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Millersville rated as a top value

In January, Millersville University was named to Kiplinger’s Personal Finance magazine’s list of “100 Best Values in Public Colleges of 2010.” The publication, in releasing the list, said, that “The schools in our top 100 best values in public colleges and universities continue to deliver strong academics at reasonable prices.”

Millersville was among six schools in Pennsylvania to make the list: University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania State University at University Park, West Chester, Bloomsburg and Shippensburg universities.

Grad students to have their own ceremony

In May, Millersville will hold two graduation ceremonies—one for graduate and one for baccalaureate achievements.

Graduate degrees - The first ceremony will be held on Friday, May 7, at 6:30 p.m., in Pucillo Gymnasium for students graduating with a master's degree and/or post-bachelor's teacher certification.
Dr. Tiffany Wright ’02M, Career Academy principal at York County School of Technology will be the keynote speaker.

Undergraduate degrees - The second ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 8, starting at 10 a.m., at Biemesderfer Stadium for students with a baccalaureate degree.

The speaker for Saturday's undergraduate commencement will be alumnus Brian Gladden ’87, who is senior vice president and chief financial officer for Dell, Inc.

Students who were expecting to walk at the December 2009 commencement are invited to join graduates this spring at the May ceremonies. A major snow storm resulted in the cancellation of the December commencement ceremony.

For more information about the ceremonies, visit www.millersville.edu/commencement/.
Sit down with Roger Bruszewski, vice president of finance and administration, and you immediately sense the know-how, the command of complicated concepts, the measured passion for what he believes is right.

In this and coming years, he’s going to need all that know-how and confidence to put together a balanced budget.

“If we cut our budget much more, it will have a drastic impact on the quality of education,” Bruszewski said. “Cuts will have to come from a reduction in costs and people.”


“There comes a day of reckoning,” Bruszewski said. “If revenues don’t increase, we’re going to have to take a really hard look at some of the functions [specific programs and/or majors] and say, ‘Maybe we can’t do this anymore.’ ”

Don’t expect more from the state. Maybe expect less. Governor Ed Rendell is projecting a $500 million deficit for the coming year, and tax revenue is currently behind what’s needed. Bruszewski said he’s trying to find the best strategy for Millersville. “I feel pretty good about what we’re doing now and next year, even though we’re going to have to tighten our belts,” he said. “It’s the year after that there are so many unknowns. That’s the part that scares me.”

Today’s squall is nothing compared to the budget monsoon gathering on the horizon. A mandated increase in Millersville’s contribution to retiree pensions will kick in starting in 2012; an increase of $8 million annually by 2013-14. Millersville’s budget is currently propped up in part by $3 million annually from the 2009 federal stimulus package, but that money will disappear in 2012.

Bruszewski sounded a concerned tone about what awaits Millersville in the future. “One of three things are going to happen,” he said. “The state is going to give us more money, PASSHE is going to give us higher tuition rates or we’re going to have to cut our budget.

“If I was a betting man, it will be a combination of the three.”

For more information about budget issues facing Millersville, go to www.millersville.edu and click on “Budget Issues.”

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**Budget Challenges**

- A $127 million budget to balance, while powerless to determine how much Pennsylvania’s government is going to contribute.
- For the third consecutive year state funding for Millersville has been reduced. It was $39.7 million in 2006-07 down to $31.8 million in 2009-10.
- Tuition rates are set by the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE), not Millersville.
- Self-imposed enrollment levels limited by faculty and facilities.
- Skyrocketing electricity prices, possibly as high as 30 or 40 percent above 2009 levels, now that regulatory caps on utilities have been removed.
- An anticipated 10 percent jump in health care costs.
- Mandated spikes in salary costs worth $4 million. This is another area where Millersville has little direct influence as contracts for union employees, including faculty, are negotiated by PASSHE.
- The loss of about $800,000 in state funds dedicated to fixing leaky roofs and other maintenance.

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**Decline in State Funding**

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**Fiscal Year**
Seeing red

The American Heart Month’s Red Dress Luncheon was held on Feb. 5. Ninety-five people attended the event, 25 of whom were students. Jerri Anne Johnson ’76, ’87M, director of the women’s heart health initiative at Abbott Laboratories was the keynote speaker (see page 35).

The Red Dress Luncheon at Millersville was started four years ago by Dr. Virginia Palmer, professor of nursing. She became an advocate of heart disease awareness after being diagnosed herself.

“One group of women I particularly cared about were the women at Millersville University,” Palmer said. “I felt the need to educate these women to take care of themselves.”

Millersville Will

Twin sisters Jasmine and Jennifer Henderson share most everything. Both are majoring in government and political affairs and have aspirations of being lawyers. They will be the first in their family to graduate from a four-year college.

Jasmine and Jennifer are among 19 alumni, students, faculty and staff members who have appeared in a series of commercials airing on Central Pa. television stations to promote the benefits of a Millersville University education and experience.

To learn more, visit www.millersville.edu.

Alex Henderson dies

Dr. Alex Henderson Jr., a noted educator and scientist, died on February 8. A professor emeritus of biology, he began teaching at Millersville University in 1954 and retired in 1992. He was chair of the biology department, and director of science and allied health. Henderson was responsible for the inauguration of several medical sciences programs and the meteorology program.

Largely responsible for the founding of the statewide marine sciences program, Henderson was instrumental in the formation of the Marine Science Consortium of some 20 institutions.

Henderson was an accomplished naturalist and artist. He enjoyed gardening, skiing and snorkeling. A Pennsylvania Master Gardener, he taught plant science to neophytes as well as to gardening societies and was a specialist in Pennsylvania wildflowers, heading a team of biologists who catalogued wildflowers.

For many years, he was president of Environmental Sciences Research Associates, Inc. He was a founding member of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania University Biologists and received their award in 1987 for his influence on biology in the Pennsylvania State University System. He also received the Earl F. Rebman Award for his contributions to environmental science.

A board member of the Lancaster County Conservancy, he authored the group’s first field guide to conservancy properties. He also served five years as an assistant cook for Meals on Wheels.

Contributions in Dr. Henderson’s memory may be made to the Henderson Scholarship Fund at Millersville University, which provides research grants to undergraduates. A memorial service will be held on April 24, at 11 a.m. at Bethany Presbyterian Church, Lancaster.
To his students, he is known simply as Dr. R.

In his office, Dr. Edward Rajaseelan keeps a box filled with cards and notes addressed to “Dr. R.” They serve as reminders as to why he has been a chemistry professor at Millersville for more than 20 years. And why his students voted him as the first winner of the Award for Excellence in Teaching.

“Thank you for your wisdom and humility,” writes one student, while another appreciates his “brilliance and enthusiasm for teaching.” Still another recognizes him for his “acts of kindness.”

Rajaseelan sees his role as a teacher as being gently encouraging, yet holding his students to the highest standards and expectations. That, he believes, is the way to bring out the best in students and help them reach higher goals.

To date, 37 Millersville students have done their senior and honors thesis with him, and 11 have received Ph.D.s from universities including Princeton, Penn, Notre Dame, Rice, Texas A&M, Colorado, Ohio State and Rochester. Five of his former students are now professors in leading research universities and colleges, while others are scientists in prestigious national labs and industries. Other students have gone on to graduate school at Arizona, Villanova, Duke and other top programs.

“When I see a student I can help, I want to do it, because so many people helped me get where I am,” says Dr. R.

Born in Sri Lanka, which he describes as a beautiful island that faced great ethnic strife, he moved to the United States to pursue his education. He earned his Ph.D. in inorganic chemistry at the University of Arizona, where he met his wife, Nilmini, who coincidentally was also from Sri Lanka.

“Our son is our pride and joy,” says Dr. R. with a smile. Jonathan is 17, a junior in high school, and is interested in chemistry and music.

Rajaseelan is a professor of inorganic chemistry. He explains, if organic chemistry is defined as the chemistry of hydrocarbons and their derivatives, inorganic chemistry can be described broadly as the chemistry of “everything else.”

His research is in the areas of synthetic inorganic, bio-inorganic and organo-metallic chemistry, in areas involving synthesis, characterization of transition metal complexes consisting of nitrogen oxides, N-heterocyclic carbenes, and chelating phosphines as ligands.

“These complexes have many potential uses as catalysts in green chemistry, organic synthesis, and in various industrial reactions,” explains Rajaseelan.

Rajaseelan has published more than a dozen research papers, yet it is his students and teaching that come first and foremost to this dedicated teacher, who once considered a career in medicine.

“I always knew I had a gift for teaching. And I know this is what I was meant to do,” says Rajaseelan.

Dr. R. loves to watch sports, such as college football, basketball and cricket. As a child, he enjoyed playing cricket, which is the national sport of Sri Lanka. When the weather is nice, he can often be found in his garden, making things grow.

“Chemistry is the key to every discipline. You need it to understand the world,” says Rajaseelan.
Weather affects almost everyone every day. At least that is what a meteorologist will tell you.
Millersville University teaches students the science behind how to predict the weather, but predicting weather is merely scratching the surface of what many graduates have gone on to do.

Dr. Richard Clark, chairman of the Department of Earth Sciences and professor of meteorology, said the program is a rigorous and comprehensive one.

“The courses that are offered are unusual for most undergraduate programs in meteorology,” he said.

Two required undergraduate courses that help students excel are computer programming language and atmospheric motions. The computer programming language course helps students land internships that require the knowledge and the atmospheric motions teach the students to create small scale models of climates and how they relate to different climates and weather patterns.

“We teach one step above the fundamentals than what other undergraduate colleges do,” he said. “Our students are very prepared for graduate school.”

Christopher Sloop ‘89 took his degree in physics with a computer engineering emphasis from Millersville University and helped create a company that allows weather forecasts to reach the public with ease.

Sloop is one of the founders of WeatherBug, a network of weather stations, schools and broadcast television. At the time his company was created in 1992, Sloop said, television news programs could only report current weather conditions from the nearest airport or from weather observers who called the stations with their information.

“WeatherBug allows the TV stations access to hundreds of weather stations at schools in their area. It was a win-win idea where schools had a great tool for learning about meteorology and the TV station was able to access the data and display it...”

Above photos, left to right:
- Radar technology used in forecasting
- Eric Horst analyzing atmospheric data
- Dr. Rich Clark and students with weather balloon
- Density experiment
- Undergraduate research/testing
- Public Weather Awareness Day parachute experiment
- Meteorology students in classroom
- Adam Jacobs using solar technology

Chris Sloop ‘89, below, was instrumental in the development of the WeatherBug network.
on TV in real time,” he said.

Sloop, chief technology officer for WeatherBug, said the network of weather stations has grown to 8,500 locations in the U.S., more than 500 in Canada and more across the world. Millersville recently installed one on campus with a “motioncam,” which allows the meteorology department to show current conditions and camera views right on campus.

