

Borough manager fights dismissal

Millersville Borough Council voted to fire Borough Manager Janet Ruby Monday night. The motion to fire Ruby was made by Councilman John T. Mark, and was seconded by William L. Hershey, a Republican candidate for the State house in the 100th District.

Ruby, also a Republican candidate for the State House nomination in the 100th district stated, "I think it's a malicious attack, even though they were sincere. There is an odor of political motives behind it."

Mark cited seven reasons that he believed were grounds for firing her.

Charges were: she is short and curt with the public; she illegally fired two street department workers; she is involved in a conflict of interest, because her campaign manager, John Harper, is involved with Millersville Manor, a housing project for the elderly.

"It was a total shock when the council member lowered the charges," stated Ruby. Those voting to fire Ruby included Mark Hershey, Dorothy Bender and R. William Brubaker. Supporting her were Wanda DeHat, Donald Stollenwerk and Council President William L. Kreider.

"Some of the charges are silly—others just preposterous. It seems kind of silly coming so close to the election," stated Ruby. "I'm being railroaded."

Ruby and her attorney Christopher Underhill indicated they would fight the council's action.

Bike Injury proves fatal

Phillip C. Williamson, a 23-year-old freshman, was killed in a motorcycle accident on Route 10 in West Fallowfield Township in Chester County Thursday at 2:31 p.m.

Williamson enrolled in January as a liberal arts major, and was living at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Meyers, 66 Landis Ave., Millersville.

He was the son of Wilson N. and Marjorie Crowl Williamson, Lincoln University R1, Chester County.

Before enrolling at MSC, Williamson had been employed as a crane operator at Lukens Steel Company, Coatesville, where he worked for two years.

He was born April 27, 1952 in West Grove and was a 1970 graduate of Oxford Area High School.

Dean of student life resigns

Dr. Daryll Hersemann, dean of student life, has announced his resignation effective July 1, 1976.

Hersemann, who has served in the Student Affairs position since its creation in 1972, has accepted the Vice-Presidency for Student Affairs at Valparaiso Univ., Indiana. Valparaiso, Mrs. Hersemann's alma mater, is a school similar to MSC in size with a smaller graduate program.

Hersemann says of his departure, "Here I've had direct responsibility for some of student affairs but not all. I've been second in command to Dr. Reighard. I feel at this point in my professional career, I want additional challenges and responsibilities."

He cites as his single most important venture the ESP (Extra-Curricular Studies Program) 'originated two years ago.

Another success from Hersemann's record is the CHOICE proposal passed by the Board of Trustees two years ago. CHOICE allowed all students to live in the

dorm living style of their choice. It was a landmark decision for students' rights at the college.

Through Hersemann and the student affairs staff, the language hall in Lenhardt was established three years ago. "We've now outgrown the top floor of Lenhardt," he remarked. "Next year, we're changing the language floor to Gaige Hall where there will be two wings—one for women and one male wing. The guys have really voiced interest in the program and we want to accommodate them also."

According to Hersemann, the language floor has been a monumental success. "The establishment of the unique living style

has introduced faculty members into the dorms to become acquainted with students." There are tentative proposals to isolate students of similar study programs presently in the making.

According to Dr. Gary Reighard, vice-president for student affairs, "we will replace Dr. Hersemann in either the same position or hire someone else for the student affairs staff. We'll evaluate the position and see if changes are needed and if responsibilities should be realigned," he said. A committee comprised of administration and three students chosen by Student Senate President Dave Hildebrand will screen all applicants for the position.

Library Week . . .

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paper and periodicals collection. During the past year there has been a 30-50% jump in the cost of periodicals due to higher paper and printing costs, increased postage, inflation, and the fact that many publishers have been forced out of business.

For a library that subscribes to about 3,500 magazines and 50 newspapers, Ganser has managed not to reduce its overall count here. Several subscriptions of rarely-used magazines were recently dropped but these are being replaced by better and more current periodicals. Microfilm editions of selected periodicals and newspapers are also included in this budget.

Two other important areas of the library are the curriculum center on the second floor and government documents on the first floor balcony.

