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“Four Corners” of Arts:
Music, Dance, Comedy, Theatre and Art

Weekends from July 10-August 3, 2009
The Pond, Millersville University campus

Coming this summer: A month of events is planned for “Pondside” on Millersville’s campus.

Mark your calendars for the four weekends from July 10-August 3, 2009, and plan to join us (with your family) to enjoy and experience:
- The Silver Spring Dance Company
- Ministers of Jazz
- The Happy Time Explosion Show*
- The People’s Shakespeare Company: “Much Ado About Nothing”
- The Four Corners Art Exhibit, Ganser Gallery throughout the event

There is no admission charge for the outdoor events. In case of rain, there will be limited “first-come” seating in the Rafters Theatre in Dutcher Hall.

For further information about the events, schedule and a full-range of sponsorship opportunities, email victor.capecce@millersville.edu

There is lots of activity planned with the festival. Tell your friends. Or better than that…plan to picnic with them during this great scope of entertainment!

*Act I of “The Happy Time Explosion Show” will be suitable for all audiences. Act II will contain material for mature audiences.
Check the University calendar for more details.

The Next Generation Festival Concert
June 19 at 7:30 p.m.
Lyte Auditorium, Alumni Hall

Featuring Awadagin Pratt, pianist
Free and open to the public.
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Student meteorology chapter wins honor

For the second year in a row, the Millersville University Student Chapter of the American Meteorological Society (AMS) was awarded Chapter of the Year by the AMS Council, the highest achievable award given by the national society.

The Millersville University chapter is “widely recognized as one of the top undergraduate meteorology programs in the nation,” said Jim Kurdzo, who is president of Millersville’s AMS chapter.

The Millersville meteorology seniors accepted the award at the AMS annual meeting in Phoenix in January. The conference is the largest community of meteorologists gathered in any one place in the world. Travel to the annual meeting has been a capstone experience for meteorology majors for 20 years.

The Millersville AMS student chapter is engaged in an active community outreach program throughout Lancaster County schools. Another project, the Met-Mentor program, which pairs incoming freshmen with upperclassmen meteorology majors, has been very successful in allowing new students to get familiar with Millersville and the Department of Earth Sciences.
Letters to the Editor

We had a wonderful response to the love stories in the winter 2008-09 issue of the Review. Here are photographs of two featured couples received after the issue went to print. And, we’ve added the story sent by Janice Weaver ’55.

For those of you who took the time to send us your story, thank you. The Review plans to publish more love stories in the near future.

LaRue ’52 & Dave Morgan ’52

At right, from their college days on the Lovers Bridge, and above, after more than 57 years of marriage.

A Millersville Love Story

Janice Weaver remembers how discouraged one of her classmates felt because he was flunking his courses in Home and Family Living.

I asked him how he could possibly be flunking the courses, which I’d taken the previous semester. He said that the instructor told the class that if they didn’t have a textbook and there were test questions from the book to write on the test paper “I do not have a text.”

Despite writing this on the test, her classmate received a failing grade.

I offered to lend him my book. He said that if he passed the course he’d take me out to dinner and might even marry me. He did pass and I was treated to dinner.

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Will you marry me?

Tina ’05 and Bryan Svencer ’05, who were in the feature story, shared some photos and details of how he popped the question. Joe Balatto, a friend of Bryan’s from Millersville, took the couple up in a plane from the Lititz airport.

We had gone flying before with Joe so I didn’t suspect anything. We flew over the campus of MU. As we approached the quad by Gordinier, I saw white “stuff” on the lawn. As we got closer, I was able to more clearly read the 20-foot letters “TINA WILL U MARRY ME?” which were written with white football field paint, compliments of the grounds crew, who Bryan had worked with the previous summer.

When I turned around to look at Bryan, I saw him holding an open ring box containing an engagement ring.

I was ecstatic... I didn’t even remember to say YES! to his proposal until I had the ring on my finger and we had flown over the campus a few more times.

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Retirees: What are they doing now?

Ever wonder what your favorite retired professor or staff person is up to? This new section of the Review hopes to answer those inquiries. Additional stories will be posted in upcoming issues of the Review and, in the future, online.

**Hazel I. Jackson**

**AT MILLERSVILLE 1970 TO 1994:** Assistant professor of English and African-American literature

FONDEST MEMORIES: The joy received from teaching; the Black history celebrations; the special topics course I introduced—ethnic literature in America—and initiation of African-American literature courses to the English department along with Professor Bruce Kellner.

HIGHLIGHTS OF RETIREMENT: Hazel I. Jackson Scholarship, which is given each spring to deserving English majors; memorial tribute to Bob Sayre; keynote speaker for Color of Teaching Conference; Sesquicentennial poem composed for Millersville’s 150th anniversary.

**Richard G. Blouch**

**AT MILLERSVILLE 1969 TO 1990:** Associate professor of psychology and counseling, director of the counseling center, interim director of career planning and placement

FONDEST MEMORIES: Leading personal growth groups in the counseling center; faculty lunches in Gordinier; homecoming parades; voting for graduation; walking to work; counseling students to assist them through a difficult situation.

HIGHLIGHTS OF RETIREMENT: Caring for our 20-acre farm; trips to Germany, Switzerland, Australia, Oregon Trail; board member and vice president of the Lebanon Valley Conservancy; volunteering at the Lebanon Valley Brethren Home; serving on the board of the Swatara Watershed Association; travel, gardening and volunteer work.

**Marianne S. Herzog-Nolt**

**AT MILLERSVILLE 1993 TO 2001:** Supervisor of elementary and secondary student teachers

FONDEST MEMORIES: It was wonderful to work with enthusiastic faculty and students who were dedicated to guiding learning for students in all levels of academic endeavors.

HIGHLIGHTS OF RETIREMENT: Women’s Symphony, Silent Samaritans, Lancaster Literary Guild, North Museum, Grace Lutheran Church, Lancaster Symphony Board of Directors, Millersville Retired Faculty Association - president.

**Eugene “Cy” Fritz**

**AT MILLERSVILLE 1968 TO 1997:** Track & cross country coach, director of campus recreation, associate athletic director

FONDEST MEMORIES: Cross country team winning NCAA championship in 1981; developing a comprehensive campus recreation program and having the opportunity to work with many students and athletes; seeing many students become leaders in recreation field and as coaches of track and cross country.

HIGHLIGHTS OF RETIREMENT: Travel eight times to Europe; spend parts of the winters in Florida; served two terms as president of the Eastern Federation of Beagle Clubs and judge many beagle field trials including two large federation events and the AKC National Brace Trial; elected to the MU Athletic Hall of Fame.

**Robert Coley**

**AT MILLERSVILLE 1972 TO 1999:** Archivist and special collections librarian

FONDEST MEMORIES: Learning and impacting the history of the University; interviewing alumni.

HIGHLIGHTS OF RETIREMENT: Visited all seven continents; discovering the birds, people, scenery, etc., of various countries; gardening, classical music, family history; volunteering at James Buchanan’s Wheatland; preparing the family pages for a virtual library; volunteering at the Lancaster County Historical Society.

**Judith Marie A. Loeb**

**AT MILLERSVILLE 1978 TO 1998:** Financial aid secretary; student payroll clerk, transcript supervisor in registrar’s office

FONDEST MEMORIES: The goodness and kindness given to me through all my years at Millersville. There were great people working with me through my years. I received two liver transplants while being at the college. Good people! I was blessed to be at Millersville!

HIGHLIGHTS OF RETIREMENT: Being healthy! And now I am head of “Gift of Life” transplant support group. Very fulfilling giving back for all I have been given—23 more years of life. I also was able to attend the transplant Olympics in Orlando in 2002. Finished a 5K walk. It was my goal after being so sick for so long. Many Millersville employees helped me financially to go the Olympics!

**A. Grace Wenger**

**AT MILLERSVILLE 1965 TO 1979:** Assistant and associate professor of English

FONDEST MEMORIES: Seeing non-traditional students succeed academically, sometimes dramatically

HIGHLIGHTS OF RETIREMENT: One summer teaching English at the Northern Institute of Technology in People’s Republic of China; tutoring Vietnamese refugees; working with the 275-year history of my congregation, Groffdale Mennonite, enjoying retirement at Landis Home.
Ask the Archives

Ganser Library’s Special Collections offers a treasure trove of fascinating information and artifacts.

If you have questions for the archives, call 717-872-3624 or email Special.Collections@millersville.edu.

Special Collections is located on the 4th floor of Ganser Library. To find out more about Special Collections, read the Friends of Ganser Library newsletter, Folio, online at www.library.millersville.edu

Q: Request: The alumni services office requested information about a former faculty member who served as adviser to the Rod & Gun Club in the 1950s.

A: Here’s what we found: No records of the Rod & Gun Club were ever forwarded to the Archives. However, a search online of The Snapper found many interesting articles relating to the activities of the club, including information about founder Dr. Melzer Porter, professor of music from 1929-1965.

At the close of the club’s first meeting on February 5, 1940, Professor Porter treated members to “a round of cigars.”

In an article from the March 31, 1953, edition of The Snapper, titled “Radical Rods Revamp Regular Rifle Range” (taking alliteration to a new level) announced a shooting match to be held in “the dungeon.” In a humorous second paragraph, the writer noted that “Presidents and advisers of all college clubs and organizations have volunteered to serve as moving targets for the shooting match. Membership of the club has suddenly taken a sharp climb.”
When dairy farmer James Widmann had the opportunity to go to college as a nontraditional student, he jumped at the chance. His goal, right from the get-go, was to be a veterinarian like his father.

After completing undergraduate course work at Millersville, he was accepted into the prestigious University of Pennsylvania veterinary school, graduating in May 2008. He is now working with a large-animal, bovine veterinary practice in Lancaster County.

“It’s always fun to work with cows,” says Widmann. “Delivering a calf and seeing it get up—that never gets old.”

Dr. Widmann is one of 19 alumni, students, faculty and staff members who are appearing in a series of commercials airing on Central Pennsylvania television stations promoting the benefits of a Millersville University education and experience.