“Our latest version of the weather station includes a new sensor we released in 2009, which detects the exact location of lightning strikes,” he said. “A single lightning flash generates an electromagnetic wave that can travel hundreds of miles. Since we have a network of hundreds of weather stations that detect lightning, we are able to measure the exact time within nanoseconds that the electromagnetic wave reached each weather station, and from there we can use Time-of-Arrival techniques to ‘triangulate’ where the location of the lightning flash was.”

The WeatherBug Total Lightning Network, Sloop said, “is unique in that we detect not only the cloud-to-ground strikes that other networks pick up, but the much smaller flashes that occur within a cloud. Our hope is to utilize this groundbreaking technology to improve severe weather warnings by 10 minutes or more.”

Sloop, married for 15 years, has four children. He hopes to someday grow WeatherBug to where it can launch a remote weather satellite of some sort. “How cool would that be!” he said. “Of course, that might not happen… So my ultimate goal is really just to teach my children about the important things in life and pray that they will grow up with an attitude of ‘doing great things’ by serving others.”

Jake Swick ’01 has spent the past several years forecasting the weather for PGA golf tournaments.

He found himself on tour with the professionals, to ensure the safety of the players on the course.

“I used a piece of equipment, the Thorguard, to predict when lightning would strike,” he said. The ability to predict, instead of detect, lightning gave Swick what he feels is a good measure for safety.

Swick, married to Jamie (Barbush) ’03, spent his first year with Mobile Weather Team forecasting for radio. He started working with the Golf Association of America in the spring of 2002, and Jamie joined him upon her graduation.

One of his most memorable times, he said, was forecasting at the Masters. “I mean, the Masters!” he said in awe.

He also worked a tournament near Birmingham, Ala., where there was a thunderstorm three-to-five miles away. It went on for 45 minutes and sounded like cannons going off, he said. “Using the Thorguard, I could tell the weather over the course was fine and told them they could keep playing.”

Swick emphasized that he gave advice only, never making the final decisions.

“The storm] drifted alongside the course, and you could see the lightning strikes a mile or so away.” While Swick said he knows how stressful playing in weather that close can be, he knew with his equipment the course was safe.

He did recommend a practice round at the U.S. Open in New York be postponed during a downpour. Swick said the lightning was all around, and, although it was cloud-to-cloud lightning, he felt it wasn’t safe.

Those first couple of years required constant travel, and while fun for the couple then, they knew they wanted to settle down and start a family. With that in mind, Jake joined the Thorguard team in 2005 as a programmer and networker.

“I continue to do weather forecasts for golf tournaments, but more locally now,” said the new father of baby Helios. “We always said we would name our children after the weather. Helios is Greek for god of the sun.”

Jamie, who now works for Hospice of Utah, forecasted for the LPGA tour in 2003 and 2004, but she didn’t like the stress of the job as much as he did.
Swick now spends a great deal of time putting together prediction grids. “We are finding that predicting lightning may or may not lead to predicting tornado development and paths,” he said. “We’re studying it right now.”

Dennis Staley ’93 is currently the executive officer for the National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP), a component of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). “Millersville played a great role in getting my career started in the National Weather Service (NWS),” he said.

“After graduation, I worked with my advisor, Dr. Clark, to develop a strategy to seek employment in the NWS and to take advantage of my veterans’ preference and eight years of government service in the U.S. Marine Corps.”

Staley said ideally, he wanted to use his skills from his administrative and financial background from the Marines along with his new science and meteorology skills. “Through Dr. Clark, I was able to solidify a summer internship with the chief financial officer of the NWS.”

Staley worked for the CFO for seven years performing analytical and administrative duties associated with planning, formulating, analyzing and justifying a multi-year budget.

“My unique, multi-disciplinary combination of skills in planning, financial management, and meteorology has been valuable to me over my career as I was able to use my science background to defend high priority budget proposals in the federal budget process.

“One of my most significant accomplishments during this time was my role in obtaining funding for the NWS modernization in the mid-1990s that has since revamped and improved the level of weather, water and climate services provided to the American public,” he said.

Staley has been executive officer for NCEP since 2002. “I work closely with NCEP director Dr. Louis Uccellini, winter weather expert and author of several East Coast snowstorm books, in running the day-to-day operations of NCEP.”

Staley found his interest in meteorology while stationed at Cherry Point, N.C., near the Outer Banks. He said witnessing severe coastal storms and hurricanes drew him to the weather. So when he was discharged from the Marine Corps, he used the Veterans’ Education Assistance Program to pursue a meteorology degree.

“It was quite a risk at the time as I was a nontraditional full-time student, married with two small children, living in a two-bedroom apartment. I was able to pick up part-time work at Millersville’s purchasing department and the Weather Information Center. Most of our family’s income through this period was through my devoted wife.”

Bob Van Dillen ’95, a meteorologist with HLN, fondly remembers his Millersville days with Clark, too.

“Dr. Clark would be teaching something, and if somebody in class would ask a dumb question, he would sometimes get angry,” the lighthearted Van Dillen said. “A couple of times, he would just yell, ‘Alright Van Dillen… let’s arm wrestle’ just to get his aggressions out. I’d move up to the front desk and I’d let him win because that was best for all of us. It wasn’t even me that asked the dumb questions—usually,” he said.

“It’s pretty funny how I got into the meteorology field,” he said. “I was a junior in high school in New Jersey and never gave much thought as to a major in college. I played football, hockey and baseball, and it took up most of my time. My true love was surfing, though, and we had a small cottage down at the Jersey shore. I used to love watching the storms come in and a
“We have one of the best programs in the country.”

Professor Rich Clark
are also helping to improve data sets that researchers use to study the weather and climate.”

Gregory Zarus ’88, a supervisory scientist for the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry’s (ATSDR) federal programs, said a knee injury led him to wrestle for Millersville instead of playing football for Penn State. That decision allowed him to meet the faculty in the earth sciences department, who, he said, helped him see learning as a personal matter.

“The knowledge I gained was enough to excel in grad school. Dynamics and physical meteorology made all the cloud microphysics a breeze. I remember having a conversation in the physics-based grad school atmospheric science classes while many others were trying to grasp the concepts,” he said.

Today, Zarus leads a team of geologists, toxicologists, health physicists, economists, physicians, epidemiologists, and other environmental or health scientists to investigate when other government departments pollute, to determine if people are going to be exposed or hurt.

“The job of my staff, and I used to be one of them, is more unique and exciting than mine; they visit communities and sites of pollution, collect data, and determine if chemicals have or are going to expose people, and if so, are people going to get sick as a result,” he said.

The job is unique, he said, because it is different from the Environmental Protection Agency that uses laws and sampling data to protect people or the environment. “We use research and studies, which often are much less certain, and we have to draw conclusions based on science, not law,” he said.

“The ‘health assessors”—the project managers on my staff—have to defend their conclusions to a panel of peers, rather than just report data and compare it to a legal standard.”

Before joining ATSDR, the married father of two adopted sons—one from Nepal and one from Kazakhstan—was an air quality meteorologist for the EPA response contract. During the Olympics in Atlanta, he assisted the Centers for Disease Control with ensuring the air was safe for the athletes.

In addition to his job, Zarus is mayor of the small city of Pine Lake, Ga. He also serves as an advisor at a local college and is currently working on chartering an elementary school with an environmental focus.

Dr. Jose Fuentes ’84, professor of meteorology at Penn State University, attributes his success in the teaching field to his experience at Millersville.

“Millersville gave me an outstanding academic background to pursue almost anything I wanted to do in life. The academic training I had was appropriate to do well in graduate school and compete with others who originally came from more prestigious and larger institutions,” he said.

Fuentes, who was named one of the 2010 Fellows of the American Meteorological Society (AMS), takes the training he received at Millersville and passes it on to undergraduate and graduate students in Happy Valley. Only 0.2 percent of the members of the AMS are approved and designated as fellows, according to Clark.

Fuentes also supervises graduate research and secures extramural funds to support research activities. He also spends a great deal of time publishing the results of his research, he said.

“I have a job that permits me to interact with individuals whose average age does not change with time,” he said. “Teaching is a passion of mine. Another passion of my life is the integration of research results in teaching the younger generation about the atmospheric environment.”

Fuentes also enjoys being able to take his graduate students to faraway places such as the North Pole and the Amazonia regions of Brazil.

Fuentes visits school children in large cities to talk about opportunities education can offer.

Fuentes’ ultimate goal is “to let economically disadvantaged children know that one way to succeed in life is through education.”
From the haunting melody of “Shenan-doah” to Irving Berlin’s “Let’s Face the Music and Dance,” the sound of the Lancaster British Brass Band has captured the imagination of music lovers in the Central Pennsylvania area.

“It sounds almost effortless, but there is a very precise method with fixed instruments,” says conductor Walter Blackburn, professor emeritus of Millersville University.

The seed for the Lancaster British Brass Band came from Paul Belser, retired dentist and musician with the Lancaster Symphony. When he mentioned the idea to Rick Staherski ’75 and Blackburn, the British Brass Band was born in 2004.

“I had seen the movie ‘Brassed Up’ and remember thinking what a great idea it would be to have a British-style brass band here in Lancaster. Then Paul told me he had the same idea,” says Staherski, who plays the tenor trombone.

Like many of the band members, Staherski has his musical roots at Millersville. In fact, of the 28 band members, 10 are Millersville alumni, ranging in age from their 20s to 50s and beyond.

Blackburn was just as enthusiastic. A music professor from 1971 until his retirement in 1997, Blackburn taught voice, rhythmic training and choral and instrumental conducting, while directing Millersville’s choral program. He was intrigued by the story behind British brass bands, and even more compelled by the sound.

As depicted in “Brassed Up,” a movie about coal workers in a small town trying to win the big contest for brass bands, the Lancaster British Brass Band follows the path first laid down in the smoky mill and mining towns of mid-19th century Britain. In order to make competition fair, the authentic British brass bands had a fixed instrumentation of 28 players with one conductor.

“Music can be very uplifting, and that is what the Lancaster British Brass Band tries to do. It is a sound that is very unique, and authentic to the British tradition,” says Staherski, who has degrees in music education and computer science, and now serves as director of technology at Lancaster Theological Seminary.

Kirsten Albert ’83 is one of two women members of the band. She teaches music education at West...
Walter Blackburn conducts the brass band.

Chester University and plays the tenor horn in the Lancaster British Brass Band.

“Playing in the British Brass Band means a lot to me. I love the sound of the all-brass band and the level of musicianship is outstanding,” says Albert.

