

Campus Emergency On April 1

In the days following a lockdown on the Millersville University campus, over 1,500 students, faculty and staff signed up for MU Alert – a communication system that transmits text and email messages in cases of emergencies, such as school closings or delays or threats to the safety of campus. More than 4,200 people are now signed up for MU Alert.

On April 1, the campus was locked down for about two hours as police searched for a student who was considered a potential threat to the campus. The lockdown was lifted after 24-year-old Joel Yodis was taken into custody. No injuries were reported during the incident.

In an email, President Francine G. McNairy praised



the campus community for their response. “I commend Millersville University faculty, staff, and students for their cooperation and patience during today’s (April 1) campus emergency. I especially appreciate the cooperation of our students for the orderly and prompt manner in which they complied with the official request to stay indoors while University police dealt with the potential threat. The cooperation of students and faculty in vacating Hash/Bassler at the same time, due to an unrelated smoke incident from an overheated motor, was exemplary.”

There is currently an MU Alert sign-up link on the front page of the University’s web site, or go directly to: mualert.millersville.edu/.

Colby Named New Football Coach

Millersville’s athletic director Peg A. Kauffman announced that, after a nationwide search which included 71 applicants, Greg Colby has been hired as the new head football coach of the Marauders. Colby takes the place of Joe Trainer, who resigned in December to become the defensive coordinator at the University of Rhode Island.

Colby just finished his sixth year as the defensive coordinator at Northwestern University in the Big 10 Conference. He is a 34-year coaching veteran with 25 years at the collegiate level. Colby began his role as the 20th head coach of Millersville University football on March 31.

“Hiring Greg Colby is the first step in moving our football program forward,” said Dr. Aminta Hawkins Breaux, vice president of student affairs at Millersville. “We realize the very competitive nature of the Pennsylvania football conference and the needed direction of our football program. The University believes that Greg has the background and skills to take us to the next level on the field and to provide the leadership that will impact the success of the overall program.”

“I’m very pleased that Coach Colby is joining



Athletic Director Peg Kauffman and Coach Colby

us,” said Kauffman. “His record demonstrates that he has the ability to build champion-caliber football programs at the collegiate level, while maintaining high personal and academic standards for his players. During his tenure at each of the universities where he has worked, the overall team GPA increased significantly.”

Colby has been with Northwestern since 2002. Prior to that he was defensive coordinator at Kent State University and was an assistant football coach at Michigan State University and the University of Illinois.

“I’m excited to continue the rich tradition of football at Millersville University,” said Colby. Colby has his bachelor’s degree from the University of Illinois.

Geography Students for the Environment

With the release of Al Gore’s documentary, “An Inconvenient Truth,” the effect of greenhouse gases (GHG) on the global environment has become an issue of greater significance to many people. GHGs are responsible for the greenhouse effect, in which longwave energy emitted by the earth is captured and re-emitted back towards the earth’s surface. This process warms the earth enough to support life. However, it is believed that human activities which emit greenhouse gases can ultimately cause climate warming.

Students in Dr. Kathleen Schreiber’s “Climate and Society” course have begun compiling a GHG inventory for the Millersville University campus. With the help of John Colarusso, facilities management and Rob Potter, information technology, students in the class have been collecting data on GHGs by their various source types: electricity usage, staff and commuter traffic activity, university fleet fuel consumption, fertilizer applications, solid waste disposal and refrigerant releases.

The students are finishing the inventory this semester. The data will be placed in a software program to

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Staff Activities

Dr. William Archibald, English, recently presented at the ITC e-Learning 2008 Conference in St. Petersburg, Fla., Feb. 16-19. His presentation was entitled "Teaching Writing with Web 2.0 Apps." His research explored the uses of social networks, wikis, blogs, bookmarking sites, and other Web 2.0 applications in his writing classes.

Dr. Caleb Corkery, English, had his articles on Mary Effie Lee Newsome and Henrietta Cordelia Ray appear in Henry Louis Gates, Jr.'s "African American National Biography," published this year by Oxford University Press.

Dr. Ron Frankum, history, took 12 students who are history majors to the 2008 Regional Phi Alpha Theta Conference at Ursinus College on April 5 to present their papers.

