Professional Education Unit went from a server and desktop project from a server and desktop monitor will be the same. The keyboard, mouse and a monitor. The keyboard, mouse and monitor will be the same.

“Going Thin, Going Green

Computers on the Millersville campus are going to be a lot thinner and a lot greener in the future because of the IT Desktop Virtualization Project. The new thin client computers will be a six inch by six inch box that sits on the back of a monitor. The keyboard, mouse and monitor will be the same.

“We have begun a major ‘go green’ project from a server and desktop perspective,” said Veronica Longenecker, academic, consulting & tech services. “In general, the project will move us to more centralized computing. The result is more flexibility for students, faculty and staff as well as a cost savings for the University.”

The library has been the site of a pilot program for 42 of the new computers. Additional computers have been ordered and will be installed this summer.
that was a part of Law and Society week at the Community College of Philadelphia. The name of the presentation was “Bridging the Gap between Law Enforcement and Judicial Affairs” and focused on the University’s handling of alcohol-related offenses. They shared best practices and the keys to success in this area.

Dr. Thomas Boyle, communication & theatre, recently presented his research at the 13th Annual International Public Relations Research Conference in Miami, Fla. The theme for the conference was, “Ethical Issues for Public Relations Practice in a Multicultural World.” Boyle’s presentation was titled “Intracampaign and Intercampaign Issue Agenda-Setting During the 2008 Presidential Campaign. Did the Major Party Candidates Stay on Message?”

John Hughes, biology, and Drs. Susan Luék, psychology, Travis Miller, mathematics, James Moné and Ryan Wagner, biology, Charles Scharberger, professor emeritus, were on a panel of judges for the 57th North Museum Science & Engineering Fair. The panel judged 345 junior and senior high school students who displayed their projects in 22 different categories.

Drs. Linda McDowell, educational foundations, Lynn Marquez, earth sciences and Daniel O’Neill, counseling & human development, were invited to present a pre-conference workshop at the 29th Annual Meeting on the First Year Experience in Denver, Colo., on February 13. The workshop was titled “Developing and Sustaining First-Year Seminars to Address Diverse Curricular and Student Needs.”

Environmental Lectureship

Willies University professor Dr. Michael Steele will speak on “The Nutty Truth about Squirrels: the Natural History of the Seed Dispersal Process in Eastern Deciduous Forests,” on April 7, Roddy Hall at 7 p.m.

Obituary:

Elsie Sherer Shenk ’75, age 93, died on March 14. In 2002, Millersville recognized her achievements by naming the Wellness & Women’s Program after Shenk. This program combines the Women’s Center, which raises awareness of women’s issues, and the Wellness Center, which promotes healthier lifestyles and choices for students.

Staff Activities

Dr. Čelica Milovanović, foreign languages, had her article “Here I Am a Breathing Corpse: Did Gregory of Nazianzus Suffer from Leprosy?” published in Analecta Bollandiana.

Dr. Kendra Saunders, counseling and human development, recently presented “Innovations in Counseling Center Assessment” at the American College Personnel Association annual convention in Boston, Mass.

Dr. M.P.A. Sheaffer, English, participated in the March 18 “Poetry at the Players” program featuring “Salute to the Irish.” She read Oscar Wilde’s “The Harlot’s House” and William Butler Yeats’s “Prayer for My Daughter.” In addition, she was the invited Lenten lecturer at St. James Episcopal Church in Italy on March 7. In an illustrated lecture, she spoke on “’Instress’ of Gerard Manley Hopkins: Open to Epiphany during Lent and After.”

Dr. Mark Snyder, industry and technology, participated in a live international teleconference with 30 Millersville students on Feb. 24. It was hosted by the International Corrugated Packaging Foundation (ICPF) and broadcast from Michigan State University. The “Careers in Corrugated” event is held annually to raise student and faculty awareness of the corrugated packaging and display industry—and the numerous career opportunities for graduates of packaging and graphic communication programs.

Dr. Jeffrey W. Wimer, wellness and sport sciences, co-authored two conference poster presentations titled: “Religiosity, Spirituality, Sexual Attitudes and Sexual Behaviors among College Students” with Dr. Raffy Luquis of Penn State-Harrisburg for the Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance convention; and “Learning the Ropes: Assimilation Techniques used by Athletic Training Education Programs for Teaching Students about the Profession” with Dr. Hal Strough of the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minn., presented at the Southeast Athletic Trainers’ Association Biennial Educator’s conference.

Dr. Yuan Zhong, biology, made a presentation “Little Changes in DNA can make a Big Difference” together with her student Michael Parker at the National Science Foundation supported project Portal to the Public and Sharing Your Science at the North Museum of Natural History and Science in Lancaster on February 27.

Interim Dean Named

Dr. Vilas A. Prabhu, provost and vice president for academic affairs, has announced that Dr. Diane Umble has been appointed interim dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences effective July 1.

The current dean, Dr. John N. Short, has accepted the position of dean and chief executive officer at the University of Wisconsin-Fond du Lac.