As an educator, she thinks it is important to be a performing musician as well. It sends a message to her students about the significance of music in her life. She also enjoys performing with her husband, Doug Albert ’79, whom she met when the two played together in a brass quintet with Belser.

As department chair for the music department at Lampeter Strasburg High School, Doug Albert enjoys playing in the brass band.

“I like anything English, and the British Brass Band has such a rich heritage and powerful sound,” says Doug Albert.

“As far as I know, we are one of only two British brass bands in Pennsylvania. The other one is the Three Rivers Band, and they are a professional band.”

That gives the Lancaster British Brass Band a more authentic character, since British bands are typically made up of amateur musicians who have other “day jobs” and play for the passion of it.

Geoff Davis ’72, ’75M, ’80M plays for his passion. His career has taken him from being an English teacher and coach at Hempfield High School to the Pennsylvania School Board Association and the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry. He is now an executive coach with his own consulting company, Conversations, Inc.

“I come from Welsh ancestry,” says Davis, “so being in the Lancaster British Brass Band is thrilling. The music is so emotional and inspiring to me.”

Davis plays the tuba and has worked with Belser many times over the years. He was pleased to join the high caliber musicians, such as Blackburn, Belser, Staherski, Albert and others.

“I like to say that they are 27 of the best brass musicians you will ever find, and then me,” he says with a smile.

Edward Vaughen ‘93 shares Davis’ admiration for his fellow band members. Vaughen is a percussionist in the Lancaster British Brass Band, personally recruited by Blackburn, who had been his professor at Millersville.

One of the younger members of the band Vaughen earned his degree in music education, and taught at Lancaster City schools before returning to his alma mater, the Manheim Township School District, where he has taught music and band in the high school, middle school and elementary levels.

“As a music teacher, I think it sets a good example to my students that I also play on a professional level with a band,” says Vaughen.

A few of the other Millersville alumni who have made their musical mark with the Lancaster British Brass Band are Tim Wolf who plays second cornet, Robert Woodbridge who plays baritone horn, Kenneth Kemmerer and Bruce Smith who play tuba and percussionist Jim Martin.

There are several Belsers in the band, including founder Paul Belser playing flugelhorn, his son, Paul Belser Jr. on second cornet, and Paul Sr.’s brother, Robert, and his son, Robert Belser Jr., both playing third cornet.

“It’s very much of a family, both the Millersville family and the Belser family, and the family of talented musicians from the area,” says Staherski, noting that some members from the Philadelphia Orchestra have played with the brass band.

“To be in the company of such esteemed musicians is an honor,” says Vaughen. “Not to mention the wonderful, gorgeous sound.”

To find out more about the Lancaster British Brass Band, check the website at www.lancasterbbb.org.
Jim Loder never had a ride home quite like the one he took when the fall 2009 semester ended. Loder, a 22-year-old senior, used his family’s pickup to ramble north from Millersville University’s campus to his home near Scranton, taking the steep curves of I-81 through the passes of the Endless Mountains, holding his breath, constantly checking behind him.

There in the bed of the truck lay a 14-foot handmade kayak, composed of cedar and white ash, hugged by a translucent orange canvas. The kayak, evidence that college isn’t all books and tests, came out of Dr. George Kerekgyarto’s wood technology class.

Kayaks have been utilized for at least a 1,000 years, fashioned by natives near the Arctic as a survival mechanism for hunting sea mammals. Today, people drop kayaks into the water to discover remote campsites and ride the rapids of churning rivers. And it is now part of Millersville’s technology curriculum.

Last autumn Kerekgyarto provided students in his wood technology course an opportunity lifted from a James Fenimore Cooper novel—construct a 14-foot kayak with lumber and canvas to paddle out into open water.

“I try to do things that are challenging,” Kerekgyarto said about his junior-level class. “We do things like rocking chairs. We do things that aren’t square so that students have to learn how to problem solve with things that aren’t traditional. And these kayaks are perfect because nothing on it is square.”

The sleek and lightweight boats at first glance don’t appear to be much at all. Running a hand over the glossy finish, you realize that the only thing between a kayaker and the water is a tightly stretched piece of cloth. Imagine attempting to float on the water with a canvas bookbag.

“It’s like having an oxford shirt on,” said Mark Kaufman ’83, who teaches adult education classes on kayak construction. “It sure isn’t waterproof before you put the sealant on.”

But these kayaks—if the students constructed them correctly—will float.

Kerekgyarto said he chose for the class a style of kayak known as an F1, developed by seasoned boater Brian Schulz of the Oregon-based Cape Falcon Kayak. On the company’s website, Schulz says he created the F1 kayak to accelerate and cruise in rough open water. “This kayak is well-suited to the most dedicated rough water surf maniac and the peaceful flatwater explorer,” he says. “The F1 features excellent stability for a skin kayak and comfortable cockpit outfitting to give you a firm grip without feeling trapped.”

While that experience might sound adventurous for the Theodore Roosevelt types, the task of constructing an F1 kayak appears daunting to even a seasoned outdoorsperson. The frame of the hull must be constructed to perfection with cypress, then white ash lumber must be bent using steam to precise curves before stretching a synthetic canvas around the hull like a drum. Afterwards, the students rub on a waterproof seal so the kayak remains buoyant and watertight before adding dye for color.
The real splash of this project, though, may be that nearly the entire boat is constructed without a nail or screw.

“All of it is lashed together,” Kerekgyarto said. “We put a little bit of glue in the pins so they won’t come out, but that’s the only glue. The rest is lashed so the frame moves. When you’re in a wave, the kayak is going to give rather than pop. If it pops then you’re in trouble. But this can flex. You can really get hammered by a wave and still come out of it.”

The genesis of Kerekgyarto’s kayak constructing course began in the summer of 2008 in Brooklin, a seaside town in Maine whose population is less than 1,000. Its streets seemingly run into the tall-mast sailboats docked on the rocky shore, and it hosts the Wooden Boat School, a place where people learn to construct canoes, kayaks and so on.

Kerekgyarto said he arrived for a one-week course at the Wooden Boat School not seeking to learn how to construct a boat but for something else.

Kerekgyarto hauled home a large, open canoe, and in his mind something sparked—if he could discover the right design, he could teach his Millersville students how to create a kayak.

During spring 2009, Kerekgyarto posed a question to his students—would they take interest in constructing a kayak for ITECH 367 in the fall?

“They were real excited, but they had no idea how they would do it,” Kerekgyarto said. “Usually, they know they’re going to make something that’s familiar in that class, and this time they had no clue. They had to totally rely on my direction walking them through. None of them had done this before.”

The idea certainly piqued Loder’s interest. Loder lives on the shore of Lake Sheridan near the town of Nicholson, Pa., and owns a fishing and recreation kayak.

“I have two kayaks at home, but to have one I put together with my own hands, I couldn’t pass that up,” Loder said. “It was a little overwhelming at first because the whole steam bending process to make the ribs of the kayak is pretty crazy.”

But if Loder felt intimidated by the task of constructing his own handmade kayak, he turned to Kerekgyarto for confidence. “It took a little bit to get the construction concepts down, but anything he gave us, we knew we would finish,” Loder said. “But it took extra lab time above the normal class time. We had to go to a lot of open labs. But it was fun.”

Will the kayaks float? Kerekgyarto hopes to take the students and their kayaks to Pine Creek, a northern Pennsylvania river that’s sliced the piedmont into a 1,000-foot gorge known as the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon. Pine Creek, though, has Class II and Class III rapids, certainly not at the level of America’s wildest rivers but enough to create large waves, powerful currents and racing hearts. He said he might choose an open water lake instead. “These kids, a lot of them haven’t kayaked, so I’m a little leery in taking them” to Pine Creek, Kerekgyarto said. “I might take them out first locally so they can get comfortable with the boat.”

One person who has already learned whether his kayak floats is Loder. Once he brought his kayak down to Lake Sheridan and threw it into the water.

“It did,” he said. “It was wild.”
Harry Lines ’40 has seen nearly a century of change at Millersville. The 92-year-old Lines was born in Millersville and lived on North George Street, beside Bassler Hall, then called the Model School.

“All I needed to do was jump the fence and I was at school,” Harry recalled.

Serving children in grades kindergarten through eight, the Model School was the training ground for Millersville’s student teachers, so Harry had new teachers every semester.

As a student at the Model School in the mid-1920s, he and his classmates were used to test measles and mumps vaccines by the state health department.

“I had every shot in the world and never had any of those diseases,” Harry remembers. “That’s probably what’s kept me alive. But they conned us. If we volunteered, they gave us an Eskimo Bar.”

In 1936, Harry started classes at the college. The semester tuition was $18.75, plus a $10 student activity fee.

As a history major, Harry and his classmates took field trips. In 1938, they traveled to Gettysburg during the 75th and final reunion of the Civil War veterans. There they watched President Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicate the Peace Light Memorial.

“I sat right up front and saw Roosevelt light the memorial,” he said.

Harry also had the unique opportunity to speak with some of the 1,800 aging Civil War veterans—average age 94—who attended the three-day reunion.

As for campus life, in those days the principal building was Old Main, located near where Ganser Library stands today. This building housed both male and female students in separate wings, as well as classrooms, the music and health departments and the president’s office. The chapel was also there, and all students were required to attend.

“Every day after lunch, you went to chapel,” Harry said.
On the open field between modern-day Dutcher and Brooks halls was the best baseball diamond in the county, complete with grandstands that attracted players from near and far.

“Everyone wanted to come to Millersville to play baseball,” he said. “Baseball was big-time stuff then. Millersville, in the summertime, had a semi-pro team, and most of the college guys stayed over for summer and played with the team.”

An incident that occurred in 1938 sticks in Harry’s mind seven decades later. Harry and some friends were hanging out at Ford’s Tea Room, as luncheonettes were called then, at the corner of Frederick and George streets. Mrs. Ford had her radio on, Harry remembered, and said, “You guys come back here and listen to this.” Harry’s friends got “really excited,” he said.

The radio broadcast reported urgent news alerts of an invasion by Martians. What was really being broadcast was an adaptation of H.G. Wells’ “The War of the Worlds,” narrated by Orson Welles, and presented, in part, in the form of news reports. All across America, more than a million listeners believed the reports to be true.

“The kids loaded up two or three cars and said we were going to drive to the coal region, where some of them were from, and go into the mines to escape the Martians,” Harry said. “That broadcast really caused havoc.”

Harry said, “I was always skeptical of everything, so I didn’t leave.”

The War of the Worlds incident wasn’t the only thing Harry recalled as being eerie. Under the campus grounds ran tunnels that carried heating pipes from a service building near the current Ganser Library to other buildings. In Harry’s day, the tunnels went to Old Main, then split off to what is today Dutcher Hall, Biemesderfer Center and Wickersham Hall. Today, these tunnels are lit, but in the 1920s and 30s, they were dark with dirt floors, and as a boy, Harry played in them.

