

## Famed Trumpeter Dr. Eddie Henderson comes to Millersville

The Millersville University Jazz Ensemble and trumpeter Dr. Eddie Henderson will perform a toe-tapping jazz concert on Thursday, March 26, at 7 p.m. in Lyte Auditorium on Millersville University's campus.

Playing the trumpet since the age of nine, Henderson had his first informal lesson by Louis Armstrong. As a teenager he took lessons at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music and performed with the San Francisco Conservatory Symphony Orchestra. Although he was trained to be a doctor, he chose music and was strongly influenced by family friend Miles Davis. Henderson worked with the Herbie Hancock Sextet, Art Blakely and recorded with artists such as Charles Earland. In the 1990s, Henderson toured with Billy Harper, and also worked as a psychiatrist.

"It is an honor to have a musician with such a rich background come to Millersville University, let alone perform on stage with our students," said Dr. Keith Wiley, music. "It is something that these students will never forget."

Henderson will also present the Carter G. Woodson Lecture on "Healing with Music" to be held on Tuesday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Lehr Room, Bolger Conference Center in Gordinier Hall. And Henderson will take part in the "Rhythm and Rhyme: Jazz and Poetry" on Wednesday, March 25, along with Dr. Evie Shockley at the Ford Atrium in McComsey Hall from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.



*Dr. Eddie Henderson*

The events are sponsored by the Cultural Affairs Committee, School of Humanities and Social Sciences and Commission on Cultural Diversity. All three events are free and open to the public.

## RoboCross Invades the University

The Pennsylvania Central Regional Tournament of the Science Olympiad, hosted at Millersville for the second year in a row, will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE).

"More faculty, staff and students will be helping out this year," explained Dr. Alex DeCaria, earth sciences and coordinator for the competition this year. "There are 46 events, and 13 are supervised by Millersville University staff, faculty or students."

Among faculty helping out is Dr. Oliver Dreon, educational foundations, who is serving on the appeals committee this year and will make judgments on any appeals made by competitors. Dreon has been working with Science Olympiad for 15 years. "I coached a team that placed first in its region and ultimately placed



*The Science Olympiad on March 28 will test students' science skills.*

fourth in the state competition. I can testify firsthand to competitors' excitement resulting from their participation with the Science Olympiad," explained Dreon.

Also helping the competition run smoothly is Dr. Maria V. Schiza, chemistry, who is a co-coordinator with DeCaria. Schiza explains the benefits of having Science Olympiad in a college setting. "Students have the opportunity to visit and use

the facilities of the university campus which places the competition in a more prestigious setting. They also have a chance to preview what college students have available to them in a higher education environment."

Events that test the students' knowledge

of science and mathematics are held throughout the day, such as the "Robo Cross," where a 30 cm doll-sized robot is built by the students.

Millersville is one of the 14 PASSHE universities that have been asked to identify one event in the spring of 2009 to celebrate the anniversary of the system. The competition is to take place on March 28 beginning at 8 a.m.

## It's Easy Being Green

University Dining is turning green! With the help of Millersville University students, University Dining is striding toward helping Millersville become a more sustainable campus. Suggestion boxes placed throughout the dining operations ask students to give their best answer to help "go green." The best answer will win a BMX bike.

Suggestions are already being put into place. This includes removing all disposable products from the dining hall operations, such as condiment cups and Styrofoam cups, more

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## Staff Activities

**Dr. Abdelhadi Halawa**, wellness and sport sciences, has been selected to serve a three-year term as an editorial board member of the Journal of Recreation and Society in Africa, Asia and South America. This international journal is concerned with peer review and publication of educational and scholarly endeavors on issues pertaining to the peoples of those continents in the social, psychological, economic, political, medical, cognitive and physical health disciplines.

**Gwyn McVay**, English, has been selected to present her paper, "Celebrating African-American Literature: The Novel Since 1988" at the African-American Literature Conference at Penn State, October 23-24. In addition, McVay will give a reading on April 5 in Washington, D.C. at the National Museum of Women in the Arts, "Reading for Letters to the World: Poems from the WOM-PO Listserv."

