

Important APSCUF Dates AY 2006/07

Mardi Gras

The annual 2007 APSCUF Spring Social "Mardi Gras" has been rescheduled to Friday, March 23, 2007. RSVP Deadline is Friday, March 16. RSVP online at:

<http://www.lhup.edu/apscuf/RSVP/spring2007social.html>

SPRING 2007

March

- 06: APSCUF Membership Meeting**
1:00 PM, Hamblin Hall of Flags
- 06: Executive Council Meeting**
4:30 PM, APSCUF Office
- 23: APSCUF Spring Social-
(Rescheduled from March 2)**
5:00 Social Hour begins
US Army Reserve Center,
McElhattan

- 05: 16th Annual Alfred E. Hoberman Legislators' Day**
11:30 AM, Luncheon
PUB Multi-Purpose Room
12:30 PM, Forum
PUB Meeting Room #2
- 11: Executive Council Meeting**
4:30 PM, APSCUF Office
- 12-14: Legislative Assembly**
Holiday Inn, Grantville

April

- 03: APSCUF Membership Meeting**
1:00 PM, Hamblin Hall of Flags

May

- 08: APSCUF Picnic/Membership Meeting/Retiree Rec.**
5:00 PM Social Hour begins
Sieg Conference Center
- 09: Executive Council Meeting**
4:30 PM, APSCUF Office

The newsletter committee welcomes your contributions and comments. Submissions are needed by the 15th of each month.

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**State APSCUF
2007 Scholarship Program**

Qualified applicants must have their materials postmarked by Friday, March 2, 2007. For complete eligibility rules and full scholarship application packet, go to www.apscuf.org (Membership Services (2007 State APSCUF Scholarship) or go to your local APSCUF office.

REMINDER - Flexible Spending Accounts Deadline

The deadline for submitting expenses for the Flexible Spending Account enrollees under the Medical and Dependent Care Accounts is MARCH 31, 2007. If claims are not received by MARCH 31, the monies in the account will be forfeited under IRS regulations. For reimbursement forms and details go to www.passhe.edu (Faculty/Staff /Human Resource/Labor Relations/System Resources/Benefits/Flexible Spending Accounts) or contact Kim Powell in Human Resources.

Faculty Online Health and Welfare Benefit Survey

Printed brochures were distributed to all faculty regarding the *Faculty Online Health and Welfare Benefit Survey*. The survey will be on PA Faculty Health & Welfare Fund web page March 1-31, 2007.

Your Opinion Counts!

Please help the Fund achieve a high degree of participation in this survey.

Participate in the *Faculty Online Health and Welfare Benefit Survey* by going to www.pafac.com



A Message From
Dr. Mark Cloud, LHU Chapter President

STUDENTS AS STAKEHOLDERS

I would like to emphasize to the membership the important role our students play in the negotiations for new contract. First and foremost, our students are huge stakeholders in the outcome of the negotiations. You are likely well aware of the many ways in which our contract outlines aspects of our working environment that helps ensure a quality educational experience for our students (e.g., limits on the hiring of temporary faculty, graduate assistants forbidden to teach, managers forbidden to provide academic advisement to name a few). In addition to those non-financial aspects, our contract has generally provided competitive salaries and benefits to keep and attract quality faculty. However, in this last regard we made some sacrifices in the current contract that cannot be repeated and still allow us to retain good quality faculty for our students. Students should have a strong interest in keeping our contract strong in these features so that they, their siblings, friends, and children can also receive a quality higher education experience.

Second, our students have in the past, and I anticipate in the future, played a key role in placing pressure on management to treat us fairly and to bargain in good faith. As they learn more about the role of the union and our contract in their education, they have generally been extremely supportive in teaming together with APSCUF to enhance the quality of our education. In this regard, we all play an important role in sharing the benefits of the union and the contract with our students and advisees. Feel free to talk to your students and advisees; however, make sure you do not use class time unless the subject matter is relevant to your course syllabus. I often use the time just before class starts to talk and answer questions with my students. We also have copies of student handouts available in the APSCUF office that you can pick up and share with your students. You can also pick up some color versions to post on your office door.

As you talk to students, please share that the last thing we want is a strike. We have been doing and will continue to do everything we can to avoid such a step. However, they also need to know that we stand strong for quality education and we will not be willing to accept a contract that severely erodes the education of our current and future students.

Staying united for quality education.

--Mark



KUDOS

Peter Campbell (Department of Athletics) was re-elected to act as Chair of the NCAA Division II Women's Soccer Championship Committee for 2007-08. The committee supervises all aspects of the NCAA Division II Women's Soccer Championship Tournament.