“It used to be pretty spooky,” he recalled. Harry joined the school’s Rod and Gun Club (see his membership card at the bottom of the previous page). Besides hunting small game in nearby fields, the club members would attend dances on Saturday nights. However, 10 p.m. meant lights out, and college rules required the girls to turn in for the night, leaving the guys to find other sources of entertainment. Sometimes, this quest led them to Rock Hill Tavern, south of town.

“We fellas would chip in together and buy a quarter keg of beer and the tavern owner gave us a bag of peanuts, and we’d either stay at Rock Hill or go into the tunnels,” Harry said. “We’d be wearing our rod and gun club jackets, drinking beer, eating peanuts and singing.”

Little wonder, then, why the buttons (see below) on the Rod and Gun Club jackets depict beer mugs.

“Millersville was a wonderful place to grow up,” he said. “The days I went to Millersville were the best days of my life.”
“The Difference PRIDE Makes!”

Gene Carpenter, Millersville’s longtime football coach (1970-2001), died in December 2009. His legacy is illustrated in the words of the many whose lives he touched.

IN THE WORDS OF PLAYERS AND FRIENDS:

“I am so very blessed to have been one of his players. Not only was he my coach but he was truly a second father to me—and I mean that literally having lost my dad in 1978. Coach shaped and molded me mentally, physically and spiritually for almost 34 years of worldwide service in our Army’s Special Forces in both peace and war… Those unique values, skills and traits learned, developed and earned on that field of green: Words like team, courage, dedication, desire, discipline, drive, hard work, perseverance and selflessness became the hallmarks of those of us blessed enough to play football here at the Ville for Coach and would later become the ethical framework for our lives… Over the years, I have remained very close to Coach and the program, and I have always considered being one of Millersville Originals a very special part of my life. When I returned home from the war in 1991, the first place I came to visit was the football stadium and Coach. The picture from that event resides on my desk—my dad’s picture on one side, Coach’s on the other. I love this man and his family as my own. His remarkable children, patriots all, and his cherished and devoted wife Sandy: Thank God for him. He taught us all the ‘Difference Pride Makes.’ Coach is in the real hall of fame now.”

- Colonel William Davis ’72, Hall of Fame 2009

“Coach Carpenter fully understood that he was entrusted by each of the parents who sent their boys to Millersville to help them grow up and become men. He embraced, and in rare moments of candor, would acknowledge the fact that he was preparing each of us for a bigger game—the game of life. Winning was important, but in hindsight, he built the same fundamental character in the players on every team, no matter the win/loss record. I can honestly look back at my four years on the team as critically foundational, and point to many lessons learned that have helped me throughout my life. He was special to many and will be missed.”

- Brian Gladden ’87, Punter

“He was and still is one of the most influential people of our lives. Obviously many of his former players have gone on in their lives as very productive citizens mainly because of the personal lessons learned on and off the Millersville football field. Self pride and the pursuit of excellence are just a few of these. Part of his legacy truly lives on with us as witnessed by the number of former players and coaches who thought it was important enough to attend his funeral service on a Monday afternoon. It was a special day as many of us were brought together as a family one more time just as he would have loved. I do have a favorite Coach Carpenter phrase that will stay with me forever and I have used it with my own two sons as well as any kids I have coached. “Practice doesn’t make perfect, perfect practice makes perfect.” If you want to perform well in any life endeavor, you need to practice the way you want to perform. It has served me well.”

- Gordie Speicher ’78, Player

“Great man, super coach, fantastic family man. I attempted to emulate most of his kindness, discipline and pragmatic approach to life.”

- Jay Chryst ’50, Team Captain

“Words cannot describe the impact that Coach had on his players. He was a great leader, motivator, and role model. Coach was a father away from home, and he will always hold a place in my heart. Coach Carpenter can never be replaced or duplicated. Rest in peace Coach! You will be missed.”

- Lee Rizzotto ’99, Player

“Coach Carpenter, as we all knew him, was an exceptional professional who exemplified the true value of sports in one’s life. I was most privileged to have the opportunity to be his colleague. During our tenure at Millersville in the administration of the men’s and women’s athletic programs we encountered many hurdles of frustration. It was only through respect of each others’ goals that those frustrations developed into one of the best athletic programs for the student-athletes. The University naming of the Carpenter/Trout Athletic Training Center was an honor for both of us, but far more important to me was being recognized with “Coach,” who made a difference in the lives of many. I love you Gene, and Marauder Pride will live on in the hearts of many.”

- Marjorie Trout

Former Director of Women’s Athletics

“Anyone who was blessed to play for Coach Dr. Gene Carpenter, has no excuse not to be successful in life, personally and professionally.”

- Dr. Henry Odi ’81, ’83M, Hall of Fame 2007

“Coach Carpenter was a man that loved God, country and family and taught us to do the same. The values that encompassed Marauder Pride were instilled in us not only to prepare us for gridiron battles, but to prepare us to face the challenges of life with self-discipline, confidence and courage, long after our time on the football field. He was a great man and a father figure to all of his players. We were all blessed by the impact he had on our lives. Coach Carpenter and Marauder Pride will live in our hearts and minds forever.”

- Scott Martin ’93, Defensive Tackle

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“X’s and O’s don’t make the difference. The difference between winning and losing remains with you, the players. However, the discipline and pride you place upon yourself to study and know your position well will dictate much toward both individual and team success.”

“Marauder Pride isn’t something you do every once in a while. It’s something you do every day.”

“True wealth is measured not by the amount of dollars in your pocket but by the number of lives you have touched…Achieve a purposeful life, men…It is more valuable than any paycheck, any award, any dedication. This is the true measure of a life.”

“There are three types of people in the world: those that make it happen, those who watch it happen and those who wonder what happened. You decide what you want to be.”

“When it’s too tough for everyone else, it’s just right for the Marauders.”

In 1975, euphoric players carried Coach Carpenter on their shoulders after beating West Chester University. It snapped a 41-game losing streak to West Chester—the Marauders had not won against West Chester since 1921.
MU has more than 1,000 Facebook fans (and growing!), 106 Twitter followers, 1095 LinkedIn followers and scads of YouTube viewers on all the different Millersville YouTube videos. Are you plugged in?

Alumni Online
Join the MU Alumni Online Community and register for events, submit a class note, learn about our many benefits and services offered for alumni.

www.villealumni.com
• MU’s front door: www.millersville.edu
• Everything alumni: www.villealumni.com
• Millersville University News: www.millersville.edu/news/index.php

Facebook.com/Millersville University Alumni
Tell us about your Millersville experience and plug into the conversations. The latest topics have focused on events and the recently launched “Eye Patch” Photo Contest. Alumni share your news and learn more about the alumni association and its programs and events at www.facebook.com/pages/Millersville-PA/Official-Millersville-University-Alumni-Page/63989775597

Twitter.com/MUalumni
More than 100 Marauders are tweeting about their favorite MU hot topics. So what’s on your mind? Follow us at www.twitter.com/@mualumni

For the Groups
Parents: www.millersville.edu/parents/index.php
Donors: www.millersville.edu/services/development/waystogive.php
Future students: www.millersville.edu/admissions/index.php

Television
MUTV99: The on-campus cable station encourages members to get involved with television production, both behind the scenes and in front of the camera. MUTV99 is an academic club located within Millersville University’s Communication and Theatre department. Shows and productions air to an audience of more than 8,000 on channel 99 on Millersville’s campus. With the addition of MUTube99 on youtube.com, shows are now accessible by millions online. http://mutv99.com/about.html

Radio
WIXQ (FM): Tune in when in the ‘Ville area (91.7 on your FM dial); since the late 1960s MU’s radio station has been live, they’ve got it all rock, metal, indie, oldies, Top 20, country, gospel, hip-hop, ska, Christian and so much more. www.wixq.com

Print
Millersville Review magazine, the online version: www.millersville.edu/ucm
The Snapper: The student-run newspaper is published weekly (10-12 issues per semester), hits the newsstands on Thursdays: www.thesnapper.com

Sports
www.millersvilleathletics.com
Check out this website and click on its many features, including text messaging, photo galleries, YouTube videos, e-newsletters, scoreboards, stats, schedules, headlines, polls and so much more!

Events Calendar
Art exhibits, cultural programs, music programs, movies, speakers, come home to these events/check it out: www.millersville.edu/calendar/index.php
Register for select Millersville events: www.muticketsonline.com/

MU Apparel & Gifts
Shop Millersville University clothing, athletic wear, gifts and more, online 24/7: http://store.studentservicesinc.com/home.aspx

Fast Facts
How many students are registered at Millersville? How big is the campus? What majors do we have? What are the annual costs to attend? Click on www.millersville.edu/about/fastfacts.php
Florida events

The end of January 2010 marked our annual trip to the Sunshine State, a trip that those who get to travel always look forward to when it’s cold and snowy in Pennsylvania. Representing the University were Francis Schodowski, director of planned giving, and Dr. Aminta Breaux, vice president for student affairs, who gave guests an update on Millersville.

Save the date for Homecoming: October 23

Make sure you don’t miss the “grand daddy of all weekends at the Ville for MU alumni!” Mark your calendars now for the big day, Saturday, October 23.

Back by popular demand will be the Millersville Community Parade (complete with a theme of the Wild Wild West); also planned is Fall Fling with all kind of kids activities and vendors, the Class of 1960 50th anniversary and reunions with former Marching Band students and more.

And of course what would Homecoming be without football? Come watch the Marauders take on East Stroudsburg.

Interested in your group holding a reunion during Homecoming 2011? It’s not too early to start planning now. Call the alumni office at 800-681-1855 to discuss options.

Marauder photo contest

The Millersville University Alumni Association is running its first ever Marauder photo contest and we need your photos!

We are looking for photos of alumni wearing the Marauder eye patch. There are eight different categories of photos you can enter including, Marauder wedding photo, cutest Marauder baby photo, most Marauders in a photo, Marauder family and more. Photos for the contest will be accepted until the end of May 2010. In June, the photo with the most fan votes will win a $100 gift card to the University Store and your photo will be featured in the fall 2010 issue of the Review.

To enter, go online to the official Millersville University Alumni Facebook fan page. You will find a full listing of the contest rules and photos that fellow alumni have already submitted. Upload your photo to the fan page wall and we will move it to the appropriate category for you. While you’re there, take a look at the photos submitted and make a comment or choose your favorite photo. One comment counts as one vote.

Questions? Email the alumni services office at mualumni@millersville.edu or call 800-681-1855. We love seeing pictures of alumni getting together. Marauders for life!
Travel with us

The PASSHE Alumni & Friends Travel program just may have the destination for you.

