Move over Club D’Ville, goodbye Galley, students are ready to “drop anchor” at a hot, new spot on campus. Come this August, the University will premiere its new retail convenience store on campus, The Anchor, located in Gordinier Hall, features wireless Internet for those on-the-go, 165 seats for leisure, studying or eating, and a speedy, grab-n-go meal feature for students with only a few minutes before their next class. It is easy to see why everyone will enjoy a smooth transition from The Galley to The Anchor.

Other renovations in Gordinier will include updating bathrooms and elevators, converting the covered walkway around the building into new offices, replacing a good portion of the first-floor walls into glass windows and adding temporary walking paths for students until more solidified paths are determined.

On May 10, The Galley will close for the SMC renovations and in its place, opening Aug. 25, The Anchor will be the new spot on campus for students. But, for all the faithful Galley supporters, no worries, as it will be reopening when the SMC renovations are complete by spring 2012. Unfortunately, for those who enjoy Gordy’s and the Turkey Hill ice cream shop, they will be closed and remodeled to accommodate the new construction in Gordinier. Luckily, the retail convenience aspect of these shops will be present in The Anchor.

The Anchor gets its name because the floor plan for the new Gordinier renovations resemble the shape of an anchor, which fits into the nautical-themed eateries on campus, such as The Upper Deck, The Cove and The Galley.

The furniture being used for the first year of business will look quite familiar to students and faculty because The Anchor will temporarily use some booths, tables and chairs from The Galley while it is being renovated. There will also be new electronic window shades on the first-floor windows, which will operate automatically according to sunlight exposure and outside temperature, saving the University money on operating costs.

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CyberSafe Conference: Staying Safe Online

Bringing national experts, educators, administrators and families together to keep kids safe in a cyber world, is the topic of Millersville University’s CyberSafe Partnership Conference hosted by the School of Education on May 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., and sponsored by Verizon.

The conference will feature Special Agent Scott Sutherland of the FBI as the keynote speaker. Sutherland will discuss the national perspective on bullying and the global motivation behind it. Also presenting is Assistant Professor Jon Landis, educational foundations, as well as Officer Ted Makauskas from the Lancaster Police and Trooper First Class Tony Thomas from the Pennsylvania State Police.

Landis, Millersville University’s expert on adolescent behavior online and Internet safety, will speak on “The psychology of the online adolescent: She’s right next to you, why are you texting her?”

Makauskas and Thomas will be addressing the developments and complications associated with law enforcement issues regarding cyber-related concerns.

“Never before in the history of mankind have we been at such a juncture; our students have essentially limitless access to information, people and resources. If we coordinate our efforts, building relationships and awareness, we can create a generation of children who will better protect themselves,” explains Landis.

For more information on the CyberSafe Conference, contact Barbara Hatfield, School of Education, at ext. 3379 or visit www.millersville.edu.

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Millersville on Princeton List

Millersville University is one of the country’s most environmentally responsible colleges according to The Princeton Review. The nationally known education services company selected Millersville for inclusion in a unique resource it has created for college applicants, “The Princeton Review’s Guide to 286 Green Colleges.”

Developed by The Princeton Review in partnership with the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), the “Guide to 286 Green Colleges” is the first, free comprehensive guidebook focused solely on institutions of higher education who have demonstrated an above-average commitment to sustainability in terms of campus infrastructure, activities and initiatives.

“Millersville University understands that sustaining our environment is more than just a passing trend,” said Roger Bruszewski, continued on pg. 4
Dr. Ralph Anttonen, academic & student development, and Dr. Michelle White, academic advisement, presented a two-hour pre-conference workshop at the National Academic Advising Association Region 2 Mid-Atlantic Conference held in Atlantic City from April 14-16. The title of the presentation was “No Budget, No Problem: Let’s Build an Exploratory (Undecided) Program.”

Drs. Kelsey Backels, counseling center, Aminta Breaux, Student Affairs, and James McCollum, Office of the President, and Wayne Silcox, police, were invited to speak at the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board Conference held in New Cumberland, Pa. They presented a workshop entitled, “Operating a Threat Assessment Team on Campus,” on April 22. Their presentation provided an overview of Millersville University’s Threat Assessment Team (TAT@MU)—the process to develop the TAT@MU—the challenges faced, the lessons learned, the positive impact and suggestions for creating your own team.

Dr. Carole Counihan, anthropology, was at the University of Massachusetts on April 23 to give the Distinguished Lecture in the Anthropology of Europe. It was part of the 40th anniversary celebration of the anthropology Ph.D program and European field studies.

Dr. Sam Earman, earth sciences, is a co-author of the paper “Chemical and Physical Characteristics of Springs Discharging from Regional Flow Systems of the Carbonate-Rock Province of the Great Basin, Western United States,” which was recently published in the peer-reviewed publication Hydrogeology Journal.

