

Goodbye to the Old Ganser

Students, faculty and staff will soon have a better experience studying, teaching, learning and researching with the renovation and construction project at the library. After 43 years of operation, beginning fall 2011, the Millersville University Library



will undergo renovations to better suit the needs of students and faculty, with hopes of being completed by fall 2013.

“The need to renovate the Ganser building presents us with an opportunity not just to update the building, but also to completely reset our community's expectation of what our library can be in the Millersville University of the 21st Century,” said Chip German, vice president for information resources. “It isn't just about the walls; it’s about the spirit contained within those walls. The University library, both physical and virtual, is the heart of scholarly life here, and our aim, frankly, is to come through this process with a library that makes our faculty doubly proud while sparking an undying love for learning in all of our students, and reinforcing it in all of us.”

The newly renovated library will include open floor plans, natural lighting, attractive architectural design and flexible furniture to provide visitors with the space necessary for completing group and individual research. Also featured will be programming areas and exhibit space to provide opportunities for civic engagement and student learning with campus and community organizations, redesigned library classrooms, 24-hour public access area, centrally located café and expanded technology to encourage students to make the library their own space for studies.

“It is exciting to be part of planning the new spaces that our current and future students will know as their library,” said Dr. Marilyn Parrish, special collections librarian and University archivist and chair of the library renovation committee. “Throughout the building design, we are focused on creating a new library that will facilitate discovery, enhance curiosity and creativity and offer a wide variety of options for collaboration.”

Other construction changes include a glass staircase, as well as other glass features; different landscaping, to create a more obvious entrance including a sculpture garden and the closing of Ganser Gallery, although the library plans to feature student artwork throughout the library on a rotating basis.

“The student designed reading-sculpture garden will allow the focus on student learning to move from the inside of the building to the outside. Students will be able to engage with each other, surrounded by fascinating and inspiring plants and works of art,” said Parrish.

During renovations, the library building itself will close, but library services will still be available for students, faculty and staff use. Gerhart Hall will be the main service point for the library during the renovation.

While some of the physical books will be placed in storage for the duration of the project, students and faculty will have access to an extensive collection of databases, electronic books and the EZ-Borrow service – to have physical items delivered directly to Millersville. Faculty members will have the option to check out books during the spring 2011 semester that they may need over the course of the renovation.

Although the current building will be under construction, all current library services will continue to be offered. Librarians will work with classroom faculty to provide instruction sessions and will offer research consultation services to both faculty and students.

“Library sponsored programs will be held in locations around campus during the renovation in order to highlight the resources and services that the library will continue to offer,” said Erin Dorney, outreach librarian. “There are plans for more gaming nights, a new discussion series following lectures on campus and collaborating with other departments and student organizations.”

For the most up-to-date information about the renovation of the Millersville University Library, visit <http://blogs.millersville.edu/newlibrary>.

Millersville Adopts Philadelphi a High School



Nakia Mack speaking at Overbrook High School

Inner-city students in Philadelphia will have the opportunity to attend a post-secondary school, thanks to a new partnership between Millersville University and Overbrook High School in Philadelphia, Pa.

The partnership is in response to Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter's call for colleges and universities to work with Philadelphia high schools to help create a "college going culture" in each school.

Nakia Mack, assistant director and coordinator of minority student recruitment at Millersville, has been active with the Overbrook/Millersville partnership. You can watch a video featuring Mack at a recent event at Overbrook at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-DCfNHizEE&feature=channel>.

"We're focused on education, not nonsense," said Nutter. "We want to enhance the educational opportunities for young people in Philadelphia."

Millersville faculty and administrators will work with Overbrook High School's Student Success Center (SSC) to provide college admissions and financial aid assistance, college visits and other opportunities to interact with college students. Millersville will host campus visits throughout the year for Overbrook students.

"What you see in this room are parents, supporters and organizations that are all about you and wanting you to succeed," said Millersville President Dr. Francine G. McNairy, who recently spoke at an event at Overbrook. "There are people in this room who are here to say 'We've got your back.' That is what this partnership is all about."

Millersville is one of 10 post-secondary institutions to partner with a Philadelphia high school housing a SSC. These centers are designed to assist students in the creation of post-secondary plans and provide and coordinate services and resources to help them achieve their goals.