**James Pannafino**, art, had his peer-reviewed paper "Sequential Art: Hand, Eye and Mind" published in the International Journal of the Book. He also presented a paper titled "Graphic Novels to Graphic Design: Connections and Relationships" at the Graphica in Education Conference at Fordham University, N.Y., on January 31.

### *Congratulations to:*

Congratulations to Drs. Chris Hardy, biology, and Nazli Hardy, computer science, on the birth of their daughter, Zuzu Olivia Hardy, on January 21.

## Welcome Center is Gold

Millersville University has received a Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) gold award for its effort in re-defining the former Lyle lobby into what is now the new Welcome Center. A binder of the new and improved center was submitted, accompanied by before and after photos.

The marketing plan for the Welcome Center was developed by the admissions team and Elizabeth Braungard, UC&M. "This Welcome Center clearly provides a campus visitation experience that differentiates us from the competition," said Braungard.

**Dr. Beverly Schneller**, English, has been appointed a contributing editor to "The Scriblerian and the Kit-Cats," a literary journal founded in 1968 and published by Temple University. She is serving as assignments editor for this biannual periodical, which features critical essays and reviews on early eighteenth century British authors and their works.

**Drs. Roger Webster and Gary Zoppetti**, computer science, were invited to present a short talk on their National Science Foundation (NSF) Course, Curriculum and Laboratory Improvement Program grant for \$148,030, entitled "A Computer Graphics and Game Development Track in Computer Science," at the National Association of Computing Machinery Special Interest Group on Computer Science Education conference in Chattanooga, Tennessee, March 4-7. It was selected as one of the best NSF projects awarded by the NSF-DUE division.

## Retired Faculty Activities

**Jean Bradel**, retired from music, presented a vocal recital for the First Anniversary Gala at the Paramount Theatre in Goldsboro, N.C., on February 14. She performed songs and arias of Mozart, Puccini, Gershwin, Copland and Youmans.

**Dr. Jack Cassidy**, professor emeritus elementary and early childhood education and now associate dean at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, published "What's Hot, What's Not: National Reading Panel Influence Wanes in 13th Annual Survey" in the February/March issue of Reading Today. Cassidy along with Dr. Judith Wenrich, elementary and early childhood education, presented the findings to a standing room only crowd in Phoenix at the IRA West Conference on February 24.

## Dining Green *cont. from pg. 1*

sustainable lighting has been added and a composting committee has been started on campus by a student.

Coming up on March 24 is "Weigh Your Waste Day," where Millersville University Dining is joined by the Wellness Committee to reduce waste. For more information on university dining and its "green" progress, contact Gerry Shehan at [gerry.shehan@millersville.edu](mailto:gerry.shehan@millersville.edu).

## New Associate Dean of Graduate Studies

Millersville University has named Dr. Loréal Maguire, as the new associate dean of graduate and professional studies. "Loréal will provide leadership, strategic direction and budgetary and personnel management for the winter and summer session programs of the university," explained Dr. Victor DeSantis, dean of graduate and professional studies.



*Dr. Loréal Maguire*

Maguire served as the program coordinator and as assistant director in the Office of Professional Training and Education at Millersville University since 2000. Previously, she served as the director of the Student Services Center at the Indiana College Network.

The associate dean position became available after graduate studies was merged with the former office of professional training and education. In her role, Maguire will oversee several important outreach efforts such as the EducatorSource programs, which consist of educator workshops, summer institutes and customized training.

Maguire received her doctorate in adult education from Penn State and her master's and bachelor's degrees from Indiana University.

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## Middle States Website Launch

The website for the Rediscover Millersville University self study is now live. The purpose of the study is to engage the University community in conversation about the future of the institution and to receive accreditation from the Middle States Commission for Higher Education.

More than 150 faculty, staff and students are involved in the Rediscover Millersville 2010 Self-Study. The entire self study, as well as the outcomes and a more comprehensive overview of the process, is available online at [www.millersville.edu/rediscovermu](http://www.millersville.edu/rediscovermu).