Drs. Laurie B. Hanich, educational foundations and **Jane Bray**, Dean, School of Education, presented their paper entitled "No Child Left Behind: What Does It Mean to Teacher Candidates?" at the annual conference of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, held in New Orleans, from February 6-10.

Birth

David Fitzgerald, information technology and his wife Christine welcomed a new son, Ian Fitzgerald, on March 5.

Drs. Laurie B. Hanich and **Sandy Deemer**, educational foundations, presented their paper entitled "A Longitudinal Examination of Perceived Mathematics Competence and Task Value in Children with Discrepant Patterns of Mathematics Achievement" at the annual conference of the American Educational Research Association, held in New York from March 24-28.

Drs. Joseph C. Labant, elementary and early childhood education, and **Anne Papalia-Berardi**, special education, presented at the 105th annual Middle States Regional Conference for the Social Studies in Wilmington, Del. Their topic was "Including All Students in Social Studies Instruction." Labant also made a presentation on integrating stories into oral history projects and as the Pennsylvania representative on the board of directors for the Middle States Council for the Social Studies, he gave a report on the current condition of social studies education in the Commonwealth.

Dr. Jeremiah K.N. Mbindyo, chemistry, had an article titled "Structure and Solvent Properties of Microemulsions" published in the February 2008 edition of the Journal of Chemical Education (JCE). The article was co-authored with a Millersville student and an alum. JCE, a refereed journal published by the American Chemical Society, is one of the top journals in the field of chemical education. The paper explores the properties

of water compatible solvents that can replace toxic, oil-based industrial solvents. Experiments that can be used to introduce green chemistry concepts in undergraduate classrooms are described.

Dr. Francine G. McNairy, president, was reappointed to the State Board of Education on April 1 by the State Senate.

Drs. Roger Webster and **Gary Zoppetti**, computer science, had their research paper entitled "A Computer Graphics and Game Development Track in Computer Science" accepted for a poster presentation at the 2008 National Science Foundation's CCLI PI Conference in Washington, D.C., on August 13-15. The conference is sponsored by the National Science Foundation and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Reighard Hall Rooms Available this Summer

The former Best Western Inn at Millersville, now Reighard Hall, will offer housing during the summer to guests of Millersville University. The rooms will be available from May 19 until August 15. Reighard Hall is owned and operated by Student Lodging, Inc., and currently provides housing for 204 students during the school year.

"We opened our doors to campus groups last year and found how much the guests enjoyed their stay," said Sandy Robertson, Reighard Hall housing director.

For more information contact Robertson at #5669 or email srobertson@ssi.millersville.edu.

REU Program adds Coordinator

Millersville University recently hired Donna Randolph as the first coordinator of the School of Science's Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) program. Randolph will assist in the planning of the intensive 10-week program.

Randolph's role includes recruiting students, assessing and creating activities, coordinating applications and assisting with enhancing overall youth development and leadership. She hopes to introduce the REU trainees to leading experts and researchers, offer them the opportunity to attend leadership conferences, visit local outlets, restaurants and factory tours within the community.

A nontraditional student, Randolph is currently in the master of educational leadership degree program at Millersville. Her bachelor's degree is from Cheyney University, and she received a master's degree in special education from Antioch University.

The REU program supports the active research participation of undergraduate students across the country in any of the areas of research

funded by the National Science Foundation.

This summer, Millersville's REU program will offer undergraduate students, from across the country, the opportunity to participate in a watershed research program from mid-May to the end of July.

"I hope to reach students of color, minorities and youth of all backgrounds, and contribute to the REU program to make this a very successful year—and most importantly—give the program a little flare!" Randolph said.

More information about REU is available at www.millersville.edu/~reu/application.php.



Donna Randolph

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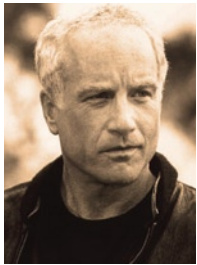
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Richard Dreyfuss on Campus



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Richard Dreyfuss, actor, comedian and champion of civic engagement will be on campus on April 24 at 7:30 p.m. in Lyte Auditorium. The event is free, but tickets are needed from the SMC ticket window.