A Pet's Guardian Angel



Pets that belong to terminally ill patients and elderly residents in Lancaster County have "forever homes," thanks to Dr. Debra Vredenburg-Rudy. Vredenburg, psychology, was honored for her work October 28, as WGAL's 32nd annual Jefferson Award recipient.

"We are not a rescue shelter for animals," says Vredenburg on her 501 (c) 3, nonprofit organization Pet Guardians. "We are a small network of individuals who love animals and want to help others."

In 2006, Vredenburg started Pet Guardians to help elderly persons and terminally ill patients find homes for their pets when they were unable to care for them. She took her cat and, at that time, a small dog, to visit elderly residents in assisted care. It was through her experiences with animal

assisted therapy that she discovered many of the residents worried about the fate of their companion animals. Some were left with no other option but to take their pet to a shelter without knowing its ultimate fate. Many of the residents spoke about the memories of their pets with both great joy and sadness.



According to Vredenburg, “We try to bring peace of mind to those who are suffering and dealing with significant life transitions by finding good homes for their pets and as a result, we help keep them out of shelters that are bursting at the seams with homeless dogs and cats. Each year, according to the Humane Society of America, six to eight million dogs and cats enter shelters across the country, and less than half of those animals are ever adopted.” Several of the Pet Guardians adopters keep in touch with previous

owners by sending cards, photos and letters and some even take the pet to visit.

Vredenburg and her husband recently took Zip, an Australian cattle dog, to visit his owner in the Cardiac Transplant Unit at the University of Pennsylvania hospital. A social worker had contacted Vredenburg about a patient from Mount Joy who had suffered a massive heart attack after the sudden death of his wife, and on top of everything else, was about to be evicted in a week. The patient could not speak. On a scrap of paper, he wrote the words, “Please don’t kill Zip.” Zip, the social worker later learned, was the man’s dog that was left alone in the apartment. Vredenburg and her husband got the dog and took him home until a suitable foster was found. Zip is currently staying with Sarah White, a recent psychology graduate of Millersville University, until his owner recovers.

Pet Guardians consists of all volunteers, there are no paid positions. Dr. Mary Margaret Kelly, psychology, and Anna Stauffer, purchasing, are both volunteers and board members. Pet Guardians receives no local, state or federal funding and charges no service fee to clients or adopters. It is truly a mission of the heart.

As well as investing her own money in the organization, Vredenburg spends considerable time serving her role as founder and president for Pet Guardians. Some of her responsibilities include searching for prospective homes for pets; fundraising for Pet Guardians; setting up initial and follow-up visits to potential adopters; fostering and transporting pets to the vet and maintaining all paperwork incorporate with the organization.

Vredenburg has been actively helping animals for many years. She and her husband, Bob Rudy, have four dogs, three cats and two foster dogs. Bob won the 2005 Jefferson Award for community service.

For more information on Pet Guardians, visit: <http://www.petguardians.org/>.

Glorious Sounds of the Season

Millersville students and faculty representing some 14 different ensembles will be making holiday music at this year's Glorious Sounds of the Season concert in December.

Ranging from 105 choir members to soloists, the students and faculty will make up close to 200 performers. The performances bring together every dimension of sound and size including instrumental, vocal and a combination thereof to include the audience for sing-a-longs.



“We are very excited about bringing this year’s Glorious Sounds of the Season concert downtown to Liberty Place Theatre,” said Dr. Keith Wiley, music professor and coordinator of the Glorious Sounds of the Season concert. “There may even be some new twists and surprises in this year’s event.”

Performances will be held at Liberty Place Theatre, located at 313 W. Liberty St., in Lancaster City. Dates and times for the Glorious Sounds of the Season concerts are:

- **Saturday, December 4, 2:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.**
- **Sunday, December 5, 3 p.m.**

General admission tickets are \$15 each and \$8 on Saturday, for students. Tickets may be purchased Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at Gerhart Hall (22 E. Frederick St.) or by calling 717-872-3811 and online at www.MUTicketsOnline.com.

Millersville Receives Nursing Grant

Nursing students at Millersville University will receive help with their tuition, thanks to the Pennsylvania Higher Education Foundation (PHEF). The University was recently selected to receive the Nursing Education Grant from the PHEF in the amount of \$10,849.

