Robin Wright
October 5
11 a.m., Lyte Auditorium
The Harriet W. Kenderdine Lecture features Robin Wright, author and foreign affairs journalist with The Washington Post. Her presentation is entitled “U.S. Foreign Policy in the New Middle East.”

Robert Hager
October 25
11 a.m., Lehr Room, Bolger Conference Center
The Center for Disaster Research will host its first annual lecture with noted national news commentator, Robert Hager, NBC.

Celebration of Chinese Culture
October 21-30
Learn about Chinese heritage and culture with an artifacts exhibit, a film series (see film list on the attached wrap) and a Chinese-American Business Forum led by noted experts who have been invited to participate (see page 4 for details).

Chinese Exhibit
Sunday-Friday, October 23-28, 1 - 4 p.m.
Ford Atrium, McComsey Hall.
Exhibit features posters, photographs, artifacts and crafts from China. Contact the dean’s office of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences for information at 717-872-3553.

Dr. Arthur Benjamin
November 3
7:00 p.m., Lyte Auditorium

Andre Watts, Piano
January 28, 2006
Lecture - 4 p.m.
Concert - 5 p.m.
Lyte Auditorium
World-renowned pianist, Andre Watts, will be performing at Millersville, following a public lecture.

Tickets for the lecture and concert are $35. Premium ticket packages which include reserved parking, reception/dinner, and shuttle service also available.

For more information, call 717-871-2308 or email: specialevents@millersville.edu

Cultural Events Calendar
To receive a copy of the 2005-06 Cultural Events Calendar, please call 717-872-3586 or email: UC&M@millersville.edu

All events, including updates, are listed on Millersville’s website at www.millersville.edu/~muevents

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New student housing: How suite it is

Returning upperclassmen are the first to enjoy Shenks Hall, the new residence hall adjacent to The Inn. Owned by Student Lodging Inc., it is located approximately two blocks from the Student Memorial Center.

Shenks Hall offers 64 suites, housing 204 students. The three floors include private baths, quad-rooms that have a common area, study lounges with leather furniture, TV/recreation room, laundromat, personal thermostats for heating and air conditioning, ample parking and modern design.

“It doesn’t feel like living in a dorm room,” said Mara Friedman, a senior. “It’s more like a hotel. The rooms are really nice and the building makes you feel safe.”

In fact, the new building has been dubbed “the hotel” by Millersville students.

Twenty security cameras surround the well-lit building and parking lot. Residents have individual card keys to enter the building and their personal rooms. Students who live in the quad rooms also have their own personal key to get into their bedroom. All rooms and hallways are equipped with fire alarms, lights and sprinklers.

“Bridging Trade”: U.S.-China business forum on October 28

The total trade between the United States and China was $7.9 billion in 1986; by 2003, it had skyrocketed to $170 billion.

Among the world’s fastest growing economies, China represents significant business opportunities for American companies. Plus, in the summer of 2008, the People’s Republic of China will host the Olympic games in Beijing.

But doing business in and with China poses special challenges. Understanding the do’s and don’ts can make all the difference between success or failure.

On October 28, Millersville University will offer a collaborative program with the U.S. Department of Commerce—a U.S.-China business forum titled, Exporting to China: Bridging Trade. This forum focuses on the export and economic impact of conducting business with China with commentary from Shanghai Business Executives, local, regional and nationally known business executives and educators.

Topics focus on strategies for entering the China market, understanding of the logistics of getting your products to the China market and protecting your intellectual property. Among the speakers (confirmed at press time) are:

- U.S. Congressman Joseph Pitts
- Erin Sullivan, senior international trade specialist and finance tools for U.S. Exporters
- Thomas Cummings, regional director of the Export-Import Bank of the United States
- Peter Senica, vice president, international trade finance, M&T Bank
- Susan Anthony, attorney-advisor, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
- Frank Orban, Esq. of DeKieffer & Horgan Washington, D.C.

Registration fee is $30 per person and includes the luncheon. For advance reservations or to request a brochure, please call the Office of Special Events by Oct. 21 at 717-871-2308; email: specialevents@millersville.edu

On the Cover

Teaching styles and trends change but the impact teachers have on “touching the future” is even more important.

Lori Stahl Photography
Miss Pennsylvania

In July, Nicole Marie Brewer ’05 was crowned Miss Pennsylvania. She will represent the state at the Miss America pageant in January.

A speech communication major, Brewer had been scheduled to spend the summer at a three-month internship at Entertainment Tonight (ET) in Los Angeles, but her duties as Miss Pennsylvania altered her plans. She previously interned at WGAL-TV in Lancaster.

Brewer is from Broomall and is a graduate of Marple Newtown Senior High School.

Nicole has been keeping busy with a number of public appearances including MU Night at the Lancaster Barnstormers (see back cover). She is scheduled to participate in the Millersville parade over Homecoming weekend.

At press time, there were plans for a Millersville send-off for Nicole on Saturday, December 3. That day, there are two home basketball games – women’s at 1 p.m. and men’s at 3 p.m. – with IUP.

Nicole succeeds Victoria Lynn Bechtold of Johnstown, who won last year’s pageant. The only Miss Pennsylvania to have won the national contest was Evelyn Ay, Miss America 1954. Miss America is the world’s leading provider of scholarships for young women.

Everyone at Millersville wishes Nicole well as she represents our state – and our university – in her new role as Miss Pennsylvania. And, of course, we’ll be rooting for her during the upcoming Miss America pageant.

Graphic arts professionals at MU

Graphic communication teachers from across the United States and around the world assembled for the first time at Millersville’s campus over the summer. The group, the International Graphic Arts Education Association (IGAEA), held its 80th annual conference on July 31-August 4.

The conference theme was “Graphic Communications: The Keystone of Technology.” It featured technology updates, interactive presentations and hands-on experiences for the participants. The conference brought together a diverse group of graphic communication educators who specialize in various educational levels including secondary, post-secondary and career and technical education.

Millersville’s Department of Industry & Technology had been preparing for holding the conference on campus for the past two years. Dr. Thomas P. Bell, associate professor of industry & technology at MU, was the host for the conference.

Action-packed day at Millersville - Saturday, October 8

The day also marks Family Day, NCAA Take a Kid to the Game Day and Millersville’s annual Community Day.

Community Day offers activities for kids of all ages. University clubs and organizations will be hosting a variety of activities, including popcorn and ice cream tastings 11–4 p.m. adjacent to the field.

Children’s Miracle Network bracelets will be available for a donation.

Men’s and women’s soccer games and field hockey matches will be played on their respective fields during the afternoon. Visit those fields’ hospitality tents for light refreshments.

A day-long activity pass includes the football game: $6 adults; children up to age 17, free with adult (hand will be stamped at the gate). For more information, contact the Office of Special Events at 717-872-2308.
**Research: Simulating eye surgery**

With cutting edge technology and computer software innovation, professor of computer science, Dr. Roger Webster, and his student, Matt Harris, have developed computer software that is breaking new ground in medical technology.

The software creates a simulation of the capsulorhexis procedure, which occurs during cataract surgery, and will be released as part of the EYESI system from the VRMagic GmbH company in Germany in late October.

“The capsulorhexis procedure is the cutting and circular tearing away of the tissue that encapsulates the lens to be removed. The difficulty lies in the maneuvering of a small, bent forceps tool in a two-millimeter sized workspace through a side opening in the eye,” said Webster.

Currently, surgeons train in wet labs using animal eyes and patients. “A simulation program provides practice without risk to humans. An error during the capsulorhexis procedure could result in an extra five hours of surgery, a failed cataract surgery and severe eye trauma,” said Webster.

The simulation software provides stereoscopic imagery of the 3D eyeball along with possible tearing problems and anomalies. Also, it shows the amount of pressure applied, distance to the eye and the direction the trainer should tear. The feedback is generated from a tool that the trainer manipulates in a rubber eyeball while watching the computer-generated eye and movements through binoculars similar to those used for microscopic surgery.

Dr. Joseph Sassani of the Penn State University College of Medicine’s Department of Ophthalmology initiated the project by offering his expertise along with a $20,000 research grant. Drs. Sassani and Webster were also awarded a $25,000 grant from the Lions Club to complete the project.

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**Jan Edwards**

Jan L. Edwards was named assistant vice president of development, replacing Regis (Chip) Kirchner who retired.

Edwards comes to Millersville from Harrisburg University of Science and Technology where she held the position of vice president of institutional advancement. Prior to Harrisburg, Edwards was the vice president of institutional advancement at Brooklyn College.

She received an M.B.A. from Western Illinois University and a B.S. from the University of Illinois.

**Janet Kacskos**

Janet Kacskos, APR, was appointed communications director, replacing Carl Kanaskie who retired.

She served as director of communications for Metropolitan State College of Denver for over eight years and at National University in San Diego. She has also been a working journalist and has worked in high tech public relations, assisting Fortune 500 clients.

Kacskos served as president of the Salt Lake City chapter of the Public Relations Society of America, and received the Certificate of Accreditation in Public Relations (APR) credential. She has a bachelor’s degree in journalism and a master’s degree in communication from University of Colorado.
OLD MAIN CHAPEL: Piecing together our history

For many Millersville alumni, Old Main and its chapel bring back countless memories. Many of its beautiful stained glass windows have been restored and are now located in other buildings for future generations to enjoy. But in addition to the windows, there were large paintings on the chapel walls.

Years after Old Main was destroyed, some of these paintings were discovered by Lee Eastwood, then alumni director and now director of the Millersville University Foundation. He found them in the basement of the building that is now Duncan Alumni House and promptly delivered them to the archives for safe keeping.

Two of the paintings are immense—approximately 66 x 22 inches. These are “The Science of Art and Teaching” and “Seated Female Figure” and were displayed to the left and right panel of Old Main chapel triptych. The center painting was not among those found.

Unfortunately, the paintings are in poor condition and are in need of major restoration work. The original paintings were not framed; they were glued directly to the plaster wall. In addition to missing sections, the canvases are brittle and have tears, paint flaking and plaster and glue residue are still adhered to the back of the canvas.

There are three smaller paintings. “Science” and “Architecture” measure about 44 x 53 inches. These may have been produced as prototypes for stained glass icons. There is also a circled-shaped canvas (45 x 45 inches) of Abraham Lincoln.

As the University considers the restoration potential of these pieces of history, please help us fill in the missing pieces.

Do you remember anything about these paintings? How they came about? Who may have created them? Where they were displayed?

Please contact Lee Eastwood at 717-872-3820 to share your memories.
Elwood J. Finley Award recipients announced

Track sprinter Christina Carpenter and soccer goalkeeper Ryan Schlegel have been selected as the 2004-05 Elwood J. Finley Award recipients as Millersville's outstanding senior athletes. Voting is done by the intercollegiate head coaches.

Carpenter became the first sprinter in team history to win three consecutive PSAC 100-meter dash titles, and she was only the second ‘Ville trackster to record conference 100 and 200-meter dash crowns in consecutive seasons, duplicating the feat first attained by ‘80s great and MU Athletic Hall of Famer Savena Pyett. She also set a new indoor standard by a Marauder in the 200 meters (25.94 in 2004).

An elementary education major who attained a 3.55 grade point average, she was chosen to the 2005 ESPN The Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-District 2 Women’s Cross Country & Track 2nd Team.

Schlegel was a three-year starter between the posts for the Marauder booters from 2002 to 2004 and achieved a career record of 34-15-6 with a 1.13 goals-against average, 16 shutouts, and 320 saves. He holds the MU all-time standard for best goals-against yield (1.13), and his 34 triumphs ranks third among all ‘Ville goalies.

