Marauders’ Banner Season Comes to a Close

Millersville's magical ride of a season finally reached its destination in Cary, N.C., Wednesday. In a NCAA Division II Championship elimination game with No. 2 Mount Olive, the sixth-ranked Marauders grabbed a 2-0 lead but was overtaken and ultimately knocked out of the tournament with a 5-2 loss.

Millersville, which was picked fifth in the PSAC East preseason poll, closed its season with a 44-12 record and a .786 winning percentage – the best in school history. The team entered the NCAA Championship ranked No. 6, faced three top-three opponents and was one of six teams remaining when it was finally eliminated.

"This experience definitely made me more thirsty and everyone more thirsty," said junior Chris Edgar. "We want to come back next year and do even better."

Head Coach Jon Shehan, who won the ABCA Atlantic Region Coach of the Year honor in just his fourth season, guided Millersville to its first NCAA Championship appearance since 1998 and just the second in school history. The team also won the PSAC East title for the second time in four years. Six different players were recognized with All-Atlantic Region accolades and four won Atlantic Region Gold Gloves.

With the focus on each game and each pitch, the magnitude of the team's success hasn't quite set in for Shehan.

"We've been so caught up in the process the last three months that it will probably hit me on the bus ride home or when I'm fishing next week," said Shehan. "It's been an unbelievable year. For our fifth-year seniors to win nine games as freshmen, it creates a lot of character and it paid off. It will be tough to replace that kind of character. We lost 12 times this year, and we got the point where we wanted to be: Playing the best teams in the country."

To read more about Wednesday’s game, visit Millersville’s Athletics website.
**MU Receives National Recognition for Community Service**

During 2010, more than 4,600 Millersville students provided almost 200,000 hours of service to the community. That service helped place Millersville University on the 2010 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with distinction. The designation was recently announced by the [Corporation for National and Community Service](https://www.nationalservice.gov) (CNCS).

CNCS honored Millersville as a leader among institutions of higher education for its support of volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement, as well as its strong institutional commitment to service and compelling campus-community partnerships that produce measurable results for the community.

“Students from all majors provided service to more than 100 agencies and schools in the community,” explained Diane Fleishmann, director of Experiential Learning & Career Management at Millersville. “The notation of distinction was awarded based on the percentage of the student body participating in community service. Students become involved in community service as part of a class assignment, through an organization or their own interest. [Volunteer Central](https://vcentral.millersville.edu) is the clearing house for community organizations to connect with Millersville students and groups seeking volunteer opportunities.”

According to Independent Sector, Millersville students contributed $3,956,336 worth of service to the community. Millersville was honored with the President’s Honor Roll Award in 2006, 2007 and 2008, and also received the Honor Roll with Distinction Award in 2009.

The CNCS, which has administered the Honor Roll since 2006, admitted a total of 641 colleges and universities for their impact on issues from literacy and neighborhood revitalization to supporting at-risk youth. Of that total, 511 were named to the Honor Roll and 114 received the recognition of Honor Roll with distinction.

"As members of the class of 2011 crossed the stage to pick up their diplomas, more and more will go into the world with a commitment to public service and the knowledge that they can make a difference in their communities and their own lives through service to others, thanks to the leadership of these institutions,” said Patrick A. Corvington, chief executive officer of CNCS. “Congratulations to
Millersville and its students for their dedication to service and commitment to improving their local communities.”

For a full list of recipients and descriptions of their service, visit CNCS’s President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll website.

### Promoting Local Community Health and Wellness

Millersville’s Marauder Market will host the Millersville Community Farmers Market on the plaza of the newly renovated Student Memorial Center (SMC) every Wednesday from 4-8 p.m., June 1 – September 28.

