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ART EXHIBIT
Calixto Roble
Exhibit: October 29 – December 14
Ganser Gallery, Ganser Library

ENTERTAINMENT
“An Evening with Groucho”
November 18, at 2 p.m.
Lyte Auditorium in Alumni Hall
General admission - $10;
MU ID, Senior citizens, students - $5

MUSIC
“The Glorious Sounds of the Season” Concert
December 8, at 7:30 p.m.
and December 9, at 2:30 p.m.
Lyte Auditorium in Alumni Hall
A holiday music extravaganza features faculty members and more than 250 students from the Department of Music.
Dr. Jeffrey Gemmell is the concert coordinator.
General admission - $15; MU ID - $5

THEATER
The Complete Works of William Shakespeare [abridged]
November 2-4, 8-10, at 8 p.m.
and November 11, at 2 p.m.
Rafers Theatre, Dutcher Hall
General admission - $8;
Senior citizens, students - $6;
MU ID - $4

LECTURE
Brossman Science Lecture
November 8, at 7 p.m.
Lyte Auditorium in Alumni Hall
Dr. Gary Telgenhoff serves as the forensics consultant to CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. He is a forensic pathologist and Deputy Medical Examiner at the Clark County Coroner’s Office in Las Vegas.
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The doctor is in... the zoo

Renowned zoo veterinarians Drs. Wilbur Amand and Donald Neiffer graduated from Millersville 25 years apart. Both studied at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine and both are pioneers in their fields. Amand was the first staff veterinarian at the Philadelphia Zoo and Neiffer is the veterinary operations manager at Disney’s Animal Program.

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Actor Richard Thomas comes to Millersville

Continuing to support the University’s mission of encouraging the arts to flourish in the Lancaster community, Millersville University welcomed the nationally acclaimed actor Richard Thomas to campus. Known for his portrayal of John-Boy on *The Waltons*, Thomas performed in a one-man show, “A Distant Country Called Youth,” at Millersville on September 23.

The play was adapted by Steve Lawson from *The Selected Letters of Tennessee Williams, Vol. 1: 1920-1945*. The production follows Williams’ life and career as one of America’s prominent playwrights. The letters reveal Williams’ characteristics such as his vivid sense of drama and his remarkable wit. Following the performance Thomas and Lawson spoke about Williams, how the production came about and answered questions from the audience.

The next day Thomas (pictured below, center) and Lawson interacted with students in a variety of workshops.

Corrections

In the summer issue of the *Review*, in the profile of Dr. Winter, there was a typographical error: The correct reference is the Freedom March took place in Selma.

Also, there was an error in the caption on page 21. The correct caption is below.

Retired faculty

Recently retired faculty:

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- Patrick Cooney, physics
- Dave Dobbins, biology
- Stanley Kabacinski, wellness & sport sciences
- Keith Lauderbach, industry & technology
- Marvin Margolis, economics
- Jan M. Shepherd, chemistry
- Yin Soong, earth sciences/oceanography

Left to right: James E. Seitz ’50, Distinguished Service Award, William B. McIlwaine and James P. Argires received the 2007 Honorary Alumni Awards.
Letters to the Editor

The Duncans

We wish to express our sincere thanks for the honor paid us in the summer issue of the Review. [it] will be a treasured keepsake for our children and grandchildren. Thank you for this and all the editions of the Review. We really appreciate them!

-Alma and William Duncan ‘40

My wife-to-be and I entered Millersville in January of 1959. I was a first generation college student, out of high school for more than three years with limited confidence and few financial resources. I was not a good bet for college success. But thanks to some great faculty who cared, I made it and went on to earn a graduate degree and to have a successful career. Near the top of that caring faculty list was William Duncan, teacher and Dean of Students.

As many Millersville graduates know, one of the great rewards of being a teacher is knowing that you have made an important difference in someone’s life. This letter is a long overdue “thank you” to Dr. Duncan for being able to look beyond the rules to understand my situation and for making a difference in my life.

– Keith Gentzler ’62

Respiratory therapy program partners with Lancaster Regional Medical Center

A new educational partnership between Millersville University and Lancaster Regional Medical Center is designed to prepare students for careers as licensed respiratory therapists by combining high quality education on campus with hands-on clinical training and laboratory work.

The program in respiratory therapy is one of the oldest programs in the nation, having its roots in a training course given at the former St. Joseph’s Hospital, now Lancaster Regional Medical Center. The program is accredited by the Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care and the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Educational Programs.

“This is a wonderful example of the University partnering with a first-class hospital to offer our students the best of both worlds,” said Dr. Vilas Prabhu, provost at Millersville.

“The students will be an excellent addition to our team, and our staff welcomes them and the opportunity to be part of a teaching environment. Many of our employees are Millersville graduates and the University has an outstanding reputation not only for teaching but for having their students remain in our community,” said Mike Cowling, CEO of Lancaster Regional Medical Center.

The respiratory therapy program at Millersville University consists of three years of on-campus study followed by a 16-month professional training program at Lancaster Regional. Students receive training rotations at major regional medical institutions including, but not limited to, A.I. DuPont Children’s Hospital in Delaware, Hershey Medical Center and Lehigh Valley Hospital. The program emphasizes critical thinking and decision-making skills.

Millersville University students graduate with a baccalaureate degree and the requisite training for licensing to provide respiratory services to patients. Pennsylvania requires respiratory therapists to be licensed.

The U.S. Department of Labor lists the job market as “very good” for respiratory therapists with the majority of graduate therapists employed by hospitals.

“Never has a graduate of our program been unsuccessful in securing employment following graduation,” said Prabhu. “Often they have several offers from which to choose.”

For more information, visit www.millersville.edu/~rtp/
A double amputee whose trailblazing work in the emerging field of biomechatronics has led to the development of new prosthetic innovations that merge body and machine has received the 13th annual Heinz Award for Technology, the Economy and Employment.

Dr. Hugh Herr ’90, a professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology’s (MIT) Media Lab whose advances in prosthetics and orthotics – technology that marries robotics and human biomechanics – have given greater mobility and new hope to those with physical disabilities, is among six distinguished Americans who received one of the $250,000 awards.

“Everything about Dr. Herr is an expression of the triumph of the human spirit over adversity,” said Teresa Heinz, chairman of the Heinz Family Foundation. “His breakthrough advances in rehabilitation technologies are immeasurably improving the quality of life for thousands of people with physical challenges.”

With more than 36,000 new amputees in the United States every year – including hundreds of American soldiers who have lost limbs in the war in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2001 – Herr is helping improve mobility and enhance the quality of life for many physically challenged people around the world. The holder (or co-holder) of numerous patents, including the Computer-Controlled Artificial Knee (commercially available as the Rheo Knee), the Active Ankle-Foot Orthosis, and the world’s first Powered Ankle-Foot Prosthesis, he is advancing an emerging field of science that applies the principles of muscle mechanics, neural control and human biomechanics.

Most recently, Herr and his Biomechatronics research group at the MIT Media Lab have developed a robotic foot-ankle prosthesis capable of propelling the wearer forward and varying its stiffness over irregular terrain, successfully mimicking the action of a biological ankle, and, for the first time, providing amputees with a truly humanlike gait. This new ankle is light, flexible and – most importantly – generates energy for walking beyond that which can be released from a spring alone.

“It mimics the elegance of nature,” explained Herr, “where muscle-like robotic assist releases three times the power of conventional prostheses to propel the body upward and forward in walking.”

At age 17, Herr lost both legs below the knee in a mountain climbing accident, but returned to the classroom after a few years to earn an undergraduate degree in physics at Millersville, followed by a master’s degree in mechanical engineering from MIT and a Ph.D. in biophysics from Harvard. His work at the MIT Media Lab focuses on human amplification and rehabilitation systems – technologies that interact with human limbs, mimicking biological performance and amplifying function. Herr’s breakthrough innovations are enabling leg amputees to walk at higher speeds with greater stability and lower metabolic energy. He predicts that in five to ten years, leg amputees will be able to run faster and move with a lower metabolic rate than people with biological limbs.

Herr said, “This field is still in its infancy, and I have great hope that it can be applied to a broad range of utility – to make healthy bodies better and stronger, to create new forms of mobility and to expand our capacity to perform beyond human limits.”
There’s a model of the Titanic in Pat Weidinger’s office in human resources. It’s not because the emergency safety manager for the University is a boat lover, rather it’s because of what it stands for. “They said it would never sink – and it did,” said Weidinger ’86, director of safety and environmental health at Millersville. “When someone tells me, ‘oh, that will never happen,’ I just smile.”

Being prepared for whatever could happen on campus is a large part of Weidinger’s job. Since the Virginia Tech tragedy, Weidinger has been busy, working with a wide variety of departments, with training, updating plans and looking at technological improvements for the campus.

“We’re much better prepared now than we were before Virginia Tech,” said Weidinger. “To name just a few examples, we now have security cameras in the student dorms, we have budgeted for a siren system for campus and we have contracted for a professional 24-hour dispatcher service that will start later this year. We also have extensive training planned or completed, and we’re updating a variety of emergency plans.”

The siren system will be designed to let everyone know there is an emergency. When it is activated, students, faculty and staff will know to look at their email, check their text messages, or listen for a phone message to give them more details on the nature of the emergency.

“Being prepared for an emergency takes more than just me and the police department,” said Weidinger. “Everyone needs to know their role.”

Training exercises are an important component to being prepared. The police departments from the University and Millersville Borough took part in an active shooter exercise that included classroom training and both night-time and day-time scenarios. The University plans to host an emergency drill on campus involving fire, police and other emergency responders from the area.

“The police now have ‘long guns’ [rifles] in addition to short guns, and the appropriate training so they have ‘fire power’ to respond to bad guys with the same weapons,” said University Police Chief Wayne Silcox. “Prior to Virginia Tech we only had side arms and our officers could easily have been out-gunned in a hostage or violent intruder incident on campus. This is a major improvement in security and emergency preparedness for the campus.”