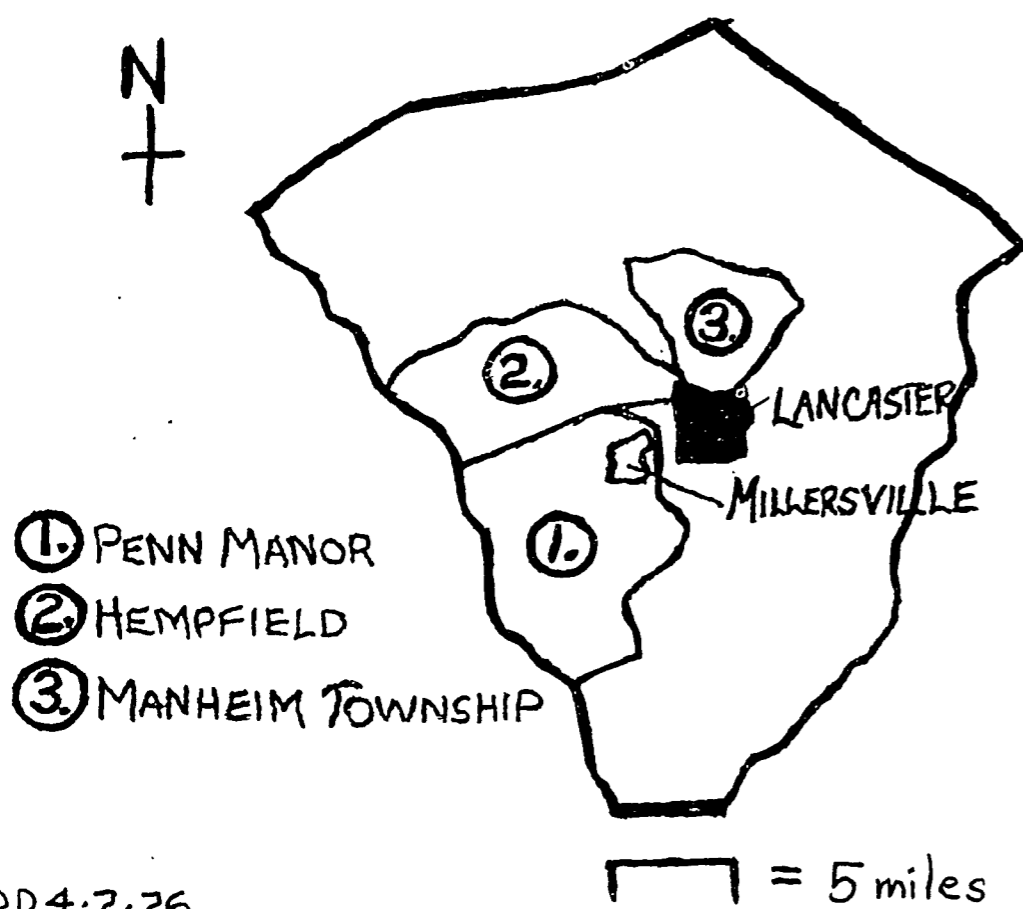
The curriculum center includes college-level material as well as elementary and secondary audio-visual aids. Its holdings number over 11,000 filmstrips and transparencies, and more than 2,500 records. Slides, kits, and games, textbooks, curriculum guides, tape cassettes, and filmloops are also featured in this collection. The library is now in the process of cataloging all non-print materials in the main card catalog as well as in the curriculum catalog.

"What the government knows, you can know. All you have to do is ask!" is the government documents slogan. A somewhat forgotten area of the library, the first floor balcony, has information on "just about anything you want to know," according to documents librarian Mary Townsend. At first glance, this collection may appear confusing but it is arranged in easy alphabetical and numerical order.

Other services featured at the library include the reserve and reference collections, an inter-library loan that can obtain almost anything Ganser doesn't have, and a staff of librarians willing to help the students in any way possible.

This week Ganser is offering several activities in observance of National Library Week. Tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. retired reference librarian Ester Whitely will present a talk entitled "America's Bluestockings" (women authors) in the Esther Whitely room on the fourth floor.

Friday at 10 a.m. Mary Alice Minderhout, a member of the Pennsylvania German Society Board, will discuss "Juvenile Books about Pennsylvania Germans." During the week library patrons may register for a book give-away. The winner of "Life Goes to the Movies" will be drawn about 2 p.m. Friday.