To learn more, visit www.millersville.edu.

“Going Green” saves money and environment

Millersville University Dining began a “Going Green” campaign in February based on an idea from Executive Chef Louis Logan. Working to make Millersville a more sustainable campus, students were asked to submit suggestions. Two BMX bikes were among the prizes offered for the best ideas. More than 100 suggestions were collected; several ideas have been implemented:

• Removal of all disposable products from dining hall operations including condiment cups, plastic cups at omelet bars and styrofoam cups at waffle bars.
• More sustainable lighting added in the Bolger Conference Center and Upper Deck dining halls.
• A committee to explore composting on campus.

The top winners, Thomas Sturtevant and Maria Brown, won bikes for their green ideas. Sturtevant’s suggestion for the set-up of the waffle bar eliminates plastic utensils and styrofoam cups, which will save about 35,000 cups annually. Brown’s idea reduces the use of styrofoam at the Galley by using paper for bagels, pizza and sandwiches.

Students Thomas Sturtevant (left) and Maria Brown (right) show the prizes they earned for their Going Green suggestions. The campaign was the brainchild of Executive Chef Louis Logan (center).

BOOKS by FACULTY

Engaging Iran: Australian and Canadian Relations with the Islamic Republic by Dr. Robert J. Bookmiller, associate professor of government and public affairs and director of international studies. Publisher: The Gulf Research Center, Dubai, United Arab Emirates.


The Surest Foundation of Happiness: Education in Pennsylvania by Dr. Dennis Downey, professor of history and director of the Honors College. The 400-page web book is published on ExplorePAhistory.com. The website is sponsored by WITF Inc., and the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.
Think of robots and chances are an almost human-like figure with a head, arms and maybe even legs comes to mind. However, Dr. John Wright Jr., associate professor of automation and electronic technologies, reminds us that most robots do not look like mechanical people.

“Robots are more likely to be sophisticated vehicles that go places where people cannot,” says Wright, who received two major national service awards from the National Association of Industrial Technology (NAIT) in November.

Most recently, Wright has been featured in Robot Magazine’s March/April 2009 issue in an article titled “Bots & Bubbles: Students go for the Gold in the NAIT Robotic Manipulator Contest.”

Some of the places robots can go include into smoke-filled buildings, where they can locate victims and even extinguish fires. Robots can go into space, to explore and photograph planets that do not support human life. Robots can be used to detonate bombs in situations where human life would be in jeopardy. And robots can serve as the arms and legs of persons with disabilities, allowing them to do things they otherwise might not be able to do.

Teaching students about robots and helping them engineer their own robotic technology gives Wright great satisfaction. For him, it is a passion that he has pursued since he was a child. His interest in robots and electronics goes back to a remote-controlled, red Corvette car he received for Christmas when he was 9 years old. In two days, he had removed all the electronic components and hot-glued them onto one of his Tonka trucks. His revamped truck worked pretty well, except that it wouldn’t turn left.

“They say that if you do what you love in life, it’s never work,” says Wright. “It’s easy to see that Wright doesn’t think of working with students as work. His research includes autonomous mobile robotics, electric vehicle development and systems integration.

“When I first started my education, I was planning on going into research and development,” says Wright, adding that both of his parents are educators at the University of Southern Maine.

Teaching became his calling after he was given the opportunity to teach a senior-level robotics course at Iowa State University. He discovered that he loved sharing his knowledge, guiding students in solving problems and finding new ways of making things work.

He is equally enthusiastic about promoting his profession and helping students compete in national student technical competitions. In 2007, his students took two first-place awards with their robot in the NAIT competition.

Wright also has a few surprises up his sleeve. An avid Harley-Davidson fan, he took a 7,625-mile, 39-day, cross-country motorcycle trip with his father in the summer of 2007. And he has his black belt in Tang Soo Do karate.

As a volunteer, he has been teaching robotics at Lincoln Middle School, St. Anne’s School and Burrowes Elementary School in Lancaster.

“It’s thrilling to see these young minds. The world is changing so fast, and they will be a part of it,” says Wright. “My goal as an educator is to teach them the process of learning.”
Dr. Changfu Chang thought he’d spend his career exploring his native country’s social issues.

Instead, the Millersville University associate professor of communications has found himself immersed in telling the story of Americans adopting Chinese girls.

Chang is an internationally known filmmaker whose work appears on the PBS network and television stations around the world. Making documentaries is a passion for the professor who shares his work with his students.

Two of his documentaries, “Love Without Boundaries” and “Long Wait For Home,” tell the story of the adoption process.

The first delves into the stories of six families who adopt daughters from China, showing the bond that grows between the parents and children and the bond that reaches from the United States borders across the world to China.

The second explores the reasons why the birth parents give up their children and the pain they endure in doing so. Chang also looks into the living conditions of orphanages in China.

One former student, Andy Nitchman ’07, accompanied him on a 50-day trip to China in 2007 to finish “Long Wait For Home.” The documentary, which took more than five years to produce, looks at the adoption process from the perspective of the American families and their new children. The film addresses the social, cultural and economic conditions that led to the abandonment of many children in China.

To make Nitchman’s trip possible, Chang arranged for him to work as a cameraman for another project which explored rural education in China.

The trip, however, was not one without difficulties.

In downtown Hefei, the capital city of Anhui Province in east China on the
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–DR. CHANGFU CHANG

last leg of their journey, Nitchman was almost arrested.

“As he set up his gear one night downtown, Andy was surrounded by three police officers who came out of nowhere in a van,” said Chang.

“The police notified me that people called them saying there might be a foreign spy taking pictures of the city for evil purposes.”

Chang had to explain to the police officers the purpose of the filming and that they were invited by the local educational department. The police officers immediately apologized.

One part of “Long Wait for Home” shows the lives of many children living in Chinese orphanages. Chang said that investigating these orphanages is difficult because orphanages are considered a restricted area and cameras are not allowed.

“In China, due to the fear factor from censorship, people are generally scared about being videotaped and talking about negative issues,” said Chang. “The challenge is to use your communication skills to persuade these individuals that what you are doing is for the common good.”

Chang and Nitchman also filmed for a major documentary for National Geographic Television. The documentary focused on the increasing problem of illicit trade around the globe, problems ranging from sales of weapons of mass destruction, to drug trafficking to human smuggling, to the spread of counterfeit products. Chang investigated whether a Chinese product was linked to the death of hundreds of people elsewhere in the world.

“For all of these productions, I got opportunities to involve my students and myself in real production to hone our skills and certainly to build our reputations,” said Chang.

“The other thing I care about more than anything else is that I am able to use the documentary as a platform and as a cultural force to deliver a message for positive change in China, in the United States and the rest of the world.”

After earning degrees from Yancheng Teachers College, Yancheng, Jiangsu Province, and Jiangxi University, Nanchang, Jiangxi Province in China, Chang came to Purdue University to pursue his doctorate. His plan was to return to China to continue his work as a television journalist.

“I thought when I went back to China, I could influence things. Once I was here, I found a better opportunity and I can still work with the Chinese.

“People in China have a great respect for the United States,” he said. “They respect the education system, the opportunities, even the political system, even though there is a rocky relationship between the countries.”

Chang found his way to Millersville University in August 2000. “Once you
have a Ph.D., you don’t have much choice but to teach,” he joked. “I enjoy it. I have three months off in the summer, winter break and my weekends to work on documentaries,” he said.

“I have my students help with the documentaries so they are working on real projects,” Chang said. The experience of producing, editing, writing and working with a multitude of people helps his students reach a higher skill level.

Nitchman agreed. After taking television I and II from Chang, he interned with him. “We got along so he asked me to work with him. Chang “gives students opportunities they may never have had,” said Nitchman, who has credits on three of Chang’s documentaries.

“Dr. Chang has a unique teaching style in that he lets you learn on your own. ‘Hands off’ teaching, if you will. He lets you play with the equipment and then gives you feedback.”

It’s not all fun and games though. Chang has a very strong work ethic and expects the same from his students.

“He tells you up front that there will be a lot of work for his class. But whenever you give the effort, he rewards you with more work and responsibility,” Nitchman chuckled. “He always finds actual projects for his Television II class to work on. Not many professors have the connections to offer work to students.”

“When you work with Dr. Chang, you never work on just one thing. I still work for him on some minor finishes,” said Nitchman, who is now a cameraman at Fox 43 television in York. “We have an ongoing relationship; you never escape,” he joked.

Ryan Diehl ’05, another former student, attributes landing his job as a sports photojournalist with WFMZ-TV in Reading to working with Chang. “It helped me get the job because I worked so closely with him. I learned the proper way to shoot and edit,” he said.

Diehl has credits on “Embracing World Cultures: The Legacy of Pearl S. Buck and International Adoption” and “The Willow Tree,” a documentary about Bonnie Ward, who adopted two Chinese girls years apart to later find out they were actually biological sisters. For “The Willow Tree,” Chang also enlisted faculty members Drs. Bill Dorman, Daniel Heslink and James Henke, who contributed their expertise. The music is performed by the Millersville University Concert Band.

Like Hitchman, Diehl is still in contact with Chang. “He will call me to assist with student projects and small group projects,” he said. “I give tips and pointers on what has been done, or do finishing touches on projects. I’m sort of a consultant, but not really,” he joked.

Chang, who admits to expecting a lot from his students, said, “I spend a lot of time training them. I then draft the motivated students to help with my projects. It’s slave labor,” he quipped.

The “professor of adoptions,” as he is now known in adoption circles, has covered a range of Chinese cultural issues. He documented the unfair treatment of migrant workers who were treated like criminals when they moved to the cities; the differences in the lives of two Chinese girls—one from a city and one from a rural community; and many women’s issues.
In 1993, a freighter named Golden Venture ran aground in New York harbor. Almost 300 Chinese immigrants were smuggled aboard the ship. They had paid exorbitant fees for passage to what they thought was a new life in America. Instead, most of them were imprisoned in York, Pa., for up to four years. Chang produced a documentary showing the former detainees 10 years later.

But it was a phone call with Dr. Jeanne Phillips, retired Denver University professor, who worked as a teacher in the Chinese province where Chang worked, that changed his direction.

