

## University/Habitat Chapter Gets Red Rose



Habitat for Humanity Student Chapter President Leslie Stouffer (center) proudly shares with President Francine G. McNairy (right) and Marie Killian, community services coordinator, the Lancaster New Era Red Rose citation that the University received on behalf of the chapter, which is participating in a collaborative project to build a Habitat House on Euclid

Avenue in Lancaster's Emerald Valley. The Lancaster New Era's Red Rose, published each week in the newspaper's editorial section, is presented to Lancastrians who accomplish something exceptional on the job, in school or in volunteer activities, or who in other ways represent the best achievements of people in the community.

## International Exchange Programs Offered

The Council of International Educational Exchange announces its one- to two-week International Faculty Development Seminars for this summer (2004). The programs are held abroad; fees range from \$2,400 to \$3,000.

Programs include: Brazil: Societal and Economic Perspectives, June 1-10; Economic Reform, Regional Integration and

Democratization in Argentina and Chile, June 6-15; From Treaty Ports to Mega Cities on the South China Coast, June 5-16; The Silk Road of China, June 6-18; Development, Democracy and Human Rights in Costa Rica, June 18-27; Urban Transformations: A Platform for Political Expressions and Reinterpreting History, June 14-21; From Communism to the

European Union: A Decade of Change, June 15-25; Perspectives on India, July 4-17; Contemporary Arab Culture and Society, May 30-June 9; Paradox or Paradigm: Social Trends, Social Problems and Social Policy, June 6-14; Peace and Conflict in Northern Ireland, June 13-20; Senegal: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives, June 27-July 7; Nation Building in South Africa, June 7-17; Regional Identities in the European Context: The Catalan Case, June 18-25; At the Crossroads: Politics, Religion and Culture in Turkey, June 8-19; and Tradition and Transformation in Vietnam, July 5-15.

The Brethren Colleges Abroad program also announces its international seminars: Peace, Reconciliation and Human Rights, June 1-10; Exploring Cuba, June 1-9; The Politics of Preserving Paradise, June 7-18; and Old and New Europe: New Directions from Euro-Atlantic Relations, June 14-22. Fees are \$1,400 to \$1,800.

For more info, call ext. 3884.

### Martin Luther King Junior Celebration

Millersville's Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, titled "The Pact: Realizing the Dream," will be held today (January 15) in the SMC's Reighard Multipurpose Room.



Free and open to the public, the program begins at 7:30 p.m.

The celebration event will feature three doctors—Sampson Davis, George Jenkins and Rameck Hunt—who discuss their pact to become physicians (the idea surfaced when they were children in Newark, New Jersey) and their journey to realize that dream.

Delivering a message of hope and inspiration wherever they go, the doctors were presented the prestigious Essence Award for their accomplishments, including strategies to achieve goals, and leadership.

## Former Student Services' Employees Join 'Ville Staff



New members of the MU non-instructional staff, former employees of Student Services' Café De'Ville, who attended a special, personalized University orientation program on December 16, are (left to right) Stephanie A. Greineder, Hazel M. Stevenson, Vickie L. Jenkins, Diane M. Mohler, Karen J. Swope, Kelli A. Karr, Joan L. Starry and Cheryl A.

Callahan. Except for Starry, who is a food service supervisor, all are food service workers. The all-day program included sessions on safety and environmental health, personnel services, payroll processes, attendance and leave policies, technology issues, campus safety and security, and retail operations.

### Staff Activities

**DR. BARRY DAVID**, industry & technology, has been elected Director, Region 1, University Division, of the National Association of Industrial Technology (NAIT). NAIT, the accrediting agency for the Industrial Technology degree program at MU, provides numerous services to the discipline, including national conferences and professional certification.

**DR. HENRY FISCHER**, sociology/anthropology, presented two papers: "The Sociology of Disaster: Definitions, Research Questions & Measurements in a Post-September 11, 2001, Environment," at the American Sociological Association meetings held in Atlanta; and "Social-Psychological Aspects of September 11, 2001," at the European Sociological Association meetings held in Spain.

