**Oh, the Weather Outside is Frightful**

While many students will begin thinking of holidays and the winter break, come Dec. 23 students and two meteorology professors from Millersville University will be braving the cold near Geneva, N.Y. They will join researchers from across the country as part of a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant to study lake-effect snowstorms in the vicinity of Lake Ontario.

The project is called Ontario Winter Lake-effect Systems (OWLeS). OWLeS scientists will converge on the shores of Lake Ontario from Dec. 5-21, 2013, and Jan. 4-29, 2014. Together, they will work to better understand mechanisms that lead to the deep snows that accumulate across the lake region each winter.

“The project focuses on two different types of lake-effect storms,” explained Dr. Todd Sikora, co-principal investigator on the grant with Dr. Richard Clark. “One type arises when the wind is westerly, and the other comes about when the wind is northwesterly or northerly.”

Clark and Sikora will research the latter scenario. “Our research question is what mechanisms enable lake-effect snow to extend from Lake Ontario as far south as Pennsylvania,” said Clark. “Our collaborator on our research is Dr. George Young of Penn State.”

Researchers will use three Doppler-on-Wheels (DOW) and a University of Wyoming instrumented aircraft, the King Air. “Beyond the NSF facilities, each research group of OWLeS has their own set of science questions and corresponding instruments to answer those questions,” said Sikora. “The data from all research groups will be shared.”

“What Millersville brings to the table is the ability to collect data in the lowest portion of the atmosphere at very high resolution and to connect the airborne measurements to the ground-based measurements using our tethered balloon. When our research question is being addressed, Young will be flying and directing the King Air while the Millersville contingent will be manning its ground-based instruments,” said Clark.

“In addition to operating Millersville’s instruments, our students will help other researchers collect their data,” said Clark. “One day they may be taking measurements at our base facility, and the next they may be driving a vehicle outfitted with weather instrumentation into a major snowstorm. This type and scale of undergraduate field research experience is unique.”

In addition to Millersville, other participating institutions are the University of Wyoming, University of Illinois, University of Utah, State University of New York (SUNY) Oswego, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Penn State University, University of Alabama in Huntsville,
SUNY Albany and the Center for Severe Weather Research (CSWR) in Boulder, Colo. As snows begin to fall, those researchers will head out to collect data. The results will lead to increased predictability of, and preparedness for, Old Man Winter.

**December Commencement**

As the fall semester comes to an end, we prepare to say goodbye to our December 2013 graduating seniors. Millersville University’s December 2013 baccalaureate commencement ceremony will take place on Sunday, Dec.15, at 2 p.m. in Pucillo Gymnasium.

The keynote speakers and honorary degree recipients for the ceremony will be Dr. Francine G. McNairy, Millersville University’s 13th president, and Roy B. Clair Jr., co-founder of Clair Brothers.

Tickets are required to attend the event; however, a live webcast of the ceremony will be streamed to the Millersville University website. For more information, visit the [commencement webpage](#).

Meanwhile, the finals week evaluation period for all students will take place Dec. 10-14. Classes for the 2014 spring semester will start on Tuesday, Jan. 21.

**Millersville University Organizations Bring Holiday Cheer to Campus**

The holidays have officially arrived on the Millersville University campus. Student organizations are hosting parties, collecting toys and putting on plays for the local community. Currently, Acacia, a fraternity at Millersville University, is conducting a toy drive for children who wouldn’t normally receive gifts over the holidays. Their national organization collects either new or unwrapped toys throughout the country, while the local chapter will set up bins in the Student Memorial Center (SMC) and at grocery stores in the Millersville/Lancaster area. Acacia will later distribute the toys to families in need.

The John Newman Association has a few events coming up this holiday season as well. On Dec. 7, in Wesley Hall at the A-framed church (First United Methodist Church) at 121 N. George St.,
they will be performing Christmas stories such as the “Gingerbread Man,” “Sheppard’s Gift” and “Christmas at the Little Zoo” for local families as a fundraiser organized by the Catholic Campus Ministry. After the play, everyone is invited back to the Newman House for hot chocolate, cookies and a bonfire to watch the association enact the nativity scene as gospel is read. After classes end for the semester, the association will volunteer at the St. Anthony Shelter in Bronx, N.Y., with the Francis King Friars of Renewal. For more information about the event, contact Father Mark Speitel at 717-872-3350.