An Emergency Response Guide offers instructions on how to handle everything from a tornado or a chemical spill to evacuating campus and terrorism attacks. The guide will be distributed to faculty and staff and also placed on the web.

The University also has an extensive Emergency Operations Plan, which has been updated to be compliant with the National Incident Management System. While the University has a lot of activity, training and purchases to ensure the safety of the campus, Weidinger says one of the most important things is not to become complacent.

“We have to remember the importance of drills – every year, we have to update equipment and software and keep people on their toes. There’s a quote from a movie that sums it up for me – ‘It’s the doom of man that we forget.’”

So, is Millersville University’s campus a safe place? “You bet it is,” said Weidinger.
A scoop of Marauder Madness, please

Student leaders training for the week-long new student orientation participated in teams in the Cold Stone Creamery Creation Contest to invent a Marauder flavor.

Each of the six teams named and created their mixture at Manor Shopping Center’s Cold Stone location on August 8. At orientation, students voted for their favorite dish.

“Marauder Madness” was declared the winner. The concoction consists of peanut M&M’s, peanut butter and brownies mixed into French vanilla ice cream.

Marauder Madness will be available at Lancaster’s Cold Stone Creamery locations at Park City Mall and near Rockville Outlets throughout the fall semester.

Education building complete

Millersville’s new School of Education building is getting ready to open. The location of the new Stayer Hall moves the education school and facility from the outer edge of campus to its heart.

Approximately 2,800 education students will occupy the classrooms beginning with the spring semester in January 2008. Department and faculty offices will move prior to that.

In addition to housing the Department of Elementary Education, Education Foundations and the Office of the Dean, the building will be the new home for the Department of Special Education.

Construction began two years ago with the demolition of Landes Hall, which had served as a residence hall. One wing of the original structure was saved and renovated. The four-story section contains most of the faculty offices. Connected to this is a large new wing that has two floors of high ceiled classrooms.

Each classroom features large windows for natural lighting and a thermostat to allow the temperature in each room to be individually controlled.

These are some of the components that were incorporated in the construction of Millersville’s first “green” building. The University is seeking a designation from U.S. Green Building Council as a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified building.

The price tag for the building is $13 million. The state contributed $8 million and $5 million come from private donations and university funds.

The new Stayer Education Building combines a wing of the former Landes Hall with an expansive new space for classrooms and study areas.
Few people would be just as comfortable with theoretical mathematics and computers as with interpreting poetry and analyzing films.

Dr. Jill Craven, associate professor of English and film, took an uncalculated career path to academia. She earned her B.S. degree in mathematics with an emphasis in computers and spent five years with IBM in Virginia. This was “back in the days of punch cards” and massive computers that took up half of a room.

She had always loved literature, books and film. However, the death of Craven’s grandfather, William Page, caused her to reevaluate her life. Before long, she took a new direction: pursuing graduate work in English at the University of North Carolina and earning her Ph.D. in comparative literature.

“I know it seems like math and English are so different. But I don’t see it that way. I see similarities in analyzing patterns in literature and elements of math. There is an interrelation in both,” says Craven.

Craven also sees possibilities in everything she does. She feels passionately about the humanities, whether it is an art film, a classic movie musical or a richly woven story. And she wants to share her passion with her students.

Craven maintains that while film and media are integral parts of our lives – today more than ever – there is very little attention given to understanding media. In her film courses, she encourages students to delve into the meaning of films and to learn how a film is made, and even how films such as George Clooney’s *Goodnight and Good Luck* can influence viewers.

“One of the things you notice with *Goodnight and Good Luck* is that it is about the Red Scare of the 1950s, but it actually points to relevant issues today,” says Craven.

These are issues that come up again and again in the political culture, and often the best way to look at them is to look at the past. In this way, films can be complex or simple. They can have a clear, hard-hitting message or a more subtle lesson that is slowly uncovered and discerned. This fall she arranged a trip to the Toronto International Film Festival for Millersville’s Cine Club.

Craven has a special fondness for the film genius of Alfred Hitchcock and his mastery of suspense. Her favorite Hitchcock film is *Notorious* with Ingrid Bergman and Cary Grant.

Her interests include teaching, computers, mathematics, literature, film, skiing, travel, scuba diving, and being a wife and mother.

Craven and her husband Keith Stinchcomb have a daughter, Page, who at six already exhibits her mother’s energetic enthusiasm and curiosity.

“For me, being a mother is the greatest joy of my life,” says Craven.

That, and opening the minds of her Millersville students to the exciting world of film, where visuals, words, music and sound effects come together to form a message. “One of the things that most excites me about my students is that they want to be more engaged in the world,” says Craven. “They want to make a difference.”
Performing, educator...

Artist-in-Residence Program
John Blake Jr.

When John Blake Jr. arrived at Millersville University in April 2007 for a week-long artist-in-residency program, he had nothing to prove. The internationally known jazz violinist is regarded as one of the greats. However, Blake proved that not only is he a remarkable musician and composer, but also a gifted educator.

It seemed that every group that he was involved with – and there were many from all ages and walks of life – learned from him. Blake enhanced the creative aspiration levels of everyone who interacted with him. During his week at Millersville, new audiences were exposed to his teaching methods, improvisational techniques, original musical compositions and to an original American art form – jazz.

Special thanks to Ruth Benns-Suter for her many contributions to this article including text and photography. Additional photography: Jim Yescalis and Eric Forberger.
The force driving the Blake residency was Millersville associate professor of psychology and co-chair of the artist-in-residence project, Dr. Ruth Benns-Suter. John Blake Jr. and Ruth Benns-Suter met at Overbrook High School in Philadelphia more than 30 years ago. Blake was the first violinist and concert master of the high school orchestra, and Benns-Suter was the president of the choir and alto soloist. At the time, both were primarily classical players and jazz had not taken center stage in their musical lives.

After graduation, they went their separate ways: Blake to develop a dynamic career as a jazz musician and Benns-Suter to earn her doctorate in counseling and sing with jazz musicians.

A turning point in Benns-Suter’s life occurred with the death of her mother, and she made a personal decision to return to singing and jazz music. It was a chance meeting in New York City between J.D. Walter, Benns-Suter’s jazz vocal coach, and Blake that allowed the two to reconnect and begin a rich collaboration and friendship.

In February 2005, Blake and Benns-Suter took the stage together for a sold-out performance at Alois’s Restaurant in Mt. Joy, Pa. That’s when Benns-Suter’s creative wheels began turning, leading to an artist-in-residence program at Millersville for Blake.

“A residence of this type is an enormous undertaking involving legions of people,” says Benns-Suter.

Providing solid support for the idea was Dr. John Short, dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, who Benns-Suter considers to be a cultural advocate and visionary.

“Creativity is a fundamental component of a liberal arts education that is essential to the intellectual development of our students,” Short believes. And, “providing a quality arts experience for all students is a fundamental component of this commitment to a liberal arts education.”

Benns-Suter and residency co-chair Dr. Micheal Houlahan, chairperson of the Millersville music department, began to build a cross section of support both from internal and external sources.

Houlahan calls the Blake residency an “extraordinary collaboration of faculty, administration, students and community members that resulted in a fantastic musical week.”

The fruit of this collaboration was a series of jazz musical experiences that would enrich the community in a variety of educational ways. The activities included four major public performances with students and faculty, classroom visits, public lectures, master classes, jazz clinics and in-service experiences for primary and secondary violin students and their teachers from local public schools, and guest visits and performances with local Lancaster County schools.

A highlight of the week long series of
jazz performances was the Wednesday night public concert with the John Blake Jr. Quartet.

“The excitement that this event [Blake’s residency] generated for music majors, as well as non-music majors, at Millersville was very significant,” Houlanhan believes. “It is important that the community realizes how talented our students are and how this kind of event enriches the campus community.”

Campus activities with the artist consisted of formal rehearsals for residency performances, guest lectures, classroom visits and in-service workshops for area violin teachers.

Off-campus educational experiences included guest lectures and performances at four local schools, Wheatland Middle School, McCaskey High School, Fulton Elementary School and Centerville Middle School, where Blake worked with string students on jazz improvisational techniques.

How do you prepare students to interact with an artist of Blake’s caliber? Practice, according to Don Grabowski, adjunct string bass instructor at Millersville and director of orchestras for Hempfield’s middle and high schools.

In advance of the residency, Grabowski played Blake’s recordings for his students and selected samples from iTunes that represented alternative violin styles.

Once Blake was on-site, the students immediately took to him and showed their respect. He was like “a big father figure,” Grabowski says. “His personality was calm, soothing and very cool!”

Blake, in turn, made audiences and students alike feel at ease.

Emily Murphy, Millersville music student, who has been trained as a classical violinist says, “Blake was great at breaking jazz down into segments that worked for all levels of understanding. He commented on the music that we played and made suggestions on how to improve our improvisation. He started with a basic blues progression and added to the progression so even the more experienced players had some new piece of information to work on.”

Another student, music education major and student director of Millersville’s Jazz Ensemble, Nathan Sheffer, says, “I have always been a fan of jazz, with Regina Carter being one of my favorite jazz violinists. Now that I have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Blake, I have a more holistic understanding of how to approach jazz on the violin, and I further appreciate the level of skill that he possesses.”

Grabowski says that students “really, really enjoyed the experience of learning and playing with Blake.”

Students were encouraged to improvise. Many did – for the first time – and even stepped up to do some solos.

“I was excited to learn from someone who has played in various venues and has taught and worked with other world-renowned performers,” says A uniquely American art form, jazz represents one of America’s greatest contributions to the world of music. Sheffer adds, “What draws me to jazz is its freedom. Jazz is a true American art form and a building block to most popular music heard today.”

Murphy also loves the music. “I have always been a fan of jazz, with Regina Carter being one of my favorite jazz violinists. Now that I have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Blake, I have a more holistic understanding of how to approach jazz on the violin, and I further appreciate the level of skill that he possesses.”

