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CULTURAL EVENTS SERIES
2006–2007 season

Jazz Violinist | Artist in Residence
JOHN BLAKE JR.

Wednesday, April 25, 7:30 p.m.
Lyte Auditorium, Alumni Hall
General admission: $10
Students with ID: $2

For advance tickets: Student Memorial Center Ticket Window, 717-872-3811.
See page 7, for details about Blake’s activities during his residency, April 22-27.

THEATER
The Diary of Anne Frank
April 13-15, 19-21, at 8 p.m.
and April 22, at 2 p.m.
Rafters Theatre, Dutcher Hall

Advance Tickets:
Student Memorial Center Ticket Window
717-872-3811

Humanity Interrupted Symposium —
April 19-21. See page 8 for further details.

Kerry Kennedy
Harriet Kenderdine Lecture
Friday, April 20, 5:30 p.m.
Lyte Auditorium
Kerry Kennedy has been devoted to the vindication of equal justice, to the promotion and protection of basic rights and to the preservation of the rule of law. She has led human rights delegations to more than 30 countries.
Co-sponsored by the Lancaster County League of Women Voters.

Colson Whitehead
Carter G. Woodson Lecture
Thursday, April 19, 7:30 p.m.
Lyte Auditorium
Colson Whitehead will speak on the topic of “Human Rights and Literature.” He is the award-winning author of John Henry Days, an investigation of the legendary folk hero, which won the Young Lions Award, the Anisfield-Wolf Book Prize and was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize.

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Happy birthday, Anna!

Retired teacher and educator Anna Funk Lockey ’25 turned 100 on February 20.

The Lockey Lecture, held this year on March 1, provided a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the century milestone with a special cake and her family and University friends around her.

A generous benefactor of the University, she endowed the Lockey Lecture in Education, which has enabled renowned speakers and leaders in education to come to Millersville and share their ideas since 1989. And, Anna has been in attendance at the lecture every year.

The Lockey lecturer this year featured Alfie Kohn, who has been described in Time magazine as “perhaps the country’s most outspoken critic of education’s fixation on grades [and] test scores.” His books include The Homework Myth and Unconditional Parenting.

Over the years, the speakers have often been provocative and always intellectually stimulating and educational. Thank you, Mrs. Lockey, for bringing the following people to Millersville as Lockey lecturers:

- 2006: Martin Haberman
- 2005: William Bennett & Richard Riley
- 2004: Carl Glickman
- 2003: Karima Diane Alavi
- 2002: James W. Loewen
- 2001: Marva Collins
- 2000: William Dugger
- 1999: Thomas Sergiovanni
- 1998: Jonathan Kozol
- 1997: Elliot Eisner
- 1996: Jacqueline Jordan Irvine
- 1995: Diane Ravitch
- 1994: Raul Yzaguirre
- 1993: Theodore R. Sizer
- 1992: Nel Noddings
- 1991: Mary Hatwood Futrell
- 1990: Lee S. Shulman
- 1989: Albert Shanker

Swan Stories

Share your favorite memories and stories about the University’s swans.

We’re working on an upcoming story about Millersville’s beloved swans and would like to include anecdotes and remembrances from you. Please email these to: review@millersville.edu or mail to Millersville Review, P.O. Box 1002, Millersville, PA 17551-1002.
Dr. Elizabeth Hirak Field ’74, a physician-educator at the University of Iowa’s Department of Internal Medicine, returned to her alma mater to speak at the commencement ceremony on December 17.

Among the 538 new Millersville graduates was one of Pennsylvania’s first college graduates with autism. When Will Turnbull, age 32, accepted his diploma, the procession of graduates paused and the audience rose to give him a standing ovation. An English major, he graduated with honors.

Turnbull is unable to speak or write, and uses a special computer to communicate. His mother accompanied him to all of his classes. He serves as the central region representative for Pennsylvania Autism Self-Advocacy Coalition and plans to use his degree to continue educating people about autism.

In Field’s speech, she recognized Turnbull’s tremendous accomplishment. “Will Turnbull, with great courage you have broken through the stereotype of the labels that once chained you.”

She spoke of the importance and lasting impact of an education. “No one can take this gift from you because it is always with you. It will grow with you as you journey through life. You will polish it, strengthen it, patch it, remodel it and expand it the rest of your life. In this way it will never tarnish. It will never break. It will not tear, wear thin or become outgrown. It will remain uniquely fitted to you, tailored by your life experiences.”

