

Blue & Gold

24 majors now available

New Education program approved by PDE

The University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg received “initial program approval” from the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) to add Instructional I certificate programs in Early Childhood Education and Secondary Education to its curriculum.

Notable is the “initial program approval with special designation” issued to the Early Childhood Education pre-K-4 certificate, which means the PDE will highlight this as a model program with innovative program practices.

“We are extremely proud to announce this new program,” said Dr. Sharon P. Smith, president of Pitt-Greensburg. “We believe this program will be an asset to our campus and the community. Not only will Pitt-Greensburg Education majors benefit from their experience in regional classrooms, but our regional school districts will benefit from the innovative teaching techniques our Education majors will be using.”

Field experience will be an integral part of both programs, with Education majors beginning their field experience the second semester of their freshman year. Hands-on, inquiry-based methods will be used in the Pitt-Greensburg classrooms so that Education majors will be able to model the most advanced and innovative teaching techniques during their field experiences.

Dr. Vickilyn Barnot, assistant professor of Education, Dr. Melissa Marks, associate professor of Education, and Dr. Thad Zaleskiewicz, professor *emeritus* of Physics, led the development process for the new program. The three professors visited successful innovative US education programs to observe what was working in classrooms. A Master Teachers Advisory Group, consisting of eight area teachers and administrators, also provided guidance through the development process.

Science and math will be important components of the program. Unique to the Pitt-Greensburg program will be science and math classes specifically developed for Education majors.

Secondary Education majors who wish to teach in grades seven through 12 will be able to develop in-depth content knowledge in



biology, chemistry, English, mathematics, or social studies. Secondary Education majors may also opt to earn a double major by completing additional classes in their content area during additional semesters.

“The new Education program at Pitt-Greensburg is poised to become a leader in preparing the most highly

qualified teachers in Pennsylvania,” said Barnot. “Our program incorporates many innovative features that will allow Pitt-Greensburg teacher candidates to gain a competitive edge in securing a teaching position upon their graduation.”

A “New Teacher” web page will provide support and assistance to graduates, as well as mentoring from master teachers and University professors. New graduates will also be able to access on-line portfolios they built as students.

“In creating this new Education major, we focused on developing programs that would graduate exceptionally qualified and effective teachers,” said Marks. “The teachers who graduate from our program will not only have top quality pedagogical knowledge, they will also have incredibly strong content knowledge. I think K-12 schools will be very excited to have Pitt-Greensburg graduates working for them.”

Pitt-Greensburg’s Education program is cost effective for students because it allows them to earn an Education degree in four years at a lower tuition than if they attended a five-year program or a private college/university. Second, their degree will carry the nationally recognized University of Pittsburgh name, meet the rigorous standards required by the PDE, and provide teaching certification at the end of the degree. Third, the strong math and science background will allow Pitt-Greensburg students to meet the challenges of teaching in an increasingly technological and science-driven society. ▲



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Message from the President

Accomplishments were the hallmark of the 2009-2010 academic year. Among these was increasing the number of majors available to Pitt-Greensburg students from 21 to 24 with the approval of the Instructional I Certificate Programs in Early Childhood Education and Secondary Education, as well as our new Spanish major. These new programs are the result of the creativity and hard work of our faculty and are the latest steps in our long-term plan to build quality academic programs here at our Westmoreland County campus.



Students returning this fall will notice quite a few enhancements to campus, including new offices and a patio area at Millstein Library, new carpeting in Village buildings, a refurbished pedestrian bridge, a new softball field, and renovations done to address drainage issues on the baseball field. Other improvements less obvious to students include a new sprinkler system in Robertshaw Hall and renovations to the HVAC system in Smith Hall.

Also initiated this spring were several Community Circles. Groups of interdepartmental staff, faculty, and students are coming together to share ideas and inform the direction of future initiatives. Probably the most visible of these groups is the Campus Beautification Community Circle. This group of staff, faculty, and students volunteered their time to assist our building maintenance department in clearing away winter debris and weeding campus flower beds in preparation for our Commencement on May 1. The Campus Beautification Community Circle will meet throughout the year to develop plans to enhance the natural beauty of our campus.

