



Looking for a Major????

March 18, 2004 is a very important date for students to keep in mind. Students will be able to visit the 2nd annual **CARNIVAL OF MAJORS**. It will be held in the SMC MPR from 11-1p.m. on MARCH 18. Exploratory students, or students that are simply thinking of a major change, can use this event as an excellent opportunity. Major departments from all over the university will converge at the SMC to display the best of what their major has to offer.

After last year's overwhelming success, the Carnival of Majors is back! During last year's activity, various departments showcased their requirements and achievements to a variety of students. Videos, projects and more were presented during the carnival. And what's a carnival without popcorn and prizes?? At the Carnival of Majors, departments may have goodies for students to win or refreshments to enjoy. Please come out for a wonderful event, that is fun and informative all at the same time!!



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Of
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MARCH 18
SMC MPR
11-1p.m.**



TAP NUMBERS, TAP NUMBERS!

Reminder: **EVERY UNDERGRADUATE NEEDS A TAP NUMBER!!!**

In order to register, ALL undergraduate students must obtain a TAP number from their assigned adviser.

TAP NUMBER DATES

MARCH 12, 2004-TAPS distributed to advisers.

APRIL 9-16, 2004-Undergraduate Registration

Be sure to take advantage of the time between when TAPS are distributed to your adviser and registration to set up an appointment and discuss courses for the upcoming semester.



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MARCH 19, 2004

March 19, 2004 is the last day to withdraw from a course and receive a "W". You can pick-up a withdrawal card from the registrar's office. Be aware of the deadline to turn in your card.



TEN POINTS FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS



Here is a list of ten tips that will help you, as a student, empower yourself to become academically focused. Use this list as a guide to avoid frustrating academic experiences.

1. **Your Adviser**– Take time to meet your adviser outside of the hectic registration period. Listen to their advice.
2. **Your Body**– Eat healthy, exercise, and sleep regularly.
3. **Your Catalog**– Review and re-read parts of the undergraduate catalog, there is a wealth of information in there. (Can be accessed via the MU webpage, <http://www.millersville.edu>)
4. **Directions**– Read ALL directions carefully before you begin an assignment. Always listen to additional directions if they are given.
5. **Deadlines and Due Dates**– Make sure to keep a calendar with all important dates, such as your registration appointment.
6. **Your Employment**– Try to talk to your employer and explain your academic goals. Ask for some flexibility.
7. **Your Finances**– Take advantage of scholarship opportunities. Do research to find scholarships that will aid with your college financial picture.
8. **Your Grades**– Understand your GPA and what will happen if you

were to reach a certain GPA, or fall below a certain GPA. There are a variety of things associated with GPA such as, Dean's list, probation, and financial aid. Keep those grades up!

9. **Your Friends**– Look out for each other and stay connected. Keep each other aware of important dates (i.e. registration periods, drop/add, etc.)
10. **The Internet**– Excellent tool for research and communication. Remember to always cite sources from the internet or it is considered plagiarism. Utilize this tip wisely.

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[Http://www.psu.edu/dus/mentor/020806wr.htm](http://www.psu.edu/dus/mentor/020806wr.htm)

Improve My Performance

The "IMP" program, Improve My Performance, is designed to help students whose GPA has fallen below a 2.0. These students are invited to participate in a program conceptualized by Dr. Ralph G. Anttonen, director of the Exploratory (Undecided) Program. Students are welcome to sign up for the program in Academic Advisement (x3257). Even if you have a major, please feel free to contact

our office for an appointment.

Students who participate in the IMP program meet once a week with an adviser. They discuss upcoming assignments, how to study for exams, and how to approach professors for help. The advisers will help the students to improve their performance by raising their overall GPA and increasing time management and study skills. Once a student has in-

creased his/her overall GPA above a 2.0 the student can choose to stop the meetings or continue into the next semester for added academic support.



Don't let a low GPA creep up on you. If you know that you are struggling, set up an appointment ASAP. It's not too late to turn your course grades around!

What-if Degree Audits



What-if degree audits are available on MAX. With a few quick clicks you can check out the course requirements for any major on campus. MAX now offers What-if degree audits for minors as well. This allows you to try out a minor you don't already have, try out a minor in addition to the one you already have, or try out a minor in place of one you already have. Print out a What-if degree audit for a major or minor that you are

interested in before choosing classes. These audits are great advising tools!



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