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## New Year, New Homepage

With the start of the New Year, Millersville University's homepage has a new look. At the top of the page you will now find rotating student profiles. With close to 9,000 students, there are so many wonderful stories to tell about our students. You can find out about students like [Seth Sponhouse](#) and [Natasha Wilson](#). Read them all at [www.millersville.edu](http://www.millersville.edu).



The events will continue to be on the homepage under "Upcoming Events." Photos and more information will be available on the events homepage [www.millersville.edu/calendar/index.php](http://www.millersville.edu/calendar/index.php).

Suggestions for students to profile on the homepage can be emailed to Janet Kacskos, UC&M, at [Janet.Kacskos@millersville.edu](mailto:Janet.Kacskos@millersville.edu).

## MU Receives Grant to Address Sexual Harassment in Grades 7-8

Preventing sexual harassment in middle and high schools will be addressed with help from seven institutions across the country including Millersville University.

The American Association of University Women (AAUW), one of the nation's leading voices promoting education and equity for women and girls, selected a team of Millersville University faculty including Dr. Tracey Weis, coordinator of the women's studies program and professor of history; Dr. Tim Mahoney, Dr. Linda McDowell, Dr. Cheryl Desmond, educational foundations, and Dr. Rita Smith Wade-El, psychology, to receive a 2011-2012 Campus Action Project (CAP) Crossing the Line: Addressing Sexual Harassment in Grades 7-12 grant. Millersville University received \$5,000 out of the \$28,000 in grant funding AAUW awarded between the seven selected institutions.



The team's proposal, "Crossing the Line in Lancaster County: Adolescents, Sexual Harassment and Cyber Bullying," will be the anti-sexual harassment project of the Millersville University CAP team.

Millersville's CAP team will use the grant to implement the project during the spring of 2012. Millersville's project will include focus group research on a diverse group of urban students in grades 7-8, a collection of personal stories to be shared on a blog, a community and University event to be held on April 23, on the issues of sexual

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harassment and cyber-bullying, and the creation of a documentary about the activities, which will be shown at the event.

“Millersville’s participation in the AAUW Campus Action Program is integrally linked to the University’s mission to contribute to the common good. In collaboration with the President’s Commission on the Status of Women and the Millersville University Women’s Studies Program, the project team of faculty and students will work with our community partners in local schools to address the pressing problem of sexual harassment identified by AAUW researchers. We are grateful to have been selected and eager to begin our work,” said Weis.

The six other AAUW CAP grant recipients included Dakota State University, South Dakota; Jefferson Community College, New York; Pacific Lutheran University, Washington; Saint Mary’s College, Indiana; University of Central Florida and the University of Kentucky.

“In addition to funding the projects, AAUW will pay for one member of each team to speak at the 2012 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders. The conference, hosted by AAUW and Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, helps women students connect with each other and with successful role models, while honing leadership skills for their work on campus and in their communities,” according to a news release issued by the AAUW.

For more information on Campus Action Projects, visit [www.aauw.org/connect/cap/](http://www.aauw.org/connect/cap/).

### **Henderson’s Legacy Lives on at the Marine Science Consortium**

On December 19, 2011, a display was presented to the Marine Science Consortium (MSC) to honor the late Dr. Alex Henderson, Jr., Millersville University professor emeritus of biology.

Dr. David Zegers initiated the project in April 2010 after a request was placed by the executive director of the MSC for ideas concerning artwork or displays to adorn the new Environmental Learning Center, which was due to open the following fall at the MSC field station at Wallops Island, Va.

“Henderson had a dream of a marine field station for teaching and research, initiated organizational activities to pursue that dream, and with the help of colleagues from Millersville and other institutions of higher education, was ultimately able to realize the establishment of the MSC,” said Zegers, who formed the ad hoc committee that discussed ideas for honoring Henderson. The committee consisted of Zegers and Kenneth Miller, retired professors of biology, Albert Hoffman, retired dean of science and mathematics, Adeline Henderson, Alex’s widow, and Alexander Henderson, III, Esq., Alex and Adeline’s son. Zegers and Hoffman served as chairs and organizers.

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The committee decided upon an “educational display” with three framed pieces that included copies of some of the illustrations of marine life drawn by Henderson, copies of photographs and explanatory text.

