On the strength of a 39-10 overall record, the Millersville baseball team earned the No. 1 seed in the NCAA Division II Atlantic Regional and will host the tournament for the first time in school history. The Atlantic Regional will be held at Clipper Magazine Stadium in Lancaster, Pa., May 20-23.

The NCAA made its announcement on the Sunday evening selection show. Millersville was selected to the field for the first time since 2000. Only 48 teams in all of Division II have an opportunity to play for the national title. The field is separated into eight, six-team regions. The winner of the double-elimination regional advances to the NCAA Division II Championship in Cary, N.C.

Joining Millersville in the field is recently crowned PSAC Champion Mercyhurst. The Lakers went 39-10 and earned the No. 2 seed. The No. 3 seed went to Seton Hill (33-13). East Stroudsburg (25-18) earned the No. 4 seed, putting three PSAC schools in the mix and CIAA Champion Winston-Salem State landed in the No. 5 spot. The 30-23 Rams made a surprise run through the CIAA Tournament, defeating favorite St. Augustine's twice in the championship round.

The No. 6 seed and Millersville's first round opponent is the automatic qualifier from the WVIAC, Concord. Concord, which is 26-24, ran through the WVIAC Tournament with a perfect 4-0 record and defeated W.Va. State 13-7 for the automatic bid.

Millersville, which won the PSAC East for the second time in four years, tallied 38 of its 39 wins against regional opponents. The team has already totaled the second-most wins in school history. It will be just the third NCAA Tournament appearance for the program.

Tickets for all day passes cost $5 for students and seniors, $10 for adults. For more information, or to view the tournament schedule, visit Millersville’s Athletics website.

Business Department Reorganized

The business administration department was reorganized into two new departments on May 1, according to Provost Dr. Vilas Prabhu. The accounting and finance department will be chaired by Dr. Douglas Frazer and the management and marketing department will be chaired by Dr. Patrick McCaskey. The two new departments are involved in strategic planning to address program and curricular development for the future in the context of the changing business environment. Dr. Diane Umble, interim dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, will continue to provide leadership and direction to the newly created departments.

“The two-department structure is designed to empower faculty members to engage with the regional business community,” said Prabhu. “It will allow them to plan initiatives that will build and strengthen the preparation of our graduates with the knowledge, skills and tools they need to adapt to the challenges
of rapid technological change, and to prepare them to accept increasing levels of career, civic and social responsibility locally and around the world. The reorganization will also improve the agility of business programs to maintain and advance their accreditation efforts and to build a foundation for a College of Business in the future.”

Academic advisors will not change, nor will degree requirements for current students. Students with options in accounting, finance or international business can contact Frazer, while students with options in management and marketing can contact McCaskey.

Millersville University will continue to offer a bachelor’s degree in business administration. The location in McComsey Hall and the telephone number for the programs, ext. 3566, remain the same.

**First Weekend in June**

The first weekend in June, the President’s Commission on Cultural Diversity and Inclusion presents “The First Arts Celebration,” with a McCaskey High School Art Exhibit and annual Community Concert, featuring Imani’s Edu-Tainers African Dance Company. Both events will be held at Millersville University Lancaster, 42 N. Prince St., Lancaster.

“The First Arts Celebration” runs Friday, June 3, from 5-8 p.m. The McCaskey Young Artist Exhibit, hosted by Millersville University, features students’ works of art and gives students a chance to exhibit their artwork in a professional setting. The exhibition is prepared by McCaskey’s art faculty and Millersville University’s art and design faculty.

In addition to the art exhibition, on Saturday, June 4, at 7 p.m., Imani’s Edu-Tainers African Dance Company will present the 16th annual Community Concert. Imani is the only organization in the Lancaster County area to offer training, education and cultural enrichment in African traditions. It is a nonprofit organization promoting community awareness, appreciation and understanding of African culture. The concert features authentic traditional dances, costumes and music of West Africa.

**Tickets for the Imani dance performance are $15 for adults and $10 for students and seniors.** Tickets can be purchased online, at [www.MUTicketsOnline.com](http://www.MUTicketsOnline.com), at the SMC Ticket Office, by calling the ticket office at 717-872-3811 or at MU Lancaster, 42 N. Prince St., Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

For more information about the art exhibition, contact Nancy Mata, associate professor of art and design, at [Nancy.Mata@millersville.edu](mailto:Nancy.Mata@millersville.edu) or by phone, at 717-871-5718. For more information about the Imani African Dance Company, visit [www.imaniafricandance.org](http://www.imaniafricandance.org).
“Experiential Epistemology” Exhibit

Experiences walking blindfolded through a forest will soon be part of an exhibit at Ganser Gallery on the Millersville campus. Millersville alumnus and local artist Kevin Lehman ’00, will have his collaborative multimedia installation, “Experiential Epistemology,” displayed in Ganser Gallery this month. Lehman worked with four Millersville students from the Department of Art and Design, Laura Abbott, Morgan Mangiaruga, Kurt Vail and Jenna Wright, to create the exhibit.