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The performance at Millersville’s Lyte Auditorium brought down the house. It featured (left to right): Sumi Tonooka on piano, Ruth Benns-Suter on jazz vocals, Blake on violin, Avery Sharpe on bass and Harry Butch Reed on drums.

“Traditionally speaking, the violin is a classical instrument and to hear it maneuvered in a jazz manner was a great experience.”
Members of Millersville’s talented music faculty joined Blake for a lunchtime concert held in the Ford Atrium. (Left to right: Dr. Troy Isaak (retired), Don Grabowski, Dr. Keith Wiley, John Blake and Dr. Daniel Heslink.)

Barbara Buckman Strasko, poet and literacy coach, is flanked by two of her students—Jalesha Robertson and Shyann Graham who won prizes in a national poetry contest. Blake’s music served as the inspiration for the young poets.

New Beginnings
by Shyann Graham – Grade 5

Jazz is like me
skipping rocks through
the sea,
floating to the moon,
dreaming of being alone
in the dark
with only starlight
to guide me.
I am wishing for someone
new to show me the way of hope,
the way of happiness.
I’m sitting watching
the sunlight like a bird
watches her eggs, like a museum
watches its diamonds,
like the ocean skipping rocks
back to me, but only I can see the joy
of the sea’s waves moving through
the music,
the violin moving to a new beat.
For generations, H. Justin Roddy has been linked to science at Millersville. One of the major buildings of the Dr. James P. and Tasia K. Argires Science Complex is named after Roddy, Millersville alumnus, faculty member and naturalist.

The Roddy Scientific Society was co-founded by George G. Stradtman ’33, as a Millersville student in 1932. Dr. Roddy was the organization’s first adviser. It is interesting to note that Roddy had retired from Millersville, and was then a professor of geology and curator of the museum at Franklin & Marshall College.

According to Millersville’s 1933 catalog: “The Roddy Scientific Society has for its purpose the investigation of the laws and principles of science through contacts with professional problems, projects and discoveries in the field.”

George G. Stradtman Jr. ’73 remembers his involvement with the group that was co-founded decades before by his father.

“That’s where I first learned about quantum theory – something that I put into practical use in advanced electronic experimentation some years later. I also have happy memories of a spelunking trip that I went on with other members. The society was a group of versatile, cheerful, and open-minded people…an oasis of intellectual honesty in an environment that was very much polarized.”

He provided the photograph on the following page, adding that his father had proudly held on to the photo through the years.

Stradtman explains, “The telescope in it was one that Dad bragged about frequently. He claimed that it was capable of showing a fly crawling up a blind cord in a college building from some miles away.”

Built around 1890, the brass telescope is believed to have been used on the top of Old Main by Professor Roddy for geography and astronomy classes. It was then moved around from the old science building to the old industrial arts building and then Roddy Science Center before finding its current home in Ganser Library’s Special Collections Archives in the 1970s.

George G. Stradtman Jr. also writes: “I believe that the photo was taken at the farm that my grandparents William F. & Mary Ella Stradtman owned in Conestoga Center.”
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“George Rose [in the photo] was Dad’s best friend in college and for many years afterwards...If I remember correctly, Mr. Rose worked at Hamilton Watch with several other Millersville grads in the World War II era, when that firm produced the famous Hamilton Marine Chronometer [which is still featured at the observatory museum in Greenwich, England, as the finest mechanical time-keeping device ever made].

“Leonard Coggin was the ultimate skeptic, never willing to ‘buy’ any scientific theory without testing it himself, if possible. He was behind many novel experiments of the early Society (documented in issues of the old campus newspaper from the 1930s). His taste for practical jokes got him into trouble on several occasions in college. My father, George Sr., went on to a career as a metallurgist, teacher and college professor.”

H. Justin Roddy received his diploma as an elementary teacher at Millersville State Normal School (MSNS) in 1881. After earning a Ph.D. from the University of Kansas, he joined the faculty at MSNS as a geography teacher. From 1908 until his retirement in 1927, Roddy was in charge of Millersville’s natural science department. The author of many textbooks on geography and the natural sciences, Roddy published *Elementary Geography and Complete Geography* for use by common schools in 1902. His book, *Physical and Industrial Geography of Lancaster County*, is still used as a standard reference work.

Roddy also had a fun side. Apparently, Roddy, who was famous for taking students on field trips, often showed up disguised as a rather unkempt tramp-like person. He would casually join the group and the students wouldn’t know him until he identified himself.

Whether disguised as a tramp or in his role as a scholar and gifted teacher, Roddy left a legacy of inspiration for Millersville students to explore the wonders of nature and science.

Below: On the back of the photo is the following note, in the handwriting of George G. Stradtman Sr.:

THE DOCTOR IS IN – the zoo

By Jennifer B. Ericson

Through a show window, visitors to Disney's Animal Kingdom observe Dr. Neiffer and a colleague performing a laparoscopic exam on a Madagascar tree boa.
When Dr. Wilbur Amand ‘62, VMD, became the first veterinarian on staff at the Philadelphia Zoo in 1974, there were only eight other veterinarians on staff at zoos across the country. Back then, Amand says, veterinary care for zoo animals was focused more on treating disease than maintaining health.

One of the pioneers in zoological medicine, he began treating zoo animals while he was still a student at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. The Philadelphia Zoo would bring animals to the University’s clinic. Many were often too sick to be saved, he recalls. The experience of trying to save these animals inspired Amand to pursue a career in zoo medicine.

Today, zoo veterinarians not only treat disease, but also conduct routine health exams. These research and reproductive programs play a critical role in the conservation of wildlife.

Amand was able to participate in this revolution of veterinary medicine throughout his 20-year career at the Philadelphia Zoo – the nation’s first zoo. While working at the zoo, Amand also served on the faculty at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, where he developed and taught courses on the care of exotic species. One of his students at Penn was another Millersville alumnus, Dr. Donald Neiffer ’87, VMD, Dipl. ACZM. Today, Neiffer is veterinary operations manager for Disney’s Animal Program in Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

Neiffer not only earned his degree in veterinary medicine, but in 2005, earned his board certification in zoological medicine from the American College of Zoological Medicine. It is a notable accomplishment as only 11 percent of all veterinarians are board certified in a specialty. Neiffer and his staff care for all kinds of exotic species. In this job, he says, “whatever walks, crawls or flaps through the door, you deal with it.”

Amand and Neiffer agree that working with exotic, or non-domestic, species presents unique challenges. The most significant is safety, which involves protecting both the animal as well as the veterinarian during examinations or treatments. Early in his career, Amand says, “we put a lot of emphasis on safely restraining them with anesthetics.” Once pharmaceutical companies began making more reliable and safe drugs for immobilizing animals, more people entered the field of zoo medicine.

But the goal of finding safe methods of chemical restraint for animals persists today and is a focus of three of Neiffer’s five ongoing research projects. Recently, Neiffer went to Botswana to assist the African Predator Conservation and Research Organization with a study of anesthesia protocols for hyenas.

Conservation efforts also require continued studies in chemical restraint for...
wild animals to be properly handled. For example, researchers may need to relocate an animal, implant a transmitter or collect blood, tissue or urine samples. After the samples have been taken, researchers can’t just leave the animal unconscious in the wild.

“Leaving an animal under anesthesia in the wild puts the animal at risk,” Neiffer says. “The animal could die from exposure or be killed by a predator. So, researchers need anesthetics that are fast-acting and almost completely reversible.”

Another hurdle zoo veterinarians face is overcoming the absence of standard information to determine what is normal in many species. Unlike domestic animals, little is known about the non-domestic animals in their care. For the domestic dog there are normal standards for indicators such as blood count, biochemical panel and hormone cycle. Normal body temperature, heart rate and heart rate under anesthesia are also known for dogs.

“We know what normal x-rays look like, and surgical techniques have been described. For non-domestic species, not all of this, or any of this, may be known,” Neiffer says.

Amand remembers that 30 years ago, if you drew a blood sample from a zebra, the closest thing you could compare it to was that of a horse. To address this problem, zoo veterinarians began developing a database of normal values for various species.

Today, there is still a “constant push in the industry to learn these values,” Neiffer says. So, he and his staff take routine x-rays, do wellness checks and draw blood when animals are healthy in an attempt to create a “database of healthy values.” Such a database enables veterinarians to make better judgments concerning an animal’s treatment.

But even a normally simple task such as drawing blood from some animals presents unusual obstacles. One of Neiffer’s research projects involves finding the best spot to draw blood from a gopher tortoise, a threatened species found in several southern states. Because tortoises can pull their legs and head under their carapace, handling them to draw blood can be difficult.

The heart and jugular vein are ideal spots from which to draw blood, says Neiffer. However, doing so usually requires that the animal be sedated. Any other sites for drawing blood, such as the legs, provide blood that can be contaminated by the lymphatic system, causing blood cell counts to be inaccurate. Neiffer is trying to find a site for drawing blood that provides accurate counts and does not require tortoises to be sedated.

Zoo visitors don’t usually get to watch veterinarians work on animals. But even
“WHATEVER WALKS, CRAWLS OR FLAPS THROUGH THE DOOR, YOU DEAL WITH IT.”
- Dr. Neiffer, referring to his patients at Disney Animal Kingdom

this is changing at some larger institutions. At Disney, the veterinary clinic has a “show window” for public viewing. Complete with a speaker system, visitors can also listen to and speak with the veterinary staff.

“Guests visiting the park can observe us doing just about anything from marabou stork preventive health exams to gorilla echocardiography, or to exploratory surgery on an antelope with colic,” Neiffer says. However, not all procedures are conducted in the show window because some animals are too large to fit into the clinic or too fragile to move. “If it is not considered a risk to the animal, we'll do it in the show window,” he says.

Both Neiffer and Amand always wanted to work with animals, but neither had planned to become zoo veterinarians.

Neiffer decided to become a zoo vet during a college internship at Hershey’s Zoo America. Amand grew up in rural Lancaster County and had planned on teaching high school biology and chemistry. For both men, the experience of working with zoo animals redirected their career paths.