“The idea was to provide some information about the role Alex played in the formation of the MSC, as well as information about him as a scientist, teacher and artist,” said Zegers, who describes Henderson as “a man with very broad interests, talents and expertise.”



“We hope Dr. Henderson would be incredibly proud of how the Marine Science Consortium has grown and flourished since he initiated its formation more than 44 years ago,” said Amber Parker, executive director of the MSC. “Today, MSC is a vibrant community of learners of all ages and walks of life. College students gain valuable field experience, while in summer residence or on a weekend field trip, and thousands of middle and high school students, summer campers, adults and families explore coastal environments in MSC’s trademark hands-on, feet-wet method. Dr. Henderson’s legacy of scientific curiosity and life-long exploration of our natural world can be seen in the face of every learner at MSC.”

Henderson passed away on February 8, 2010. In his 36-year-career at Millersville, he served as much more than a professor. In addition to being an important figure in the transformation of Millersville State Teachers College to Millersville State College and then to Millersville University, in 1958 he became the coordinator of the newly formed biology section within the science department. He served as director of sciences and allied health from 1963-1967, and when the science department was separated into several departments in 1967, Henderson became the first chairperson of the new biology department. Along with the role he played in initiating what became the MSC, he also played an important role in the development of the allied health programs at Millersville.

After his retirement, the Alex Henderson Scholarship was established and named in his honor to support projects by outstanding biology students that are interdisciplinary in nature. “In keeping with the life of Alex Henderson, this scholarship is to encourage undergraduates to combine their interests and expertise in biology with their interests and talents in the arts, humanities or other academic areas,” explains Zegers.

### **Rev. Jesse Jackson at Millersville**

The Rev. Jesse L. Jackson will be on Millersville’s campus Tuesday, January 24 as part of the University’s Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration. Jackson will speak at 7:30 p.m. in Marauder Court, Student Memorial Center. This event is free and open to the public; however, seating is limited.

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Jackson, president and founder of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, is one of America's foremost political figures. Over the past 30 years, he has played a pivotal role in virtually every movement for empowerment, peace, civil rights, gender equality and economic and social justice. Jackson has been called the "conscience of the nation" and "the great unifier," challenging America to establish just and humane priorities.

The sponsors for the event are the Frederick Douglass Celebration of Black Culture and the University Theme Committee.

## **Students Collaborate with Lancaster County Clean Water Consortium**

Marketing students at Millersville University are joining forces with the Lancaster County Clean Water Consortium (LCCWC), an organization with a mission to improve Lancaster stream water quality, to “sell” county residents on the values and importance of clean streams. There will be invitations for faculty and students on campus to participate in the service-learning efforts.

This project was in its early stages when Dr. Kathleen Schreiber, Millersville professor of geography, became a member one year ago. The LCCWC educates on the values, importance and responsibilities of clean streams, researches funding opportunities and engages input on policy-making related to Lancaster stream water quality. They are also helping to meet President Obama’s Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Chesapeake Bay cleanup objective. In 2009, the Chesapeake Bay was declared a national treasure and created a new era of shared federal leadership, action and accountability.



Since February 2011, 30 students have been contributing to the project in several different areas. “Eight students in the ‘Marketing Research’ class focused on the project intensively, while a class of 20 created informative pamphlets that benefited the organization. This is the highest level marketing course that is offered. All marketing majors must take it in order to complete their degree,” said Dr. David DiRusso, assistant professor of marketing.

Schreiber and DiRusso believe that by having students work on this initiative it will provide a unique angle. Based on the preliminary research, students found that there was a critical need for education about watersheds and how they affect the community as a whole. Students working on this project suggest that the LCCWC should establish social networking sites, a strong LCCWC website and continue to spread the word on college campuses in the area.

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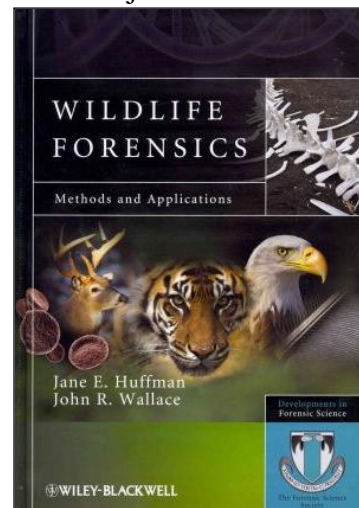
This project is long-term and will be in effect for at least a decade or more. Students will continue to market this nonprofit organization as long as there is a need for them to do so.