As a sophomore, Schlegel tallied a 14-3-3 record and established ‘Ville season records for victories (14) lowest goals-against average (0.82), and shutouts (9), and helped MU attain PSAC Tournament runner-up status. He helped the Marauders establish new standards for consecutive shutouts (7) and longest streak without allowing a goal (730 minutes, 24 seconds).

This past season, Schlegel overcame a series of injuries to post 94 saves and three shutouts enroute to a 7-6-3 mark and helped lead the Marauders to a PSAC playoff berth. In 2002 and 2004, Schlegel attained NSCAA Division II All-Northeast Region 1st Team and All-PSAC 2nd Team honors.

Season preview: Volleyball

Five letterwinners are back for MU volleyball this fall, led by junior OH Jennie Rohrbaugh (All-PSAC East 1st Team choice in ’04) and senior all-region honorable mention L Jocelyn Decker. RS Jana Kale returns for her fourth varsity season in the ‘Ville lineup, and the setter tandem of sophomores Jen Aschmann and Megan Urban remains intact. The ‘Ville’s key graduation losses were OH Caitlin LeBlanc (2004 AVCA-II All-Atlantic Region team selection and all-time club dig record holder with 626) and MB Katie Koenig (MU season record 70 ace serves in ’04).

Broadcast coverage of Marauder athletics

Live broadcasts of 2005 Millersville University football games—home and away—are available at Red Zone Media (www.redzone-media.com). Unfortunately, WLPA-AM (1490) will no longer be broadcasting Marauder games.
2005 Athletic Hall of Fame inductees named

Seven individuals will be enshrined into the Millersville University Athletic Hall of Fame on Friday, October 28 as part of Homecoming festivities.

A reception and dinner, followed by the induction ceremony, will be held in the Bolger Conference Center in Gordinier Hall, starting at 5:30 p.m. The cost is $28 per person. For reservations, complete the form included in the wrap of this issue or call the Alumni Services office at 717-872-3352 or toll-free 800-681-1855.

The inductees for the 11th MU Athletic Hall of Fame class also will be recognized prior to the football game on October 29 at Biemesderfer Stadium.

The 2005 inductees include:
- Gerald M. Barger '52, who was a two-time PSAC 155-lb. champion (1949 and 1950) and a member of both of Millersville's state championship mat squads in '49 and '51. He also enjoyed a distinguished career as a teacher in the Penn Manor School District and served as a collegiate and scholastic coach and official.
- Michael K. Barr '74, a four-year varsity letterman (captain of the 1972 Marauder NAIA playoff squad) who has excelled as head coach at Strath Haven High School since 1984 (five PIAA state titles, six District 1 crowns, and 14 Central League championships).
- Robert Bradfield '89, who holds the MU men's basketball assist records for a single game (15) and career (544) and helped lead the 'Ville to PSAC tournament titles in 1987 and 1989, three PSAC East crowns, a 96-26 overall record, and a berth in the 1989 NCAA-II Elite Eight.
- Fay Kramer '62, who led the Millersville field hockey team in scoring in 1959 and 1960, and was a charter member of the Marauder intercollegiate women's tennis squad in 1961. She later excelled as an educator at Millersville and was active in community endeavors.
- Angela Lutz '94, who was a standout two-sport athlete at MU (outfielder in softball and goalkeeper in field hockey), earned Division II All-America 3rd team softball honors in 1993 and still holds Marauder all-time records in triples (16), home runs (12) and slugging percentage (.644).
- Gerald S. Mack '97, who was a record-setting track sprinter (two-time PSAC 100 and 200-meter champion and a three-time NCAA Division II All-American and who also rushed for more than 2,200 yards for the 'Ville football squad.
- Debra Schlegel, who coached Millersville to the AIAW Division II women's basketball final four in 1982 (then school-record 20 victories in a season), PSAC tourney titles in 1984 and 1987, and who compiled a 156-95 overall mark in a 10-season tenure that spanned the ’80s.

MU ATHLETICS WEBSITE

For a complete listing of all athletic schedules and game results, go to the MU athletics website: www.millersville.edu/~athletic or call the 24-hour hotline: 717-871-2111

CHRYST FIELD

Millersville's field hockey team practices on the new synthetic turf surface at Biemesderfer Stadium. The renovated field will be officially dedicated on October 8 at noon, prior to the football game with West Chester, as Chryst Field. The new field will be home to a number of sports: football, field hockey, lacrosse, soccer, and track and field events.
Preparing Teachers

STORY BY JENNIFER ERICSON
Of the 91 colleges in Pennsylvania that provide teacher preparation programs, Millersville is one of only 18 that are accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, according to Dr. Jane Bray, dean of MU’s School of Education. And, Millersville has been accredited for 50 years. In fact, because of its outstanding reputation in the field of education, the number of applicants to Millersville’s education programs continues to rise. Consequently, the School of Education has its pick of the best and brightest applicants.

The education program is one of the hardest to get into and the hardest to stay in. But those who do have little problems finding jobs. According to Bray, “one out of every three Millersville students is in some teacher preparation program.” And, she said, ninety-six percent of all MU education graduates find full-time employment in their field.

Maintaining such a high job placement rate requires that professors continually improve their programs. This approach has consistently put Millersville at the forefront of trends in public education. For example, in anticipation of new Pennsylvania standards in environmental education that will go into effect in 2006, the School of Education applied for and has received two grants from the Pennsylvania Department of Education totaling almost $200,000 to purchase environmental science equipment, such as computerized water testing kits, laptop computers, and more.

These water testing kits, or HACH Spectrophotometers, “... are mini computers that you can take into the field,” said Bill Lauris, instructor of educational foundations, who teaches secondary education majors how to teach science. HACH Spectrophotometers can measure the levels of dissolved oxygen, nitrates, phosphates and sulfates in water. And, although these meters cost $2,000 each, they may soon become common in public high school classrooms.

Geologic maps and astronomical globes are among the sophisticated learning tools that the School of Education was able to purchase through the grant. These items are able to be used now in the teaching setting and will later help outfit the science laboratory when the new education building is completed in early 2007 (see article on pages 16-17).
“Instead of being passive learners, they [today’s children] are active learners; they need to be engaged in the material.”

Dr. Jane Bray
Dean, School of Education

“From smart boards and computers to science kits and videos, our teacher education students will be well-equipped in the area of science education with a particular focus for environmental education,” said Bray.

Technology in all its forms is rapidly moving into public school classrooms at all grade levels. And, modern teachers not only need to know how to use technology, but also how to teach their students to use it. Computers are becoming standard classroom equipment. Under the grant, MU purchased 30 wireless laptop computers for use in the classrooms, said Dr. Marla Jones, assistant professor of science for elementary and early childhood education.

Jones has Millersville education majors use computers to research projects, find information that will be useful to their future elementary students, and more. In the past, education majors have had to do the research on their own outside of Jones’ classroom. Now, they are able to do the research in the classroom where she can help them.

Providing such hands-on help is one way that Jones demonstrates elementary school teaching methods. “I’m trying to model how I want them to teach their students,” she said.

Making science accessible

To many elementary education majors, science is an intimidating subject, said Jones. And the reason illustrates one of several differences between modern public school education and that of several years ago. Back when today’s college students were in elementary school, they simply had to memorize science facts and be able to repeat them. However, this form of learning does not allow students to gain a conceptual understanding of science.

Jones wants to change that. Not only does she want MU students to gain a conceptual understanding of science, but also she wants them to learn how to help their future students gain that same understanding. And she does this by fully engaging them in science activities.

Instead of simply explaining the theory behind a science topic, such as polymer bonds, Jones uses metal chains of different colors to model how these bonds work. She also has her students make a material similar to “Silly Putty” by using borax, water and glue. These three ingredients combine by way of polymer bonds to form a solid. This and many other experiments that Jones does in her classes are inexpensive and accessible to elementary teachers and their students.

This summer, Trista Sargen ’99, a first grade teacher with the School District of Lancaster, took Jones’ graduate class called “Science in the School” to learn even more ways to introduce young children to science. By only the second day of class, Sargen was pleased that so much of what she was learning could easily be applied to her classroom. “I’m excited to do some experiments with my kids,” she said.

Getting practical experience

Millersville education majors spend a lot of time in the college classroom learning theory and teaching methods. And, like at other colleges, education majors also spend time in real classrooms practicing their teaching skills. However, what makes Millersville’s education program stand out among other
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Schools is the amount of time education majors spend practicing. “Most MU students begin getting field experience as early as their freshman year,” said Bray. And, these students spend time in the field each of their four years, culminating with a full semester of student teaching.

Being able to visit a real classroom every year is one of the things Downingtown School District seventh grade math teacher Neville Austin ’02 attributes to the program’s success. Of his training at MU, he said, “It was an excellent program. I felt I was fully prepared to teach.”

Teachers are continually learning and Millersville’s Professional Training and Education (PTE) fills an important need for professional teachers seeking to improve their skills or develop new expertise. Offering over 200 different workshops and five institutes (ESL, math, history, wellness and writing), PTE had over 2,500 enrollments in the workshops this summer, attracting teachers throughout the Commonwealth.

According to Loréal Maguire, PTE’s assistant director, “The Educator Source program at Millersville provides professional development opportunities to educators through a variety of options—workshops, institutes, and customized training. These opportunities are offered to educators here on campus, on site at their school district, and via technology—either blended or online options.”

Learning outcomes

Increasing the amount of time education majors spend in the field isn’t the only change Millersville has made to how it coordinates student teaching opportunities. It has also dramatically changed the way it evaluates student teacher performance.

In the past, explained Bray, professors would observe student teachers in the field and evaluate them on what they did or said, in other words, “we focused on teacher actions.” Today, professors evaluate student teacher performance by measuring how effective their lessons are. Instead of focusing on teacher actions, they focus on learning outcomes—what and how much children learn from the student teacher’s lesson.

To measure learning outcomes, student teachers must conduct a pre-lesson assessment to ascertain what the children already know about the topic to be covered. The student teachers must design and administer a post-lesson assessment of the children’s knowledge. In addition to being evaluated on how much the children learn, student teachers are also evaluated on the quality of their lesson plan and assessment design. These are all part of what is called a “Teacher Work Sample.” TWSs also include the student teacher’s observations about the children and their classroom, school and learning styles.

One of several Millersville faculty members who evaluate student teachers is Robert Young ’69, retired public school principal and adjunct supervisor for student teaching. He not only reviews all student teachers’ TWS, but also visits their classroom on a weekly basis to observe their performance. Young then coaches student teachers one-on-one to help them improve their teaching skills and prepare for job interviews. Overall, he said, “Millersville student teachers are talented and extremely well prepared.”

Promoting active learners

According to Bray, this change in evaluation protocol represents “a huge paradigm
shift” that is consistent with other improvements Millersville has made to its program. Specifically, MU’s education program has shifted over the years from promoting passive education to promoting and modeling active education.

Not too many years ago, school children were expected to sit quietly in their neat rows of seats and listen passively to their teacher. They were expected to memorize their lessons and be able to restate what they had memorized on tests. However, today not all children can learn this way.

“Instead of being passive learners,” said Bray, “they are active learners; they need to be engaged in the material.” Accordingly, Millersville professors have had to change their lecturing styles and to begin modeling teaching styles that promote active learning.

Bray is at the forefront of new trends and techniques in preparing teachers. She has recently been appointed by Governor Ed Rendell as a member of his newly formed Training America’s Teachers Commission.