Also, Dr. Fischer participated in a FEMA workshop in Denver, charged by the NSF with the responsibility of developing emergency management curriculum learning objectives and content, and had a journal article, "Lessons Learned from 9.11: Behavioral Response Predicted by the Research Literature," published in the fall 2003 issue of the *Journal of Emergency Management*.

**DR. ANDRE MOINE**, foreign languages, attended the 8th International Pragmatics Conference in Toronto (July 13-18, 2003), where he presented a paper (poster) entitled "Une approche prototyp-

ique du rôle de alors dans les dialogues."

**SERGEANT JOYCE RUTECKI**, University police, attended a statewide law enforcement conference, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, during which she received instructor certification in Terrorism Awareness and Prevention from the PCCD and the Pennsylvania Department of Homeland Security. Sergeant Rutecki will offer the course to University police and other members of the University community as part of the Homeland Security Department's initiatives for counter-terrorism. More information on Pennsylvania's Homeland Security responses can be obtained at <http://www.homelandsecurity.state.pa.us/>.

**DR. DOMINIC SCOTT**, educational foundations, presented a paper (with Julie Horton, Appalachian State University), "Using Theater of the Oppressed and Ba Fa Ba Fa To Promote Student Achievement and Multicultural Understanding," at the National Association for Multicultural Conference, held in Seattle, Nov. 7.

**DR. M.P.A. SHEAFFER**, English, sang in a performance of *Messiah*, under the direction of Sir David Willcocks, at Royal Albert Hall, London, Nov. 29.

**DR. SAULIUS SUZIEDELIS**, history, participated at the Conference, "Foreign Rule and Collaboration in Northeastern Europe, 1900-1950," November 13-16, in Lüneburg, Germany, at the invitation of the Nordost-Institut für Kultur und Geschichte der Deutschen in Nordosteuropa. Dr. Suziedelis delivered a paper entitled "Lithuanian Collaboration during the Second World War: Past Realities, Present

Perceptions."

**DR. JOHN R. WALLACE**, biology, co-authored a paper, "Pig Decomposition in Lotic Aquatic Systems: The Potential Use of Algal Growth in Establishing a Postmortem Submersion Interval (PMSI)," with his graduate student James Haefner-1st author (MU '98) and Richard W. Merritt-3rd author (Michigan State University), which will appear in the *Journal of Forensic Science*, March, 2004 issue.

**DR. MARJORIE WARMKESSEL**, library, served as an assessment consultant at "Decisions by Design: When Values and Realities Collide," the annual meeting of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, held in Philadelphia, Dec. 8.


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#### Tally

**Married:** Dr. J. Robert Buchanan, mathematics, to Monika Wawrzak on December 16 in Lancaster.

## General Ed Assessment: Wellness/Sport Sciences

By Dr. Jeffrey Wimer

*Editor's Note: This is another in a series of Exchange articles on assessment initiatives at Millersville. Coordinated by the office of the Assistant Provost for Planning and Assessment, submissions are by MU faculty and staff.*

Faculty members of the Department of Wellness and Sport Sciences have recognized the usefulness of outcomes assessment as a tool that provides evidence of instructional effectiveness. This became most evident to us as we began to assess the impact of the required general education class, Wellness – Concepts for Health and Fitness. In an effort to curb the increasing incidence of obesity, heart disease, and other health-related behaviors, and to show students how to take responsibility for their own health, undergraduates at MU are required to pass this three-credit course. The wellness and sport sciences faculty established a standing assessment committee to address the actual impact this class has on our students. Under the direction of Dr. Julie Lombardi, associate professor of wellness and sport sciences, the General Education/Outcomes Assessment Committee meets regularly and recently developed a pretest-post-test assessment instrument. According to the Middle States Association, this methodology is considered a "direct format" for assessing student learning. Other direct formats include standardized tests, case study analysis, and rubrics.