Field recalled three special mentors at Millersville who helped to shape her career:

» Dr. Joe Grosh, physics, “taught me to dream big and to believe in myself.” He encouraged her to apply to medical school, something that never occurred to her as a secondary mathematics major.

» Dr. Byron Kohr, physics, taught her “the importance of being flexible to an individual student’s needs.”

» Dr. John Van Horn, a former director of research at Hamilton Watch, rekindled her passion for scientific research.

Field is also director of the Iowa Regional Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics Laboratory. She has conducted research in transplantation immunology, immunologic tolerance and CD4+CD5+ regulatory cells and has a patent pending for CD4+CD5+ Inhibitory Hybridoma Clones.
Wickersham Hall has gotten an extreme make-over. Aside from a small addition that has become the new entrance of the building, the footprint has remained the same.

Construction of the original building began in 1938. It stood empty for two years until 1941 when furnishings were able to be purchased for the facility.

Dr. Lee Boyer, chairman of the math department from 1934 until 1957, was one of many who welcomed the “modern” building to the campus. It meant, for the first time, he’d have an office.

The current chairman of the mathematics department, Dr. Robert T. Smith, is equally as enthusiastic about the renovations to Wickersham Hall.

The improvements to the facility included completely gutting the interior of the building. All of the mechanical systems were upgraded, increasing the energy efficiency of the building. It also enabled the facility to be designed and configured especially for the needs of the math department.

Among the features of the building:
- Seven smart classrooms equipped with computers, DVD players and a wireless network.
- A math computing lab that is used as a teaching lab.
- A math assistance center that is used as a study center as well as a tutoring center staffed by students.

In addition to the study center, Wickersham offers students a number of appealing benefits. Desk areas are built into alcoves in the hall—just one of the study-friendly aspects to encourage math majors to use Wickersham as their home base.

Named in honor of James Pyle Wickersham, who was principal when the Lancaster County Normal Institute opened on April 17, 1855, Wickersham Hall blends the best of the old with the new.

Despite the wonderful benefits of technology and the smart classroom concept, mathematicians need blackboards. It adds up to each classroom being equipped with slate blackboards.

Another special feature is the installation of a stained glass window that had been saved when Old Main was razed.
John Blake Jr.

Internationally renowned jazz violinist, John Blake Jr., will be a featured artist in residence at Millersville from April 22-27. Blake has performed with such jazz legends as Grover Washington Jr., McCoy Tyner, The Duke Ellington Orchestra, the Turtle Island String Quartet, the Steve Turre Sextet, Quartet Indigo and Kennedy Center jazz icon Dr. Billy Taylor.

In addition to being a leading voice in jazz improvisation for string players, Blake has an extensive background as an educator and presents a variety of programs that enrich the experiences of the campus and general public alike.

His five-day residence includes three concert performances:
- Tuesday, April 24—Concert with Faculty & Friends; McComsey Hall/Ford Atrium, Millersville University, noon. Free.
- Wednesday, April 25—Concert with John Blake Jr. and Quartet with Sumi Tonooka, piano; Avery Sharpe, bass; Harry Butch Reed, drums; also featuring jazz vocalist Ruth Bennis-Suter; Lyte Auditorium, Millersville University, 7:30-9 p.m. General admission is $10; students are $2.
- Friday, April 27—Concert with John Blake Jr. and Quartet and the MU Jazz Ensemble and Dance/Improvisation; Centerville Middle School, 7:30-9 p.m. Tickets are $10.

Advance tickets for the Wednesday or Friday night concerts are available at the Student Memorial Center Ticket Window or 717-872-3811.

Campus activities and classroom visits include:
- Radio/TV interview on “Millersville University as a Creative Campus”
- Rehearsals with MU Jazz Ensemble, West African Dance & Drumming Ensemble; Essence Expressions; Footprints and MU Dance Team
- Introduction to Business of the Arts
- String Methods Class
- Seminar in String Teaching
- Master Class/Jazz Improvisation & String Pedagogy sessions for music majors, music education students and violin educators
- West African Dance Class
- Beyond Millersville’s campus, there are a variety of outreach programs in the Lancaster community that will feature John Blake Jr. These include:
  - Wheatland Middle School
  - J.P. McCaskey High School
  - Hempfield School Dance Theatre & community dance programs
  - Hempfield High School String Orchestra & String Ensemble Groups
  - An in-service program for violin teachers

On Thursday, April 26, from 6-8 p.m., Blake will be the locus of “Poetry and Art Night” at Fulton Elementary School. Blake’s music will be presented as selected students read poetry that they developed especially for his music. Blake is sought after by string organizations such as the Suzuki Foundation and the American String Teachers Association.

