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Remembering the Holocaust

For the past 26 years, Millersville University has held an annual conference on the Holocaust to discuss and reflect on this time period in world history.

It is the longest continuous academic program of its kind. Focusing on the theme “Confronting the Other: The Holocaust and Contemporary Issues of Racism and Xenophobia,” the April conference in explored the relationship of the Holocaust to the persistence of racism, anti-Semitism and xenophobia as global phenomena.

Keynote speaker Jerry Fowler, staff director of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum’s Committee on Conscience, spoke about the role of the Holocaust in combating genocide by creating a “constituency of conscience.” “When we learn about the Holocaust, we learn about consequences of apathy and inaction in the face of hatred and evil,” said Fowler.

Fowler brought current world issues into his lecture by discussing the genocide occurring in the Darfur section of Sudan. He expressed hope that people would intervene in the genocide and questioned how the United States would respond to this situation knowing what we know about the Holocaust. He addressed the importance of action and being more than just a bystander. The Holocaust was enabled by “a world of bystanders,” said Fowler. “The mass killings started after a decade of increasing prejudice against the Jews and the world chose to stand by rather than stand up…what we do know is remaining silent encourages others to be silent and that affirms people doing bad things.”

This year's conference marked the 26th and last for Dr. Jack Fischel, emeritus professor of history at MU. Dr. Saulius Suziedelis, professor of history, will run next year's Holocaust conference.

On the Cover

Millersville students don protective gear while gutting homes in New Orleans over spring break. From left to right, standing, Emily Styer, Jess Paxton, Katie Ricketts, Shannon McBride, Jennie Labowitz; in front, Stephen Fulmer, Patrick Brandt and Nick Crowther.

MU People

Dr. John Short officially became the new dean of the School of Humanities & Social Sciences on July 1. He served as the interim dean since January 2003. Short came to Millersville in July 2002 as associate dean of the school.

New fire rescue truck for community

The long-awaited addition to the Millersville Fire Company has arrived. Last spring Millersville University contributed $70,000 toward the purchase of the $667,000 fire rescue vehicle.

Posed in front of the truck are Fire Chief Keith Eshleman, Teresa Hummel and Bob Slabinski of Student Services, Inc., Dr. Bernice Rydell, Millersville's vice president of administration and finance, and Mayor Richard Moriarty '72.

Fence at Breidenstine Hall

There’s a new work of art on campus. The bold, sculpted fence is the work Keith Brommer '05, artist-in-residence. He has worked on the fence project for almost two years and it is now on permanent display, greeting everyone to Breidenstine Hall.
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stained Glass Window, “Climb Though the Rocks be Rugged” - Spring 2005 issue

It is always a joy and a privilege to receive the Millersville Review. Each time that it arrives, it is eagerly read, cover to cover.

The cover story regarding the stained glass window... was extremely interesting, and to which I would like to provide additional information which you and the readers may find informative and interesting.

Mentioned in the article was the fact that the window was commissioned and presented to the Normal School by the Class of 1909. The words “Climb Though the Rocks be Rugged” was the class motto, adopted in 1908 and subsequently written into a poem by classmate Benjamin H. Heller ’09. It was included in the class song of 1909, also penned by Heller and sung to the tune of “America.”

Two Millersville giants were affiliated with the class of 1909. Anna Lyle, class advisor, in a report to Principal Dr. Oram E. Lyte, had these words to say: “It is with great pleasure that I send you my report of the Middle Class of 1908. As a whole, they have been aptly named by yourself and that most hard to satisfy body – the state board – ‘The Model Class.’ Early in the year, they selected for themselves a motto ‘Climb Though the Rocks be Rugged,’ which is just what they do. In short, they have attempted nothing in which they have not carried off the prize with flying colors.”

A significant number of the class distinguished themselves in teaching and in other careers, as was predicted. A prominent member of the class was Dr. Joseph P. Noonan, who served as the youngest district superintendent of schools in Pennsylvania in his era. He also served as Principal and President of Mansfield Normal School and East Stroudsburg State Teachers College. Subsequent to his death, sizable endowments were established at Mansfied, East Stroudsburg and Millersville. Income from the endowments provide funds for co-curricular and ancillary student activities.


NOTE: Dr. DiNunzio also provided the full text of the poem “Climb Though the Rocks be Rugged” and the class song of 1909. Unfortunately, the Review does not have available space to print these in their entirety.

Letter to the Editor - Spring 2006 issue

Just a short trivia “memory jogger”... For those “old timers” who may remember, the origin of The Sugar Bowl occurred between the years 1956-1959. “Mother Nature” prevents me from exercising specific recall but I can visualize numerous milkshakes consumed at “The Bowl” in ’57, ’58 and ’59. The Sugar Bowl was an alternative to the campus “hangout” called the Rat Race.

John Talbott ’59 - Ocean Pines, Md.

Chemistry of Art - Spring 2006 issue

Kudos for an excellent article.

The ultimate goal of this program [Center for Workshops in Chemical Sciences], which is to improve education in the sciences especially at the undergraduate level, has major implications for the economic and security interests of the country.

[Pat Hill’s] workshops are, of course, superb and require no assistance from me other than to keep the dollars coming [funding comes from the National Science Foundation (NSF)]. Pat has also served as a valuable informal advisor to the program – given her vast experience in running workshops over the years.

... Roughly 400,000 students have been impacted by the program; recently, our surveys have demonstrated a decisively positive impact of workshop materials at the individual student learning level.

NSF is now emphasizing the development of a Community of Scholars from present and past workshop participants. This emphasis means that extensive post workshop activities such as web casts, virtual reunions, symposia, and other networking events are to be developed and run by CWCS.

Dr. Jerry Smith
CWCS Director, George State University
CNN anchor Soledad O’Brien speaks at commencement

On Saturday morning, May 13, University officials anxiously watched the downpour of rain and struggled with the option of moving commencement exercises indoors. But, after conferring with faculty from its top-notch Weather Information Center, a rain delay was called. The meteorologists got it right. The rain passed and the sun shone on the graduates. Approximately 949 individuals received undergraduate degrees and 71 earned graduate degrees.

The weather delayed the arrival of commencement speaker Soledad O’Brien, CNN journalist and co-anchor of American Morning, who was coming from New York City.

In her speech, O’Brien spoke about many of the tragedies she has covered as a reporter. Events included September 11, the tsunami in Southeast Asia, Hurricane Katrina and the Columbine High School shootings.

Through these experiences, she has learned about what makes a survivor. In addition to flexibility and a sense of humor, she said, “they never wait to be rescued. They rescue themselves. I think that’s a good analogy for life.”

A crowd estimated at 7,000 was on hand for the first commencement held on the new Chryst Field at Biemesderfer Stadium.

Robotic competition for Teams Black & Gold

In their first time competing in the Trinity College Firefighting Robot Contest in Hartford, Conn., Millersville University sent two teams of students, who tied for 13th place.

Held in April, the international event featured over a half-dozen countries. Forty-three were entered in the senior division, with only 27 qualifying.

Both Team Black and Team Gold qualified in their first year, which is rare, according to Dr. John R. Wright, who taught the Microprocessor Electronics Class that participated.

The purpose of the contest is to build an autonomous computer-controlled robot that can find its way through a maze representing a model house, find a lit candle representing a fire in the house and extinguish the fire in the shortest time. Both MU team robots found the candle in under a minute.

“For working on the robots for only eight weeks, we did really well. Many of the teams spend a year or more on their robot designs,” said Wright. “I was proud of how they handled the challenge under pressure.”
Wushanley isn’t a name you are likely to come across.

For Dr. Ying Wushanley, associate professor of wellness and sports sciences at Millersville University, his surname has special significance. It is a blending of his own Chinese culture and his wife’s Irish ancestry.

When Dr. Wushanley became a naturalized United States citizen in 1999, he decided to combine his own family name of Wu with the last name of his Irish-born wife, Geraldine Shanley, to create a whole new name—Wushanley.

“It’s unique. And it has meaning for me and for my family,” says Wushanley, 48, who now shares that last name with his wife and their two daughters, Sophia, 13, and Lily, 10.

Wushanley has been influenced by the special women in his life especially his mother, Jia-an Wu, who raised him on her own in Shanghai, China. A woman of courage and strength, she gave her family’s surname of Wu to her son in order to protect him. Wushanley’s father was a counter-revolutionary political prisoner in China.

The day after playing a tennis match, Jia-an Wu suffered a stroke and died at the age of 69. She had been a physical educator for more than forty years. In her youth she was an incredibly versatile athlete who played tennis, basketball, table tennis, badminton and volleyball, as well as running track, swimming, diving, gymnastics and flying a glider.

“She was very energetic and a very accomplished athlete,” says Wushanley. “It gave me a tremendous respect for women and especially for women athletes.”

Wushanley’s mother introduced him to various sports at an early age, instilling in him the joy of participating and competing in sports, and an appreciation of the aesthetics of human movement.

“But more importantly, she helped me understand that sporting is like living. The most important thing is not the results, but how you conduct yourself in the process of trying to achieve your goals,” he says.

Before coming to Millersville in 1996, Wushanley was an assistant professor at Ithaca College. A noted expert, he was recently named as a candidate to the Fulbright Senior Specialists program which is designed for short-term academic opportunities overseas for scholars.

Wushanley’s research and teaching have concentrated on issues such as women/gender and sports, intercollegiate athletics, sports and international relations, the modern Olympic movement, sports and internationalism and multiculturalism.

As he points out, these issues have become an important part of the American and world culture. And that has lead to his newest book, Playing Nice and Losing: The Struggle for Control of Women’s Intercollegiate Athletics 1960-2000.

It examines the relationship between the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association), the major governing body of intercollegiate athletics in the U.S., and the now-defunct AIAW (Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women). A key element in the evolution of women’s intercollegiate athletics was the passage of Title IX in 1972, a federal law prohibiting sex discrimination in all educational activities including intercollegiate athletics.

In the book, Wushanley identifies five major themes:

1. The movement from protectionism to sex-separation of women’s college sports.
2. The ascendance of women’s sports as a result of the Cold War and power struggle within U.S. amateur sports.
3. The challenge to the sex-separatist philosophy.
4. The NCAA takeover and bankruptcy of the AIAW.
5. The defeat of the AIAW as a defender of the “separate but equal” doctrine.

Wushanley played semi-professional soccer in Shanghai, but his career ended in early 1976 because of political censorship. In college, he was on the varsity teams of soccer, track and swimming.

His latest sport is golf, which he has recently taken up. He has even transformed one of his favorite interests – cooking – into something of a sport.

“Cooking is one of my great pleasures. I love to share food with my friends and my family,” says Wushanley, adding that sometimes he even combines Chinese cabbage with Irish potatoes for a dish that blends his own family’s unique ancestry.
“I regret to advise you that there is really practically nothing that a girl can do here at the college whereby she may earn anything like a definite income,” wrote Millersville’s registrar in 1931.

The letter was sent to Miss Mary E. Hively of York, Pa., and shared with the Millersville Review by Mary’s daughter, Christine Mary Lloyd Test ’66. Her mother’s dream was to be a teacher.

And, although she came from a very poor family, Mary Hively was determined to realize her dream.

The registrar also wrote: “Every year a number of students live in homes in the village or in the city of Lancaster, where they receive their living in exchange for light housework before and after school hours and over the weekends. If you are interested in such a proposition we shall be very glad indeed to do our best to secure a good home for you. Kindly advise me at an early date, as we have many applicants for homes of this kind.”

Thus, Mary Estella (Hively) Lloyd found lodging and employment with a prominent Lancaster family. In addition to “light housework,” she prepared the family’s meals and cared for the couple’s child. After serving and cleaning up from the dinner meal, Mary was able to go to her living space in the house’s attic to study. She relied on the trolley from Lancaster to Millersville to attend her classes.