According to Angela Simmons, director of the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership at Millersville, “Millersville University is committed to enhancing the health and wellness of our campus community. We believe that providing opportunities to purchase local, sustainable food serves to enhance our student’s ability to make healthy choices. The opportunity to purchase local products allows the University community to support local family farms, which are so vital to both economic and physical health. In addition, the partnership provides an opportunity for our students to work with the Millersville Community Farmers Market through internships and service opportunities.”

The market will offer farm fresh local and organic produce; herbs and flowers; grass-fed beef, lamb, pork and chicken; jam, bread, cheese, plants and other eco-friendly products. Live music and other family-oriented social activities will also be provided.

Established in 2009 by a group of community organizers, the Millersville Community Farmers Market previously gathered at George Street Café. The partnership between Millersville’s Marauder Market and the Millersville Community Farmers Market expands on the vision and direction of Susan Lithgoe, owner of George Street Café, who initially hosted the local green effort of the Millersville Community Farmers Market.

As part of the Millersville 2020 initiative, which aims to strengthen both local economic development and relations between Millersville Borough, Millersville University and Penn Manor School District, the Millersville Community Farmers Market supports low-income nutrition programs and provides a venue for local family farms to sell their wares.

The Millersville Community Farmers Market provides marketing opportunities for local business, artisans and nonprofits, while creating a sustainable, nutritionally-conscious community. Vendors interested in this opportunity for the 2011 season, email promisedlandfarm@gmail.com for more information.
Severe Weather Safety Tips

In the past few months, Millersville University and its surrounding counties experienced some severe weather including thunderstorm and tornado watches and warnings. What should you do when there is a thunderstorm or tornado warning? For students, faculty and staff to be safe on campus and at home, here is some information and tips.

According to the National Weather Service (NWS), a “watch” is used when hazardous weather has increased, but its occurrence, location and/or timing is still uncertain. A “warning” is issued when severe weather is occurring, is imminent or has a very high probability of occurring. A warning is used for conditions posing a threat to life or property.

“The main severe weather threat to life and limb at Millersville is lightning, not tornadoes. Numerous lightning strikes hit the University area every year, whereas a tornado has never hit the campus,” said Eric Horst, director of the weather information center at Millersville (pictured right).

To stay safe in a weather emergency, such as thunder and lightning, it is important to follow a few safety tips, provided by the NWS:

- Watch for signs of developing thunderstorms, such as dark skies, flashes of lightning or increased wind.
- Seek shelter immediately. Lightning can strike as far as 10 miles from the area where it is raining. If you can hear thunder, you are within striking distance.
- Stay off corded phones, computers and other electrical equipment that put you in a direct contact with electricity. Also, stay away from pools, tubs, showers and other plumbing.
- Stop or postpone outdoor activities at the first roar of thunder to ensure everyone has time to get to a building or enclosed vehicle. Wait 30 minutes after the last roar of thunder to go back outside.

“Tornadoes are a rare event in our region and the frequency of tornado occurrence is not increasing,” said Horst. “About 30 tornadoes have occurred in Lancaster County over the last 60
years, which means Lancaster County averages about one tornado every other year. Lancaster is a large county and tornado touchdowns here are brief in duration and small in coverage. The odds of Millersville being hit by a tornado is relatively remote.”

No matter how rare tornadoes may be, it's important to always be prepared. In case of a tornado, safety tips from the NWS include:

- Avoid windows. Go to the lowest floor, small center room, such as a bathroom or closet, under a stairwell or in an interior hallway with no windows. Crouch as low as possible to the floor, facing down; and cover your head with your hands.
- A bath tub may offer a shell of partial protection. Cover yourself with some sort of thick padding, such as a mattress or blankets, to protect against falling debris in case the roof and ceiling fail.
- Interior stairwells are usually good places to take shelter, and if not crowded, allow you to get to a lower level quickly. Stay off the elevators; you could be trapped in them if the power is lost.

The MU Alert system will be used to send out emergency messages to subscribers of the emergency contact system via text message or email, in the case of severe weather on campus. To subscribe to text message and email alerts, visit the MU Alert homepage. It is important to sign up for MU Alerts in case of emergencies on campus.