Blake’s residency is made possible by a grant from Pennsylvania Performing Artists on Tour, Millersville University and other organizations.

All of the events are open to the public. For more information about Blake’s residency, contact Artist in Residence co-chairperson Dr. Ruth Bennis-Suter at 717-872-3098.

Books & Baseball

Students in Lancaster, York, Dauphin and Lebanon counties have an extra incentive to read more—a free ticket to a Lancaster Barnstormers baseball game. Last season more than 20,000 free tickets were earned.

Sponsored by Millersville University, the program requires students to read four books outside of the regular classroom curriculum to qualify for a free ticket to see the Barnstormers team, which is a member of the Atlantic League of Professional Baseball Clubs.

The program is designed as a turnkey for teachers and reading coordinators. The Barnstormers will drop off special bookmarks to schools and, at the conclusion of the program, deliver ticket vouchers in exchange for each successfully completed bookmark.

Students will be recognized on the field with a special pre-game parade at the following games:
- Sunday, May 6 — Dauphin and Lebanon County public school students
- Tuesday, May 8 — Private school and home-schooled students

Last year, Skully joined in the fun as student readers were recognized at special Lancaster Barnstormers baseball games.

- Wednesday and Thursday, May 9-10 — Lancaster County school students

For more information or to participate in the program, contact 717-509-HITS or www.lancasterbarnstormers.com.
LEGO® sculpture: The art of the brick

Watch a renowned artist at work as he sculps using one of the world's most popular building blocks—LEGO®s.

Millersville University, in partnership with the Lancaster Museum of Art, is bringing Nathan Sawaya, a professional LEGO® artist and former LEGO® Master Model Builder, to Lancaster.

Sawaya's first solo art exhibit will be on display at the Lancaster Museum of Art, 135 North Lime Street in Lancaster, from April 7-May 20. It will be the first exhibition in the U.S. to focus exclusively on the use of LEGO® building blocks as an art medium.

As part of the artist-in-residence program, the public watch Sawaya transform LEGO® bricks into beautiful and playful sculptures. The working storefront window is located at 215 N. Queen Street in Lancaster, and will be the museum's future home.

Sawaya's work is featured in collections in museums and public art displays throughout the country. For more information about his work, visit www.brickartist.com.

For youngsters interested in LEGO®, check out Millersville's Technology Camp, run by the department of industry and technology every summer. For more information about the LEGO® Robotics Camp, go to www.millersville.edu/~techcamp/

Taking Millersville around the globe

The University of KwaZulu-Natal in Durban, South Africa and St. Mary's University College in Belfast, Northern Ireland are Millersville's latest international academic affiliates.

The University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) is Millersville's first academic partnership on the continent of Africa. UKZN is recognized as "the premier university of African scholarship."

"This partnership will add greater diversity to Millersville's educational affiliations abroad and will permit many exciting opportunities for the Millersville community in a variety of areas," said Dr. Kirsten Bookmiller, director of Global Education and Partnerships.

St. Mary's University College in Belfast is recognized as a leading provider of teacher education in Northern Ireland on both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

"Given Millersville's strength in the field of education, this partnership promises to be a very vibrant collaboration, particularly in the exploration of education, reconciliation and diversity," said Bookmiller.

"We have our first student exchange participant at UKZN this spring and are planning to send four more Millersville students in June for a special summer program," said Bookmiller. "This semester we already have two students from Belfast living in the dorms and taking courses, and next year we will be welcoming students from South Africa."

Millersville hosted Suzanne Berry, professor from the department of politics at UKZN, who was a visiting lecturer for the Southern African Human Rights course—the first course of its kind taught at Millersville.

Humanity Interrupted Symposium

April 19-21, 2007

Civic engagement can range from neighborhood cleanups to pursuing research with a nonprofit organization to help improve people's lives. Millersville University will extend that idea of engagement to a broader discussion of human rights at the local, national and global levels through the Humanity Interrupted symposium. It will offer a wide-ranging series of MU faculty, students, scholars and activists presenting their insights into the state of human rights today.

