

Reflections of Winter at the Campus Lake



Though not entirely ice-locked, the campus lake with its swans is a lovely reflection of winter 2002-03. When compared with the last several warm winters, this one already is below normal in temperatures and above average in inches of snow. And, the good news, it's also a drought-breaker.

'Ville Listed Among Top Institutions for Hispanic Students

The *Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education* magazine—dedicated to exploring issues related to Hispanics in higher education—has listed the 'Ville among its Publisher's Picks for 2002.

Publisher's Picks, according to the magazine, are those colleges and universities that, in its view, "attract, inspire and empower Hispanic students,

including those who by entering set a new family standard and launch a new set of dreams."

Further, the magazine bases its assessment on responses to its formal inquiries, on data from the National Center for Education Statistics, and on informal input from all directions.

This is the 7th year that the

magazine has created the list, which was published in the November 18, 2002, issue.

Millersville is among 20 four- and two-year institutions of higher education from Pennsylvania to be listed.

Debate & Dialogue On Status of Civil Rights

Debate & Dialogue, "Status of Civil Rights in the New Millennium: Where We've Been, Where We Are and Where We Are Going," is set for Monday, February 3, in Bolger Conference Center at 7:30 p.m. The general public is invited without charge.

Participating are Conrad Muhammad, director of "A Movement for CHANNGE" and a Republican candidate for Congress, and Jeffrey I. Johnson, National Director for the Youth, College and Young Adult Division of the NAACP.

MU's Office of Social Equity and Chapter of the NAACP are sponsors.

Web Resource for Travelers

The MU Weather Information Center has launched a new online product called "Pennsylvania MegaNet," a comprehensive network of over 130 real-time observations from across Pennsylvania.

People who visit the site can access weather conditions (many with real-time video) from the National Weather Service, PennDOT and school districts. For people traveling across Pennsylvania, MegaNet is a particularly valuable tool since weather and road conditions along most major Commonwealth highways are available.

To access the site, click on www.atmos.millersville.edu/metall/html/meganet.htm.

Staff Activities

JEAN BRADEL, music, was the guest soprano soloist for the performance of the Verdi Requiem presented at Franklin & Marshall College's Barshinger Hall, Nov. 23.

DR. ISAAC E. CATT, communication & theatre, is serving as guest editor for a special issue of *The American Journal of Semiotics*, Volume 20, summer 2004. The issue's theme is "Pierre Bourdieu: A Sign." Pierre Bourdieu, recently deceased, was considered Europe's most prominent sociologist. According to the journal's permanent editor, Dr. Catt was selected as guest editor because he is the most accomplished scholar in the field of Communicology on the subject of Pierre Bourdieu's sociology.

Also, Dr. Catt presented a new manuscript, "Listening for Semiosis in Psychotherapeutic Discourse," at the November 2002 National Communication Association (NCA) meeting, held in New Orleans. He also served as critic-respondent to two panels of scholars, one on the media industry in China and another on phenomenological semiotics. Dr. Catt chairs the Commission on Semiotics and Communication of the NCA.

DR. RICHARD CLARK, earth sciences, co-authored two papers based on his air quality research: "Boundary Layer Evolution and Its Influence on Ground-level Ozone Concentrations" and "An Approach for the Aggregation of Aerodynamic Surface Parameters in Calculating the Turbulent Fluxes over Heterogeneous Surfaces in Atmospheric Models. Both peer-reviewed articles appeared in *Environmental Fluid Mechanics*, 2, 2002, published by Kluwer Academic Publishers.

DR. CHERYL DESMOND, educational foundations, participated in an American Educational Studies Association panel entitled "The Social Foundations of Education: A Cross-National Dialogue."

DR. NADINE GARNER, psychology, presented a workshop, "A Multiple

Intelligences Approach to Conflict Resolution," during the Pennsylvania Counseling Association Conference, held at State College, Oct. 27.