Need for specialized skills

“The No Child Left Behind Act has caused difficulties for a lot of districts, particularly in special education,” said Bray. “Getting certification in special education is a very hot area for the entire country right now.”

Another change in public schools, affecting how teachers teach, is the rising number of children for whom English is a second language (ESL). According to Dr. Judith Wenrich, professor of early childhood and elementary education, even in rural schools the ESL population of children has grown. Today’s teachers need to be prepared to deal with the special needs of these children.

“In the past, Pennsylvania didn’t have specialized training [for teachers] for ESL. Now, Pennsylvania has put in place an ESL provider certificate,” said Wenrich. And, last year MU became one of the first schools to offer ESL certification classes. These are four graduate-level classes that MU students can take during their undergraduate program in addition to the required 120 credits to earn their undergraduate degree.

Upon completion of these four ESL classes, Millersville students know how to assess children’s English language comprehension and how to teach English. These classes also help MU students to gain a better understanding of cultural differences and learn ways to promote diversity appreciation in their future classrooms. Although this ESL certification program at Millersville is new, it is already making MU students even more sought after.

Gauging program success

To make sure they prepare education majors to be successful in their future classrooms, Millersville education professors stay current not only on what is happening in modern classrooms but also what is on the horizon. They do this by staying in constant touch with classroom teachers, particularly co-op teachers, those who welcome MU student teachers into their classrooms. They also invite the most progressive teachers to be guest presenters in some of the education classes. For example, this fall National Teachers Hall of Fame inductee Dr. Renée O’Leary ’50, science resource teacher for kindergarten through third grade at the
Long after most teachers would have retired, Dr. Renée (Genbauffe) O’Leary, in her 53rd year of teaching elementary students, has no plans of stopping. Not even battling and surviving throat cancer has slowed her down. In fact, she has more energy than most college students. And, she has to keep up with her young students.

Currently, she teaches science to 319 kindergarten through third grade students at the Caravel Academy in Bear, Delaware. O’Leary uses her own award-winning curriculum, Linking Home and School with Portable Affordable Simple Science, or P.A.S.S. in her classroom. During her many years teaching, O’Leary observed that students in kindergarten through third grade receive little science education, and she felt they were missing out. So, she developed fun science lessons for them. P.A.S.S. began as “science in a sandwich bag.” Each lesson includes a plastic sandwich bag of inexpensive materials that students can use in the classroom and then take home to demonstrate what they learned to their parents.

The P.A.S.S. curriculum covers a wide range of physical science topics, including the five senses, water, air, magnetism, and classification of shapes. P.A.S.S. also includes instructions for parents in English and Spanish. The curriculum has been so successful, that she travels all over the U.S. and United Kingdom giving seminars to teachers on how to use it.

This fall, O’Leary will be giving a seminar at Millersville to early childhood education majors and area teachers who provide student-teaching opportunities to MU students.

When O’Leary attended Millersville in the late forties, the teaching style she learned was formal — raise your hand and sit in straight rows. “The children back then were willing to learn like that,” she said. Today’s children need to be active learners. They need to be engaged in the material.

Over the years, O’Leary has changed her teaching style to meet the needs of her students. Instead of seating students in neat rows, she seats them in learning clusters of four or five students.

Her teaching methods have been successful, she said, because “I love children into learning.” She makes learning fun and never shies away from being dramatic, silly or playful with her students.

From the time she was in first grade, O’Leary knew she wanted to be a teacher because she wanted to treat children differently than her teachers treated her. As a child, she suffered from torticollis, a birth defect that causes the head and shoulders to tilt. She also had constant allergic rashes. “I was undesirably different,” she said. Both her teachers and peers ignored her. At age 13, all that changed when she had corrective surgery. From then on, she said, “The world was my oyster.” And based on her continued success, the world still is. O’Leary has been inducted into the National Teachers Hall of Fame and has won numerous teaching awards, including Delaware’s Teacher of the Year and Dolly Parton’s Chasing Rainbows Award.

A freelance writer, Jennifer B. Ericson, M.A., also writes for the Intelligencer Journal.

Above: Students attending the Governor’s School for Teaching find learning opportunities everywhere.
Making a statement for future generations:
Millersville’s First
Green Building

Not only is Millersville’s School of Education continually moving forward in its practices and philosophies, but in 2007 the teachers program will be physically moving to a renovated and expanded building on the site of Landes Hall.

In keeping with the School of Education’s progressive ways and passion for promoting environmental education, Dean Jane Bray hopes that this will be the first “green” building on campus. A green building is one designed to use fewer natural resources for construction and operation. The project, designed by AP3C Architects in Philadelphia, will seek certification from the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) green building rating system.

Currently, the School of Education is housed in Stayer Hall at the very northwestern edge of campus (see map on next page). Dean Bray is excited about the move. She believes that because teacher preparation is at the heart of the university’s programs, the education building should be located at the heart of campus. The new location will be close to the music and math departments, which have high concentrations of education majors.

This new building will contain all of the new science equipment (see article, pages 10-15) including interactive white boards that
can be connected to a computer and serve as large flat, touch screen monitors. The new facility will also have a pond in its courtyard that professors can use to teach aquatic ecology and more.

Work has already started on transforming the former residence hall into the new home for MU's School of Education.

The west wing of Landes will be renovated, primarily for faculty offices, while the rest will be torn down to create new, smart classrooms and space for student and faculty interaction. The 60,000-square-foot education building is expected to be ready for the spring 2007 semester.

The rising cost of oil and energy, as well as the spotlight on environmental concerns such as global warming, make building green a statement on responsible stewardship of the earth's resources. Energy conservation also makes smart economic sense especially considering the life cycle costs for a facility that will serve Millersville for many years to come.

For example, high efficiency heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems (HVAC) can reduce energy costs by up to 25 percent. Further, these eco-friendly systems protect the ozone layer as well as improve the indoor air quality for all of its occupants.

Installing an energy star compliant (highly reflective) roof and using light colored materials for surfaces such as pavement and parking surfaces limits “heat islands” and results in greater energy efficiencies.

Low-flow plumbing fixtures and waterless urinals are expected to reduce water use by 20-30 percent. Almost half of the building materials and products will be obtained locally and regionally. This supports the regional economy and reduces the environmental impact--and fuel use--from transporting materials long distances. Moreover, select materials that have a recycled content will comprise at least ten percent of the total value of the materials in the project.

Additional green or sustainable features planned for the building are:

- Low emitting materials such as green approved paints, sealants, carpets and adhesives will reduce indoor air contaminants, improving air quality.

- This project will facilitate the reduction of waste generated by building occupants with a designated recycling area for the separation, collection and storage of materials.

- A kiosk at the entry lobby of the building will provide information about green qualities of this building and the advantages of green architecture.

It is, after all, about education.
Keeping in Step

with the Millersville Marching Band
For decades, Millersville's marching band shared its energy and Marauder pride as it led the school in parades, football games, pep rallies and special events. Through all kinds of weather, the band marches and plays on.

It offers students an opportunity to combine music, motion, drill and more. The "more" is about friendship, camaraderie and major fun.

"Being in marching band is belonging to something bigger than yourself," said Ed Vaughen '93, who was a percussionist member of MU's marching band for two years. "They serve as ambassadors for the school," Vaughen said, who also happens to believe a primary reason people join and continue with marching bands is simply to meet and be with others.

"The marching band is enjoying a resurgence in popularity," said Dr. Daniel Heslink, professor of music and band director from 1983-95.

"During the 1960s, the marching band had a very high morale, as it does now, and was active particularly with the Homecoming parade," said Heslink, reflecting on marching band milestones.

In the 1940s it was a concert band under the direction of math professor Dr. George Anderson. It became a fall marching band in the 1950s to support football games through the efforts of Jim Zwally, music professor. In 1978, the band changed from using a form known as Big Ten Marching – marching in blocks and straight lines – to a style known as "corps style," with the addition of a large and active drum line with marching in curvilinear forms, noted Heslink.

Great strides in growth and fame occurred this year when the largest marching band in the University's history brought Millersville to national attention at the Nokia Sugar Bowl on January 3, 2005.

Selected as the only university marching band in the country to play pre-game and half-time performances at the Sugar Bowl, they also played field and in-town shows while in New Orleans. The band's show, "The Quest for Treasure Island," including music from Disney's "Pirates of the Caribbean" and "Waterworld," delighted audiences.

Joseph J. Lynch, who became the marching band's director in 2002, said that planning for the New Orleans trip was an immense task and credited the student leaders of the band with the past season's many accomplishments.

Lynne Hunt '05, visual coordinator, and Heather Harris '05, musical coordinator, contributed to these achievements. As visual coordinator, Hunt ran rehearsals and corrected problems that cropped up with movements on the field.

Above: Among the leaders of the band are former Marauder drum majors (left to right) Lynne Hunt, A.J. Walker, and Heather Harris.

On home turf, the band plays at a football game during halftime.
Hunt and Harris had a variety of roles in their marching band days. Hunt played trumpet and Harris played clarinet as freshmen. They both then served as drum majors for two years. A music education major who served as musical coordinator of the band, Harris formulated and led warming-up sessions before rehearsals. She hopes to pursue a career that will lead to being a high school band director.

Lynch considers the marching band to be “the melting pot on campus.” A wide variety of academic majors from music to meteorology to chemistry are represented; non-music majors predominate.

Under Lynch’s leadership, the band has grown from 67 to 130 members, featuring 90 winds, 20 percussionists and 26 color guard members.

“Many of our members are aficionados of the marching band circuit, growing up in highly competitive arenas. We have some members that have gone on to march in junior and senior drum and bugle corps, most notably the Westshoremen, the Reading Buccaneers and now, the Crossmen,” said Lynch.

Serving as the co-director of the Manheim Township High School marching band in Lancaster, Vaughen exemplifies the practice of continuing involvement in marching bands post-college.

“It takes a ton of folks to get it organized,” said Vaughen, who works with the 135-member high school band and numerous directors and staff at the school district—some of whom were also Marauder marching band members—Ted Luckenbaugh ’79, Ken Husler ’75, and Frank Caravella ’90 among them.

Vaughen stressed that each position has its own uniqueness and presents its own challenges. But, he added, “Team effort is required to put on a show.”
In the grip of the Great Depression, President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s New Deal program was trying to resuscitate the economy. In 1933, National Industrial Recovery Act (NIRA) created the National Recovery Administration (later renamed the Public Works Administration) and created jobs for public works projects throughout the country.

At Millersville, it was announced that more students would be able to get help through this initiative and would be entering Millersville. This was a boost to the school’s coffers and a lift to the student body.

People didn’t know that it would be quite sometime before happy days arrived again. But this was a happy occasion, a cause for jubilation complete with music and a parade led by Millersville’s marching band.

Alice Ogline Fox ’41 recalls this period vividly:

“This influx of students, I remember well, arrived in time to begin classes at the beginning of the new semester, January, 1934.

I will never forget how we were asked to help… On the fourth floor of Old Main, desks, chairs, beds, bureaus had been stored for many years. We girl students were asked to clean this furniture. It was not compulsory to help; we were not paid – it was the Great Depression. My sister, Helen, and I, along with other friends, were among the volunteers. We were excited to help, because of the new girls coming.

After these new students were settled in and the student body was happy that enrollment increased, Dr. Tanger [then president] made an announcement in chapel one day. He said we would have a big parade to celebrate. All who wished to participate would walk from the campus to the square [Penn Square] in Lancaster. The Millersville State Teachers College band would lead us. Mr. Butterfield was the music teacher that year and led the band. He was substituting for Mr. Porter who took a year off to study.