This spring, we were saddened by the unexpected death of sophomore Matthew Tembo while visiting Carnegie Mellon University during spring break. Students who were friends with Matt returned from spring break and quickly organized a memorial service where they shared music, personal thoughts, and prayers. These students wanted a more permanent way to pay tribute to their friend and developed plans to build a “four-square court”—another example of the initiative typical of Pitt-Greensburg Students. Next they organized the “Matt Tembo Memorial Walk” before school was out to assist in raising funds to pay for the four-square court.

On a brighter note, we send best wishes to three faculty members who retired at the end of the academic year: Dr. Daniel Millberg, Dr. Guy Nicoletti, and Clara Vana. May their lives continue to be as full and productive as they were during their years of service here.

Sharon P. Smith

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Pitt-Greensburg Alumnus co-authors book



Sandra Wolk Schimizzi (left) and Valeria Sofranko Wolf prepare to sign books.

Sandra Wolk Schimizzi, a member of the Pitt-Greensburg Alumni Association Board, recently co-authored the book *Norvelt: A New Deal Subsistence Homestead* with her mother Valeria Sofranko Wolk.

The book features a collection of more than 250 black-and-white photos that depict life

during the time the new community was being established in the early 1930s. Photographs taken by Walker Evans, Arthur Rothstein, and Edwin Locke are included in the publication that took approximately two years to complete.

Schimizzi drew upon her own experience as a native of Norvelt and the daughter of two of the original Westmoreland Homesteaders—Joseph Wolk and Valeria Sofranko Wolk. Schimizzi attended Pitt-Greensburg from 1971 to 1973, then transferred to the University of Pittsburgh to complete her BA in Speech and Hearing Science in 1975.

“I attended Pitt-Greensburg when there was the “town campus” and Lynch Hall. We rushed between classes from


town to the mansion—many times making it to class just in time,” remembers Schimizzi. “I also worked at the University Bookstore on Otterman Street.”

She earned an MEd in 1976 from the University of Pittsburgh in rehabilitation counseling. Today she lives in Murrysville and is a licensed professional counselor specializing in rehabilitation counseling of individuals with physical and psychological disabilities for Intracorp.

Schimizzi’s connection to Pitt-Greensburg is a family affair. She met her husband David Mark Schimizzi, who attended Pitt-Greensburg from 1970 to 1972, in English Literature class. He graduated from Pitt’s Dental School in 1978. Her sister Terri Wolk Czarniak attended Pitt-Greensburg in 1976 while working on her MA in Education. Another sister, Anita Wolk Foriska attended Pitt-Greensburg from 1977 to 1979 and earned a BA in English Writing.

While researching *Norvelt*, Schimizzi learned that the US government hired Paul Amos Bartholomew (1883-1973) in 1934 to design Westmoreland Homestead’s five basic home plans and the layout of the town. Bartholomew had his own connection to Pitt-Greensburg—11 years earlier (in 1923) he had designed a Tudor-style mansion for Charles McKenna Lynch, an executive at the H.C. Frick Coke Company, which is now Pitt-Greensburg’s Lynch Hall.

Norvelt: A New Deal Subsistence Homestead is available at local retailers, online bookstores, or through Arcadia Publishing at www.arcadiapublishing.com. ▲



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Pitt-Greensburg named to President's Higher Education Community Honor Roll



Habitat for Humanity: Eight Pitt-Greensburg students and two staff members traveled to Florida over Spring Break to build a house.

The University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg was one of 621 universities and colleges named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service-learning, and civic engagement. Honorees were chosen based on selection factors that included the scope and innovation of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service, and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses.

"Community service is an important part of the Pitt-Greensburg educational experience," noted R. Leigh Hoffman, assistant dean of Student Services. "Students learn the importance of contributing to the community and become empowered to help. We are very proud of the dedication and commitment our students display while making a difference in the lives of others."

At Pitt-Greensburg, more than 800 students—or more than 50 percent of the campus FTE enrollment—participated in community service during the 2008-2009 academic year and recorded 7,000 service hours.