Despite the hardships, she never complained or felt sorry for herself. As the oldest child in an impoverished family, Mary was used to hard work. Growing up in York County, she was willing to take on any job at area farms to earn money for her family.

When Mary graduated with her teaching certificate in 1933, there were no teaching jobs available. She felt fortunate to find work in a factory, folding pajamas. Her employer was so impressed with her work ethic and positive attitude that she was sent to represent the company at the 1933-34 World’s Fair in Chicago.

In 1934, Mary – the girl who loved to go to school – got her first teaching job. She taught until 1977. Christine says that her mother, who passed away in 2001, would have continued to teach but she stepped down so that others could have the opportunity. Her mother, she says, was a natural-born teacher who loved children. “She never lost her love for children and they loved her. They seemed to be drawn to Mother like a magnet.”

Not only did Mary E. (Hively) Lloyd ’33 realize her dream, she inspired future generations of her family and her many students to get an education. Both of Mary’s daughters, Christine Mary Lloyd Test ’66 and Rebecca Estella Lloyd Hester ’69, became teachers. Of the four grandchildren, two are educators including Carla Rebecca Test-Werner ’84 and two are physicians. Mary’s youngest brother Gerald Paul Hester ’66 and Neil Eugene Everhart ’55, her sister’s husband, were also educators. The Millersville connection and York County teaching legacy also includes Christine’s mother-in-law, Ruth J. Miller Test’ 54, and Ruth’s sister, Pauline Miller Brown’ 34.

In Mary’s lifetime, she saw vast changes in society and in women’s value in the workplace. Today, students—female and male—have an abundance of campus jobs to choose from. In addition, 58 percent of Millersville’s staff is female including its president, Dr. Francine G. McNairy. Women make up approximately 47 percent of MU’s faculty.

According to the 2005 U.S. Department of Labor statistics – 69 million women represent 46 percent of the total U.S. labor force.
STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Softball trio: Amanda, Brandi & Jessica

Three players...one team...one high school – Mifflinburg Area High School.

It’s unusual enough that three players on the same college team also played together in high school, and that all three are significant contributors. The trio includes battery mates Brandi Catherman ’06 and Jessica Vonada ’08 as well as starting left fielder Amanda Heimbach ’09.

In softball or baseball, one of the most important relationships on the diamond is that of a pitcher and catcher: the ability for a catcher to know what pitches work well in specific situations for a certain pitcher; the confidence a pitcher has in his catcher to make a stop and call the right pitch. Catherman, a biology secondary education major, serves as the role model for the two younger Marauders.

“Were we lucky enough to get Brandi to come to MU,” head coach Kathy Cummings noted. “She was exactly what we needed for the program – someone interested in getting a great education and looking to make an impact, and a difference, on a college softball program.”

“Having Brandi on the team before me did influence my decision a little, and I wanted to make a difference on the team,” said Vonada who came to MU first for the academics and second for the team. She is a mathematics secondary education major.

Heimbach, a biology major, seconds her teammate’s comments, going so far as to equate her time on the field to being able to spend time with a best friend doing something you love.

“I liked the school [Millersville] because of the size and location; it’s a lot like home. As a freshman in high school, I really looked up to Brandi and having her here is such a great thing for me.”

With the trio combining for nearly 100 hits along with Vonada’s team-best 73 strikeouts, the Marauders enjoyed their first 30-win campaign, completely rewriting the record book and staking a claim to 30 marks.

All echo the one sentiment, though. Once at Millersville; it’s all about the Millersville team – the whole team. And the efforts of the team translated into the most successful season in the history of the program.
Since coming to Millersville in January, I’ve been lucky enough to see my share of great games, memorable moments and clutch performances. For the first time in what will hopefully become an annual tradition, I submit to you the best of Marauders athletics.

Luke Stillson
Acting Director of Sports Information

Best Games

Men’s Basketball at Cheyney, 1/28/06: Trailing by as many as 15 points in the first half, the team chipped away at the deficit to snap a five-game skid. Jamar Thomas hit a 3-pointer and completed a basket-and-foul play on back-to-back possessions – part of his career-best 24-point outing – to give the Marauders their first lead of the game at 56-55 with 8:08 to play.

Men’s Basketball vs. Edinboro, 1/7/06: Returning home in need of a win to halt a three-game skid, Charlie Parker hit treys on back-to-back possessions to spark a 14-0 blast midway through the second half that put Millersville on top, 61-51. The Marauders held off a late Fighting Scot charge that included an underhand shot just inside the arc in the game’s final seconds, setting the 66-65 final. As part of his 24 points, Parker electrified the crowd with three second-half dunks.

Women’s Basketball vs. Kutztown, 2/1/06: Reeling from a 3-6 January, the Marauders used their defense to start February off on the right foot, holding Kutztown to a season low in points (40) and field-goal percentage (.294) and its first conference loss. Freshman Jamika Rehm led the stifling inside defense with a collegiate-best eight blocked shots in the Marauders’ 57-40 victory.

Women’s Basketball at West Chester, 2/6/06: Two days after giving back the Kutztown victory with a loss at Bloomsburg, the Marauders needed a final-second basket from Ashley Romanoski for a 62-60 win at West Chester. Trailing by as many as 16 in the second half, the Golden Rams took a 60-58 lead with 1:34 to play before Branden Lippy hit two free throws to knot the game at 60 with 42 seconds to play. With three seconds remaining, Jayeneca Bailey inbouned the ball from under the basket to Romanoski for the winning hoop.

Baseball vs. Shippensburg (Game Two), 4/4/06: Down 6-2 and their final out, the Marauders rallied for a 7-6 victory to earn a split with the Red Raiders. Andrew Dochterman ripped a single down the left-field line before Rick Caravaggio was hit by a pitch and Brett Rhoads walked to load the bases for Rob Duvall. Duvall cranked a 2-0 fastball just inside the right-field foul pole for his first collegiate grand slam to knot the game. Ted Kirner roped a bases-loaded single to right in the bottom of the eighth to complete the comeback.

Best Individual Performances

Charlie Parker (Men’s Basketball at Mansfield, 1/18/06): Parker’s career-best 33 points marked the fourth 30-point scorer in the Fred Thompson coaching era. The first player to reach the plateau since Michah Davenport hit 30 in 2003, Parker’s 33 was the most by a Marauder since Gerald Redding poured in 36 three years previously – to the day.

Greg Testa (Men’s Basketball vs. Mansfield, 2/8/06): Not to be outdone by his backcourt mate,
Testa breezed by the 1,000-point plateau, converting his first four baskets to reach the millennium mark and not stopping until he contributed a collegiate-high 35 points in the Marauders’ 83-72 home win. Hitting on 11 of 17 shots, including five 3-pointers for the second straight game, he became Millersville’s 33rd 1,000-point scorer.

Danielle Marshall (Women’s Basketball at Cheyney, 1/28/06): Halfway between the 30-point showing by the starting guards on the men’s team, Marshall netted 31 points at Cheyney. The first 30-point game since Sara Burcin’s 30 on Dec. 4, 1998, she was two-thirds of the way there by halftime, dropping 21 on the Wolves en route to her season-best 13 field goals.

Cody Becker (Wrestling at NCAA East Regional, 3/4/06): Becker won both of his 141-pound bouts to claim the individual crown. Winning both matches by decision, the sophomore earned a bid to the national tournament in Oklahoma.

Branden Lippy (Women’s Basketball vs. East Stroudsburg, 1/28/06): Coming off the bench for the first time in the season, Lippy hit 6 of 10 shots from the floor, including going 3-for-4 from behind the arc, and added a 5-for-5 showing from the charity stripe. Hitting for a career-high 20 points, she keyed an 80-65 victory that snapped the Marauders’ four-game skid.

Jamika Rehm (Women’s Basketball, two games against Kutztown, 2/1/06 and 2/22/06): Two games; one team; 16 blocks. The freshman established her inside presence against the Golden Bears, blocking eight shots in both meetings. She also added a pair of 15-rebound outings while contributing a total of 19 points. The two performances earned her PSAC East Rookie of the Week honors both times.

Rob Duvall (Baseball vs. Shippensburg, 4/4/06): After pitching a season-long three innings in the opener, Duvall had a nightcap every baseball player dreams of. With the bases loaded and two outs in the bottom of the seventh, Duvall rocketed his first collegiate grand slam to tie the game at 6. If that wasn’t enough, he stepped back to the mound and pitched a 1-2-3 top of the eighth, allowing the Marauders to win it in the bottom of the frame. On a side note, with a hit in both games, he extended his hitting streak to a 12 games – a stretch that ended later in the week at a team-long 14 games.

Liz Richmond (Women’s Lacrosse vs. West Chester, 4/11/06): Playing the No. 6 team in Division II, Richmond nearly willed her team to a victory, netting a career-best five goals to account for more than half of the Marauders’ offense on the day.

Cory Gast (Men’s Golf at Camp LeJeune Invitational, 4/2/06): With his team playing in the Scarlet Division on the final day and trailing Louisburg Community College by eight strokes, Gast fired a season-low 67 to catapult the Marauders to their second team title of 2006.

Best Stretch

Meghan Sinback (Softball, 3/11/06 to 4/3/06): The longest known hitting streak for a MU player, Sinback hit in 21 straight games. During the stretch, she rapped out 35 hits in 77 at bat for a .455 batting average with 16 RBIs and 19 runs scored. She pounded out six extra-base hits, including three home runs.

With Honors

Baseball: With its 19th victory of the season at Kutztown on Apr. 28, the Marauders notched their 1,000th win all-time in the 109th season of baseball at Millersville.

Softball: A program-record 29 wins in the regular season was enough not only to get head coach Kathy Cummings her 200th coaching victory and coach of the year honors, but it also earned the Marauders their first-ever spot in the NCAA tournament, where the squad reached the 30-win mark and completely rewrote the record book.
At nine o’clock on a September morning in 1961, I was sitting in Classroom 1 in Wickersham Hall when a tall, thin, stoop-shouldered man with a shuffling gait and wearing a dark blue suit came through the door at the back of the room and took his place behind the lectern. His tender but penetrating eyes, salt-and-pepper hair, and deeply furrowed, somewhat gaunt but gentle face bore a striking resemblance to Abraham Lincoln’s. Speaking softly and flipping in circles a ring of keys on the long bony middle finger of his right hand, he made an immediate and deep impression on me, a freshman in English Grammar and Composition I.

This sensitive, unassuming man was in love with learning and was eager to share his knowledge that went well beyond the subject he was charged with teaching. His name was William Trout.

This was the first of four courses I took with him, and over time, a friendship developed. In the 1970s, he shared with me poetry he had been writing for some thirty years but had never sought to publish or indeed to show to others.
Born on July 17, 1909, in Salisbury Township, Lancaster County, William Stauffer Trout was the third child of Charles E. and Alice Livingston Trout. For most of his life Bill lived on the edge of Gap, a village in the rolling farmland and hedgerows of eastern Lancaster County. His closeness to the land in part explains why much of his poetry deals with nature, often with a social, philosophical or psychological subtext. The musicality and painterly quality of his nature poems reflect his interest in music and art. Close observation and a keen eye for detail characterize his poems about plants, wildlife and the seasons, as in “Crow”:

Now here is a dead bird beneath the elm;
The eyes have dried and sunken, and the feathers
That dared the whimsicalities of weathers,
Gales and snowing airs, to overwhelm,
Fell to the sporting creature with the gun,
The speculative and cerebrating one.

Even the maggots have deserted this,
And left it washed by winter now and faded;
Yet these three violets do not feel degraded
To unfold here the purple complexities
Dabbed with white. Soft airs of April freak
The shattered wing, nudge softly the parted beak.

Burglar crow, how coarsely here you lie,
The clenched claw faded, and the withering skin
Drawn across a skeleton white and thin,
While over the valley, in the upper sky,
A flock-mate flaps, but still you do not stir—
Sated explorer, fooled philosopher.

