Tuition Increase Not Sufficient

The Board of Governors of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) recently approved a $1.5 billion budget, which includes a 4.5 percent tuition increase for Millersville University and other PASSHE universities.

“While we are grateful for this increase, unfortunately with the increased cost for utilities, salary and benefits, state retirement system and health care it is not sufficient to cover the University shortfall,” said Roger Bruszewski, Millersville University vice president for finance and administration.

The new budget calls for expanding educational opportunities, enhancing student services in areas including registration and financial aid, dedicating funding for science initiatives and greater opportunities for students to study abroad and conduct research.
“In challenging fiscal times, we will do our best to provide vital educational opportunities and services that will both help to ensure our students’ success and serve the needs of the Commonwealth,” said PASSHE Chancellor Dr. John C. Cavanaugh.

In addition to the tuition increase, the board approved a $26 per year increase in the technology fee. All funds raised by the technology fee are used to upgrade and replace computers that directly benefit student learning.

The new annual tuition rate for full-time, resident undergraduate students beginning this fall will be $5,804 – the lowest rate among all four-year colleges and universities in Pennsylvania.

Professor’s Software Helps Train Alcoa Workers

Operators and engineers at Alcoa’s Lancaster Works are reaping the benefits of Dr. Roger Webster’s work on training software. Webster, a computer science professor at Millersville, helped to develop the Alcoa Rolling Mill Simulator (ARMS) V2.0 software. Lancaster Works is a leader in the production of common alloy products specializing in aluminum sheet and cast plate.

Alcoa is always looking for opportunities to enhance employee training to remain competitive in today’s global marketplace. Simulators provide a cost-effective method of training operators in dealing with non-routine process issues, new products, and
continuous improvement efforts. Webster’s expertise helped them to reduce the
development time significantly.

Webster worked on the consulting project with Doug Reesor and Randy Fahrenbach at
Alcoa Mill Products in Lancaster and with Dr. Haresh Malkani and Guorong Huang at
the Alcoa Technical Center in Pittsburgh. They developed Version 2.0 of the software
earlier this year, and are currently working on releasing Version 3.0 this year.

“Version 2.0 of ARMS has been deployed and is being used right here in Lancaster at
the Alcoa plant for training operators,” explained Webster. “ARMS is an interactive
model-based tool intended for training rolling mill operators and engineers.”

The graphical user interface mimics a mill operating screen using dynamic displays of
key mill operating parameters (such as speed, gap, tension, etc.) and process responses
(such as roll force, slip, power and flatness). Process predictions and sensitivities are
provided by an Alcoa proprietary cold-rolling process model which runs in the
background. The concepts for the graphical interface are based on a similar simulator
used in the recent past for foil rolling locations.

Currently the simulator includes only the Lancaster Hunter Mill default file. Additional
files will be added through the year.

**Reservations at 42 N. Prince Street**
Millersville University-Lancaster, at 42 N. Prince Street in downtown Lancaster, has rental spaces available for reservation. The venues include the Atrium, Grand Salon, Binns Room, Steinman Hall, Lyet Lobby and the Library/Boardroom.

The Atrium, Grand Salon and Binns Room are available for dinners, receptions and/or presentations. The largest seating capacity of the three is the Atrium, which holds 200 for dinner, 300 for receptions and presentations.

Other spaces available include Steinman Hall, which has 364 seats; Lyet Lobby, which is only available for receptions and can accommodate 300, and the Library, used for presentations for 25-30 persons.

The facility is the site of graduate classes, the Nonprofit Resource Network and Corporate University activities. Rental reservations from a public or private organization in the community can be made by contacting Carol Reichler at Carol.Reichler@millersville.edu or 717-871-2308. For this academic year, there is no rental cost to Millersville faculty or staff to reserve the event spaces for University events, however, administrative and set-up charges may occur depending on the event. Reservations need to be made in advance and are on a space-available basis.