“The grant is targeted specifically for the registered nurse bachelor of science in nursing students and the master of science in nursing, nurse educator option,” said Dr. Barbara Zimmerman, nursing.

To receive funds, nursing students must submit a nursing scholarship application along with a completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The Department of Nursing admissions/awards committee will meet to review the criteria of the grant and the applicants who qualify. Awards are given based on need; the grant is for tuition only.

According to the PHEF, one of its goals was closing the gap between demand and the nursing resources available, to serve Pennsylvanians across the spectrum of health care settings. The grant and scholarship program has assisted in producing nursing majors, direct care nurses and nurse educators for the Commonwealth. This is the last year of grants from all PHEF programs because the Foundation is currently winding down operations.



New Director, CDRE and Coordinator, MSEM at MU



Dr. Sepideh Yalda, meteorology, has recently been appointed to a three-year term as director of the Center for Disaster Research and Education (CDRE) and coordinator of the Master of Science in Emergency Management (MSEM) Program.

Yalda received her bachelor's, master's and Ph.D. degrees in atmospheric science from St. Louis University and joined the Millersville University faculty in 1997. She is currently professor of meteorology in the Department of Earth Sciences.

She has been the recipient of a number of National Science Foundation (NSF) grants and

has served as chair or member of several boards and committees of professional organizations including the American Meteorological Society, University Corporation for Atmospheric Research (UCAR) and the National Center for Atmospheric Research. She has participated in the development of the UCAR strategic plan, has served on several review panels for the NSF and was selected as a member of the United States Delegation to the World Meteorological Organization. In addition, Yalda actively serves as an invited member on a number of advisory panels including the Cooperative Program for Operational Meteorology, Education and Training and the National Environmental Education Foundation.

The mission of the CDRE is to provide multidisciplinary education, research and internship opportunities for students and to also play a role in the education and workforce development of the next generation. The CDRE has been associated with a number of educational and research projects funded by the NSF, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and other academic research centers.

The MSEM degree, which is offered fully online, was developed in response to a nationwide need identified by FEMA for well-trained individuals to plan and coordinate emergency management efforts. Graduates are prepared to serve in a variety of positions in the emergency management field and to attain certified emergency manager status.

New name, even better services

In a recent move to enhance services to students and employers, Career Services at Millersville merged with the department responsible for internships and Volunteer Central. The Office of Experiential Learning and Career Management (ELCM) is the outcome of this merger.

“ELCM reflects the latest evolution of the Co-op office, which dates back to the ‘70s,” said Diane Fleishman, director of ELCM. “Our name has changed over the years as we have added more dimensions to our services.”

Students can continue to gain career direction through counseling, volunteering and/or internship opportunities. Additionally, ELCM offers complete developmental packages for students as they study at Millersville. “Ultimately, the end result for those who use these packages is a successful transition into graduate school or the workforce,” Fleishman said.

Due to the increased number of students seeking internships and the additional duties of the combined offices, a new assistant director has been hired. Holly Kalbach will assume her duties November 8.

Among the new initiatives of ELCM is that one staff person is assigned as liaison to each academic school to enhance the unique career development needs of the students. They are Holly Kalbach, School of Education; Diane Fleishman, School



of Humanities and Social Sciences and Margo Sassaman, School of Science and Mathematics.

Students looking to take advantage of these services can stop by Career Services, located on the third floor of Lyle Hall; Internships and Volunteer Central services are housed in the Bedford House, located on George Street. Services are available at both sites, however.

For more information on ELCM, contact Fleishman at Diane.Fleishman@millersville.edu or 717-872-3774.

Walk A Mile Raises \$2,500



The “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes” event, which was held October 13, raised \$2,500 for Domestic Violence Services of Lancaster. There were 85 registered participants who walked the one mile course in women’s high heel shoes to support the cause. Sponsors included PSECU, Dynatech Controls, Lebzelters and EDSecure, LLC. Millersville’s Elsie S. Shenk Wellness and Women’s Program and Millersville University’s Police Department coordinated the event. See event footage at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pprbhjfc9bl>.