Pitt-Greensburg students who take Jennifer Jones' Business Ethics are required to participate in a service-learning experience, prepare a scrapbook and reflection paper, and present these materials to the rest of the class.

"It's an opportunity to not focus on their own needs and wants but rather to see the needs in the community, especially how a small program can make a huge difference in the lives of

others," says Jones. "Even the small things make a difference. The students become aware of social issues."

Another example is the student chapter of Habitat for Humanity. During the 2010 spring break, eight Pitt-Greensburg students and two staff members, Dorothy Zilic and Tanya Conde, traveled to Walton County, Florida, to build a house for Habitat for Humanity. The students worked from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day to frame, add trusses, roofing, and siding to a house in DeFuniak Springs. The trip took 18 hours by bus, and students paid \$150 out of their own pockets to cover transportation costs.

"We are a part of Habitat for Humanity to give back to our community," said John Ritenour, a student and president of the Pitt-Greensburg group. "With each wall we put up and with each nail we hammer in, we slowly change the world for the better. It gives us not only a feeling of accomplishment, but we also give hope to those who need it. That's why we are a part of this group."

Finally, the Scholars in Service to PA program, currently in its fourth year at Pitt-Greensburg, provides a unique opportunity for students to volunteer their time within the community while gaining valuable work-related experience for their resume and a network of professional contacts. In addition, students who complete the program receive an Education Award, which can be applied to past, present, or future education expenses.

The Scholars program is administered through AmeriCorps. This means that participating students enroll as AmeriCorps members on a part-time basis and receive a partial Education Award at the end of their term.

Students may choose to do a "quarter-time" or "minimum-time" commitment. For the upcoming year, a student who completes 450 hours of service over one calendar year can earn an education award of \$1,415; a student who completes 300 hours of service over one year can earn a \$1,132 education award. The award can be used to pay for any legitimate educational expense at their current undergraduate institution or to pay for future educational expenses, as well as to re-pay student loans. ▲



Into the Streets: More than 100 students annually participate in "Into the Streets." Students volunteer at more than 30 non-profit organizations over a three-day period.



Scholars in Service to PA: J.D. Holzendiger is one of two Pitt-Greensburg students participating in the program.

Area school students to benefit

Pitt-Greensburg receives funding for projects

PA DEP funds science workbook developed for sixth graders

Timothy Savisky, PhD, assistant professor of Biology, has been awarded a Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection grant in the amount of \$5,779 to develop the program “My Watershed: My Home Student Coloring and Science Workbook” for students in the Greensburg Salem School District.

The purpose of this project is to provide a hands-on environmental education workbook related to local watersheds for Greensburg-Salem School District 6th grade students. Geographic information systems technology will be used to produce land use maps of the watersheds for the specific area of the school.

These maps will be produced in a format that will enable the students to color the land use areas of the map, outline the watershed and the streams and lakes within it, indicate the flow direction of surface water within the watershed, and locate major landmarks (such as their own school or home) and major water quality sites (e.g. sewage treatment plant, industry, water treatment plant, etc.). ▲

Bobcat Spirit shared with Clelian Heights basketball team

Pitt-Greensburg’s Assistant Men’s Basketball Coach Cody Hartzler stopped by the Clelian Heights School for Exceptional Children on June 3 to visit with the newly formed men’s basketball team—the first in the school’s 49-year history. Each member of the Clelian Heights team received a basketball signed by members of Pitt-Greensburg men’s and women’s basketball teams. Hartzler also presented tee-shirts and men’s basketball posters to the Clelian Heights players. “It was a treat to spend time with the Clelian Heights Crusaders,” Hartzler said. “They share the same enthusiasm for the game as we do.”

Jeremy Yetter, head coach of the Pitt-Greensburg men’s basketball team, noted this is just the first of many activities



the team plans to have with the students at Clelian Heights. ▲

Assistant Coach Cody Hartzler distributes posters at Clelian Heights.

