

Millersville University Exchange

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World Premiere at Millersville University

A new kind of ballet is coming to Millersville University this fall. On October 17, the American Repertory Ballet Co. (ARB) will present a new collaborative work with Millersville University faculty and students titled "Worlds end. And worlds begin."

"Don't expect to see frilly tutus floating around in our performances!" said Graham Lustig, the award-winning and internationally known director for the ARB. Hailed as an entirely new form of ballet, "Worlds End" is based on a text by Richard E. Miller, author of "Writing at the End of the World" and chair of the Rutgers University English Department.

The music was written by local composer and Millersville University faculty member Rusty Banks. The world premiere of this collaboration includes ARB's dancers, the 100-voice strong Millersville University Choral Union directed by Dr. Jeffrey Gemmell, music, and the Continental Trombone Quartet.

Millersville's Dr. Diane Umble, communication & theatre, explains how unique this performance will be, "This is the first time there will

be a world premiere at the University. It includes collaboration with a professional dance company, which makes it extra special." Umble

explains that there are many opportunities for people to see inside the process of this collaboration, such as an open rehearsal on October 16th at 7:30 p.m. in Lyte Auditorium, where according to Umble, students are "encouraged to participate." Also, a lecture led by author Richard E. Miller on the value of writing in the 21st century will take place from 10:00-11:00 a.m. on Friday, October 17, in Myers Auditorium, McComsey Hall. A

discussion on the collaboration with those involved will take place shortly after, on October 17th in Gordinier Hall and will feature the principal creators of the collaboration.

The ballet will take place at Lyte Auditorium. Tickets may be purchased online at www.MUTicketsOnline.com or by calling #3811. Tickets are \$20 for the public, \$15 for senior citizens and \$5 for Millersville students (two tickets per ID).



Grand Marshals Named

The Millersville Community Parade Committee has named Dr. Ralph Anttonen and his wife Judy as the 2008 grand marshals. The committee reviewed 25 nominations for this prestigious honor. Grand marshals are selected every year based on significant contributions to the Millersville community.

The Anttonens will lead the two-mile award-winning parade that attracts more than 5,000 spectators. The theme for this year's parade on Saturday, November 1, is "Animals: Fictional or Real." The parade coincides with Millersville University's Homecoming weekend, as well as Family Day and Community Day. According to parade chairman Steven DiGuiseppe,

"This is one of the best and biggest parades in the county." The parade starts at 9 a.m. at Penn Manor High School and ends at approximately 11:30 a.m. at the Student Memorial Center on the Millersville University campus.

The Anttonens are the first couple named to the list of community and business leaders who have served as grand marshals, which include: John Herr, Skip Rhodes, Jim Eshelman, Lynette Trout, William Duncan, Joseph Caputo, Steven DiGuiseppe and Dorothy Bender.

The Anttonens' combined efforts include:

- Coordinating the annual Millersville Mile event, which benefits the Millersville Fire Company (for the past 21 years, which has raised over \$30,000);

- Serving as honorary members of the Millersville Fire Company;
- Serving as Santa and Mrs. Claus for area schools, nursing homes, the Millersville Business Association's annual tree lighting and for Millersville University (15 years);

- Serving as disc jockeys (a.k.a., Doc and Mama Roc) for WIXQ-FM radio, Millersville University's radio station (30+ years);
- And sponsoring Adopt-a-Highway along Long Lane (13+ years).

Ralph Anttonen, chair of the department

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AFSCME Local 2421 Results

The following have been elected to the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 2421:

President:

James Robertson,
maintenance

Vice President:

Deb Miller, UC&M
secretary
Donna Gochnauer,
housekeeping

Treasurer:

Aldine Owens,
housekeeping

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Frank Baer, maintenance
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Leroy Selvage, University dining

Three-Year Trustee:

Matt Sellers, maintenance

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Donna Gochnauer, housekeeping
Mary Brandt, printing & duplicating
Deb Miller, UC&M
Leroy Selvage, University dining
James Robertson, maintenance

Delegate Alternate:

Aldine Owens, housekeeping



Jim Robertson

Judy and Ralph Anttonen



Staff Activities

Dr. Ansar Ahmed, humanities and social sciences, presented his most recent research on political corruption at the 20th annual conference on Socio-Economics held in San Jose, Costa Rica, July 21-23. The conference was organized by the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics based in Paris, France. Ahmed's work was assisted by student researchers Suzanne M. Stachel and Krystle F. Nickles.