The Committee used a modified Delphi technique for selecting questions for the test. In short, the Delphi technique is a method for obtaining a consensus from a panel of experts. Each expert selected is required to review and offer comments on the appropriateness of the test items, phraseology, and format. Results from a dependent t-test revealed a significant difference ( $p < .001$ ) between the pretest and post-test pilot scores during the spring 2003 semester. In other words, students increased their knowledge. Currently, the Committee is developing several questions designed to assess student wellness behaviors as part of an annual survey administered by the Elsie S. Shenk Wellness & Women's Center.

For more details, call ext. 2386.

## MU Prof Named NAIT Professor of the Year

The National Association of Industrial Technology (NAIT) recently named Dr. John R. Wright, industry & technology, the Outstanding Professor of the Year for its Region 1.

NAIT's Region 1 includes Connecticut, Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont.

In addition to the Outstanding Professor of the Year honor, Dr. Wright—who has been a member of the faculty

since 1999—also received NAIT's Service Award for his exemplary contributions to the organization as president of its Student Division for several years. While holding the position, he was largely responsible for revamping student activities and competitions that take place at the group's annual conference, as well as increasing the student membership by approximately 29 percent.

At the annual conference, Wright co-presented a paper (with MU undergraduate Jacquie Miley),



Dr. John Wright

"Programming & Interfacing Analog I/O Devices for the Micrologix 1200 PLC."

## MU Foundation Elects Officers, Board Members

Elections were held recently for officers and members of the Board of Directors of the MU Foundation, an organization that receives and administers private gifts to the University. Officers are named for two years, while members of the board serve three years.

### Elected officers were:

- President—Thomas G. Klingensmith, attorney, Gingerich, Smith, Klingensmith & Dolan, Lancaster, 1972 MU graduate;
- Vice President—Robert E. Patterson, retired, chief investment officer, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg;
- Secretary—Lori A. Pickell, chief financial officer and treasurer, IREX Corporation, Lancaster, 1983 MU graduate;
- Treasurer—William K. Poole, president and chief executive officer, Home-Towne Heritage Bank, Lancaster, 1983 MU graduate.

### Newly elected to the board were:

- Theresa E. Bachman, vice president, eCommerce Marketing, Fulton Bank, Lancaster, 1982 MU graduate;
- Dr. Joseph J. Galante, director, MBA Program, Millersville University, Millersville;
- Joseph W. Garner, vice president, Research, Emerald Assets Management, Lancaster, 1990 MU graduate;
- Michael J. McNerney, director, Strategic Planning, Manheim Auto Auction, Manheim.
- Robert P. Newcomer, retired, president and chief operating officer, Glatfelter Company, York, 1970 MU graduate; and
- Phillip B. Walker, managing partner, Heritage Mortgage Services, Philadelphia, 1979 MU graduate.

### Re-elected to the board was:

- Michael G. Warfel, director, Government Affairs, Highmark, Camp Hill, 1984 MU graduate.

## Social Work/Psychology Major Receives High Honor

Meghan Shannon, a senior from Reading, recently was awarded the distinguished Phi Sigma Pi Todd Tripod Scholarship, which the national honor fraternity established in 1991 to promote future academic opportunities for Phi Sigma Pi members who have excelled in scholarship, leadership and fellowship.

Named for the late Richard Cecil Todd and Claudia Pennock Todd, the scholarship is awarded each year to one member of the national Phi Sigma Pi organization.

Majoring in social work and psychology, Shannon was awarded the \$1,500 scholarship because she best exemplified the mission of Phi Sigma Pi: promoting

advancement of humanity through knowledge and noble service, while fostering a spirit of fraternal unity.

## Emeritus Status Granted

The MU Council of Trustees, at its December meeting, approved emeritus status for five retired professors.

Along with their departments and dates of service, they are: Karen L. Black, foreign languages, 1991-2002; Olga del C. Iglesias, foreign languages, 1966-2002; John B. Osborne, history, 1970-2003; Hans G. Skitter, foreign languages, 1969-2000; and Rodrigo Solera, foreign languages, 1970-2002.