Alumni Association Honors

Millersville's alumni association has named Dr. Gary L. Miller '80 the 2008 Distinguished Service Award recipient and W. Lee Eastwood the 2008 "Honorary Alumnus Award" recipient. The two will receive their awards at the Honors and Awards Convocation on Saturday, April 26, in Pucillo Gymnasium at 10 a.m.

After completing his bachelor's in biology, from the then Millersville State College in 1980, Miller went on to earn his master's degree in entomology and plant pathology at the University of Tennessee and his Ph.D. in entomology from Auburn University. Currently, Miller works as a USDA research entomologist at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center in Maryland, working on the front lines to protect American agriculture.

Eastwood joined Millersville University's advancement division in 1983 and remained there until retiring April 1, 2008. The Honorary Alumnus/na Service Award is presented to individuals (non alumni) who have performed continuous service to the University or made a significant contribution of time, talent or wealth to the University.

Ethnicity in Cinema Class

Dr. Jill Craven is teaching "Ethnicity in Cinema," a class where students look at African-American cinema and spectatorship in the 20th and 21st centuries.

In the class, Craven explores the "coding" of blackness, recurring stereotypes, the possibility of capturing the "authentic" black subject and the "black vernacular experience," the concept of the "black film," and the interaction between constructions of race and genre conventions. With these goals in mind, the class watches films from early silents starring African Americans to recent films by African-American directors.

As part of this endeavor, students will also be studying blaxploitation films, "a genre of films that developed in the 1970s that was supposed to exploit the commercial potential of black audiences for films, a potential that had been largely ignored by Hollywood studios until this time," said Craven. The film that jumpstarted this genre was "Sweet Sweetback's Baadasssss Song," directed by Melvin Van Peebles. Although harshly criticized by some scholars, Van Peebles' controversial film was such a financial success that it set the stage for other



blaxploitation films such as "Shaft" and "Superfly."

Many filmmakers criticized the blaxploitation genre and its stereotyped portrayals. Craven's class also explores reactions to films such as Charles Burnett's "Killer of Sheep," a realistic portrayal of the lives of the working poor in South-Central



Los Angeles in the 1970s. On March 24th, the class presented this renowned film to the Millersville University community for discussion and comment as part of the Humanities Film Series.

Craven's class is conducting an African-American Spectatorship Project where students interview African-American spectators about their overall experiences with cinema. Through this study students hope to gain insights into the perceptions and opinions of African-American viewers. The students' filmed interviews will serve an even greater purpose: giving future scholars a record of real-life impressions of African-American cinema.

Craven and her students are looking for older African-American volunteers to be interviewed for the African-American Spectatorship Project. If interested contact jill.craven@millersville.edu.



Rafters Theatre is presenting the play "Criminal Hearts" this month. Directed by Tony Elliot, communication and theatre, the play has a cast containing only students.

"Criminal Hearts" is the story of a woman whose husband cheats on her and leaves her. Rather than fight back, she becomes a recluse who spends her time sharpening pencils, eating pizza and drinking Dr. Pepper. She finds friendship with the thief who attempts to rob her and together they plan revenge.

The play runs until Sunday, April 20. Tickets can be purchased at the Student Memorial Center Ticket Window, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., or by calling 717-872-3811. For show times visit www.MUTicketsOnline.com.

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analyze emissions inventory so that students can come up with recommendations for control strategies. "The students will analyze the collected data to make judgments about the most effective and cost-efficient ways Millersville can reduce its GHG impact," said Schreiber. Results of the study will be presented at the Millersville University Center for Environmental Sciences.

The University has already begun

doing its part as well to conserve energy. Stayer Hall, the new School of Education building, is the University's first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)-certified building.

McComsey Hall has offices in which lights automatically turn off when no motion has been detected for a period of time. Also, the MU Center for Environmental Sciences has provided student and public conferences about Lancaster's environment.



Dr. Kathy Schreiber's Climate and Society class.

Who Makes Millersville Special?

This issue of the Exchange features Melanie DeSantis, director of professional development and training in human resources at Millersville University. DeSantis has been at the University for one year as a staff member and has been a trainer for 15 years.

Q. As the director of professional development and training at Millersville University what are some of your responsibilities?