RSS Feed for the Exchange

Along with the Exchange’s new makeover to WordPress, comes the ability to turn articles into a text-based format known as a Really Simple Syndication (RSS) file. An RSS file or “feed” is a format for delivering regularly changing web content such as blogs, news headlines as well as the Exchange. RSS contains a list of items; usually each
item has a title, summary and a link to a web page. It allows you to easily stay informed by retrieving the latest content from the sites you are interested in. The RSS benefits readers who want to subscribe to timely updates or collect feeds into one place without needing to visit each site individually.

To get the Exchange in an RSS format, go to the Exchange website at http://blogs.millersville.edu/exchange/ and scroll down to the bottom of the page to where it says “RSS Feed” on the right hand side. To subscribe to the entire Exchange, click on the first link listed or to subscribe to a specific category that may be your favorite (i.e., Who Makes Millersville Special, News, etc.) and click on that separate link.

After you click on one of the link it will open a new page. If you use Internet Explorer, you will be able to choose “Feeds.” If you use Firefox, you can choose how to view your Exchange text using applications that are already installed onto your computer (i.e., bookmarks, Google, etc.). After you choose one of those options, hit the “Subscribe” button. You are now able to open and view the Exchange using the application that you chose in an RSS format.

For a step-by-step video guide on how to turn Exchange articles into an RSS feed using Firefox, refer to the tutorial found here: http://www.youtube.com/user/millersvilleu#p/u/0/4bRlZP8WbpU. This video was made to easily guide readers through the process.
As the old saying goes, “you cannot understand someone else’s experiences until you have walked a mile in their shoes.”

Millersville University’s Elsie S. Shenk Wellness & Women’s Program and the Millersville University Police Department are hosting a fundraiser and awareness night for Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, Thursday, September 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Barnstormers baseball game.

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes: The International Men’s March to Stop Rape, Sexual Assault and Gender Violence is a project to inform the world of the contributions men are making to stop sexualized violence. It encourages men to walk one mile in women’s high-heeled shoes to help understand and appreciate women’s experiences and to raise awareness of the importance of involving men in ending gender violence.

Tickets for Millersville’s fundraiser and awareness night at the Barnstormers game can be purchased by going online to www.LancasterBarnstormers.com and clicking on the “Fundraising Log-in” button. Click on the group’s icon, “Millersville University Women’s Wellness Center,” and enter the fundraising code “wam.” Then click “BUY,” select seats and complete the order. Tickets are $10 each.
Representatives from the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes planning committee at Millersville University and from Domestic Violence Services of Lancaster County will be at the event with a table to share information about this initiative.

Millersville’s annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event on campus will be held on October 13, 2010. Campus and community involvement in the event is encouraged. A portion of the proceeds benefit Domestic Violence Services of Lancaster County.

For additional information on the national program, Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, visit www.walkamileinhershoes.org. For information about Walk a Mile in Her Shoes at Millersville University visit www.millersville.edu/wandw.

Take a Seat

The “Take a Seat” program was created to expand Millersville's role in liberal arts programming and to enhance students’ experiences in the visual and performing arts. Brass plaques are being sold for seats to benefit the new Visual and Performing Arts Center (VPAC) on campus.

Those interested in purchasing a seat have two options: “Take a Seat” in the new concert hall of VPAC for $300 per seat or “Take a Seat” in Lyte Auditorium for $600 per seat. Names to be featured in either venue are limited to two lines with a maximum of 23 characters per line.

“The goal is to have each chair in each of the venues recognized by one of our donors or friends,” said Carol Reichler, director of special events.
The “Take a Seat” initiative is a continuation of the plaque program started in 1992, when Lyte Auditorium was being refurbished. The “old” plaques will be honored, reinstalled and placed on new seats, among the new plaques.

Approximately $11,000 has been raised so far. For more information on how to purchase a seat in the new facility, contact Carol Reichler at Carol.Reichler@millersville.edu.

Just remember – purchasing a seat does not reserve it.

“What Take a Seat” Purchase Instructions:
• Go to Millersville University’s home page, www.millersville.edu.
• Click on “Giving to Millersville” on the left side, at the Millersville U(nited) bar.
• At “Giving Now” click on “Make a gift.”
• Complete the required information.
• At the “Gift Information” section complete the amount required for the seat(s) desired.
• At the “Designation” drop down bar select “restricted annual fund.”
• Below that, in the “Designation/Instructions” box, type EITHER ‘New concert hall seat project for $300. Inscription to read: ______’ OR ‘Lyte Auditorium seat project for $600. Inscription to read: _____.’
• Continue to complete information by scrolling down the page.
• Click on “Go to Step 2 of 2” to complete the credit card payment information.

