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WGAL, Millersville University announce partnership to preserve media archive Wednesday, January 30, 2019

A partnership between WGAL and Millersville University will preserve a part of history. Students at the school will digitize 30 years of film in WGAL's media archive and make it accessible. *By Danielle Woods, WGAL-TV*

Legislature must focus on PASSHE

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

If the Legislature really has lost faith in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, as one prominent state lawmaker has suggested, commonwealth residents need to ask why the General Assembly hasn't been more proactive over the past decade to try to fix things that legislators believe are wrong with the network, which comprises 14 state-owned universities. *The Altoona Mirror (editorial)*

Bid accepted for renovations at future Somerset County nursing education facility

Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Somerset County's chief governing body took another step Tuesday to bring Clarion University's nursing degree program to the county, approving a \$284,000 bid for necessary renovations to the Somerset County Education Center.

By Mark Pesto, The (Johnstown) Tribune-Democrat

Clarion University adds pet-friendly dorm

Monday, February 18, 2019

Animal lovers at Clarion University should be forgiven if they're celebrating today. The state-owned university announced it will open a pet-friendly dorm for upperclassmen this fall. The aptly named Brooke Trout Hall will become a respite for pet lovers under the new policy.

By Debra Erdley, The Tribune-Review

<u>3 Cheers To College Student Who Distributes School Supplies In Nigeria</u> Thursday, February 14, 2019 In December, we met a college student from Nigeria who was preparing to take donated school supplies back to Africa with her. Now she has returned, and she sat down with our Chandler Lutz to talk about the students she helped. *By Chandler Lutz, CBS Philly*

Extending the Conversation on Online Course Length

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

For the last eight years, during the five weeks between fall and spring semesters, Kutztown University in Pennsylvania has offered as many as 100 of its regular-semester, face-to-face courses in an online, asynchronous format. By Mark Lieberman, Inside Higher Ed