Bill’s father, a carpenter and general handyman, died in the 1918-19 influenza epidemic, leaving his wife to provide and care for their four young sons. Alice Trout returned to teaching and, at Millersville, earned the one-year professional certificate for teaching primary grades. She taught first grade while her sister, Mary Livingston (also a Millersville graduate), taught grades seven and eight. Bill’s younger brother, Frank, also entered the teaching profession following his graduation from Millersville.

Bill received his two-year rural-school certificate from Millersville in 1931, but he was not able to complete his bachelor’s degree until 1947. From 1931-35, he taught all grades at the one-room Mt. Airy School in the Welsh Mountains near Gap. He then joined his mother and aunt at Gap Centralized School, teaching grades seven and eight.

Not only did Bill experience poverty first-hand during childhood, he saw it among his Mt. Airy students, who were children of the rural poor, some descendants of former slaves. During World War II, he worked in the mill at Lukens Steel in Coatesville, where he earned the trust and friendship of his fellow manual laborers. After the war, Bill taught at Christiana School until its consolidation with other schools in the Octorara district in the 1950s. In 1958 he was appointed instructor of English at Millersville State College and remained there until his retirement in 1968. Throughout his career he gained the respect and admiration of colleagues and the gratitude and love of students, whose memories of him remain vivid decades later.

Norma Patterson ’65, who had Bill as a seventh-and eighth-grade teacher at Gap, said his teaching of mathematics made the subject interesting and easy. Peter Smith, a
Emory Phillips captured one such meeting on the Christiana School grounds in a surreptitious snapshot (photo to the right), which earned him that Troutian-raised-eyebrow look we all knew and the stern but harmless threat, “You’ll fail for that,” when Bill heard the camera click.

I was not alone in looking for any excuse to go to Mr. Trout’s office just to chat with him about literature, art and music.

For Betty Curtis ’60, a twenty-seven-year-old army veteran, and one of the few African-American students at Millersville in the late 1950s, Bill was someone with whom she felt comfortable. She found him “accepting and interested in the ‘inner person’ not in an individual’s race or economic status.” He always asked what I was reading. (He suggested Anton Chekhov’s short stories)... he would always say, ‘How I envy you, reading it the first time.” In later years when she telephoned him from the Lancaster railroad station between trains, he would always ask, “What are you reading?” She still has the letters and postcards Bill sent her while she was in Korea. She says, “He was a sensational teacher.”

While former students speak of his kindness and his patience in going over material until all students understood it, Bill was no Mr. Chips. He was demanding in his grading standards. Gloria Dobkin ’68 calls Trout “a great teacher” and recalls his classes “with nostalgia,” though she “will never forget the scathing remarks Bill sprinkled through-out my essays [in Advanced Composition], sometimes in Latin and German.” Those of us fortunate enough to have taken freshman English with Trout remember that every Friday in the first semester we wrote a single-paragraph essay in class. During the second semester we wrote a three-to-four paragraph composition outside of class on topics such as “The Fact of Individual Sin” or “Living Happily Alone in a Crowd.” Rita Bechtel Smith ’61 remembers a December afternoon in 1958 when “I missed my ride home to Pottstown for Christmas vacation because I was sitting in Mr. Trout’s class writing a paragraph on ‘A November Cornfield.’ I had to rewrite that paragraph many times until Mr. Trout accepted it.”

For nearly sixty-five years Norma Patterson has kept a senior high school essay she wrote about Mr. Trout titled “A Peculiar Character Whom I Liked,” which she ended by saying, “Although he was rather peculiar and had strange ideas, you could have considered it a privilege to know him because his friendship was something most people appreciated.” Trout’s Christiana student William Axe captures what so many of us felt about Mr. Trout: “He was a study of what we thought we should be. We wanted to emulate him.”

From an early age Bill was a shy and private person, preferring to stay in the classroom and read rather than joining classmates on the playground at recess. Once pressed into directing a school play at Christiana, he didn’t show up for the performance lest he would have to go on stage for curtain calls. He also avoided being photographed whenever possible. At the dinner given for retiring teachers the year he left Octorara for Millersville, Bill grumbled to his colleague Jean Rentz about the “barbarity” of sitting at the head table and having people watch one eat. With age Bill became increasingly reclusive. He was always self-conscious about his physical appearance, once referring to
A special exhibit featuring the poetry of William Trout ’31 was held this spring. The exhibit was a collaboration of the University’s Department of English, Ganser Library, Office of University Advancement and the Lancaster Literary Guild.

A true scholar, Trout’s insatiable appetite for knowledge and gift for learning continues to inspire many of his students and colleagues from decades ago. Among of comments written in the exhibit visitors’ book are:

“He was my Annie Sullivan!”
- Mary Douglas Ritz Risser ’67

“Mr. Trout has been the yardstick by which I have measured all teachers, including myself.”
- Dennis Simmons ’63, M’67

“Bill Trout was the most extraordinary person I have ever know.”
- William Snyder

“Mr. Trout was the kindest professor I ever had; he demonstrated humanity when others remained distant.”
- Pam Thomas Leconte ’68

A more extensive account of Trout that includes additional examples of his poetry can be found in Zeller’s article in the spring 2006 issue of Rapportage, a publication of the Lancaster Literary Guild.

“Mr. Trout always asked ‘What are you reading now?’”

himself as Ichabod Crane. Self-effacing, he remained convinced he was poorly educated and intellectually inadequate and rejected any praise with a sharp reproof.

Public events made him uncomfortable, and he had no time for sham or pomp, as the biting wit of his poem “Commencement” makes clear.

Come, Gulliver, the strain is arduous, but Be circumspect; summon common sense; Here is a scurvy dukedom in Lilliput, And with these scuttling here we can dispense— Mere Lilliputian (to an eye serene), Minute, noxious, but not worth a bean.

As you stand there, foolish in the black Ridiculous robe, recall that grazing roan In the June meadow; and when you go back This afternoon, salute the charlock-strewn Green fastness, where that knowing one will stare Distastefully, scenting Yahoo air.

A deeply sensitive man, Bill was easily moved to tears, particularly by music, which was his great passion. His interests—reading, classical music and opera, and art history—were solitary pastimes, and together with his left-leaning social and political values and religious skepticism contributed to isolating him from conservative Lancaster County society.

He lived with his mother all her life, caring for her until she died at age 91 in 1967. Many of the poems about illness, old age, and death, as well as those concerned with time, the meaning of life and our place in the universe, no doubt grew out of his observations of and reflections on his mother, the illnesses and deaths of other family members and friends, and events he experienced or read about. Because of its consumerism, materialism, and vapid popular culture, Bill felt alienated from American society. That he was well-read in philosophy and steeped in the writings of C. G. Jung helps explain his fondness for literature that addresses social, psychological and philosophical issues.

In a May 1971 letter, Bill told me he found keeping a journal and writing “doggerel verse,” which he called a “vice,” therapeutic. There are more than six hundred poems in Trout’s oeuvre, many of which take the form of reminiscence, self-interrogation or interior monologue. That he may have written many more is suggested by advice he gave to William B. “Duke” Snyder ’64, an English minor and fledgling poet whose writing he encouraged. He told Snyder, “Never throw anything away. Save everything. You never know when you may want to go back to the original way you first wrote it. I once burned 900 sonnets.”

Though some of Trout’s poems are tough going, many of them take experiences from life as their subject. A story Bill told me about his much-admired colleague Harold Weirich, a professor of biology at Millersville, became the subject of a poem.

The teacher of biology—a former marine, Who had survived the worst of Guadalcanal— Said one day, in talking quietly About his dead father, whom he loved, That he thought foolish, bad, criminal The sot convention that men must not weep. As and as he talked, with cold profanity, The tears brimmed, and were allowed to fall. (He will not know my gratitude; in the deep January blackness, the cold between The daylight desert and the bleeding grove, Where broken branches cry, begging pity. But the teacher was still young, had yet to learn The obscurity where time’s dull henchmen sit, Feeling the bitter salt to ridge and burn, Because the years have dried the saving thread Of shallow Lothe that would lull the dead.)

The public Trout, the one most of those who crossed his path knew, was “a lesson in deportment on life’s scaffold,” as, I believe, John Masefield once said about tragedy. The private Trout, the one of his letters and poems, reveals a different person. He paid a terrible personal price for sublimating his beliefs and feelings; but his poems, the fruit of this sublimation, have made all of us richer. Because of Mr. Trout some of us read more discerningly and write more clearly; some became better teachers; others learned a love of literature; but all who knew him are better human beings because he passed our way.
A New Orleans church bears the markings from the search and rescue efforts that followed Hurricane Katrina. The spray-painted notations indicate when the building was searched, who searched it and the number of bodies found. Fortunately, in this building, no one perished.
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It started like most spring breaks with a road trip. Paying their own expenses for transportation, amounting to about $200, the students rented a van and embarked on the 1,200-mile journey that would change their lives. “Throughout the 20 hours of traveling, the eight of us became a family,” says Katie Ricketts, who is a junior majoring in elementary education.

“We started the week in a two-day car ride with eight people who had some connections, but overall we were strangers,” says Shannon McBride, a senior elementary education major. “We got along so well, joking around, talking seriously, discovering new things and places, and working as a team. No one was annoyed or frustrated with anyone the entire week. We learned a lot of things from each other, being from different backgrounds and denominations.”

More cultural differences awaited the students in New Orleans. They would be working under the direction of volunteers from the Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) and alongside Old-Order Mennonites. In addition, the students would be bunking at a Roman Catholic convent.

Students went to three different places: in Louisiana, New Orleans and Pointe-aux-Chenes that were devastated by Hurricane Katrina in August 2005, and Arcadia, Florida, that sustained damage in 2004 from Hurricane Charlie. This article focuses on the students who went to New Orleans.
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“When we arrived on MDS’s doorstep [Mennonite Disaster Service headquarters in New Orleans], we were welcomed in by some of the most amazing people I have ever met in my life,” says Katie.

Among those “amazing people” were long-term MDS volunteers from British Columbia Menno and Frieda Unger. Menno was the project director and Frieda, the head-cook/hostess. Work crew leader Bob Dyck, also from British Columbia, was dubbed by the Millersville students as their “fearless leader.”

“No one could have asked for a better team including our ‘boss’ Bob,” notes Shannon. “He was shy at first, sitting across the street from us during lunch, but by Thursday we were all sitting in a circle, all talking as a group.”

Katie credits Bob with helping the group “become a well-tuned machine that was efficient in taking down walls, ceilings, bathrooms, kitchens, bedrooms, etc.”

She “learned how to use a hammer to pull down the most drywall as possible with one swing.” But wielding a hammer was insignificant compared to “all of the new discoveries and emotional rebirth” Katie experienced.

“Strong emotions were evoked when shoveling out toys, a bed, and articles of clothing from a young child’s room,” Katie remembers. “It is hard to process that you are helping someone when you are throwing their possessions on the street. But houses can be rebuilt and thankful people will never forget neighborly love.”

“The people of MDS were kind beyond words,” says Emily Styer, senior biology major. “They accepted us and welcomed us warmly. By the end of the week we all felt like their grandchildren. We also had the privilege of meeting some lovely Mennonites from Wisconsin. I learned a great deal about their culture, and I feel that our two groups really made a special bond.”

“Menno drove us all around the New Orleans area to make sure we understood the impact that this hurricane really made,” explains Shannon. [In the Ninth Ward we saw] “...where the devastation began with such force that everything was moved. That would seem impossible if it wasn’t seen in real life.”

“The experience of seeing all the devastation was jaw dropping,” recounts Jennie Labowitz, a graduate student studying psychology who served as the group leader. “The many pictures I had seen on CNN did not, and could not, do justice to the sight before us. It shook me to see houses – people’s homes – destroyed.”