Drs. Mary Ann Gray-Schlegel and **Yvonne King**, elementary & early childhood education, had their text, "Read! Write! Discuss! Learn!" recently published.

Dr. Timothy C. Miller, English, recently had his article, "Science Fiction Mysteries," published in the "Critical Survey of Mystery and Detective Fiction, Revised Edition."

Dr. Behnam Nakhai, business administration, presented a peer-reviewed research paper entitled "Students' Teamwork

Competencies: Are Business Schools Developing the Right Skills?" co-authored with professor Joao S. Neves of The College of New Jersey, at the annual conference of the Academy of Management, August 8-13, Anaheim, Calif.

Dr. Carla Mary Rineer, English, delivered papers at three international conferences this summer: on July 16 in Istanbul, Turkey, "Everything Old Is New Again: Re-Reading the 19th-Century Fight for Women's Suffrage in the 21st-Century Race for the White House"; on July 22 in Prato, Tuscany, Italy, "The Truth about True Confessions: A Confluence of Image, Word, and Agenda"; and on August 12 at Oxford University, UK, Harris Manchester College, "Suffrage from Heaven: The Destruction of the Paradigm/A Reconstruction of Hope."

Dr. Lewis Shoemaker, mathematics, presented a paper entitled, "A Study on the Association Between Extraneous Variables and Student Evaluations," at the 2008 Joint Statistical Meetings held in August in Denver, Colo. The paper has also been accepted for publication in the "Proceedings of the Joint Statistical Meetings."

Dr. Jeffrey W. Wimer, wellness and sport sciences, gave two international podium

presentations at the the International Conference on Physical Sport Training held August 8-9 at Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso, Chile. His talks were titled "The History of Ergogenic Aids in Sports" and "When to Return to Play Following Injury." Wimer gave an additional presentation, "Eating Disorders and Body Image Anxiety," at Trinity College in Rancagua, Chile.

The Rev. Dr. D. Darrell Woomer, United Campus Ministry, was one of two persons honored for outstanding service in ministry and education at the Annual Conference of the National Campus Ministry Association, held in Kansas City, July 2008.

Retired Faculty

Dr. Linda L. Clark, history professor emerita, has had her fourth book, "Women and Achievement in Nineteenth-Century Europe" published by the Cambridge University Press.

SECA Underway

The 2008 State Employee Combined Appeal (SECA) Fund Drive for the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education is underway and will run through Friday, October 24. SECA was established in 1977 as the only charitable campaign allowed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in its offices statewide. This year more than 1,400 agencies are participating in the campaign. Mary Fleig, head women's basketball coach, chairs this year's campaign at Millersville. For more information email mary.fleig@millersville.edu.

Obituary

Colin McLeod, retired faculty member, who worked at Millersville University 1978-1998, died on July 17. McLeod served as director of Academic Advisement.

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of academic and student development and director of the Exploratory Program – has been on the faculty since 1971. He also serves as the advisor of the campus radio station, is a mentor to hundreds of Millersville students, serves as the Millersville basketball announcer (36 years), is a timing official with the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, Inc. (PIAA) (33 years), is an author and has competed in over 40 road races (both cycling and run/walks) in the past 19 years and has won numerous awards and citations in senior games, as well as being selected as "MU Person of the Year" (2001). His bachelor's degree is in mathematics from Tufts University and his Ph.D. is in educational psychology from the University of Minnesota.

Judy Anttonen is retired from Conestoga Valley School District, where she served as a special education/learning support teacher. In addition she has worked numerous years with the Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13 - a regional educational agency. She holds two degrees from Millersville University; a bachelor's degree in elementary and early childhood education and a master's degree in special education. Judy has also served as the Millersville basketball scorekeeper for nine years, PIAA meet timing official (23 years), volunteer reader with the Susquehanna

Association for the Blind and Vision Impaired, volunteer at the Watch and Clock Museum in Columbia, member of the Millersville Choral Group, member of the Standing Room Only Singers, past treasurer of the West End Athletic Association and has competed in over 500 road races and 30 triathlons since 1971 and has won numerous awards and citations, particularly in the senior games and was named Volunteer of the Year (2007) by the Watch and Clock Museum.