## Marauder Gold Volume Reaches \$100k



Millersville University's Marauder Gold is off to a great start. Launched in March 2008, within one month total transactions had reached \$2,000 a week. The current transaction average is now \$8,000 a week, with over \$100,000 in total transactions as of Nov. 2008. Marauder Gold, the former Millersville Advantage Plan (MAP), is used like a "reverse credit card." Money is deposited onto the MarauderOne Card and can be used to make on and off-campus purchases at participating stores and restaurants.

A list of locations that accept Marauder Gold can be found at [www.maraudergold.com](http://www.maraudergold.com).

## Thank you

The Millersville University Business Association (MUBA) would like to thank the campus community who donated during Daffodil Days. This year, \$1,821 was raised for the American Cancer Society. Despite the economy, this was the best year since Daffodil Days started on campus in 1994. That year, \$240 was raised.

## Calendar of Events

March 21 - April 3, 2009

All events are free and open to the public, unless otherwise noted.

- 21 "The Kite Runner" based on the novel by Khaled Hosseini performed by Sorab Wadia, 7 p.m., Lyte Auditorium, Alumni Hall. Tickets required, available at [www.MUTicketsOnline.com](http://www.MUTicketsOnline.com)



- 24 "Healing with Music" Carter G. Woodson Lecture by Eddie Henderson, M.D., 7:30 p.m., Lehr Room, Gordinier Hall

- 25 "Rhythm and Rhyme: Jazz and Poetry" by Drs. Eddie Henderson and Evie Shockley, 11:30 a.m., Ford Atrium, McComsey Hall

National Poetry Month Event: Lancaster Literary Guild's Lecture, former U.S. Poet Laureate, Donald Hall, 7:30 p.m., Lyte Auditorium, Alumni Hall. Tickets required. Free: MU students, faculty, staff. Fee for public and Literary Guild Members.

- 26 Film: Hip Hop Behind Beats and Rhymes, 7 p.m., Myers Auditorium, McComsey Hall

Jazz Concert: Eddie Henderson and the Millersville Jazz Ensemble, 7:30 p.m., Lyte Auditorium, Alumni Hall

- 27 "The Shape of Things" by Neil LaBute, March 27, 28, April 2, 3, 4 at 8 p.m., March 29, April 5 at 2 p.m., Rafters Theatre, Dutcher Hall. Tickets at [www.MUTicketsOnline.com](http://www.MUTicketsOnline.com)

- 27 All Day Jazz Festival, 7:30 p.m., SMC

- 28 Science Olympiad, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m., Argires Science Complex and Pucillo Gymnasium. Middle school and high school students competition. [alex.decaira@millersville.edu](mailto:alex.decaira@millersville.edu) for more information

- 29 Music at Millersville: Professor Marcia Englar, Guitar, 2:30 p.m., Ford Atrium, McComsey Hall



- 31 Women in Math and Science Conference Keynote speaker: Dr. Janice Cuny, "The Gender Imbalance in Computing: Does it Have to Be?," 9 a.m., SMC Multipurpose Room

April 1-3

Conference on the Holocaust and Genocide, "Resisting Genocide: Culture and the Arts in the Holocaust and Beyond." For more information [www.millersville.edu/~holo-con/](http://www.millersville.edu/~holo-con/)

March is Social Work Month nationwide and to celebrate Millersville University has posted eight billboards in York and Lancaster counties. The board messages not only reach out to social workers in the surrounding communities, but also promote social work programs at Millersville University.

# Who Makes Millersville Special?

Our spotlight for “Who Makes Millersville Special” is Dr. Thomas Boyle, APR, associate professor and recently appointed chair of the department of communication & theatre.

Q: How long have you been working at Millersville University?

A: I came to the University in 2001 as an assistant professor of communication to teach public relations.

Q: What do you enjoy most about working with the staff and faculty?

A: I enjoy the sense of collaboration that occurs at Millersville. There is a good sense of collegiality at the University.