“People from around the continent may look at this mess and say that there is nothing they can do by themselves. I thought the same thing, but I felt a calling to come and try to help,” says Emily. Although she has lived in York, Pa., for most of her life, she was born in the Big Easy. During her stay in New Orleans, her aunt and uncle, who had been volunteering in the region for several weeks, stopped by to visit her.

“Our work days were long, but also not long enough. The need is so great and New Orleans still needs our help and our love,” says Stephen Fulmer, a senior studying art education. The experience “has evoked many thoughts, emotions, and attitudes; all of which have widened my horizons and allowed me to gain new perspectives on...”
various aspects of life. This has been an experience in which I will never forget. I have met new and exciting people and built lasting relationships. I am so blessed.”

Patrick Brandt, a senior mathematics major, says, “I came to make a difference, even if it’s microscopic on the whole. I know that what I did down here made some people overflow with joy; that’s what makes a difference. The people’s homes that I worked on brought them one step closer to getting their lives back together.”

“When I first decided to come to help with the hurricane relief in New Orleans, I felt two things: excited and scared,” says Patrick. And after the week in New Orleans, he felt “a whole sea of emotion: excited, scared, angry, sad, helpless, and everything else. There is no way to describe what happened here. Not even pictures can capture the full story. It must be experienced. Even though there are a lot of negative feelings down here, I am still extremely happy that I came. I didn’t just come to observe the destruction; I came with the purpose and desire to fix it. I came to help others.”

In the evenings, after showering off layers of dirt from their demolition work, the Millersville students feasted on Frieda’s home-cooked meals and wonderful desserts. There was time to get to know each other and the different cultures and religions that were represented in the MDS crew. Young adults from an Old-Order Mennonite group from Wisconsin and MU students talked for hours on end, debunking stereotypes.

Jennie admits, “Before coming to the MDS site, I had no idea what to expect of the Mennonite culture.”

“They were surrounded by a group of people all here for the same reason made for an incredible week,” says Stephen. “We were involved with people from all different states, providences, backgrounds, religions, etc., but we were all here for the same reason – to help and to serve.”

“I know now that the possessions you keep are frivolous compared to what you can hold in your heart and the power of your hands working for your neighbor,” says Katie.

In wake of the destruction and deplorable conditions still existing in New Orleans, it is easy to overshadow the work that has been done. Stephen says, “It may not seem like much… but it meant the world to the people whose houses we had gutted.”

Indeed it did. Barbara Porche and Gloria Welch – owners of two of the homes – met with the student workers and expressed their heartfelt appreciation.

Gloria spoke about the terror she and so many others experienced. “When we first saw the flood waters from Katrina rising in the streets we thought they would stop at the top of the front steps. Suddenly we realized we had to flee our house. Soon we were walking down the street for higher ground and very soon the water was up to my neck. We were pulling my 90-year-old mother on a floating device. I thought we would drown. Then, all of a sudden a man – or an angel – was there to rescue us. He took us to his house overnight where we were safe. Over the next few weeks and months we have been helped by other angels of mercy. Complete strangers at critical times have given us food, clothing and shelter. Now you angels and the MDS people are helping to restore my house.”

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Students put their strong backs and open hearts to good use during the “alternative spring break.”

energy, strength and hearts to the area.

“There are no words to make it better, but only people to help,” says Jennie. And the people who helped got so much out of the experience.

“This week definitely has changed my life. I’ve met the most amazing people that have impacted my life this week” says Shannon.

“In serving other people, I always come away from the experience having gained more than I gave,” says Emily. “I feel honored to have met each and every person along this trip. I don’t believe that these words do justice to how my heart feels and how it has been affected by meeting Barbara [Porche], one of the homeowners that our team was lucky enough to help.” “My life and spirituality have been changed forever. Who knew strangers could become family in less than a week?” says Katie.

Black mold covers the walls in this house.
Alumni celebrated their alma mater, toured campus, renewed friendships and participated in the many events during Alumni Weekend held May 5-7.

Susan (Shatto) Berkheimer ’57 and Arlene (Shaw) Pottorff ’31 are among the many alumni who attended the weekend events.

Below, left to right: Friends from the Class of 1940: Harry Lines, Charles Selcher, Chuck Meole, Nancy Paden, and William and Alma Duncan.

Above: MU students performed at the Alumni Luncheon. Philip High is at the piano and the vocalists are Caroline Garl, Leann Hart, Nick Panzer and Derek Martin.

Above right: Tony Elliot, assistant professor of Communication and Theatre, and students spoke about the London theater trip they took.
Kathleen Brabson ’70 (center), president of the Millersville University Alumni Association, beams with pride during the Honors & Awards Convocation held on Saturday, May 6. Mark D. Kreisher (left) received the Philadelphia Alumni Award which is granted yearly to a technology education major who demonstrates the best qualities of a technology teacher. Laura A. Stauffer (right) earned the Ruth Fox Wilkinson Award for the graduating senior who has attained the highest QPA in elementary and early childhood education courses.

One hundred fifty six residents of Lancaster County were among the 525 Millersville University students recognized for academic achievement and service to the University during the ceremony.
1930s

James F. Shank ’36, Lititz, celebrated his 91st birthday. He had a dental practice in Lititz for 32 years and still enjoys playing golf and taking fitness classes.

Russell N. Cassel ’37, (died on 5/18/04 and formerly of Chula Vista, Calif.) was posthumously honored for his lifetime devotion to education by The California State University, San Marcos campus, with its library study room dedicated in his name, “Study Room 4311 – Dr. Russell N. Cassel” in April 2005.

Janet J. (Hoover) Garner ’37, Greenville, a former teacher in the Lancaster and Doylestown school districts, is residing at St. Paul Homes Assisted Living.

1940s

Verna M. (Frey) Graver ’46, Conestoga, retired after 33 years of teaching from the Penn Manor school district and continues to be an active volunteer with Highville Fire Company.

John W. Crowther ’48, Claymont, Del., is the president of Delaware Retired School Personnel Assoc. and was elected into the Mount Pleasant High School Hall of Fame.

C. Jerry Brooks ’49, Silver Springs, former Penn Manor assistant superintendent and executive director of District III, was inducted into the Pa. High School Track and Field Hall of Fame.

Noreen W. (Weaver) Kline ’49, Columbia, was named to the board of trustees of the Lancaster Bible College. She is a retired teacher.

1950s

Doris L. (Shenk) Bridgeman ’53, Willow Street, and husband, James C., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in February. She is retired from Penn Manor School District after 31 years of teaching and volunteers at the Lancaster General Hospital.

Victor M. Bove ’54, Lancaster, was elected president of the Lancaster County Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America and second vice-president of the South-Central Pa. Chapter of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge.


Christine (Eurich) Davis ’58, Oak Park, Ill., and husband Rev. Stanley, received an award in March from Concordia University for their outstanding contribution and service in the areas of learning, leadership, and philanthropy.

Margaret (Strabaugh) Stambaugh ’58, Wilbraham, Mass., celebrated her 88th birthday in March 2006. She is active in her church and community affairs.

Justine (Fatula) Postal ’59, West Palm Beach, Fla., retired as the reference librarian from Palm Beach County Public Library in 2005.

Sharon J. (Brandt) Davis ’65, Jonestown, retired from the Northern Lebanon school district in June 2005.

Ann (Rehmeyer) Kietzman ’66, Havre de Grace, Md., retired as head of cataloging after 19 years, from Harford County Public Library, Md.

Bonna (Zuch) Cafiso ’68, Sunbury, retired in June 2005.

1960s

Phil Itzoe ’60, Towson, Md., was inducted to the York Area Sports Hall of Fame in January 2006 for his involvement in football and baseball. He has been the traveling secretary for the Baltimore Orioles for 36 years.

Elizabeth J. (Leighton) Lamborn ’60, Reading, is a programmer/analyst for Weidenhammer Systems.

Glenn M. Flegal ’54 (posing on the 130 lb. stool) was inducted into the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in April 2006 and received a Lifetime of Service to Wrestling award. As a student athlete at Millersville State Teachers College, he was conference champion for three consecutive years, 1952-54. For 12 years he successfully coached teams in Carlisle and Manheim. For the next 38 years he was a wrestling official who, according to the Hall of Fame program, was “one of the finest officials in the country.” He is now retired and lives in Carlisle.

NOTE: A reunion celebrating the 60th anniversary of Millersville’s wrestling program will be held on September 9, 2006. See page 34, or call Alumni Services at 800-681-1855 for more details.

Did you graduate in the 1950s?

If so, you are invited to attend a 1950s alumni event on Saturday, September 9, at the home of Bob and Mary Lehr at 608 Capri Road, Lancaster, (just minutes from Millersville) beginning at 1 p.m., rain or shine. The cost is $12 per person. For more information, or to make reservations, call the Lehr’s at 717-397-7965 or email William Roma at billyroma@verizon.net

This year’s special guests will be MSTC’s professors from the 1950s.

CORRECTION
(Winter 2005-06 Review)
Gerald M. Barger ’52, Lancaster, was inducted into the 2005 Millersville University Athletic Hall of Fame. He was a two-time PSAC 155-pound champion wrestler in 1949 and 1950. He was a member of the Marauder State Conference championship in 1949.
after 36 years with the Shikellamy School District where she taught French and was supervisor of world languages.

**Jeff Gamber ’68,** Dallastown, was inducted to the York Area Sports Hall of Fame in January 2006. He is in his 29th season as the men’s head basketball coach at York College.

**1970s**

**Darwin W. Eshleman ’70,** Lancaster, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary officer, was installed as commander at the Change of Watch of the Lancaster Flotilla on 12/10/05.

**Kay A. (Markel) Fuller ’70,** Dallastown, retired from Red Lion area schools in 2005 after teaching second grade for 35 years at Lower Chanceford and Clearview schools.

**Carol (Feldmann) Potts ’71,** Warminster, retired in June 2005 after teaching for 34 years in Centennial School District in Bucks County.

**Virginia (Bruckhart) Linge ’72,** Palmyra, was appointed interim director of George T. Harrell Library at Penn State Milton S. Hershey Center.

**Robert F. Miley ’72,** Warminster, has retired from William Tennent High School after 33 years as a political science teacher.

**Joan Rubinstein Detz ’73,** Doylestown, has published a new edition of her award-winning book *Can You Say A Few Words?* In it, she recognizes retired MU English professor Gordon Symonds. She is also the author of *How to Write and Give a Speech,* and *It’s Not What You Say, It’s How You Say It.*

**Judith E. (Williams) Perella ’73,** Ashland, Ohio, is a reference librarian at Ashland University and serves on the executive board of the Academic Library Association of Ohio.

**Jeanine M. (Davis) Bender ’74,** Arlington, Va., was appointed managing director of reimbursement services for United BioSource Corp. Center.

**Andrew T. Loercher ’74,** Lancaster, has been appointed adjunct professor of art and supervisor of student teachers at Millersville University. He is a retired teacher of more than 30 years with the Ephrata Area School District.

**Peter C. Ricker ’74,** Lancaster, was promoted to senior vice-president and manager of commercial lending at Susquehanna Bank.

**Susan (Downey) Graybill ’75,** Lancaster, was elected to the Leadership Succession Committee of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. She is a member of the Xi Chi Chapter of MU and presently serves as president-elect. She teaches nursing at Lancaster General College of Nursing & Health Sciences.

**Glenn S. Kamen ’75,** Lancaster, has been promoted to director of business development for Horizon Healthcare Services.

**Debbie (Royer) Diller ’76,** Houston, Texas, is an educational consultant and author of several books for Stenhouse Publishers. Her latest work, *Practice with Purpose and Literacy Work Stations: Making Centers Work,* is now a best-selling book for elementary teachers. Inspired by her MU early childhood classes, her most recent accomplishment is a three-part video series on literacy work stations for staff development.

**William S. Houder ’76,** Gap, opened The Town Clock Cheese Shoppe in Gap in November 2003. His family has made cheese for generations.