Many students joined in this parade. School spirit was at its high peak. And, when we reached College Avenue [in Lancaster], the Franklin & Marshall College band joined our band. From College Avenue all the way to the square, the bands played only “Happy Days Are Here Again,” which was always President Roosevelt’s theme song. Some of us sang, too.

[We were] celebrating and happy to thank President Roosevelt for helping MSTC.”

Special thanks to Alice Fox, New Oxford, Pa., who shared this “precious memory” from her years at Millersville.
1920s

Esther (Kaylor) Swartz ‘24, York, celebrated her 100th birthday on September 19. She visited the campus earlier this summer and was amazed how it has grown and changed over the past 81 years—however, she still recognized some landmarks from her days here.

Jason White ‘25, Lewisburg, celebrated his 100th birthday on August 20 amongst family and friends.

1930s

Minda Sanders ’37, Atlanta, Ga., celebrated her 90th birthday. Now retired, the longtime faculty librarian at Millersville was overwhelmed by cards and good wishes. She writes: “I received so many cards from my MU connections that I can’t answer all of them.... Thank you very much for the wonderful cards and notes on my 90th birthday. You have no idea how much I appreciate them. I am enjoying my new home in Atlanta. With fond memories of all of you.”

1950s

John William Kambic ’56, and his wife, Nancy, New Cumberland, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Jan A. Witmer ’57, and his wife, Patricia, Ephrata, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 6/4/05.

1960s

Albert Landis Brackbill Jr. ’60, Nazareth, was inducted into the Penn Manor School District’s Distinguished Alumni Wall of Honor in April 2005.

George J. Hollenden ’61, Surfside Beach, S.C., was inducted into the District I wrestling Hall of Fame. He coached Upper Moreland wrestling program for 19 years and was a member of the District I wrestling steering committee from 1964 through 1997.

John Pavlick ’61, West Palm Beach, Fla., was inducted into the Pennsylvania Scholastic Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame in July 2004. He retired from Upper Dublin School District after 40 years of teaching biology and coaching football for 32 years.

1970s

Donald K. Tribit ’62, Lancaster, was elected ritual chair for the Grand Chapter of the Travelers Protective Association, a 100-year-old community and safety association.

Bette Person ’63, New Orleans, La., retired in June after thirty-three years in education.

C. Leon Ahlum ’65, New Wilmington, received both the Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service award for his service to eradicate polio in the world and the Service Above Self award in April. He is a retired superintendent from the Wilmington Area School District and now is an educational consultant.

David Althouse ’66, Lititz, former Warwick High School basketball coach, was inducted into the Susquehanna Valley Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame.

Jim Phillips ’66, Ringwood, N.J., was honored by the Old Timers Athletic Association of Greater Paterson and the Diocese of Paterson for his outstanding contributions to the community and to the youth of North Jersey for over 30 years.

1980s

Marilyn Spangler Williamson ’67, Davidsonville, Md., retired from Prince George’s County Public School after teaching science for 37 years.

Jeffrey Gamber ’68, Dallastown, is the head men’s basketball coach at York College. He was inducted into the 2003 Millersville Athletic Hall of Fame and 2004 York College Athletic Hall of Fame. He was named Capital Athletic Conference Coach of the Year for 2005, Mid-Atlantic Regional Coach of the Year for 2005 and NABC Men’s Division III Basketball National Coach of the Year for 2005.

Terry A. Kauffman ’68, Lititz, retired after his 37-year career in education. He spent the last 14 years as Warwick High School’s athletic director.

Donald Scott Ankrum ’69, Kirkwood, retired after teaching at Octorara Middle School for 37 years.

Larry Burkhart ’69, New Holland, retired after 35 years from Eastern Lancaster County School District where he served as a teacher, principal and superintendent. He teaches history at Penn State Berks Campus and is a member of “Distinguished Educators,” a group of educators providing guidance to troubled districts.

Richard C. Smith Jr. ’69, Mechanicsburg, retired from Green Ridge Elementary School after 17 years as principal and several years as an elementary teacher.

Like grandfather, like grandson

Wearing “MU by the beach” T-shirts is not all this grandfather has in common with his grandson.

Dr. Norvin T. Whitmore ’40, Boynton Beach, Fla., graduated 65 years ago from Millersville. In May 2005, this time it was his grandson, Scott Tulloch ’05, who walked away with the sheepskin.

In 1942, Whitmore entered the U.S. Navy as a commissioned officer in the Navy, serving in WW II. He remained involved on active duty in the Naval Air Reserves for another 17 years, retiring as a lieutenant commander. At Millersville, Whitmore earned a degree in industrial arts and mathematics. He also played varsity football and coached Millersville’s first wrestling team, formed during 1937-38 under athletic director John Pucillo. In 1980 Whitmore retired as vice president of Erie Community College in Buffalo, N.Y.

Grandson Scott Tulloch, who now resides in Valatie, N.Y., majored in communications and journalism.
1970s

Charles J. Alex III ’70, Lancaster, retired from Lampeter-Strasburg School District after 37 years of teaching social studies.

Jan Bolinger ’70, Lancaster, a retired captain with United Airlines, opened Port Lancaster Wooden Boat Shop to share his skills to teach boat building to the Lancaster Boys & Girls Club.

Michael F. Mundy ’70, Coatesville, retired after teaching at Octorara Middle School for 36 years.

Linda Deal ’71, Millersville, was awarded the Pennsylvania Educator of the Year award for gifted education.

Jay Hartley ’71, San Jose, Calif., was promoted to materials marketing manager for Applied Materials, the world’s largest producer of water fabrication tools and services.

M. Catherine McSherry ’71, Bel Air, Md., retired after teaching 34 years with Baltimore County Public Schools.

John C. Schleyer ’71, Richboro, a veteran scholastic, collegiate and NFL game official spoke at the Delaware County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame luncheon.

Jay W. Witmer ’71, Millersville, was inducted into the 2005 Lancaster County Tennis Hall of Fame. He is the manager of Student Services at Millersville University.

Beverly (Gross) Ebright ’72, Honey Brook, was recognized in the 2005 Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers and was a previous winner of the Twin Valley School District Outstanding Service Award.

Deborah K. (Breiner) Hinkel ’72, Doylestown, accepted a professorship at Lancaster Bible College in the church and leadership department.

Joan Detz ’73, Doylestown, was invited to present a pro-

All in the family

For three sisters, the decision to attend Millersville was as simple as 1-2-3.

Debbie Geno Atkins ’79 was the first. She chose Millersville to earn her degree in education and to pursue her interest in field hockey, lacrosse and swimming. Her sister, Terry Geno Carr ’82, started off at University of Pittsburgh, but transferred to Millersville because she was so impressed with Debbie’s experience.

“Terry and Paula played one year together on the Division II national championship field hockey team and also went to the lacrosse nationals as teammates in 1982. We were used to playing together in high school and worked really well together as athletes. It was very natural for us,” says Terry.

In May, the three Geno sisters were inducted into Upper Darby’s Westbrook Park School Athletic Hall of Fame.

At Millersville, Debbie swam on the men’s swim team, then helped to start the women’s team. She is still coaching and cheering for her two daughters who compete in field hockey. Debbie now lives in Quarryville, where she teaches math in the Octorara School District and coaches middle school field hockey at Solanco. She still competes as a player with the Red Rose Field Hockey Club. Last fall she and her team went to the national tournament in Florida.

A first and second grade teacher for the Bloomsburg School District, Terry has coached there too. She and her husband, Timothy Carr ’81, met at Millersville and have two children.

Paula majored in math and moved to Marlton, N.J., to work as a systems analyst for Lockheed Martin. She is now an office coordinator for the Center for Health and Fitness. At Millersville, she excelled in field hockey, lacrosse and swimming.

All three Geno sisters attribute much of their success in athletics and life to their coaches at Millersville, including lacrosse coach and women’s athletic director Marge Trout, field hockey coach Sandy Peters and Barb Waltman, a Millersville graduate who took over lacrosse after Trout. Debbie notes that Waltman “understood the traditions and pride of the athletic department and made a difference in how I viewed the game and how I coach.”

The lessons they learned, the experiences that contributed to their lives and the closeness they still feel as sisters, athletes and Millersville graduates were summed up by Debbie.

“Play the game correctly, and enjoy it. Learn and laugh. Be a part of something a little bigger than just you. Be part of a team.”
“Biggest Brother” book is a hit

As a seasoned, award-winning journalist, Larry Alexander ’84 has written countless stories over the years working at the Lancaster Intelligencer Journal. Now he has a book to his writing credits. His first book, Biggest Brother, was published earlier this year and has done very well – landing on the New York Times’ extended bestsellers list and staying there for almost ten weeks. The paperback edition is scheduled to come out next spring. An author’s dream.

The subject of the book, Biggest Brother: The Life of Major Dick Winters, The Man Who Led the Band of Brothers, started as a newspaper feature – suggested by Ray Shaw, Larry’s editor at the Intelligencer. It was the fall of 2001 and the HBO’s mini-series, Band of Brothers, based on Stephen Ambrose’s book of the same name, was at its height of popularity. This led Larry to the commander of the 101st Airborne unit– Dick Winters, a graduate of Franklin & Marshall College who resides in Hershey. The two hit it off and discovered they had both lived on the same street, on the same block, in Ephrata, Pa. – three decades apart.

Forrest Guth ’48 is among the men included in the book. In the winter 2001-02 issue of the Millersville Review, Larry penned a feature about Guth who served in Easy Company under the leadership of Winters.

For Larry, the book project has been immensely rewarding, especially the phone calls and emails from all over the United States and Europe, including many military men. These people contact Larry and congratulate him “for writing a very readable and informative book on a man who many of them feel is America’s greatest living World War II veteran.”

A history major at Millersville, Larry would like to write another history book or two, as well as fiction.

gram on speechwriting at the annual conference of Washington Independent Writers. She is the author of It’s Not What You Say, It’s How You Say It and How to Write and Give a Speech.

Mark D. Hinkel ’73, Maytown, completed the Millersville University respiratory therapy program in December 2004 and is employed at Lancaster General Hospital as a respiratory therapist.

Arren Ostroff ’73, Lancaster, retired in May 2005 after teaching 30 years at Reynolds and Lincoln Middle Schools.

Heather Lynn Horne ’74, Lancaster, is a human resources manager at MTS Travel in Ephrata.

Michael Magiera ’74, Upper Darby, was ordained a priest in May. His first Solemn Mass took place on May 29 at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Philadelphia.

Michael Burke ’75, Dover, was inducted into the Susquehanna Valley Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame for his accomplishments in football.

Bill Bull Chase ’75, Berwick, completed the Boston Marathon for the 25th consecutive year.

Jerri Anne (Helsel) Johnson ’76, Vernon Hills, Ill., recently won a President’s Award for her development of a comprehensive data repository for clinical trials. She serves as director of medical education for acute care and renal products at Abbott Laboratories in Chicago, Ill.

Anne B. (Visneshki) Reed ’76, Pottsville, is assistant vice president and trust officer for First National Bank of Minersville, trust and financial services department.

Linda Vona-Davis ’76, was the 2005 recipient of Delaware County Community College’s alumni professional achievement award and was the guest speaker at the college’s May commencement.

William K. Ryan Sr. ’77, Ephrata, was named manager of the Honey Brook branch of M&T Bank. He was previously a select banker for the M&T Wheatfield branch.