“She sponsored me to come here [United States],” Chang said. “She asked me to do a documentary about adoption. I had no clue and weird ideas about adoption,” he said.

“Things reported in the United States media are censored in China. International adoption is taboo. Prison treatment is terrible so no stories.”

Many people think Chinese babies are put up for adoption because of the one-child policy there. But, Chang said, “Abandoned children have been a problem in China long before the one-child policy.”

He explained that boys are regarded as much more important than girls. “There is no established welfare system in place, and farmers make up about 75 percent of the population. When you grow old, you depend on your children to care for you because you have no income,” he said. “The boys [care for] their parents; the girls marry out.”

Oftentimes, when parents can’t feed the family, the girls are abandoned, even in areas where two children are allowed, if the first child born is a girl.

“Abandonment can be a human rights violation so there is no [television] coverage,” he said. “No one can get into the orphanages so we don’t know how many are abandoned. It’s as top secret as the nuclear code.”

“The adoption community is far ahead of society in advocating cultural tolerance,” Chang said.

Chang wanted to answer the questions about why Chinese families give their daughters away. “Long Wait For Home,” his sixth documentary on international adoption, offers insight into the parents’ painful decisions and shows that the birth parents are very interested in what has happened to their children. “They care,” he said.

Chang has been able to offer these insights while others could not. “I came from China and worked in the media there,” he said. “I have contacts that helped me, but I am concerned for my safety.”

However, he said most people see China from an old perspective. “It’s so diverse now, but there are still topics you can’t touch or you’d be in serious trouble.”
When Dr. Brian Axsmith ’91 travels to China, he continues hours beyond the Beijing city limits to a remote area of the Liaoning region, where there are no paved roads and people still live off the land. It is the site of numerous fossils that could unlock clues about the plants we know today.

The latest excursion for Axsmith, an associate professor in the biological sciences department at the University of South Alabama, allowed the researcher and his colleagues to continue their work searching for “remarkably complete” fossil plants from the late Triassic period.

To put things in perspective, the fossils that Axsmith and his colleagues are searching for are approximately 225 million years old, dating back to when the planet’s continents were a single landmass known as Pangaea and dinosaurs were just beginning to roam the earth.

“The thing that excites me about this field is that you never know what you’re going to find,” Axsmith says of his work. Axsmith and his colleagues have already made exciting discoveries during their previous trips. A scientific paper about one of their finds—the reproductive structures of an extinct plant group called corystosperms, which may be involved with the origins of flowering plants—is scheduled for publication in the Review of Palaeobotany and Palynology, an international journal. These particular structures are being assigned to a proposed new plant species called Umkomasia asiatica.

“These are fantastic, complex fossils that provide a clear window of what plants looked like at the time. Many of them are ancestral to today’s flowering plants,” explains Axsmith, who credits his botany classes with Millersville professors Dr. David Dobbins and the late Dr. James Parks as playing a role in his current endeavors.

Since Axsmith can spend only short periods of time searching for fossils in China, he collaborates with his fellow researchers—some of whom are half a world away—via the Internet as they continue to study the fossils they’ve collected from what is only the second site in the northern hemisphere known to contain them.

“We’re trying to lay down the bricks of understanding, to better understand the forces that have been at work over millions of years forming our planet,” says Axsmith.
Each summer, the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education universities’ honors programs sends two students from each of the 14 universities to experience life and education from a different point of view in another country. For three weeks, the students were paired with Chinese students from Shandong University of Technology and Quinghai Normal University as they studied and traveled in China.

Lauren Hood and Katherine Heldt, Millersville honors students, discuss their experiences in their own words:

**LAUREN HOOD - SENIOR**

Lauren will graduate in May 2009 with a B.S.E. in social studies and is currently student teaching at a Navajo reservation in Arizona.

I enjoyed my experience in China very much. Perhaps it should not have surprised me, but what struck me most was how similar people are, even when they live on opposite sides of the world.

We had several opportunities to speak with Chinese college students who were fairly fluent in English. They study hard for class and worry about getting jobs after graduation. They like to play sports like basketball and ping pong. They like hanging out with friends and listening to music.

The people we encountered were friendly and welcoming. If they knew any English, they would often say hi. This is the most valuable thing that I learned on this trip—that people are people, no matter where they live or what language they speak.

There were many cultural differences that I noticed. One that stood out almost immediately was that, in China, the concept of the bubble of personal space does not exist. Wherever there are crowds or lines, people stand very close to each other. If the tiniest bit of space opens, someone darts in to fill it. Driving was similar to crowds. There are lanes, but they seemed almost optional.

I liked most of the food we had there, but it was very seldom like the kind of food served at a Chinese restaurant in the United States. I missed American breakfast food the most.

My favorite region was the south. The countryside was beautiful and the atmosphere was much more relaxed than in the bigger cities like Beijing and Shanghai. However, my favorite tourist spot was the Great Wall. Pictures are impressive but actually walking along the wall was stunning. Knowing that it was built during the Ming Dynasty and still being able to walk across it was amazing.

**KATHERINE HELDT ’08**

Katherine graduated in December 2008 with a degree in biology, and a concentration in marine biology. She is interning at New England Aquarium in Boston.

I thoroughly enjoyed my experience in China and would definitely like to return. After all, I didn’t get to see any pandas while I was there!

We also visited Shanghai, Beijing and some local cities in southern China. It is hard to pick a favorite place since all the cities were unique in their own ways.

A major cultural difference was the importance of education and the pressure placed on students to do well.

A lot of the buildings were also much more detailed than what I have seen in the U.S. Every detail also expresses meaning; for example, blue on a building tends to represent the heavens.

The most surprising thing was climbing Tai shan (one of five sacred Taoist mountains believed to be one of the birthplaces of Chinese civilization). Not only was it beautiful, but it was also culturally important to the Chinese, as many individuals spend days climbing this mountain and praying at the temples located on the mountain.
Every child in Miss Stokes’ second grade class wants to go to college. They dream of being a teacher, a lawyer, a singer, an editor. Not unusual for many elementary school students, but it is at the First Philadelphia Charter School for Literacy where Kimberly Stokes ’99 has taught since the school opened in 2002. She is active in a national initiative called the “No Excuses University” to motivate children to want to attend college someday. Stokes says, “Many of our students don’t even have family members who have gone to college, so it’s important for them to have this exposure early on.”

As part of this effort, Stokes contacted Jerry Eckert, Millersville’s vice president of advancement, and requested a memento with Millersville’s colors or logo for each of her students. Eckert responded by sending a small box of school supplies including highlighters, pens, peel-off tattoos of Skully, notepads with Millersville’s logo—and an admissions viewbook. What he got in return was priceless—letters of appreciation from the children featuring their dreams for the future and wonderful pictures.

In her classroom, Stokes has added a small display of photographs from Millersville to introduce her students to the concept of college at an early age. She has also had special days for students to dress in their “college” colors.

“We have already started talking about college through class meetings and other activities. It’s amazing how excited they already are. Their parents are really supportive as well.”

“Students set small goals each quarter so that they can stay focused and learn the things they need to be prepared for next year,” says Stokes. “It is exciting that they are only in second grade and already they are thinking of going to college.”

Stokes says of Eckert, “He has been extremely supportive of my efforts and often sends encouraging words that inspire my students to want to go to college someday.”

As evident by the children’s letters (unedited and spelling left as written), a little encouragement goes a long way toward dreaming big.

Just ask the children who hope for the opportunity to get an education and graduate as members of the Class of 2023.

Dear Mr. Eckert...

Hi My is Marnay I like all of your stuff except the tattoo because my mom said that it’s stick to your arm.

Sincerely, Marnay

Hi how are you I just want to say thank you for the stuff I realy appreiate. I’m so glad we got that. It was realy special to me.

Sincerely, Jada

Thank you for sending us all the supplies. My thafret theg is the pane and the highlighter. Wane I grow up I want to go too Millersville University.

Sincerely, Emilee

Thank you for all of the stuff you gave us that was so nice of you I am going to graduate in 2023 I hop to go to Millersville university because that sense like a nice place.

Sincerely, Nathaniel

How are you? is Millersville University fun decause I want to now is I goto go there. I like all of the supplies you gave us.

Sincerely, Shamir
How are you? doing
in Millersville. I just
want to say thank
you for the things
that you gave me.
I want to go to
Millersville when I
grow up. I want to
go to nice college to
get a good grade to
be a singer.
Sincerely, Arianna

Hello, how are you? I loved the stuff
you gave me. I liked the bookmark. I
am going to graduate on 2023.
Sincerely, Leilany

Hello sir, thank you for sending us all
these fun stuff. What I like mostly
was the notebook. I can’t wait to go
to Millersville University in the year
of 2023. Thank you.
P.S. I wonder what you look like.
Sincerely, Katelyn

Hi, how are you? Mr. Eckert thank you
for the supplies that you gave to
me. I welcome you doing that. For us
and that was special. I can’t wait till
I come to college. Thank you.
Sincerely, Aniya

How are you? I am doing fine. I am
7 years old. Thank you for all the
supplies. I like the pen and the sticky
pad. I am going to graduate in 2023.
I like Mrs. Stokes she is nice. I am
going to be a teacher when I grow
up. I like pizza. What do you like? I
got a Wii. A Wii is a game.
Your friend, Tyanna

Hi, how are you? I am doing fine. I
am 7 years old. Thank you for all the
supplies. I like the pen and the sticky
pad. I am going to graduate in 2023.
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going to be a teacher when I grow
up. I like pizza. What do you like? I
got a Wii. A Wii is a game.
Your friend, Tyanna

Thank you for all of the stuff. That
was nice of you. I really want to
come to Millersville University so I
can meet you. Can you come to our
school? The supplies made me feel
like I am in college!
Sincerely, Aditi

Hi, how are you? I really like the
stuff you gave me. It was really great.
Mrs. Stokes told us all about you. She
told us that you were smart. We had a
tattoo, a pin, a highlighter, a bookmark
and that it.
From Sakira