**Dean Jennings ’76,** Philadelphia, retired after 31 years as a teacher and intensive case worker in the mental health field.

**Rick Comesy ’77,** formerly of Tuskegee, Ala., was named head football coach at Jackson State University in Jackson, Miss., in December 2005. He spent three years on Millersville’s coaching staff. He won national championships at Central State University in 1995 and Tuskegee University in 2000.

**Thomas M. Sterner ’78,** Windermere, Fla., is in his 15th season coaching in the National Basketball Association. He is back with the Orlando Magic as an assistant coach as of June 2005.

**E. Joy (Meredith) McFerren ’79,** Lancaster, was promoted in December 2005 to executive vice president, human resources, for Willow Valley Associates.

**Karen (Overly) Smith ’79,** Harrisburg, was honored with the Friendship Force Club’s International Excellence in Service Award at a conference in Brazil. She is the president of the Friendship Force Club of Lancaster and will be leading an exchange to China in 2006.

**1980s**

**Mitchel L. Edmunds ’80,** Pottstown, was appointed principal of Maple Glenn Elementary School.

**Johanne (Levandusky) Shutter ’80,** Lancaster, has joined Millersville University as the...
assistant director of accounting.  
Dianne E. Zimmerman ’80, Lititz, has been named trustee for Moravian Manor. She retired from the Warwick school district after 22 years of service.  
Donna N. (Neidigh) Hershey ’81, Elizabethtown, was promoted to executive director of the U.S. White Plains, N.Y., was promoted to colonel in the Army Reserve. She is also the director of care and outcomes at Masonic Village in Elizabethtown.


Linda J. (Martin) Espenshade ’84, Lancaster, a feature writer for the Lancaster’s Intelligencer Journal Lifestyle section, won a fellowship from the Casey Journalism Center on Children and Families in Diverse Communities.  
Diverse Communities.

Darlene R. Newman ’84, Lancaster, assistant MU women’s basketball coach was inducted into the Wall of Fame at the 12th annual Ricketts Center Heritage Program in Pottstown.

David “D.A.” Abrams ’85, White Plains, N.Y., was promoted to executive director of the U.S. Tennis Association’s eastern section.  
Valerie (Schmidt) Fletcher ’85, Middletown, has taken on a new position as a child grief specialist and the volunteer services coordinator at Highmark Caring Place.  
Diane (Musselman) Krueger ’85, Norfolk, Va., retired from the U.S. Naval Reserve after 20 years of service with the rank of commander. She served as a supply officer onboard ships and during shore commands in Guam, Calif., Hawaii, Virginia and Texas.  
Brent O. Stoltzfus ’85, Lancaster, president of E.G. Stoltzfus Homes, received the 2005 Builder of the Year award from the Building Industry Association of Lancaster County.

Johnna (Pinney) Taylor ’85, Mystic, Conn., joined Bank of America as a senior vice president.

Daniel Horan ’86, Lafayette Hill, has opened a Planet Fitness franchise in Malvern.

Neil L. Wiker ’86, Kirkwood, is a branch manager for Fulton Financial in Lancaster.

Michael D. Amsler ’87, Mount Wolf, was named senior vice president and senior loan officer of First National Bank.

Michael H. Yeager ’87, Lancaster, has been promoted to senior vice president of Cargas Systems.

Kristen D. Elder-Douglas ’88, Lititz, received her master of education from Mansfield University, in school library and information technology in December 2005.  
Stephen R. Gregg ’88, Lititz, has been promoted to vice president at Sterling Financial Trust Co. He is an institutional and retirement accounts advisor.

Lisa (Waggoner) Hutchinson ’88, Millersville, has assumed the responsibilities of product marketing manager in the marketing department for Turkey Hill Dairy, Conestoga.

Kim T. (Lucas) Rosenberg ’88, Lancaster, a psychologist, is the senior ethics chairperson for The Lancaster Business Team.

Ned Bustard ’89, Lancaster, has written an historical fiction book from Veritas Press called Squalls before War: His Majesty’s Schooner Sultan.  
Eric R. Moore ’89, Brookline, Mass., has released his live stand-up comedy CD, titled It’s Weird, Man, earlier this year on WiAB records.

Dawn L. (Thatcher) Umstead ’89, Lancaster, has been named account coordinator, by LMI Advertising.

1990s

Kerry B. Hagel ’90, Mountville, is a vice president/group manager for Fulton Bank.

Robert K. Miller ’90, Myerstown, joined the Luthercare board of directors. He is the pastor for Friedens Lutheran Church in Myerstown.

Beth A. (Grab) Bossert ’91, Columbia, is managing the construction loan servicing portfolio for American Home Bank, Lancaster.

Michelle Brown ’91, Collegeville, is principal and owner of Steadfast Communications, a full-service marketing communications firm.

Jeffrey G. Clouser ’91, Elizabethtown, previous owner and innkeeper of Maytown Manor B&B, was featured in Travel and Tourism Public Relations: An Introductory Guide for Hospitality Managers, a textbook about public relations, written by Dennis Deuschl at the University of Virginia. Clouser is a customer service and personal banking representative for Sovereign Bank.

Margaret A. (Kahley) Cunha, ’91, Manheim, has been promoted to assistant director of counseling and community team for Family Service, Lancaster.

John Hilton ’91, Rehoboth Beach, Del., became a nationally board certified teacher and teaches physics at Cape Henlopen High School, Lewes, Delaware.

Paul W. Minnich ’91, York, was named a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer Rising Star by Law and Politics, the publishers of Super Lawyers magazines in 16 states. He is an attorney with barley Snyder LLC.

Marna L. Trowbridge ’91, Stevens, was named donor relations associate for Life Change Ministries International Inc. (a ministry serving children in India through Christian Camping) and is responsible for processing donor information and the development of the Foundation Grants process.

Brian A. Koppenhaver ’92, Denver, retired as a high school mathematics teacher in the Cocalico School District. He is now a NEA/PSEA UniServ labor union representative with the Penna. State Education Association.

Anthony W. Polini, Jr. ’92, Myerstown, is an executive underwriter in commercial markets for ACE Environmental Risk in Philadelphia.

Joelle L. (Bundull) Rajkowski ’92, Thornhurst, has started a business, Posh Pieces by Joelle, featuring her handpainted glassware and furniture.
Roger Christman ’93, Richmond, Va., was promoted to senior state governors records archivist at the Library of Virginia in Richmond.

Lynne (Bercheni) DeMers ’93, Mountville, has joined Godfrey Advertising in Lancaster as an account manager.

Kristin (Neill) Krause ’93, Lancaster, is a reading facilitator for the School District of Lancaster and received certification through MU’s Leadership for Teaching and Learning program.

Joanne (Agrian) Mercer ’93, Middletown, a former Penna. deputy attorney general, has joined the Harrisburg office of Eckert Seams Cherin & Mellott, LLC, as an associate. She is focusing on corporate and business law, and insurance regulatory compliance and enforcement.

Nancy Aument ’94, Madison, Wis., is the director of youth with the Mission’s Phos House, a Christian ministry house on the campus of the University of Wisconsin.

Gregory McNally ’94, Pottstown, was named principal of Southwest Middle School in the Reading School District in January 2006.

Linda (Gilmore) Farren ’95, Coatesville, received her master’s degree in reading from West Chester University and continues to teach third grade in the Downingtown Area School District.

Maria L. (Tennis) Helman ’95, Waynesboro, illustrated a children’s book titled Tracey the Tractor: A Day at the Farm, written by Rebecca Shubert.

James S. Hoch ’95, Lynchburg, Va., served as the judge for the ninth annual Sophie Awards for Poetic Excellence contest. He is the assistant professor of English at Lynchburg College. He has two published books Holler and A Parade of Hands.

Dave Weightman ’94, Brookhaven, Pa., took first place in the walking division of the Road to the Super Bowl 5K in Wilmington, Del., on 1/22/06. He finished second in both the walking division of the John D. Kelly Memorial 5k, Wilmington, on 3/4/06 and Follow the Child 5K in Arden, Del., on 3/18/06. He placed second in the walking division of the Race Against Racism on 4/29/06, held in Wilmington.

Yolanda (Palmore) Williams ’94, Pottstown, was named principal of Southwest Middle School in the Reading School District in January 2006.

Diane (Kuchak) Wollaston ’94, Mountville, received her master of education degree in school library and information technology from Mansfield University in December 2005.

Mapping the globe

It’s ironic that studying global warming has taken Earl Frederick ’69 to some of the coldest places on earth.

From late 2001 to early 2002, he served as a member of the United States expedition to Antarctica. The eight-person crew was working on a NASA/U.S. Geologic Survey project to map the Dry Valley complex near the U.S. base at McMurdo. He and fellow members of the expedition received the Congressional Antarctica Service Medal.

In June, Earl finished up a month’s worth of ice mapping in Greenland. He is shown above with a Greenlandic friend’s puppy named “Suit.” A global positioning system (GPS) specialist, Earl works for EG&G, a data analysis and instrument development company, who is a contractor to NASA. He’s been employed with EG&G/NASA for almost 30 years, working on the same laser mapping project.

“In 1991, we first started mapping ice in Greenland, hoping to see if the ice surface was gaining or losing elevation – thus measuring melting – as a part of a project to assess the effects warming of the environment,” he explains. “The thinking being that it would be easier/faster measuring an ice surface for increased melting than measuring the minute changes of sea level.”

Earl maintains the team’s global positioning system equipment and operates a ground base station that is used in providing differential positioning of their airplane. The laser ranging system used for mapping is mounted in an aircraft. The system has an accuracy range of 4 cm which means the latitude, longitude and elevation of the aircraft is accurate within 10 inches.

It’s ironic that studying global warming has taken Earl Frederick ’69 to some of the coldest places on earth.

From late 2001 to early 2002, he served as a member of the United States expedition to Antarctica. The eight-person crew was working on a NASA/U.S. Geologic Survey project to map the Dry Valley complex near the U.S. base at McMurdo. He and fellow members of the expedition received the Congressional Antarctica Service Medal.

In June, Earl finished up a month’s worth of ice mapping in Greenland. He is shown above with a Greenlandic friend’s puppy named “Suit.” A global positioning system (GPS) specialist, Earl works for EG&G, a data analysis and instrument development company, who is a contractor to NASA. He’s been employed with EG&G/NASA for almost 30 years, working on the same laser mapping project.

“In 1991, we first started mapping ice in Greenland, hoping to see if the ice surface was gaining or losing elevation – thus measuring melting – as a part of a project to assess the effects warming of the environment,” he explains. “The thinking being that it would be easier/faster measuring an ice surface for increased melting than measuring the minute changes of sea level.”

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Claudia L. (Franks) Kickery '96, Satellite Beach, Fla., has been promoted to assistant educational outreach director for Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic. She travels and trains educational coordinators working for RFB&D in other parts of Florida.

Kristin L. (Cage) Knight '96, South Portland, Maine, is a senior inside account manager for Enterasys Networks.

Peter S. Kowalinski '96, Mohnton, is the general manager for newly developed Ledge Rock Golf Club, southern Berks county. He previously was assistant pro at Pine Valley Gold Club, N.J.

Tera M. McFarland '96, Reinholds, received her master of education degree in school library and information technology from Mansfield University in December 2005.

Lynn D. (Ream) Montgomery '96, Lititz, a middle school science teacher and science coordinator at Milton Hershey School, achieved the national board certification in early adolescence science and will also appear in Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers.

Charles Parker ‘96, Chester, Va., earned his master's degree in information systems management from Florida Institute of Technology and is a business process analyst with the Defense Logistics Agency in Richmond and Arlington.

Christopher G. Rahn '96, Mechanicsburg, earned his master’s degree in teaching and curriculum from Penn State University in May 2004. He was promoted to assistant principal of West Perry High School in July 2004.