Thursday, April 19—Dr. Kevin Bales, author of Disposable People and director of Free the Slaves, will be speaking on modern slavery at 10:30 a.m. Colson Whitehead, author of The Intuitionist and John Henry Days, will speak at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 20—Kerry Kennedy, director, Speak Truth to Power, and former director, Robert F. Kennedy Center for Human Rights, will be speaking at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 21—U.S. Congressman Joe Pitts will present "Religious Freedom as a Human Right" at 2:30 p.m. His presentation will be followed by Stephen Lewis, who is the United Nations Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa.

The symposium is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Office of the Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, 717-872.3553 or www.millersville.edu.
She has a voice as sweet as Tupelo honey, but you should know that associate professor Dr. Anita Boyle Renfroe is one energetic, enthusiastic Southern belle.

Her career as a music instructor and performer has taken Dr. Renfroe all over the world. She has performed piano and harpsichord solo recitals at the Kennedy Center Terrace Theater, Wolf Trap Center for the Performing Arts, the Organization of American States, the World Bank, the British Embassy, the Folger Library and as organ soloist with the Arlington Symphony Orchestra in the Washington, D.C. area. She has even been the featured soloist for a concert series with the Winnebend Kammerorchester, Stuttgart, Germany.

“I love performing,” says Renfroe. I played at a restaurant and bar in grad school and for lots of social gatherings. Musicians wear many hats. The more versatile we are, the more opportunities come our way.”

As an associate professor of music, Renfroe seeks to inspire the same love of music in her students. She has taught at seven universities and at Millersville University since 1994.

“Music has the ability to inspire greatness, to awaken our imaginations and help us overcome negativity. My piano holds my deepest secrets and releases my greatest joy,” says Renfroe.

Her musical Southern accent hints at her origins. Growing up in Vadosta, Georgia, her family provided the roots for her love of music. As a child, she would sit at the piano and listen to her grandfather as he sang in his tenor voice and practiced his music. Her aunt and grandmother raised her and instilled a love for music at home.

“They sang as they worked. There was always music,” she says, adding that her church had an excellent music program that fostered her fondness for song.

She and a good friend took music lessons together when they were only in first grade and played for Sunday school right from the start. They loved the songs and playing piano so much that it was only natural to continue with private lessons and choir.

“I knew by age ten that I would be a professional musician,” says Renfroe.

So, she pursued that goal with great drive. She always had an insatiable desire to learn about composers, styles of music and the role of music in different cultures. Renfroe adores the music of Brahms, Rachmaninoff, Puccini and Bach.

At Millersville, Renfroe is active on the Honors Program committee and the faculty’s special events committee to bring notable artists and musicians to Millersville, including the famed Andre Watts. She has a special passion for coordinating events that link Millersville with the community, such as the co-sponsored workshops with the Lancaster Music Teachers Association.

She and her husband, Vance, have been married for 37 years and have two adult children, Audra and Nick, and three granddaughters.

Sometimes after a day of listening to music analytically, she likes the sweet sounds of nature best—the sound of a waterfall, the wind in the trees and the ocean waves on the shore.

“All of us have an inherent need to express ourselves musically. Singing and movement should be natural for everyone,” she says.
It’s mid-May and school is out, so 15 college students walking the sunny beaches of Mexico, biking through Maya ruins and climbing pyramids must be on vacation, right? Wrong. They’re in Dr. Ximena Catepillan’s Math 102 course, also known as Mathematics in Non-European Cultures. These students are learning about math as it was practiced by the ancient Maya civilization.

Math 102 is a general education course designed for students not majoring in math and science. In addition to covering mathematics from the Maya civilization, the course also covers ancient mathematics from Africa, China, Australia, India and Egypt. Millersville has been offering this course on campus each spring since 1997. However, last summer, Catepillan offered a special session of the course that included a week-long trip to Mexico’s Yucatan Peninsula.
Students visited pyramids, temples and ruins at Chichen Itza, Coba, Ek Balam and Playa del Carmen.

Unlike math courses that require students to memorize formulas and solve equations, Math 102 focuses on the application of mathematical concepts developed by ancient civilizations. Students must research and give presentations on concepts such as African and Babylonian numerical systems, the magic square of China and the history of zero.

Trying to make math interesting to students who aren’t math or science majors can be challenging, but Catepillan has done just that with this course. Many students have told her that they “never thought math could be this fun.”