For more information on the LCCWC, visit [www.lccwc.com/](http://www.lccwc.com/).

## Getting Wild With Forensics

After nearly two years, 30 contributing authors and 17 chapters, Dr. John Wallace, professor of biology and Board Certified Forensic Entomologist, and Dr. Jane Huffman, professor of biology and director of the Northeast Wildlife DNA Laboratory at East Stroudsburg University, have published their book titled *Wildlife Forensics: Methods and Applications*. Wallace has worked dozens of criminal and civil cases involving insects and other arthropods, as well as published numerous papers in scientific journals and book chapters on the subject.

Recently, through the assistance of students at both universities, he and Huffman collaborated on work linking entomology with wildlife investigations using DNA analysis to identify particular wildlife taxa from blood found in maggot tissue. The two forensic scientists converged on the idea of writing a book on the topic through their research collaboration and the fact that the only text offered that dealt with this subject matter was very limited in scope. The book is for anyone interested in wildlife forensics, whether they are a practicing forensic scientist or law enforcement officer, university professor or undergraduate or graduate student.



*Wildlife Forensics* contains global case studies that take the reader from the field to lab analysis and the court room. It provides insight to the path of forensic evidence and demonstrates how current techniques can be applied to investigate and combat wildlife crime. Aspects of forensic science are brought together in one text including statistics, toxicology, pathology, entomology, morphological identification and DNA analysis.

Dr. Chris Hardy, biology, contributed a chapter on the application of plant evidence to the investigation of wildlife crime. Two former University students also served as co-authors on some of the chapters. Jill Ross '11 was a co-author on Wallace's chapter on the application of forensic science to wildlife science and David Martin '11 on Hardy's chapter. Including editors Huffman and Wallace, there were a total of 30 contributing authors from all over North America, Australasia and the United Kingdom.

“The entire process was both enriching and challenging,” said Wallace. When asked what other aspects of co-editing this text stood out in this endeavor, Wallace said, “Working with my co-editor was a joy; Jane was my rock throughout this process and a very calming influence when things got crazy last spring with deadlines. I would also have to say involving my former student in the writing of one of the chapters and watching her grow as a scientist throughout the process, as well as including my colleague and close

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friend, Dr. Hardy, and his expertise on plants, an aspect that is typically ignored when discussing wildlife crimes, these experiences were exciting for me.”

Hardy added that he was pleased to have contributed the first-ever chapter detailing how plant evidence can and has been used to solve wildlife crimes. “I also was particularly impressed with my co-author’s [David Martin ’11] diligence in reviewing the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Office of Law Enforcement’s case reports involving plant evidence, as well as his sophisticated review of the recent advances in the application of plant DNA evidence to forensic investigations,” said Hardy.

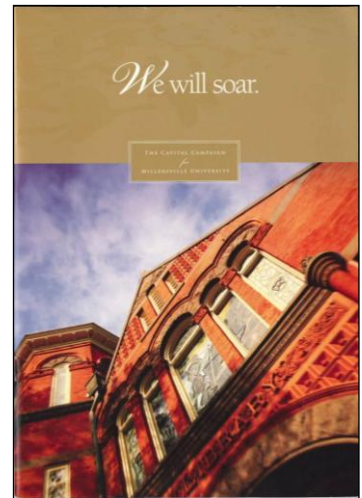
Although Millersville does not offer a wildlife forensics course, there are other institutions around the country and world that do, and they will use this book. It will also serve as a reference manual for wildlife officers, forensic scientists and students from around the world.

*Wildlife Forensics: Methods and Applications* was released last month and is available through Wiley Publishing and Amazon.

### **CASE Awards to UC&M**

Millersville’s University Communications and Marketing Office (UC&M) has once again been honored by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District II, a regional organization of advancement professionals in the areas of alumni relations, communications and philanthropy. This time, UC&M will be presented with one bronze and two silver awards at the District II Accolades Award reception in New York, January 23.