11/4/2010 Activities



Faculty & Staff Activities

Dr. Ralph Anttonen, academic and student development, and **Dr. Michelle White**, academic advising, presented a pre-conference workshop, “No Budget, No Problem: Let’s Build an Exploratory (Undecided) Program” at the National Meeting of the National Academic and Advising Association (NACADA), held in Orlando, Fla., October 3-6. They also presented a concurrent session, “YouTube Advising FAQ’s: Informative and Entertaining,” which had more than 100 participants. Anttonen also began his two year term as the National Chair of the Faculty Commission of NACADA.

Dr. Behnam Nakhai, business administration, had his refereed article titled “Six-Sigma for Services: A Service Quality Framework,” co-authored with Dr. Joao S. Neves of the College of the New Jersey, accepted for publication in *the International Journal of Productivity and Quality Management*.

Dr. Daniel O'Neill, counseling & human development, presented a poster at the Department of Education's annual meeting on Alcohol, Drugs and Violence in Higher Education in National Harbor, Md., October 18-20. The poster “Choices: Engaging Students in a Conversation about Alcohol at Orientation,” presented Millersville's CHOICES Orientation workshops for new students led by faculty, staff and students to assist freshmen in understanding alcohol and its risks and making positive personal decisions.

Dr. Gordon M. Nesbitt, wellness and sport sciences, served as guest editor of the "Assessment Special Section" in the October issue of the *NIRSA Journal*. The journal is put out by the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association. Nesbitt also published "An Introduction to the Assessment Special Section" in the same issue.

Timothy Shea, English, chaired a panel presentation of Millersville undergraduate and graduate students at the Pennsylvania Council of Teachers of English and Language Arts at State College, Pa., October 22. Their presentation "Writing Beside Them: Preservice Teachers Learn about Writing Pedagogy from Adolescent Writers" is drawn from the case studies they developed in the class, “Seminar in Teaching Writing.”

Dr. M. P. A. Sheaffer, English, gave two invited lectures in Vienna, Austria, over fall break; the first to Christ Church Anglican on the subject of “The New Vienna Engineered Through the Genius of Otto Wagner” and the second to the American Women’s Association of Vienna on “The Genius of Otto Wagner’s Foresight in the Makeover of the Imperial Capital in the Late 19th-early 20th Centuries.” In addition, two of her poems, “Yangtze Gorges” and “Campo Santo, Pisa” were recently published in *Riverwind* 30.

Dr. Todd D. Sikora, earth sciences, was the featured scientist at the North Museum of Natural History & Science’s Founders Day, which was held October 9. Together with meteorology seniors Joseph Moore and Erica Dolinar, Sikora provided hands-on demonstrations and tutorials focused on thunderstorms and tornadoes. In addition, Sikora, **Dr. Charles Scharnberger**, retired earth sciences professor and **Eric Hörst**, earth sciences, each recently gave presentations in support of Heritage and Horizons Adult Learning. Scharnberger’s presentations, “The Really Big Ones,” and “When Mountains Blow Their Tops,” were held September 21 and September 28, respectively. Sikora’s presentation, “They’re Called Supercells for a Reason” was held October 5. Hörst’s presentation, “Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow,” was held October 19.

Retired:

Dr. Dennis Denenberg, professor emeritus, elementary and early childhood, continues to present keynote addresses to conferences and conventions for corporate, teacher and parent groups. Denenberg recently gave, or has coming up, a variety of “Teaching American History” (TAH) and Hooray for Heroes presentations. Oct. 20-22 - Shreveport, La., five separate appearances, plus meetings with students; Oct. 28-29 - Cleveland County, N.C., a TAH presentation; Nov. 1 - Webb City, Mo., TAH presentation and a keynote address; Nov. 5 - Fresno, Calif., TAH; Nov. 6 - Reno, Nev., keynote presentation; Nov.15 - Lawton, Okla., TAH; Nov.20 - Charleston, W.V., a keynote and full day workshop; Dec. 9 - Shelbyville, Ky., keynote and a full day workshop and Dec.10-11 - Manatee, Fla., TAH.

Troy Isaak, retired professor from educational foundations, will be having a Trio CD Release Party November 11, from 7 – 10 p.m. at The Pressroom, 26 W King St., Lancaster, Pa. The event will feature Bruce Campbell on bass, Dave Young on drums and Troy Isaak on piano. Proceeds from CD sales will benefit the Lancaster Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). For more information, or to order a CD, contact Isaak at 717-872-9035, or by email, at ctisaak@msn.com.