She hopes the course will help students develop an appreciation for math because, as she said, “It is everywhere.” To illustrate that, the course covers topics as diverse as astronomy, archaeoastronomy, or the way ancient civilizations used astronomy to construct buildings and calendrics, or the development of calendars. “I make sure [students] understand how [math] was involved in different cultures, in other words ethno-mathematics,” Catepillan said.

In many cases, these civilizations used math as a tool for survival. Today, a calendar is merely a handy way to keep track of appointments. However, for the Maya, a calendar was necessary for recording ideal dates to plant and harvest certain crops as well as for recording religious holidays. “The Maya developed the most elaborate calendar that we know of,” Catepillan said.

They actually had two calendars: the Haab that was used by farmers and the Tzolkin that was spiritual, she said. The Haab calendar had 365 days, while the Tzolkin had 260. These calendars were used simultaneously, creating a complete cycle of 18,980 days. In other words, the Haab and Tzolkin calendars shared the same date only once every 18,980 days.

The Maya recorded important dates in their history, such as the enthronement of a king, on stone structures called stelae.

Many hieroglyphics depicting dates on buildings are in this format, called long count. The long count format is composed of five measurements, each referring to five different units of time: baktuns (144,000 days), katuns (7,200 days), tuns (360 days), uinals (20 days) and kins (one day).

A long count date of 9.3.10.5.3 is 9 baktuns, 3 katuns, 10 tuns, 5 uinals and 3 kins, meaning 1,321,303 total days from the first day of the Maya calendar.

Students in Math 102 had to calculate what that date was on both the Tzolkin and Haab calendars. Before they were even able to read dates on a stelae, students first had to learn Maya numerical symbols, which are composed of a series of dots and horizontal lines (see page 13) as well as a special symbol for zero.

Kaleena Rodriguez ’06, a psychology major, said this course was different than other math courses because “you didn’t just learn the numbers, you learned the culture behind the numbers.”

Students were impressed by the fact that Egyptians and Mayas aligned pyramids and buildings according to equinoxes and solstices. The Maya

Important historical dates were recorded in stone in the long count form.
mathematics were so sophisticated, they were able to “predict the eclipses of July 11, 1991, and August 11, 1999. We’re talking about astronomy with the naked eye,” Catepillan said.

The Maya aligned some of their buildings according to solstices and equinoxes to keep track of time. For example, the day the sun set directly behind a particular structure might have signalled that it was planting season for a specific crop. Egyptians, however, aligned their pyramids with solstices and equinoxes primarily for religious reasons.

The Warlpiri, one of Australia’s aboriginal groups, used math for survival without even realizing it. They created an elaborate system for organizing family members. Known as a kin system, each person was assigned to a subgroup within the tribe using a complex set of rules. The kin system allowed the Warlpiri to effectively distribute “roles, tasks and responsibilities within the tribe,” Catepillan said. Researchers now understand that this particular system worked so well because it was based on a mathematical model.

Yet, not all ancient mathematics had a survival application. Magic squares, developed by the Chinese, may have simply been a source of entertainment. The squares are grids of numbers in which the sums of every column, row and diagonal are the same number. Catepillan likens the squares to Sudoku.

Maya Exploration Center

The idea for developing a travel abroad component to Math 102 came to Catepillan a few years ago when she took a week-long workshop on Maya mathematics led by the Maya Exploration Center. At the time, she was simply looking for more material to incorporate into the spring sessions of Math 102. However, she was able to collaborate with two of the center’s archaeologists, Drs. Ed Barnhart and Chris Powell, to develop a week-long tour for Millersville students.

Mexico was an ideal travel destination for this course because the Maya were so developed and had much to offer in terms of mathematical contributions.

Another reason Catepillan selected the Yucatan Peninsula was because airfare to Mexico was much more affordable than to other countries the course covers. Although many students can afford the airfare to Mexico, which is just over $300 round trip, not every student can afford the extra $1,100 fee to the Maya Exploration Center. That cost is in addition to tuition. “Usually, I have a lot of students interested in the course, but the money is a problem,” said Catepillan.

Last year, Millersville’s Upward Bound Program received a grant for programs that encourage minorities and students of low income to study math and science. Through that grant, six students were able to participate.