A silver award in the “Best Practices in Communication” category was awarded to Janet Kacskos, UC&M, for her submission “Percentage of Perception (POP) Rate: Analyzing Media Coverage.” Kacskos developed the POP rate as a way to analyze media coverage to determine the most effective means for communication, as well as a comparison technique to other universities and organizations.



A silver award in the “Fundraising Packages” category was awarded to UC&M for the public phase announcement of the capital campaign, Soar to Greatness. The materials included a multimedia DVD presentation and several print pieces.

A bronze award in the “Community Relations” category was awarded to Alexandra Wachman, graduate assistant at UC&M, for her work on the “Millersville: Students and the Community” newsletter. This newsletter is distributed once a semester for residents of the Millersville Borough and highlights students involved in campus organizations, as well as all of the ways they give back to the local community.

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CASE recognizes programs for outstanding work in communications and marketing, alumni relations, advancement services and fundraising. Millersville's entries were placed within District II, the largest of the eight CASE districts with institutions from six states including Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Ontario, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands and West Virginia.

## Daffodil Days 2012

The Millersville University Business Association (MUBA) is continuing its support of the American Cancer Society's (ACS) annual "Daffodil Days," on campus. Faculty and staff can place orders through any MUBA member or by contacting Anna Stauffer, purchasing, at [Anna.Stauffer@millersville.edu](mailto:Anna.Stauffer@millersville.edu) or 717-872-3041. **Order deadline date is Friday, February 17.** Campus pick-up in the purchasing department will be Wednesday, March 21. Items to choose from include a bunch of 10 daffodils at \$10, vase and bunch at \$15, Boyd's Bear (Shar N. Hope) and bunch at \$25 and pot of mini-daffodils at \$12.



## The Agenda is Set for Student Senate

What is Millersville University's Student Senate currently working on? Organization President Emma Stanton, a junior, outlines student senate's agenda for the upcoming year.

"The number one goal for the 2011-2012 school year is to build a more effective communication plan between senate and the student body," explains Stanton, who has been actively involved in student senate for more than two years. A recent example of this movement includes a "Student Senate Concerns" column in The Snapper, the University's student-run newspaper. Through this column, senate members encourage students to submit concerns and senate will then collaborate on possible solutions to the issue and post their conclusions in the paper.

They are also recruiting students from all over campus to join their organization in hopes of gaining a unique and diversified perspective. Since Stanton's induction in May 2011, senate passed a dress code regulation for its members. "We have a specific dress code to stay uniform and professional. It's important to present ourselves as professional young adults," said Stanton. This group manages all registered student organizations on campus and is the voice of the student body. In addition, student senate acts as a medium for Millersville students to express their opinions on matters that are of significant interest to the student population.

Members of the organization will gain experience at an international level when they attend the Conference on Student Government Organizations (COSGA) at Texas A&M University in February. "This conference brings together students from all over the world to meet and learn from one another. We have the opportunity to be inspired by other

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students' events and ideas," said Stanton. COSGA provides a variety of speakers, workshops and roundtable discussions for student government leaders from across the nation.

Members will also attend the Board of Student Government Presidents (BSGP), a local conference that includes students from the 14 Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE). "Students in attendance will have a lot in common with one another and will benefit greatly from meeting other students," said Stanton.



Most recently, student senate participated in the Transformation Action Fair, as part of President Francine G. McNairy's "Case for Change" initiative, in which students, faculty and staff can participate and expand on action ideas around campus. Students were encouraged to submit ideas of action in order to initiate change. Action ideas include student success, increased advocacy and efficient and effective student services. Student senate is looking to help the University grow in a positive way.

"We hope to give our opinions and advice to the University about direction and growth. Our state is growing and so is our student body, and we need to accommodate our students; we hope to be a part of the transformation process in an active way," said Stanton.

Student senate, which meets on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m., has 25 members. During these meetings, members discuss any club changes throughout campus, constitutional changes or have sessions for emergency allocations that organizations may require. Meetings take place in the Student Memorial Center in room 118E. For more information, visit their webpage at [involved.millersville.edu/organization/student senate](http://involved.millersville.edu/organization/student senate).

### **Millersville Student Recognized as PA's Favorite Homecoming Queen**

Among hundreds of young people recognized this year for an academic, athletic or community involvement achievement, Millersville University student Rose Anne Bragalone, of Duboistown, Pa., was recognized as the winner of Pennsylvania's 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Favorite Homecoming Queen Competition.