Hello Mr. Eckert! I want to thank you
for giving us all of those things. My
favorite one’s was the notebook and
the pen. The highlighters needed
to get wet but then they start
working again. When I went home I
played with the stuff you gave me. I
made a flip card it was fun!
Sincerely, Nia

I hope you liked Mr. Eckert it, because
we thank you for worked really hard
the things that on this. If you gave us
Millersville, you are really nice. So we
are giving this card to you.
Sincerely, Cheralie

How are you Mr. Eckert? When I
grow up. I will be. A teacher. Like
you. I am going there for my
birthday. Your friend, Vincent

Hi, how are you? Thank you for all the
stuff. I hope you enjoy
fall. Did you like Columbus day? I
had a assignment on it. I like the
notepad.
Sincerely, Harrison

Thank you Mr. Eckert for all the
supplies you gave us. This is when
I graduate 2023. I was happy
that we got the supplies.
Sincerely, Gavin

How is Millersville University? I like
the supplies you gave me. I am going
to be a teacher when I grow up
just like you. I am going to
Millersville for college when I grow
up. I am 7 years old. The notebook and
the little game were my favorite thing.
Sincerely, Lizmarie

Thank you for the stuff that you
sent us. When I grow up I want to
be a teacher. I like the pen.
Sincerely, Tarbantz
Perhaps one of the most frequently asked questions in the alumni office includes “numbers of alumni and their residence.” As of September 30, 2008, the Millersville University living alumni list topped the 54,000 mark. The black and gold colors of the states are only for graphic purposes. Here are some fun facts about where Millersville alumni are:

**Top 10 States**

1. Pennsylvania 39,138
2. New York 514
3. New Jersey 1,408
4. Delaware 596
5. Maryland 1,541
6. Virginia 933
7. North Carolina 511
8. Florida 962

*Alaska (27 alumni) and Hawaii (30 alumni) are not shown. South Dakota is the state with the smallest population of Millersville alumni (7).*

**Top 10 Counties in Pa.**

1. Lancaster (14,414)
2. York (3,513)
3. Montgomery (2,763)
4. Chester (2,260)
5. Berks (2,052)
6. Bucks (1,879)
7. Dauphin (1,698)
8. Lebanon (1,470)
9. Delaware (1,399)
10. Cumberland (1,391)

**Top 10 Countries**

1. United States (54,047)
2. China (79)
3. Japan (21)
4. Canada (16)
5. Germany (15)
6. United Kingdom (12)
7. Malaysia (10)
8. Australia (8)
9. Spain (6)
10. France (5)

**Top 10 Classes**

1. 2005 (1,536)
2. 2007 (1,512)
3. 2006 (1,488)
4. 1999 (1,413)
5. 1998 (1,410)
6. 2004 (1,405)
7. 1993 (1,393)
8. 1996 (1,365)
9. 2001 (1,362)
10. 2003 (1,361)

All statistics as of 9/30/08.
Homecoming & Fall Fling 2009

If you missed the 75th anniversary of Homecoming last year, you missed a spectacular day. Make sure you don’t miss this year! Mark your calendars now for the big day, Saturday, October 24.

Back by popular demand will be the Millersville Community Parade, Fall Fling with even more activities for the kids, the Class of 1959’s 50th anniversary, and reunions for the Classes of 1949, 1964 and 1969, Greeks, wrestling, Student Senate, Women’s Basketball, Roller Hockey and the MAK Men. And, of course, what would Homecoming be without football? Watch the Marauders take on Kutztown. Interested in your group holding a reunion or event during Homecoming 2010? It’s not too early to start planning now.

Call the Alumni Office at 800-681-1855.

Neimeyer Hodgson grant recipients

The Millersville University Alumni Association awarded 16 Neimeyer Hodgson grants, totaling more than $6,400.

Funded research topics included: “Development of an Interactive Robot Exhibit for a Science Museum,” “Investigation of tapes and adhesives using Roman spectroscopy,” and “Research and restoration of a historical antique tall case clock.”


Hazel Rork Schmuck award recipient

The Millersville University Alumni Association awarded the Hazel Rork Schmuck ’25 alumni scholarship to Rachel Yodis of Phoenixville, Pa.

Rachel, a sophomore French education candidate with minors in linguistics and a certificate teaching English as a second language, has a 3.71 grade point average.

The committee was also impressed with Rachel’s involvement in the Lancaster community. She has volunteered at the Water Street Mission, the United Way Day of Caring, has been involved in cross country, track and field, Honors College, University Christian Fellowship and intramural volleyball. She has raised money for Adopt a Family for Christmas, and has been a camp counselor at Krislund Camp, just to name a few of her activities. The alumni association was pleased to award Rachel $1,991 towards her tuition expenses.

Competition was steep this year with 25 applications received—the most ever in the history of the scholarship.

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Are you a part of the fastest growing social network? We are proud to introduce the official Millersville University Alumni Facebook Fan Page! Find the latest information on news and events for Millersville alumni. The alumni services office will maintain the page so that you always get the very latest information. Become our fan today!

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To register for an event online:
www.villealumni.com
Click on Event Registration; locate the event and click Register Now.
The Pennsylvania State System Alumni and Friends Travel Program offers a range of exciting trips.

Additional trips for 2010 will be added in subsequent issues. All pricing is based on double occupancy.

For more information contact our travel partner, Cruisin’ Inc./Main Line Vacations at 800-506-7447 or www.alumnivacations.com (click on the school drop down menu, Millersville University). These programs are open to Millersville alumni, faculty/staff, students, retirees and community friends.

**Boundaries divide, travel unites**

**August 9-16: Bermuda Cruise** (NCL) – this 7-night cruise features 3 full days and 2 nights in beautiful Bermuda. Prices start at $999. NOTE: motorcoach service will be provided to and from New York.

**September 19-30: Voyage of the Vikings** (NCL) – this cruise has it all, relaxation, castles, cobblestone streets and more, starting in London and porting in Scotland, Iceland, Newfoundland and Canada (and arriving back in New York). This Transatlantic cruise may be just what you need for the fall. Prices start at $1,299 (which includes air from Newark).

**July 11-23: Gems of the Baltic Cruise** (Holland America) – ports include Warnemunde, Germany (w/o optional excursion offered to Berlin), Tallin, Estonia, St. Petersburg, Russia (for 2 days), Helsinki, Finland, Stockholm, Sweden and Kiel, Germany (w/o optional excursion to Hamburg). Prices start at $3,274 (also featured: a one-night post-cruise package in Copenhagen).

**July 6-16, 2010: Alpine Explorer with Glacier Express/Oberammergau Passion Play** – Journey through Italy, Switzerland, Austria and Germany. The final destination is Oberammergau, a quaint village nestled in the Bavarian Alps, to witness a performance of the world-renowned Passion Play, whose origins date back to 1634. Price is $3,499 and does not include airfare, taxes and fees. A nonrefundable deposit of $500 per person is due immediately. Book early, 2010 dates are starting to sell-out.

**Online community update**

We are transitioning to a new online community provider during March and April. During this transition, you may experience times when parts of, or the entire website is down, you may receive error messages, or have difficulty registering as a user or for an event.

Login as a new user and set up a new password. It is not necessary to re-enter all of your personal information. However, you will need to “hide” this information, even if you’ve done so in the past. We thank you for your patience during this time and ask you to call the alumni services office at 800-681-1855 with any questions or concerns.

www.villealumni.com

**Kudos Korner**

A special thank you goes out to the following alumni who helped us with our fall and winter events:

›› Thomas ’02 & Erin ’03 Baker
›› Bill Benner ’84
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›› Carl Ernst ’60
›› Bill Fidrych ’83
›› Rich Fancher ’64
›› Dave Hernandez ’71
›› Amy Hoffman ’94
›› Jerri Anne Johnson ’76
›› Richard Kuhn ’57
›› Venetta Larry ’92
›› Joe Lisi ’64
›› Rosemary Litz ’67
›› Bill Martin ’81
›› Dan Sidelnick ’75
›› Dr. George & Helen ’64 Stine
›› Cheryl Youtz ’69
Calendar of Events

MAY
5  Millersville Employee/Alumni event, Celi’s Clubhouse, Crossgates, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
27  Lebanon/Berks County Annual Alumni Dinner, Lantern Lodge

JUNE
2  Career Services Workshop: Navigating Career Technology
5  17-551 Club Night at the Barnstormers Baseball Game

AUGUST
15  MU Alumni & Friends Night at the Barnstormers

SEPTEMBER
19  Williamsburg, Va., Alumni dinner
19  Football Alumni Reunion

OCTOBER
24  Homecoming – Save the Date

Upcoming Events

Lebanon/Berks County Dinner

It is time for the annual Lebanon and Berks County alumni dinner, scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, at the Lantern Lodge in Myerstown. The evening will feature remarks from the recent stars of the “Millersville Will” commercials. Joining us will be Louis Logan, executive chef from the University’s dining services department, to share his experiences at Millersville and tasty treats. Also, student Everett Deibler, winner of the prestigious Jefferson Award for Public Service, will share his experience and why he chose to come to Millersville.

School spirit award for student ambassadors

On February 6, the Student Ambassadors/Student Alumni (MUSA) organization, along with Leigh Walter ’88, student advancement committee chair, and Dianne O’Connor, advisor and director of alumni services, ventured to Slippery Rock University for the CASE ASAP (Affiliated Student Advancement Programs) District II conference. This group of Millersville student leaders spent the weekend learning about building campus spirit, hosting student events, and building long-lasting relationships. The District II region of ASAP honored MUSA with the School Spirit of the Year award.

In front, left to right: Stephanie Coleman, Theresa Fitti and Katelyn Coleman.
Standing, left to right: Leigh Walter ’88, Heather Vogege ’08, Michelle LoAlbo, Tom Hence, Desiree Robinson - president, Luis Salazar - secretary, Shannon Custer - treasurer, Dianne O’Connor, Angela Lobein and Evan McCann.