To top off the holiday season, more than 200 students will perform in the Glorious Sounds of the Season: Scholarship Holiday Benefit concert on Dec. 7 at 4 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. The concert features Millersville University’s ensembles, including the orchestra, wind ensemble, concert band, jazz ensemble, keystone singers, gospel choir and more. An additional recital will also be held on Dec. 8 at 2:30 p.m., with all performances held in the Clair Performance Hall at the Winter Visual and Performing Arts Center. Ticket information: $16 for general admission and $8 for students with ID. Tickets may be purchased online at MUTicketsOnline.com at the Student Memorial Center Ticket Office (Room 103, 21 S. George St., Millersville), by calling the Ticket Office at 717-872-3811 or at the Ware Center Box Office (42 N. Prince St., Lancaster). Ticket Offices are open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The Winter Center Box Office will be opening one hour prior to show time.

On Dec. 4, students celebrated Kwanza with their peers in the Reighard Multipurpose Room, of the SMC. There was African dance, a traditional Kwanza ceremony and an explanation of its history and symbols, all followed by a feast. This event was sponsored by Millersville University's Black Student Union, African American Studies, the NAACP Student Chapter and the Frederick Douglass Celebration of Black Culture.

MU Hillel hosted a Hanukkah event on Nov. 21, in Club De ’Ville. Students brought food and there was a Pollyanna gift exchange. Also on Nov. 21, Society on Latino Affairs (SOLA) hosted a semi-formal event in the Reighard Multipurpose Room of the SMC called “Navidades con SOLA,” featuring music, food and Latin American culture.

Millersville Students Keep the Cupboard Full

With the holidays upon us, Campus Cupboard is on a mission. Its mission is to feed Millersville students living on campus who cannot afford a meal plan or who are living off campus and cannot afford to buy food, and it is seeking your donation. Run under the direction of Kirstin Shrom-Rhoads, pastor of United Campus Ministry, the program’s aim is to ensure that University students don’t go hungry.
The cupboard, operating on donations and food supplied by Central Pa. Food Bank and the community, opens its doors to students every Friday from 3-5 p.m. at the back entrance of the A-framed church (First United Methodist Church) at 121 N. George St.

“Students, upon entering, will receive a card that tells them how much food they can take in each category. They can then go around and take what they would like,” said Campus Cupboard student manager Emily Dries. “I very much enjoy working with Kirstin at the food bank. It’s nice to know we are doing our part to help needy students in the community. The students themselves are very nice and grateful for the food we are supplying to them,” said Dries, a senior majoring in psychology.

In its first year, the Cupboard served 79 students for 212 visits. In the first 6 weeks of this semester, they have served 21 students for a total of 36 visits. Kirstin also expresses how thankful students are. One student told her, “I’m so glad you are doing this at Millersville! I am graduating now, and moving back to Philly, but my first two years living off campus, I used to go to bed hungry because I didn’t have food for dinner. I would drink water to trick my stomach into thinking I was full. You will be surprised how many people really need this.”

Campus Cupboard accepts donations of food on Fridays between 10 a.m. and noon. For more information about Campus Cupboard, contact Shrom-Rhoads at 872-6840 or Kirstin.Shrom-Rhoads@millersville.edu.

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**Library Reading Sculpture Garden Continues to Grow**

The Reading Sculpture Garden is well on its way to being completed outside the Francine G. McNairy Library and Learning Forum at Millersville University.

Back in 2009, when the idea evolved, the Library Renovation Committee invited Dr. Christopher Hardy’s biology students and Line Bruntse’s sculpture students to submit proposals. Since then, numerous meetings of a team consisting of Bruntse and Hardy representatives from the library renovation committee, contracting and design, grounds and capital construction have produced a design that is the combination of these student proposals. The garden has developed into a hands-on and engaging opportunity for students to lend their assistance. Every year, students will help the grounds staff to maintain it.
“The garden area will feature an outdoor classroom that can be used for classes in all disciplines and will be of particular interest to biology and art,” said Dr. Marilyn Parrish, library. The endowed Robertsons Library Garden Scholarship was given to support one botany student each year, whose year-long project will be to design new or improve existing elements of the garden in a manner that is consistent with the master plan.

The garden space mirrors the collaborative learning center that shapes the interior of the library. The students were asked to incorporate at least one architectural element to be used in the garden. The garden’s plan will showcase both the native flora of Pennsylvania, as well as sculptural elements produced by regional sculptors and Millersville University students. The area now features its first sculpture, “Chalice,” by John Van Alstine, a noted New York sculptor. The garden will continue to be planted through early spring 2014.