Bragalone is the recipient of a cash scholarship, which she will use toward her education at Millersville University, majoring in mathematics and elementary and secondary special education.

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As a senior at South Williamsport High School, Bragalone was crowned the homecoming queen and was encouraged to participate in the statewide event. The competition consisted of a series of judged events including a runway challenge, etiquette evaluation, behavior and social skills, leadership qualities and Pennsylvania state knowledge. She credits her strength and determination to the support of her family and community. As a senior, she served as the co-captain of the cheerleading squad, member of the yearbook staff, vice president of the Leo Club, secretary of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America and was a member of the 2010 South Williamsport Mummers Parade Court.

To view the speech given by Rep. Richard Mirabito, D-83rd District, Lycoming County, visit [www.youtube.com/user/pahousevideo?feature=mhee#p/c/9/U8JsW79IYYM](http://www.youtube.com/user/pahousevideo?feature=mhee#p/c/9/U8JsW79IYYM).

*Photo caption: To recognize Rose Anne as PA's Favorite Homecoming Queen are: Her sister, LouAnna Bragalone; her grandmother, Rose Campana; Rep. Mirabito; Rose Anne Bragalone; her father, Dominick Bragalone and her mother, Gemma Bragalone.*

## Spring Events Preview

From the arts and dance to lectures and theater, the variety of events scheduled for the spring semester at Millersville University is endless. Here is just a quick glance, which includes two upcoming events.

### Sykes Gallery at Millersville University presents *Studio Farm*

Sykes Gallery at Millersville University, presents *Studio Farm*, an exhibition of paintings by Dorothy Frey. The artist will present a gallery lecture on Wednesday, February 15 at 5 p.m. Both the exhibition and the lecture are free and open to the public.

According to Frey, "I paint and draw from the landscape and domestic interiors at the small farm where I live. My process involves working from direct observation, intuition and memory. Since my home has been in my family for several generations, my mind is often hinged between grappling with the past and pushing towards the future. This in between space is symbolized by roiling trees, multiple viewpoints, strewn collectibles, atmospheric color or stillness. Through these symbols I strive to create a sense of place and time in my work."



Frey received a master's from American University in Washington, D.C., in 2002. She has taught at Moore College of Art & Design, Northern Virginia Community College and Millersville University. Currently, Frey teaches painting and drawing and is the chair of the fine art department at Pennsylvania College of Art & Design in Lancaster. Frey has participated in the Art Farm Residency, Nebraska, Young Artist-in-Residence at

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Millersville University, World Capitals Program in Italy and Chautauqua Institution of Art, N.Y. Her work was included in *Pennsylvania Landscapes* at Isadore Gallery in Lancaster and *Four Ring Circus* at Gross McCleaf Gallery in Philadelphia. She received second place in painting at the Art of the State in Harrisburg in 2008. Her work is in the collections of the Millersville University Women's Commission, Watkins Gallery at American University, the Art Farm Permanent Collection.

Sykes Gallery is located in Breidenstine Hall. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Sunday, noon – 4 p.m. and by appointment. Free tours of the exhibition may be scheduled by contacting Ty Clever, gallery director, at 717-871-2186 or [Tyler.Clever@millersville.edu](mailto:Tyler.Clever@millersville.edu).

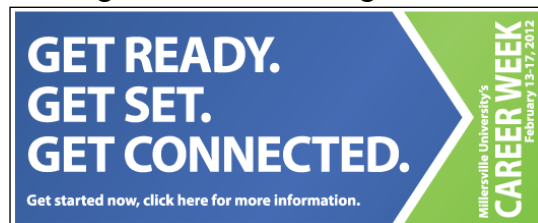
### **Rock and Read: The Songs and Stories of Black 47**

On February 1, Larry Kirwan, playwright, author and lead vocalist and guitarist for New York City-based Celtic rock band Black 47, will perform songs and read from his latest novel, "Rockin' the Bronx." This event will take place at 4 p.m. in McComsey Hall, Room 204. This event is free and open to the public; however, space is limited. Contact Shawn Gallagher, associate professor of psychology, at [sgallagher@millersville.edu](mailto:sgallagher@millersville.edu) or 717-871-2354 to register.