## Golden Dragon Acrobats Here February 1

The Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats, the world's leading acrobatic troupe, will bring its exciting program to Lyte Auditorium in Alumni Hall on Sunday, February 1, at 2 p.m.

Faculty and staff may pick up two free tickets with Millersville I.D. at the SMC banking area ticket window. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call ext. 3811 for more information.

For more than 2,000 years, Chinese acrobats have been thrilling audiences, making it the "longest running" folk art form in history. In China, acrobats are revered in much the same way prima ballerinas and opera singers are in the

West.

The performers of the Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats represent the best of this honored tradition, mixing award-winning acrobatics, traditional dance, spectacular costumes and ancient and contemporary theatrical techniques to present a show of breathtaking skill and spellbinding beauty.

Their dedication has brought the company around the world to over 65 countries on five continents. The Acrobats have performed at such prestigious venues as the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Germany's Elspe Festival, the Brooklyn Academy of Music and Caesar's Palace in Atlantic City.



## Music Department Students Excel in Adjudication

Four MU music department students scored high in the recent Allegheny Mountain Chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Singing Student Adjudications, held in new state-of-the-art performance facilities at Susquehanna University.

Along with their categories and placements, they are: Leslie Seifarth, Musical Theatre, first place; Eric Cook, Freshmen Men, second place; Ashley

Walker, Sophomore Men, third place; and Derek Palmer, Freshmen Men, third place.

All told, the Millersville group traveling to Susquehanna included 26 voice students of professors Jean Bradel and Dr. Buddy James, two pianists (students of Dr. Anita Renfroe), and Dot Smith, an MU grad who served as accompanist.

Participating in addition to Millersville were people from Susquehanna and Penn State universities, as well as teachers and their students from six private studios located in the Lancaster region.

## Official Fall Enrollment

MU's combined full- and part-time undergraduate and graduate enrollment last fall totaled 7,861 students, 211 more than 2002's official fall tally.

Included were 6,820 undergraduates, of whom 6,143 were full time and 677 part time, and 1,041 graduate students, including 210 full time and 831 part time.

Full-time undergraduates increased by 234 over the fall 2002 total, while full-time graduate students increased by 38 people.

## Friends of Ganser Library to Tour Philadelphia

The Friends of Ganser Library is sponsoring a tour to the National Constitution Center and the Rosenbach Museum and Library in Philadelphia on Saturday, March 27.

The bus will leave Pike House parking lot at 7:30 a.m. and return to the campus at approximately 6 p.m.

Dr. Marjorie M. Warmkessel  
Library  
Ganser Library

## Picasso at the Lapin Agile Set for Rafterers

*Picasso at the Lapin Agile* by Steve Martin—yes, that wild and crazy guy—will be presented as a University Theatre production Thursday through Saturday, February 5-7, and Thursday through Sunday, February 12-15.

Performances on February 5, 6, 7, 12, 13 and 14 are at 8 p.m., while the February 15 show is at 2 p.m. General admission is \$8; with MU ID, \$4. Tickets available January 20. Call ext. 3129 to make reservations.

In his first comedy for the stage, Steve Martin, the hugely popular actor and screenwriter, plays fast and loose with fact, fame and fortune in a scenario that has Albert Einstein and Pablo Picasso spending an evening together in a Paris bar, 1904, called the Lapin Agile. Neither of them is famous yet, but both somehow sense their future as two of the most influential minds of the 20th century.

## Travel Programs Destinations

(Formerly known as MEDAL trips)  
To make reservations or to receive a brochure, call ext. 5628.

### Extended Trips

- Costa Rica—Adventure, Culture, and Ecology  
March 31-April 7
- Senior Class Cruise (Presented by Destinations Travel and Alumni Services) Royal Caribbean  
May 17-21

### One Day/Broadway Trips

- New York City (several options)  
March 28

## Alumni & Friends State System

Reservations/info available at ext. 3352

### Extended Trips

- Land & Cruise (Alaska, PLC)  
July 5-16
- Land & Cruise (Portugal, Spain, France, Italy, and more, RCCL)  
August 7-22