Empowering Students

Although some students may have thought last summer’s course would be like a vacation, they were surprised by what they learned.
“I never knew math had such a diverse history,” said Kenneth Smith Jr., a junior majoring in English.

Howard Jones Jr., a senior majoring in psychology, was also surprised by the course. He had taken it once but had to repeat it. When he took the summer session, he got an A, and believes that the travel component helped him to learn more. “Having the experience of going over and seeing how they [Maya] used math…You can’t forget something like that,” he said. He was so impressed by the accomplishments of non-European civilizations that he has started researching African mathematical contributions on his own.

For Liliana Hernandez, a sophomore majoring in art education, the course was an opportunity to return to her homeland. A native of Mexico, Hernandez has been in the United States for only five years and is the first member of her family to attend college. She was thrilled and proud to learn about the many accomplishments of the Maya.

“They were so intelligent,” she said. It is this sense of pride and appreciation for the accomplishments of ancient civilizations that Dr. Eliana Rojas, assistant professor in residence at University of Connecticut’s Neag School of Education, thinks students will gain from this course. She attended last year’s trip to evaluate how students reacted to the experience of learning abroad. She was particularly interested in identifying the impact this course had on culturally, linguistically and socially diverse students. Math 102, she said, can help these students “connect with their history” and consequently find the “power to be active learners.” Her preliminary findings from interviews with last summer’s students indicate that the course does this. Students were impressed that ancient civilizations were able to do so much without technology.

Although Millersville has been offering courses with a travel component for several years, this is the first such course offered by the math department.
For twenty years, University photographer Jim Yescalis was the man behind the camera as he covered countless events on campus. Before retiring in January 2007, Jim picked a few of his favorite photos documenting just a few moments in the twenty years he spent capturing Millersville memories. From the beauty of Millersville University’s campus, to two decades of graduations, to victory and defeat in the athletic arena, to the famous people who have visited the University, to faculty, students, staff and alumni, Jim was there to seal the University’s history through photo essays—and to sample the offerings in the buffet line.

Gone are the days of darkrooms and developing black-and-white prints, but the photos—prints or digital—will be around for many years to remind us of the way it was.

▲ Hillerie Black sheds tears of joy at graduation in May 1992.

< The Millersville swan family shows off their latest offspring in 1996.

< far left: Biemesderfer Center’s historic architecture is beautiful in every season.
Concentration camp survivor and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Elie Wiesel at the Holocaust Conference in April 1993.

Brothers through thick and thin—including mud: Robert McFetridge '00 (#13) and wide receiver Mike McFetridge '99 (kneeling), 1997.

The world-renowned Pittsburgh Symphony performed at Millersville in 1986.

Concentration camp survivor and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Elie Wiesel at the Holocaust Conference in April 1993.

Millersville's field hockey team charge into action, October 2006.
Testa, Parker and Bates weren’t alone in celebrating a terrific basketball season. Not only did the Millersville University men’s basketball team finish the 2006-07 season with an overall record of 28-5, the Marauders won the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) Championship and then reached the final of the NCAA East Regional Tournament.

“This was our goal from the start,” said Testa.

The team started the season off in great fashion by defeating Division I opponent Duquesne University, 81-77, in Pittsburgh. However, the next game saw Millersville lose a heart-breaker in the season opener to Shippensburg, 69-67, with four seconds left. But the loss may have been the best thing for the team.
“That loss was a blessing in disguise,” said Parker. “It brought us down from our high from beating Duquesne. We knew we had to play smart and got back to playing the way we can.”

And a blessing it was indeed.

After the Shippensburg game, Millersville rattled off 16 straight wins. It was the fourth longest winning streak in school history.

In the fourth game of the streak, Parker scored his 1,000th career point in a game against Penn State-Harrisburg.

“It was my first major accomplishment,” said Parker of scoring his 1,000th point. “It was hard for me to grasp the fact I was there already, especially because it was something I didn’t do in high school. I’m really glad it came during a time where we were successful.”

That wasn’t the only accomplishment during those 16 games. The team defeated Penn State-Harrisburg by a record margin (68 points), and then swept the PSAC West (7-0), against Bloomsburg. Head Coach Fred Thompson passed John Pucillo to rank third on Millersville’s all-time-wins list for coaches, and the team won their 16 games by an average of 21.8 points.

“Coming into the season, we knew we had a good team,” stated Parker. “We thought we could win all 27 [regular season] games. The team also knew it would take a lot of hard work.”