For more information on severe weather, contact Horst, at Eric.Horst@millersville.edu or 871-2263. For information on campus safety, contact Patrick Weidinger, director of safety and environmental health, at Patrick.Weidinger@millersville.edu or 872-3715 (pictured left).

**Anything is Possible Film Screening**

Millersville University and South Central Partners presents “William Kentridge: Anything Is Possible,” an award-winning documentary that gives viewers an intimate look into the mind and creative process of Kentridge, the South African artist whose acclaimed charcoal drawings, animations, video installations, shadow plays, mechanical puppets, tapestries, sculptures, live performance pieces and operas have made him one of the most dynamic and exciting contemporary artists working today. With its rich historical references and undertones of political and social commentary, Kentridge's work has earned him inclusion in Time magazine's 2009 list of the 100 most influential people in the world.
The screening will take place Tuesday, June 28, at 7 p.m. at Millersville University Lancaster, located at 42 N. Prince St. This event is free and open to the public.

“Anything is Possible” was produced by Art: 21: Art in the 21st Century, the award-winning PBS television series. The documentary will be introduced by Joe Fusaro, senior education advisor for Art: 21, and co-author of the film’s education guide.

This documentary features exclusive interviews with Kentridge as he works in his studio and discusses his artistic philosophy and techniques. In the film, Kentridge talks about how his personal history as a white South African of Jewish heritage has informed recurring themes in his work including violent oppression, class struggle and social and political hierarchies. The documentary was honored this March with a prestigious Peabody Award.

Millersville University: South Central PaARTners, an arts-in-education program supported by the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

Though the partnership with the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, South Central Partners offers quality arts experiences in the form of artist residencies to schools in Lebanon, Berks and Lancaster counties. South Central Partners also offers continuing education and professional development for artists and teachers.

This event is co-sponsored by Millersville University’s Department of Art and Design and the Office of the Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences. For more information, contact Tyler Clever at Tyler.Clever@millersville.edu or 871-2186.

### June 2, 2011 Activities

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**Dr. Frank Bremer**, history, has two books in production and both will be published early in 2012. One is *First Founders: American Puritans and Puritans in an Atlantic World*, a collection of biographical essays dealing with a variety of men and women who played roles in the shaping of early America. It will be published by the University Press of New England. The book is
dedicated "to my colleagues, students and the administrators of Millersville University, 1977-2011." The other book is Building a New Jerusalem: John Davenport, a Puritan in Three Worlds, which will be published by Yale University Press. It is a full-length biography of an important, though neglected 17th century clergyman who founded the town and colony of New Haven, tracing his career in England, the Netherlands and New England. The research for both of these books was supported by grants from the University as well as other sources. On June 9, Bremer will deliver the paper, “Not Quite So Visible Saints: Reexamining Conversion and Church Membership in Seventeenth-Century England” at an international conference on Conversion in the Early Modern World at the University of York in England. And, he was recently awarded a stipendiary fellowship by Trinity College Dublin for the spring of 2012 in a competition with 257 other applicants. He will use the time at Trinity to examine the meaning of conversion in the early modern Atlantic world, essentially following up on the question how an individual was deemed to have been born-again or elected by God for salvation. While in England, he will be doing some research for a biography of Roger Williams, the colonial advocate for religious liberty.

Dr. Aminta Hawkins-Breaux, student affairs, was recently on a panel presentation at the PASSHE Student Affairs Conference held at Cheyney University. The panel discussed how economic turmoil, changing populations, advanced technology and globalization will impact the future of Student Affairs. In addition, Breaux was elected to the Board of Trustees for the University of the Sciences at its May board meeting.