SSME expands with support from the Grable Foundation of Pittsburgh

The Grable Foundation of Pittsburgh has awarded the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg a \$7,500 grant to provide a second week of the Summer Science and Math Experience (SSME). This project, under the direction of Dr. Thad Zaleskiewicz, *emeritus* professor, was established last year through a grant from the McFeely-Rogers Foundation.



Dr. Kristina Pazehoski explains DNA analysis to 2009 SSME participants.

SSME is designed to inspire middle school students who may be veering away from careers in the STEM fields to pursue these careers by engaging them in best-practice methods of hands-on discovery and problem-solving for learning science and math. Students reside on campus, engage in workshops and research activities, and are mentored by Pitt-Greensburg senior faculty members.

This year’s camps are sponsored by the McFeely-Rogers Foundation, the Eberly Foundation, and the Grable Foundation.

Students from Greater Latrobe School District and Connellsville Area School District will participate in the program during the week of June 27 through July 2. Students from Derry Area school District will participate in SSME the week of July 11 through July 16. ▲



Students collected samples from two water sources and analyzed them for acidity levels and the number of living organisms.

2010 Commencement

Pitt-Greensburg confers degrees on 178 students

The University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg conferred degrees on 178 students during its Commencement held outdoors at Ridilla Field Saturday, May 1. Twenty-seven of those graduates received their diplomas from family members as part of the Pitt-Greensburg Alumni Association's Legacy Diploma Presentations.

Ken Sawyer, CEO of the Pittsburgh Penguins was the principal speaker. Sawyer joined the Penguins in September 1999, the day after the team emerged from bankruptcy protection under a new ownership group led by Mario Lemieux.

Barbara Christner '85, Esq., was awarded the Alumna of Distinction Award from the Pitt-Greensburg Alumni Association (PGAA) for her dedication and service to the University. Christner, a member of the Pitt-Greensburg Advisory Board, is vice president and shareholder at Ward & Christner, PC, in Greensburg. Immediate past president of the Westmoreland Bar Association, she has served as a director and officer since April 2003.

Brian Moreland '98, DC, was the recipient of the new PGAA Volunteer Excellence Award, based on his work in strengthening the PGAA's relationship with the Pitt Alumni Association (PAA) in Oakland, increasing scholarship dollars available to incoming Pitt-Greensburg students, and advocating for the needs of the University. He is the owner of Back in Motion Chiropractic in Latrobe. A Life Member and winner of the 2008 Pitt Alumni Association Volunteer Excellence Award, he recently completed a third term as the Pitt-Greensburg delegate to the PAA board of directors. Moreland's service to Pitt-Greensburg includes serving on the Board of Directors of the PGAA in positions including treasurer, vice president, president, and now immediate past president. Moreland also served in an *ex-officio* role on the University's Advisory Board.

Nancy Estrada, PhD, received the 2010 PGAA Outstanding Faculty Award. Dr. Estrada, associate professor of Spanish, was a key member of the team that developed Pitt-Greensburg's newly announced Spanish major. She enthusiastically shares her love of foreign culture—especially all things Spanish—in the student-centered programming



Nancy Estrada, PhD

at the International Village and as a leader of campus trips abroad. The Spanish Club, which she advises, brings the Spanish and Latin American cultures to campus by hosting films, performances, and speakers. For 28 years, she has been a trusted advisor to students, passionately encouraging them to expand their horizons and to take every opportunity available. As one alumnus wrote, "The creation of the Spanish major is a wonderful accomplishment, but her dedication to and love for her students is by far her greatest attribute in my eyes."

Lori Caldwell, Class of 2010, was the recipient of the 2010 PGAA Community Service Award. The award is given "to the Pitt-Greensburg student who best exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism through participation in a student organization in his or her community." Lori, who graduated with a BA in Communication, was chosen for her involvement in a number of community service projects and organizations during her time at Pitt-Greensburg, including the Outdoor Adventure and Community Service organization, Presidential Ambassador program, Student Government Association, and Scholars in Service program. With more than 450 community service hours completed in one calendar year, she was highly recommended for this award by her organizations' advisors. Lori is also the current president of Lambda Pi Eta, the National Communication Honorary Society.