Melissa A. (Jenkins) Hixson '97, Duncannon, graduated from Temple University with a master's degree in social work, and is employed as a school-based therapist for Family Service Partners, Harrisburg.

Angela (George) Kint '97, Hanover, earned her master's degree in curriculum and teaching from Penn State in 2001. She is now teaching at Spring Grove Intermediate School.

Louis J. Lombardi '97, Lancaster, was promoted to vice president/commercial development relationship manager of Fulton Bank.

Michael R. Long '97, Talmage, was named entertainment editor of the Sunday News, Lancaster.

Sara L. (Rakus) Marine '97, Lancaster, is employed by KCI Technologies, Inc., Mechanicsburg, as an archaeology lab director.

Matt Weidman '97, Harrisburg, was named the site director for Eastern University's Central Pennsylvania campus.

Robin (Huss) Anderson '98, Reading, earned a master's degree in urban education from Alvernia College in May 2005.

Aaron Dorn '98, Aberdeen, S.D., a meteorologist, has been working for the National Weather Service in Aberdeen, since 1999.

Jill L. Kress ‘98, Detroit, Mich., earned a Master of Arts degree in social service administration from the University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration in 2004, and a Master of Divinity degree from Catholic Theological Union (Chicago) in 2005. She is employed at the University of Detroit Mercy as a campus minister.

Justin L. Moore '98, Gap, was named customer service representative for Graystone Bank's Leola office.

Sam Ng '98, Denver, Colo., received a Ph.D. from Saint Louis University. He is an assistant professor and accepted the position of tenure track assistant professor in meteorology at Metropolitan State College of Denver.

Kathleen (Elsener) Engle '99, Mechanicsburg, earned a Juris Doctorate from the Pennsylvania State University Dickinson School of Law in May 2005, graduated cum laude, and is employed as an associate attorney at Abom & Kutulakis, LLP, Carlisle.

Jennifer (Greenwood) Horowitz '99, South Pasadena, Calif., received her Ph.D. in clinical psychology in June 2005 from California School of Professional Psychology in Los Angeles. She is currently a post-doctoral fellow at Verdugo Mental Health in Glendale, Calif.

Jennifer (Koch) Marney '99, Clinton, N.J., was named Teacher of the Year at William Annin Middle School in Basking Ridge, N.J., where she teaches sixth and seventh grade students.
2000s

Adam Bickford '00, New Providence, served in support of Hurricane Katrina relief efforts with the Pennu. Army National Guard.

Amy M. (Shoemaker) Link '00, Lancaster, received a master of science degree from Wilkes University.

Thomas C. Purdy '00, Lancaster, will serve as the assistant to the rector at St. James Episcopal Church.

T.J. Butler '01, Newtown, was promoted to sales manager of Lodestar Consulting, Newton.

David W. Hoffa '01, Bowling Green, Ky., earned his Ph.D. in industrial technology from Iowa State University on December 9, 2005. He is an assistant professor, specializing in automated manufacturing, in the architectural and manufacturing sciences dept. of Western Kentucky University.

Justin Manlove '01, York, was hired by the Rudisill Group as a graphic designer.

Barbara J. (Wiest) Batts '02, Lancaster, was promoted to math, science, and technology curriculum coordinator for the Harrisburg City School District, and awarded the Who’s Who of American Women and Who’s Who in American Education in January 2006.

Kimberly Leibel '02, Greentown, is employed by Wallenpaupack area school district as a communications teacher.

Brian S. Lesher '02, Stevens, passed the Certified Public Accountants examination and is a junior supervisor with Smoker & Co.

Jeremy M. Rogers '02, York, was accepted into the MBA program at Eastern University.

Andrew Jones '03, Levittown, is a branch manager for Enterprise Rent-A-Car in Southampton.

Catherine Jones '03, Levittown, is teaching second grade at Manor Elementary School in Levittown.

Matthew K. Scheuing '03, Lancaster, has been named pitching coach at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster. He also pitches for the Lancaster Barnstormers baseball team.

Mark Stallings '03, Atglen, won the Red Rose Run Race held in June 2006 in Lancaster. His time for the five-mile race through downtown Lancaster was 24:51. He is a trainer with the Lancaster Family YMCA.

Kenneth Stough '03, New Cumberland, is operations manager of Ferguson Waterwork Inc., New Cumberland.

Joe Hollister '04, Conestoga, Central Penn Piranha minor league football player, received the Rookie Player of the Year Award after breaking the Piranha single-season tackle record. The Piranhas won the North American Football League National Championship, in Orlando, Fla., in November.

Katherine E. Martin '04, Millersville, is employed with the United Disabilities Services, Lancaster and is the program assistant for UDS’ Special Kids Network Program.

Kristin Albright '05, Blacksburg, Va., completed her first marathon in November 2005 in Philadelphia. She ran the marathon with her college roommate, Sarah Campana '04.

Katie B. Kennedy '05, Mohnton, is the marketing and public information manager for the City of Lancaster.

Patrice M. Morris-Roseborough '05, Philadelphia, is case manager of North Philadelphia Head Start.


Marriages

Shirley Achenbach Mehler '59 and Robert E. Zimmerman, 2/25/06.

Judith E. Perella '73 and Dr. Michael R. Williams, 12/16/06.

Megan E. Eliff '82 and David A. Dechiara, 12/30/05.

Joanne M. Steez '85 and Victor P. Milaus, 10/15/05.

Susan Grady '88 and Thomas Edcumbe, 12/16/05.

Joelle L. Bundull '92 and George M. Rajkowski, 7/26/03.

Jennifer Klinger '92 and Thomas Renkenes '92, 8/6/94.

Gretchen A. Yordy '94 and Greg Bisher, 7/30/05.

Steven K. Lehman '95 and Mackenzie B. Waltemyer, 8/5/05.

Jennifer Radka '95 and Barclay J. Wilson Jr., 10/30/05.

Kristin L. Cage '96 and John C. Knight, 11/12/05.

Matt Campbell '96 and Carrie Clark, 10/1/05.

Der Huey Teh '96 and Wynn Werner, 12/01/04.

Angela George '97 and Shawn Kint, 11/26/05.

Danielle Pelagatti '97 and Eugene M. Paoli, Jr., 10/21/00.

Sara L. Rakus '97 and James T. Marine, 3/5/05.

Laura A. Walker '97 and Keith A. Russell, 10/22/05.

Stacey L. Zuckerman '97 and William Bernstein '99, 10/8/05.

Tammy Croll '98 and Jamal Lewis, 5/21/04.

Aaron Dorn '98 and Melissa Roush, 9/26/04.

Jennifer L. McVey '98 and T.J. Mullen, 10/1/05.

Maria Cissone '99 and Ramzi Benamar, 9/9/05.

Tanya P. Henne '99 and Mark J. Hoffmann, 10/23/05.

Karen E. Schmitt '99 and Dave Thomson, 4/25/05.

Laura D. Davis '00 and Bradley E. Morgan, 08/27/05.

Amanda K. Frederick '00 and Philip E. Krout Jr., 7/16/05.

Braddie E. Huber '00 and Melissa A. Scavello '01, 7/16/05.
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Benjamin McClure ’00 and Lindsay Wellington ’01, 9/17/05.

Michael J. Yonkunas ’00 and Catherine A. Best, 9/3/05.

Jennifer L. Golden ’01 and Timothy S. Overley, 10/30/05.

Amy K. Boyer ’02 and Wesley K. Thomas, 10/14/05.

Jodi L. Good ’02 and Christopher G. Hunt ’03, 8/20/05.

Natalie J. Orwick ’02 and Colby L. Kauffman, 7/16/05.

Lisa Winkler ’02 and Jeff Warren, 1/01/05.

Catheine Cantrell ’03 and Andrew Jones ’03, 7/10/04.

H. Wesley Schaeffer ’03 and Jaclyn A. Janowicz, 7/23/05.

Angela Tockklovich ’03 and Justin Keefer, 5/21/05.

Samantha L. Adams ’04 and Nicholas A. Vitano, 8/20/05.

Bradley S. Aungst ’04 and Patricia J. Neuman (currently enrolled at Millersville), 8/13/05.

Kristen M. Lavis ’04 and Robert B. Jenkins ’05, 9/10/05.

Jessica J. Melloit ’04 and Daniel R. Crowl ’05, 10/29/05.

Ellen R. Brubaker ’05 and Brian C. Kohler, 8/13/05.

Jamie L. Cavallaro ’05 and Bradley Powers, 12/05/05.

Karen Ann Foltz ’05 and Jeffrey M. Stover, 7/30/05.

Andrew T. Koch ’05 and Erin E. Pelen, 10/8/05.

Caitylin A. LeBlanc ’05 and Edward J. Dankanich, 7/09/05.

Patrice M. Morris ’05 and Tarese K. Roseborough, 5/8/04.

Stacy R. Nale ’05 and Patrick S. Kain, 8/06/05.

Lindsey K. Rohrbaugh ’05 and Aaron M. Hess, 9/10/05.

Births

John J. Krause ’86 and wife Kristin (Neill) ’93, a son, Jack Henry, on 7/23/05.

Timothy Kearney ’87 and wife Michelle, a daughter, Bridget, on 12/29/05.

Karen (Armold) Granzow ’89 and husband Robert, a son, Seth Christian, on 2/6/06.

William Marosi ’89, and wife Karen, a son, Nathaniel Gideon, on 07/08/05.

Debra A. (Davies) Savoca ’89 and husband Joseph, a daughter, Maura Victoria, on 11/23/05.

Karen (Hart) Bridgers ’90 and husband Justin, a daughter, Nev, on 9/29/05.

Julie (Kershner) Hibshman ’91 and husband Richard, a son, Jordan Richard, on 4/10/02, and son Brady Kenneth, on 1/17/06.

Brian A Koppenhaver ’92 and wife Regina A. (Young) ’93, an adopted son, Joshua Ricardo, on 12/20/05 from Zacapa, Guatemala and born 4/4/05.


Damon Williams ’92 and wife Yolanda (Palmore) ’94, a daughter, Faith Christina, on 12/29/04.

Grady Chase ’93 and wife Michelle, a daughter, Lochlyn, on 10/12/03 and a son, Dugan, on 10/24/05.

Matthew Cupples ’93 and wife Keri (Lawhead) ’94, a daughter, Abby Elizabeth, on 6/20/05.

Brian Keck ’93 and wife Melissa (Woods) ’93, a daughter, Samantha Lynn, on 3/22/05.

Tricia (Funt) Korenkiewicz ’93 and husband Mark, a daughter, McKenzie Louise, on 9/28/05.

Robert Landon ’93 and wife Teri (Miller) ’95, a son, Spencer Lee, on 11/9/04.

Tim Naylor ’93 and wife Tricia, a daughter, Tess Elaine, on 2/15/06.

Robert J. Brescia ’94 and wife Caroline, a daughter, Carleigh Sofia, on 10/13/05.

Athena (Concetta/Lombardi) Lavelle ’94 and husband Gregory, a daughter, Madeline Grace, on 11/11/04.

Matthew Navea ’94 and wife Jeanmarie (Penko) ’94, an adopted daughter, Madeline Mei, on 11/30/04 from Hubei, China and born 5/16/03.

Michael Shatzer ’94 and wife Amy, a son, Luke Michael, on 12/29/05.

Monique (Takita) Szczypk ’94 and husband Greg ’95, a daughter, Genevieve Catherine, on 3/12/06.

Denna (DeStefano) Barney ’95 and husband Marc, a son, Xander Morrison, on 12/30/05.

Linda (Gilmore) Farren ’95 and husband Dan, a daughter, Delaney Jean, on 4/25/05.

Robin (Morgan) Kazakavich ’95 and husband Kasey, a son, Jacob Bernard, on 8/26/05.

Michael McErlean ’95 and wife Stephanie (Bonnano) ’95, a daughter, Arden Caroline, on 4/25/05.