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Talking taxes

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lar per capita tax, and an additional ten dollar occupation tax to the school district.

Since the flat rate taxes are already at statutory maximums, the chief concern of borough residents are the floating tax rates, or property taxes.

According to Berkebile, the borough council or township supervisors in each district set the mill rates in the individual municipalities. He explained that school boards set the rates in their respective school districts. These rates are uniform throughout a district, even if it includes several municipalities.

The 12 mill tax on property in Millersville apparently is not out of line for a municipality of its size. The boroughs of Mountville and Mount Joy each have a 14 mill tax on real estate. Columbia has a 12 mill, New Holland 15, and Lititz reports a whopping 22 mills.

A key in the equity of taxing is in variation of school district taxes. Penn Manor and Manheim Township are both class "A" suburban school districts which border on the school district of Lancaster City.

Hempfield is likewise a class "A" suburban school which borders on PM, MT, and the city school district.

Hempfield's total school enrollment (kindergarten to twelfth grade) is 5,900 pupils, according to Superintendent Donald F. Bissinger.

MT has approximately 5,000 total students according to Dunlap, and Berkebile reports 5,150 in PM.

The total budgets for last year were \$8,500,000; \$7,751,626; and \$7,100,000 respectively and in descending order.

At the same time Hempfield has the highest real estate tax in the county, 99 mills. But PM is next with 88 mills and MT has 80 mills. This is where mill rates can be deceiving, according to Bissinger.

"We only get one-half of the county collected one per cent wage tax, or about \$700,000," he explained. "The Manheim township property tax looks low, but they get the whole one per cent," he continued.

Dunlap made it clear that the value of a mill changes from district to district. If the total assess-

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Around the campus

—The March 29 minutes of the Joint-Senate Conference Committee indicate that almost 60 per cent of the total graduation costs go toward providing free lunches for the graduates and their parents. This figure was approximated by Gray Sellers, director of administrative services. Total cost for each of the three exercises including the luncheons are: May—\$8,000 Aug.—\$5,000 Dec.—\$5,000

The committee is currently reviewing a commencement elimination proposal submitted by the Faculty Senate earlier in the semester.

—Pupils and professors in Pucillo found themselves in the dark Wednesday morning after a foreign object caused a short in the building's electrical panel. Lights went out, the pool's circulation pump stopped, and several exhaust fans ceased to function.

Director of Development Donald Stollenwerk says the college had to call in a manufacturer's representative from Pittsburgh Friday to remedy the problem. In addition, high voltage fuses needed to be flown in from New York to replace those which had blown out. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday classes

were cancelled due to the mishap, but the power returned to the building Saturday morning.

—Tentative plans for a Jimmy Carter appearance here the evening of April 21 are being made by the campus' Bi-partisan Political Action Committee. In addition, invitations have been sent to the candidates running for Ed Eshelman's 16th Congressional District seat.

Chairman John Farmer says the all-purpose room of the SMC has been reserved for the candidates' forum, but nothing is definite at this time.

—Last semester's QPA's of majors within the four divisions have recently been disclosed by the registrar's office. They are:

- Humanities — 2.78, (includes the art, English, foreign languages, music, philosophy, and speech/drama departments)
- Social Sciences — 2.46 (includes the economics, geography, history, political science, sociology/anthropology departments)
- Science — 2.48 (includes the biology, chemistry, earth science, mathematics, and physics departments)
- Education — 3.12 (includes the Elizabeth Jenkins, counselor, foundations, elementary, health

and physical, industrial arts, psychology, special education departments. Registrar Gerald Burkhardt speculates the reason for the education department majors' high grade point average is a direct result of the high percentage of upper level courses offered. To properly correlate the education divisions figure with the other three, Burkhardt says it is necessary to compare the departmental QPA's of juniors and seniors only. This is because most education majors tend to take courses in their major during their junior and senior years. The registrar said divisional breakdown by class was not available.

—Anyone wishing to apply for a National Direct Student Loan for the 1976 Summer Session will have to complete appropriate applications on or before April 15. Applications for the loan can be obtained from the financial aid office.

—Any student desiring to become a candidate for the Student Senate office of President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, or Treasurer must submit his name to the Elections Committee in SMC. Nominations open TODAY at noon.