Michelle R. Allen ’78, Hummelstown, received her doctorate of philosophy in human development from Marywood University.

Debra Lynn (Glick) Rothermel ’78, Lititz, was appointed the position of math professor at the Lancaster Campus of Harrisburg Area Community College.

Sheryl Lorraine Eberly ’79, Lancaster, joined the North & Shane Consulting Group as a leadership consultant. She was a former legislative aide and White House aide to First Lady Nancy Reagan.

1980s

Andrew Fox ’80, West Chester, was appointed regional sales director for GTESS Corporation’s Great Lakes region.

Michael J. Gaudino ’80, Lancaster, achieved membership in the insurance industry’s prestigious Million Dollar Round Table. He has worked in the financial industry for 26 years.

Gary Dennis Hughes ’80, Telford, a certified public accountant became a certified QuickBooks ProAdvisor.

Michael E. McDermott ’80, Lancaster, an insurance manager, was honored at MetLife’s annual Leaders Conference.

Susan E. (Mann) Kennel ’81, Charlottesville, Va., received a doctorate in nursing from the University of Virginia.

Jane Kostenko ’83, California, Md., is working as a nutrition educator at the University of Maryland.
Jacquelyn L. (Frankel) Tsu ’83, Los Gatos, Calif., was elected chair of the Department of Pediatrics at O’Connor Hospital in San Jose, Calif. She has been in private practice for 11 years.

Larry E. Alexander ’84, Ephrata, and Linda Espenshade ’84, Ephrata, and Thomas L. Flannery, all staff writers with the Lancaster Intelligencer Journal wrote a series of stories entitled “Silenced by Shame.” The series was honored with the first-place award for Best Example of a Public Service by a newspaper, a first-place Keystone Award from the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association and a second-place award from the Pennsylvania Women’s Press Association. (See profile about Larry Alexander on page 24.)

Bonnie G. (Gilbert) Goshen ’84, Lancaster, received the 2005 E. Dean Lovett Award from the American College Health Association. The Lovett Award recognizes members who have directed a college health service program or have contributed significantly to the development of a college health service program in an exemplary manner.

Craig L. Kaufman ’84, Landisville, was named senior vice president and senior credit officer at Bank of Lancaster County.

David C. Labes ’84, West Palm Beach, Fla., is employed as a middle school math teacher in Palm Beach County, Florida.

Colleen (Henry) Lang ’84, Exton, was promoted to district manager at Arbonne International.

Stephen Michael Lewis ’84, Wallingford, was named head basketball coach at Strath Haven High School.

Stephanie Krauss Wolsky ’84, Collegeville, was hired as the controller for the River Crest Golf Club in June 2004.

Eric A. Porter ’85, Claremont, Calif., was awarded the Prudential President’s Award for top manager. He is the manager of financial services for Prudential’s office in Irving, Calif.

Brenda Bannan-Ritland ’86, Arlington, Va., an associate professor in the Graduate School of Education at George Mason University, co-authored a book entitled Online Learning: Concepts, Strategies, and Applications. She has also been invited to Stanford University as a visiting scholar for the 2005-2006 academic year.

John J. Miller ’86, Reading, was promoted to regional sales manager for the Mid-Atlantic region of Milwaukee Electric Tool Corporation, Brookfield, Wis.

Mark B. Esterbrook ’87, Bethesda, Md., was promoted to lieutenant colonel of the United States Air Force. He is assigned to the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) as a staff officer in the office of Corporate Relations.

Nancy D. Ramsey ’87, New Oxford, retired as an elementary school nurse from Conewago Valley School District.

Howard H. Boots ’88, East Earl, directed the Lancaster-Lebanon Music Educators Association Middle School Band Festival at Columbia Junior/Senior High School in spring 2005. He also directed the Lampeter-Strasburg Community Band performance in their annual spring concert. He is employed as the elementary school band director for Cocalico School District.

David Alan Breniser ’88, Willow Street, recently joined Bank of Lancaster County as vice-president and relationship manager in the middle market business services group.

Robert Glascock ’88, Atlanta, Ga., is a realtor with Prudential Georgia Realty. He earned President’s Circle status, placing him in the top eight percent of all Prudential associates in the nation.

Irvin L. Scott ’89, Lancaster, received the Tri-State Consortium of Opportunity Programs Alumni Excellence Award in recognition of outstanding professional achievements. An alumnus of the AIM for Success Program in 1985, he credits this program for providing valuable academic and psychosocial support for incoming students. He is a teacher with the School District of Lancaster.

1990s

Erika Miller ’90, Millersville, became an American citizen on May 13. She is a German and French teacher at McCaskey High School. Several of her students attended the swearing in ceremony at the Lancaster County Courthouse to congratulate her on becoming a citizen.

Robert K. Miller ’90, Myerstown, was installed as pastor of Friedens Lutheran Church on 4/17/05.

Clare T. Daher ’91, Lititz, a fourth-grade teacher at Landisville Intermediate Center, has coordinated Heritage Day for the past eight years. As part of this event, presenters show students what life was like more than a century ago.

J. Michael Lausch ’91, Mount Joy, is the principal of Londonderry Elementary School in the Lower Dauphin School District.

Randa C. (Kinney) Rineer ’91, Landisville, was appointed princi-
Dr. William Altermatt ’95 and Dr. Ellen Altermatt ’95 first met in Millersville's honors class, “Western Intellectual Tradition.” They started dating the second semester of their freshman year and have been together ever since. Both are now professors at Hanover College in Indiana.

At Millersville, Bill earned a degree in psychology and Ellen was a double major in psychology and English. Both received their doctoral degrees from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Ellen’s Ph.D. is in developmental psychology and Bill’s is in social psychology.

So far they haven’t written any articles together. “We’ve been pursuing the research we started with our dissertations, so our topics haven’t overlapped,” explained Bill. “We’ve talked about writing articles together in the future. It’s nice having a spouse in the same field because we get to talk to each other about our work. Occasionally we’ll be talking excitedly about a statistical technique that we’re both using or about a new theory and it will strike us that this probably isn’t a typical married couple conversation. But it’s fun in its own nerdy way.”

“Finding two jobs at the same institution is very difficult for professors because those jobs don’t open up very often,” said Bill. “We were lucky that Hanover College was conducting a search for our specialties at the same time, and luckier still to get both of the positions. We now make up half of the psychology department at Hanover and have offices right next to each other. Working at the same place has been nice for a lot of reasons: We get to see each other a lot, have lunch together, and now that we have an infant [Owen], trading off child care is a lot easier than it would be otherwise.”

At Millersville, the Altermatts got to know and love professors emeriti Al and Peggy Forsyth. The Forsyths have become the Altermatt’s heroes. “They are a model academic couple, inspirational teachers and social activists who live their principles,” said Ellen. “We will be proud if we can do half as good a job as they have.”

Danielle D’Aries ’92, Pottstown, was promoted to dean of academic affairs at ITT Technical Institute in King of Prussia.

Stacey Everly ’92, Boothwyn, received her MBA from Capella University in May 2005. She was also appointed as an interim business faculty member at Delaware County Community College at their Downingtown campus.

Kelly S. (Pierce) Forwood ’92, Washington, Del., will be the new director of Elam United Methodist Church’s new preschool.

Scott W. Herald ’92, Collegeville, was promoted to senior vice president and commercial lender for National Penn Bank, Boyertown, in April 2005.

Scott McGhee ’92, Houston, Texas, is an operations manager in the risk management department for ExxonMobil Corporation.

Lisa (Sharp) McHenry ’92, Lititz, was named executive director of House of His Creation in Gap, Pa. in February 2005.

Dwayne Menges ’92, Brockway, was hired as a full-time therapist for Dubois Regional Medical Center in Dubois, Pa.

Rachel Moe ’92, Opelika, Ala., has been accepted to Auburn University’s College of Veterinary Medicine.

Kristie A. Overly ’92, East Earl, was hired as director of annual fund, grants & alumni services at Valley Forge Christian College in Phoenixville. Previously, she was Millersville University’s associate director of alumni services.

Laurent Pelletier ’92, Lancaster, was named manager of the Intercourse branch of M&T Bank.

Holly Culp ’93, Hanover, was named South Western School District’s Elementary Teacher of the Year 2005.

William Dewan ’93, Lititz, was promoted to membership representative trainer with Nielsen Media Research.

Amy Giovannetti ’93, Livermore, Calif., performed the role of Flora in Livermore Valley Opera’s production of La Traviata.

Dennis L. Markley ’93, Ronks, was named regional compliance officer of Fulton Financial Corporation.

Jo Mercer ’93, Birdboro, was named the on-air representative of The Quacker Factory, a clothing vendor selling exclusively through QVC.

Dean Radinovsky ’93, Woodside N.Y., had an art show in Kutztown titled, "New Arts Program Invitational Salon Exhibition of Small Works."

Steve Yacovelli ’93, Orlando, Fla., earned his doctorate of education in instructional technology and distance education from Nova Southeastern University. He has accepted a position as senior consultant for learning and development with IBM Business Consulting Services.

Sherry (Sharpe) Kijowski ’94, was promoted to supervisor of instruction in the Caesar Rodney School District in Camden, Del.

Katrina (King) Swarr ’94, Lancaster, is the K-12 language arts curriculum coordinator for the Lampeter-Strasburg School District.

Dave Weightman ’94, Brookhaven, works for Wilmington Blue Rocks of the Carolina League as a scoreboard operator, Baseball Info Solutions as a scorer/pitching chart correspondent and STATS, Inc. as a game-day scorer. He is also a severe storm spotter for KYW-TV in Philadelphia.

Heather N. Leininger-Digan


'95, Dover, Del., accepted a faculty position in health education at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania.

Brian W. McCowan '95, Lancaster, was named manager of the Wheatland branch of M&T Bank.

Ruth E. Smucker '95, Lancaster, was appointed to Bridge of Hope’s board of directors.

Joshua Tison '95, York, earned his master’s degree in criminal justice from Boston University in 2004. He has accepted a position with the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General, Bureau of Criminal Investigations.

Alicia Fry '96, Reading, received a master’s degree in education from Gratz College.

Wilmer Gehman '96, Narvon, earned his master’s degree in educational administration from Pensacola Christian College in July 2004.

Megan (Stevenson) Laughlin '96, Ambridge, a real estate agent, has joined Howard Hanna Real Estate’s office in Sewickley.

Joseph E. Gormley '97, Collegeville, was hired as the sales manager in Eastern Pennsylvania for Mine Safety Appliances in September 2004.

Brady K. Myers '97, Concord, Minn., accepted a position at Valspar Corporation as the corporate safety and health manager in Minneapolis, Minn.

Stacey (Kroll) Pappalardo '97, Sewell, N.J., is a first grade teacher at Red Bank Elementary School in West Deptford, N.J.

Kyle M. Smith '97, Mount Joy, received his designation as certified public accountant in June 2005.

Jennifer Sullivan '97, Philadelphia, received a master’s degree in education from Gratz College in May 2005. She will be teaching developmental kindergarten in Morrisville School District in September.

Mark E. Yocum '97, Mechanicsburg, was hired to the position of athletic director for Susquehita School District.

Crissy Ann (Kline) Hartman '98, York, was named a residential kitchen designer and salesperson for Keener Kitchen Manufacturing Company in Red Lion.

Gretchen (Schneider) Ipock '98, Aldan, graduated from Drexel University with a master’s degree in library and information science in March 2005. She is a young adult librarian at Sellers Library in Upper Darby.