Natosha Harris, intramurals and recreation, presented “How Officials’ Attitudes Affect Sportsmanship” at the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (NIRSA) Annual Conference in Anaheim, Calif., April 21.

Dr. Carol A. Heintzelman, social work, presented on “Death, Dying and Grief” at “The Last Lecture,” sponsored by United Campus Ministry and Christians open-Minded on April 6 in Myers Auditorium on campus.

Drs. Stacey Irwin, Bill Dorman, Theresa Russel-Loretz, and Diane Umble, all communication and theatre, and Stephen Ansphacer, graduate and professional studies, presented at the Broadcast Education Association’s annual international convention in Las Vegas April 14-17. Irwin fulfilled her duties as convention national program chair and presented a paper titled “Assessing Courses and Curricula: Challenges of Assessing a Multiple Discipline Program;” Dorman presented a double panel session titled “Balancing Curriculum and Production - What Changes When ‘The Show’s the Thing’?—The Ethical Dilemma of Balancing our Scholarly Agenda with our Students’ Learning;” Russell-Loretz presented a paper titled “What Emergency Managers Wish Broadcasters Knew: Accolades and Aversions to Media Coverage of Emergencies, Crises and Disasters.” Umble presented a paper titled “The Amish and the Media: Accountability and the Nickel Mines School Shooting.” Ansphacer presented a session titled “A Sign of the Times: Form and Content in Distributed and Distance Learning.”

Dr. Ajoy Kumar, earth sciences, made presentations with colleagues at the Ocean Sciences meeting in Portland, Ore., February 23-26. The presentations included, “A simple technique to remove tidal influences from ADCP measurements,” “Using HF Radar to Observe Coastal Ocean Tidal Features” and “Long Term Density Stratification Trends off Delmarva Shelf Region,” “Does density stratification control photosynthetic quantum yield at the deep chlorophyll maximum?” He co-chaired the session, “Consequence of Long-Term Changes in Density Stratification in the Surface Ocean on Physical, Biogeochemical, and Ecosystem Processes.”

Dr. Nanette Marcum-Dietrich, educational foundations, had her article “Talk like a scientist: Using science symposiums in the classroom” published in the journal The Science Teacher.

Dr. Gordon Nesbitt, wellness and sport sciences and intramurals & recreation, presented “Emotional Intelligence and its Impact on Campus Recreation,” coordinated the NIRSA Christian Fellowship Roundtable and the Non-Denominational Worship Service, and delivered the Invocation at the 2010 NIRSA Honors Award Banquet during the annual NIRSA conference in Anaheim, Calif., April 20-23.


Dr. Timothy Shea, English, has been selected to represent the MidAtlantic region for a three-year term on the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) and Support for the Learning and Teaching of English steering committee on social and political concerns. The charge of this committee is to influence public attitudes and policy decisions affecting the teaching of English language arts at local, state and national levels and to implement and publicize the policies adopted by NCTE.

Dr. M.P.A. Sheaffer, English, sang as an alto “Ringer” in Handel’s Messiah, the “Easter Section,” in the spring concert of the Sacred Music Chorale of Richmond Hill in Queens, N.Y., on April 18. In addition, she participated in the April “Salute to Poetry” as part of the “Poetry at the Players” series at the Players’ Club in New York, reading from the poetry of Robert Burns and Elizabeth Barrett Browning. She also participated as an alto ringer with the St. Patrick’s Cathedral choir in their six-hour-long choir-fest “Sing-a-thon” at the cathedral on April 13.
For the past three years during the spring semester elementary education students from Millersville University have been involved with the Carter & MacRae Elementary School Initiative. This project pairs fourth and fifth graders from Carter & MacRae, part of the School District of Lancaster, with Millersville students, who help them with their social studies fair projects.

Dr. Joseph Labant, elementary and early childhood education, became interested in having his students involved in the project. “In the fall of 2007, after meeting with Mr. Slamp [fifth grade teacher at Carter & MacRae] and his principal, Mrs. Ollie Jones, who was very enthusiastic about having Millersville students visit the school, the initiative was planned out,” explained Labant. “It was decided that my students would visit the school on a weekly basis and help the students research their chosen topic for the fair.”

Millersville students who volunteer for this project receive a grade for their involvement; their participation is considered service learning for their ELED 340: Teaching of Social Studies course.

Girvin elected President of PAUSWE

Dr. Heather Girvin, social work, was elected president of the Pennsylvania Association of Undergraduate Social Work Education (PAUSWE) at the annual meeting in State College, April 9-10.

Girvin, a Lancaster County native, received her bachelor’s degree in sociology from Dickinson College. She attended Bryn Mawr College’s Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research, where she earned her master’s degree in social services and her Ph.D. in social work.