Umble joined Millersville in 1990 and is currently professor of communication and theatre. She has extensive experience in administration based upon her prior appointments as interim associate dean from 2003-2007, and acting dean summer 1995 and January 1996. Umble received her Ph.D. in 1991 from the University of Pennsylvania, Annenberg School for Communication.
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New Assistant Vice Presidents for Student Affairs

Dwight Horsey, director of financial aid, and Thomas Richardson, director of housing and residential programs have recently each accepted the position of assistant vice president for student affairs.

Horsey, who resides in East Hempfield, received his bachelor’s degree from the University of Maryland, College Park, and his master’s degree from Pennsylvania State University. His current duties include supervising the Office of Financial Aid, health services, student programs as well as working with the cultural affairs committee and diversity and retention initiatives on campus.

Richardson, from East Petersburg, received a bachelor of art’s degree in psychology from Eastern Illinois and a master of science degree in education from Western Illinois University. Richardson’s duties include providing direction and administrative leadership for a comprehensive housing and residential program as well as serving on departmental and campus-wide committees including enrollment management, campus sustainability committee, and the University Planning Council.

Jazz singer Sheila Jordan in the SMC April 21 at 7:30 p.m.

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of Millersville designed a web-based assessment system for evaluating undergraduate and graduate studies in education. Ward, Ridley and Bray will use KIG funds to research the possibilities of making the assessment system portable and marketable. Penn State University in Harrisburg will partner with Millersville for this project.

Dr. Chris Hardy

Drs. James Cosentino, biology, and Lyman Rickard, chemistry, received a grant of $10,000 to develop a new technique for early detection of ovarian cancer. The National Cancer Institute reported that ovarian cancer is ranked fourth in cancer deaths among women. Early detection would have a significant affect on the mortality of the disease even without the development of new treatments.

The KIG is intended to create an opportunity for faculty and staff to create, market and patent their ideas and inventions, with the hope of producing revenue for the University. It has $10 million in funds and was created as part of Governor Rendell’s initial stimulus package.

Herbarium Collections to be Discussed

Millersville is hosting an open house to honor the James C. Parks Herbarium and Millersville Greenhouses. The event will take place on Monday, April 19 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Herbarium, Roddy Hall room 270, on campus.

The James C. Parks Herbarium is named in honor and memory of its founder Dr. Jim Parks who developed the collection during his 33 years on the biology faculty. At 6 p.m. Dr. Chris Hardy, biology faculty member and keeper of the James C. Parks Herbarium, will present a brief presentation on the “Importance of Herbarium Collections in Biodiversity Research & Conservation.” After Hardy’s presentation, visitors will be able to examine specimens from all over North America in the herbarium. Also, guided tours of the herbarium and the greenhouse facilities will be provided. Light refreshments will be served.

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Marsha McQuate joined Millersville University three years ago after graduating from Lycoming College. She enjoys baseball and living life to the fullest.

Q: What do you do at Millersville?
A: I am the assistant director of student programs. I organize and manage a broad spectrum of entertainment to attract students to events on Friday and Saturday nights called Ville After Dark, as well as advise the University Activities Board. I am also the Greek life advisor.

Q: What is your favorite part of your career?
A: Working with students! I enjoy helping students grow and develop into the person they want to be—I am very fortunate to have a job that allows me to work with amazing students who care about their university and want to make it a better place!

Q: What is the best book you have ever read?
A: Tuesdays with Morrie

Q: What are your hobbies outside of work?
A: I love to travel! Last summer I went to Niagara Falls and made a couple of weekend trips to see friends and family. I also enjoy photography and sports, but in my spare time I actually work a lot – ha! I work for the Lancaster Barnstormers in the box office and also at Universal Athletic Club at the front desk.

Q: What is your favorite season?
A: Fall: the leaves are beautiful, sweaters, spiced chi tea, football …and the list goes on!

Q: While working with students day in and day out, you are constantly motivating and teaching them how to do what they love. What is the most important thing a student has taught you?
A: No matter how organized you are and how much you plan, sometimes you just have to keep smiling and go with the flow!

Q: What is one thing you cannot live without?
A: Post – it® notes

Marsha McQuate

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

Q: Did you always think you’d be doing what you are today?
A: No! I went to Lycoming College for my undergraduate degree, which is in history and political science. I am certified to teach social studies, and I actually taught 12th grade world cultures. My mother is a teacher and I always wanted to follow in her footsteps, but my mentor in college introduced me to student affairs and pushed me to keep going and get my masters. After student teaching I decided to pursue my master’s in student affairs in higher education and attended IUP – Indiana University of Pennsylvania. I worked at Clarion University and Fairleigh Dickinson University before coming to Millersville University.

Q: What is your greatest accomplishment?
A: Buying my own home!

Q: What is the most challenging aspect of your job?
A: Trying to reach out to uninvolved students. Often, many of the same students are involved in everything.

Q: If you had to write a book, what would it be about and why?
A: Live- Love – Laugh! Don’t be afraid to try something new and fail, don’t take yourself too seriously and always keep a sense of humor!

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- Voyage to Antiquity Cruise ………… Aug 23 – Sept 7
- Canada/
  New England Cruise………. Sept 26 – Oct 10

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