Jenna Jebitsch '98, Allentown, was accepted to the doctoral program in clinical psychology at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine for the fall 2005 semester.

Dale (DeNearing) Jones '98, Reading, was hired as a marketing specialist at Distributed Systems Services, Inc. in West Lawn.

Michael S. Malcolm '98, Strasburg, passed his certified financial planner exam. He will be assisting Susquehanna Investment Services LLC, a division of Smoker & Co., in their growth.

James D. Patton '98, Mount Joy, was named a senior geologist with the geotechnical department for Navarro & Wright Consulting Engineers, Inc. of New Cumberland.

Donald Kramer Roseman Jr. 'H98, East Petersburg, received the Exemplar Award from the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce & Industry in May. He is the chairman and founder of Acorn Press Inc.

Nicole Carucci '99, Medford, N.Y., received a professional degree in veterinary technology and works as a licensed veterinary technician at an emergency and critical care animal hospital in her hometown.

John M. Getz '99, Gaithersburg, Md., is the virtual autopsy project manager for the U.S. Department of Defense, office of the Armed Forces Medical Examiners office, Mortality Surveillance Division, located at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in D.C., Md., and Dover Air Force Base.

Jeffrey Goodman '99, Lebanon, graduated from the Evangelical School of Theology, Myerstown, with a Master of Divinity degree. He was appointed by the United Methodist Bishop of Philadelphia to Mt. Nebo United Methodist Church in Pequea.

Catherine Krout '99, Philadelphia, received her master’s degree in social work from the University of Pennsylvania.

Christopher O’Connor '99, Philadelphia, was promoted to outside sales representative at Bodek and Rhodes, Inc.

Kimberly Platz MA '99 was promoted to district supervisor for the Lancaster of Adoptions from the Heart (AFTH), a licensed, non-profit adoption agency offering domestic and international adoptions. An adoptee herself, Platz has been with AFTH for eight years as a domestic social worker. She earned her graduate degree in clinical psychology from Millersville University in 1999.

Shannon (Burns) Sobkowiak '99, Houston, Texas, completed her doctorate in bio-analytical chemistry from Texas A&M University in December 2004. She has accepted a position as a research scientist at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas.

Marjorie A. Trout 'H99, Lancaster, and her husband Dick, were this year’s honorary chairpersons of the Lancaster Senior Games. In 2001, she retired as Millersville’s director of women’s athletics.

2000s

Shelby L. Caudill '00, Lancaster, was named senior auditor in the audit department of Fulton Financial Corporation.
Joseph Gartner ’02, Mount Wolf, was promoted to assistant store manager at Rent-way, Inc. in Hanover.

Leanne Renee Kauffman ’02, Columbia, graduated from Arcadia University with a doctor of physical therapy degree.

Kyle Valkenburg ’02, Elizabethtown, was promoted by the Arizona State Land Department to the position of senior geographic information systems analyst.

Douglas Resh ’03, Philadelphia, was accepted into the executive masters of science in food marketing program at St. Joseph’s University’s Haub School of Business.

James M. Bowman ’04, Marietta, started a Buddhist meditation group at the Lancaster Theological Seminary.

Todd J. Larson ’04, Red Cliff, Colo., has taken a job in Eagle Vail, Colo., at Battle Mountain High School.

Daniel W. Meli ’05, Lancaster, a corporal in the Marine Reserves, is training at Camp Le Jeune, N.C., for deployment to Iraq. He leaves behind a job offer to teach math with Interboro School District. The district has promised to hold the job for his return in spring 2006.

Marriages

Margaret Giordano ’86 and Robert Sultzbach, 6/18/05.

Irene Campbell ’87 and Duane Lefever, 6/25/05.

Scott Paul ’87 and Tracey, on 10/11/04.

Robert Stokes ’87 and Mary Beth McIntyre, on 12/28/04.

Kristina M. Nicholas ’89 and Gregg Gorham, on 3/31/05.

Catherine Gillan ’90 and John Patrick Double, on 11/12/04.

Paige E. Martin ’90 and Christopher E. Eack ’00, on 12/29/04.

Rita Ryan ’90 and Paul Damato, 7/10/05.

Sandra Ann Borkowski ’92 and Sean Veobel, on 1/29/05.


Janine S. Hackash ’94 and Michael S. Hammond ’99, on 3/12/05.

Katrina Oting ’94 and Bradley Channing ’95, on 6/5/04.

Daniel John Shultz ’94 and Phoebe Canakis, 5/31/05.

Christopher Arnold ’95 and Julienne Lentz, 1/13/05.

Becky Kraynak ’95 and Chuck Moser, on 8/31/03.

Felicia Stezzi ’95 and Timothy M. Bailey ’99, on 4/23/05.

Melissa B. Martin ’96 and Michael Miville, on 4/16/05.

Jill Natwick ’96 and Jason Lydic, on 5/22/05.

Barbara A. Mattern Breneman ’97 and John P. Conner, on 4/23/05.

Jennifer Renee Heming ’97 and Bryan Todd White, on 5/17/03.

Michelle Lee Maschue ’97 and John Natelson, 7/3/05, in Pittsburgh.

Steven C. Smith ’97 and Elizabeth Nichols, on 5/13/05


Gregory Boll ’98 and Elizabeth O’Connor, 5/29/05.

Lisa Marie Gable ’98 and Ryan Slodzian, on 5/21/05, in Marietta.

Tammy Minh Ngoc Dao ’98 and Thomas P. Anderson, on 9/18/04.

Chad Grove ’98 and Donna Wittel, 3/19/05.

Michele Lynn Pierantozzi ’98 and Brian Thomas Donoughue.

Brian Sobkowiak ’98 and Shannon Burns ’99, on 8/28/04.

Ned E. Bushong ’99 and Jennifer Renn ’02, on 11/20/04.

Nicole Carucci ’99 and Christopher J. Winkler, on 4/21/06.

Debbie Cline ’99 and George Caperson, on 9/01.

Lori A. Censcits ’99 and Nathan Chaney, on 10/9/04.

John M. Getz ’99 and Allison Heller, on 10/23/04.

Lea C. Janowicz ’99 and Andrew Millhouse, on 4/30/05.


Gina Marie Burns ’00 and Dean Hollenbocker, on 4/30/05.

Carley Persa ’00 and Paul Karpathios on 3/8/03.

Theresa Rothan ’00 and Thomas Adams ’01, 5/28/05.

Julie Lynn Shuler ’00 and Shashank Misra, on 5/28/05.

Nancy Wettel ’00 and Erik Benson, on 7/3/04.

Julie Detweiler ’01 and James DeSousa, on 4/10/05.

Lori J. Dussinger ’01 and Michael K. Leaman, on 4/29/05.

Tanya Lynn Eckert ’01 and Ryan Huxta, 5/14/05.

Kelly Hartman ’01 and Bill Moore ’01, on 7/3/04.

Suzanne Louise Kulp ’01 and Sean A. Abbott, on 10/10/04.

Julianne Nehe ’01 and Gregory Ream, on 10/10/04.

Michelle Romine ’01 and Gregory Ream, on 10/10/04.

Michelle Romine ’01 and Joseph Gartner ’02, on 9/27/03.
Kelly A. Small '01 and Kris Meister, in 2/05.
Jayne Lynne Wentzel '01 and Michael W. Truog, on 4/24/05.
Leanne M. Zerby '01 and Charles Lee, on 5/28/05.
Joel Coleman '02 and Nicole Dell'Priere '02, May 2004.
Roseanne Ditomasso '02 and Daniel Myers, 4/23/05.
Stephene L. Futter '02 and Bowen T. Smith, in 6/05.
Emily Haughwout '02 and Seth Orrick, on 10/16/04.
Robert A. Moncak '02 and Wendy Fitzgerald '03, 5/7/05.
Joseph E. Trainor '02 and Pamela Ann Whitaker '02, on 6/5/04.
John M. Wert '02 and Gretchen M. Weir '03, on 6/26/04.
Jesse A. Ellis '03 and Justina K. Parmer '03, on 5/14/05.
Thomas R. Evans '03 and Amanda S. Herr '04, on 5/21/05.
Jocelyn L. Horenci '03 and Jack R. Dillman, on 5/7/05.
David Larry Kauffman '03 and Lindsay M. Jackson, on 2/12/05.
Kelly Lauderman '03 and Bradley Sprout, 6/18/05.
Kazia M. Banaszak '04 and Wesley R. Gemmill '04, on 4/8/05.
Nathan Taylor Brumbaugh '04 and Rachel Gainer, 4/30/05.
Matthew Campadonico '04 and Samantha Reimold, 5/14/05.
Jeremy Gephart '04 and Myrna F. Aviles, on 11/20/04.
Tina M. Radford '04 and Joaquin Angles, 5/21/05.
Kristin E. Reel '04 and Brett Lovelace, on 5/22/05.
Melinda Ryder '04 and Mark Myers, on 9/18/04.
Shona Samley '04 and Jonathan Frain, 5/7/05.
Joseph A. Shelly '04 and Kelly Jo Williamson '05, 6/24/05.
Ryan B. Holmes '05 and Melissa Lull, on 4/24/05.
Randy J. Mosgrave Jr. '05, and Rachel Ohler, 5/14/05.
Nicole Marie Rhoads '05 and Ryan James Roush, on 5/20/05.

Births

Mark B. Esterbrook '87 and wife Beth, a son, Evan Daniel, on 5/20/05.
Scott Paul '87 and wife Tracey, a daughter, Sara Elizabeth, on 10/20/04.
Linda Ventresca-Verani '88 and husband Leo, two daughters, Heather Lee, on 10/16/99, and Allison Rose, on 3/15/05.
Catherine (Gillan) Double '90 and husband John Patrick, a daughter, McKenna Quinn, on 4/5/05.
John Hilton '91 and wife Anne (Nardozzi) '92, twin sons, Nolan James and Colin Michael, on 3/17/05.
Linda Batt-Stroup '92 and husband Christopher, a son, Aiden Christopher, on 10/16/01, and twin son and daughter, Riley Thomas and Mackenzie Grace, on 7/23/05.
Scott McGhee '92 and wife Kelley, a daughter, Alyssa, on 4/25/03.
T. Michelle (Bingaman) Miller '92 and husband Philip '97, two daughters, Taylor Caitlin, on 12/1/89, and Riley Nicole, on 8/1/01, and two sons, Evan Philip, on 2/21/96, and Luke Kemper, on 7/3/04.
Frank Pogash '92 and wife Missie (Smith) '92, a son, Jacob Joseph, on 2/27/05.
Kristin (Peiffer) Cote '93 and husband Mark '99, a son, Caleb Stephen, on 4/19/05.
Holly Culp '93, and husband, Randall, two daughters, Janna Alexis, on 9/7/99, and Maleah Rose, on 6/25/02.
Amy (Braman) Giovannetti '93 and husband Rudy, a daughter, Marina Grace, on 1/25/04.
Lori (Munger) Perillo '93 and husband Michael, a daughter, Allyson Elizabeth, on 6/13/05.
Rebecca (Brickner) Anderson '94 and husband Leif, a son, Zachary Jonessle, on 5/8/05.
Meredith (Stohler) Gill '94 and husband Steve, a son, Tyson Mitchell, on 10/16/04.
John Kraynanski '94 and wife, Melissa (Hartman) '95, a daughter, Emily Ann, on 11/3/04.
Katrina (King) Swarr '94 and husband Shawn, a son, Jack Arnold, on 9/28/02, and a daughter, Maggie Joy, on 9/23/04.
Angie (Wieseman) Walters '94 and husband Sam, two sons, Barrett James, on 4/10/01, and Brant Jacob, on 10/28/04.
Jeff Graczky '95 and wife Carolyn, a son, Matthew, on 11/02, and a daughter, Gianna Therese, on 4/19/2005.
Jessamy Killingsworth '95 and husband Daniel '96, a son, Grayson Lance, on 1/26/05.
Heather (Harwick) Leibensperger '95 and husband Bruce, a son, Brandon William, on 1/20/02, and a daughter, Lauren Noel, on 10/16/04.
Luis Mendoza '95 and wife Melinda, a daughter, Angelica Samarra, on 4/21/2005.
Becky (Kraynak) Moser '95 and husband Chuck, twins, Max and Phoebe, on 10/4/05.
Michelle (Heverling) Raynes '95 and husband Daniel, a son, Noah Daniel, on 2/24/05.
Summer J. (Mikesell) Renshaw '95 and husband David, a son, Stone David, on 5/7/05.
Denise (Grady) Schwebel '95 and husband Dan, two daughters, Emma Marie, on 1/10/00, and Kathryn Grace, on 4/27/2005.
Wilmer Gehman '96 and wife Lindell, a daughter, Annika Kaelyn, on 4/17/05.