17-551 Alumni Club

The 17-551 alumni club of the alumni association is hosting its second event on Friday, June 5. If you live in the 17551 zipcode, you are invited to put on your baseball cap and join us for an exclusive 17-551 club event at the Lancaster Barnstormers game at Clipper Magazine Stadium. Cheer for the home team as they take on the Camden Riversharks and stay afterwards to celebrate with the best fireworks display in town. Tickets are $7 per person. To make reservations, call alumni services office at 800-681-1855 or register online at www.villealumni.com
Alumni gather in Florida

Millersville representatives traveled to the Sunshine State to visit three areas that Millersville alumni call home.

Special thanks to Dr. Richard Kuhn ’57, who opened his beautiful home on January 30 for the second annual Pensacola event and for keeping this group of alumni connected throughout the year.

The second stop on this trip was on January 31 in West Palm Beach. Those in attendance enjoyed an Italian-inspired dinner at the restaurant Maison Carlos. We were able to visit with alumni we haven’t seen in many years.

And we couldn’t leave Florida without visiting our very special group of friends in Naples. For many years this group of alumni, many we affectionately call snow birds, gather together to talk about the good old days. Alumni and friends enjoyed lunch at the Bellasera Hotel.

At all three events, President Francine G. McNairy updated guests about the University, enrollment, campus improvements, faculty and student achievements, and answered questions from the audience.

Destinations events

›› September 5: U.S. Open 3rd Round Tennis Playoffs in Flushing, N.Y. – $135 per person includes coach bus transportation, an admission ticket, a boxed gourmet breakfast and a contribution to the MEDAL Fund scholarship program.

›› Hershey Park – A limited number of discounted Hershey Park tickets are available for the 2009 season.

For additional details or to make reservations, contact the special events office at 717-871-2308; email specialevents@millersville.edu.
Alumni in North Carolina

On November 18, Millersville’s Charlotte alumni event was held at the home of gracious hosts Nancy ’66 and Robert Watson. Alumni ranging from the 1960s through 2003 attended the event. It was a great evening of networking and laughter. We hope to make this a regular alumni stomping ground.

At the close of the evening, Nancy treated us by playing the alma mater on her pipe organ, which was transported from Lancaster, pipe by pipe, to her home in Charlotte. Fortunately, Gail (Supersad) McMillan ’03 and Antoine Wright ’02 were able to share their talents from their days with Millersville’s Gospel Choir to help the group sing.

Career Services Workshops

Navigating Career Technology
⇒ Tuesday, June 2, 2009
Noon - 1 P.M. and 7 - 8 P.M.

Marketing Yourself in a Tight Economy
⇒ Tuesday, June 9, 2009
Noon - 1 P.M. and 7 - 8 P.M.

• Question & Answer session to follow all workshops.
• Bring a bag lunch to the noon sessions
 WHERE: Stayer Hall Multipurpose Room
Both events are FREE: Reservations are required.

Register online at:
www.villealumni.com

Click on Event Registration and look for the Career Services Workshop Event
Check out the College Central Network’s job database and helpful tips at:
www.millersville.edu/~career

Football celebrates 120th season with a kick-off reunion

Whether you were a linebacker, nose tackle, wide receiver, tight-end, quarterback, or a fan, dust off your old jersey and mark your calendars for Saturday, September 19, and join us for the opening game of the season as the Marauders take on West Chester.

Details for the reunion are still being planned, but save the date to join your former teammates to celebrate Millersville football with Coach Colby and the rest of the 2009 team.

TEAP Dinner

On November 6, Millersville Industry and Technology alumni made time to get together during their annual conference in Camp Hill. The evening included dinner with a beautiful waterfront view at Duke’s Riverside Bar and Grill in Wormleysburg, Pa., and remarks from Dr. Len Litowitz.

We opted to host a dinner this year instead of a lunch. This decision was a big hit and everyone is looking forward to next year already!

CONTRIBUTOR
Kaitlyn Murray, Graduate Assistant
**Softball team helps with the Arthritis Foundation**

The fall semester came to an end on December 12, but unlike the students who rushed off for holiday break, members of the Millersville softball team remained in the area to help out with the annual Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis in Lancaster.

The Marauders not only helped contestants get registered, they spread out along the race route to ensure no traffic interfered and collected tags from the participants as they crossed the finish line.

Coach Kathleen “KC” Cummings said she had no problems getting the players to stay after finals.

“Without hesitation, they voted to stay and do it,” Cummings said.

The Jingle Bell event benefits the Arthritis Foundation and raises awareness of this serious condition. Runners and walkers don jingle bells on their shoelaces or dress in holiday costumes, as they take to the race route.

The team plans to continue the tradition next year, incorporating it into their schedule of charity volunteer work, which includes a “Strike Out Against Breast Cancer” event in the spring during a weekend double-header game and also is involved in the Make-A-Wish Foundation’s annual truck convoy in Lancaster.

“It’s a good feeling to know that you can, in some way, help these foundations do very good things,” Cummings said. “Being involved in something like that really gives our team an emotional bond that carries over beyond that Sunday that we worked and helped out.”

**Track team lends a helping hand**

Members of the Millersville track and field and cross country teams aren’t just logging miles these days. They’re logging donations, too.

The teams raised more than $1,500, according to Assistant Coach Akil Stokes, to help brighten the holidays for as many people as possible. The teams chose two charitable organizations, “Adopt a Family” and the Water Street Rescue Mission in Lancaster.

The money raised by the teams in 2008 went to “Adopt a Family,” a program run through the YWCA of Lancaster, which helped two single-parent families. The students raised the funds, shopped for gifts and wrapped the presents.

The rest of the money was donated to the soup kitchen operated by Water Street Rescue Mission in Lancaster. With the downturn in the economy, soup kitchens and shelters have experienced a drop in contributions.

“Community service is definitely something we want to keep alive,” he said. “If someone wants to help out early and make a donation, we’d be thankful,” Stokes said.

For more information about the program or to make a donation, contact Coach Andy Young at 717-871-5560 or andy.young@millersville.edu.
Basketball’s Makal Stibbens

After a tough three weeks in January when the Marauder men’s basketball team lost seven in a row, senior forward Makal Stibbins stepped comfortably into a leadership role and brought some optimism with him.

Stibbins led by example, posting career bests in points, rebounds and blocks, but it was his shooting accuracy that had everyone talking. He was on pace to beat John Fox’s single season record of .642, which has stood at Millersville for 22 years.

“For me to hold that type of record would mean a lot,” said Stibbins, who is a communications major.

“I just want to win, really, but having this record would be good for me.”

Asked why he believed he was performing so well this season, Stibbins said it was just his time to shine.

“Coming into Millersville, my first couple years, I had a couple guys ahead of me who were a little bit more experienced than me in organized basketball,” he said. “I had to wait my turn. When I got the opportunity, in the offseason I worked really hard trying to be as good as I could be for this season. It’s paying off right now.”

Stibbins wasn’t always such a natural. He didn’t start playing organized basketball until his junior year at John Bartram High School in Philadelphia – and then he was promptly cut from the squad.

“I made it my senior year,” Stibbins said. “I’m not sure why I kept at it. I had a major growth spurt between the ninth and tenth grades, and I grew four inches. The first year I went out, I didn’t really have a feel for everything. Once I got used to the height, I could play.”

Stibbins says he’s a natural “point-forward,” which seems about right, considering he’s got the sharp-shooting skills of a point-guard and the strength of a power forward.

“I like the coaching staff and the toughness that Coach Fred Thompson wants you to play with,” he said.

About Millersville’s scholar-athletes

›› In 2007-08, 102 Millersville student-athletes were named PSAC Scholar-Athletes.
›› Millersville was one of just six PSAC universities to have more than 100 student-athletes honored.
›› Millersville was one of five PSAC universities to have at least 40 men and 40 women student-athletes listed.
›› At least one athlete from all 21 sports was named as a PSAC Scholar-Athlete.
›› In 2008, the men’s soccer team had Ryan Kiley and Thomas Bargmann named National Soccer Coaches Association of America/Adidas Scholar All-East Region.
›› The women’s track and field team was named one of Division II’s All-Academic Indoor and Outdoor Scholar Teams by the U.S. Track and Field Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA).
›› Priscilla Jennings was named USTFCCCA All-Academic.

Additional scholar-athletes:
›› USTFCCCA Cross Country All-Academic students were Priscilla Jennings, Adam Malloy, Jim Boyer, James McBride and Zach Kelchner.
›› The field hockey team received the National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) Division II National Academic Award and ranked fifth nationally in GPA. Eight players—Casie Baer, Krista Bupp, Sarah Dickinson, Aime Mowery, Nicole Rayson, Liz Walker, Elizabeth Wawrzyniak and Emily Woodland—were named to the NFHCA Division II National Academic Squad.

Correction

Eric “Tugboat” Eckert ’98 led the nation with 13 saves in 1998 rather than George McClure ’01 as printed in the baseball article in the winter issue of the Review.

Contributor

Justin Quinn, Graduate Assistant
Two-sport athlete

Don’t use the word “can’t” when talking about Amie Mowery. It’s certainly not a word you’ll hear from her.

Competing at the collegiate level in swimming and field hockey, the 19-year-old freshman is that rare hybrid hardly ever found on college campuses anymore. She’s a two-sport athlete in an age of single-sport specialization.

Mowery grew up playing both sports and is reluctant to give up either of them. She began swimming when she was four years old and has been playing field hockey since she was in the seventh grade.

“My sister and my brother both swam, and my mom was also a swim coach for my club team,” Mowery said. “My mom also coached field hockey, so I was introduced to it at a young age. I was always at practice when I was little. I eventually got the hang of it. Really, I fell in love with both of them.”

The New Oxford native says she loves the competition, and swimming and field hockey offer the best of both worlds: one’s a team sport; the other is more individualized. The question isn’t whether she can handle the physical demands of the sports, but rather how well she can fit both into her jam-packed schedule.

“I’ve been doing the training for both sports my whole life, so it’s pretty easy for me now, and it’s nice to cross train. That’s a bonus,” she said. “For me, time really is of the essence when I have it, especially going from fall to winter. I didn’t have any kind of a break. I had a game on a Saturday, then I had a Sunday off, then I started the swim season and four days later, I had a swim meet.”