Dr. Heather Girvin and Karen Rice, social work, are working as program evaluators for the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Lancaster County. CASA is a local chapter of a national organization that trains community volunteers to advocate in court on behalf of children in the foster care system. Girvin and Rice have been gathering and analyzing both qualitative and quantitative data and disseminating their work through papers and conferences including:

- A poster presentation on “A Mixed Methods Program Evaluation of CASA of Lancaster County,” which was given at the International Institute for Qualitative Methodology: Thinking Qualitatively 2010 Conference in Alberta, Canada during June 2010.
- The paper “Building Relationships Across Systems to Enhance Resiliency and Improve Foster Care Outcomes” was presented at the Institute for Rural Social Work & Human Services Conference in Maine during July 2010.
- The paper “Using Social Exchange Theory to Remake Management in Public Child Welfare” was presented at the annual conference of the National Network for Social Work Managers in Baltimore in April.
- “Engaging Families, Building Relationships: Strategies for Working Across Systems” was accepted for the annual Field Center for Children’s Policy, Practice & Research: One Child, Many Hands: A Multidisciplinary Conference on Child Welfare, which will be held in Philadelphia this month.
- “Utilizing Focus Groups as a Means for Program Evaluation,” which was accepted for the annual National Association of Social Workers-Pennsylvania Conference in Lancaster, in October 2011.
- “Building Relationships Across Systems to Enhance Resiliency and Improve Foster Care Outcomes” in Contemporary Journal of Rural Social Work and “Utilizing Focus Groups
as a Means for Program Evaluation,” which was accepted for the annual National Association of Social Workers-Pennsylvania Conference.

In addition, Girvin and Rice are working with the Through Their Eyes project where youth from local high schools and in-care are provided with disposable cameras and asked to take photographs and write brief narratives in response to prompts. These are then analyzed and used to engage youth, learn more about youths’ experiences in foster care, recruit volunteers and support program development. This work has yielded four presentations to date:

- “Through Their Eyes,” workshop was presented at the 2011 National CASA Conference: Building Hope for Youth held in Chicago during March.
- “What Matters. Invited Exhibit of Youth Photography” was presented at Millersville University Lancaster during May.
- “Through their eyes,” an invited workshop will be presented at the annual Pennsylvania CASA Conference in Summerdale, Pa., June 20-21.
- “What Matters: Understanding and Honoring Youths’ Culture” was accepted for the 36th annual Rural Social Work Institute: A Place to Call Home: Honoring Family and Culture in Rural Social Work Practice in Louisiana in July.

Dr. Tim Mayers, English, had his chapter, "Revolution Number Three: Wendy Bishop and the Emergence of Creative Writing Studies," published in Composing Ourselves as Writer-Teacher-Writers: Starting with Wendy Bishop.

Dr. Beverly Schneller, English, and Dr. Doyin Coker-Kolo, associate dean, School of Education, will be presenting at the Association of Teacher Educators (ATE) summer meeting. Their presentation, “Advancing Diversity Awareness through Assessment: A Curricular Evaluation of Student Learning in Two Populations at Millersville University,” will be presented at ATE’s conference, scheduled for August 5-9 in Philadelphia. Schneller and Coker-Kolo are also attending the regional NCATE accreditation conference June 1-3 in St. Louis.

Retired

Jean Bradel, music emerita and international soprano, performed at Wayne College in Goldsboro, N.C., on May 21.

Obituary

Carolyn Jean Bulson, 83, of Lancaster, died May 15. She served as a flute instructor at Millersville.
Who Makes Millersville Special

This edition of Who Makes Millersville Special features Lori B. Austin, director of judicial affairs.

Q: How long have you been working at Millersville?
A: I began as a graduate assistant in the resident life department (now Housing & Residential Programs) in the summer of 1986. I was hired as a full-time residence hall director in October of 1987.

Q: Is there a reason why you chose to come to Millersville?
A: After earning a bachelor’s degree in psychology, I found that my options were pretty limited as far as employment. I was living in Millersville so I came here to earn a master’s degree because I wasn’t doing anything better at the time. Little did I know that my class connections would lead me to a career at Millersville.