Although they work with exotic species, both men also love their domestic pets. Neiffer and his wife Jan, who is a small animal veterinarian, have five dogs, two horses and two goats. Amand and his wife Judith have a 23-year-old cat and a Scottish terrier.

Amand takes the dog to work with him each day.

When asked to identify his favorite animal, Amand remarks that “is hard to answer as I like all animals. But if pinned down, I guess I would say my most favorite animal is the cheetah.”

At age 67, Amand isn’t ready to retire completely. Instead, he is doing what he calls a “phase retirement.” He retired from the Philadelphia Zoo in 1995 and the University of Pennsylvania in 2004. In 2005, he retired from his 20-year post as executive director of the American Association of Zoo Veterinarians, and from his job as editor of the Journal of Zoo and Wildlife Medicine, a position he’d held for a decade.

Today, Amand continues to work in an office near his home from 9:30 a.m. till 6 p.m. every day serving as executive director for the Association of Reptile and Amphibian Veterinarians, the American College of Veterinary Nutrition (ACVN), and the American Academy of Veterinary Nutrition (AAVN). Unlike the ACVN, which provides services only for veterinarians who are board certified in...
the field of nutrition, the AAVN provides animal nutrition information to anyone who is interested. Pet owners can visit the website, www.aavn.org, and send him a question directly, and he’ll put them in touch with a veterinarian who can help them.

Amand also serves on the board of Elephant Care International, an organization that provides veterinary care to elephants. For this organization, he reviews project proposals and gives advice. Although he misses treating animals directly, he enjoys his newer administrative roles. In fact, he still receives calls from zoos asking him to help them conduct inspections or solve animal and personnel problems.

“As long as my health is good and I don’t find anything boring, I’m just going to keep plowing ahead,” he says.

Amand says his love for animals keeps him involved in the zoo veterinary field. Over the years, he’s seen many changes, including demographics. When he attended the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, there were only six female students in his class. Today, the student body is 80 percent female. He says this gender shift has been nationwide in the field of veterinary medicine, which provides excellent opportunities for women.

The role zoo veterinarians play has also changed. Of course, a zoo veterinarian’s primary role continues to be that of clinician, treating the animals in their care. But now, zoo veterinarians also contribute to the design of exhibits to ensure they are safe and appropriate for the animals. “A vet has to be involved in every aspect of the zoo because everything that goes on in the zoo impacts the animals,” Amand says.

As Neiffer’s career demonstrates, zoo veterinarians also have greater opportunities to conduct or assist in research projects. Such opportunities are still mostly available at zoos that have a large staff of veterinarians, such as the National Zoo, Bronx Zoo and Disney’s Animal Kingdom. However, the trend of zoos increasing their veterinarian staff means better care for the animals and fascinating career opportunities.

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- Dr. Amand
Kudos Korner

A special thank you to the following alumni whose volunteering made our alumni baseball events a huge success!

›› Maura Hamberger '04 and Patricia Kline '87 for helping at the hospitality desk at the York Revolution baseball event.

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›› The following people for helping with the Lancaster Barnstormers Baseball event: Rich Frerichs '64, Don Geiter '95, Ben Gorman '00, Dave Hernandez '71, Patricia Kline '87, Cher Rineer '96, Dominick Panza '06 and Bill Martin '81.

Calendar of Events

DECEMBER
1  Destinations Travel: Christmas Show, New York City
1–8  PASSHE Alumni & Friends Travel Program: Mozart’s Christmas
2  Dicken’s Christmas, 4 p.m., Mount Hope Estate, Manheim
8–9  Glorious Sounds of the Sea-son, 7:30 p.m. on 12/8; 2:30 p.m. on 12/9, Lyte Auditorium
16  December Commencement, 2 p.m., Pucillo Gym

NOVEMBER
10  Legacy Breakfast, 9 a.m., Biemesderfer Center
10  Family Day – Football Game Marauders vs. Kutztown, 1 p.m., Biemesderfer Stadium

JANUARY
6–16  PASSHE Alumni & Friends Travel Program: Panama Canal
12  Reading Royals Hockey game, Reading
22  American Meteorological Society, Reception 6-9 p.m., New Orleans

Hockey: Watch the action on the ice

Reading Royals Hockey Game
Saturday, January 12, 2008
Pre-game reception & game tickets are $20.00 (a $4 savings!)
Join MUAA and your fellow alumni for pre-game munchies from 5:30-7 p.m. and then watch Reading battle Johnstown.

Hershey Bears Hockey Game
Saturday, March 15, 2008
Game tickets are $16.50 (a $3 discount!) Tickets for the pre-game reception and game are $26.50 (a $5 savings!)

Alumni Day 2008

Mark your calendar for the annual rite of spring—Alumni Day: Saturday, April 26, 2008, featuring the All-Alumni Luncheon, which includes the Alumni Association’s Distinguished Service Award, Honorary Alumnus Award and the Outstanding Service Award recipients who will be recognized.

Optional reception begins at 5:30 p.m. with the game following at 7 p.m. The Hershey Bears will play the Manitoba Moose. This is a game not to miss!
To reserve your seats for either hockey game, please call the Alumni Services office at 800-681-1855 or visit www.villealumni.com
These events are partially subsidized by the Millersville University Alumni Association.

WIXQ – April 2008

Tune in on Saturday night, April 26, for the 33-1/3 WIXQ Reunion. Whether you spun albums, 8 tracks, cassettes, CDs or MP3s, or even made ads on reel to reel, all are welcome.
Mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

Black Student Union

The Black Student Union reunion, originally scheduled for Homecoming weekend, will take place in spring 2008. Contact the Alumni Services office for more details.
PASSHE travel plans

See the world with the Pennsylvania State System Alumni & Friends Travel Program in 2008:

» March 17 - April 2, 2008:
  Australia/New Zealand (land and Princess Cruise) includes Sydney, Melbourne, Tasmania, Australia; Auckland, Dunedin, Christchurch, Taupanga, New Zealand. Pricing begins at $3,075/per person/double occupancy (not including air). Based on current fares, the airfare should be approximately $1,800 - $2,000 per person. An optional tour of Cairns/Great Barrier Reef is available.

» June 28 - July 5, 2008: Canadian Cruise aboard Holland America’s Maasdam, with ports of call that include Montreal, Quebec City, Nova Scotia, Bar Harbor, Maine and Boston. There will be a two-day pre-trip optional package in Montreal.

» August 9-16, 2008: Hawaii Cruise aboard NCL’s Pride of America, with ports of call including Honolulu, Hilo, Maui, Kona and Kauai.

» September 29-October 11, 2008: Black Sea/Egypt/Holy Lands Cruise aboard Holland America’s Rotterdam, with ports of call to include Istanbul (Turkey), Varna (Bulgaria), Odessa (Ukraine), Constanta (Romania), Haifa (Israel), Limassol (Cyprus) and Alexandria/Cairo (Egypt). This cruise departs and ends in the port of Piraeus, Greece (Athens).

Pricing for the above cruises were not set at press time. Reservations and additional information can be obtained by contacting Cruisin’ Inc./Main Line Vacations at 800-506-7447 or www.alumni-vacations.com. These travel programs are open to Millersville alumni, faculty, staff, retirees and community friends. This program is now celebrating its tenth year having served more than 1,500 travelers.

Go to the Big Apple with Millersville

Join Destinations Travel Program for a day trip to New York City.

» November 10, 2007 – Spamalot – $175 and Legally Blonde – $175


» February 16, 2008 – Disney’s Little Mermaid – $185

Prices are per person. The trips include coach bus transportation, driver gratuity and a boxed gourmet breakfast. Broadway shows feature orchestra or mezzanine seating. Detailed overviews of each show can be found on www.bestofbroadway.com.

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

ALUMNI EVENT INFORMATION

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email: mualumni@millersville.edu

To register for an event online:
www.villealumni.com
Click on Event Registration; locate the event and click Register Now.
“A Dickens of a Christmas” at the Mount Hope Estate

On Sunday, December 2, the Mount Hope Estate Mansion and the Millersville University Alumni Association (MUAA) welcomes you to an evening of Yuletide joy and wonder! The rooms of the mansion will be filled with your favorite Christmas stories.

Join Holly & Ivy for a comic look at the holidays as only the Renaissance Faire actors can do. Then sit back and enjoy the sounds of the seasons from “O Holy Night” to “Twas the Night Before Christmas.” And finally Charles Dickens himself will present a fully staged production of his holiday masterpiece, “A Christmas Carol.”

Prior to the show there is an optional light reception with cash bar. Mix and mingle with fellow alumni over mansion treats. This reception starts at 2 p.m. with the performance following at 4 p.m.

There are a limited number of tickets so hurry and order yours today! Tickets can be purchased for $29.95 per person for both the reception and performance, or for $17.95 per person for just the performance.

For more information on MUAA events or to register visit our website at www.villealumni.com or call 800-681-1855.

MU on the road…

Orlando
The Sunshine State welcomed Millersville University alumni and faculty on June 26. Maggiano’s Italian Restaurant hosted more than 50 graduates with majors in OSEH, chemistry, education, and communication and theatre. All were either Orlando locals or conventioneers at the Safety Engineers Conference at the Orange County Convention Center.

Guests enjoyed traditional Italian delicacies, the cozy atmosphere inside and gorgeous koi ponds and landscaping outside. A special thank you to Dr. Paul Specht, Millersville professor of industry & technology, for hosting this event.

Washington, D.C.
On September 21, approximately 20 alumni and guests attended an evening reception at the Fountains at McLean/Tyson’s Corner Clubhouse in northern Virginia.

This event was hosted by a committee of alumni who included Don and Sheryl Eberly ’79, Patrick Leahy ’97 and Rodney Loose ’70. President Francine G. McNairy offered a university report.

Millersville staff attending included Maura Hamberger ’04 and Francis Schodowski, both of the Development Office.