**July 26 – Aug. 7, 2010: Alaska:** Direct to the Wilderness Cruise. A 7-night cruise on Princess Cruises’ Island Princess followed by a 4-night land tour including 2-nights in Denali National Park for this 11-night program: featuring Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway and Anchorage in Alaska; and Glacier Bay National Park and more. From $2,673 per person (not including air from home city to Seattle and government taxes/fees).

**August 23 – Sept. 7, 2010:** Voyages to Antiquity Cruise. From the Byzantine splendor of St Mark’s and the tranquil beauty of the Venetian canals to the classical elegance of Delphi, there is much to excite the imagination. See Italy, Croatia, Greece and the dramatic beauty of the Adriatic Coast for a 14-night cruise aboard the Aegean Odyssey, a mid-size ship whose capacity is only 380 guests. Cost is $3,495 per person, including free air, arrival and departure transfers, selected shore excursions, free selected wine with dinner (or beer and soft drinks if you prefer), and onboard gratuities and all taxes. This is a great trip and there is no single supplement charge.

**September 26 – October 10, 2010:** Canada and New England Cruise. Enjoy autumn aboard Celebrity’s Summit cruise liner for 14-days to ports in Canada and New England including Newport, R.I., Boston, Portland and Bar Harbor, Maine, Halifax and Sydney, Nova Scotia, the Bay of Fundy, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, and Quebec City. The cruise departs from Cape Liberty pier in Bayonne, New Jersey. Prices start at $1,409 double occupancy plus taxes. Prices do not include airfare.

Please contact our travel partners at 800-506-7447, ask for Christie or Craig at Cruisin/Main Line Vacations, and/or click on www.alumnivacations.com for more details and reservations.

Upcoming Events

**Phillies game**
**August 11, 2010**
Come out and cheer on the Phillies as they play the Los Angeles Dodgers on Wednesday, August 11. Millersville alumni will be taking over Ashburn Alley, the heart of the ballpark and the place to be. These retro seats are nestled below the Liberty Bell in right field and are inspired by Shibe Park/Connie Mack Stadium, where many fans enjoyed baseball games from their rooftops on 20th Street.

Tickets are $26 and include a $10 food voucher and a group discount. So come on out to the ballpark with us!

Deadline to buy tickets is July 12. To order tickets, log on to www.villalumni.com. Click events/calendar or call 800-681-1855.

Past Events

**AMS/Atlanta**
On January 19, the American Meteorological Society met for their annual conference and alumni reception in Atlanta, Ga. Alumni from the surrounding area were invited to attend a cocktail reception and University update. This is always a great event for our meteorology alumni and we enjoy catching up with them.

**Hershey Bears**
On February 27, alumni came out to cheer on the Hershey Bears at the Giant Center. The event has become an annual favorite for Central Pa., alumni and this year was no exception with approximately 70 in attendance. We will plan a similar hockey outing next winter in 2011.

**Philadelphia**
Alumni gathered in the city of brotherly love for fun and appetizers on February 8, at Fado Restaurant and Pub.

President Francine G. McNairy came out to get to know some area alumni. We love those Philly friends and can’t wait to get back and see them again!
Women’s basketball

As far as memorable seasons go, the 75th in Millersville women’s basketball history will rank amongst the most. The 2009-10 Marauders tied a school record with 25 wins and reached the NCAA Division II Sweet 16 for the first time since 1999-2000.

Led by seniors Emily Balogh, Aiesha Bellamy, Jenna Craig, Raquel Green and Ashley Moyer, the Black and Gold became the first team in program history to string together three separate seven-game winning streaks. Winners in 18 of their last 21 games, the Marauders eclipsed the school record for steals in a season by racking up 462 of them.

Redshirt freshman Mashira Newman registered a team-high 108 steals and ranked in the top five nationally in steals per game. As a team Millersville ranked second in the nation in scoring defense, allowing an average of 52.5 points per game. Green was named All-PSAC East First Team, while Craig and Moyer were both selected to the All-PSAC East Second Team.

In addition, coach Mary Fleig was named PSAC East Coach of the Year for the sixth time in her illustrious career. Fleig, who completed her 20th season on the Millersville sideline, sits seven wins shy of 500 for her career, which also includes seven seasons at Franklin & Marshall College.

From ballet to butterfly

The long elegant strokes Sarah Bernhardt uses to glide effortlessly through the water belies a surprising speed and precision that has made her one of the Marauders’ top freshman swimmers. She may be graceful, but she is also deceptively fast.

Bernhardt is already an accomplished semi-professional ballerina, which helps explain both her strength and technique. Nearly four years ago, she burned out on dance, and turned to competitive swimming for relief.

“I do miss it,” she said of ballet, “but I became frustrated. Being in the dance company, we were weighed once a week and even though I was very skinny, worrying what I was eating, and what I had to do to fit into a costume became very intense. I was dancing about 30-40 hours a week. My life was pretty much a 12-page contract. It was just a lot for me, a lot for anyone in high school who is trying to have a social life.”

Swimming and dance have much in common.

“The discipline, the dedication and the determination you have to have, they all definitely apply to swimming,” Bernhardt said. “I knew from dance I had to be patient and listen. Learning techniques and strokes is a lot like learning routines and steps.”

It’s no wonder, then, that her signature stroke is the butterfly. The fluidity of the arms, the en pointe of the toes, the undulations of the legs—they’re all second nature to Bernhardt after 10 years of dancing. When she hits the water, her body just takes over.

“That is exactly what it’s like,” the Vineland, N.J., native said. “It’s all about the rhythm.”

Bernhardt said she isn’t worried about burning out the way she did with ballet.

“When I first got into swimming I had no clue that I was actually going to be decent at it,” Bernhardt said. “I was like, ‘Oh, well, I’ll try this. I know I’m not going to be the greatest at it, but I’ll work at it and see where it takes me.’ I’ve done nothing but surprise myself. It’s been great. I love it. I think I’ll always love it.”

“When I try something, I put my heart and soul into it,” Bernhardt said. “I give 110 percent. I think my mom has instilled that aspect in me. She is constantly telling me to do my best, and that’s what I’ve always tried to do.”

An elementary education major, Bernhardt heard about Millersville from one of her mother’s friends.

“I knew I wanted to swim, so I spoke with Coach Kyle Almoney, and he recruited me,” Bernhardt said. “I stayed here for a night on a recruitment trip, and I fell in love with the campus, the swim team, and all the people I met. I knew after just one night that this was where I wanted to be.”

50 years of soccer

Men’s soccer will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the program on Saturday, September 11. Details will be firmed up over the summer. For updates, check the men’s soccer page at www.millersvilleathletics.com
An All-American dream

Following the 2007-08 season, wrestler Jarrett Hostetter owned 76 victories and was within reach of the school’s career wins record. He was a two-time national qualifier, an All-PSAC and nationally-ranked wrestler. But he wasn’t satisfied. He was being driven by one goal that had eluded him—to be an All-American.

In just three short years as a collegiate wrestler, Hostetter and the Marauders had endured more than their share of hardship. A program with a storied tradition struggled to find success and it was made even more difficult by the spinal meningitis that struck then head coach Neil Barnes.

While Barnes retired in 2008, he made a full recovery, and it was partly his return to health that kept Hostetter on track to fulfill his goal.

“That really brought our team together,” said Hostetter. “It was great to see him pull through. Instances like that make you realize that the wrestling difficulties are so small in the grand scheme of things.”

For Hostetter, it was all about perspective. For three years, the dream of becoming an All-American was just out of reach. He knew he needed to improve and nothing but hard work would help him to the goal. If Coach Barnes could overcome serious illness, then Hostetter could be an All-American.

Todd Roberts and assistant coach Steve Borja took over the program at the start of the 2008-09 season, which would have been Hostetter’s last with the team. But he made the difficult decision to sit out a year to improve and return for the 2009-10 campaign.

“I really liked the direction Coach Roberts and assistant Coach Borja were taking our program,” said Hostetter, now a fifth-year senior.

“Coach Borja brought so much knowledge about the sport, and I wanted to have two full years to absorb his philosophies and learn from him, in addition to having him as an awesome workout partner. During my redshirt season I had an opportunity to gain another year of experience, get a little stronger, and expand and touch up on my technique. I know I’m a better wrestler this year because of it.”

Although Hostetter went through a full season of not being able to wrestle as a Marauder, he spent the year wrestling in open tournaments, lifting and working through drills in the morning and practicing in the afternoon.

Now in his final season, his plan to achieve All-American status is working according to plan. He climbed into the national rankings and clinched a spot at the NCAA championships.

“It would be an honor to be in the record books with other great Marauder wrestlers, but you have to put it in perspective,” said Hostetter. “Success in college wrestling, like many sports, is based on how you perform in the postseason. So more than the school wins record, I’m shooting for postseason success.”

Field hockey reunion

Millersville field hockey will welcome field hockey alumnae to celebrate its 65th anniversary at Millersville University on Saturday, October 2. The event will also honor the 25th anniversary of the 1985 team’s run for an NCAA championship.

The event will feature recognition of the 1985 team and other field hockey alumnae, and a home game for the current Marauders team at 6 p.m. at Chryst Field at Biemesderfer Stadium. A festive social gathering for all the alumni will also be a part of the day’s events.

Please RSVP to head field hockey coach Shelly Behrens at shelly.behrens@millersville.edu. For those who have yet to be added to the field hockey alumnae database, join online at the athletics web page. For more event details, click on www.millersvilleathletics.com and go to the field hockey page.
In the fast lane

There are more than 400 student-athletes at Millersville University. For most that means a very busy schedule including classes, training, working hard at practice and competing in a hectic Division II schedule. For senior track and field star Michele Frayne, however, her role at Millersville is much more.

In addition to being a multi-event standout on the track and field team, Frayne has also taken on several responsibilities across Millersville’s campus including helping the equipment manager and working as a student assistant to athletic director Peg Kauffman.

“Michele works in our office doing a multitude of tasks and she is exceptional,” said Kauffman. “She is committed to being the best she can be each and every day. We are very fortunate to have her as part of our Marauder family.”

Frayne’s versatility within her everyday life mimics her ability to be multitalented on the track and field team. She holds the second-highest indoor pentathlon total in school history in addition to holding an impressive 15 spots on the all-time top-10 lists for indoor and outdoor events. She also qualified for the NCAA Division II Championships last season.

Beginning her running career as a fourth grader, she started as a distance runner but changed to sprints and jumps when her asthma became an issue in long distance races. Frayne explained that track was a good way to release most of her pent-up energy.

“I always have to be busy. I’m always doing something,” Frayne said. “The only time I’m at my house is when I’m sleeping.”