People who don’t compete in sports may not realize how much someone like Mowery has to sacrifice in order to participate in both sports.

“In any sport that you do, you always have two seasons: an off-season and an in-season,” Mowery explained. “I have spring hockey, and then I’ll have spring training for swimming.”

Mowery said she realizes that the time demands and the detraction from social activities may prevent other athletes from participating in two sports.

“They just want to have a season off, which two-sport athletes will never get,” she said. “They probably want to have a life at college and be able to spend time on their academics and be a student and not have to worry about it.”

Sometimes, Mowery said, she feels deprived. It’s only natural. After all, this is her first year at college, and the adjustment can be daunting.

“Sometimes when I just want to have a day off, I know I’ve got to go to practice,” she said.

One thing that Mowery is unwilling to compromise, even for the love of sports, is her academic career. She graduated first in her high school class, and made the dean’s list in her first semester at Millersville. The art education major said she hopes to teach art after college, which means between sports and school, she has very little time for a social life.

Mowery said. “I just don’t have as much free time to just hang out like some other people do. There’s no time for me to just sit around.”

Is it the kind of life she’d recommend to other two-sport student-athletes?

“Definitely,” she said. “I mean go for it. If you love them both, do them both.”

With her grades and her athletic abilities, Mowery probably could have gone just about anywhere, but one of the main reasons she chose NCAA Division II Millersville was because the coaches are more accepting of the two-sport athlete. At Division I schools, they aren’t.

“It is more than worthwhile,” she said. “I have time for other things if I want. It’s all about time management, and really, you have so much fun in college with sports, and you get to travel and do so many things you didn’t in high school. I would never tell anyone to quit one of their sports.”
Class Notes

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Clock collector

If there is one thing that George Schwab’s fascination with clocks has taught him, it’s that time goes on.

As president of the Class of 1946, he is making plans for their 65th reunion in 2011, but admits pensively, “There are not many of us left.”

“No longer can we return to our alma mater on Homecoming or Alumni Day and visit with our professors because they have all now gone to their last reward,” says Schwab. “Instead we look at the many buildings that have been named in their honor.”

Schwab looks back fondly to his days as a Millersville student. By attending summer school, he graduated in just three years, earning his bachelor’s degree with majors in industrial arts and in science.

He earned his own tuition of a little less than $300 a semester by working as the student postman, serving as a student janitor in the elementary training school and by fixing clocks, radios and anything else that needed fixing for both classmates and faculty.

When he graduated, he was hired as a science and shop teacher at Quarryville High School (later Solanco) for an annual salary of $1,850. After serving in the army in Japan under General McArthur, Schwab earned his master’s degree at Temple University and took a position as assistant to the superintendent at Neshaminy School District in Langhorne, Bucks County, Pa. He later became the business administrator of the district and retired in 1988.

He and Joan, his wife of 54 years, are thinking of moving to Florida where three of their four children now live, but one thing stands in their way. Or maybe 100 of them. Clocks, that is. He has been collecting clocks for some 75 years and isn’t sure what to do with all his wonderful clocks.

“My interest in clocks began when I was in elementary school. My grandmother had an antique mantle clock that no one could fix. I took it apart, cleaned it and reassembled it only to find that it worked perfectly,” recalls Schwab. “At Millersville, the master clock in President Biemesderfer’s office controlled the secondary clocks in the Old Gym, the Training School, the dormitory, Old Main and the elementary school. It was a challenge, but I was able to get them all synchronized and working.”

He recalls how Miss Powell, dean of women, was horrified when she discovered Schwab taking the grandfather clock in the women’s lounge apart—until she realized he had fixed it perfectly.

His roommate was less than impressed with Schwab’s love of clocks. The constant ticking and striking the hour of Schwab’s many clocks kept him awake, so that Schwab finally had to turn them off at night.

George Schwab may be retired, but he keeps very busy. Each year, he accompanies some 100 junior and high school teens on a church mission trip, doing construction projects in places such as Nova Scotia and Mississippi. Deep down, he is still a teacher at heart. A teacher who appreciates the steady ticking of time.
1950s
William “Bill” Seal ’50, San Antonio, Texas, celebrated his 58th wedding anniversary with wife, Phyllis (Dick) ’49 in July.
Iris (Hall) Hoffman ’58, Lititz, celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary with husband, Max on November 22.
The Class of 1958 celebrated its 50th reunion with a dinner at Homecoming. More than 78 classmates attended. Thanks to the committee for their work in putting this event together. Together, more than $19,000 has been raised to support a scholarship in the School of Education.

Stewards of the land
Frank S. Lisella ’57, Ph.D., M.P.H. and Lynn Lisella of Elbert County, Georgia, were named certified forest stewards, an honor that is part of Georgia’s Forest Stewardship program. The Lisellas were presented with the award by management forester Mark Wiles (above center).

In Georgia, the certified forest steward program is geared to citizens who own at least 25 acres of land and ten acres of woodland. The program emphasizes that “land management activities have a profound effect on the quality of the resource today and in the future.”

The Lisellas developed a forest stewardship management plan about five years ago, and then put that plan into action. Their plan includes planting food plots, thinning selective areas as needed, installing firebreaks and harvesting trees of lesser wildlife quality. Effective management practices such as these have a direct impact on the environment and the opportunity for future generations to enjoy the beauty of forests and its wildlife.

1960s
Paul Dodson ’60, Tamaqua, was inducted into the 13th class of the Tamaqua Area High School Athletic Hall of Fame. He was one of the pioneers of the wrestling program, which he coached from its origin in 1969 until 1974.
William Paul ’60, Herndon, presented “Ole Bull and the Norwegian Colony in Northern Pennsylvania” at the Northumberland County Historical Society.
Robert S. Walker ’64, Lititz, has been appointed to lead the Department of Energy’s Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technical Advisory Committee. He currently serves as chairman of Wexler and Walker Public Policy Associates.

1970s
Donna E. Aument ’70, ’81M, Burnham, recently retired after 35 years of service as a tax appeals hearing officer with the Pa. Department of Revenue.
Mark Wickstrom ’70, Henderson, Nev., published the book The Gospel of Grace. He serves as senior pastor of Community Lutheran Church in Las Vegas.
Jon Rednak ’71, New Providence, has been named interim director of Lancaster County Career & Technology Center. He retired as superintendent of the Solanco School District in 2007.
Claire Storm ’72, Columbia, celebrated her 50th anniversary with husband, Albert, on November 8.

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Reid Lauderman ’74, Lititz, was installed as pastor of Reading Moravian Church in August 2008. D. Timothy Wisler ’75, Lancaster, was inducted into the Hempfield High School Sports Hall of Fame in January.

Susan J. (Butz) Young ’75, Riverview, Fla., is editor and publisher of two new online travel newspapers, SouthernTravelNews.com and SouthernCruising.com. She is a member of the Society of American Travel Writers.

Dennis Klugh ’76, Lititz, serves as human resources director of Ephrata National Bank, which he joined in 2001.

Ann Marie Taylor ’76, Bellefonte, serves as a project manager and print buyer for Penn State University’s department of publications. She teaches a college-level “Drawing for Nature Journals” workshop and runs a Pennsylvania 4-H program called Publications Apprentice Program.

Barry E. Miller ’77, Lititz, was named regional president of Susquehanna Bancshares, Inc. He will have oversight of more than 70 branches. He most recently served as executive vice president and chief administrative officer of the bank.

Tim Haag ’78, Pensacola, Fla., serves as director of utility services & planning for the Emerald Coast Utilities Authority and was elected to the board of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies. He is also serving his second term as the president of the University of West Florida National Alumni Association.

1980s

Rob Grant III ’81, Kennett Square, is partner and chief workout officer for the Acorn Credit Opportunities Fund, a private hedge fund focusing on the purchase and sale of distressed mortgage-backed securities. He is also the chapter director of the Sigma Pi, Zeta Chapter, in Millersville.

Edward Albert ’82M, Lititz, joined Tulpehocken School District as superintendent. He previously served as assistant superintendent of the Eastern Lebanon County School District.

Donna (Hooper) Cerza ’82, Dallas, was named assistant director of financial aid of King’s College.

Brad Nau ’82, Lancaster, serves as executive producer at Comcast SportsNet in Philadelphia. He was recently honored with an Emmy by the National Academy of Arts and Sciences Mid-Atlantic Chapter for his work in sports television.

Andrew T. Scheid ’84, Lancaster, joined the Jay Group as new business development director.

Tori L. Watson ’84, Summit, N.J., was promoted to vice president of investor & rating agency relations for American International Group, Inc.

Elizabeth A. Schalk ’85, Lancaster, was promoted to residential mortgage foreclosure manager for Fulton Mortgage Co.

Ralph B. Carruthers ’86, Columbia, received his certification from the nationwide Green Advantage program for building contractors. He is a project manager with Horst Construction.

Daniel Horan ’86, Lafayette Hill, recently opened his seventh Planet Fitness location.

Stephen J. Scherer ’86, Carlisle, joined Smith Elliott Kerans & Company, LLC, as a manager in the firm’s financial institutions industry team.

Susan (Gaughan) Harper ’87, Holtwood, received signature status with the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society (PWS) with the acceptance of her painting, “My sister Lisa.” This is her second acceptance to a PWS-juried show.

Mark Jones ’87, Lock Haven, joined Lock Haven University as assistant professor of computer science.

John L. Blair ’88, Aston, was named vice president and private banking relationship manager in Lancaster-based Fulton Financial Advisors’ private banking division.

1990s

Judy Phillips ’90, ’93M, East Petersburg, joined Susquehanna Waldorf School as a first grade teacher.

Michelle (Sarnocinski) Brown ’91, Collegeville, joined the Perkiomen Valley School District as the school and community relations coordinator.

Jeffrey G. Clouser ’91, Elizabethtown, was promoted to assistant manager of Sovereign Bank’s Lebanon Plaza office where he also serves on the Business Diversity Council.