Vickilynn Barnot, PhD, and Melissa J. Marks, EdD, were the co-recipients of the 2010 President's Medal for Distinguished Service. Dr. Barnot and Dr. Marks were unable to attend Commencement but were recognized during the ceremony. Dr. Barnot, assistant professor of Education, and Dr. Melissa J. Marks, associate professor of Education, were instrumental in co-developing the newly announced Education programs at Pitt-Greensburg. Hands-on, inquiry-based teaching techniques will be the primary method of instruction, allowing Pitt-Greensburg education majors to integrate these techniques into their own classrooms. ▲



Vickilynn Barnot, PhD



Melissa Marks, EdD

PGAA Awards



Ken Sawyer, CEO of the Pittsburgh Penguins, was the principal speaker at Pitt-Greensburg's 2010 Commencement.



Front (from left): Dr. Mary Lynn Yothers '80, Barbara Christner '85, Dr. Sharon Smith, Hon. Judge John Driscoll, and Michael Lordi. Back (from left): Dr. Daniel Milberg, Dr. J. Wesley Jamison, Ken Sawyer, Dr. Paul Adams, and Michael Stewart.



Twenty-seven students participated in the PGAA Legacy Diploma Presentations. Emily Shaffer (center right) accepted her diploma from Jack Shaffer Sr. '79 (left), her grandfather; Jack Shaffer Jr. '97, her father; and Dr. Sharon Smith.



Barbara Christner '85 (left) accepts the PGAA Alumna of Distinction Award from Dr. Mary Lynn Yothers '80, president of the PGAA.



Dr. Brian Moreland '98 (center) accepts the PGAA Volunteer Excellence Award from Dr. Mary Lynn Yothers '80, president of the PGAA, and Dr. Sharon Smith, president of Pitt-Greensburg.



Lori Caldwell (center) accepts the PGAA Community Service Award from Dr. Mary Lynn Yothers '80, president of the PGAA, and Dr. Sharon Smith, president of Pitt-Greensburg.



Classnotes

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Phillip Novak '06 is the Talent Management coordinator for Pressley Ridge (a nonprofit organization offering foster care services, residential services, community-based services, and education to troubled and developmentally challenged children). Novak is responsible for workforce development, succession planning, recruitment, university relations, and continued education for the nonprofit over six states and DC.

Ryan Spence '96 is now the vice president of Sales and Marketing for Vandalay Appraisals in Moorpark, California.

Daniel Stern '05, a third-grade teacher at Shady Side Academy (SSA) in Pittsburgh, graduated from Duquesne University in December 2009 with a Master's of Science in Elementary Education. He credits Pitt-Greensburg for his success, writing, "I couldn't be happier with my current position, but I also realize I wouldn't be here today without the foundation I received from [Pitt-Greensburg]. In addition to teaching at Shady Side Academy for the past four years, Stern is a Dormitory Parent for ninth- through 12th-grade students and coaches soccer for the Senior School Boys Soccer program. He has been the SSA Summer Day Camp Director since 2006.

Amie Thompson '06 graduated *cum laude* from Duquesne University School of Law (Class of 2010). ▲

Emmerling and Schreffler named DaVinci Scholars



Dr. Elisa Beshero-Bondar presents the DaVinci Scholar medal to Kathryn Schreffler at the 2010 Honors Convocation.

Samuel Emmerling and Kathryn Schreffler were named this year's DaVinci Scholars. One of the most prestigious honors a student can receive from the University, DaVinci Scholars best represent the highest ideals of a Pitt-Greensburg education. These include high academic achievement, a significant record of service to the campus and community, leadership, and knowledge of other peoples and cultures.

Emmerling is a junior studying political science and sociology. His travels to Mexico made him aware of serious environmental and social issues connected to his interests in pursuing Environmental Law. His commitments to effective activism have been wide ranging and demonstrate his serious reflection on the complications of reforming legal codes permitting abuses of power.



Samuel Emmerling

Schreffler graduated in May with a degree in Biological Science. Her travels to Brazil and Mexico have made her aware of the generosity of people who lack resources most people take for granted. Her plans for the future include medical school, as well as a desire to continue traveling in order to see the world for herself rather than rely upon media representations.