“Michele’s devotion to the track and field team, the athletic department and Millersville University is commendable and an excellent example of an athlete giving back to organizations that have supported and invested in developing a successful student-athlete,” head coach Scott Weiser said.

Frayne hopes to enter the sports management graduate program at Millersville and work as an assistant coach under Weiser. “[Weiser] is hands down the best coach I have ever competed for,” said Frayne. “It would be an honor to coach with him.”

Founder of Marauder wrestling program dies

Dr. Theodore H. “Ted” Rupp, professor emeritus of foreign languages and “founding father” of Millersville’s wrestling program, died on February 10.

Rupp achieved numerous honors during his distinguished academic and athletic career. He was the only non-Millersville alumnus elected to the Millersville University Athletic Hall of Fame inaugural class in 1995.

Rupp joined Millersville’s Department of Foreign Languages in 1946 and served for many years as the chair of the department, before retiring in 1982. He was a strong advocate for full-immersion pedagogy in foreign language instruction, and was the innovator behind the unique Millersville’s Foreign Languages Summer Graduate program. Rupp also founded the Foreign Languages In-Service Conference for area teachers, which is now in its 45th year.

He established the Millersville wrestling program in 1946 and coached for 11 seasons. Under Rupp’s leadership, Millersville’s first two squads posted undefeated dual meet records (6-0 in 1946-47 and 7-0 in 1947-48). He guided his Marauder grapplers to State Teacher’s College championships in 1949 and 1951. He produced 14 individual champions responsible for 23 state titles, and he also piloted the team to three Middle Atlantic AAU championships.

He also served as the wrestling coach at Franklin & Marshall College and officiated at wrestling matches throughout the region.

Memorial gifts may be made to Dr. Ted Rupp Wrestling Scholarship - MU Foundation or to the Department of Foreign Language Arts. Contributions may be sent in care of the Development Office of Millersville University.
Class Notes

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1920s
Anna (Snader) Harsh ’29, New Holland, celebrated her 100th birthday on 11/2/09. She was a school teacher for more than 40 years.

1930s

1940s
The Class of 1940 (check out the photo on pages 18-19) and Class of 1945 reunions will be held at Homecoming on October 23, 2010.

William E. Keim ’49, Telford, received the 10th annual Perkasie Historical Society Living History Award. He served as an educator, member of many local boards and organizations, and continues to actively volunteer.

1950s
John W. Kambic ’56, New Cumberland, celebrated his 55th wedding anniversary with his wife, Nancy, on 1/22/10.
Judith (Wade) Artz ’57, Lancaster, celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary with husband, Richard, on 11/25/09.

1960s
Richard L. Frerichs ’64, Millersville, was re-elected to the Penn Manor School Board.
David M. Hontz ’69, Watsonville, was appointed mayor of Watsonville, population 2,600, in May 2008 and was elected in November to continue for a four-year term. He is a retired industrial technology teacher from Warrior Run School District.

1970s
The Class of 1970 reunion will be held at Homecoming on October 23, 2010.
Hugh Coffman ’70, Lititz, and wife Patricia Leoniak ’71 developed ReadMyNews.com, a free website and network that allows anyone to become a reporter and editor. Leoniak is publisher of the Hempfield Suburban News and Coffman works as a public relations executive.
C. Frederick Ralston ’70, Clearfield, retired as the director of the Bureau of Correction Education of the Pa. Department of Corrections.
Bonnie (Garren) Redcay ’72, Reading, retired from Conrad Weiser School District after 35 years of teaching.
Judith Anttonen ’73, ’76M, Millersville, received the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees 2008-2009 Volunteer of the Year award from the Lancaster chapter. She retired from Conestoga Valley School District in 2006.
Nina Brown ’75, ’91M, Lititz, serves as an education consultant with the Warwick School District.
R. William Field ’77, ’85M, Iowa City, Iowa, serves as part of an international team of scientists, that contributed to a new World Health Organization publication regarding radon in residential settings. He was appointed by President Obama to the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health. He is a professor of occupational and environmental health and epidemiology at the University of Iowa College of Public Health.
Cheryl D. Holland-Jones ’78, Lancaster, was elected treasurer for the City of Lancaster. She is the executive director of Crispus Attucks Community Center.

1980s
Cynthia (Kirk) Dohner ’81, Lawrenceville, Ga., was selected as regional director for the Southeast Region of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
Kevin B. Mahoney ’81, Malvern, was promoted to vice dean at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. He continues his responsibilities as senior vice president and chief administrative officer at the Penn Health System.
John Moore ’82, D.O., Malvern, joined Aetna as a patient management medical director. Previously, he served as a family physician with a large group practice in Wilmington, Del.
Glenn Esler ’84, Portland, Ore., obtained credentials as an ISO 17025 certified auditor and was promoted to staff environmental chemist with AMEC Earth & Environmental.
Robert McKenzie ’84, East Stroudsburg, has authored a college textbook comparing media
More than a coach

The numbers are staggering—58 sectional championships, 55 state qualifying wrestlers, 39 state medalists, 26 years of high-school coaching, 22 district championships, six state team titles, five state champions and five coach of the year honors, including a national one in 2009.

These are the career statistics for Central Dauphin High School wrestling coach Jeff Sweigard ’81, who also teaches engineering classes at the school.

"I never thought it would be like this. I was never a gifted athlete. I got by on hard work. I'm a hard worker—a blue-collar type teacher. I was taught to work hard by my coach, so that's what I teach my guys. I'm not a fan of losing, either. If I'm going to do something whether it's mowing the lawn or working at any job, I'm going to work hard at it. And that's what I did: I poured my heart and soul into it."

Hard work and a great supporting cast has paid off. Sweigard said. "I have great assistants, great kids and a great booster club. I'm just one small piece of the puzzle, just one of the ingredients, to be honest with you. I just happen to be the one who gets the accolades...and the one who gets yelled at."

To be a good coach, Sweigard said he must be much more than just a coach. "I change hats on a regular basis," he said. "From father figure to mother figure even. From coach to educator."

About three years ago, Sweigard found a lump as he was shaving, and he was diagnosed with chronic lymphoma. "I've had some treatments," Sweigard said. "I just plow through it. It's not that bad. There's worse things that happen to people. It's stable and not real fast-acting, so I'll battle with it the rest of my life. I have good days and bad days—a lot more good than bad."

Even with his health condition, Sweigard still manages to take his coaches on adventure challenges every year. And he never asks his wrestlers to do anything he wouldn't do himself. "I still run with the kids, but I'm getting a little old. I just turned 50," Sweigard said. "I can't do it as good as I used to, but I'll sure give it a try."

It might as well be Sweigard's mantra for life.
For the love of tennis

United States Tennis Association Middle States (USTA MS) honored two Millersville University alumni at its awards ceremony in February. Dale Gregg and Jay Witmer received High School Coach of the Year and Presidential Service Award honors, respectively.

Dale Gregg ‘86, Leola, an art teacher at Conestoga Valley High School, has spent 21 years as head tennis coach of both the boys and girls teams at the school. During that time, Gregg has never cut a single player—not when he had a squad of 12, and not in 2008, when he had a team of 55. He is determined to provide his student-athletes with the best all-around tennis experience possible and developed a system for team practices that utilizes parents, volunteers and varsity players as coaches and managers on alternative sessions.

Jay Witmer ‘71, Millersville, has been involved in nearly every aspect of USTA League tennis. As a player, coordinator and serving on the USTA National League Committee for over a decade, he has been at the forefront of change for the sport he loves.

Witmer got his first taste of USTA League tennis when the program was in its infancy in the early 1980s. Over the years, Witmer, who served as president of USTA Middle States from 2005-2006, is currently the district league coordinator for the Central Pa. District.

Witmer was a math teacher for more than 10 years, while also an owner of Lancaster Caterers, Inc. Witmer worked at Student Services, Inc., of Millersville University, as manager of various operations, from 1982 until his retirement in 2006.

Dale Gregg (far left) and Jay Witmer (left) were honored for their contributions to tennis.

She is an assistant professor at Wesley College.

Susan Bonsall ‘90, Lewisberry, co-owns Susan's Treasures, a boutique gift shop in the West Shore Farmers Market.

Andy Van Sciver ‘91, Santa Paula, Calif., was honored as Santa Paula Firefighter of the Year for 2009.

Mark Painter ‘91, Hummelstown, serves as football coach of Hershey High School.

Tammy (Knerr) Ficca ‘91, ‘94M, Lebanon, was named a finalist in the Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year competition. She is an English teacher with Manheim Township High School.

Doreen Kreiner ‘92, Lancaster, serves as the core laboratory supervisor at Lancaster General Hospital. She was recently appointed to the Lancaster County Drug and Alcohol Single Commission Advisory Board and elected as district leader of the Manheim Township Democratic Committee.

Peter Ruggieri ‘92, Lancaster, is a business solutions partner with Sprint, selling Sprint and Nextel wireless products for businesses and individuals.

Christine Vigoletti-Forrest ‘92, York, graduated from the practical nursing program at Harrisburg Area Community College in January 2010.

Lynne DeMers-Hunt ‘93, Mountville, was promoted to senior account manager at Godfrey, a major marketing and communications firm.

Jeremy Adams ‘93, Barnegat Light, N.J., assumed command of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s Ship Pisces, a new fisheries survey vessel that will operate in the Gulf of Mexico, southeastern United States and Caribbean.

Carolyn F. Schroeder ‘98, Alexandria, Va., was awarded a Fulbright U.S. student scholarship to the United Kingdom in public health.

Amanda Harriman ‘99, Raleigh, N.C., owns GroWild, Inc., a 100 percent carbon-offset company that specializes in making healthy food delicious and nutritious.


Jamal Parker ‘99, Johnstown, joined the University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown Mountain Cats basketball team as an assistant coach. He was previously head coach at Slippery Rock.

Michael E. Trout ‘99, Willow Street, was named agricultural lender for the Lancaster County area for HomeTowne Heritage Bank, a division of National Penn Bank.
2000s

Anne (Davis) Dunnenberg ’00, Lampeter, was promoted to development director for Bridge of Hope.

Heather (Rodriguez) Grove ’00, Elizabethtown, was promoted to supervisory district conservationist of the USDA- Natural Resources Conservation Service Lancaster field office.

Jill (Martin) Koser ’00, Lancaster, was named principal of Robert Fulton Elementary School.

Matthew Roth ’01, Lititz, has earned the Level II designation in transportation engineering technology/highway construction.

Jayme (Wentzel) Trogus ’01, ’02M, Wyomissing, coordinates the Elsie S. Shenk Wellness and Women’s Program at Millersville University.

Jana Langness ’02, Morgantown, N.C., achieved national board certification. She is an arts educator for Burke County public schools.