Upcoming Events at Millersville

Ed Metzger

August 25 - Fall New Student Orientation
The five-day orientation program for incoming freshmen encourages students to get involved, learn about college life, meet new people and become valued members of the Millersville University community. For more information contact the orientation office at ext. 3179 or visit http://www.millersville.edu/admissions/undergrad/newlyadmitted/fallorientation/index.php.
August 30 - First day of classes fall ‘10
September 9 - Einstein: The Practical Bohemian

7 p.m.- Lehr Room, Gordinier Hall
Ed Metzger, an accomplished actor and writer, has the unique ability to portray real-life famous people. In major films, on television and the Broadway stage, his list of characters include, Albert Einstein, Ernest Hemingway, Teddy Roosevelt, George Washington as well as cops, mobsters and gangsters. Metzger tours his nationally acclaimed one-man live stage show, “Albert Einstein: The Practical Bohemian,” at major theaters throughout the country as well as on Broadway and The Kennedy Center.

The performance correlates with this year’s common reading, Einstein’s Dreams.

This event is free and open to the public, but tickets are required. It is sponsored by the Cultural Affairs Committee. For tickets contact www.muticketsonline.com or call ext. 3811.

Dr. Barry David, industry & technology, recently oversaw the Creativity and Critical Thinking Institute and a camp for School District of Lancaster (SDL) rising juniors. The camp is a collaboration between the Benjamin Wiley Partnership Program held for the first time on the Millersville campus, and the Department of Community and Economic Development funded 2+2+2 Workforce Leadership Grant Program. Millersville received funding to support up to 40 students to attend a camp specifically designed to help the students with career decision-making relative to advanced manufacturing occupations.
Tony Elliot, Victor Capecce and Tina Stout, communication and theatre, led 17 students on a week-long travel course called the London Theatre Tour from July 22 – July 30. During the week the students saw four outstanding performances, including the award-winning production “War Horse” at the New London Theatre, a very memorable production of “Macbeth” at the Globe Theatre, “Holding the Man” at the Trafalgar Studios and a Restoration comedy called “London Assurance” in the Olivier Theatre at the National. In addition to the plays, the group toured the Globe Theatre, the National Theatre and the Theatre Royal Drury Lane. The London Theatre Tour is offered every other summer, during the second class session. It will be offered again in the summer of 2012.

Dr. Scott Warner, industry and technology, led the Institute for Critical Thinking and Creativity, for educators, on campus during the week of July 19. The topic of this institute was the factors influencing the use of critical thinking skills and creativity in the classroom. Warner scheduled a variety of guest speakers including, Deborah Smith, who was recently featured with her students in the documentary film “The Sitting Machine;” Dr. Martin Rayala, assistant professor in art education at Kutztown University; Jennifer Baker, chair of the design department at the Charter High School for Architecture and Design in Philadelphia; Wendy Green, who is currently teaching technology education at the Marine Academy of Science and Technology and Dr. Shawn Gallagher, psychology.

Changes in Facilities

As a result of retirements, vacancies and turnover, there have been a number of changes to the facilities department. Effective immediately:

- Lenny Aurand is the interim director of housekeeping and grounds. He will be responsible for all housekeeping functions, grounds and the moving crew.
- Frederick Eddinger is the interim director of physical plant and technical operations. He will be responsible for carpentry, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, building automation and energy management, lock shop, painting, technical operations including ID technical support, and vehicle maintenance and repair.

Obituary

Daniel S. Hostetter, 87, of Lancaster died July 12. He had worked many years for Millersville University.

Marketplace

For Rent: 6 bedroom house on Chestnut St. in Columbia. Hardwood floors, fireplace, spacious rooms and an in-ground pool. It also has a large two-car garage. Please contact 587-1746 for details.
This edition of “Who Makes Millersville Special” features Susan Livermore ’07, an instructor of English at Millersville.