Michael Meraglia ’95 and wife Kristin (Keller) ’95, a daughter, Gabrielle Christine, on 11/22/05.

Robert T. Pollock ’95 and wife Katharina (Mannino) ’96, a son, Robert Anthony, on 12/26/05.

Chris (Gowetiski) Sahm ’95 and husband Shad, a daughter, Teagan Grace, on 09/16/05.

Jennifer (Carter) Wagner ’95 and husband Darin, a daughter, Caroline Elisabeth, on 12/7/05.

Laurie (Kanuck) Baluyot ’96 and husband Edward, a daughter, Giselle Marie, on 10/19/05.
Angie (Strock) Dewald ’96 and husband Jeff, a daughter, Sydney Erin, on 5/16/02 and a son, Joshua Jeffrey, on 9/29/05.

April (Onuschak) Faulkner ’96 and husband Scott, a son, Landon Scott, on 4/28/05.

Theia (DeLong) Hofstetter ’96 and husband David, a daughter, Alina Janai, on 11/7/05.

Joanne C. (Marchesani) Meredith ’96 and husband Rob, a son, Reese Christian, on 3/10/05.

Melissa (Soditus) Mulvaney ’96 and husband Ian, a son, Luke Isaac, on 04/13/05.

Charles Parker ’96 and wife Colleen (McClure), a daughter, Mary, on 6/19/99 and a son, Andrew, on 2/17/02.

Christopher Rahn ’96 and wife Becky, a daughter, McKenna Carollynn, on 09/08/05.

Der Huey (Teh) Werner ’96 and husband Wynn, a daughter, Avery Elyzabeth, on 12/20/05.

Nathan Manning, on 12/9/05 and a daughter, Emily Grace, on 5/16/02.

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Mikayla Ann, born and passed death, on 1/20/04; and a son, Michael Joseph, on 4/26/02; a daughter, Danielle (Pelagatti) Paoli ’97 and husband Jason ‘04, on 9/13/05.

Marisa, a son, Trevor J., on 4/22/04.

Eric J. Morgan ’97 and wife Marisa, a son, Trevor J., on 9/13/05.

Danielle (Pelagatti) Paoli ’97 and husband Eugene, a son, Mario Joseph, on 4/26/02; a daughter, Mikayla Ann, born and passed death, on 1/20/04; and a son Michael Patrick, on 10/18/05.

Rosemary (Wolpert) Vogelsong ’97 and husband Thomas, a son, Joseph Walter, on 10/14/05.

Jared Bitting ’98 and wife Rebecca (Werley), a son, Logan Patrick, on 02/15/06.

Mark Keller ’98 and wife Ashley (Fairbrother) ’99, a daughter, Courtney Brooke, on 9/23/05.

Tammy (Croll) Lewis ’98 and husband Jamal, a daughter, Cadence Reya, on 12/2/05.


Rich K. Kahmer ’99 and wife Megan (Kratz) ’00, a daughter, Grace Elizabeth, on 2/17/05.

Tara (Lutteroty) Kolaris ’99 and husband Alex, a son, Alex Joseph (A.J.), on 3/02/06.

Mark G. Miller ’99 and wife Jennifer (Guilick) ’99, a daughter, Cassandra Noel, on 1/16/06.

Laurel (Ness) Rivera ’99 and husband Robert, a son, Brendan Christopher, on 3/30/05.

Gwen (Kuechler) Roschel ’99 and husband Michael, a daughter, Leah Elizabeth, on 7/23/05.

Steve Rubin ’99 and wife Angie (Smedley) ’01, a son, Jackson Tyler, on 3/15/06.

Sally (Below) Stem ’99 and husband Todd, a son, Max Wesley, on 1/24/06.

Arthur Davis ’00 and wife Krista (Kulik) ’01, a son, Brayden Anthony, on 1/11/06.

Elyzabeth (Janik) Landis ’00 and husband Christopher, a daughter, Avery Elyzabeth, on 10/29/05.

T.J. Butler ’01 and wife Jenelle (Snyder) ’02, a daughter, Elizabeth Marie, on 10/12/05.

David Hoffa ’01 and wife Kara, a son, Zachary David, on 10/05/04 and a daughter, Lauren Danielle, on 12/20/05.

Abbie (Sweitzer) Mahaffey ’02 and husband Keith ’03, twin boys, Aidan Keith and Tyler John, on 1/17/06.

Alison (Baer) Mak ’02 and husband Vince, a daughter, Hailey Lin, on 5/31/05.

Michelle Miller-Noll ’03 and husband Seth, a daughter, Audrey Grace, on 3/10/05.

Kenneth Stough ’03 and wife Deanna, a son, Garret Austin, on 10/8/05.

Erika (Bond) Wenger ’04 and husband Jason ’04, a daughter Alison Maureen, on 11/13/04; and, a son, Ethan Scott on 5/19/06.

Deaths

Ruth B. Naugle ’23, Lakeland, Fla., died on 6/24/03, at the age of 100. She was a buyer and bookkeeper for a department store.

Margaret B. Magyar ’25, Virginia Beach, Va., passed away on 11/28/05, at the age of 98.

Erma K. Raffensperger ’26, Louisville, Ky., passed away on 10/12/05, at the age of 90.

Beulah L. Heffran ’35, Montrose, died on 4/1/06, at the age of 92.

Dorothy R. Weaver ’37, Virginia Beach, Va., passed away on 10/14/05, at the age of 90.

Mabel Stough ’41, Manheim, passed away on 3/1/06, at the age of 93. She was from the Kahn Lucas Manufacturing Co. and was a volunteer for the Meals on Wheels in Columbia.

Helen (Diffenbaugh) Siegrist ’33, Cockeysville, Md., died on 11/13/05, at the age of 94.

Beulah L. Heffran ’35, Montrose, died on 4/1/06, at the age of 92.

Elvira L. Kirvinskee ’28, Landisville, died on 10/21/05, at the age of 94. She taught in the Mountain View School System for 40 years.

Margaret T. Johnke ’29, Paramus, N.J., passed away on 10/14/05, at the age of 96.

Mabel M. Manion ’30, Arco, Idaho, passed away on 6/24/03, at the age of 96. She taught in the one-room Red Run School in Lancaster County.

Ford M. Gochenaur ’33, Lititz, passed away on 2/10/06, at the age of 94. He was employed in sales at PP&L from 1937-1974. He served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Theater during WWII.

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School. In his retirement years, he farmed and was active in land preservation and agriculture issues.

Malcolm E. Allison '41, Elizabethtown, died on 3/26/06, at the age of 91. He was employed by Olmsted Air Force Base in Middletown, until its closing. He was later employed by Penn DOT. During World War II, he served as a sergeant in the United States Army.

Ruth S. Frey '41, Ephrata, passed away on 1/31/06, at the age of 86. He was a teacher in the Ephrata Area School District for 37 years before retiring in 1983. She was a member of the National and Pennsylvania Education Associations.

Miriam Jean Graber '42, Asheville, N.C., died on 7/23/05, at the age of 90. She was a substitute sixth grade teacher for a fellow teacher who was serving the military during World War II. She served as a missionary for 32 years in China, Malaysia and Singapore.

Ruth Piper Hardee '43, Jacksonville, Fla., died on 3/15/06, at the age of 90. She was the first Caucasian baby to be born at Kapanga, Republic of Congo, where her parents established. In 1949, the Belgian government decorated her parents for services during World War II.

Arthur S. Golden '48, Lancaster, died on 12/21/05, at the age of 91. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in Northern Africa and Italy. He taught history for over 26 years in the School District of Lancaster.

Robert D. Newhart '48, Lake Ariel, passed away on 10/3/05, at the age of 81. He taught in East Stroudsburg, Liberty East Smith Field and Pocono Mountain.

He also served several churches including Swiftwater, Bushkill, Chapman Quarries, Tremont, Joliett, Hazleton, Diamond Street and Hibernia.

Walter H. Reese Jr. '48, Columbia, died on 2/12/06, at the age of 83. He spent 35 years in education as a teacher, supervisor, and administrator.

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Lorraine S. Martin '57, Lancaster, passed away on 12/18/05, at the age of 70. She was a teacher for 15 years at the Elizabethtown Area School District before retiring in 1980. She also worked for ten years at the Wright’s Ferry Mansion.

Dale L. Messner '57, Lancaster, passed away on 12/16/05, at the age of 70. He was a retired industrial arts teacher for Schuylkill Haven and Donegal school districts until retiring in 1993.

Weptanomah W. Carter '59, Baltimore, Md., passed away on 2/24/06, at the age of 69. She taught for several years in the Baltimore City Public School System and also served as a director in one of the county's private schools. She was also a musician, author, teacher, guest speaker, and pioneer of several ministries.

Chester “Chet” D. Rexroth '63, Red Lion, died on 11/13/05, at the age of 78. He worked as the Red Lion football athletic trainer for 30 years. He taught at Susquinita High School as well as Kennard Dale, where he coached basketball.

Mary Elizabeth Shaffer '63, Harrisburg, passed away on 1/28/06, at the age of 64. She had a long career as an educator and retired from Cecil Manor Elementary School.

Gerald W. Wise '64, Newmanstown, died on 3/11/06, at the age of 78. He taught in the ELCO School District until his retirement in 1990.

Joyce Lentz Meizen '66, Wilmington, N.C., died on 11/02/05, at the age of 68. She began her career as an elementary teacher in the Lower Dauphin School District and later served as the curriculum director of the West Hartford School System in Connecticut.

Donald E. Becker '67, Spring Grove, passed away on 9/13/05, at the age of 62. He retired from the York County School of Technology in 2002.

Harry O. Ludwig, Jr. '67, Langhorne, passed away on 7/11/05, at the age of 63. He had been an educator at the Eastern State School and Hospital.

Margaret “Peg” E. Martin '68, Christiansa, died on 12/24/05, at the age of 77. She was a school nurse at Octorara High School for 23 years.

Thomas J. Schaeffer '68, Camp Hill, passed away on 11/27/05, at the age of 61. He worked as a child psychologist at the Holy Spirit Medical Center, Helen Stevens Mental Health Center and joined his brothers in the family business at Schaeffer Bros. Inc.

Glenn L. Reddix '69, Denver, died on 12/10/05, at the age of 58. He was the owner of Black Horse Lodge and Suites and Restaurant and also the Antique Showcase at the Black Horse. He was in the hospitality business for 42 years.

Lynn H. Ross '71, Lititz, passed away on 3/25/06, at the age of 57. She taught English and journalism at Columbia High School for ten years. She also worked as a reporter at the LItitz Record Express and Lancaster Farming Newspapers.

George H. Rey '75, Harrisburg, passed away on 11/08/05, at the age of 64. He was an art instructor at Harrisburg Area Community College.

Susan Marie (Mann) Wolfgang '76, Lancaster, passed away on 1/29/05, at the age of 51. She taught for the Solanco School District for over 20 years.

Jill C. Martin '90, Bel Air, Md., passed away on 12/13/05, at the age of 37. She taught kindergarden through fourth grade at Garrett Heights Elementary school in Baltimore, Md., for 16 years.
Dennis Denenberg understands that nurturing is essential to growth. His first experience with this was watching his grandfather, “Pappy,” tend to his prize vegetable garden. From Pappy came Dennis’ strong work ethic and a passion for helping plants – and people – grow.

The gardening skills came in handy when he purchased a home with an acre of land and transformed the entire acre from a lawn into a garden. In doing so, he gained an outlet to express himself creatively while enjoying the solitude and labor.

Dennis’ professional work has also been a labor of love. His career has covered a lot of ground as a high school social studies teacher, an elementary school principal, an assistant superintendent for a school district, an elementary and early childhood professor at Millersville and an author.