The parade attracts almost 2,000 participants annually with approximately 150 entries ranging from bands and dance troops to antique vehicles and live animals. For more information about the parade, visit the website at www.parade.millersville.edu.

The Anttonens contribution to the animal-themed parade will be a four-foot teddy bear, which rides with Judy in her Jeep Wrangler. "Doc gave him to me for my 60th birthday as my protector," said Judy Anttonen.

Congratulations to:

Gina Dickel, housekeeping, who married Robert C. Meringer Jr. in Millersville, Pa. on August 8 and

Dr. Elba Rohena, special education, who was married to Douglas Wakerz on July 19 in Lancaster, Pa.

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Intramurals Not Just for Students



During the fall 2008 intramural season, sports such as coed softball, dodgeball, flag football, men's/women's outdoor soccer and coed innertube water polo will take place. The fun and competitive spirit of intramurals is not only for the students of Millersville University to enjoy, but current faculty and staff members are encouraged to participate as well. Faculty members tend to get discouraged because, according to Natosha Harris, coordinator of intramurals, "Intramurals is offered Sunday through Thursday from 9 p.m. until midnight; these hours deter a lot of faculty and staff participation."

Geoffrey Beers, Student Memorial Center operations manager, has been involved with Millersville University intramurals on and off for 10 years. "We have always had a great time," said Beers. Though he did admit that the late hours hurt the roster size, he found enough players for softball, flag football, volleyball, dodgeball and basketball.

If interest is present, weekend intramurals are being considered for faculty and staff members. According to Harris, "Offering morning/afternoon games on the weekends might encourage faculty/staff to participate in faculty/staff leagues and allow them to bring their families to events."

To sign up, faculty and staff must follow the same procedures as students. Go to www.millersville.edu/~recsport/ to check the intramural calendar, choose the desired sport (or sports!), and go to the SMC Sign-Up Days on Tuesday & Wednesday from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. The sign-up dates depend on what sport you select, and all this information may be found on the calendar on the recreation website. You may also go to www.millersville.edu/~recsport/register.php to download a roster online.



Marauder Fridays

Beginning on September 26 faculty, staff, students and alumni are encouraged to show their Marauder pride by wearing black and gold on the final Friday of every month. Look for the October 17 issue of the *Exchange* for more details.



Butterfly Break

Gardens are not only meant to attract people, but can be quite the hangout spot for wildlife as well! Constructed by the biology department's entomology club, and to honor the memory of Dr. Syd Radinovsky, the butterfly garden was meant to do just that. This garden features a handful of butterfly bushes and black-eyed Susans. Serving on the biology department faculty from August 1964 until he retired in May of 1998, Radinovsky, who died in 2000, was the founder of the University Entomology Club.

Millersville and Puerto Rico Unite

From July 26 until August 9, the second annual Latino Language, Pedagogy and Culture Immersion Institute took place at the University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez (UPRM). Led by Michelle Pollis, Global Education and Partnerships, and Dr. Bill Himmele, elementary and early childhood education, the institute arose from the affiliation between Millersville and UPRM, and the mutual desire of both universities to meet the professional needs of regional school districts in Central Pennsylvania.

Nearly 50% of the Lancaster area consists of Latino populations, and the School District of Lancaster has a 55% Hispanic population. The institute was created by Millersville University during the 2005-2006 year, and was organized by the Office of Global Education and Partnerships, Office of Professional Training and Education and the School of Education.

During the summer trip 14 teachers from various counties in Pennsylvania, along with Pollis and Himmele received intensive training in Spanish and participated in workshops related to the educational system of Puerto Rico in addition to the history, geography and culture of the area.

Those participating also toured the local elementary and high school and met with teachers and students at each site.



The group from Millersville is officially presented with a proclamation by the mayor naming them distinguished guests of the city of Mayagüez. Left to right; Michelle Pollis, Office of Global Education & Partnerships; Dr. Jorge Iván Vélez Arocho, University of Puerto Rico-Mayagüez; Evelyn Rivera, Municipality of Mayagüez and Dr. Rebeca Orama, UPRM.

Birth:

Congratulations to John Halton, maintenance operations, and his wife, Michelle, on the birth of their baby girl, Madelyn Maxine Halton, on August 4.

Who Makes Millersville Special?