Girvin taught at Bryn Mawr College and University of Maryland before joining Millersville University. In addition to serving as an assistant professor in the University’s social work department, Girvin is also the co-coordinator of field services for Millersville’s master’s of social work (MSW) program.

PAUSWE is an organization dedicated to the improvement of undergraduate social work education. Student and faculty PAUSWE members work together on important social work education issues including curriculum, accreditation and educational policies.

Girvin served as PAUSWE’s president-elect last year and was responsible for planning this year’s annual meeting. As newly elected president, she will serve a one-year term.

Millersville Honors Sheila Jordan

Jazz-singing legend Sheila Jordan, Millersville’s 2010 Artist-in-Residence, was presented with the first Eleanor Isaacson Lifetime Achievement in the Arts Award prior to her concert on April 21.

The inaugural award was presented to Jordan by its namesake, Eleanor Isaacson, of Willow Street. Isaacson is a longtime friend and supporter of Millersville University, in particular the new Visual & Performing Arts Center, which is under construction. A community leader and patron of the arts, Isaacson has also been a devoted mentor to Millersville students.

“I understand the importance of students’ experiences while studying on campus, to have them exposed to as many elements of thinking and creating as possible,” Isaacson said. She hopes the award will “become one of my legacies to the University and to our community.”

New Alumni Board

The Millersville University Alumni Association held spring elections on April 17, electing 10 alumni for two-year terms.

The new board members include: Abe Breslin ’98, Strasburg; Joseph Choi ’96, M.D., Ph.D., Athens; Carl Ernst ’60, Leola; Catherine Glass ’53, Millersville; John Held ’02, Hatboro; Amy Hoffman ’94, Mount Joy; Richard Moriarty ’72, Millersville; Scott Muenz ’06, York; Dan Sidelnick ’75, Lebanon; and Leigh Walter ’88, Duncannon.

The board consists of 19 voting members and meets quarterly.
Sheely Inducted into ODE

Scott Sheely, executive director of the Lancaster County Workforce Investment Board, was recently inducted as an honorary member of the Alpha Sigma Chapter of Omicron Delta Epsilon (ODE), at Millersville. Sheely and his fellow ODE Class of 2010 inductees were honored during the Regional Economy Symposium held on April 21. Dr. Mike Gumpper, economics, said Sheely was inducted because of his involvement and commitment to University students and for his professional achievements related to regional workforce and economic development.

Interim Director Appointed

Carol Reichler has been appointed interim director for the 42 North Prince Street facility, effective immediately. Reichler will maintain her current position as director of special events in University Advancement and will now also report to the vice president for finance and administration for her duties with regard to the facility’s budget and contracts. As interim director, Reichler will be responsible for the operations and event scheduling of 42 North Prince Street.

Reichler, a graduate of Bay Path College, has been associated with the University for the past 11 years.

Faculty Well-Represented at Conference

Millersville University faculty and students were well-represented at the 58th National Science Teachers Association’s conference, which was held in Philadelphia March 18-21. Following the conference theme of “Connecting Science Past to Science Future,” Dr. Nanette Dietrich, educational foundations, organized four sessions: 1) The First Year Teaching Experience: Stories of Triumph and Challenges; 2) Classroom Symposium: A Model of Scientific Talk; 3) No Teacher Left Inside: Using the Outdoors as Your Science Classroom; and 4) Coherently Implementing Model-based Inquiry Learning Across High School Chemistry and Physics Classes.

Dietrich and Oliver Deon, educational foundations, led a discussion on the trials and triumphs of first-year science teachers in session one. Dietrich and Deon also presented in session two, along with nine Millersville science student teachers. Presenters in session three included Dietrich, Drs. L. Lynn Marquez, earth sciences, and Marcia Nell, elementary and early childhood education. Session four consisted of a panel discussion led by Dietrich and three teachers from Unionville High School, Kennett Square, Pa., on the successes and challenges of implementing models in chemistry and physics classes. Marquez also presented with one of her students on their research, “Nature of Science Instruction in the General Education Course.” Finally, Dr. Richard Clark, earth sciences, gave an invited presentation at the special session for the National Earth Sciences Teachers Association on “Meteorology Drives Everything: The Sensitivity of Pollution Episodes to Atmospheric Conditions in the Mid-Atlantic Region” where he presented results of a decade of field observations.

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Universities and colleges nationwide that are leading the “green” movement through their own special programs and initiatives. The free Guide can be downloaded at www.princetonreview.com/greenguide and www.usgbc.org/campus.

Getting to Know You

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Who Makes Millersville Special

This issue of “Who Makes Millersville Special” features Bryan Behrenshausen, adjunct professor in the Department of Communication & Theatre.