The installation is based on the collaborators’ experiments with sensing experiences, specifically, blindfolded walks in the forest. Employing a wide range of media and means – sand, clay, leaves, plants, lighting, fans and sounds – the installation attempts to create a similar “awareness experience” in viewers, and to call our attention to the human relationship with nature.

Asked about her personal experience, Abbott said, “Walking blindfolded is intriguing. Being aware of your psychological and physical selves is a great place to be. When you have found equanimity you can recognize the energies that come in as you experience any environment. To me, that is what this installation is about.”

The exhibit opens May 23 and runs through July 1. It will be the last exhibit held in Ganser Gallery before the library closes for two years for renovations. A reception for the artists will be held on June 24 from 5-7 p.m. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

For more information on the “Experiential Epistemology” exhibit at Ganser Gallery, contact Ty Clever, arts in education coordinator, at 717-871-2186 or at Tyler.Clever@millersville.edu.

Alumni Association Board of Directors Elected

Four officers and six new alumni were elected to the Millersville University Alumni Association Board of Directors on April 16. Newly elected positions run from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013. Existing member terms expire on June 30, 2012.

The four new officers include: President: Jerri Anne Johnson ’76, Lancaster, Pa.; President-Elect: Lori Dierolf ’91, of Millersville, Pa., and Secretary: Kristen Waters ’05, of Annapolis, Md.


Other board members include: Past-President: William Martin ’81, of Lititz, Pa.; Joseph Choi ’96, of Athens, Pa.; Carl Ernst ’60, of Leola, Pa.; Catherine Glass ’53, of Millersville. Pa.; John Held ’02, of Hartboro, Pa.; Amy Hoffman ’94, of Mount Joy, Pa.; Richard Moriarty ’72, of Millersville, Pa.; Scott
Historic Preservation Trust Hosts Gala

The Historic Preservation Trust’s signature fundraising event is scheduled for Sunday, May 22 from 4 – 7 p.m. at Millersville University Lancaster, 42 N. Prince St., Lancaster.

Local restaurants will offer food and beverages and there will be a silent auction stocked with a variety of treasures from many local and independently-owned businesses. Live music will be provided by local jazz trio Board of Education.

Tickets cost $75 for members and $85 for non-members, and may be purchased by contacting the Trust office at 291-5861. Tickets will also be available at the door for the same price. Proceeds will support the Sehner-Ellicott-von Hess House Fund (a.k.a. Trust headquarters).

The Historic Preservation Trust’s mission is to preserve and protect Lancaster County’s rich historic and architectural character through education, advocacy and direct action. All proceeds from the Gourmet Gala benefit historic preservation programs and services throughout Lancaster County.

Watch Hugh Herr’s Commencement Address

Dr. Hugh Herr ’90, considered one of the top biomechatronics researchers in the world, gave the keynote speech at Millersville University’s undergraduate commencement ceremony on May 7. You can watch a video of his speech at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xSrJ0mC6M7o.

5/19/2011 Activities

Millersville’s Men’s Tennis Coach Named Coach of the Year

Shari Bucklin-Webber was named the PSAC Men’s Tennis Coach of the Year following Millersville’s performance at the PSAC Team Championship and the NCAA Atlantic Regional. Bucklin-Webber has been the coach of the men’s tennis team for four seasons and is the first woman to win the coach of the year award for men’s teams.

Bucklin-Webber’s team held a 13-6 overall record, as well as a 3-2 league record. This is the fourth time the team has played in the PSAC tournament during her time as coach. She led the team in a strong fight against the Wesleyan Bobcats, but lost, 5-0, at the NCAA Atlantic Regional on May 1.
**Faculty and Staff Activities**

**Roger Bruszewski**, finance & administration, will moderate the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO) and EDUCAUSE webcast, “The Business Case for the Cloud,” on May 20 at 1:30 p.m.

**Dr. Laurie B. Hanich**, educational foundations, had a paper published in the spring 2011 issue of *Perspectives on Language and Literacy*, the flagship journal for the International Dyslexia Association. The article, “Motivating Students Who Struggle with Mathematics: An Application of Psychological Principles,” was featured as part of a special issue on mathematics learning disabilities in young children.

**Dr. Kelly Kuhns**, nursing, received her Ph.D. from Villanova earlier this month. Kuhns has her Ph.D. and master’s degree from Villanova and her bachelor’s degree from Lycoming.

**Dr. Todd D. Sikora**, earth sciences, made an oral presentation at the 2011 International Ocean Vector Wind Science Team meeting, which was held May 9-11 in Annapolis, Md. The talk, “SAR Remote Sensing of Open Mesoscale Cellular Convection,” was based in part on the undergraduate research of co-author Matthew D. Stepp (MU meteorology class of 2007). Additional co-authors are George S. Young of Penn State and Caren M. Fisher of ITT Space Systems Division.