MUAA Board training
We wish we could tell you that your alumni board and committee chairs were dripping with sweat because we were working them so hard, but actually, we chose one of the hottest and most humid days of the summer to host training on the back porch of the Duncan Alumni House for our newly elected board members and committee chairs. Rich Frerichs ’64, MUAA president, hosted the dinner and training time to prepare our volunteers for the upcoming academic year.

Board members Dave Hernandez ’71, Lori Dierolf ’91, Ben Gorman ’00 and Rich Frerichs ’64.
Alumni represent Millersville at academic inaugurations

Most Millersville alumni only don a cap and gown for their own graduation ceremony unless they have chosen an academic profession. However, there is a little known opportunity for our alumni to represent Millersville University.

When higher education institutions invest a new president, current presidents are often invited to participate in the processional and other inaugural events. These invitations are sent approximately two months prior to the ceremony; however, President Francine McNairy’s schedule may prevent her from attending. This is where our alumni are given a chance to participate.

Because these inaugurations take place all over the country, the alumni services office does a search for alumni, generally within 60 miles of the university hosting the event. From that list, we select a delegate to represent the University in lieu of Dr. McNairy.

Millersville alumni are honored to be asked to perform such an admirable duty. Once they agree to participate, their regalia is provided and they are ready to go.

Participating in “this event turned out to be even more emotional and thrilling and I had anticipated,” according to Janine Johnson ’73, who summed up her experience at the University of North Texas inaugural.

“I was also proud to be representing Millersville,” she added. “Frankly, I was surprised at the number of people I met from all around the country who not only knew where Millersville was but knew its superb academic reputation.”

It was her first time in a cap and gown since high school. She was among a substantial number of students who boycotted Millersville’s December 1973 graduation. She explains, “The administration insisted on holding it in Lyte Auditorium rather than Pucillo – thereby severely restricting family attendance (they didn’t want their new gym floor scratched).”

Top: Dr. Gretchen Bataille, president of University of North Texas, and Janine Johnson ’73 at the inauguration.

Middle: Dr. Ruth Westheimer at her alma mater and Phyllis Fyfe ’54 met at the inaugural of Susan Fuhrman as president of Teachers College at Columbia University.

Below: The academic procession at Teachers College at Columbia University.

2006-07
Inauguration Delegates
Garner-Webb University:
Joe DiRienzo ’63
Alvernia College:
Joe Boyle ’89
St. John Fisher College:
Rebecca Fadner ’74
Baylor University:
Eric Fillman ’95
Albright College:
Ruthann Zook ’61
Kalamazoo College:
Patricia L. Williams ’61
Villanova University:
Phil Walker ’79
Mississippi State University:
Amanda Sims ’98
Radford University:
Diane Rehrig Hughes ’87
Connecticut State University:
Lois Harwick ’46
Teachers College at Columbia University:
Phyllis Fyfe ’54
Northeastern University:
Nadene Hausmann ’78
University of North Texas:
Janine D. Johnson ’73
Temple University:
Dominick DiNunzio ’53
Lehigh University:
Jan Graybill ’80

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Baseball madness hits a home run with Millersville alumni

Summer Score card

York Revolution vs. Lancaster Barnstormers (5-2)
›› More than 100 alumni and friends

July 14: Reading’s First Energy Stadium
Reading Phillies vs. Harrisburg Senators (8-6)
›› More than 9,000 fans and 65 MU guests

August 3: Lancaster’s Clipper Magazine Stadium
Lancaster Barnstormers vs Camden Riversharks (0-11)
›› 100 alumni and friends was a great wrap-up of an entire summer of America’s favorite pastime, which included a spectacular fireworks display.

Top: Dr. Thomas Kruse & wife Judith.
Top-Lower Left: Mary Buckley-Hamm ’99, Marion Lesagonicz ’00 and Tracy Blimline ’98.
Top-Lower Right: Rhys Edwards & Kirsten Horner ’04.
Left: James Breitegan (wearing the Barnstormers hat) and Lois Breitegan ’49 of Lancaster wave their Millersville clappers.
Bottom left: Jay Witmer ’71 with his wife Linda, who won the Millersville door prize.
Bottom middle: Maura Hamberger ’04 & Lauren Albright.
Bottom right: Don Geiter ’95 with his son Jacob.
Normally, they would be on different fields. However, for one night the athletes of the various Millersville University fall sports came together as one. On August 16, more than 200 athletes from the fall sports teams took a break from their rigorous training schedules to enjoy dinner together and a special showing by Regal Cinemas of the movie *Invincible*, based on the true story of Vince Papale, a 30-year-old bartender from South Philadelphia who overcame long odds to play for the NFL's Philadelphia Eagles in 1976.

“It was a good night overall,” said senior football player Eric Marshall. “It was good to get all the teams together as athletes and a school. It was a fun night.”

“It was a nice break for all of us,” said senior women’s soccer player Madison Vogel. “We all got to share stories about how sore we all are!”

This was the first time for an event of this type. It wouldn’t have been possible without the generous support of Regal Cinemas, Cold Stone Creamery and ESPN Radio.

The athletes agree that more events like this are needed.

“We are pretty much separate throughout the day,” said junior women’s soccer player Jamie Lancaster. “I think the more events we do, the more united we would be.”

“These events would allow us to continue to bond from team to team and be able to support each other,” said Marshall. “It’s also a great way for all the older students to bond with the freshmen.”

Freshman football player Dan McClellan agrees with his teammate and feels welcomed by the event.

“It makes us feel like a family,” he said. “In high school, all the sports were rivals. I think the more we meet other people who play sports, the more we will support one another.”

**Student athletes enjoy dinner and a movie**

**Volleyball team raises breast cancer awareness**

It’s not just about the game. The volleyball team is raising money to support breast cancer research through Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

In recognition of breast cancer awareness month, the Lancaster Alumni Chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha gave away free pink breast cancer awareness ribbons and self-exam cards at all home volleyball games in October.

**STUDENT PROFILE**

Ben Melnick, captain of the men’s soccer team, has made large strides towards victory for both his team and community.

One of his most significant strides was when he and five friends from Cedar Crest High School in Lebanon organized a fundraiser for a friend who had been paralyzed from a diving accident; they raised $60,000.

“We just wanted to help in any way we could. There was such a willingness from the community to help,” says Melnick.

He sets high expectations for himself and his fellow players. The team hopes to be number one.

“We are five points away from second place…it’s a very exciting time right now! As captain I have several goals for the team…Get more points than we did last year, get into the playoffs and win big,” says Melnick. “I’d really like to get there [first place] this year and we still have time to pull this off.”

Melnick also participates in a variety of extracurricular volunteer activities. As a member of the Pucillo Posse, he supports the Marauder basketball team – even travelling to California University during the PSAC Championship last spring.

How does Melnick stay so focused?

“I eat five, maybe six meals, a day. I just buckle down and do work when I need to,” he replies. “The busier I am the more on point I am.”

Melnick will graduate in May 2008 with a degree in speech communication.
What challenges do you expect to unify men’s and women’s sports under the same athletic department?

I’m sure there will be many challenges we’ll face day to day as we transition to one athletic department. The departments have been operating separately for twenty plus years. Getting everyone on the same page in terms of procedures and policies will take some time. We need to change the mindset of “we and they” to “us,” but having an outstanding staff helps tremendously.

What is your vision for the athletics department at Millersville?

My vision is to run a competitive athletic department while adhering to NCAA rules and regulations. Key to that is challenging our student-athletes to excellence by providing an environment where they can achieve success in academics and athletics. I want to create a department where the student athletes feel supported in pursuing their academic and athletic goals. I believe we can be competitive within the PSAC and at the national level with the coaches and student athletes we have in the department.

What are your priorities for the department?

There are so many things we are hoping to accomplish:

›› Have a full complement of coaches for each of our teams, including an assistant coach on each team.

What are your thoughts about the growing trend of female ADs?

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First and foremost, a solid educational institution provides the foundation. The support of the University administration is extremely important as well as the individuals involved (coaches, athletic trainers, administrative assistants, support staff, development, sports information, etc.).

New Athletic Director

In July, Peg A. Kauffman ’87, ’92M, was named as Millersville University’s athletics director (AD) of the newly combined men’s and women’s athletic programs. In this position, she oversees 21 intercollegiate teams and serves as the coordinator for equal opportunity in sports at Millersville.

Kauffman served as interim director of women’s athletics since February 2006. Prior to that, she was as the assistant director of athletics and head women’s basketball coach at Lebanon Valley College.

A talented athlete herself, Kauffman was inducted into the Millersville Athletic Hall of Fame in 2003.

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Class Notes

In order to ensure that your news will appear in a given issue, please submit it according to the schedule below:

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Photos are also welcome. Digital photos are preferred. For printing quality in the magazine, these need to be in a high resolution format (300 dpi). We cannot publish copyrighted photos unless we have written permission from the owner of the copyright.

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1950s

David Morgan ‘50, West Chester, and wife, Larue (Gluntz) ‘52, celebrated 55 years of marriage on 6/15/07.
Dona E. (Clipp) Smith ‘57, Voorhees, N.J., and husband, Wayne, celebrated 50 years of marriage.
Benjamin F. Olena ‘58, Forksville, spearheaded the nomination for the Hummelstown Brownstone Company site to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places.
Elizabeth (Taylor) Scheich ‘58, Fairless Hills, and husband, Allen, celebrated 50 years of marriage on 6/8/07.

1960s

Nicholas J. Corbo ‘67, Reading, retired as superintendent of Exeter School District after more than 40 years in education.
Kathleen A. (Wolfe) Miller ‘68, Norco, Calif., retired after 38 years of teaching sixth grade at Riverview Elementary School.

1970s

Ernest Schreiber ‘70, Lancaster, is editor of the Lancaster New Era, which was recognized as the most award-winning newspaper of its size for the third year in a row.
Michael J. O’Hara ‘71, Lancaster, retired as Warwick Middle School principal and will serve as interim principal of Warwick High School.
Rebecca “Becky” Brown ‘72, Millersville, stepped down as director of development at United Disabilities Services after 18 years.
Dennis Fisher ‘72, Dover, Del., retired from Capital School District after 35 years of service as a high school teacher, yearbook editor and wrestling coach.