Recently Dennis and co-author Lori Roscoe, published a revised edition of their popular book, 50 American Heroes Every Kid Should Meet! The premise is that heroes teach us the values of a successful life. In particular, curiosity; how things work; looking for guideposts along the paths we travel; appreciating and creating beauty; and changing others’ lives for the better.

Dennis has a mission – to use teaching as a crusade for positive change. Lofty thoughts for certain, but heroes act out those thoughts and set the example. Life’s heroes serve us well, as examples, as role models, and as guideposts.

Since retiring from MU in 2002, Dennis has been busy on the lecture circuit. So far, he has had speaking engagements in 35 states and has set all 50 states as his goal (see www.heroes4us.com). He has motivated corporate executives and challenged students, teachers and parents to expand their thinking about real-life heroes.

The key to happiness, he believes, is to fulfill both your personal and professional lives in tandem.

Dennis continues to educate future teachers through his philanthropy. He is giving back to Millersville University with a charitable gift annuity which provides an income to him as well as a charitable contribution. He has directed the gift to be used for the new Education Building and named a room in memory of his parents, The Hilda and David Denenberg Student/Faculty Lounge. His parents – and Pappy – would be very proud.

A charitable gift annuity is a contract with the University that guarantees income for the life of one or two individuals. Income is not determined by market forces but by the age of the annuitants at the time of the gift. An option for a charitable contribution is available to the donor for a portion of the gift.

For information about making a planned gift to Millersville University, please contact W. Lee Eastwood, director of planned giving at 717-872-3820, toll free 877-872-3820, or e-mail lee.eastwood@millersville.edu

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PASSHE travel showcases

Pennsylvania State System alumni and friends of the community are invited to travel showcases that will introduce the scheduled trips for 2007. For your convenience, four different receptions will be held at different campuses. The events are free and include refreshments. Please RSVP by September 8 to Cruisin’ Inc./Main Line Vacations at 800-506-7447.

- Tuesday, September 12, 6-8 p.m., Old Main Room, Bolger Conference Center, Millersville University
- Thursday, September 14, 6-8 p.m., Alumni Auditorium, Kutztown University
- Thursday, September 21, 6-8 p.m., Russel Wright Alumni House, Slippery Rock University
- TBD at West Chester University.

2007 travel plans include:

- **January 17-27**: Mexican Riviera Cruise (NCL), featuring Acapulco. Prices start at $1,086 (+ air tax), includes air.
- **April 7-18**: Imperial Jewels of China (Viking River Cruise), which includes a Yangtze River Cruise; five-star hotels in Shanghai, Xian, Beijing and a four-night pre-option in Hong Kong. Prices start at $2,829 (+air tax) price includes air, all tours and meals. Price effective to July 30.
- **July 3-16**: British Isles Cruise (Princess), ports include London, Wales, Dublin, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Orkney Islands and Paris. Prices start at $2,426 (+air tax), prices includes air. A pre-trip option for London is available.
- **August**: Alaska Cruise will include Inside Passage with a Canadian Rockies option.
- **October/November**: South Africa with a safari.

Fireworks at the Barnstormers

Join Millersville alumni and friends at MU Fireworks Night with the Lancaster Barnstormers at Clipper Magazine Stadium on Friday evening, August 11.

The Lancaster Barnstormers will take on the Somerset Patriots with the game starting at 7:05 p.m. A fireworks display follows the game.

There are two options: dinner and the game, or just the game. Register before July 28 to get early bird pricing – a savings of between $4-$5 off of the price for dinner and the game. The early bird price is shown in parentheses.

The cost for dinner and stadium seating: $29.50 ($25) for adults; $26 ($22) for children, ages 6-12; $12.50 ($8.50) for children ages 2-6. This includes admission to the game and a pre-game dinner buffet with all-you-can-eat picnic fare, iced tea or lemonade, starting at 5:30 p.m. Price for the game only (no dinner) is $7 for adults and children; early bird cost (before July 28) is just $5.

Call the Alumni Services office at 717-872-3352 or 800-681-1855 or visit www.villealumni.com for more information and to make your reservation.

Aboard the South American cruise

Pennsylvania State System alumni – 51 alumni and friends – enjoyed a winter sojourn to Argentina, Chile, Uruguay and Falkland Islands, January 17-February 3.

Gathering for this photo were (seated, left to right): Steve DiGiuseppe ’82, Joseph Grosh, Viola Musher; (standing, left to right): Reba Mohan ’61, Steven Hoy ’71, Patricia Lysinger ’70, Patricia Gutherie, Alan Lysinger ’70, Francine Ostrovsky, Jerry (Elvin) Brooks ’49 and David Ostrovsky.
Destinations’ Broadway schedule

The Destinations day trips planned to New York City offer some of Broadway’s hottest shows:

**September 23** – Martin Short in “Fame Becomes Me” - $165 per person or “The Wedding Singer” - $150 per person

**October 21** – “Drowsy Chaperone” - $140 per person or “Gray Gardens” - $145 per person

**November 18** – “A Chorus Line” - $175 per person or “Les Misérables” - $165 per person

**December 2** – Radio City Christmas Show, or Spa Retreat at Elizabeth Arden’s. Also, there are limited “Do As You Please” seats. Call for pricing information.

**March 10, 2007** – “Wicked” - $185 per person or “Mary Poppins” - $165 per person. Note: Tickets for both of these shows are difficult to come by.

The trips include coach bus transportation, driver gratuity, boxed gourmet breakfast and orchestra or mezzanine seating.

For additional details or to make reservations, please contact the Special Events office at 717-871-2308; email: specialevents@millersville.edu or www.millersville.edu/~muevents

Mozart’s Christmas vacation tour

Millersville University and Lancaster Symphony Orchestra are planning an international trip this fall to celebrate Mozart’s 250th birthday. The tour will feature the Christmas Markets of Salzburg, Linz, Schoenbrunn Palace, Vienna and Prague. The trip host will be Jean Bradel, associate professor of music at MU, who used to reside in Austria.

The eight-day trip, November 30-December 7, 2006, includes ten meals. Prices, for double occupancy, start at $2,079 (airfare included). Tour proceeds benefit Millersville University scholarship funds and Lancaster Symphony Orchestra programming.

There will be an informational evening about this trip presented by Collette Vacations on July 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Duncan Alumni House at Millersville University. Please call 717-871-2308 to reserve your space for July 20, or for more information about the trip.
Lancaster Young Professionals

The MU Alumni Association is teaming up with the Lancaster Young Professionals for a networking social on Thursday evening, September 7, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Mazzi’s Restaurant in Leola, off of Route 23. There is no charge to attend, but there will be a cash bar.

Lancaster Young Professionals consists of people ranging in age from 21 years to early 40s. The event promises to be a great opportunity to network with area professionals and fellow MU alumni.

Call the Alumni Office at 717-872-3352 to make your reservation or for more information.

Mark your calendars

Watch your mail for more details or call the Alumni Services office at 800-681-1855 about the following events:

60th Anniversary Wrestling Reunion

Join your fellow wrestlers and friends on September 9, for a reception/dinner at 6 p.m. Plans for the afternoon include a MU football game.

National Broadcasting Society Reunion

The Alumni Association is hosting a reunion for alumni who were members of the National Broadcasting Society on September 30, in the Lehr Dining Room.

Coming to a backyard near you

Do you currently get together with a group of friends from MU? Do you have summer barbecues planned? Perhaps friends from your sports team meet for happy hour, you sing in a community choir with fellow alums, or your girlfriends get together for coffee. If so, please invite me to meet you! I’ll be scheduling monthly get-togethers over the next year.

As the new director of alumni services, I have been meeting a lot of alums in recent months, but there are over 50,000 world-wide so I have a lot more of you to meet. Call me, Dianne O’Connor, today at the Alumni Office to talk about ideas and possibly schedule a visit: 800-681-1855, or 717-872-3352.
On May 6, Dr. Richard L. Frerichs ’64, M ’69 was honored with the 2006 Distinguished Service Award during the annual Honors & Awards Convocation and Alumni Luncheon. This award is the most prestigious award bestowed upon an alumnus/na by the Millersville University Alumni Association.

After completing his bachelor of science degree in biology from Millersville in 1964, Frerichs earned a master’s of education in counselor education from Millersville in 1969, and his doctor of education from the University of Delaware in 1995.

He began his employment at Millersville in 1968 and worked as the dean of men, dean for resident life, a financial aid counselor and the associate director for financial aid and the coordinator of field experience. He retired in 2004 as the chairperson for the Department of Educational Foundations.

Frerichs continues to serve his alma mater as chairman of the commencement committee, the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Athletics, and since 1997, he has played an active role on the Millersville University Alumni Association where he currently serves as president-elect.

He has also served Lancaster School to Work Partnership and the Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Teacher Educators. Frerichs has received many accolades including the Student Pennsylvania Education Association’s Outstanding Faculty Member Award, and the Phi Delta Kappa award for Distinguished Educator for Higher Education.

Frerichs is the announcer for Marauder football games and women’s basketball. He and his wife Marsha reside in Millersville.

Also honored during that same ceremony was Dr. Betty J. Finney who received the Honorary Alumnus Award.

Finney joined Millersville University in 1968. She served in the Department of Psychology until she retired in 2001 as chairperson.

While employed on campus, she served in many campus organizations: College and Community Drug Abuse, Committee for Revision and Development of Teacher Training Programs, the Student Judiciary Committee, the Urban Studies Committee and the Committee on Educational Opportunities for Black Students.

Finney has served over 33 organizations in her lifetime and is currently involved with Crossroad Clinic, the Lancaster Crime Commission Strategic Task Force, the Lancaster District Attorney’s office, the Public Safety Research Institute, Head Start, American Red Cross, Lancaster Emergency Management and the Betty Finney House for AIDS patients.

She stays connected with Millersville University through her work with the Alcohol and Drug Task Force and the Emergency Response Team.

As one of her nominators wrote, “Dr. Finney is a true inspiration; her candor, compassion, integrity, intelligence and passion affect everyone whose life she has touched.”

Outstanding Service Awards

Four alumni were honored during the All-Alumni Luncheon on May 6 in Gordinier Hall with The Outstanding Service Award. Those individuals are:

Megan Baumgartner ’01 works for Skidmore College in New York as the senior assistant director, alumni affairs and college events. While at MU, Megan was active with the Student Ambassador program. She has served as an alumni association board member since 2002.

Melissa Cauler ’96 is the director of annual giving and stewardship at West Chester University. She serves the alumni association on the student advancement committee and the development committee. She has been an active member of the Theta Phi Alpha National Fraternity, taking on numerous leadership roles.

Martha MacAdam ’83 is director of development for University Advancement at Millersville. She has been employed by MU since 1989 and has also been an active volunteer and mentor to Lancaster Partnership students and an advisor to undeclared students.

Paul Titter ’74 is a learning support teacher at J.P. McCaskey High School in Lancaster. He has served on the alumni association board since 2001 and is also a cooperating teacher for 60 Millersville University students.
Parents of alumni, please note: Please help us send the Review directly to your son or daughter. If they have moved and you have been accepting the Review for them, please send us the mailing label, along with the new address, and we will change their mailing address. Or send us an email at mualumni@millersville.edu with all pertinent information.

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WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

Reunions
- Cross Country Team Reunion
- 20th Anniversary Student Ambassadors Reunion
- 1991-92 Urban Ed Class: 15th Year Reunion
- 50th Anniversary Reunion: Class of 1956
- Women’s Athletics Reunion

Events
- Science and Math Alumni Luncheon
- All-Alumni Luncheon
- Distinguished Lecture in Nursing
- MU Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Dinner
- Millersville Community Parade
- Cultural Showcase
- Alumni & Friends Golf Outing
- Sociology/Anthropology Alumni Gathering
- Scheduled entertainment: An Evening with Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood of “Whose Line Is It Anyway” fame

For the complete Homecoming schedule, watch your mail for a special brochure or check out our website in September at www.villealumni.com