Our spotlight staff member is Natosha Harris, coordinator of intramurals and recreation. Harris has been working at Millersville University for almost five years.

Q: Tell us about your job.

A: I provide primary direction and leadership for a comprehensive intramural and recreational sports program and provide supervision to two graduate assistants and 60 personnel in the areas of sport administration, sport officiating and special events. I am also responsible for overall administration and management of 28 intramural programs, and I develop and administer policies and procedures for assessment, evaluation, incentive and retention purposes. I recruit, train and evaluate intramural personnel.

Q: How does Millersville University decide which intramurals to host?

A: Tradition is a huge factor; if you provide it they will participate and if they continue to participate we continue to offer it. Also, input from our student staff and intramural participants have helped in developing special events while our major sports stay the same every academic year.

Q: What do you think is the most popular intramural sport with students?

A: Traditionally, the most popular intramural sports have been basketball, flag football and softball. In the last two years, the most popular intramural sports are dodgeball and soccer.

Q: What are some of the recreational programs you work with?

A: The campus recreation department



Natosha Harris

is composed of three areas: club sports, intramurals and outdoor programming. In the summer months, I am involved in outdoor programming as a ropes course facilitator.

Q: What interested you most about this job?

A: This position affords me the opportunity to educate students outside of the classroom. Intramurals are an instrumental part of the University community, and they aid in students' academic success. Overall, my position allows me to work with students, to learn from students, to develop students and to see them succeed.

Q: Can faculty and staff participate in intramurals?

A: Yes, faculty and staff can participate in intramurals that are offered Sunday–Thursday from 9 p.m. – 12 a.m.

Q: Are there any restrictions or qualifications for students to play intramurals?

A: Any current student who is registered for the semester can participate. Restrictions vary. The most common restriction involves current varsity players who may not play an intramural sport that is similar to their current respective varsity sport. For example, if you are a varsity basketball player, you may not participate in intramural basketball.

Q: What do you think is the best part of the intramural and recreation program?

A: The best part is the students who work for the department and those who participate! As a department we are always striving to improve, expand and provide more opportunities.

Q: Are there any sports that you would like to see implemented into the intramural program?

A: Not at this time, but in 2007 we introduced women's intramural field hockey,

and in 2004 we introduced dodgeball, and it has been successful ever since.

Q: Where did you receive your education?

A: I received a master's at Western Michigan University for sport administration and a bachelor's at Eastern Michigan University for organizational communication with a minor in management.

Q: Do you play any sports?

A: Yes, basketball, flag football and dodgeball.

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

A: My job is not difficult because it is so rewarding. There are days that are a little more challenging than many, but those are the days in which I learn the most.

Q: What steps do you take to get students more interested in intramurals?

A: We have developed new ways to advertise such as the intramural calendars; providing giveaways to students at events; offering new sports such as dodgeball, field hockey and special events; offering more extramural (intramural participation outside of the University community in which students participate in intramurals against other universities and colleges at the state, region or national level) opportunities for our students; and informing students of how involvement in intramurals aids in academic success.

Q: What are some of your goals?

A: Complete the intramural communication project (ICP), which increases communication and consistency within the department, introduce diversity training to intramural personnel, complete a comprehensive sport officials training manual and increase the evaluation process of our personnel and participants.

Q: What are your hobbies?

A: Officiating collegiate and interscholastic basketball and driving and test driving cars.

Q: What do you do to relax after a long day?

A: It depends on the day...I enjoy downloading music on my iPod, watching my favorite television show, driving, talking with friends, reading a book and sleeping.

Q: Where do you like to vacation?

A: Somewhere warm with a lot of sunshine. Provided I am laughing and surrounded by family and friends, it is a vacation!

Q: Do you have any favorite foods?

A: Who doesn't! Pasta, chicken, seafood, steak and, of course, ice cream. Also, southern or cajun food is the best.

Travel Programs

Destinations

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

NEW YORK CITY

- Sept. 28 - "Young Frankenstein"
- Nov. 8 - Do as you please
- Dec. 6 - Radio City Music Hall Christmas Show

- May 1 - Philadelphia Flower Show

Alumni & Friends

State System

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- Canary Islands & Casablanca/Morocco Cruise Dec. 10-21
- Southern Caribbean Cruise Jan. 25-Feb. 1, 2009
- Windmills/Tulips River Cruise Apr. 7-17