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2001/2002 IMPORTANT APSCUF DATES

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Membership Meetings

- Dec 3** Ulmer Planetarium
1:00-200 PM
- Feb 4** Place TBA, 1:00-200 PM
- Mar 4** Place TBA, 1:00-200 PM
- Apr 1** Place TBA, 1:00-200 PM
- Feb 28** **APSCUF Spring Social**
U.S. Army Reserve Center
McElhattan
- Mar 27** **Alfred E. Hoberman
Legislators' Day**
PUB Multipurpose Room
PUB Meeting Room #2
- May 5** **Spring Picnic/
Membership Meeting/
Retiree Recognition**
Sieg Conference Center

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

- Dec 1** President makes selections on Alternate Workload Leave; notifies applicants
- Dec 31** Submit Tenure applications to departmental committee
- Feb 1** Departmental Promotion Committee recommendations to Univ.-Wide Committee
- Feb 1** Submit Sabbatical app. to Sabbatical Leave Comm.
- Apr 30** Sabbatical Committee submits full list of applicants to President

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All faculty are encouraged to submit Articles and Editorials to the APSCUF Office (Raub Hall) or e-mail to corndorf@lhup.edu by the 15th of each month. Articles on computer disk will be greatly appreciated.

You can find copies of the current and the past year's newsletters at www.apscuf.com. Click on Lock Haven.



CAP Chair Vacancy

The LHU CAP Chair position will be vacant in December, 2002. LHU CAP Committee is soliciting nominations for this very important position. The term for this position expires December 31, 2004. An election must be conducted by the current CAP contributors/members to select the LHU CAP Chair. As the local CAP Chair, you are also a member of the State CAP Committee and it is necessary that you attend several meetings each year, usually in Harrisburg. Locally, your duties involve endorsement of local candidates and increasing membership contributions. The LHU CAP Chair also serves on the APSCUF Executive Council.

All CAP contributors/members are eligible to run for the position of LHU CAP Chair. **Nominations should only be made with the consent of the nominee. You may nominate yourself. Nominations are to be communicated to the APSCUF Office, prior to Monday, December 2, 2002, at Noon.**

The election will be conducted by mail ballot. The slate of candidates, along with the mail ballot, will be distributed on Monday, December 2, 2002, with a ballot return date of Friday, December 13, 2002, at 3:00 PM. The mail ballots will be counted and the results posted on the Robinson Lounge on December 13.

Nominations may be communicated by mail to the APSCUF Office (107 Raub Hall), by phoning in your nomination (x2231) or by e-mail (corndorf@lhup.edu).

REMINDERS

- ✍ **Health Benefits** - Health and Welfare and BS Major Medical forms are available in the APSCUF Office. In addition, the **State APSCUF website** www.apscuf.com features a direct link to the PA Faculty Health and Welfare Fund website and the PA Blue Shield Major Medical Claim Form. Additionally, you can go directly to the PA Faculty Health and Welfare Fund website www.pafac.com to obtain forms and information about your Health and Welfare Fund benefits.
- ✍ **Announcements** - Whether it is the birth of a child or grandchild, a marriage, an achievement, or informational article you would like to share in the monthly newsletter, please forward the information to Cheryl Orndorf, APSCUF Office X2231 or by e-mail (preferred) at corndorf@lhup.edu.
- ✍ If you have questions regarding your **Health & Welfare benefits**, contact the APSCUF Office (x2231) or Jeff Burnham, Health & Welfare Specialist.

Blue Shield Claim Form

Change of Address

The address on the Blue Shield claim form has been changed. The correct address is:

Pennsylvania Blue Shield
P. O. Box 890173
Camp Hill, PA 17089-0173

The Lock Haven APSCUF Office has a supply of these forms with the address changed for your convenience.

FACULTY NOTES

FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNTS ANNUAL OPEN ENROLLMENT

**November 25, 2002 –
December 13, 2002**

November 25 thru December 13, 2002, is the time to enroll or re-enroll in the *Flexible Spending Accounts Program*, the newest benefits being offered to Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education employees. Flexible Spending Accounts allow you to enroll in a **Medical Reimbursement Account** and/or a **Dependent Care Reimbursement Account**.

The medical reimbursement account is an account that reimburses you for certain out-of-pocket medical expenses incurred by you and your dependents. The dependent care reimbursement account is an account that reimburses you for certain dependent care expenses that

are necessary so that you and, if you are married, your spouse can work. In both accounts, you estimate annual anticipated out-of-pocket expenses and based upon that amount, equal deductions are taken from each pay throughout the year. After expenses are incurred and you submit a claim, you will receive reimbursement from your account through regular bi-weekly paychecks or direct deposit.

In both of these accounts, the money you set aside is not subject to federal or social security taxes. Additionally, funds set aside through the medical reimbursement account are not subject to state taxes. THIS IS A TAX AVOIDANCE—NOT A TAX DEFERRAL.

If you are currently enrolled in either the medical or dependent care reimbursement account, **you must re-enroll if you want to continue enrollment in the program for 2003.** If you are re-enrolling, please evaluate your 2002 account contributions and reimbursements and select the amount that is right for your situation for calendar year 2003.

Remember—open enrollment ends December 13, 2002.