DRS. KAZI HOSSAIN, elementary and early childhood education, and **DOMINIC SCOTT**, educational foundations, presented a paper with Julie Horton (Appalachian State University) at the National Association for Multicultural Education's Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., Oct. 30. The presentation was entitled "White Identity and Equity Pedagogy: What does it Mean to be a White Person in the United States?"

DR. JANE F. RUDDEN, elementary & early childhood education, presented a research report, "Electronic Scavenger Hunt? The Cognitive Demands of Synthesizing Information from Multiple Internet Sites," at the 2003 Annual Conference of the American Reading Forum, held on Sanibel Island, Florida.

DRS. THERESA RUSSELL-LORETZ and **DARLA WILLIAMS**, communication & Theatre, presented "Balancing Control and Localness in a Learning Organization" in a roundtable discussion of meaning-based consulting at the 2002 National Communication

AFSCME Positions Filled

AFSCME, Local 2421, held its annual elections late last year.

Those newly elected to three-year terms as officers were: Jim Robertson, facilities management, president; and Matt Sellers, facilities management, vice president. Re-elected were Deb Miller, UC&M, secretary; and Bambi Sweikert, facilities management, treasurer.

Chosen to serve initial one-year terms on the Executive Board were: Janis Bond, institutional research; and Larry Eshleman and Gary Myers, facilities management. Jill Rothweiler, housekeeping, was re-elected to the Board.

Appointed as a trustee for three years was Deb Dubble, housekeeping. Other trustees still within their terms, along with their remaining years, are: Lisa Rothweiler, housekeeping, two years; and David Crespo, facilities management, one year.

Finally, Jane Breneman, dining & conference services, and Ed Saxton, facilities management, were elected to one-year terms as delegates to represent the union at various conferences and workshops. Others re-elected as delegates include Deb Miller, Jill Rothweiler and Bambi Sweikert.

Association (NCA) Convention, held in New Orleans, Nov 21-24. Dr. Russell-Loretz is vice-chair of the Public Relations Division (PRD) of NCA. In this capacity, she is responsible for coordinating panel, paper, and poster submissions and reviews for the organization's 2003 national convention, "Reaching Out/Reaching In," to be held in Miami Beach.

DR. M.P.A. SHEAFFER, English, was an alto ringer for the Canterbury Choral Society's 50th Anniversary Concert of Mahler's *Eighth Symphony*, performed in Carnegie Hall, New York, Nov. 15; and for the Staten Island Choral

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Longtime MU Prof Dies

Dr. James C. Parks, longtime professor of biology, died on December 23. He was 60.

Parks, who was scheduled to retire on June 13, came to Millersville in 1968 after serving for a year in the Seneca Falls, N.Y., Central Schools. In addition to teaching a variety of undergraduate and graduate courses, Parks published several papers focusing on different aspects of biology. He also received grants to conduct writing and research on such topics as the flora of Pennsylvania and "A Taxonomic Treatment of the Ferns and Fern Allies of Pennsylvania."

Born in Altoona, he received his bachelor's degree at Shippensburg University and his doctoral degree at Vanderbilt University.



James Parks

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Tally

Born: To Veronica and John Bello-Ogunu, academic services and University retention, their seventh child and fifth daughter, Felicity Iyhomé Angelica, 7 lbs., 1 oz., on November 30, 2002.

Married: Marieke Erenstein, field services, to Hugo Van Der Goes on October 12 in The Netherlands.

MU Meteorology Begins 5-Year Precipitation Monitoring Project

Millersville's Meteorology Program has entered into a partnership with the National Atmospheric Deposition Program (NADP), the Mercury Deposition Network (MDN), and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to monitor the chemical makeup and mercury content in precipitation.

Dr. Richard Clark, earth sciences, and a select group of MU's meteorology and chemistry majors have committed to collecting weekly precipitation samples from standardized collection units—located about 1.5 miles west of Millersville—for a period of at least five years. New students will be brought into the program as others graduate, so that over the lifetime of the project, according to Dr. Clark, about 30 students will be exposed to the techniques of sampling and chemical analysis of precipitation.