Q. Where are you from? Where do you live now?
A. I am originally from New England and currently live in York, Pa.

Q. Do you have any children?
A. My husband and I have three daughters.

Q. I know you mentioned you have a farm. Tell us about that.
A. Two years ago my husband and his siblings inherited their parents’ 96-acre farm in north-central Pennsylvania. We don’t have any animals there now because we don’t live on the farm; however, we will plant crops in the spring. At this point, we go there for holidays and sporadic weekends. Our daughters—okay, me too!—love riding the ATV through the woods and fields. The farm provides us a nice respite from our busy schedules.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ChiZnNrrY6c

Q. Where did you go to college? What was your major?
A. I did my undergraduate work at Bloomsburg State College; my major was secondary education: communications with emphasis in writing and literature. I earned my master’s in English here at Millersville.
Q. What did you do before you began teaching at Millersville?

Q. What classes do you teach here at Millersville?
A. I have had the privilege of teaching English Fundamentals of Writing, Composition, Business Writing online and face-to-face, Intro to Lit and Early English Lit. I also teach in Millersville’s AIM for Success program in the summer and fall.

Q. What do you enjoy about Millersville most?
A. Honestly, I enjoy everything about Millersville. My students are attentive, interesting and bright; my colleagues friendly and personable, and the staff always helpful, kind and generous with their wisdom, knowledge and time. Of course, the lovely campus is a bonus!

Q. Where else do you teach?
A. I also teach at HACC York Campus and online for Central Pennsylvania College.

Q. How do you prepare for your classes?
A. Class preparation is an interesting concept. It includes answering the daily consideration of how to handle each class hour as well as reading and writing on a broader level for personal and professional growth. When I engage in both activities, I become a more effective teacher.

Q. How do you want your students to remember you or your classes?
A. I hope my students leave my class with a love of learning and gain confidence in their ability to communicate. I hope they remember that all it takes to become a better writer is a little knowledge and a lot of tweaking and revising. I also hope they remember having fun and being challenged in my class.

Q. As a child, was it your dream to become a teacher?
A. I was blessed with two exceptional English teachers in grades 7 and 9. I knew then I wanted to become an English teacher. I wandered a bit once I got to college—I toyed with special education and speech pathology, but I finally returned to English and I am glad I did.

Q. What are your interests outside of English and work?
A. I enjoy traveling with my husband and daughters. I also enjoy cooking, entertaining, spending time at our farm and reading. I used to make baskets and quilts, but I work too much to do that now.

Q. Do you have a favorite quote?
A. “Laws and principles are not for the times when there is no temptation: they are for such moments as this, when body and soul rise in mutiny against their rigor; stringent are they; inviolate they shall be. If at my individual convenience I might break them, what would be their worth?” Jane Eyre on maintaining personal integrity in Jane Eyre.

Q. What is your favorite novel?
A. It is so hard to choose one favorite among so many. Charlotte Brontë’s Jane Eyre, her sister Anne’s Tenant of Wildfell Hall and E.M.Forster’s A Room with a View and Howards End” and all of Madeleine L’Engle’s writing.
Q. Who is your favorite author?
A. I have several favorite authors including Charlotte and Anne Brontë, and Madeleine L’Engle and E.M. Forester. I don’t have a least favorite author, but I don’t read anything that scares me; my imagination is active enough—I don’t need Edgar Allen Poe or Stephen King setting it off! Oddly, a week before the earthquake in Haiti, I started reading Tracy Kidder’s biography of Dr. Paul Farmer, *Mountains Beyond Mountains* about Farmer’s work in Haiti. It is fascinating.

Q. If you could go anywhere on vacation where would it be?
A. My husband and I talk about that all the time. When our eldest daughter studied in Scotland, we traveled around the UK for a couple of weeks. We would love to go back, especially to Haworth, England, to the Brontë’s homestead, to Tillicoultry, Scotland, which is my family’s ancestral home, and to the Isle of Skye, which is absolutely beautiful.

Q. Give one interesting fact about yourself that most people do not know.
A. Similar to many MU students, I was the first person in my family to graduate from college.