Erin (Johnson) Baker ’03, Pittsburgh, was recently named as a 40 Under 40 winner by Pittsburgh Magazine. This award recognizes people under 40 who are committed to shaping the Greater Pittsburgh region. She is a relationship manager with PNC Financial Services Group, and manages the company’s summer internship program.

Abby (Stampone) Karasek ’04, East Stroudsburg, earned a master’s degree in reading and a reading specialist certification from East Stroudsburg University.

Jennifer Seelhorst ’04M, Manchester, Conn., serves as an assistant professor of English at Three Rivers Community College in Norwich, Conn.

Erika Butts ’05, Indianapolis, was hired as the communications & marketing coordinator for Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority.

John Kuperavage ’05, Lancaster, received the 2009 Outstanding Early Achievement Award by the Association of Technology, Management and Applied Engineering, at its annual conference in November in Louisville, Kentucky. A certified technology manager, he is the senior project manager & estimator with Multi-Dimensional Integration in Shrewsbury.

Andrew Neupauer ’05, Lancaster, serves as marketing manager at Bareville Design in Leola.

Ryan Schlegel ’05, Reading, was inducted into the Muhlenberg School District Hall of Fame for his achievements in soccer, basketball, track and field, and football.

Megan E. (Witman) Tompkins ’05, Red Lion, received her professional in human resources certificate.

Tyler Gensler ’06, Newville, teaches art at Cumberland Valley. He won four trophies in his first all-natural bodybuilding competition in August.

Jennifer Irmen ’08, Quarryville, joined Solanco High School as a Spanish teacher.

Kristin Ketchell ’09, Mount Laurel, N.J., joined the weekday morning news show at KDRV-TV in Oregon.

Got rocks?

Dr. Dennis Denenberg, professor emeritus of educational foundations, is creating a special rock garden as a memory of his wonderful 15 years at Millersville (1987-2002). He hopes to collect rocks from former students in as many different states (or foreign countries) as possible.

Type of rocks - any size or color, but if possible, native to your area.

Message on the stone - The rock should identify your geographic area as specifically as possible, as well as your name and graduation year. It can also contain any message you care to add. The information should preferably be written in indelible ink. Denenberg will seal the rocks to protect them from the rain and elements.

Shipping cost - Denenberg knows there is a cost—and he appreciates your willingness to absorb that cost if you decide to provide a rock. Rocks can also be dropped off at the alumni office.

Drop-off or send the rocks and any notes to: Alumni Rock Project, Alumni Services Office, Millersville University, P.O. Box 1002, Millersville, PA 17551-0302 (if a street address is needed, please use Duncan Alumni House, 205 N. George Street, Millersville, PA 17551).

Deadline for rocks will be November 30, 2010.

Denenberg plans to have an open house for all rock contributors in spring 2011. An avid gardener, he frequently offers his gardens and home for Lancaster County charity events. Feel free to contact him at drdenden@aol.com.

Dennis Denenberg tends to one of his beautiful gardens.
Katie D. Venella ’04 and Jeffrey A. Skonier were married on 8/1/09.

Marriages

Kathleen Smyser ’94 and Evan Livengood, 6/19/04.
Sue Middlesworth ’96 and John Fairchild, 5/9/09.
Bryan Baker ’99 and Beth Duffany, 9/26/09.
Gayle L. Funt ’02 and Gary M. Baker, 10/17/09.
Matthew Cordell ’03 and Emily Hess ’06, 7/25/09.
Tracy Meadowcroft ’03 and Jason Denninger, 10/10/09.
Scott Walker ’06 and Jess Kasiroski ’09, 10/24/09.
Megan Ginder ’07 and Denis Quirk ’08, 8/1/09.
Mandy Adams ’08 and Anthony Deininger, 6/13/09.

Births

John Moore ’82 and wife Monica, a daughter, Julia Carys, on 4/24/08.
Alan Geer ’93 and wife Marlo, a daughter, Maisie Cheynne, on 1/6/10.
Jennifer Zanck ’93 and husband Steven Tomcavage ’94, a son, Arlo Christopher, on 1/7/09.
Angela (Musser) Marrin ’95 and husband Stephen, a daughter, Melody Deborah, on 12/29/09.
Heather Siebler ’95 and husband James Wiley, a son, Mason James, on 9/10/09.
Abby (Hafer) Alexander ’96 and husband Daniel, a daughter, Emerson Layne, on 12/10/09.
John Cooke ’96 and wife Kalen (McGillen) ’96, a son, Connor John, on 9/22/09.
Angelina (Stock) Dewald ’96 and husband Jeff, a daughter, Morgan Elizabeth, on 11/20/09.
Deborah (Vollrath) Geppi ’96 and husband Mike, a daughter, Luciana Bella, on 10/15/09.
Jennifer (Catucci) Cucarese ’97 and husband Richard, twin daughters, Nicoletta Pasqualina and Giuliana Lucia, on 7/31/09.
Mindl (Stum) Gray ’98 and husband Matthew, a son, Chase Jennings, on 11/12/09.
Nicole (Biliea) Fox ’99 and husband Sean, a daughter, Abigail Margaret, on 1/22/10.
Angela Hess ’99 and husband Justin ’00, a son, Gavin James, on 9/14/08.
Keith Cromwell ’01 and wife Maggie, a daughter, Emma Jane, on 10/16/09.
Jason Geissler ’01 and wife Kathy, a daughter, Grace Elisabeth, on 8/12/08.
Camella (Baumgardner) Leitzel ’01 and husband Michael, a son, Gary Michael, on 6/4/09.
Dave Nemith ’01 and wife Angela (Barbetta) ’01, a son, Dante Thomas, on 1/17/10.
Meghan (Edmiston) Mellinger ’01 and husband Jared, a son, Isaac William, on 7/4/09.
Jennifer (Heil) Ryan ’01 and husband Sean, a son, Connor Sean, on 8/27/09.
Mandy (Fisher) Dieter ’02 and husband Michael ’02, a son, Murphy, on 10/2/09.
Joseph Trainor ’02 and wife Pamela (Whitaker) ’02, a son, Jonathan Patrick, on 10/22/09.
Michelle (Sheaffer) Brubaker ’03 and husband Jeremy, a son, Jeremy Michael, on 6/4/09.

Josh Birk ’08 and Erin Fawcett ’07 were married on 8/8/09 at Riverdale Manor in Lancaster. Among the wedding party are eight Millersville students or alumni. From the left: John Detz, Abby Birk, Brian Fawcett ’01, Allison Fawcett ’02, Brad Viera ’09, Kylie Smith ’09, Erin Birk ’09, Josh Birk ’08, Whitney Albrecht, Jared Ernst ’10, Katy Rigby, Sean Sargen, Kessa Kagarise ’09 and Rich Fleckenstein.

Natalie Funck ’05 and Paul Snyder were married on 6/27/09. Also pictured are (left to right): Todd Duke ’07, Candace (Achey) Arndt ’06, Jonathan Arndt, Jill (Honea) Childress ’05, Jeremy Childress ’05, Bess (Stoudt) Greway ’05, Dave Greway ’05, Tiffany Ritter ’04, Melissa Whitman ’06, Jason Genise-Gdula ’05 and Abel Silveira ’08.

Randi Stern ’04 and Cameron Martin ’04, pictured in front of Skully, were married on 12/6/09, with family, friends, alumni and a large, furry mascot in attendance.
Making a difference

Through her studies and travels, Colgan Leaming ’08 has drawn inspiration from those around her while striving to improve the lives of others.

While some people may believe growing up with a sibling with Down syndrome to be especially challenging, Leaming’s younger brother, Kevin, motivated her to attend Millersville to study special education and elementary education. “I am very fortunate to have Kevin as a brother, and I hope to spread more positive views of people with disabilities,” explains Leaming. “My brother is not his disability; he is an amazing individual with his own unique qualities who just happens to have a disability.”

She was inspired to write about her brother and her experiences with him. An article Leaming wrote about her brother and a road trip they took together appeared in Newsweek magazine in 2006. In the article, she affirmed that “having a sibling like Kevin is not a burden. To my brother Joe and me, it’s normal.” Leaming’s article urged people to have an open mind about those with disabilities and “remember that he or she has so much to share with you.”

During her senior year, Leaming worked with children placed in foster care due to abuse or neglect. “Almost immediately I knew that was my calling and what I was supposed to do with my life,” says Leaming, who is now pursuing her master’s degree in social work at West Chester University. She also hopes to remain involved with international human rights issues, specifically in India thanks to her trip there as a Millersville student.

Deaths

Mary E. (Linton) Ferguson ’26, Oxford, died on 1/5/10, at the age of 103. She was a homemaker and teacher, and active in many community organizations.

Rachel E. (Saylor) Thompson ’33, Lancaster, died on 10/30/09, at the age of 95. She taught at the Limerick School before having to give up her job when she was married in 1935.

E. Virginia (Shertz) Eshelman ’41, Lancaster, died on 1/15/10, at the age of 89. She retired from

Jeanette O. Wike ’44, Lebanon, died on 8/28/09, at the age of 86. She was an elementary teacher in the Schaefferstown School District for 38 years.

Margaret “Peg” (Stauffer) Zander ’45, Lancaster, died on 11/7/09, at the age of 86. She taught elementary school for the School District of Lancaster and was named “The Teacher of the Year” in 1960 by the Lancaster Women’s Club.

Elizabeth “Tib” (Siegler) Rettew ’48, Lancaster, died on 11/9/09, at the age of 92. She taught for
27 years, retiring as a fourth grade teacher for the Penn Manor School District.

Gene (Trump) Kling ’48, Fort Pierce, Fla., died on 5/9/09, at the age of 82. She was a retired teacher from Bel Air, Md.

Sylvia Kipp ’51, Downingtown, died on 11/27/09, at the age of 80. She taught first grade in Downingtown for 22 years.

Ellen F. (Miller) Sanford ’51, Yardley, died on 12/18/09, at the age of 80. She taught kindergarten, first and second grades at the Morrisville School District.

Dorothy (Yarnall) Dougherty ’53, Elverson, died on 9/4/09, at the age of 77. She retired from Glen Acres Elementary School in West Chester in 1992.

Philip E. Itzoe ’60, Towson, Md., died on 2/10/10, at the age of 72. He served as the traveling secretary for the Baltimore Orioles baseball team, which he joined in 1964.

Joan E. Dockey ’61, York, died on 2/6/10, at the age of 70. She was a teacher with the Dover School District and a member of the Retired Teachers Association.

Alfred H. Waltemyer ’61, Rehoboth Beach, Del., died on 8/21/09, at the age of 69. He retired as a teacher with the Dallastown Area School District.

Yvonne R. Schack ’66M, Columbia, died on 11/26/09. She served Millersville University for more than 20 years as an associate professor of elementary and early childhood education.