Deborah (Vollrath) Geppi '96 and husband Mike, a son, Nicholas Steven, on 4/9/05.
Sharon (McQuate) Goodman '96 and husband Jeffery '99, a son, Evan Wesley, on 8/31/04.
Scott Hegen '96 and wife Melanie, a daughter, Kylea Marie, on 11/24/04.
Tania L. (Evans) Hripto '96 and husband Gregory J. '02, a son, Justin Alexander, on 8/5/04.
Karen (Ede) Kunkle '96 and husband Ryan '00, a daughter, Chloe Anne, on 1/1/04.
Julie (Neff) Martiello '96 and husband Ronald '97, a daughter, Callie Grace, on 5/6/05.
Larry Beebe '97 and wife Hope, two daughters, Carina Jane on 6/2/03 and Kayla Grace on 4/22/05.
Stephanie (Beasom) Bonnell '97 and husband Ronald, a son, Kobe Robert Allen, on 1/20/04.
Joe Gormley '97 and wife Karyn, a daughter, Addison Ray, on 7/29/04.
Jason Grosse '97 and wife Kristin (Moss) '97, a son, Dylan Michael, on 3/15/05.
Amy (Green) Higgins '97 and husband Bill, a daughter, Sara Patricia, on 12/15/04.
Margaret (Brousil) Mello '97 and husband Brian, a daughter, Rebecca Jane, on 2/24/05.
Brady K. Myers '97 and wife, Erika K. '97, a son, Brock, a daughter, Karyn, and husband Ronald, a son, Michael, on 3/1/05.
Shelia (Backof) Powers '97 and husband Bob, a daughter, Carissa Elizabeth, on 5/7/05.
Melissa Ann (Braun) Rubinchik '97 and husband Zachary, a son, Benjamin Michael, on 5/12/05.
Jennifer (Wilkinson) Sullivan '97 and husband Michael, a son, Jack, on 10/17/04.
Jennifer (Heming) White '97 and husband Brian, a daughter,
Deaths

Ethel J. (McElhaney) Bilger, [no class year] Woodbridge, Va., passed away on 10/28/04, at the age of 72. She taught first grade and special education for the Middletown School District for over 33 years.

Minnie M. (Funk) Hitz ’26, Lancaster, passed away on 5/22/05, at the age of 97. She taught in a one-room schoolhouse and was later a bookkeeper for a law firm in Doylestown.

Ethel Mohr ’26, Lancaster, passed away on 5/29/05, at the age of 98. She taught fifth grade at Lafayette Elementary School for 46 years.

Edith (Smith) Truxal ’27, Lancaster, passed away on 5/16/05, at the age of 100. She taught at the Head Start program in Lancaster.

Robert D. McClure ’29, East Stroudsburg, passed away on 6/26/2005, at the age of 96. He was ordained as a Presbyterian minister and wrote the column “Touting the Towers” for the Public Opinion Newspaper for several years.

Helen E. (Clark) Reigel ’30, Harrisburg, passed away on 5/19/05, at the age of 94. She was an elementary school teacher for 43 years and served on the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing Examiners.

Grace M. Lichty ’32, Paradise, passed away on 5/28/05, at the age of 93. She taught at the Pequa Valley School District for 40 years.

Dorothy R. Yoder ’33, Lancaster, passed away on 4/20/05, at the age of 91. She was a long-time schoolteacher for the School District of Lancaster.

Mary A. (Rothermel) Pokorny ’34, Rehoboth Beach, Del., passed away on 4/7/05, at the age of 93. She was an elementary school teacher in the Shamokin area school system for 37 years.

B. Anton Hess ’36, Mechanicsburg, passed away on 6/27/05, at the age of 90. He was the first commissioner for basic education for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the past president of Millersville University Alumni Council. He was also named one of the top 150 alumni of Millersville University. (See page 21 for a photo of Hess when he was the Marauder drum major.)

Hazel I. Garner ’37, Lancaster, passed away on 4/28/05, at the age of 91. She taught fifth and sixth grades for 41 years until she retired from Littitz Elementary School.

E. Maurice Freer ’40, Quarryville, passed away on 7/16/05, at the age of 86. He was a WWII veteran and worked as a lab technician and chemist for Hershey Foods in the new product development lab.

Luther G. Sutton ’40, Lancaster, passed away on 6/13/05, at the age of 86. He was employed for 22 years as a mechanical engineer at RCA in the super power tube division, and later, as an engineer for ITT in Easton.

Mary (Showalter) Gable ’41, Landisville, passed away on 6/1/05, at the age of 86. She was a kindergarten teacher in the school district of Lancaster for 26 years.

Jane C. (Sellers) Groff ’49, Quarryville, passed away on 7/19/05, at the age of 87. After serving in the U.S. Navy, she taught at Cedar Grove and Indian Rock in one-room schoolhouses, East Lampeter School and Solanco School District. She coached various sports and was active in her community.

Robert Zellers ’49, Port Saint Lucie, Fla., passed away on 4/29/05. He was the lone-time president of the Florida Central/East Coast Millersville University Alumni Branch. For over a decade, he and his wife Elizabeth served as the gracious hosts to many Treasure Coast and Florida alumni. Initially the alumni meetings were held at a Palm Beach hotel, but later he and his wife opened their home for the popular events and reunions. A WWII veteran who served in the South Pacific, he was a retired industrial arts teacher who spent 32 years at North Miami High School.

James R. Harclerode ’50, Lancaster, passed away on 7/5/05,

Evelyn Mae, on 11/17/04.

Melissa A. (Boylan) Holland ’98 and husband Rod, a son, Kyler Dakota, on 8/30/04, and Brenna Kaylin, 6/1/02.

Wade Leedy ‘98 and wife Jodi, two daughters, Jenna Elizabeth, on 1/12/03, and Brooke Danielle, on 4/24/05.

Danielle (Elsing) Mats ’98 and husband Gregory ’98, a daughter, Jessica Pauline, on 2/27/05.

Kevin Michael ’98 and wife Robyn (Stefanski) ’99, a son, Noah Charles, on 2/19/05.

Cheryl (Cromer) Neild ’98 and husband Robert ’99, a son, Zachary Robert, on 5/2/04.

Anthony Sulivares ’98 and wife Katherine, a daughter, Gabriella Mace, on 4/20/05.

Gretchen (Heim) Canney ’99 and husband John ’99, a son, William Charles, on 5/18/05.

Debbie (Cline) Casperson ’99, and husband George, a daughter, Hannah Grace, in July 2004.

Heather Dougherty ’00 and husband Seth ’00, a son, William Jeffrey, on 4/04/05.

Melody (Smith) Heitmuller ’00 and husband Daniel, a son, Nathaniel George, on 1/30/05.

Carley Persa-Karpathios ’00 and husband Paul, a daughter, Macy Lou, on 8/4/03, and a son, Michael Kane on 8/14/04.

Brandon Pacilfico ’01 and wife Rebecca, a son, Benjamin Jere, on 3/25/05.

Kelly (Clifford) Rebert ’02 and husband Shane, a son, Brody Michael, on 9/22/04.

Willard Smith ’03 and wife Nicole, a daughter, Mahara Shay, in December 2004.

Jeremy Gephart ’04 and wife Myrna, a son, Marcellus Anthony, on 3/28/04.

Mary Kathryn (Grant) Redd ’45, Lewisburg, Tenn., passed away on 6/25/05, at the age of 81. She was a retired school teacher who taught in Tenn., Pa., Germany and Japan.

George L. Caley ’48, Smyrna, Del., passed away on 4/19/05, at the age of 82.

Helen F. (Flinchbaugh) Jones ’48, Bausten, passed away on 6/9/05, at the age of 78. She was a kindergarten teacher in the School District of Lancaster for 26 years.

Robert Zellers ’49, Port Saint Lucie, Fla., passed away on 4/29/05. He was the long-time president of the Florida Central/East Coast Millersville University Alumni Branch. For over a decade, he and his wife Elizabeth served as the gracious hosts to many Treasure Coast and Florida alumni. Initially the alumni meetings were held at a Palm Beach hotel, but later he and his wife opened their home for the popular events and reunions. A WWII veteran who served in the South Pacific, he was a retired industrial arts teacher who spent 32 years at North Miami High School.

James R. Harclerode ’50, Lancaster, passed away on 7/5/05,
at the age of 81. A WW II veteran, he worked for Sperry New Holland for 36 years starting as a salesman and retiring as office services manager.

Glenn D. Springer '50, Lancaster, died on 6/29/05, at the age of 78. He served in the U.S. Army in WWII and retired from Armstrong World Industries, Inc. after 45 years as a control, development and research technician. He coached wrestling at Lancaster Boy's Club and football at St. Ann's Catholic School.

Evelyn G. Klick '59, Lebanon, passed away on 7/23/05, at the age of 68. She was retired from Manheim Central School District as a fourth and sixth grade teacher.

Lois J. Rader '60, Bethlehem, passed away on 12/9/04, at the age of 65. She taught at the Bethlehem Area School District.

Elfrieda K. Baughman '63, Paradise, passed away on 5/2/05, at the age of 76. She taught German and Social studies for 20 years. She was co-owner of Nickel Mines Swim Club and an aquatic instructor.

Elizabeth (Mchose) Parker '63, Round Rock, Texas, passed away on 5/15/05, at the age of 68. She was a teacher and administrator who worked with the public schools in Urbana, Lancaster, Nashville, and Leander, Texas.

Richard A. Staffieri '64, Abington, passed away on 5/11/05, at the age of 64. He taught English in the Delaware Valley School District for 30 years.

Betty Louise (Kile) Buckwalter '68, Lititz, passed away on 4/16/05, at the age of 82. She had taught kindergarten at John Beck Elementary School in Brunnerville.

Gertrude F. Jaquet '68, Columbus, Ohio, died on 3/31/05, at the age of 81. She retired from the Suburban School District of York as a library teacher.

Pearl S. Brelsford '69, Lancaster, passed away on 7/20/05, at the age of 81. She taught English at Garden Spot High School, volunteered at the Ephrata Public Library and was a literacy tutor.

Vauhn R. Buehler '71, Fairborn, Ohio, passed away on 12/29/04, at the age of 80. [no other information]

Edna Mae (Culp) Gring '74, Lancaster, passed away on 6/21/05, at the age of 80. She taught in the Wilson School District and retired as librarian from Southern Junior High School. She volunteered for years at the Mountville Public Library.