Q: Where are you from?
A: I’m from a suburb of Reading called Sinking Spring (in a township now infamous for neighboring Wyomissing, where Taylor Swift grew up). But I spent two years living in Orono, Maine, while doing my graduate work at the University of Maine, and I think a piece of my heart stayed up north when I returned home.

Q: Tell us about your studies at Millersville University.
A: I graduated from Millersville University in 2005 with a bachelor’s degree in speech communication—the same degree many of my own students are now pursuing. Because the Club D’Ville housed an arcade at the time, I also logged enough credit hours in the SMC to technically declare a minor in “Ms. Pac-Man.”

Q: As a Millersville student what were you involved in?
A: Being a nerd. My professors in the Department of Communication and Theatre (many of whom are now my colleagues) instilled in me quite a passion for my field, and I spent anywhere from five to eight hours in the library every day (yes, even Saturdays—nerd alert). Some evenings I tutored other communication students in the philosophy and theory of communication. I was also the News Coordinator at WIXQ, a position I held for more than three years. And, of course, “Ms. Pac-Man.”

Q: Why did you choose to teach at Millersville University?
A: When offered the chance to teach in the department that inspired my scholarly pursuits, I didn’t think twice about returning to Millersville. It was my home for four undergraduate years, and my memories of time spent on campus with both my friends and the woman who is now my wife are everlasting. Walking onto campus every morning during sunrise feels like stepping through my front door after a long vacation—like coming home.

Q: What is your favorite class to teach?
A: Theories of Communication. That’s the course that made me realize I wanted to be a professor of communication when I grow up (I still do), and I consider any opportunity to teach it an honor and a privilege.

Q: What is your favorite video game?
A: My favorite video game is “Mother 3,” the third chapter in Shigesato Itoi’s “Mother” trilogy (only the second installment of which was ever published in the States, as “Earthbound” for the Super Nintendo). I have never played a more touching video game.

Q: Have you ever been at a video game convention?
A: Of course! In 2008 I attended the East Coast Gaming Expo in Reading, donning my vintage Atari “Defender” T-shirt (a gift from my wife when we were still dating). One attendee asked to be photographed with me (well, the shirt, which I just happened to be wearing), while another reverently asked to touch my sleeve. That’s when I knew I was among my people.

Q: Tell us about the papers you’ve written on video games.
A: In graduate school I was notorious for finding ways to relate nearly every course concept, theory, and assignment to video games or gaming. Recently, I’ve published a few articles and book chapters on video games (games like “Dance Dance Revolution” and “Math Munchers”), but I’ve also written about non-digital games (like my favorite board game, Avalon Hill’s “Diplomacy”).

Q: How long did it take you to write your master’s thesis about the communicative capacities of video games?
A: I worked on my thesis—a phenomenological analysis of Nintendo’s “Animal Crossing: Wild World” that examined ways in which video games and gaming intersect the body’s sense of touch—for nearly two years. During that time, I played “Animal Crossing” incessantly. It hasn’t been in my Nintendo DS since I successfully defended my thesis.

Q: What is your absolute favorite thing to do?
A: I’m never more content than when my wife and I are reading silently together in our study or living room. But eating hot dogs and discussing philosophy with my buddy Greg Seigworth in Lancaster’s Hot Diggity Dog is also at the top of my list of absolute favorite activities.

Q: What is something that most people do not know about you?
A: I clean to clear my head. More than once, an insight that’s moved my writing forward has occurred while I’m scrubbing the toilet.

Q: What is your favorite movie?
A: I’ve seen “Ghostbusters” at least 50 times, and no past, present, or future film will ever displace it as my most beloved film. I now work with Victor Capece, who created various sets and props for “Ghostbusters.” Needless to say, I’ve cornered him at more than one faculty potluck and swooned over his stories.

Q: What is your favorite TV show?
A: My all-time favorite television show is “The Twilight Zone,” but recently I’ve been hooked on “The Big Bang Theory.” I’m almost certain the “Big Bang” writers secretly observed a decade of my interactions with high school, college, and graduate school friends—and then turned all our antics and conversations into screenplays. My suspicions will be confirmed if the “Big Bang” characters start broadcasting their Risk matches live on the Internet.

Q: Tell us about your Star Wars action figure collection.
A: For a decade (1995-2005) I collected “Star Wars” action figures. All 300 of them are still in their original packaging, covering the walls of my old bedroom in my parents’ house. My mom stopped dusting them in 1996.

Q: Are you a Mac or a PC?
A: Anyone who’s talked to me for more than five minutes can tell you I’m a member of the Cult of Mac. (There’s a framed portrait of Steve Jobs in my study—but I rarely tell people that. Again: nerd alert.)

This fall Behrenshausen will begin doctoral studies in communication at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.