Patricia Lally (Department of Health and Physical Education) and a colleague from the University of Toronto, Gretchen Kerr, recently had an article entitled "The Effect of Athletic Retirement" accepted for publication in the Journal of Applied Sport Psychology. The study examines the impact of the retirement of elite gymnasts on their parents and family, a previously unexplored aspect of athletic retirement.

Dongdong Jia (Department of Geology and Physics) had a paper published in the European Journal of Physics with two students, David N. Hunter (chemistry) and Shawn L. Pickering (physics). He had another paper published in the Journal of Applied Physics (JAP) with professors from the University of Puerto Rico.

Beth McMahon (Department of Health Science) presented a workshop for Leadership Lycoming - Health and Human Service day on February 8, 2007 at the Lycoming County Housing Authority in Williamsport. Her presentation was titled "Health of Lycoming County" and she reviewed the current health status and statistics concerning adult and youth at-risk attitudes and behaviors as well as leading causes of death and disability within the county. Health and Human Services and prevention measures efforts within the county were also discussed.

Curt B. Dixon (Department of Health Science) had a paper accepted for presentation at the 54th Annual Meeting of the American College of Sports Medicine being held in New Orleans (May 30th - June 2nd). It's titled "Effect of Aerobic Exercise on Percent Body Fat using LBIA in Adults."

Joan Whitman Hoff (Department of Communication and Philosophy) will participate in the Association of Practical and Professional Ethics conference in Cincinnati, Ohio from February 22-25, 2007. She will attend a workshop for Ethics Center Directors and will also Chair a session on Ethics and Dementia.

Kathy Richards (Department of Elementary Education) has had Lock Haven University Chapter #179 of Phi Kappa Phi recognized among 300 chapters It is now highlighted on the national PKP website. <http://www.phikappaphi.org/Web/Chapters/spotlight.html>

Marjorie Maddox Hafer's (Department of English) short story collection, WHAT SHE WAS SAYING, was a semifinalist at Eastern Washington University's Spokane Prize for Short Fiction and Louisiana University Press' Yellow Shoe Book Award.

Punnipa Hossain (Department of Educational Foundations) presented a paper titled "E-portfolio: Theory and Practice" at the International Conference on e-Learning: Learning Theories vs Technologies, held at Ramkhamhaeng University, Thailand, in December 2006.

Laxman Satya (Department of History, Political Science, and Economics) had an article titled 'The British

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Empire, Ecology, and Famine in Late Nineteenth Century Deccan Plateau” published in the April issue of the Journal of History and Culture. He also had a book review of Michael Mann’s The British Empire on Indian Soil: 1800-1850 published in March in the same journal.

Larry Gaffney (Department of English) has a novel titled One Good Year, currently available at www.level4press.com. He also has the satires “Christian Rock Group Days of Fire Decides to Cover the Frank Zappa Catalogue, with a Few Changes,” and “Four Ill-Advised Resume Objectives,” coming out in FLYMF (www.flymf.com) in February and March respectively. Finally, he has two poems “Bacteria” and “Love at AOL” coming out in Bumbershoot.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Web 2.0, also called the Read/Write Web

BY RICK LILLA

What is the Web 2.0? No, it is not a new version of FrontPage or some new web browser like Internet Explorer or Firefox. The Web 2.0 is not software at all but an ever growing array of web sites by which people are not just the readers of the web but its authors as well. The web, of course, has always been somewhat interactive. From almost day one, Amazon has provided space for readers to review the books it sells, MS and Windows Messenger that connect people to people, and eBay which exists from the interaction of buyers and sellers, born when the web was still young. But lately, with the emergence of XML, this interactivity has dramatically increased. To see what sorts of things are out there, type into Google some of these keywords:

Eyepot – An online video editor!

Photobucket or **Flickr** – Free places to store photos and have your friends access them.

Blinx – 7 million hours of video content that is searchable.

Box.net – Online storage and a whole lot more.

Protopage – Personal start pages. Create your own home page with all the links you need right on your home page.

Del.iciou.us – Puts all your bookmarks in one place

YouTube – An incredible place to go, either mount your own home-made videos or to see the brilliance of others at work. If you missed the email I sent, type Web 2.0 in YouTube and watch *The Machine is US/ing Us*.

The one place to go to see all of these web sites and many more is located at <http://www.go2web20.net> .

It is impossible to see where all this will be going in the near future. Many of these fledgling efforts will most certainly die while others will consolidate themselves, find ways of making money, and thrive. But it is most certainly worth your time to explore some of these new and interesting interactive web sites and see why so many things – copyright, plagiarism, authorship – will have to be redefined in light of so much interconnectivity.