**Dr. John R. Wallace**, biology, gave a keynote address to the Pennsylvania Society of Electrologists titled “From Electrology to Entomology: A Hairy Proposition by Any Stretch of the Setae” to the Society Mini-Conference at the Eden Resort, in Lancaster, Pa., May 1. Wallace also gave an invited seminar to the Department of Biology at Bucknell University titled “Buruli Ulcer: An Entomological Enigma Wrapped up in a Mycobacterial Mystery” on April 28. On April 12, at F&M College, he presented on the topic, “Unsolved Mysteries of a Neglected Tropical Disease: Unraveling the Transmission and Ecology of Buruli Ulcer.”

**Dr. Scott A. Warner**, industry and technology, had a peer reviewed publication in the May/June edition of the *Technology and Engineering Teacher*. The article was titled “The Characteristics of a Model Technology Education Teacher” and detailed the findings of a two-year research study on this topic. The article was co-authored by two of Warner’s undergraduate students, Andrew Kaufman and Jessica Buechele, who were also his partners in doing the research.

**Retired**

**Jean Bradel**, professor emeritus of music, and her voice students, presented a vocal recital for the "Day of the Arts" at Bonfield Elementary School in the Warwick School District on April 13. Bradel, Kathy
Seaber, Theresa Walker ’10, Kirstin Potteiger ’09, Jill Wiley (daughter of Dr. Keith Wiley, associate professor of music) and several other students performed. Theresa Walker ’10 also presented three vocal workshops that day.

Dr. Dennis Denenberg, professor emeritus, elementary and early childhood education, continues to present keynote addresses to conferences and conventions for corporate, teacher and parent groups. Denenberg recently gave a Hooray for Heroes presentation in Camden, N.J., on May 2. On May 25 he will give a Hooray for Heroes presentation in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Congratulations to

Alison Sehl, housing and residential programs, and Ben Oreskovich, who had a son, Carson Michael Oreskovich, on April 7.

Who Makes Millersville Special

This edition of Who Makes Millersville Special features Karen Rice, a social work instructor at Millersville for the past five years.

Q: What classes do you teach here?
A: I primarily teach the undergraduate social work research and statistics courses, as well as the advanced research course in the master in social work (MSW) program. I also teach the child welfare and encounters in human diversity courses.

Q: Do you have any favorites?
A: I like all the courses I teach; however, I do love research so those courses are probably my favorite. I love it when, at the end of the semester, the students are able to speak in research terminology and pose potential research questions for future exploration despite, at the beginning of the semester, proclaiming their disinterest in research. It is also rewarding when students are able to see the connection between research and all other areas of social work including practice, policy and theory.

Q: Why did you choose to teach social work?
A: I was working in direct practice for 14 years before coming to Millersville. I was ready for a career change and wanted to share my passion for and knowledge of the profession with future social workers.

Q: What is your involvement with Alpha Xi Delta?
A: I am the faculty advisor.

Q: Are you involved in any other clubs or organizations on or off campus?
A: I was actively involved with the development of Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) of Lancaster County and am still a member of their board. CASA consists of community volunteers who, after being appointed to represent a child in foster care who has been abused and/or neglected, assess that child’s needs and provide a voice on behalf of that child to the court/judge.
Q: What kinds of jobs can you get with a degree in social work?
A: A degree in social work affords someone many opportunities. Social workers are everywhere including hospitals, schools, nursing homes, nonprofit organizations and political offices. Social workers utilize their skills and knowledge to assist groups who are marginalized and oppressed in order to ensure equal access to resources. That is what is so unique about social work; it teaches you the required skills that can be applied across all micro, mezzo and macro fields of social work practice. Therefore, having a degree in social work allows for a variety of jobs as the skills are transferrable across the settings.

Q: What object is essential for you to get through the day?
A: I hate to admit this but it has to be coffee!

Q: What do you like the most about Millersville’s campus?
A: Besides being an alumna, I love the small-town feel of the area. I also love the students! The students are diverse in age, background, experience and culture that it allows for ideal educational opportunities within the classroom that is more rewarding and beneficial than anything I could create through mock scenarios.

Q: Where are you from?
A: I was born, raised and still reside in Lancaster County.

Q: What college/university did you attend?
A: I actually graduated from Millersville with an undergraduate degree in psychology. Some of my professors are still here teaching!

Q: What did you want to be when you were a child?
A: I always wanted to be a teacher and would play school with my sister and our friends, or stuffed animals; anyone or thing who would sit and not complain.

Q: What was your first job?
A: My first job was at Wendy’s when I was 15 years old.

Q: Where would you go on a dream vacation?
A: Wow, that is a tough question as I love to travel and to just get away and explore/experience new cultures. If I had to pick though, I would probably choose Greece for its food, history and views and I would have from my rented apartment overlooking the sea. You said dream, right?!

Q: What do you do to relax?
A: I love to read and scrapbook, in addition to exercise and travel.

Q: What is your greatest accomplishment?
A: Raising my children. I am not finished but am proud of them and the relationship we have.