A student who is named DaVinci Scholars receives a \$1,000 scholarship that can be used for tuition or travel, recognition at Commencement, and a medal that can be worn at graduation and other official University events. Since 2001, 32 Pitt-Greensburg students have been named DaVinci Scholars. ▲



Pitt-Greensburg Alumni Association Alumni Reception

The PGAA hosts its annual alumni reception the Friday evening before Commencement to welcome its newest members. Students and their families enjoy hors d'oeuvres and visiting before the Commencement rehearsal.

Green Scholars named for 2010-2011

Four Pitt-Greensburg students were named Green Scholars for the 2010-2011 academic year. Green Scholars represent Pitt-Greensburg's best and brightest students in each of three academic divisions. They work with faculty on specific scholarly projects. At the end of each academic year, sophomore students in each academic division are identified using grade point averages and teacher recommendations. They are offered the position of "Green Scholar" to serve during their junior and senior years, as long as they maintain their grades and faculty recommendation. The students are compensated for their work.

A \$10,000 grant from the Buncher Family Foundation supports the program.

Nicholas Marrone, a business management and Spanish major from Harrison City, will assist **Dr. Pilar Herr**, assistant professor of International Studies, with her research project on the State formation in 19th century Chile. Marrone is the son of David and Donna Marrone and a graduate of Penn Trafford High School.

Elliot Sheedy, an interdisciplinary arts major with a theatre concentration from North Huntingdon, will assist **Dr. Stephen Schrum**, assistant professor of the Theatre Arts, with his research project on Antonin Artaud and Virtual Reality. Sheedy is the son of David and Michelle Sheedy and a graduate of Norwin High School.

Deidre Stuffer, an English Literature major from Delmont, will continue assisting **Dr. Sayre Greenfield**, professor of English, with his research project on Shakespearean quotation through the exploration of digital databases. This is Stuffer's second year as a Green Scholar. A graduate of Franklin Regional High School, she is the daughter of Robert Allen Stuffer Sr. and Diane Marie Stuffer.

Jian Tan, a sophomore majoring in biology, will assist **Dr. Gary Hart**, instructor of Mathematics, with his research project on simulation of rigid body dynamics. A native of the Canton region of China, Jian is a graduate of Yingcai School and the son of Larry and Jin Tan. ▲

Three faculty members announce retirement

Three members of the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg faculty retired at the close of the 2009-2010 academic year. Pitt-Greensburg appreciates the combined 122 years of service they provided to the campus community.



Daniel B. Millberg, PhD, served as an associate professor of Psychology for 35 years at Pitt-Greensburg. Dr. Millberg earned his BA from Washington University and his PhD from the University of Pittsburgh. While serving at Pitt-Greensburg, he taught

Introduction to Psychology, Introduction to Psychology (Honors), Industrial/Organizational Psychology, Research Methods in Psychology, Research Methods in Social Science, and Advanced Social Psychology.



Guy Nicoletti, PhD, served as an associate professor of Engineering and taught courses in electrical and mechanical engineering, as well as mathematics and computer science. He began his career with Pitt-Greensburg in 1963 and served 47 years here. In 2001, Dr.

Nicoletti was awarded the Pitt-Greensburg Professional Development Award. He earned a BS from St. Vincent College and then went on to earn his MS and PhD from the University of Pittsburgh. His research interests are in digital control systems and computer imaging technology. He is a Life Member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) where he holds the chair of the Robotics and Automation Section.

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The Parent Appreciation Dinner, is another event held Commencement Weekend. It allows students to say "thank you" to the people who supported their efforts in pursuing a college degree.

Spring Sports Wrap-Up

Baseball: Three players earn All-ABCA honors



Stephen Anderson



Bryan Colish



Matt Gouveia



Garrett Herald



Lindsay Littler



Three members of the Pitt-Greensburg baseball team became the first Pitt-Greensburg athletes to earn American Baseball Coaches Association-Rawlings (ABCA) Mid-Atlantic All-Region Team honors.