Third Graders Take Over Millersville’s Campus

It’s never too early to start thinking about college. Just ask the 27 youngsters from Ross Elementary School’s third grade who got a special tour of Millersville University’s campus yesterday, December 4. The Lancaster school children were joined by their college “pen pals” and mentors. The college students, who are members of the Millersville Scholars Program, have been exchanging letters with the third graders since September.
It’s all part of a seminar class led by Dr. Tiffany Wright. Titled “Justice for All,” the course examines issues in education related to poverty, race, political affiliations and cultural differences. Wright had used the pen pal process previously with a class of students who were not in the MU Scholars Program. She added, “But I honestly think it’s been so much more powerful for the Ross students this year because our MU Scholars are more likely to have come from urban environments like the Ross students.” The values of the Millersville Scholars Program are centered on scholarship, achievement and community.

The excited third graders started the day with a quick breakfast at the Student Memorial Center. They got to meet Dr. John M. Anderson, Millersville’s president, in his office. Accompanied by their college mentors and Skully, one of Millersville’s mascots, the youngsters toured the University’s theatre department and the newly renovated library. The day ended with the students playing “College Information Jeopardy” and other fun activities with their pen pals.

New Foundation Officers and Directors Elected

The Millersville University Foundation has announced its new board of directors and officers. Effective January 2014, the following individuals will begin a new term on the board:

- Ximena Catepillan, Ph.D., professor of mathematics, Millersville University in Millersville, Pa.
- Benjamin J. DelTito, Ph.D., ’77, executive vice president for regulatory affairs and project manager, Auxilium Pharmaceuticals Inc., in Chesterbrook, Pa.
- Steven J. Fellin, CFA, ’87, chief operating and financial officer, Schneider Capital Management in Wayne, Pa.
- Darryl L. Landis M.D. ’85, vice president and chief medical officer, Genova Diagnostics Inc., in Asheville, N.C.
- Barry E. Miller ’77, vice president, sales and development, Ephrata National Bank in Lancaster, Pa.
- Benjamin D. Yoder ’16, of Lancaster, Pa., was named as a student director.
Effective January 2014, the following individuals will begin a two-year term as officers:

- Vice president: Jan L. Graybill ’80, president, Legacy Planning Partners, LLC, in Allentown, Pa.
- Treasurer: Barry E. Miller ’77, vice president, sales and development, Ephrata National Bank in Lancaster, Pa.
- Secretary: Tamara C. Willis, Ph.D., ’99, assistant superintendent for elementary education, School District of the City of York in York, Pa.

The Millersville University Foundation is a separate entity from Millersville University, and its mission is to manage and invest endowed gifts for the University. It is a 501(c) 3 tax-exempt public foundation incorporated to receive gifts which benefit Millersville University and to administer those funds in perpetuity in a manner prescribed by the donors. Today, the MU Foundation manages nearly 400 scholarship and program accounts and holds assets in excess of $25 million. The MU Foundation's activities are managed by an independent board of directors that includes leaders from the University, the community and the alumni body at large.

**Millersville Women’s Rugby Finishes Third in National Championship**

The Millersville University Women's Rugby Team won third place at the National Small College Rugby Organization (NSCRO) National Championship Tournament November 23-24 in Cherry Hill, N.J.

After a tough 41-7 loss to defending champion Wayne State, Millersville’s rugby team faced off against Rodger Williams University. Brooke Langston, Aizh Padgette, Brandi Tipton and Melissa Carpino all scored for Millersville, leading to a 33-5 victory and allowing Millersville to receive third place.

Seniors Brandi Tipton and Sarah Frey were both named to the tournament's all-star team as a result of their strong play over the weekend. Their teammate Christina Houck was also awarded
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the NSCRO "Heart & Soul Award," given to players who are "an inspiration and significant
counterpart to the club both on and off the field."

Need to Know

I have some bittersweet news to share with the campus community. Jerry Eckert, our
distinguished long-serving Vice President for University Advancement, has requested to step
down from his position. However, at my request, after taking a
professional development leave starting on January 31, 2014, he will
return to serve as special assistant to me.

Meanwhile, plans are being formulated and will be communicated soon
on how best to transition University Advancement in light of Mr.
Eckert’s division-founding leadership. Replacing Jerry will not be easy,
especially as I reflect on his outstanding service and accomplishments.

During his tenure as vice president, Mr. Eckert has established an
Advancement program that propelled the University's alumni,
communications and marketing, special events and development
programs. He has guided the University through three highly-successful capital campaigns
totaling more than $150 million, including the recently completed Soar to Greatness Campaign
raising more than $88 million in total revenues, exceeding a boldly ambitious $85 million goal.
These efforts have greatly enhanced University scholarship and program offerings as well as
facility improvements over the last 25 years.