“As the streak went on it got harder to keep,” recalled Bates, a sophomore forward who transferred from Howard University. “As we progressed, teams started getting a good scouting report on us. It came down to who executed the best.”

On January 23, Millersville found itself ranked 11th in the nation, a season best, by the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) poll. The next day, the Marauders were the top-ranked team in the East Region in the first set of NCAA Regional Rankings.

However, later that night, a three-pointer in the final minute gave visiting Kutztown a 67-64 win, ending a winning streak that lasted more than two months.

Over the next six games, the team would go 4-2. Millersville had put itself in the driver’s seat to win the PSAC Eastern Division in a rematch with East Stroudsburg (Feb. 17). The game was tied at 79 with nine seconds left. Parker stole the ball and had it knocked away with one second left. On the inbounds play, Testa took the pass and was fouled with no time left. He stepped to the line and sank the game-winning free throw.

“It’s something I always dreamed about,” recalled Testa. “I’m just happy that we got the win out of it.”

The next game, Millersville won its first PSAC East title since 2003 with an 83-81 overtime win at Cheyney.

Millersville entered the PSAC Tournament as the top seed in the East. They took care of East Stroudsburg in the first round, 63-59. Then, Millersville traveled to California (Pa.) and stopped Edinboro, 65-55. In the finals, Millersville took out Cheyney, 79-68, to win its fourth PSAC Championship and earn a spot in the NCAA Tournament.

Testa scored 56 points in the three games and was named Tournament MVP. It was just the beginning of the post-season honors.

Testa and Parker were both named to the All-PSAC East First Team for the third straight year. Bates was selected to the PSAC East Second Team. Coach Thompson was given the PSAC East Coach of the Year Award. Parker was named to the NABC All-East Region First Team, while Testa was selected to the second team. Parker was also named to the Daktronics All-Region Second Team.

“For me to have to transition into the program and then be recognized in any capacity is great,” said Bates.

Parker and Testa agree that the individual awards are great, but the team awards are what they really relish.

“It’s nice to be recognized,” claims Testa. “But it comes with success. The only award I wanted to look at was a PSAC championship.”

“It’s always great that people recognize what you can do and compliment you with awards,” stated Parker. “It’s something you can look back on and be proud of. But the championship is much greater.”

The push toward the national championship started on March 4 when Millersville was awarded a three seed in the East Region. In North Carolina on March 10, Millersville held off sixth seeded Mount Olive College, 89-85 in overtime. On March 11, they eliminated seventh seeded California (Pa.), 82-72.

The Marauders season came to a close in the East Regional Final on March 12. Millersville lost a tough 76-65 decision to host school and top seeded Barton College.

Millersville’s 28 wins marks a new school record.
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Coming Events

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

Lebanon and Berks Counties Alumni Dinner
Lebanon County will be hosting their third annual alumni dinner in conjunction with Berks County alumni on Wednesday, May 16. Dinner will be held at the Stouch Tavern in Womelsdorf at 6 p.m. Residents of Lebanon and Berks counties will be mailed an invitation. If you don’t live in these counties but would like to attend the dinner, please contact the alumni services office to have the information sent to you.

Washington, D.C.
We’re bringing the University to you. Plans are underway for an alumni gathering in Washington, D.C., in September 2007. Details will be made available as soon as possible.

Hershey Park tickets
Buy your discounted admission tickets to Hershey Park and help support the Millersville Employees Dedicated to the Advancement of Learning (MEDAL) Fund Scholarship program.

- Adult (ages 9-54) $34 (regular $45.95)
- Junior (ages 3-8) $25
- Seniors (55-69) $25
- Senior + (ages 70 and over) $23

Tickets may be used for any day the park is open. Call the Office of Special Events at 717-871-2308 for tickets.

Got what it takes to be a superstar?

Be the next ‘Ville Idol

Calling all Millersville alumni and undergraduate students…the Millersville University Alumni Association is sponsoring its first ‘Ville Idol singing contest. With a cash prize of $1,000 to the top Millersville alumnus and $1,000 to the top University undergraduate performer—seize the opportunity and get your voices in tune for the big fall event!

This is a singing competition—no karaoke machines or screens. Contestants must memorize all songs they are performing throughout the competition. Entry age group: 18–40 (on or before August 31, 2007).