Postcards from the ‘Ville – and more

Mae (Slater) Wingenroth ‘53, Lititz, donated her extensive collection of postcards as well as books and other items to Millersville University.
An avid postcard collector, Wingenroth’s collection of more than 1,000 postcards features Pennsylvania landmarks and schools from the 1890s to the 1920s. The images include private and public schools, academies, orphanages, institutes, normal schools, training schools, colleges and universities.
Wingenroth began teaching in 1937 with a two-year certificate. Originally, she was a member of the Class of 1939, but did not graduate with her bachelor’s degree until 1953. She later earned her master’s degree from Temple University. Although she retired years ago as principal of the Schoeneck Elementary School in Stevens, Pa., she continues to be active in planning educational and cultural activities at the assisted living facility in Lititz where she now resides.
The collection has been catalogued and can be viewed through Millersville’s Special Collections website: http://library.millersville.edu/sc/manuscripts/manus/cardtitle.html

Robert J. Spong ‘73, ’75, ’93M, Hagerstown, earned a doctorate in education at Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville, Tennessee, in May 2007. This latest accomplishment is in addition to his two undergraduate degrees and a master’s degree from Millersville. He worked for the University for nine years as an assistant director of the physical plant under Don Stollenwerk. He is currently the facilities planning manager at Washington County Public Schools in Hagerstown, Maryland.
Lydia Pease ‘74, Lancaster, was named Woman of the Year by Temple Beth El in Lancaster.
Mindy (Heller) Lawrence ‘75, Lancaster, retired as principal of Mountville Elementary School.
after 22 years with Hempfield School District.


Michael W. Keller ’76, Lancaster, recently became a council-certified indoor environmental consultant by the American IAQ Council. He is the owner of Air Quality Solutions and has been in the air quality business since 1989.

Charles K. Kirchner ’76, Selinsgrove, was recognized for his work restoring Volkswagens, recently winning the Antique Automobile Club of America senior award.

Michael LaSala ’76, Mountville, joined Warfel Construction Co. as a project manager and will oversee the construction of projects from $1 to $25 million.

William H. Kloidt ’77, Columbia, was inducted into Our Lady of the Angels School Hall of Fame. He is very active with his parish.

Robert Krantz ’77, Felton, was named superintendent of Dover Area School District. He previously served as the district’s assistant superintendent.

Thomas Tomasky ’77, Tucson, Ariz., was named division dean of occupational education and sciences for Pima Community College’s East Campus. He was previously the college’s senior assistant to the chancellor.

Cheryl Holland-Jones ’78, Lancaster, was sworn in as treasurer of the City of Lancaster. She is executive director of the Crispus Attucks Center.

Pamela J. (Sayers) Manelius ’78, Lancaster, retired as an instructional support teacher at Hempfield School District.

James A. Kraky ’79, New Tripoli, was hired as superintendent for the Lehighton Area School District.

1980s

Michael J. Gaudino ’80, Lancaster, achieved membership in the insurance industry’s Million Dollar Round Table.

Steven J. Pankey ’80, Foley, Ala., was ordained as a deacon and will serve as assistant at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Foley.

Kevin B. Mahoney ’81, Malvern, was elected president of the board of directors at the Tredyffrin-Easttown School District.

Alison (Happel) Pennino ’81, Lancaster, was awarded two scholarships to the 2007 Pa. Governor’s Institutes and was named in Who’s Who Among American Educators 2007. She is an instructor for the Donegal School District.

Patsy Fasnacht ’82, Landisville, received the 2006 Sigma Theta Tau Excellence in Nursing Research Award from the Xi Chi Chapter at Millersville University.

James Ross ’82, Strasburg, was promoted to vice president/technology security officer at Sterling Financial Corp.

Michael Choroneko ’83, Upper Darby, was named as a finalist for the 2008 Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year award.

Louis Gill, Jr. ’83, Newport Beach, Calif., was appointed director of Mesa Court Housing at the University of California, Irvine. He was the residence hall director of Harbold Hall at Millersville University from 1986-1999.

Kimberly A. (Smith) Motter ’83, Palmyra, retired from Lower Dauphin School District as a life skills teacher after more than 20 years of service.

Geneva Reeder ’83, Harrisburg, was named to Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers 2005-2006 and is a middle school librarian at Lower Dauphin Middle School.

Larry Zook ’83, Manheim, was promoted from vice president in special education, Delisle came back to present the keynote speech for the second annual summer institute on teaching gifted students.

His speech, titled “Highly Gifted, Barely Served: The Legacy of Inclusion,” dealt with how the education field’s love affair with anything inclusive has shortchanged the social, emotional and intellectual needs of gifted children for the past two decades.

One of the top speakers in the field, he has authored more than 250 articles and 14 books, including several books on gifted education. His work has been highlighted on National Public Radio, The New York Times and the Oprah Show.

Delisle has been a professor of gifted child education at Kent State University for the past 25 years. In addition, he teaches gifted 7th-8th graders once a week in a local public school, a personal commitment he has upheld for more than ten years.

Teaching gifted students

This past summer, James R. Delisle ’76M, Kent, Ohio, returned to Millersville University. More than thirty years after he received his master’s degree in special education, Delisle came back to present the keynote speech for the second annual summer institute on teaching gifted students.

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of resources to president/CEO of Landis Homes.

Violet M. Apple ‘84, East Petersburg, was named the interim chief operating officer of the Girl Scouts of America of Pennsylvania.

Christopher Erickson ‘84, ‘91M, Hanover, earned his Ed.D. from Immaculata University. In addition to running his own business, he plans to return to teaching at the college level.

Linda (Martin) Espenshade ‘84, Lancaster, won six journalism awards, including the Keystone Award, for her work at the Lancaster Intelligencer Journal.

Philip Fassnacht ‘84, Stevens, was inducted into the Susquehanna Valley Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame. He was a four-year starter on the Millersville University basketball and baseball teams.

Philip Heckert ‘84, Littitz, was promoted to head of the financial and accounting departments at Turkey Hill Dairy in addition to continuing in the position of controller.

Manus Gallagher ‘85, Rockaway, N.J., joined SK&A Information Services, Inc. as vice president of sales.

Eric Gamber ‘85, Lancaster, joined Warfel Construction Co. as director of information technology.

Karyn (Hinkle) Miller ‘85, Lancaster, co-purchased Hinkle Insurance Agency Inc., after 21 years of service with the company.

Manal (Najeeb) Ruhl ‘85, Mount Joy, was named an auditor with the internal audit department of Fulton Financial Corp.

Scott Selheimer ‘85, Newark, Del., was promoted to assistant director of athletics at the University of Delaware.

Brenda (Kindbom) Becker ‘86, Lancaster, was appointed superintendent of Hempfield School District. She previously served as assistant superintendent of Elizabethtown Area School District.

Craig Everhard ‘87, Landisville, was named as a judge for the Susquehanna Art Society Art Show. He was most recently the charge scenic artist for Sight and Sound Theatres.

Peg Kauffman ‘87, ‘92M, Lancaster, was named director of athletics at Millersville University.

Edward Gundersen ‘88, Reading, was promoted to information technology and accounting manager of Tray-Pak Corp.

Jeanne (Good) Horst ‘88, Harrisonburg, Va., joined the faculty of Eastern Mennonite University as assistant professor of psychology.

Frank Koerber ‘88, Lancaster, was hired as deputy administrator of human services for Lancaster County.

Barbara J. Mitchell ‘88, Lititz, retired after 19 years of service as a school nurse with Hempfield School District.

Ruth S. (Heim) Moore ‘88, Berlin, Md., hired to teach music at Ocean City and Showell elementary schools in Worcester County, Md.

Leigh (Gardner) Walter ‘88, Duncannon, was appointed as the first director of Pennsylvania’s Global Alumni Network, a program designed to enhance the state’s international business development outreach strategy.

1990s

Susan (Bui) Bergen-Painter ‘90, Elizabethtown, was hired by First National Bank of Pennsylvania as senior vice president and chief marketing officer.

Tracy L. (Mundorf) Dubensky ‘90, Lancaster, was named vice president and senior product manager with the cash management department of Fulton Bank.

Paul R. Johnson ‘90, Falls, is president of Heat and Frost Insulation & Asbestos Workers, Wilkes-Barre.

Kraig E. Sheetz ‘90, Golden, Colo., was promoted to lieutenant colonel in the US Army, where he has served for 16 years.

Gregory B. Williams ‘90, Chester, was elected to managing partner of Fox Rothschild LLP’s Wilmington office.

Lori (Lazarchick) Dierolf ‘91, Millersville, serves as director of human resources for Oak Leaf Manor.

Bradd A. Everly ‘91, Boothwyn, earned a master’s degree in business administration with a concentration in marketing from Capella University.

James J. Lowell ‘91, Union City, N.J., was promoted to production studio manager at Dentino Marketing in Jersey City, N.J.

Art inspires alumni connection

The Review brings alumni together. Take the cover picture on the Review’s winter 2006-07 issue, which prompted Jim Kressly ‘71 (above, left) to contact Kevin Lehman ‘00 (right) to create a specific art piece for him.

“The connection with Kevin was the perfect marriage of his skills in geometry and ceramics combined with my desire for a big contemporary piece,” says Kressly. “He is a fine young collaborative artist.”

Kressly says, “We spoke often of our Millersville connection as the piece evolved during a six-month creative process, and that connection provided a wonderful experience for both of us.”

Interestingly, Kressly received his first major piece of art as a gift from Professor Leo Rogers, director of AV Services at the Ganser Library. As a student, he worked for Rogers in the dial access center in the basement of the [then] new library.

Kressly is a retired school principal from the Bethlehem Area School District. He was a founding member of the campus radio station, WMSR/WIXQ.
Joy B. (Landes) Bradley ’92, Lititz, served as a lead judge at the Lancaster Newspapers Science and Engineering Fair. She is a training specialist at McNeil-PPC Inc.