Q: What are your main job responsibilities?
A: I am responsible for the administration of the Student Code of Conduct for all students, both residential and commuting. In doing so, I work very closely with the staff members of housing, University Police, Borough Police and the counseling center. I have many other duties as assigned including all technology areas in housing, such as oversight of the online housing software and card access.

Q: What services are offered through the Judicial Affairs office?
A: While some may not believe that timely adjudication is a service, it is. I really do my best to help students through the rough times they are experiencing when they have to meet with me. We do offer a Judicial Advocate Program that I created several years ago to help students better understand the judicial process by meeting with a trained advocate prior to their hearings.

Q: What is your involvement with the Threat Assessment Team (TAT)?
A: The TAT was created to assist in addressing situations where students, faculty or staff are displaying disruptive or threatening behaviors that potentially impede their own or others’ ability to function successfully or safely. My role with the TAT is to provide assistance to the team regarding past behaviors/judicial issues as well as social networking issues. Since many of these students referred to the TAT end up with judicial consequences, my role is essential in keeping the campus as safe as possible.

Q: What would be a typical day for you?
A: I usually begin my day by reviewing the police reports as well as the housing on-call reports. Sometimes there is a lot of follow-up that needs to be done once these reports are read. After this, I usually find a pile of disciplinary reports from the residence halls to review and recommend appropriate sanctions. I then move on to letters that need to be sent to students that
need to make appointments for hearings with me. And finally, I begin the hearing process. I normally have three to five hearings in one day. While that may not sound like a lot, there is a lot of follow-up after a student leaves my office that needs to be done quickly. I also have a pretty busy meeting schedule beside hearings.

Q: What skills help you the most in your position?
A: I would say the number one skill is patience. I also need to be a good listener and understanding. And, if I wasn’t super organized, I would be lost. I really juggle a lot of things in a day’s time.

Q: What is the most rewarding aspect of your job?
A: Not seeing students come back to my office for a second or third time. There have been students over the years that I have worked very hard to help graduate in spite of their behavior. This is where patience and understanding are crucial. This past December, graduation was very special for me because a student I mentored for many years as a result of her judicial interaction with me finally graduated. I am so proud of her.

Q: What do you like the most about Millersville’s campus?
A: The people.

Q: Where are you from?
A: I was born and raised in Lancaster before moving to Millersville.

Q: What college/university did you attend? Major?
A: I started my college career as a health, physical education and recreation major. I ended up with a bachelor’s degree in psychology from Lock Haven University and a master’s degree in education and counseling from Millersville.

Q: What do you miss the most about being in college?
A: The carefree time of my life where I could do whatever I wanted, when I wanted, if I wanted – and being constantly surrounded by friends!

Q: What did you want to be when you were a child?
A: I don’t know about the early years, but by the seventh grade I wanted to be a physical education teacher and coach.

Q: Where would you go on a dream vacation?
A: To a private island where I could hear nothing but the waves and the masseuse telling me it’s time for my daily massage.

Q: What do you do to relax?
A: Honestly, I have very little time for that but when I do, I am either at the beach or spending time with my husband and family. I also get regular massages.

Q: Do you have a favorite movie or music genre?
A: My favorite movie is probably Grease and I love anything by the Beatles, Elton John and Billy Joel.

Q: What is one thing you wish to accomplish in your life?
A: I want to make a difference in my little corner of the world.

Q: Do you have a life philosophy?
A: Laugh every day!

Q: Is there anything else you’d like to tell us?
A: Two things: Live every day as if it were your last. After my diagnosis of a potentially fatal disease last year, I have really changed my approach to life. Equally as important, get involved in your community. I have been involved with the Jaycees, the Elks and more recently the Lions Club. There is no greater feeling than doing for others. Once I started getting involved, I found I couldn’t stop. Community Days, Salvation Army bell ringing, fundraisers, food drives – it’s all so rewarding!