Coaches Orientation/Reception

On Thursday, November 7, 2002, Lock Haven APSCUF Executive Council hosted an orientation/reception to welcome coaches into the union and to provide them with helpful information. Presenters included:

- ☞ Zak Hossain, Lock Haven APSCUF Chapter President
- ☞ Patricia Pacifico, State APSCUF Contract Implementation Department

- ☞ Matt Haney, Bloomsburg Coach and Coaches Negotiations' Team Member
- ☞ Bruce Young, APSCUF Negotiations' Team Member and Lock Haven Executive Council Member
- ☞ Jeff Burnham, Lock Haven APSCUF Past President
- ☞ Jackie Whitling, Lock Haven APSCUF Social Committee Chair.

The orientation included presentations by the above individuals as well as a question/answer opportunity for those in attendance. The event was very well received by the coaches and presenters and may now be used as a model at some of the other 14 SSHE Universities. Hats off to all who participated in this event!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Annual APSCUF Spring Social

“A Night in Vegas”

U.S. Army Reserve Building
McElhattan
Friday, February 28, 2002
4:30 PM Social Hour
5:30 PM Dinner

**12th Annual
Alfred E. Hoberman
Legislators' Day Event**
Thursday, March 27, 2002
Luncheon – PUB Multipurpose
Room at 11:30 AM
Forum – PUB Meeting Room #2
at 12:30 PM

For questions concerning either of the above events, please contact Cheryl Orndorf, APSCUF Office Manager at x2231 or by e-mail at corndorf@lhup.edu.

Issue Highlight Local APSCUF Elections

You may have noticed lots of announcements soliciting nominations to APSCUF offices in your email and campus mail. This is a time of some flux for our organization and it is important that all members be aware of what is going on and participate in elections AND consider being nominated for an APSCUF position.

The nominations and elections committee is now soliciting nominees for Vice President and Alternate Delegate, presuming that Steve Hicks, the only candidate for President-elect, will be elected and vacate both of those positions that he currently holds. The vice president has a seat on executive council and meet and discuss; the alternate delegate has an executive council seat and attends state-wide delegate assemblies as needed. In a year when our contract is being negotiated, you can imagine both are positions that can have an impact on all of us.

Nominations for Vice President and Alternate Delegate will close December 3. Elections will be until December 10, allowing those people to be on executive council for its next meeting, December 11.

Please consider running for office. And, plan on voting – as you can see, these are important posts at important times in our lives. We have many people retiring, some very committed union members – see the front page of last month's newsletter as a graphic example of our announced losses – and we need commitment from more people to carry on their work.

New Addition

Drew (Psychology Professor), Lynn, and Morgan Talbot have a new addition to their family!

Ella Lynn Talbot was born at 2:04 PM on Friday, October 25. She weighed 7lbs., 5oz., and was 19 ½” long at birth.

Congratulations to the Talbot family!!

FROM THE INTERNET

Useful English System Conversions/Units

- ✍ 2.4 statute miles of intravenous surgical tubing at Yale University Hospital: 1 I.V. League
- ✍ Ratio of an igloo's circumference to its diameter: Eskimo Pi
- ✍ 2000 pounds of Chinese soup: Won ton
- ✍ 1 millionth mouthwash: 1 microscope
- ✍ Speed of a tortoise breaking the sound barrier: Mach Turtle
- ✍ Time it takes to sail 220 yards at 1 nautical mile per hour: Knot-furlong
- ✍ 365.25 days of drinking low-calorie beer because it's less filling: 1 lite year
- ✍ 16.5 feet in the Twilight Zone: 1 Rod Sterling
- ✍ Half of a large intestine: 1 semicolon
- ✍ 1000 aches: 1 megahurtz
- ✍ Weight an evangelist carries with God: 1 billigram
- ✍ Basic unit of laryngitis: 1 hoarsepower
- ✍ Shortest distance between two jokes: A straight line
- ✍ Time between slipping on a peel and smacking the pavement: bananosecond
- ✍ A Half-Bath: 1 demijohn
- ✍ 453.6 graham crackers: 1 pound cake
- ✍ Given the old adage "a journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step," the first step of a one-mile journey: 1 Milwaukee
- ✍ 1 million microphones: 1 megaphone
- ✍ 1 million bicycles: 2 megacycles
- ✍ 365.25 days: 1 unicycle
- ✍ 2200 mockingbirds: two kilomockingbirds
- ✍ 10 cards: 1 decacards
- ✍ 1 kilogram of falling figs: 1 Fig Newton
- ✍ 1000 grams of wet socks: 1 literhosen
- ✍ 1 millionth of a fish: 1 microfiche
- ✍ 1 trillion pins: 1 terrapin
- ✍ 1 million billion picolos: 1 gigolo
- ✍ 10 rations: 1 decoration
- ✍ 100 rations: 1 C-ration
- ✍ 10 millipedes: 1 centipede
- ✍ 3 1/3 tridents: 1 decadent
- ✍ 10 monologs: 5 dialogs
- ✍ 5 dialogs: 1 decalog
- ✍ 2 monograms: 1 diagram
- ✍ 8 nickels: 2 paradigms
- ✍ 2 wharves: 1 paradox
- ✍ 100 Senators: Not 1 decision

Oh, yes, one acre is exactly 43,560 square feet, that is a lot of shoes - for real:-)))