Carol (Cooper) Marcin ’68, Bel Air, Md., died on 8/13/09, at the age of 63. She taught at Homestead-Wakefield Elementary School and later Towson State University. She was also a travel agent.

Sally Jo Warmingham ’68, Levittown, died on 1/13/10, at the age of 62. She was employed as an insurance underwriter.

Erla E. (Ziegler) Rohrer ’70, ’73M, Lebanon, died on 10/19/09, at the age of 79. She was a primary special education teacher for 30 years with the ELCO School District and IU13.

Robert F. Rattigan ’73, Honey Brook, died on 10/2/09, at the age of 64. He had worked as a housing inspector and real estate agent.

Elsie (Sherer) Shenk ’75, Lancaster died on 3/14/10, at the age of 93. She was an active volunteer, serving in many organizations in the community. She was on the boards of the Iris Club, League of Women Voters, Family & Children’s Services, Lancaster County Council on Alcoholism, Church Women United and Vantage House. Passionate about education, she pursed a college degree in her 50’s. In 2002, Millersville recognized her achievements by naming its Wellness & Women’s Program in her honor. This program combines the Women’s Center, which raises awareness of women’s issues, and the Wellness Center, which promotes healthier lifestyles and choices for students. Contributions may be sent in her memory to Millersville University’s Elsie S. Shenk Wellness & Women’s Center.

Deborah A. (Rogowski) Vandegrift ’76, Quarryville, died on 11/19/09, at the age of 57. She had a long career in education, teaching at Lampeter Strasburg School District, Noah’s Ark Nursery School and Childtime Daycare Center for the Coatesville Veterans Hospital.

Richard A. Heslin ’78, Lancaster, died on 12/19/08, at the age of 52. He was the president of NAI Commercial Partners, Inc.

John H. Stauffer II ’80, Pembroke Pines, Fla., died on 9/12/09, at the age of 55. He retired from the military, but served in the ROTC program at Rhode Island, Florida Atlantic and Florida International universities.

Thomas J. Kirchner ’82, Lititz, died on 12/22/09, at the age of 55. He owned and operated Beer Planet in Lancaster. Previously, he worked in quality assurance for Gehl Co.

Kerry L. Schwoyer ’87, Lancaster, died at the age of 45. He was president of Kerry Schwoyer Associates.

David B. Farrell ’94, Ephrata, died on 8/3/09, at the age of 57. He was an addictions counselor at Caron Foundation.

Linda E. (Kautz) Nonnemacher ’08, Lancaster, died on 1/11/10, at the age of 53. She worked as a radiology technician and was co-owner of MediClaim. She also worked as a therapeutic staff support professional for children with special needs at Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13 and CCRES.

Cody E. Wert ’08, Mechanicsburg, died on 12/13/09, at the age of 24. He worked at the family-owned business, Back to Basics Western Wear.

Remembrances

Margaret N. Butler, died on 9/8/09. She was an instructor emerita of English at Millersville University from 1969-1985. She was a teacher and chair of languages at Lancaster Country Day School from 1961-69.

Dr. Gene Carpenter, see page 20.

Dr. Frank E. Duba, assistant professor of English, died on 2/16/10. Joining the faculty in 2005, he specialized in British romantic literature and was working on his first book project, focused on the work of Bernard Shaw. His dedication was such that he continued to teach three online courses from the hospital up until the time of his passing.

Dr. Alex Henderson Jr., see page 6.

Dr. Patricia Kranz died on 11/9/09, at the age of 77. Professor emerita of psychology, she taught at Millersville from 1971 until her retirement in 1996. A certified addictions counselor, she also was in private practice as a counselor, specializing in family, couples and addictions counseling.

Dr. Theodore Rupp, see page 27.

Sister Rosemary J. Winkeljohann died on 9/5/09, at the age of 79. An assistant professor emerita, she taught reading and language arts in Millersville’s elementary and early childhood department for 10 years, retiring in 1995.
Jerri Anne Johnson ‘76, ’87M has always been the trailblazer in her family. “Neither of my parents graduated from high school,” she says. “They supported my going to college. I wanted to be a teacher and Millersville was the place for teaching.”

She taught for several years in the School District of Lancaster, before switching career paths to Abbott Laboratories, where Johnson is director of the women’s heart health initiative.

She is also president-elect of the Millersville University Alumni Association, mentor to a Millersville student and a donor who is particularly interested in helping students planning to teach in inner city or disadvantaged schools.

Thanks to Johnson’s employee grant matching program, she has endowed funds that will be used to assist third-year Millersville students who demonstrate a level of leadership and commitment to teaching.

“It means a lot to me, because teaching has been the foundation for what I do now,” says Johnson, who was the speaker at Millersville’s Red Dress luncheon for heart disease (see page 6).

A Lancaster native who travels frequently, Johnson has spent the past 20 years at Abbott as a liaison to major opinion leaders, sales manager, director of medical liaisons in research and development, and women’s heart health director. In her current role, she develops educational programming for health care providers to improve their diagnosis and treatment of heart disease in women.

“Heart disease in women is not the same as in men. Knowing the difference can save lives,” says Johnson. Her father, grandfather, brother and son all have had heart attacks or strokes.

Being a Millersville donor and mentor can also change lives. Johnson hopes that her endowment will give students opportunities to realize their full potential as educators.

Her mentee, Rocio Torres (pictured above, left), studies international business. “She is a much better student than I ever was,” says Johnson. “She never ceases to amaze me with her drive and tenacity. We have a great friendship and enjoy experiencing new things together, such as going to local Mexican restaurants, Central Market, the Lancaster Symphony and the George Street Cafe.”

Throughout her career, Johnson has also stayed focused on her family, which includes three grown children and two grandchildren.

Johnson enjoys sports and attending live events. She saw four of Michael Jordan’s last games during the “3peat.” She has met Mario Andretti, fly-fished in Aspen and caught a marlin in Mexico.

“I have a hockey rink painted in my basement and am often called to duty as goalie against my grandchildren,” says Johnson.

“Millersville taught me to be an educator and to always keep learning. It has been the foundation to my life and career,” says Johnson.

From her role on the alumni board to volunteering at homecoming to mentoring a student, she has gained much from her role as an involved alumnus.

“I encourage all Millersville alumni to get engaged in some capacity. I would invite anyone reading this to commit to doing something with their alma mater this year. It benefits everyone,” notes Johnson.
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IN THE WORDS OF PLAYERS AND FRIENDS:

Coach Carpenter was and will always be one of the most influential men in my life. His influence was at a crucial time in any young man’s life between the ages of 18 and 21. It was only four years but it lasts a lifetime… I remember him quite often reading letters to us as a team written by legendary players before our time, sharing their real life struggles and how much Coach prepared them to deal with it. They were acknowledging what he knew all along and what his major purpose in life was. When I was struggling with the sudden death of my mom five years after I graduated from Millersville I wrote Coach one of those same letters…

- Dan Horan, Captain ’84

Coach Carpenter continues to be a positive impact on my life since 1963 when I played football for Millersville. Never give up, do it until you do it right, tough but fair are lessons learned. In my business life, I often referenced many of Coach Carpenter’s locker room speeches to pass these lessons on to others. The greatest life value I received from attending Millersville was what I learned in the football program from him.

-Richard Mader ’65

The passing of Coach was difficult for all of his former players mainly because of the impact he had in shaping our lives and the successes that we have all reached as a result of knowing him. Our parents, as they dropped us off freshman year, entrusted coach with being our surrogate father. Each year for 25-plus years, Coach took on that responsibility of not only shaping us athletically, but academically and socially as well, as he prepared us for the real game: life. I have modeled my program after coach’s successful program at MU… I also found that out of our list of over 40 Carpisms, I use 25 of them daily/weekly in my teaching and coaching of the student-athletes that I am now impacting. Many of the lessons he taught me I bring to my student-athletes, and more importantly to my three sons. He was a great man and one that will be deeply missed by those that knew him. But I believe his legacy as a father, mentor, friend and coach will speak to itself as we remember the man that created one of the most respected programs in Division II football.

-Bret Stover ’88, Quarterback & Team Captain; Head Football Coach, Upper Dublin High School

What is Coach’s legacy? Coach Carpenter’s legacy is not the 212 wins he amassed in his 31 seasons at Millersville. His legacy is the family he leaves behind and the countless number of players whose lives have been forever impacted because Coach saw something in us that we did not see in ourselves. He pushed us to excellence. That is a legacy that stands the test of time.

What did Coach Carpenter mean to me? Since the first day I stepped on Millersville’s campus in 1976 to the day he died, Coach Carpenter was someone whom I respected deeply and loved dearly. He was someone who constantly encouraged and challenged me to do what is right and to do it right. Without a doubt, Coach has had more influence and impact on my life than anyone else, bar none. Coach’s love and fingerprints are all over my life.

-Dave Garrett ’80, Football Manager 1976-80

During my four years of playing football under the leadership of Coach Carpenter, he not only focused on the development of an athlete, but he also taught many critical values of life such as integrity, leadership, courage, discipline, respect, and dealing with adversity. Even to this day, working as a professional in the business world, I reflect upon those values that helped me develop as a person and build character. Dr. Gene Carpenter was not only a great football coach, but also a leader, role model, and mentor. Although I have not spoken to Coach for many years, my memories of him and the lessons he taught will last a lifetime.

-Scott Worman ’83, Team Co-Captain

I first meet Coach in the spring of 1974 when he was recruiting me to come and play at Millersville. To me the greatest gift he gave to all of his players is the sense of belonging to a special group and giving us the opportunity to build deep lasting friendships that have lasted for some of us over 30 years and counting. He not only allowed us to build that bond with our contemporaries but it was/is so strong that when you meet a fellow Marauder who may be decades younger, there is an instant connection. Coach was a unique person for sure, and many of us had days when we hated him, days when we loved him, but either way no one can say that he did not have a positive impact on their lives.

-Jerry Hoff ’78

After we suffered our first loss one season we came to practice to find a quote on the board: “I am cut but not slain. I will lie here and bleed awhile, then I will rise to fight again.” Coach then went on to break down the quote and use it as a comparison to our situation. I don’t remember who made the quote but it sticks with me to this day.

-Jason Smith ’03, Player

Even though I was a golfer at Millersville, I admired Coach Carpenter as a mentor who I respected as a family man with strong self-discipline. He demanded the same of others, all while being a teacher and a dedicated leader.

-Steven P. Buterbaugh ’87

Parents raised boys, coach raised men. Mothers and fathers handed their sons off and said, “They’re all yours.” He made you feel like you were coming to Millersville to become part of a family. The reason his teams were so good was because they were so close.

-Bill Burke ’93