Stephen Anderson and Bryan Colish earned second team honors. Matt Gouveia, Bobcat team captain, was named to the third team.

Anderson, a freshman, hit .417 for the season and broke the Pitt-Greensburg single-season record for doubles in a season (17). He finished first on the team with 47 runs, 53 hits, 99 total bases, and a .523 on-base percentage. Anderson played right field and third base. In his six appearances on the mound, he struck out seven batters in 12 innings. Anderson also was named the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (AMCC) Co-Newcomer of the Year for his performance.

Colish, a sophomore, posted a .435 batting average and an .826 slugging percentage. He recorded 50 hits, including 26 extra bases and 15 doubles. Colish struck out 22 batters and walked 12 batters in 30 innings, posting a 3-3 record. He also was an honorable mention to the All-AMCC baseball team.

Softball:

Littler earns All-Conference Honors

Senior Lindsay Littler was an honorable mention to the 2010 All-AMCC Softball team. Littler led the Lady Bobcats with a team-high .321 batting average that included five doubles, a triple, and a home run. She also led the team with a .368 average with runners in scoring position, as well as, in hits and total bases. Playing third base and centerfield, she posted a .894 fielding percentage. Littler, an All-Conference honorable mention in 2007, also earned All-Conference second team honors in 2008 and 2009.

The Lady Bobcats finished the season 5-23 overall and 5-13 in conference play under the direction of interim Head Coach Bill Monstrola. ▲

Men's Tennis:

First season with new coach

While the Pitt-Greensburg men's tennis team finished the season 1-12 under new Head Coach Jason Giran's direction, the team was proud to post a 9-0 win against D'Youville College mid-season, the team's first dual match victory in more than a year.

Fielding a team made up of four juniors, one sophomore, and three freshman, Giran is looking forward to improving on this past season's record. ▲

Senior Gouveia hit .411 and posted a .713 slugging percentage and a .500 on-base percentage. He recorded a .951 fielding percentage, including two outfield assists, from his center field position. Gouveia was named to the All-AMCC First Team for the season.

Colish and Gouveia set a new Pitt-Greensburg season record for home runs in a season when they each hit eight for the season.

Joining Gouveia, Anderson, and Colish with All-AMCC honors was freshman catcher Garrett Herald, who earned honorable mention. Herald led the team with an individual season record 44 RBI, hitting 10 doubles, one triple, and five homeruns. He posted a .943 fielding percentage, throwing out 22.2 percent of base stealers.

The Pitt-Greensburg baseball team finished 17-21 overall with a 10-10 conference record under the direction of Head Coach Adam Jack. Mark Mason and Joe Ponzetti serve as assistant coaches. ▲

Women's Basketball: Carol Gelet steps down



Assistant Coach Andy Geter (left) and Athletic Director Anthony Berich congratulate Carol Gelet (center) on her 200 career victories.

Carol Gelet, head coach of the Lady Bobcats women's basketball team, announced this spring that she is stepping down. After 11 seasons, Gelet holds the Pitt-Greensburg all-time record for career wins with a 203-102 career coaching record. She also is the only Pitt-Greensburg coach to post more than 100 career wins and more than 200 career wins.

Gelet is a three-time AMCC Coach of the Year (2000-2001, 2001-2002, 2007-2008). Under her leadership, the Lady Bobcats advanced to the second round of the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament in 2003. The team also earned invitations to ECAC Women's Basketball Tournament in 2005-2006, 2007-2008, and 2009-2010. ▲

Community Circles formed to inform direction of future initiatives

Dr. Sharon P. Smith, president of the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, has initiated “Community Circles” to inform the direction of future initiatives. The Circles bring individual members of the University community together to provide direct input on how Pitt-Greensburg can enhance effectiveness of campus operations.

The Community Circles are bringing together interdepartmental staff, and where appropriate, faculty and students, to discuss challenges or new projects for the campus.

“The Circles enable us to tap into the enormous creativity of our campus community and direct it to specific areas of special need,” explained Dr. Smith.