To view all upcoming events, visit [www.millersville.edu/calendar/index.php](http://www.millersville.edu/calendar/index.php).

### **Need to Know: Invitation to Career Week 2012**

The Office of Experiential Learning and Career Management is introducing the "Four Year Career Management Plan." The plan will be introduced during Career Week, February 13-17. Faculty and staff who serve as academic advisors are invited to attend a breakfast and/or lunch to hear more information, as well as the goals of the plan. For more information, contact Alysse Stehli, College of Graduate and Professional Studies, at [Alysse.Stehli@millersville.edu](mailto:Alysse.Stehli@millersville.edu) or 717-871-5154.



### **Fall 2011 Newsletters**

The publication of the third issue of The University Research Newsletter was recently released for fall 2011. This newsletter is produced by the University Honors College with the support of the Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. To view the latest issue, click the following link:



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[www.millersville.edu/honorscollege/files/research-news/Fall-Research-newsletter\\_2011.pdf](http://www.millersville.edu/honorscollege/files/research-news/Fall-Research-newsletter_2011.pdf).

The fall issue of the Friends of Ganser Library Folio was also released recently. This issue contains a fascinating review of the 2011 National Book Festival in Washington, D.C., written by Millersville student Jacob Gehman, an update about the move out of Ganser Library, upcoming events and recent additions to our collections. To view the latest issue, click the following link:



[blogs.millersville.edu/archivesandspecialcollections/files/2011/12/Fall11folioEmail.pdf](http://blogs.millersville.edu/archivesandspecialcollections/files/2011/12/Fall11folioEmail.pdf).

### **1/19/2012 Activities**

Here are the faculty and staff activities for January 19, 2012.



### **Employees Honored for Service**

Employees across campus were recognized on December 8 for their service to Millersville University. Certificates were given for five year increments. The employees pictured were honored for having 30 or more years of service at Millersville.

From left to right are Rita Miller (HARP); Dr. Ralph Anttonen, academic & student development; Cleo Blackston (HARP); Carol Schneider, dining & conference services; Walter (Chip) Beasley (HARP) and D'Ann Ressler, University Library.



### **Coordinator of General Education Appointed**

Vilas Prabhu, provost and vice president for academic affairs, recently announced that Dr. Lynn Marquez, professor of earth sciences, has been appointed coordinator of general education at Millersville University. Her term will begin on January 23 and last until June 30, 2012.

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Marquez, who has taught at Millersville since 1999, has a record of leadership at the University including service as chairperson of such committees as the First-Year Experience (FYE), the Latino Studies Curriculum and the Millersville University Center for Environmental Science.

Most recently, Marquez has been researching the petrography and petrology of the preCambrian Honey Brook Upland and authored the Bedrock Geologic Map of the Wagontown Quadrangle, Chester County, Pa. In addition to geologic research, she has worked with colleagues in the Department of Educational Foundations to improve science instruction for K-12 teachers and has presented this work at national conferences and published in the *Journal of Geoscience Education*. Finally, she has co-authored and team-presented with colleagues from both academic and student affairs at numerous national and international conferences on the FYE.

## **Faculty and Staff Activities**

**Drs. Ximena Catepillán**, mathematics, and **Natalia Dushkina**, physics, presented the poster “Women in Mathematics and Science Conference at Millersville University” at the Mathematical Outreach Programs for Underrepresented Populations Poster Session at the Joint Mathematics Meetings. The national conference was held January 3-8 in Boston. In addition, **Dr. Antonia Cardwell**, mathematics, gave a talk titled “Use of a ‘Connections Journal’ in an undergraduate Real Analysis course” at the same conference.

**Dr. Mehmet Goksu**, physics, has taken leadership positions at the American Association of Physics Teachers – Central Pennsylvania Section (AAPT – CPS): Secretary in 2011-2012 terms; vice-president in 2012-2013 terms; president in 2013-2014 terms; and past president in 2014-2015 terms. As secretary, Goksu organized a workshop titled “Application of Waves to Sound, and Music” for the Physics Teaching Resource Agents (PTRA) on December 2, 2011, at Millersville University. As vice president of the organization, in spring 2013, he will organize the annual conference of the American Association of Physics Teacher– Central Pennsylvania Section (AAPT –CPS) and another PTRA workshop at Millersville University.

