

Important APSCUF Dates AY 2006/07

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February

- 06: APSCUF Membership Meeting**
1:00 PM, Hamblin Hall of Flags
- 08: Negotiations Awareness Day**
10:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.
Table at PUB and Bentley
- 14: Executive Council Meeting**
4:30 PM, APSCUF Office
- 22-24: Legislative Assembly**
Holiday Inn East, Harrisburg

March

- 2: APSCUF Spring Social**
5:00 Social Hour begins
US Army Reserve Center,
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- 06: APSCUF Membership Meeting**
1:00 PM, Hamblin Hall of Flags
- 14: Executive Council Meeting**
4:30 PM, APSCUF Office

April

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

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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Pat's Remarks to the BOG 1/11/07

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Respect. That's what our faculty and coaches are looking for at the negotiations table. So far, we have not been getting any.

It's been 11 months since APSCUF submitted proposed negotiations dates for both faculty and coaches contracts. Our intent was to have early settlements so that students, student-athletes, faculty and coaches would not again be immersed in the turmoil caused by prolonged, contentious and nonproductive negotiations.

So much for the plan to do things differently this time.

APSCUF has been given all sorts of excuses for why negotiations have not progressed.

- **PASSHE's not ready.**
With 11 months notice, PASSHE should be ready. Faculty and coaches do negotiations work OUTSIDE their normal position duties. PASSHE has people on payroll whose job it is to prepare for negotiations.
- **PASSHE hasn't been told what they can offer faculty and coaches in the economics area.**
Who tells PASSHE what they can offer economically? PASSHE plans its own appropriations request. Act 182 removed PASSHE from political influences so that it could operate a system of public higher education based on the



A Message From **Dr. Mark Cloud, LHU Chapter President**

BEING PREPARED

My message this month is simple. Make sure you are prepared in the event we have to go out on strike on July 1.

You can be assured that the organization will do everything possible (e.g., getting the Governor directly involved) to avoid such an action. However, our greatest leverage is the assurance that our faculty and coaches are so firm and united in obtaining a fair contract that we are willing to walk out. The stronger we are in making that conviction apparent to the management, the lower the chances of an actual strike.

The strength of that conviction is directly related to the strength of our desire to obtain a fair contract and the strength of our readiness to sustain the challenges of a work stoppage.

Below are some specific actions and opportunities that will help us in that readiness:

- **Attend Tue, Feb 6, 1-2pm, Hall of Flags, General APSCUF Membership Meeting** – Professor Bill Lloyd from our accounting program will make a presentation to the members on successful financial coping strategies if a work stoppage were to occur. Bill made a similar presentation to the State APSCUF Leadership Conference this past spring.
- **Contribute to Faculty & Coaches Solidarity Fund** – To those who have already contributed, many thanks. If you have not pledged and have the means to temporarily share some of your savings at the time of a strike, please consider pledging \$500 or \$1,000 to help your colleagues pull through the potential drought. This is critical to our readiness by helping many of our faculty feel confident that they can safely support themselves, their families, and obligations. That confidence will help keep us all even more united. Contact Zak Hossain (zhossain@lhup.edu), Chair of our Solidarity Fund Committee, for a pledge card.
- **Provide an alternative email address** – We need everyone to have an alternative email address that resides on a non-University server (e.g., Verizon.net, yahoo.com, etc). Most have, but if you have not, please provide Matt Girton (mgirton@lhup.edu) with this information as soon as possible to assure an effective independent communication network for our members.
- **Volunteer** – We have been and continue to be active in getting our student body aware of the negotiation process and our commitment to quality education. We are meeting various groups of students (each residence hall, Honor's students, fraternities, etc.). Let me know if you want to join some of us in sharing our message to students. We have an LHU APSCUF facebook page where we can post news and messages. We already have 112 members in our social networking group. In early February, we will be setting up information tables at Bentley and the PUB for a Negotiations Awareness Day. We will need at least 20 faculty to staff those tables through the day. Please consider volunteering when that opportunity is shared.
- **FAQ** - Certainly you have many questions about the process (e.g., How is the decision for a job action made? What if I have a summer contract? What happens to my summer paychecks for work completed this year?). I will distribute soon a FAQ document being prepared by State APSCUF to help address many of those questions.

Let's stay united for quality education.

--Mark

APSCUF STATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The 2007 State APSCUF Scholarship applications are now available at www.apscuf.org under the "Membership Services and Benefits" pull down menu. The application is also available in the local APSCUF office by contacting Cheryl Orndorf at corn-dorf@lhup.edu or x2231.



LIBRARY NEWS

Stevenson Library Announces New Circulating PC and Mac Laptops

BY RICK LILLA

Over the past two years, Stevenson Library has experienced tremendous growth in the number of students looking for computers. The downstairs lab is often either full or occupied with a class, and the 16 computers that occupy or reference area are often completely full. To meet this growing demand, the library was recently given tech fee money to purchase 15 laptop computers for students looking for a computer while visiting the library.

Other libraries in PASSHE, most notably Mansfield, Shippensburg and Millersville, have had much success in circulating laptops. Typically, a student would enter the library, look to see if any of the reference area computers were free, and seeing that they were full could then approach the circulation counter with his or her LHU ID and check out one of these laptops. We have ordered 10 Dell and 5 MacBook laptops. While we are still finalizing borrowing periods, the general idea is to circulate them only within the library on short-term (perhaps 2 or 3 hour) loan. Media Services also circulates both PC and MAC laptops to faculty, and this semester is expanding this service to students for out-of-the-building overnight use. We would most likely be including an AC power cord so that they could find an outlet within the library if needed. Because almost the entire library is accessible by our wireless network there would not be a need to install Ethernet outlets.