The Campus Beautification Community Circle was one of the first groups to meet. The Circle is composed of 20 members, who represent faculty, staff, and students. Working closely with the Plant Maintenance Department, one of their first activities was to organize two campus clean-up days and invite members of the campus community to volunteer their time to clear away the winter debris from various areas on campus. The group focused primarily on the formal garden (near the Alumni Pavilion) and the area near the front of Millstein Library.

“The Campus Beautification Community Circle is enthusiastic and passionate about maintaining and enhancing the beauty of the campus,” explained Joyce Bucchi, director of Human Resources and CBCC chair. “It is our goal to ensure that the appearance of our campus and its facilities is appealing, positive, and welcoming. Our first project involved a spirited cleanup event to help beautify the campus for the May graduation. With the generous support of donors, we were able to replace damaged plants and shrubs.”

Other Community Circles that have been formed are a Bobcat Community Circle, a Social Media Community Circle, a Recycling Community Circle, and Campus Survey Community Circle.

The Bobcat Community Circle is working with a designer to develop a new image of Pitt-Greensburg’s mascot, Bruiser the Bobcat, that can be used on printed items and the redesigned athletic web site. The Social Media Community Circle is working to develop a campus policy for the use of social media, such as Facebook and Twitter, for official campus communication and representations.

“We would like it to be clear to visitors when they are interacting with an official University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg page and when they aren’t,” explained Jodi Kraisinger, director of University Relations and



Robert Smith (left) and Dorothy Zilic joined other members of the student body, faculty, and staff in sprucing up the campus in preparation for graduation.

Institutional Advancement and Circle chair. “This becomes even more important as we explore using our official Facebook page to alert students, faculty, and staff to real time changes in scheduling of classes and events due to severe inclement weather.”

The Recycling Community Circle will look at ways to increase recycling on campus, and the Campus Survey Community Circle will explore the various types of surveys already being done on campus, identify any new needs for surveys, and look at how the process can be done more effectively. ▲

Faculty retire

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Dr. Nicoletti also attended l’Universita’ degli Studi Federico II Naples, Italy, and the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, Illinois.



Clara Vana, MLS, served as librarian III and assistant director of Millstein Library for more than 20 years. She served in the University of Pittsburgh Library System for 40 years, working at Pitt’s Hillman Library and Falk Medical Library prior to coming to Pitt-Greensburg. She earned her MLS from Pitt, as well as a Certificate of

Advanced Study. Her responsibilities at Millstein Library included overseeing the technical services department, working in acquisitions where she ordered materials in the humanities and fine arts areas, as well as working at the reference desk and cataloging print and non-print materials. ▲

Summer Events

July 8

Summer Orientation and Academic Registration (SOAR) for incoming students who have paid their \$100 tuition deposit.

July 17

Admissions Saturday Open House allows prospective students and their families to learn about Pitt-Greensburg. Students who attend receive a \$45 application fee waiver. Contact the Admissions Office at 724-836-9880 to register.

July 22

Summer Orientation and Academic Registration (SOAR) for incoming students who have paid their \$100 tuition deposit.

August 7

Transfer Decision Day provides transferring students with an admissions decision and the ability to schedule classes—all in the same day. Call 724-836-9880 to register and find out what materials are needed.

August 24

Early Bird registration deadline for the 2010 Pitt-Greensburg Golf Outing. Visit www.greensburg.pitt.edu/golfouting for details.

August 30

Classes begin for the Fall 2010 semester.

September 24

Pitt-Greensburg Golf Outing will be held at the Greensburg Country Club. Free round of golf with every registration plus great prizes. Register online at www.greensburg.pitt.edu/golfouting.



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Marnie Carlson '06 graduated in April 2009 with a Master's in Business Administration-Public and Nonprofit Management from the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs. She now works for the University of Pittsburgh in their Clinical and Translational Science Institute as a Financial Administrator.

Lindsay (Rodgers) Evanish '05 was married on December 27, 2008, and is currently employed at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

Shari LeDonne Frisinger '86 has entered the Mountain State University's Doctorate of Executive Leadership Program.

Michael F. McConnell '04 and his wife Kelli announce the birth of their first child, Taylor Shea McConnell, who was born May 7, 2010.

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