Bernard J. Partridge '74, Walnupport, passed away on 5/15/05, at the age of 53. He taught psychology and sociology for 29 years for Northampton High School and coached football and track for 22 years.

Deborah Lee (Slonaker) Weik '74, Linglestown, died on 5/3/05, at the age of 53. She was a Lamaze childbirth educator and was involved with rape crisis and domestic violence education at the YWCA. She also served as director of the Lourdes House Maternity Home.

James E. Frey '79, Honey Brook, passed away on 5/16/05, at the age of 70. He was a teacher in the Twin Valley School District.

Nancy H. Philo '80, Lancaster, died on 6/13/05, at the age of 51. She taught special education for the Lancaster/Lebanon I.U.13.

Michael P. Dougherty '83, Lancaster, passed away on 7/26/05, at the age of 44. He was a machine operator with Lancaster Newspapers for 27 years.

Jill D. Ravegum '86, East Petersburg, passed away on 7/16/05, at the age of 41. She was the manager of the Franklin Mint store at the Rockvale Shopping Center.

Stephen N. Seiter '88, Elkton, Md, passed away on 4/13/05, at the age of 67.

Jack Ray Masey Jr. '92, Norristown, passed away on 4/27/05, at the age of 38. He was employed by the Philadelphia Country Club.

Thomas J. Mohr '95, Ephrata, passed away on 7/29/05, at the age of 33. He was the branch manager at Performance Personnel and a member of O.M.P.H. Catholic Church where he coached basketball and served as a board member of the athletic association.

Brian M. Beckley '00, Williamsport, passed away on 3/6/05, at the age of 27. He was employed by Youth Advocate of Lancaster in therapeutic support services.
Career services for alumni

Job hunting? Looking for a full-time or part-time job? Search for jobs and/or post your resume on MU’s College Central Network (MUCCN). Before posting your resume, have it critiqued by MU’s Career Services for free, Monday-Friday from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. during the fall and spring semesters. Employers nationwide will be able to view your resume.

Link to MUCCN on the Career Services website at http://www.collegecentral.com/millersville/Alum.cfm

Click on “MU College Central Network,” then “students/alumni,” then “alumni.” Follow the prompts to create your user ID and password. For assistance, call Career Services at 717-872-3312.

Become a mentor. Participate in the Career Services new initiative—alumni mentors program. As a mentor you have the opportunity to tell your career story, participate in informational interviews, speak at clubs and organization meetings, speak with other alumni and more. If you are already registered as an alum with MUCCN Go to the link for MUCCN (http://www.collegecentral.com/millersville/Alum.cfm) log in. Click on Post My Profile in the Mentoring Network.” Enter the password “Millersville” and follow the instructions to post your information. The Career Services Office will contact you about the mentoring program.

For additional information on how MU's Career Services program can assist alumni, log onto their website (www.millersville.edu/~careersv) and check out their features including information on graduate schools, job resources, workshops and career exploration.

Alumni directory published

Earlier this past spring, over 2,800 copies (both print and CD-Rom versions) of the 2005 commemorative MU alumni directory were sold to alumni worldwide. The 2005 edition included a history of Millersville University and the alumni association, as well as lists of MU principals and presidents, officials of the University, association award recipients and past presidents. The 1,300-plus page volume also included information on 50,000 alumni database, which was divided into a biographical section, class year section (dating back to 1858), a geographical section and a career networking section.

The data were gleaned from the actual alumni database and a survey mailed in the fall of 2004. Over 28,000 forms were received from alumni. The survey also included a brief questionnaire regarding topics of interest for future event and program planning ideas for the alumni association. The directory was published by Harris Publishing Co., Inc. of Virginia.

Join the elite group

Over 2,200 alumni have already registered for the new alumni online community found on the alumni website at www.millersville.edu/~alumni

Five percent of the alumni population has already logged on and enrolled as members. All MU alumni can participate free for an online alumni directory, online event registration, online giving, class note posting (with photos) and more. Visit the alumni website, click on first-time user and navigate to networking with other alums, or updating your profile or announcing your fifth child, promotion, wedding, etc. Remember, this service is for MU alumni exclusively and is password protected. If you have any questions, please contact the alumni services office at 800-681-1855, weekdays from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. or send us an email at mualumni@millersville.edu

So, log on and have fun! Stay connected: www.millisecond.com

Presidential town meetings

Dr. Francine G. McNairy will take to the road or plane to visit alumni and friends in the following areas (dates are subject to change):

- Philadelphia: Wednesday, November 30
- Naples, Florida: Saturday, January 14
- Atlanta, Georgia: Tuesday, January 31
- Pittsburgh: Monday, February 6
- New York City: Thursday, May 18

A separate mailing will be sent to area alumni prior to each event, or call the Alumni Services offices at 800-681-1855 for more information.
Summer in Greece, Canada or Ireland

The Pennsylvania State System Alumni and Friends Travel Program has planned three summer programs. For information and reservations, call Cruisin’ Inc./Main Line Vacations at 800-506-7447 or visit the website: www.alumnivacations.com and click on Millersville University.

Greek Isles Cruise, July 2-15, 2006. Cruise on the Grand Princess, starting at $3,416/per person/double occupancy which includes round trip air from Philadelphia or Newark, airport transfers, port charges, all meals and entertainment onboard ship. Ports of call include: Venice, Italy; Croatia; Corfu, Greece; Katakolon, Greece; Athens (Piraeus), Greece; Mykonos, Greece; Kusadasi, Turkey; Rhodes, Greece; Santorini, Greece; Naples, Italy and Rome, Italy. Optional two-nights in Rome is also planned with a private tour of the Vatican. A deposit of $600 per person is required by October 1.

Canadian Cruise, July 24-29, 2006. Set sail from New York on one of Carnival Cruise Lines largest ships, Carnival Victory, with an amazing five-day cruise. Fares start at $751/per person/double occupancy. The itinerary includes two-days at sea and two port days in St. John, New Brunswick and Halifax, Nova Scotia. Prices start at $751/per person/double occupancy and include round-trip bus transfers from Central and Eastern Pennsylvania, port charges, all taxes, and all meals and entertainment onboard ship.

Ireland, August 11-19, 2006. Fares start at $2,494/per person/double occupancy which includes round-trip air from select U.S. gateways. Included in the nine-day land tour are the services of a professional Irish tour director, sightseeing by luxury motorcoach, seven nights in superior first class hotels in Bunratty; Killarney; Waterford; Dublin and Galway, full Irish breakfast daily and all dinners except one in Dublin.

Alumni Calendar of Events

For more information about the Destinations travel program, call 717-871-2308 or email specialevents@millersville.edu
“150 Years of MU Faces”

Get your copy of Millersville Alumni Association’s special 150th Anniversary commemorative publication, 150 Years of MU Faces. Profiles of 150 notable alumni from the 1850s to 1990s –listed below. This book contains 150 living and deceased alumni who have provided a period of continuous service to Millersville University and/or have made a significant contribution to society at-large.

The 128-page publication also includes an in-depth timeline of the university, a brief history of MU, a history of the Alumni Association, vintage photos and vignettes of yesteryear at Millersville (i.e., poems, cheers, quotes).

Order your copy today by calling 800-681-1855. The cost is $25 which includes shipping and handling, and Pa. sales tax.
Winter Ball scheduled

The annual Winter Ball sponsored by the Lancaster County branch of the MU Alumni Association will be held in Gordinier Hall on Saturday, December 3, 8-11 p.m. Featured entertainment is the 18-piece Craig Sunday Orchestra of Carlisle, who will swing us back in time for a delightful evening of Big Band music and dancing. Price will include a dessert social, beer, wine and sodas. Call 800-681-1855 by November 28 for reservations; space is limited.

Where in the world are MU grads?

Our 50,000+ living alumni are residing (based on last information reported to MU):

Top Five Countries
1. United States & territories 49,897
2. Germany 24
3. Japan 23
4. Canada 16
5. United Kingdom 13

Top Ten States in USA
1. Pennsylvania 34,969
2. Maryland 1,402
3. New Jersey 1,261
4. Florida 842
5. Virginia 789
6. Delaware 544
7. California 483
8. New York 441
9. North Carolina 404
10. Texas 297

[FYI: MU does have alumni in all 50 US states. The state with the smallest MU population is North Dakota with 7.]

Top 10 Counties in Pennsylvania
1. Lancaster 13,300
2. York 3,196
3. Montgomery 2,454
4. Chester 1,980
5. Berks 1,833
6. Bucks 1,653
7. Dauphin 1,549
8. Lebanon 1,314
9. Delaware 1,232
10. Cumberland 1,203

Homecoming concert: Diamond Rio

The country-pop musical group, Diamond Rio is scheduled to take center stage in Pucillo Gymnasium on Homecoming, Saturday, October 29, at 8 p.m. Diamond Rio members Jimmy Olander, Dana Williams, Dan Truman, Gene Johnson, Brian Prout, and Marty Roe have created a remarkable track record of awards, chart-topping hits, and critical acclaim, along the way selling more than 10 million albums, with each release certified Gold or Platinum. Collectively earning Vocal Group of the Year honors six times from the CMA and ACM, they recently received their 14th consecutive CMA Vocal Group of the Year nomination. With nine No. 1 hits, 15 Top singles, and 13 Grammy nominations, these 1998 Grand Ole Opry inductees have consistently demonstrated the level of musicianship and amazing talent that made them the CMA’s most awarded and nominated group throughout the 1990s, while continuing to break new ground, setting a career-high debut and launching back-to-back, multi-week No. 1 hits with their most recent album, Completely. “One More Day,” is one of their most memorable songs post 9-11. Other hits include “Beautiful Mess,” “I Believe,” “How Your Love Makes Me Feel,” and “Meet Me in the Middle.”

Tickets are available at the Student Memorial Center ticket window or by calling 717-872-3811 (M-F, 8 a.m.–4 p.m.). Reserved seating: $25; general bleacher seating: $20; MU students with ID (1 per ID): $15. The concert is sponsored by the Millersville Alumni Association.
Millersville night at the Barnstormers was a huge success—and made the attendance record books—second only to the Barnstormers opening night game and ceremony.

Millersville’s Alumni Services office and Lancaster County Branch of the Alumni Association hosted a fun night for over 225 alumni and their guests. MU and Student Services, Inc. were the proud sponsors of the event.

Miss Pennsylvania, Nicole Brewer ’05, threw out the first ceremonial pitch, using skills that were handy when she was a student and member of the Marauder softball team. Later, between innings, she wowed the crowd with her voice as she sang, “Take Me Out to the Ballgame.”

Look for another fun night at the Barnstormers next summer.

Photos, left, top to bottom:
Tina Stout ’84, theatre production manager at MU, and her family enjoyed the game.
Phil and Mary Ann Gerber, both Class of 1967, were among the first 2,000 adults to receive free commemorative T-shirts.
Admissions, graduate studies and other Millersville programs had displays set up throughout the stadium.

Above, Kari Derck ’03, ’05 won the drawing for a iPod. She was attending the game with her mother, Joy Derck, also an MU alum with a 1999 graduate degree.

Above, top, Barnstormers pitcher Matt Scheuing ’03 gives Nicole Brewer ’05, Miss Pennsylvania, a few pointers before she throws out the first pitch.

Left, Cylo, Lancaster Barnstormers mascot, and Millersville’s Skullly get cozy.