Q: What do you enjoy most about working with the students?

A: I enjoy working with the students because they often have multiple projects and life commitments that they are balancing. We have very ambitious students.

Q: What is the most rewarding part of your job?

A: Seeing students build self-confidence in their own abilities. From entry level-to mid-level classes and to projects they complete as a seniors.

Q: What is your fondest memory at Millersville?

A: Having a student come back to talk to our students. He was in one of my first classes here. He talked about how he used the skills he learned in class in his profession everyday. He's in media relations and deals with major media contacts for his organization.

Q: You have just been promoted to department chair... what does that entail?

A: It entails being involved in administrative meetings with students, administrators and other faculty members. It's a mix of many, many things. Some tasks are more mundane like signing forms for internships, requests for graduation and requests to substitute courses.



Dr. Thomas Boyle

Larger projects I'm involved with are the department's five-year program review and the planning for the Visual and Performing Arts Center. I also oversee outcomes assessment for the department. So it's a mix of both small and large projects.

Q: What do you think is the hardest part of your job as department chair?

A: The most challenging part is meeting multiple deadlines for reports and other information. The most enjoyable part of being chair is meeting incoming students and working with faculty colleagues. As an instructor, the most difficult part is often grading. It's worthwhile though to make sure you're being consistent and fair.

Q: How does being chair affect your teaching schedule and your role as advisor?

A: My teaching schedule was reduced to allow for administrative duties as chair. My role as advisor stays the same in terms of the amount time I spend with advisees. I had to give up some of my regular advisees—although I still have a large number. The time I would have spent with those regular advisees is now spent with transfer and new students that need help or dept. students who are having problems with courses.

Q: In your classes you like to lovingly “tease” your students, is that a tactic to keep them on their toes?

A: Yes. It helps to joke around with students to make sure they are engaged, especially if they seem like they are distracted. It helps pull them back into the discussion.

Q: What research are you working on?

A: I'm finishing a project that looks at newspaper content for the gubernatorial races won by Arnold Schwarzenegger in California. My general area of research is political communication. I'm starting to do research that I expect to conclude in 2009 about the recent presidential election. I'm looking at the issues focused upon by the campaigns, newspapers and television.

Q: Name one person dead or alive that you would like to sit down and have dinner with?

A: John Kennedy—to talk about the times of historic significance when he served as President. There was so much going on: the Cuban missile crisis, his efforts in the civil rights movement and his leadership with the Apollo space programs.

Q: How do you get through the really tough days?

A: I think about my family, where I've gone on vacation, which is a small town in Southern New Jersey. I also have a daughter who makes me laugh quite a bit.

Q: How do you relax after work?

A: I enjoy reading and watching television about history. I also enjoy riding my bike and working in the yard.

Q: What are some books you've recently read?

A: I enjoy books about history. One book I've been reading is *Ghosts of Manila: The Fateful Blood Feud between Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier* by Mark Kram. I've also recently read *Manhunt: The 12-Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer* by James L. Swanson and *1776* by David McCullough.

Q: What are your hobbies?

A: Gardening, bike riding, going to amusement parks with my daughter in the summer and going skiing in the winter.

Q: What one object is essential to get you through the day?

A: My laptop. I also use my iPhone for reminders, e-mail and a lot of other things. So it would be my laptop first then my phone.

Q: What philosophy, quote or anecdote do you live by?

A: “Carpe diem... Seize the day.”

## Travel Programs Destinations

For more information call ext. 2308 or email: [specialevents@millersville.edu](mailto:specialevents@millersville.edu)

- Apr. 4 - N.Y.C. "In the Heights" and "Shrek"
- Apr. 25 - N.Y.C. "Billy Elliot"
- Sept. 5 - U.S. Open

## Alumni & Friends

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- Windmills/Tulips River Cruise Apr. 7-17
- Gems of the Baltic Cruise Jul. 8-21
- Bermuda Cruise Aug. 9-16
- Iceland/Newfoundland Sept. 19-30