

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1) What is CROS? CROS stands for the Coalition to Rescue Our Sports. It is a group consisting of alumni, and current and former coaches and athletes of Millersville University (MU). The short term goal of CROS is to rescue the MU men's cross country, indoor and outdoor track and field programs. The long term goal is to enact a plan that will help fund all sports at MU so that no sports program is eliminated for financial reasons.

2) Who is speaking today? Three former MU runners are conducting today's press conference.

Tom Ecker - Fielding questions at today's press conference.

MU Class of '75, BA, Master of Education, cross country 1971-1973, track & field 1971-1975, All American-track & field, MU Hall of Fame inductee, retired Human Resources manager, resides in Millersville, PA.

Glenn Stephens - Fielding questions at today's press conference.

MU Class of '81, BA Political Science (3.9 GPA, Magna Cum Laude), cross country and track 1976-1980, holds 3 MU track and field records, professor, attorney, consultant, resides in Falls Church, VA.

Bob Vasile - Reading today's prepared statement.

MU Class of '83, BS in Business Administration, cross country 1979-1983, owner of retail stores in Harrisburg and Mechanicsburg, PA (Discount Vacuum & Sewing Center), resides in Lancaster, PA.

3) Who was at the meeting between CROS and the MU administration? Representing CROS was Tom Ecker, Glenn Stephens, Bob Vasile, Eugene "Cy" Fritz (former MU coach, who coached MU's 1981 NCAA National Championship Cross Country Team), and James McBride (current MU junior from Eastern York, majoring in Business Administration, current PSAC indoor 5,000 meter champion, achieved All Academic status). Representing the MU administration was Gerald Eckert, VP of University Advancement (also a member of Governor Corbett's Wonderling Panel)

4) What plan was presented to the MU administration? The plan proposed by CROS was balanced, in that it kept the programs from elimination, yet included cost containment strategies. The plan includes, 1) a pared down version of the programs, to minimize expenses (less travel, for example), 2) making indoor track and field a club sport, again to minimize expenses, 3) creating an immediate endowment of \$300,000 to fund the programs for 2-3 years (funded by an alumni donor), 4) working on creating a permanent endowment to help fund ALL sports on a long term basis so that no student is denied the opportunities that athletics provide. If a permanent endowment that helps fund cross country and track is not secured in 3 years, those sports would become club sports. This places the onus on CROS and parties other than the University. When Mr. Eckert presented this plan to MU President Francine McNairy, she rejected it AND the \$300,000 donation.

5) What is the timeline document that is available electronically? For the very first time, the timeline is being made available for public inspection. The timeline is an archive of communications among CROS members, student athletes, alumni, and supporters. Hundreds of communications from Facebook posts and messages, meetings, etc., are documented in the timeline. It paints a very clear and detailed picture of each event and struggle that CROS and others faced when seeking answers from the MU administration. It provides an inside look into the actions of MU administrators.