Jerry expressed to me that the time is right for both the University and him to take this course of
action. In asking him to highlight his career at Millersville, he proudly cited his work with
faculty, staff (especially the Advancement staff), cabinet members, business, government and
community leaders in strengthening the awareness and quality of the University to provide
outstanding educational opportunities to our students and in advancing our society overall
through education.

He has been honored numerous times by his profession. In 1992, he received the Council for
Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District II “Professional of the Year” award. He
served two terms as a National Trustee for CASE from 1986 to 1991, was chairman of CASE
District II (1986), Treasurer (1984-85) and Conference Chair (1983) and has been a presenter at
numerous CASE professional meetings. Institutional honors have accrued during his leadership.
For example, in 1989 Millersville University received CASE’s Gold Medal Award for its
minority scholarship program involving area businesses and the city school district, and in 2006
Millersville received CASE’s Gold Medal Award in special event programs for its year-long
150th Anniversary celebration; in 1983, while employed at Franklin & Marshall College,
he received CASE’s Excellence Award for total alumni programs and the Excellent Award for
the individual alumni program.

Jerry’s community service and engagement is enviable and include board memberships with The
Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Junior Achievement, the Fulton Opera House,
Lancaster Regional Medical Center, the Lancaster Symphony Orchestra, the Pennsylvania

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Governors Schools, The Albany Academy and the Linden Hall School. In addition, in February 2012 he was one of 30 individuals appointed by Governor Corbett to serve on the Governor’s Advisory Commission on Postsecondary Education assigned the task of examining and making recommendations regarding critical issues and financial structure impacting post-secondary education in Pennsylvania.

Please join me expressing the University’s deep appreciation and gratitude to Jerry Eckert for his distinguished service and our best as he begins his new association with Millersville.

John M. Anderson, Ph.D.
President

**Need to Know**

TO: MU Faculty, Staff, and Administrators
FROM: Dr. Blaise W. Lifick
Chair of the President’s Commission on Gender & Sexual Diversity
RE: Become a Safe Zone Mentor

Are you aware that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth are four times more likely to attempt suicide than their peers? That bullying is a major contributor to academic failure, substance abuse and homelessness for LGBTQIA youth? Would you like to help make safe spaces on this campus for such students, as well as for employees?

You are invited to become a member of MU’s Safe Zone mentoring program, which is being sponsored by the President’s Commission on Gender & Sexual Diversity. This program trains university staff, faculty and administrators to provide support and resources for MÜ lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender/transsexual, queer/questioning, intersex, allies/androgynous/asexual (LGBTQIA) students and employees. The Safe Zone program has been developed to provide easily recognizable staff, administrators and faculty who will be available to students or colleagues for support, mentoring and information regarding helpful resources related to LGBTQIA issues.

**What:** Safe Zone Training

**When:** Jan. 15, 2014 from 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (includes lunch)

**Where:** University Room, Bolger Conference Center

To register: Fill out the application form at

www.millersville.edu/socialeq/SafeZones.php

**Deadline:** Application due Monday, Dec. 13, 2013.
Because of the interactive nature of the training, space is limited. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. I hope you will consider becoming a member of this important program.

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Need to Know

MEMORANDUM

To: University Community
From: Office of Human Resources
Date: September 24, 2013
Re: Electronic Delivery of 2013 W-2

We have been notified by PASSHE that the option to receive your 2013 W-2 electronically via Employee Self Service (ESS) is now available.

You must provide your consent to receive your W-2 in electronic format in lieu of paper format. A consent form will display before you are allowed to select your option. If you wish to attain your 2013 W-2 statement only in electronic format, please follow the directions below. At any time through Dec. 27, 2013, you may change your mind and withdraw consent to online delivery using the ESS system. Any withdraw after that time will need to be made in writing to the payroll office. An employee's withdrawal of consent will be effective on the date received. If consent is withdrawn, it will only be effective for those W-2 statements not yet issued.

Please note that if you consent to receive your W-2 electronically, you will not receive a paper copy of your W-2. If you do not consent to electronic delivery, you will only receive your W-2 in the mail and will not be able to access it electronically.

To enroll in electronic delivery, or to change your election through Dec. 27, 2013 follow the steps below:

1. Access ESS via Millersville Home Page under Portal Logins>Double Click ESS>on next page scroll down to bottom and Double Click LOGIN>Enter your user name and Password>Click Enter Portal

2. Open the first tab Employee Self-Service>Open the tab on the top “Payroll”>Scroll down to “Update W-2 Election”
3. Once in the application, choose the appropriate button to enroll in electronic delivery. Your current election is displayed directly above the button choices.