A. I coordinate staff training and professional development for the University. My main responsibilities include: creating and teaching on-site training courses, facilitating the New Employee Welcome Program, and serving as an internal consultant for strategic planning and organizational development.

Q. What skills did you acquire while attending the Walt Disney Customer Service School that now help you as the director of professional development and training at Millersville University?

A. Disney instructors provided the ultimate training experience by sharing their exceptional customer service techniques and allowing participants to see these techniques in action. I was also given the opportunity and encouragement to ask questions of the Disney cast members. Of course, the best part of my experience is being able to use what I learned with my colleagues from the Division of Finance and Administration as we embark on the new Safe, Friendly, Knowledgeable, Professional, and Responsive (SFKPR) customer service program.

Q. Since your husband is the dean of graduate studies did that impact your decision to work on campus?

A. Victor (Dr. Victor DeSantis) and I both worked at Bridgewater State College when we lived in Massachusetts, so working on the same campus again is both comforting and



Melanie DeSantis

fun. We enjoy seeing each other on campus and especially enjoy attending events and theatre productions together.

Q. How did you get into the field of training?

A. I began as a Total Quality Management Trainer for the U.S. General Services Administration in Fort Worth, Texas.

Q. What is the most significant challenge being a trainer?

A. Keeping training sessions interactive and fun.

Q. You have been a trainer for many years, serving as regional training officer for the U.S. General Services Administration in Boston and as regional quality coordinator for the Federal Supply Service in Fort Worth, Texas. Which job did you prefer and why?

A. I loved both positions because they involved change and challenge. Both organizations were being challenged to change their culture from one that didn't recognize customers to one where we were expected to exceed our customer's expectations. The challenge was training everyone from front line employees to the highest senior executive, then supporting them through the change process. Both positions were quite rewarding. I was proud to be part of a public sector agency where creative problem solving and innovation were top priorities.

Q. What programs did you have to complete in order to become a professional trainer?

A. I've completed many training programs over the years. The programs I gained the most from were: Total Quality Management Certified Trainer Program, Myers Briggs Personality Type Indicator Trainer Program, and Coaching Supervision Trainer Program.

Q. Where did you attend college?

A. I hold a bachelor's degree in theatre from Towson University and a master's degree in public administration from American University.

Q. How can Millersville further the development of diversity in the community?

A. We have the opportunity at Millersville to create a place of intellectual and cultural tolerance by asking questions, offering sincere answers and practicing true active listening.

Q. How can the training programs help further Millersville's national distinction?

A. By offering staff training programs, we are able to build and maintain an exceptional workforce to support our students and faculty so they may continue their academic and civic pursuits.

Q. What type of training programs are readily available to faculty and staff members?

A. We offer a variety of courses each year including: Active Listening, Customer Service, Handling Conflict, Employee Performance Appraisal, Coaching Supervision, Discipline Dynamics, The State Employee Assistance Program (SEAP), Classification with Class, Creative Problem Solving and You and MU.

Q. How do the development and training programs help you and/or those reporting to you grow as professionals?

A. Being open to learning a new skill can be challenging. However, when we take on that challenge, we model the type of thinking we wish for our students.

Q. What is the strongest skill that you believe you are bringing to the position of director of professional development and training at Millersville University?

A. I enjoy connecting the theory and practice of a subject area to creating a training program that is interactive and entertaining.

Q. What do you like to do in your spare time?

A. In my spare time I like to do anything involving the theatre: reading a play, seeing a show, acting in a play or listening to musicals. I also have a new love of anything having to do with boating.

Travel Programs Destinations

For more information call #2308 or email: specialevents@millersville.edu

NEW YORK CITY

- April 26 - "Grease" or "Hairspray"
- May 17 - Gourmet Shopping

Alumni & Friends

State System

Reservations/info available at #3352 or 5628. Or visit: www.alumnivacations.com, click on Millersville.

- Canada/New England
Cruise June 28-July 5
- Hawaii Cruise Aug. 6-16
- Black Sea/Egypt/Holy Lands
Cruise Sept. 29-Oct. 11

Sailing adventure

1-2 people to accompany licensed captain on sailing vessel to Bermuda. Sailing experience not needed. Learn to crew, sail and navigate. May 15-June 1. Email: roarkh@hotmail.com.