Valerie A. Lemmon ’92M, Harrisburg, joined Psychology Health Affiliates. She is a licensed psychologist.

Christine M. Aust ’93, Yardley, was promoted to manager of corporate HR/Immigration at U.S. headquarters of MAN Diesel North America located in New York City. She is currently operating as an immigration program coordinator.

Elaine (Gugerty) Steinbacher ’66, Kennett Square, was named the Migrant Education Program’s National Teacher of the Year for 2008. She also received the 2008 National Inspiration Award given by the United States Congress.

Elaine works as the Chester County Intermediate Unit’s Pennsylvania Migrant Education coordinator of partnership collaborations. One effort, the College Assistant Migrant Program, helps migrant education students with getting accepted to college and finding eligible scholarships to finance their education. When the program started about 15 years ago, one student moved on to college. In 2008, the 275 students were bound for college—more than any other migrant program on the East Coast.

In the award nomination, Steinbacher was praised for her positive attitude, initiative and pro-active style. It stated, “She has touched thousands of students and hundreds of staff and inspired them to achieve things they never thought possible.” Many former students follow her advice to “never, never, quit.”
**Alamo scouts in World War II**

Larry Alexander’s latest book, *Shadows In the Jungle: The Alamo Scouts Behind Japanese Lines In World War II*, has been named as a main selection from the Military Book Club. It tells the story of America’s first long-range, intelligence-gathering unit, and their daring missions in New Guinea and the Philippines.

In a review of the book, Michael Korda, New York Times bestselling author, comments: “One of those rare works of nonfiction that does indeed read like a novel and also sheds light on a heroic and almost unknown group of men, while reminding us of just how brutal and unforgiving the war in the Southwest Pacific was.”


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A member of Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education.
Manheim Township Middle School. Kevin Lehman ’00, Lancaster, exhibited his solo and collaborative artwork in the Smithsonian’s Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C. He recently volunteered to help guests shape and design soup bowls to be used to raise money for the “Empty Bowls” charity program.

Tara Lynn Scheffley ’00, Douglassville, earned a master’s degree in counseling and clinical health psychology from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Aaron M. Shenck ’00, Camp Hill, earned her master’s degree in government administration from Penn State University.

Gary Zoll ’00, Laurel, Del., received the Teacher of the Year Award 2007-2008 from the Seaford School District. He serves as an eighth grade social studies teacher at Seaford Middle School.

Debra Rosser-Hogben ’01, Lancaster, serves as the executive director of the Lancaster Public Library.

Thomas Baker ’02, Pittsburgh, serves as vice president of programs at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh. His book Get Involved! has sold close to 3,000 copies.

Stacy L. Rutherford ’03, Lancaster, serves as the manager of Main Street Mount Joy and oversees dozens of volunteers in organizing events.

Leslie Howes ’04, Stroudsburg, was promoted to executive director of Monroe County Habitat for Humanity, responsible for overall executive leadership of the affiliate and ministry.

Jenna (Wills) Riberio ’04, Downingtown, was hired as project manager with the Vanguard Group.

Stephen Riberio ’04, Downingtown, joined the Vanguard Group as a financial planner.

Nicole (Fossler) Harding ’05, Lancaster, joined Immaculata University’s office of institutional advancement as a donor prospect researcher.

Patricia Veresink ’05, Easton, earned her Juris Doctor degree from the Columbus School of Law at Catholic University in May 2008. She successfully completed the bar examination and was admitted to the Pennsylvania and New Jersey bars. She serves as attorney advisor for the Board of Veterans Appeals, Department of Veterans Affairs in Washington, D.C.

Megan (Gallagher) Clark ’06, Conestoga, serves as vice president of development and outreach for the Humane League of Lancaster.

Bridget A. Hudacs ’06, Lancaster, was promoted to the bank management team of Ephrata National Bank.

Tyler V. Sieg ’06, Owings Mills, Md., completed U.S. Navy basic training with honors at Recruit Training Command, in Great Lakes, Ill.

Brigette Kamsler ’07, Gettysburg, earned her master’s degree in library and information science with a specialization in archives, preservation and records management in August 2008. She was hired as an archivist at the Historical Society of Frederick County in Maryland and is a member of the Society of American Archivists.

Heather Young ’07, Media, serves as a fifth grade teacher for Penn Wynne Elementary School in the Lower Merion School District.

Marcia (McCormack) Ludlow ’08M, York, joined Penn State Mont Alto as a nursing instructor.

Holly McCready ’08, Lewistown, was recently sworn in as an officer of Americorps VISTA, Volunteers in Service to

From MUTV to Channel 11

Left to right: Millersville alumni Steve Mould, Brett Summers, Kristi Fulkerson, Jon Hershey and Joe Cox. Thomas Gorman is not pictured here.

MUTV, Millersville’s campus cable TV station, has proved to be a launching pad for many students. Just ask Blue Ridge Cable 11 in Ephrata, Pa.

“They are very hard working, diligent people who take their job seriously and get the job done right the first time,” said Lori Kempisty of Blue Ridge.

Seven alumni (six full-time and one part-time) are working for Cable 11: Joe Cox ’07, master control evening supervisor; Steve Mould ’05, the news/sports videographer; Kristi Fulkerson ’07, sports reporter; Brett Summers ’07, news videographer; and Jon Hershey ’07, news videographer. Thomas Gorman ’08 is a part-time videographer.

Last year, Kristi Fulkerson called on Dr. Bill Dorman, communication and theatre, to be her on-air partner for soccer play-by-play. They did six games together.

“It’s been great to work with an alum to see how she’s continued to improve and excel. Kristi does a lot of the preparation for each game, contacting coaches, getting starting line-ups from them, and going to practices to scout the teams. She’s developing into an excellent sportscaster,” said Dorman.

Cox credits MUTV and working alongside Mark Mullen, an audio visual technician in Millersville’s communication and network services, with landing the job he holds today.

“The best part of my job, which is a big reason why I love live television, is the pressure of not knowing what is going to happen, but needing to be prepared for anything,” explained Cox. “That pressure feeling is what makes the world of television worth being part of.”
America, a nationwide program dedicated to fighting poverty in the United States. She works with the United Way of Mifflin-Juniata.

Ross Patrick ‘08M, Mount Joy, was named women’s basketball coach for the 2008-2009 season at Penn State Harrisburg.

Vanessa M. Zook ‘08, Lititz, joined Laura Schanz Consulting Associates as business operations manager.

Marriages

Monica Weiss ’86 and Stuart Nolan, 7/5/08.
Lori Miller ’92 and Jim Anderson, 11/15/08.
Ben J. Clough ’93 and Stephanie A. Surak, 6/28/08.
Kathleen K. Dockery ’96 and J. Bart DeLone, 10/11/08.
Jaimee Fisher ’98 and Trevor Scheff, 6/14/08.
Jennifer Grove ’98 and Peter Swistock III, 6/21/08.

Trisha Romanishan ’05, ’08M married Christian Loch on 8/9/08. Back row: Andrew Adams ’05 and Chad Jordan ’03; Front row: Kate Schaeffer ’05, Nadeanne Haft ’05, bride Trisha Loch, Natalie Hetrich ’05 and Kris Vitucci ’08.

Adam Forney ’99 and Erica Hoffman, 5/3/08.
Traci Homsher ’00 and Nathan Hammel ’02, 10/18/08.
Kelly Robison ’00 and Hans Kirchner, 7/12/08.
Molly Haas ’01 and Christopher Cowan ’07M, 8/31/08.
Matthew Becker ’02 and Jill Gable ’04, 7/12/08.
William Reynolds ’02 and Kristen Senker, 7/19/08.
Michael H. Dalmati Jr. ’03 and Molly J. Gufrovich ’04, 7/26/08.
Jeff McGraw ’03 and Sara Spangler ’03, 10/4/08.
Justin Drabick ’04 and Veronica Jablecki, 8/16/08.
Lindsay Heidig ’04 and Justin Elser, 9/13/08.
Molly Painter ’04 and Christian Schappel ’04, 7/12/08.
Stephen Ribiero ’04 and Jenna Wills ’04, 9/22/07.
Zachary Cormnan ’05 and Stephanie Telesmanic ’06, 6/28/08.
Kathryn S. Gingerich ’05 and Andrew Urban ’05, 6/28/08.
Melissa Rizzo ’05, ’07M and James Reinhart, 10/25/08.
Charles Rostron Jr. ’05 and Jana Kale ’06, 6/28/08.

Donald P. Spangler ’05 and Nicole F. Miller, 7/19/08.
Lindsay Deneen ’06 and Nathan Keller, 7/25/08.
Troy A. Miller ’06 and Bridget C. Loughry ’08, 5/31/08.
Lori Schultz ’06 and Amber Brown ’07, 7/10/08.
Christine Weber ’06 and Derek Charles, 7/12/08.
Timothy A. Haas ’07 and Holly S. Weinhold, 7/7/08.
Brandon Folk ’08 and Brittany Hunter ’08, 6/21/08.
Scott A. Heydt ’08 and Jennie L. Keifer, 8/31/08.

Births

Glenn Traub ’92 and wife Janet, a son, Jeremy Michael, on 6/20/08.
Beverly (Cole) Quinn ’93 and husband Paul, a son, Reid James, on 8/9/08. He joins sisters Ava and Lily.
Felicia (Stezzi) Bailey ’95 and husband Timothy ’99, a daughter, Caitlin Camille, on 10/26/08.
Michael Hurrell ’95 and wife Colleen Milligan ’95, a daughter, Willow Eve, on 11/07/07.
Rachel (Ivenz) Devlin ’97 and husband Jack, a son, Ryan Michael, on 8/6/08.
Joann (Pinkos) Kennedy ’97 and husband Jeremy ’99, a daughter, Jillian May, on 5/6/08. She joins sisters Allyia Rose and Chloe Renee.
Kristen (Henry) Schneider ’98 and husband John, a son, Andrew John, on 6/27/07. He joins brother Jack Gerhart.
Holly (Winters) Wolfe ’98 and husband Scott, a daughter, Kora Mae, on 7/8/08.
Alexander L. Kaufman ’99 and wife Amanda, a son, Abraham Wayne, on 8/23/08.
Stephanie (Hudson) Palerino ’99 and husband Mark, a son, Connor Alexander L. Kaufman ’99, on 6/27/07. He joins brother John, a son, Andrew.