Linda T. (Pham) Dang ’92, Lancaster, joined Wachovia Bank as vice president of business banking in the Lancaster region.

Stacy L. Everly ’92, Boothwyn, received her master’s degree in business administration with a concentration in marketing from Capella University.

Jennifer D. (Fritz) Buck ’94, Hughesville, earned her national board certification in early adolescence/mathematics. She was a 2006 finalist for the Pennsylvania State Teacher of the Year award.

Jason G. Giorgio ’94, Landisville, was named to the board of directors of the Buchanan Foundation. He is the president of Giorgio Associates, financial advisors.

Mark B. Smith ’94, Lancaster, was named vice president and commercial-development relationship manager team leader with Fulton Bank’s commercial lending unit.

Kelly (Rothrock) Davis ’95, Lancaster, joined Millersville University as office manager for alumni services.

Tammi (Witmer) Miller ’95, Lancaster, was promoted to director of service and support of a human focus division of The Securus Group, which specializes in human development, team building, recruiting and hiring.

Stacy (Scarborough) Stathopoulis ’95, Phoenix, Md., was promoted to assistant principal of Parkville Middle School and Center of Technology in Baltimore County, Md.

Joseph Choi ’96, Syracuse, N.Y., began his last year of orthopedic surgery residency as a fellow at East Bay Shoulder Clinic in San Francisco.

Xiaodong Fan ’96, Millersville, teaches Chinese through a distance learning partnership with several Lancaster County high schools. He is an adjunct professor at Elizabethtown College.

Laurie (Rogers) Haines ’96, Marietta, serves as director of marketing at Universal Athletic Club in Lancaster.

Krissy (Kendall) Lederer ’96, Waynesboro, opened an Express Personnel Services office in Greencastle.

Richard MacCauley ’96, Trumbauersville, was appointed to Trumbauersville Borough Council.

Louis Ruocco ’96, Wilmington, Del., was promoted to managing consultant of marketing effectiveness at DuPont Consulting Solutions.

Kimberly (Graham) Caltagirone ’97, Drexel Hill, was promoted to assistant director of the activities office and bookstore at Thomas Jefferson University.

Brian Hughes ’97, Alexandria, Va., was selected as a fellow in the U.S. Department of Commerce Science and Technology Fellowship Program.

Beth A. Press ’97, Wilmington, Del., joined EDiS Co., a construction company in Wilmington, as marketing coordinator.

Matthew Weidman ’97, Lititz, earned an MBA from Eastern University and was promoted to site director for their Central Pennsylvania campus.

Abraham Breslin, Esq. ’98, Strasburg, was hired as a tax manager with High Corporate Services, LLC.

Deborah C. (Horan) Deisley ’98, Millersville, was named accounting department manager for Benchmark Construction Co., Inc.

Anne L. Gingerich ’98, Lancaster, was named non-profit resource network manager in the Office of Professional Training & Education at Millersville University.

Douglas S. Groff ’98, Strasburg, was named president of American Log Mortgage division of American Home Bank in West Hempfield Township.

Anne C. Heberlein ’98, Lancaster, was elected to serve as assistant treasurer of the Buchanan Foundation.

Steve Phenegar ’98, Strasburg, was promoted to assistant controller of corporate services at Willow Valley Associates, Inc.

2000s

Lynn M. (Gaisior) Fantom ’00, Manheim, received 2006 Excellence in Nursing Practice Award from the Xi Chi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau. She is a breast care coordinator at Lancaster General Women and Babies Hospital.

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**Chunk to Hunk**

The main point in the Vollrath Weight Challenge wasn’t about what Steve Vollrath ’95 would lose, it was what Tyler Braun would gain.

Having lost his father to cancer when he was just two years old, Vollrath was concerned for his friend Akiko (Tsuchihashi) Braun ’94, who, in early 2005, was left alone to raise her infant son Tyler after her husband Brad died suddenly from a brain aneurysm.

Vollrath remembered how hard his mother worked to raise him and his sister. “She did an awesome job raising us, but couldn’t save money for us to go to college on top of all the other daily expenses.”

He says, “I’m grateful for the education I received at Millersville, but it would’ve been easier not worrying about how I was going to pay for it.” He wanted to give Tyler the opportunity to get a college education — without the added stress of figuring out how to pay for it.

But how could he help? He remembered a friend who had raised money for victims of September 11 through a weight loss challenge. “I figured I could lose some weight, and get some money for Tyler. Akiko was very appreciative of the idea.” Vollrath put together his written plan and started a website, www.vollrathweightchallenge.com, so that his supporters could track his progress and read his journal entries.

Once word spread, many people got involved, including other Millersville alumni and his mentor while in school, Phil Loht ’65. Supporters were asked to pledge a minimum of $3 per pound lost, and some pledged as much as $20 per pound lost.

The challenge began on September 1, 2005, and ended exactly one year later. Steve was more than 40 pounds lighter and Tyler had a $15,642 nest egg in a 529 fund.

If anyone would like to find out how to contribute to Tyler’s education fund, please contact Akiko at akikobraun@aim.com.

Michael G. Keithley ’00, Willow Street, was promoted to quality systems manager of L-3 Communications, a major provider of homeland defense products.

Cheryl (Swain) Kmiecik ’00, Lititz, was named public relations and development manager of Occupational Development Center.

Jaime L. Kurtz ’00, Reading, earned a Ph.D. in social psychology from the University of Virginia.

Mandy J. Lloyd ’00, York, was hired as an associate with Nikolaus & Hohenadel, LLP, where she will practice law in the areas of worker’s compensation and litigation.

Melany Smith ’00, Mountville, was named manager for Commerce Bank’s Rohrerstown Road branch.

Wendy L. Zimmerman ’00, Lusby, Md., was named assistant principal at Great Mills High School.

Kelley Appleman ’01, Wilmington, Del., received the DuPont Corporation’s “Clear into the Future” fellowship. She is a doctoral candidate at University of Delaware’s College of Marine and Earth Studies.

Ajani Cross ’01, Lancaster, received a 2007 Steinman Fellowship and is working toward a doctorate in educational and school psychology at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Frances K. Harmon ’01, Green Lane, was accepted into the doctoral program for educational leadership at Immaculata University.

Timothy D. Marcoe ’01, Camp Hill, was ordained into the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg. He celebrated his first mass at St. Margaret Mary Church in Penbrook.

Abbey Neff ’01, Red Lion, teaches kindergarten in the West York School District.

Sara L. (Spayd) Shelton ’01, Shillington, was named yearbook advisor at Fleetwood High School, where she teaches photography and drafting.

Nicholas Sidelnick ’01, Landisville, graduated cum laude with a Juris Doctor degree from Widener University School of Law, Harrisburg.

Thomas J. Baker ’02, Pittsburgh, was elected the new president of the Pittsburgh Urban Magnet Project (PUMP), which advances issues affecting young and young-thinking people in Pittsburgh, making the region a more dynamic and diverse place in which to live.

Amy M. Barshinger ’02, Windsor, graduated with an M.Ed. from Pennsylvania State University and is employed at the York Jewish Community Center.

Jodi (Lindsey) Dobslaw ’02, Elizabethtown, received the 2006 C. Virginia Palmer Graduate Award from the Xi Chi Chapter of Sigma Tau at Millersville University.

Jennifer M. Oravecz ’02, Norfolk, Va., earned credentials as a certified professional coder from American Academy of Professional Coders. She joined an acute-care hospital in Chesapeake, Va., as a corporate compliance analyst.

Jennifer Smith ’02, Wilmington, Del., was named coach of the Lock Haven Lady Eagles’ women’s basketball program. She was a four-year letterman at Millersville in basketball.

Jennifer (Goodwillie) Derry ’03, King of Prussia, is assistant director for staff training and development office for residence life at Villanova University.

Ryan Greiner ’03, Lancaster, was promoted to senior accountant with Ross Buehler Falk, a certified public accounting and consulting firm.

Mark E. Stallings ’03, Atglen, won the 5-mile Red Rose Run for the second consecutive year.
Arati Corso-Jones ’04, Lancaster, was awarded a 2007 Steinman Fellowship and is working toward a master’s degree in social work at Temple University.

Patrick Cristino ’04, Wrightsville, was promoted to regional manager of Citizens Bank for Lancaster and York counties.

Edmund P. Garvey ’04, Lancaster, received a 2007 Steinman Fellowship and is pursuing a master’s degree in psychology at Millersville University.

Maura Hamberger ’04, York, joined Millersville University as assistant director of the annual fund.

Kirsten Horner ’04, Millersville, joined Millersville University as assistant to the director of alumni services.

Heather A. LaPeria ’04, Mechanicsburg, works as a substitute art teacher at Colonial Elementary School in Plymouth Meeting.

Wayne Mackenzie ’04, Huntsville, Ala., is a staff meteorologist on WAYA-31 News Weekend. He is also a research associate at the University of Alabama’s Earth System Science Center.

Nina (Hoffmaster) Moragne ’04, Lancaster, was promoted to development director of the Lancaster Day Care Center.

Jennifer M. Reese ’04, Philadelphia, joined Parsons Brinckerhoff, a planning, engineering and construction management firm, as finance administrative assistant.

Tiffany Ritter ’04, Lancaster, is serving as an long-term adult education volunteer with Christian Appalachian Project in Kentucky.

Holly Sensinger ’04, Lansdale, was named office administrator for the Susquehanna Valley Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Meghan R. (Shannon) Sidelnick ’04, Salunga, was awarded a 2007 Steinman Fellowship and continues her studies toward a master’s degree in social work from Millersville University.

Shannah Troncone ’04, Waynesboro, was hired as a school psychologist with Frederick County, Va.

Graham L. Waters ’04, Hershey, was named assistant general manager of the electric department for the Borough of Middletown.

Kristin M. Albright ’05, Hershey, earned her master’s degree in education from Virginia Tech in May 2007. She works with the transitional living program at the Milton Hershey School.