**Janet Kacskos**, APR, Fellow PRSA, UC&M, was elected president of the Central Pennsylvania chapter of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) on December 13. In addition, she was appointed chair of the Universal Accreditation Board, based in New York, by PRSA national chair and CEO, Gerard F. Corbett, APR, Fellow PRSA. Both positions are for 2012.

**James Pannafino**, art & design, presented at the International Visual Literacy Association Conference at Stockton College, N.J., this past fall. The presentation, titled “Common College Sense: Soft Narrative and Instructional Design,” covered various common-sense scenarios, the role of visual function and the power of narrative within the context of a graphic design course.

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**Dr. Carla M. Rineer**, English, has created an exhibit in celebration of the bicentennial of Harriet Beecher Stowe's birth. The Lancaster Literary Guild will host the exhibit on February 3 from 5 – 9 p.m. The exhibit chronicles Stowe's life, triumphs and challenges and will be on display at 113 N. Lime Street in Lancaster.

**Michele Spotts**, UC&M, completed four marathons in 2011, the last one in December in Philadelphia. She now has officially completed a marathon in four states: Florida, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Virginia. Spotts began running in high school, competing in half marathons, and has future hopes of completing a full marathon in all 50 states. Currently, she is training for the Kentucky Derby Marathon, which is at the end of April.

## **Retired**

**Carl Kanaskie**, retired from UC&M, recently received a Star Award from the Pennsylvania chapter of the Sierra Club for his outstanding service to the Lancaster group. Kanaskie is the public relations chair for the Lancaster Sierra Club and serves on the executive committee.

**Dr. David Zegers**, retired biology, gave a presentation titled “The Eastern Coyote: Origin, History, Behavior and Significance” at the Mt. Cuba Center, Hockessin, Del., on December 10. Mt. Cuba is a nonprofit botanical organization dedicated to the study and conservation of the native flora of the Appalachian Piedmont. In addition, this past fall, Zegers gave talks about bats to students at Rohrerstown and Maytown Elementary Schools and the Landisville Primary Center.

## **Congratulations**

Congratulations to **Stephen Roach**, athletics, and his wife Molly on the birth of their baby girl, Nora Jane Roach, born on December 3.

Congratulations to **Victoria Lynn Shank**, housekeeping, on her marriage to Robert Egge on December 17 in Lancaster.

## **Obituary**

**Lila Rose McDowell**, 88, died November 14. She worked at Millersville University until her retirement in 1986.

**Dr. Louis G. Jennings**, 93, of Lancaster, died January 9. He taught at Millersville for 33 years, beginning as a professor of English in 1947 and becoming chair of the English Department in 1966. Appointed acting dean of humanities in 1969, he was named dean in 1971, a position he held until retirement in 1980.

## Who Makes Millersville Special

This issue of the Exchange features Jon Shehan, head coach of the men's baseball team at Millersville.

**Q: Did you always know you wanted to coach baseball?**

A: Reality hit me when I was completing my student teaching. At the time, I was playing professionally and finishing my degree in the off-season. My professional career was not going as I had planned and I was humbled by the amount of talent in the minor leagues. Teaching was nice but I was not 100 percent passionate about it. I realized that with coaching, I could teach the game that I love. It really is the best of both worlds.

**Q: How old were you when you began playing yourself?**

A: I really don't know how old I was—probably four or five. I can't remember a time when I didn't love to play ball.



**Q: Does it make it more exciting having success with the Marauder baseball team being an alum yourself?**

A: Absolutely. I have truly had the opportunity to see the program come full circle in my time at Millersville—as a spectator in high school (my dad works in dining), as a player here myself and now as a coach. In '98 the team went to the Division II World Series and I had the opportunity to see them play quite a bit. The program hit some hard times between '98 and '11. It was pretty special to see Millersville back on top. The former success kept me motivated as a coach because I knew the program had potential to win, even when we were 9-37 in 2007.

**Q: You have achieved a great deal in the short time you have been coaching at Millersville. What is your most memorable moment thus far?**

A: Seeing Corey Phelan catch the final out by slamming into the wall in the NCAA Atlantic Regional Championship game. Corey is possibly the best defensive outfielder to play at Millersville in 100 years and he was one of three players that endured the 9-37 2007 season. The final out could not have been scripted any better.