Deaths
Sara Mae (Hacker) Hunt ’26, Ephrata, died on 11/24/08, at the age of 101. She was an elementary school teacher in Lititz and Ephrata.
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Gary Zoll ’00 and wife Jessica (Melinger) ’00, a daughter, Paige Dorothy, on 3/3/08. She joins sister Grace Nicole. Meagan (Acri) Floyd ’02 and husband David, a daughter, Lily Ann, on 9/24/08.
Rebecca Lane ’02 and husband Rylan Coker, a daughter, Molly Iris, on 12/18/07.
Christina (Hooper) McFarland ’03 and husband John, a daughter, Madison Paige, on 6/19/08.
Kristen (Lavis) Jenkins ’04, ’05M and husband Robert Jr. ’05, a daughter, Olivia Madison, on 10/7/08.

Marian R. (Kurtz) Macgeorge ’27, Allentown, died on 9/10/08, at the age of 101. She taught in the Bethlehem School District. She received many awards for her exhibits in oil, watercolor and pastel mediums.
Helen M. (Smith) Gibble ’29, Columbia, died on 10/15/08, at the age of 98. She taught in the Cornwall, Warwick and Manheim school districts from the 1930s until 1975.
Mary Elizabeth “Betty” (Griffith) Williams ’29, Fawn Grove, died on 9/22/08, at the age of 98. She taught in the Southeastern School District until her retirement in 1968.

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J. Kenneth Herr ’47, Ephrata, died on 10/13/08, at the age of 88. He was a teacher and department head of industrial arts at New Holland High, then Garden Spot High, until his retirement in 1982. He played fullback on Millersville’s only undefeated football team in 1940.
Charles J. Benshetler ’49, Philadelphia, died on 10/17/08, at the age of 85. He was a veteran, educator, coach and volunteer. He was the long-time treasurer of the Philadelphia suburb branch of the Millersville University Alumni Association. Among his last activities was helping to close his scout camp, Treasure Island, for the season.
Esther (Clay) Grander ’50, Melbourne Beach, Fla., died on 11/26/08, at the age of 79. She retired as a teacher from the Cornwall-Lebanon school system.
Esther K. (Haverstick) Landis ’55, Lancaster, died on 12/10/08, at the age of 88. She was an elementary school teacher for 28 years in the Hempfield and Solanco school districts. After
retirement, she was a tutor for children, illiterate adults, Vietnamese and Polish refugees. Phillip L. Leighton ’55, Fleetwood, died on 10/26/08, at the age of 75. He was named professor emeritus by Kutztown University in 2001. Marian (Gockley) Roseboro ’61, Denver, died on 10/25/08, at the age of 73. She was an elementary school teacher at Clay Elementary and a substitute teacher in the Cocalico School District for many years. Neil C. Houtz ’62, Muir, died on 9/16/08, at the age of 72. He retired from Williams Valley School District in 1994 where he was a math teacher and administrative assistant with the district. Frank M. Osilso ’67, Arnold, Md., died on 10/16/08, at the age of 63. He worked at the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for 28 years as a legislative liaison and was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. In addition to serving as president for the Class of 1967, he was named one of the top 30 players in Millersville basketball history in February 2000. His 533 assists was a school record for 22 seasons and his record of 194 assists in a season still stands. He ranks 11th on the all-time scoring list with 1,538 points. John C. Shenk ’68, Lancaster, died on 12/11/08, at the age of 66. He worked in banking information technology, as vice president of Meridian Bancorp and most recently for Vanguard. Milton V. “Skip” Hancock ’69, Langhorne, died on 9/25/08, at the age of 61. He was a teacher in the Neshaminy School District until his retirement in 2003. Linda (Steinmetz) Ermdan ’70, Fountain Valley, Calif., died on 8/29/08, at the age of 61. She was the principal of Lake Center Middle School in Sante Fe Springs, Calif. Marjorie (Glahn) Jurus ’70, Sugarloaf, died on 12/2/08, at the age of 61. She was a fourth and fifth grade reading teacher at Hazle Elementary School from 1970 to 1983. Barbara A. Hersch ’72, Shillington, died on 9/14/08, at the age of 57. She was an art teacher in the Reading School District. Terenzio D. “Terry” Riegel ’72, Lebanon, died on 11/30/08, at the age of 62. He was the owner of Terenzio Violins. He studied the art of violin-making in Italy for three years under master violin makers Sgarrabotto and Morassi. Ronald L. Shirk ’73, Lewistown, died on 7/30/08, at the age of 71. He was an art teacher for many years and then turned to his skills in art to be an artist and potter his entire life. Craig D. “Steve” Walmer ’75, Lancaster, died on 11/16/08, at the age of 58. He worked for Camino Real Foods, Inc., until his retirement. He was a partner, along with his father, of the former Colonial Restaurant Equipment Company. Leslie Marenchin ’76, Houston, Texas, died on 12/1/08, at the age of 54. He was an adjunct professor in the University of Houston Philosophy Department. Sally A. (Derr) Martin ’76, Leola, died on 12/1/08, at the age of 56. She earned an Emmy during her career in television production. She then served as a teacher, most recently at Warwick School District. Rhoda J. (Wiker) Mellingir ’77, Willow Street, died on 9/9/08, at the age of 67. She was a teacher at Locust Grove Mennonite School and the Lampeter-Strasburg School District. Sandra Lee (Wise) Patton ’79, Lititz, died on 10/22/08, at the age of 52. She served as a medical technologist at Lancaster General Hospital and enjoyed working with the Lancaster County Therapeutic Riding Club, helping disabled children and adults to ride horseback. Virginia K. “Ginny” Brown, Ocean City, N.J., died on 2/2/09, at the age of 84. She was the wife of Dr. Robert V. Brown ’43, who served as Millersville’s director of admissions and assistant vice president of academic affairs from 1962-1980. Brown earned her master’s degree in food and science from Drexel University and was the food editor on WGAL-TV in Lancaster for six years. After the Browns retired in Ocean City, she was an active volunteer at Shore Memorial Hospital for 27 years and received numerous awards, including the Chairman’s Award and the President’s Service Award. Edna Ross Simon, Lancaster, died on 12/3/08, at the age of 90. She was assistant professor emerita, Department of Educational Foundations. Prior to Millersville (1961-1972), she taught in the Saxton and the Bedford public schools for 27 years. After retiring from Millersville, she was active in the Music at Gretna programs and the Summer Theater. Haig M. Vahradian, Lancaster, died on 12/26/08, at the age of 48. He was an assistant professor in the University’s Department of Industry and Technology. Vahradian was with the department for the past seven years, with primary teaching responsibilities in the materials sciences, metals manufacturing, automated manufacturing and the machine tool technology curriculum. Following the building renovations to Osburn Hall, he was responsible for creating the laboratory settings for the manufacturing curriculum. Vahradian was the co-adviser and adviser of activities for the National Association of Industrial Technology (NAIT) Student Chapter. He assisted students on the Robotics Team and on the Electric Motorcycle Research Team, which both subsequently achieved awards and recognition at national competitions.
Eleanor Isaacson is artistic, charming and positively exuberant. For those who meet this vibrant woman, it is an uplifting experience.

Just ask Nicolle Nestler, who is set to graduate from Millersville in May and hopes to pursue a career in public health and global health-related psychology. The two women—one in her early 70s and the other in her 20s—have become friends through the Mentor Program at Millersville.

“The moment I met Eleanor, she welcomed me with a warm embrace and made me feel as if I had known her all my life,” recalls Nicolle.

The two women have spent the past three years forging a friendship that gives Nicolle a unique perspective on the world and Eleanor an opportunity to share her wisdom and experiences with her mentee. There is much to share.

Born in the United States, Eleanor grew up in Germany during World War II in the midst of bombings, food shortages and Russian occupation. It was a twist of fate that led Eleanor to spend her childhood there. She contracted whooping cough while traveling in Germany with her parents. She stayed with her German relatives who nursed her back to health, but then the war broke out.

Eleanor was 13 when she returned to America and could not speak a word of English. But she worked very hard and earned her degree in English and business management at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Her life has been a series of delightful adventures, as she continues to pursue her many passions.

“I love anything to do with the arts,” says Eleanor, who is a champion ballroom dancer with rows of medals, trophies and photographs to attest to her talents.

Her dance career is only the tip of the iceberg. Eleanor is a former fashion model, a motivational speaker, a Bible study leader, a Chinese brush watercolor painter, a vegetarian, gourmet chef and interior designer.

Her company, Image Dynamics, offers lectures, seminars, workshops, retreats and private consultations.

Her Willow Valley home is filled with treasures she has collected over the years. Eleanor’s fondness for beauty translates into every area of the arts, including the Lancaster Symphony Orchestra, the Fulton Opera House and Millersville University. She is involved with the planned Visual and Performing Arts Center at Millersville and has already made a generous gift toward the project.

“It only seems natural that I help to benefit Millersville in this area. I want to support the performing arts in whatever way I can,” says Eleanor.

Eleanor adores young people. She, after all, is still so energetic and young at heart.

That’s what led her to become a mentor at Millersville, which she describes as one of the most meaningful experiences of her life. Eleanor received the star mentor award for 2007 from the University’s Mentoring Alliance Program. Eleanor and Nicolle get together several times a month, to talk, share ideas and bond as friends.

“I feel that I have a life-long friend in Eleanor Isaacson. It has been such a positive experience for both of us,” says Nicolle.

Eleanor agrees, adding that she thinks of Nicolle almost as a daughter. Eleanor and her late husband never had children.

“I recommend being a mentor to anyone who wants to share their experiences with a young person,” says Eleanor. “It is a gift to both.”
Thanks to James D. Lawrence ’67 and Janet Martin ’68 for sharing the beautiful photograph they took in May 2008 when their son, Jason Lawrence, graduated with a Master of Business Administration.