Gordon Rowe, retiree from Millersville and a Lt. Col., recently went to Chicago to address the reunion of the Royal Lao Air Force. During the Vietnam War, Rowe was one of a few USAF pilots who were assigned to a secret mission to train Laotian pilots. He flew missions in Thailand, Laos and Cambodia.

Marketplace:

5 bedroom/3 bath house on .55 acres in Canterbury Place in Lancaster, Twp. List price is \$325,000. Numerous trees on lot create a peaceful backdrop. Very private rear lot. Finished basement w/walk-out - great for teenager or in-law arrangement. Anderson windows and stained wood trim. Oversized two car garage w/ large room above for shop, etc. Rear of lot has a flat area that abuts a private street. Home of late Prof Ted Rupp. More information is available at:

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Who Makes Millersville Special?

This issue of the Exchange features Dr. Laurie B. Hanich, associate professor of educational foundations at Millersville.



Q: How long have you been employed at Millersville University?

A: I am starting my ninth year as a faculty member in the Educational Foundations Department.

Q: What classes do you teach here? Do you have any favorites?

A: My primary teaching responsibilities include educational psychology, at the graduate and undergraduate level. I also enjoy teaching my first year seminar course, The Great IQ Debate, which takes an interdisciplinary approach to studying intelligence and intellectual disabilities.

Q: What do you like most about your job?

A: There are so many things that I like about my job---the intellectual curiosity it stimulates, the opportunity to work on interesting problems and the chance to interact with and learn from distinguished colleagues. However, my favorite part is working with so many interesting and unique students. I'm always amazed and impressed by the experiences that they bring to the college classroom.

Q: Is there a reason why you chose to teach educational psychology?

A: My interests in educational psychology developed out of my studies in child development. Educational psychology allows me to look at the study of human development and behavior as it applies to teaching and learning.

Q: Tell us about being a co-editor of the journal *Teaching Educational Psychology*.

A: I was pleased to be nominated co-editor of *Teaching Educational Psychology (TEP)* along with my colleague, Dr. Sandy Deemer, in 2008. *TEP* is an online, peer-refereed journal devoted to increasing the shared knowledge base about the teaching of educational psychology. My responsibilities as co-editor keep me on the forefront of research being done in my field and provide an opportunity to meet and interact with national leaders in my discipline.

Q: Are you involved in any other research projects or journals?

A: Over the last few years I've been studying cognitive correlates and developmental patterns of mathematical thinking in children with learning disabilities. My sabbatical project for fall will examine the affective and motivational components of mathematics disabilities in young children. My goal is to develop a school-based intervention around principles of achievement motivation for children with learning disabilities in mathematics. I'm hoping to develop a team of students, teachers and faculty who may be interested in working on this project with me.

Q: Where was your first job?

A: My first job was as a summer camp counselor at the Boys & Girls Club. I think it fueled my interest in working with children.

Q: What college/university did you attend?

A: I went to Temple University. After that I attended graduate school at the University of Delaware.

Q: Where did you grow up? Where do you live now?

A: I grew up on the West Shore of Harrisburg, Pa. Presently, I live in Newark, Del. It's a 47-mile commute to Millersville each day. Most days it's a beautiful drive. However, winter conditions can be treacherous!

Q: What did you want to be when you were growing up? Why?

A: Throughout high school and even during my first year of college, I thought I would work in the medical field. However, I developed a love of social science in college, which led me to psychology and eventually to education. I don't have any regrets!

Q: What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

A: There's nothing I love better than curling up with a good book. I'm a big supporter of public libraries. I also enjoy film, particularly Indies.

Q: What is your greatest accomplishment?

A: Without a doubt, my children are my greatest accomplishment. Matt is almost six years old and is attending kindergarten. Katie is almost four years old and is incredibly spirited. Their daily antics provide me with examples of practical applications of child development that I can share in my classroom teaching. I'm fortunate to have such cool kids.

Q: If you could travel to any place in the world, where would it be and why?

A: My husband, Dave, and I have ancestors in Sicily and Croatia. Both areas are steeped in history and offer wonderful opportunities for sightseeing and learning about the past. We hope to plan a vacation there in the near future.