**Q: What would you say the most intimidating thing about taking the Marauder's to the Division II NCAA tournament?**

A: To be honest, the thing that made our team successful last season was their ability to focus on the game and themselves and not the things that were out of their control—their opponent, their surroundings, the umpire, the weather, etc. They did a phenomenal job focusing on the present moment all season. Mount Olive was intimidating to me, knowing their history and what type of pitching they had. But, if the players were intimidated, they did a great job faking their confidence.

**Q: What was the most gratifying aspect of attending the NCAA tournament?**

A: Two things: 1. Seeing our seniors go from one of the worst programs in Division II to one of the best. 2. Witnessing a group of athletes going about their business in the right

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way, every day. They had a professional mentality in the classroom, in the community and on the field. That truly was the foundation of their success.

**Q: Out of all you have accomplished in your life, what are you most proud of?**

A: Being a dad.

**Q: What are you most thankful for?**

A: Having a wife and a family that are sincerely supportive. A coach puts in a lot of time, energy and emotion into his livelihood and one cannot be successful in this field without having a partner who is willing to sacrifice time and be supportive.

**Q: Who is your favorite professional baseball team, if you could be drafted by anyone right now?**

A: I grew up liking the Pirates. Earlier in the season, I had hope that they would have a winning season. Because I played in the Braves organization, I am still biased toward them. Many of the Braves front office people now work for the Kansas City Royals. It is no wonder that they have the best depth in their minor league system of any club in 30 years. I think I would like KC to draft me if I could still play the game.

**Q: What's your favorite baseball movie of all time?**

A: Bull Durham. It accurately depicts the minor league life style; it's a timeless movie.

**Q: You received a Living the Promise Award for your actions at a North Georgia baseball game. What were you thinking when you ran out on that field?**

A: Anyone in their right mind would have ignored their own players if they saw a young man laying on the ground unconscious, bleeding from his ears. It was a human reaction to run out on the field.

**Q: Where are you originally from?**

A: Strasburg, Pa.

**Q: Where is your favorite place to vacation?**

A: I really enjoy the Rocky Mountain States. My real passion is hunting and fly-fishing.

**Q: Do you like Ballpark or Nathan's?**

A: I try not to eat either. Do you know what they put in hot dogs? Ballpark.

**Q: How did being part of an athletics team influence your life?**

A: My dad always told me to pick an activity and do it to the best of my ability. Then he motivated me to define "best of my ability." How hard could I really work? I also learned to set goals as high as possible and the small achievements would come along the way. Athletic goal-setting provided discipline for me. I typically wasn't out on Friday and Saturday nights with my friends all that often. I was most likely hitting balls in my basement off of a tee. I continue to set goals in all areas of my life, let them provide discipline for me and work as hard as I possibly can to meet them.

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**Q: What advice do you have for children who aspire to play college baseball?**

A: There is a lot of competition out there. Be aware that there is always someone working harder than you. Also, do not let poor academic performance prevent you from gaining the great experience of participating in college baseball. There is a program and a level of play for everyone who wishes to play college baseball, as long as they are able to be admitted and are eligible by NCAA standards.

**Q: Is it all about winning in your opinion?**

A: No. Winning is a product of a program going about their business the right way. You really cannot control winning and losing. Things happen during the course of a season that are out of your control. The only thing you can control is your attitude and your effort and that can be said for ALL things, on and off the baseball field. John Wooden said that success could be defined as “knowing you did your absolute best.”

**Q: If you could meet any baseball player that ever lived, who would it be? Why?**

A: I would love to pick Ted William’s brain on hitting and Greg Maddux brain on pitching. Ted Williams was “The Best Hitter Who ever Lived.” He made hitting a science. It would be fun to sit down with Ted and evaluate Millersville’s hitters with super-slow motion video. There are legends about Maddux’ phenomenal mind for getting hitters out, like telling players at one end of the dugout to move to the other end because the hitter was going to hit a line drive in the dugout. The next pitch, the batter hit a line drive in the dugout. He won 300 games in the Big Leagues with a 5’10” frame and very average stuff.