MU joins 200 other NADP sites in 46 states, some of which have a continuous record of 22 years of precipitation chemistry data. This program compiles data on the amounts of calcium, magnesium, potassium, sodium, ammonium ion, nitrate, chlorine, sulfate anion, and the pH of precipitation. On the other hand, notes Clark, the MDN has only been in existence since 1994, and MU is the latest addition to its network of 35 sites sampling for mercury as part of the develop-



MU students, Matthew Alonso (left) and Eric Vernon collect samples of precipitation at the new NADP/MDN site located in a rural setting west of Millersville Borough.

MU Foundation Elects Officers, Board Members

Elections were held recently for officers and members of the Board of Directors of the MU Foundation, the organization that receives and administers private gifts to the University. Directors serve a three-year term.

Newly elected to the board were: Nancy G. Kiser, CPA and partner, Simon Lever & Company, Lancaster; Charles H. Simms, Jr., vice president, commercial loan officer, Bank of Lancaster County; Stephen E. Stockwell, retired, senior vice president, strategic relations, Armstrong World Industries; and Fred S. Weer, retired, senior vice president, finance, Lancaster Health Alliance.

Re-elected to the board were: Dr. Renee G. O'Leary, teacher, Carvel Academy, Bear, Delaware, and a 1950 Millersville graduate; Robert E. Patterson, business manager, Pennsylvania Lottery, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and Sue Walker, retired, director of curriculum and instruction, School District of Lancaster, and a 1964 Millersville graduate.

ment of a regional database.

Why should people be concerned about atmospheric deposition? As rain or snow forms and falls, Clark explains, they scavenge particles and gases from the air. "Precipitation deposits these substances on the Earth's surface. Monitoring precipitation chemistry over space and time helps us describe the chemical climate in a region and throughout the country.

"Many factors affect the chemical climate: emissions of pollutants to the atmosphere, how these pollutants are mixed or dispersed in the air, how they are transported by the wind, how they chemically transform during transport, and how they are scavenged by precipitation or removed as dry deposition. This description" Clark continues, "makes it apparent that the interplay of meteorology and atmospheric chemistry affect precipitation chemistry in defining our chemical climate."

For more background, check the website: nadp.sws.uiuc.edu.

It is not difficult to imagine the educational benefits that accompany having a NADP/MDN monitoring site nearby, Clark enthuses. "Not only can students fully participate in the collection and chemical analysis of precipitation, gaining practical field and laboratory experience, but if they are taking courses such as Chemistry of the Atmosphere, Environmental Meteorology, and Environmental Chemistry, they can use the site and the broader NADP/MDN

database to launch discussions related to the factors affecting precipitation chemistry." What is most exciting, Clark concludes, "is that this project is inherently interdisciplinary and has the potential to bring students of meteorology and chemistry together in a real world setting to practice science as science is practiced, to discuss issues in a language that transcends both disciplines, and to see the results of their efforts enhance a national database that is meaningful to science and society."

Friends of Ganser Library To Visit New Castle, Del.

The Friends of Ganser Library is sponsoring a tour to New Castle, Delaware's Colonial Capital, on Saturday, March 15.

The bus will leave the Pike House parking lot at 7:30 a.m. and return to campus at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Those joining the excursion will be welcomed at the Read House, a Federal-style mansion that was built in 1801 by a prominent attorney whose father signed the U.S. Constitution and Declaration of Independence. Also on the agenda is a short guided walking tour of Old New Castle, and a tour of the New Castle Courthouse Museum.

Cost of the trip is \$50 per person and includes refreshments, admissions to various sites and round-trip transportation.

To make reservations or for more information, call 872-7743. Reservations should be made before February 8.

Comedy on February 2 To Celebrate Diversity

"Nappy Hair: A Celebration of Diversity," a comedy show written and performed by stand-up comedian Emmy Gay, will be presented at Millersville on Sunday, February 2.



Emmy Gay

Part of MU's Cultural Entertainment Series, the show will be presented at 8 p.m. in the SMC's Reighard Multipurpose Room. Faculty and staff may pick up two free tickets at the SMC banking area. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call ext. 3811 for more information.