Katherine A. Chronister ’05, Gettysburg, graduated with a master’s degree in public relations from Rowan University and is the assistant director of residence life at Mount Saint Mary’s University in Emmitsburg, Md.

Ryan M. Kuehner ’05, East Petersburg, received a 2007 Steinman Fellowship and is working toward a doctorate in clinical psychology at Fielding University.

Stephen Moyer ’05, Dallas, is the West Nile virus technician for the Adams County Conservation District.

Cynthia Sears ’05, Lititz, was awarded the Carol Y. Phillips Undergraduate Award for outstanding scholastic achievement from the Xi Chi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau at Millersville University.

Scott P. Smith ’05, Bridgewater, Conn., was sworn in as an officer for the Newtown Police Department.

Josh A. Weaver ’05, Lancaster, joined Irex Corp. as a tax accountant.

Jessica (Zambroski) Deardorff ’06, Red Lion, joined Traffax/Metro Networks as a reporter.

Angela M. Keller ’06, Ephrata, earned a 2007 Steinman Fellowship and is working toward a master’s degree in social work at Millersville University.

Staci Manges ’06, New Enterprise, was hired as a first grade teacher at Millersville University.

Laurian Halter ’07, Lancaster, was named volunteer and wish coordinator for the Susquehanna Valley Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Daniel Houloose ’07, East Stroudsburg, joined Central Pennsylvania College as an admissions counselor.

Jessica (Kemper) See ’07, Manchester, teaches information literacy at York College.

John F. Yanikov ’07, York, was commissioned as second lieutenant in the U.S. Army after successfully completing the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps.

Arzie Yeater ’07, Millersville, joined the West York Area School District as a physics teacher.

Births

Jennifer D. (Fritz) Buck ’94 and husband Rodney, twins, Sarah Vietta and Jacob Henry, on 3/19/07.

Krista (Brand) Firely ’95 and husband Greg, a daughter, Ava Grace, on 6/7/07.

Marriages

Beth Ann Myers ’77 and David Franz, 4/28/07.

Robert J. Kennedy ’79 and Michelle Mohn ’97, 6/16/07.

Sheri L. Chamberlain ’98 and Scott A. Matthews, 2/19/05.

Melissa G. Feath ’98 and Blake J. Lindstedt, 11/11/06.

Joseph F. Kulbacki ’00 and Diana M. Patrick, 3/31/07.

Laura R. Maun ’01 and Kevin C. Adams, 8/13/06.

Todd D. Voneida ’02 and Jennifer E. Hackenberg, 9/16/06.

Erin A. Breslin ’03 and Carl A. Benner, 10/5/05.

Miska Freed ’03 and Michael Yost ’03, 3/24/07.

Laura L. Hensler ’03 and Robert Heller, 7/29/06.

Shana Lint ’04 and Justin Overholt ’04, 5/27/07.

Christopher A. Potter ’04 and Jaclyn F. Hice ’06, 7/21/07.

Chad Gunzenhauser ’05 and Kate Healy, 2/3/07.

Jami Rissmiller ’05 and Mark Zimmerman, 5/5/07.

Clapping for joy

Derek, Trevor and Nathan Donohoe – sons of Karla (Kruse) Donohoe and Robert Donohoe ’92 and grandsons of professor Thomas Kruse, social work professor, and Judith Kruse – enjoy playing with the black and gold clappers that were distributed during the baseball events held over the summer. Perhaps the Donohoe boys will follow the path and legacy to Millersville as first established by their great grandmother Mary Louise DePugh Banzhof (circa 1936).
Victoria (Harris) Goser ′95 and husband Jeremiah ′00, a daughter, Lily Jane, on 4/7/07.

Michelle (Heverling) Raynes ′95 and husband Daniel, a daughter, Emma Louise, on 6/5/07.

Laurie (Rogers) Haines ′96 and husband Chris, a daughter, Rachel (Zufelt) Jurman ′03, on 4/10/07.

Autumn (Arva) Camlin ′01 and husband Daniel, a daughter, Abigale Maria, on 6/25/07.

Lea (Janowicz) Millhouse ′99 and husband Andrew, a daughter, Lea (Janowicz) Millhouse ′99, on 2/16/07.

Maxwell, on 1/9/07.

Erin A. (Breslin) Benner ′03 and husband Brian ′97, a daughter, Abigail Reef, on 5/30/06.

Bradley J. Tompkins ′99 and wife Connie, a son, Dylan Jerome, on 4/22/07.

Cathleen (Schloegte) Shuey ′05 and husband Joel ′96, a daughter, Samantha Shuey, on 4/11/07.

Ruth E. Cassel ′70, Landisville, died on 7/23/07, at the age of 85. She served the U.S. Army as a logistics management specialist.

Ronald M. Geller ′73, Holmdel, N.J., died on 7/9/07, at the age of 70. She was a special education teacher for Schuylkill Intermediate School.

Raymond A. Fittery ′86, Newmanstown, died on 5/20/07, at the age of 31. She taught at Kraybill Good Turns Driving School until 2002.

Joe W. (Roth) Riehl ′58 and his wife Barbara Ann (Canfield) Riehl ′66, a son, Dylan Jerome, on 4/22/07.

Jeffrey R. (Mueller) Smith ′75, died on 4/30/07, at the age of 70. He was a driving educator at the local library after retirement.

Debora R. (Lambert) Dヘルト ′72, died on 4/18/07, at the age of 77. She served the U.S. Army as a logistics management specialist.

Stephanie J. (Ober) Lander ′88, died on 6/12/07, at the age of 30. She was employed by Akzo Chemical Company. He was co-captain of the 1975 Millersville State College football team.

Esther (Kaylor) Swartz ′24, York, died on 6/1/07, at the age of 101. She was a school teacher in Steelton and active in her church as a volunteer, teacher and pianist.

Jeanne E. (Bennawit) Hertzog ′27, York, died on 5/16/06. She was a retired school and hospital librarian.

Sara L. (Colvin) Anderson ′34, Ephrata, died on 7/7/07, at the age of 94. She was a teacher in schoolhouse in Lower Chanceford Township.

Verna M. (Murry) Krier ″37, Martin Luther, N.J., died on 6/4/07, at the age of 92. She began her teaching career in a one-room schoolhouse in Lancaster County and retired from teaching in the Hempfield School District for 45 years as a teacher, coach and assistant principal.

Ruth E. Cassel ′70, Landisville, died on 7/23/07, at the age of 85. She served the U.S. Army as a logistics management specialist.

Eileen C. Subiel ′76, Philadelphia, died on 8/26/06, at the age of 51. She served as a consultant for the Parish Resource Center of the Bible Curriculum Revision Committee for Mennohite Schools Council.

Karen R. (Cooney) Deeter ′93, Heggies, died on 5/23/07, at the age of 36. She was a special education teacher for Schuykill Intermediate Unit 29 at Williams Valley High School.

Lauren A. Reed ′98, York, died on 7/28/07, at the age of 31. She was a former employee of Fulton Financial in Lancaster.

Shawn R. Kelly ′06, New Cumberland, died on 6/20/07, at the age of 24. He was a substitute teacher in the Mechanicsburg School District. Kelly was struck by lightning while helping a neighbor.

Remembrance

Dr. Ramesh C. Bhatia, died on 10/13/07, at the age of 65. He was a professor of accounting in the Department of Business Administration.

Dr. Charles Joseph Wirls, Billings, Mont., died on 9/10/07, at the age of 83. He was a professor emeritus of psychology.
Barbara Hunsberger ’65 will never forget the day she spotted a pair of rare Hyacinth Macaws in Brazil.

The gorgeous cobalt blue parrots were perched in a tree. Fortunately, her husband Peter was ready with his camera to capture the image of the exquisite birds (see above).

Such has been the life of Barbara and Peter Hunsberger, as they travel the world, observing nature, hiking through woods, hills and rain forests, and putting their adventures on film.

“We wanted to retire while we were still young enough to enjoy it,” says Barbara, adding that the couple has been married for 40 years.

Indeed, the Hunsbergers have had a lively and energetic retirement. Barbara retired as librarian at Millersville University in 2001. Four years ago, Peter retired from Armstrong World Industries as a technical specialist.

Since then, the Hunsbergers have traveled to Mexico, Central America, Canada, Europe and the Galapagos Islands. They have seen flocks of vibrant pink roseate spoonbills in Trinidad, and huge marine iguanas basking in the sun, not far from sea lions, penguins and giant land tortoises in the Galapagos.

They have snorkeled among exotic Caribbean fish, cruised Norway, seen polar bears at the North Pole and observed incredible birds such as peregrine falcons, sandhill cranes and bald eagles not far from home.

“We love to travel, but we love discovering Lancaster County too,” says Peter.

Both are Lancaster County born and raised. Peter has traced his Hunsberger genealogy back many generations. Barbara is an eighth generation Biemesderfer, whose grandfather, D. Luke Biemesderfer, was president of Millersville University for more than twenty years (1943-65).

Through the years, they have supported Millersville’s Summer Science Program, Global Opportunities Program and capital campaigns. In addition, they have joined the Biemesderfer family to support the planned performing arts center.

As the acquisition librarian at Millersville from 1973 to 2001, Barbara saw many changes in research and reference resources. From books, journals and the Dewey Decimal System to computers, online research and Google, the way students find information has changed drastically.

“It is much more automated, much faster, but there is still the challenge of discerning what information is accurate. Where does it come from — and, is it a valid source? You can’t just Google it,” says Barbara.

It is the Hunsbergers’ shared interest in learning about their world and satisfying their curiosity that make them such a great traveling team. They are both passionate bird watchers, participating in local bird counts. The couple also enjoys theater, music and the arts.

Peter is an avid gardener and designed the gardens outside their Williamsburg-inspired home, which he also designed with an authentic water table ledge. He is a master with the camera and is famous for his homemade bread.

For Barbara and Peter Hunsberger, retirement has nothing to do with rocking chairs. It’s all about exploring, learning, discovering and giving back to their community and Millersville University, which has been so much a part of their lives.