4. If you elected to receive an electronic W-2, once the W-2s are run in the system (January, 2014) you will see a link in ESS under the payroll tab which will say Display W-2 Form

In the next screen, choose the line for the appropriate year and then the button to Display. Your W-2 form will appear below.

An added plus to electronic W-2 is that the Millersville Payroll Office can access your electronic W-2 if you need help printing it or a copy later down the road. The paper W-2 come from Harrisburg and has to be ordered from them. Millersville Payroll does not have access to your paper record.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Human Resources at human.resources@millersville.edu, the HR payroll office at ext. 3018 or the HR main office at ext. 3017.

12/5/13 Activities

Here are the faculty and staff activities for December 5, 2013.

Faculty and Staff Activities

Dr. M. P. A. Sheaffer, English, sang as an alto ringer in the Canterbury Choral Society’s concert of the Berlioz Te Deum on November 17 at the Church of the Heavenly Rest in New York City.

Dr. John Wallace, biology, co-authored an article with Dr. Rich Mehrenberg, elementary & early childhood education program, titled Entomology and economics: A service learning project at Millersville University published in the fall issue of The Bulletin of the Entomological Society of Pennsylvania. In addition, Wallace was awarded a $3,000 supplemental grant to his 2012 Black Fly Surveillance and Management on the Raritan River Grant, Hunterdon County, N.J., as well as an extension on this grant of $10,000 for 2013-14.
Obituary

Beatrice M. Smith, 96, of Lancaster died November 24. A graduate of Millersville State Teacher’s College, she was an instructor in the Millersville University Dept. of Elementary Education, until retiring in 1984.

Who Makes Millersville Special

This edition of Who Makes Millersville Special features Brant Schuller, art and design chair and professor.

Q: When did you begin working for Millersville University?
A: 1998

Q: Where did you attend college and what was your major?
A: My BFA is in printmaking and painting from the Cleveland Institute of Art. I did my graduate work at the Pennsylvania State University.

Q: Where are you originally from?
A: I was born in Little Rock, Ark., but spent most of my formative years in Northeast Pa., outside of Scranton.

Q: What do you enjoy about teaching the most?
A: Seeing students have “Aha” moments. It is exciting when they get more complicated concepts and then develop personal investigations based on them.

Q: Why did you come to Millersville?
A: Location and the opportunity to work within a larger art & design program.

Q: How many exhibits have you put on?
A: I’ve participated in over a 100 group and individual exhibitions. I’m particularly proud of the solo exhibitions that have been held in major cities in the U.S. and abroad.
Q: What type of artist are you?
A: I classify myself as a printmaker, but not in the classical sense, as I am more interested in working around the edges of this discipline and letting the processes slip into other approaches of art such as sculpture and painting.

Q: Have you always been interested in this area of art and design?
A: I built my first tree house with my neighbor when we were 5 years old. It consisted of a platform, a short ladder, a nail and yarn decorative element, and then every inch of it was painted in pastel polka dots. I never stopped making things, and my friend now runs a construction business.

When I went to college my intent was to make videos. At that time, you needed a group of people to run the equipment, let alone to be in front of the camera. I grew tired of this dependence and changed my major to painting. While I was pursuing painting, my roommate was taking a Stone Lithograph course, which looked interesting to me. I fell for the process and gradually shifted the bulk of my interest towards pursuing lithography, intaglio and relief printmaking. It was the focus on current issues and the democratic nature of printmaking that led me to explore this focus further in graduate school.

Q: Have you ever traveled outside of the country to complete a residency?
A: I have trained in Moku Hanga at the Nagasawa Art Park Residency in Japan, developed decals for ceramics while in China, was a resident artist at the University of Alberta and have done multiple residencies at the Frans Masereel Cetrum in Belgium.

Q: Do you participate in the arts outside of work?
A: Yes, I show regularly. Working regularly in the studio keeps me grounded.

Q: What do you enjoy to do outside of work?
A: I enjoy travel, going to museums and galleries, reading and spending time with my family.

Q: Do you have any children?
A: I have two daughters.

Q: If you could meet any artist, dead or alive, who would it be and why?
A: I have been fortunate in that I have met a number of significant artists in my life. This has demystified the idea of fame or genius being passed in a brief meeting. I believe there is more to be understood from their work and therefore feel that when I walk up to a piece of art in a museum, I am on some level meeting the artist who made it.