In Nappy Hair, Gay, helps audiences see beyond stereotypes. Through wit, humor and irony, Ms. Gay exposes the impact of race and gender while not blaming or accusing.

Program on Asthma Slated

Faculty, staff and students are invited to "Asthma and the Athlete," a free program in the SMC's Reighard Multipurpose Room on Wednesday, February 5, from 6 to 10 p.m.

Dr. Stephen Lockey, a local asthma/allergy specialist, will give a brief overview of asthma, and then Spirometry, peak flow meters, metered dose inhalers, and diskus techniques will be demonstrated. Asthma screenings, for ages 12 and over, will be offered. Spirometry results will be reviewed on site by doctors and appropriate referrals will be made.

MEDAL Fund Trips

To make reservations, call ext. 3352.

One Day/Broadway Trips

February 22

Les Miserables

April 5

Philadelphia Art Museum-
Degas & Antiques Show

April 6

The Producers

Extended Trips

February 13-17

London

July 18-August 2

Scandinavia Cruise (SSHE)

August 10-16

Bermuda Cruise (SSHE)

Campus Honors Ella Eckenrod

President Caputo congratulates longtime housekeeping employee Ella Eckenrod who was awarded the Annual Tribute of The President's Commission on the Status of Women at a reception for new faculty, staff and student leaders on November 7.

This was the first time that the Commission offered its tribute to a staff member. A work of art, "Tug of War," created by Jeri Robinson, art, will be displayed in Montour House, The Wellness & Women's Center, in Eckenrod's honor.

Ella retired as assistant director of housekeeping in 1999 after serving the University for some 32 years. Her many duties included overseeing the set up for commencement ceremonies, athletic contests, and other scheduled on-campus activities. While here, Eckenrod touched the lives of hundreds of people.



Staff Activities *(Continued from page 2)*

Society of St. Alban's in its program of Bach's *Magnificat* and Vivaldi's *Gloria* in celebration of the Feast of Christ the King at St. Alban's Church, Nov. 24. Also, Dr. Sheaffer sang *Messiah* under the direction of Sir David Willcocks in Royal Albert Hall, London, Nov. 30.

DR. BEVERLY SCHNELLER, English, has published four scholarly articles recently. Salem Press' *Critical Survey of Poetry, Second Revised Edition*, included her literary and biographical profiles of the careers of Lincoln Kirstein and Edgar Bowers. Her "Mary Wesley"

appears in Vicki K. and Del Ivan Janik's *Modern British Women Writers. An A-Z Guide* (Garland Press, 2002) and Dr. Schneller's conference presentation, "Vers Collage; The Poetry of Remembrance" is published on the NYU School of Visual Arts web site: www.schoolofvisualarts.edu. In addition, Dr. Schneller contributed an abstract to the journal, *Scriblerian and Kit-Cat*, published by Temple University on Paul Lake's essay, "The Enchanted Loom. A New Paradigm for Criticism," that was printed in *Southwest Review*.

New Name for MEDAL Trips

Millersville's MEDAL Fund Travel Program soon will have a new name, "Destinations." Although not effective until April, the redesigned program will present an array of stimulating and mind-broadening travel experiences.

Since it was established in 1981, the MEDAL Fund sponsored more than 200 trip programs worldwide. In addition to the joy experienced by trip participants, the program also has generated over \$250,000 in profits that have supported the University's merit-based scholarships and professional development grants. Support of these educational initiatives will continue under the

Destinations program.

Among the Destinations one-day and extended trips set for this year are the following: June, Jazz Cruise on the Potomac and Gardens & Highlands of Scotland; July, Tanglewood in the Berkshires/Rockwell Museum; September, Chateaux of Loire Valley or Provence of France and Sail the Chesapeake; October, California Wine Country; November, Performance at Kimmel Center in Philadelphia; and December, New York's Radio City, and the Nutcracker Show.

For more information, contact MUDestinations@millersville.edu.