Brenda Corman, who drew up the original proposal that included a docking station for storing and recharging these laptops between uses, has been getting input from other nearby laptop-loaning universities on ideas for setting up policies and procedures.

This initiative will almost double the number of computers we can offer students and will hopefully alleviate this tremendous demand for computers in Stevenson Library. The portability of these laptops will also allow students to use them in quieter parts of the library, making it possible for them to sit in one of our third floor quiet designated areas and compose a research paper or do other course-related work. And while the laptop initiative that begins this fall will over time solve this need for more computers, it is our hope that these additional 15 laptops will answer the growing need of students for more computers at Stevenson Library.

COACHES' CORNER

December 20, 2006
Haven Sports

LOCK HAVEN, Pa. – At the 2006 United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) national convention held last week in San Antonio, Lock Haven University head cross country coach and co-head track and field coach Aaron Russell was elected to serve as the Secretary of the organization. He'll be part of the 14-member Board of Directors for the USTFCCCA, the professional organization for coaches from NCAA Division I, II and III institutions.

Russell will be one of five coaches from Division II serving on the Board. The Board consists of an Association President, Secretary and Treasurer, along with the Presidents of each Division's cross country and track and field association. In addition, there are two Division I at-large members, and one from both Division II and Division III. The past-president also serves as a non-voting member of the board.

For the past four years he's served on the Executive Committee for the Division II Cross Country and Track and Field Coaches Association, which falls under the umbrella of USTFCCCA. Russell's position had been Treasurer/Membership Director. Before that, he served as the NCAA Division II East Region Coaches Representative to the Division II Cross Country Coaches Association from 2001-2003.

"I'm very honored and humbled that my peers have chosen me to represent them in this position," Russell said. "The USTFCCCA has done so much for cross country and track and field in this country, and I hope I can help continue this trend in the future. It speaks volumes about the strength of our sport within the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) to see two coaches represented on the 14-member board that governs our organization (Russell; and Doug Watts of Edinboro University as Division II at-large). I'm proud to represent Lock Haven as well as the PSAC in this position."

As a coach, Russell has directed the men's cross country teams to four-consecutive PSAC titles from 2003-06. He also led them to East Region titles in 2003, 2004 and 2006 along with a school-best ninth-place finish at the NCAA Division II National Championships in 2004. Russell was honored with PSAC and USTFCCCA East Region Coach of the Year trophies in the 2003, 05 and 06 seasons.



KUDOS

Dongdong Jia (Geology and Physics) had a paper published with student David Hunter in the Journal of Applied Physics in Dec. 2006. It is about how to make long persistent light emitting diode indicators for emergency signs.

Curt B. Dixon (Health Science) co-authored a paper entitled, "Influence of testing sequence on a child's ability to achieve anaerobic and aerobic power" that has been accepted for publication in the International Journal of Sports Medicine.

Douglas Campbell (Communication and Philosophy) had a paper accepted for presentation in the theory division at the Midwinter Conference of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication sponsored by the University of Nevada, Reno, February 23, 24. It's titled "An Assessment of Lynn Swann's 2006 Gubernatorial Campaign."

Cindy Allen (Health and Physical Education) was recently appointed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education as the states Lead Faculty member for the 2007 Health, Safety and Physical Education Governors Institute held at Slippery Rock University from July 29th-August 3rd. The title of the Institute is "Exploring the Emotional Needs of our Children: Creating a Positive Classroom Environment."

Nate Hosley (Alternative Education- School of Graduate Studies) was awarded a 50,000 dollar grant from the Center for Rural Pennsylvania to conduct a research study "Survey and Analysis of Alternative Education Practices." The study will examine administration, structure, curriculum, student performance, personnel/staffing, goals, activities, certification, and the impact of No Child Left Behind on programs within the Commonwealth.

Jayme Klinger Host (Performing Arts) will be a Guest Artist in Residence at the University of Maryland, College Park Choreographic Commission February 2-4, 2007.

Beth McMahon (Health Science) will be representing Lock Haven University and Lycoming County Health Improvement Coalition at the Lycoming County Chamber of Commerce Community Insight Program on March 22, 2007. This presentation will review the current health status within Lycoming County and collaborate health improvement efforts addressing leading causes of death and disability within the county. She will also be presenting a workshop for the "Central Susquehanna Association for the Education of Young Children" Annual Conference to be held March 31 at Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport. Her workshop is titled, "Stress Less - Appreciate More."

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Remarks to Board of Governors

goals of academic quality, increased access for lower and middle economic class students, and serving the needs of the Commonwealth. PASSHE should, then, act independently from political pressures and do the right thing. Negotiate.

In addition, during this time we could have been discussing non-economic proposals. Instead, the PASSHE team has come to the table armed with newspaper articles it reads to our team or PowerPoint presentations (sans the computer version) about demographic concerns that will affect not this contract but the next one. A waste of time (ours and yours).

- **PASSHE must wait until AFSCME settles their contract.**

Why? That's my question. The AFSCME and APSCUF contracts are so different that to hinge one on the other is ludicrous. And destructive. What happened in 2004 caused the loss of 700+ faculty. In addition, tenure-line faculty hires since 2002 have experienced a 25% loss rate, excluding non-renewals. One out of four new faculty hires since 2002 has left the PASSHE universities. Survey results indicate workload, salary and benefits as the major reasons for the exodus. The latter two – salary and benefits – were seriously diminished by the last contract. Retention of quality faculty and coaches has become a major issue for our universities. What does this body plan to do to rectify the situation?

We have a joint negotiations session for faculty scheduled for January 19th. One for coaches is scheduled for January 31. Let's get down to business. Our students, as well as our faculty and coaches, deserve a swift end to these negotiations.