Entries are to be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, September 7, 2007, to the Alumni Services Office, Millersville University, P.O. Box 1002, Millersville, PA 17551-0302. Entry forms and related information (including all contest rules and policies) can be obtained via the website at www.villealumni.com after May 1, or by contacting the alumni services office at mualumni@millersville.edu or 800-681-1855 (Note: entrants must include full name, daytime phone number with area code and current mailing address on initial requests). Plans are underway for the big fall showdown—guest performers, special hosts and judges and so much more. Round 1, 2 and the finals will be open to the public for a nominal fee.

‘Ville Idol Contest

›› Auditions (acapella; no music)
  Sunday, September 16, 9 a.m., Student Memorial Center
›› Round 1
  Sunday, September 23, 2 p.m., Lyte Auditorium/Alumni Hall
›› Semi-Finals/Round 2
  Sunday, September 30, 2 p.m., Lyte Auditorium/Alumni Hall
›› Finals
  Friday, October 12, 8 p.m., Lyte Auditorium/Alumni Hall

Winners will be named at the 2007 Homecoming performance on Saturday, October 13, 2007, 8 p.m., Pucillo Gym. FYI: Millersville is currently negotiating a former American Idol to perform at Homecoming!

Stay tuned and plugged into one of the biggest competitions ever at the ‘Ville! You can be a star!
Human rights issues are part and parcel of our daily experiences in an increasingly interconnected world. Human rights not only appear in the headlines, but right in our backyard. Join us for a very special Alumni Weekend in which we honor alumni, students and special friends who have forged the cause of human rights either through their own personal suffering or through the pursuit of human rights for others. We are honored to have Kerry Kennedy and Congressman Joe Pitts joining us in our Alumni Weekend schedule of events. All of our events this year will carry the theme of human rights in support of the Humanity Interrupted Symposium. All alumni and friends are welcome to join us.

Friday, April 20

8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Alumni Information, Duncan Alumni House. Lower Level, Alumni Services Office, 207 N. George Street. For information, please call 800-681-1855.

12 noon Hobbs-Wickersham Luncheon, Old Main Room, Gordinier Hall. By invitation only. Contact the Development Office at 877-872-3820.

3 p.m. Ad Astra Society Reception, Campus Grill, Gordinier Hall. Alumni and friends who have celebrated their 50th anniversary of graduation from Millersville are cordially invited to this reception. Free.

5:30 p.m. Kenderdine Lecture with guest speaker Kerry Kennedy, Lyte Auditorium/Alumni Hall. Free.

Saturday, April 21

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. School of Math and Science Student Research Poster Display, Caputo Hall Lobby.

9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Alumni Hospitality, Gordinier Hall Lobby and Campus Grill. Visit the hospitality tables for information, complimentary coffee, juice and light fare.

10 a.m. Honors and Awards Convocation, Pucillo Gymnasium. This event will include the Alumni Association’s Distinguished Service Award; Honorary Alumnus Award and other Alumni Association awards and grants; also, University scholarships and special awards to undergraduates. Limited seating; reservations requested. Free. Contact the Development Office at 877-872-3820 for details.

12 noon All-Alumni Luncheon and Awards Recognition with special guest speaker, Congressman Joe Pitts. Lehr Room, Gordinier Hall. All alumni and friends to honor the students who worked on research projects this past year.

1 – 2 p.m. School of Math and Science Research Recognition Ceremony, Caputo Hall, Room 210. For alumni, students and parents to honor the students who worked on research projects this past year.

2:30 p.m. Humanity Interrupted Symposium, Myers Auditorium, McComsey Hall. U.S. Congressman Joe Pitts will present “Religious Freedom as a Human Right,” followed by speaker Stephen Lewis, United Nations Special Envoy for HIV-AIDS in Africa.

5 – 9 p.m. Class Reunion Reception and Dinner for 1957, Old Main Room, Gordinier Hall. Cost is $28.

6:30 – 8 p.m. Lancaster Branch Dessert Reception and performance of The Diary of Anne Frank, Biemesderfer Center and Dutcher Hall. Cost is $15.

Sunday, April 22

2 p.m. Final performance of The Diary of Anne Frank followed by a party with the cast. Dutcher Hall. Cost is $15.
PASSHE travel plans


›› August 10-17: Alaska Cruise (Holland America) will include Inside Passage with a Canadian Rockies option. Ports include Juneau, Sitka, Ketchikan and Victoria, British Columbia. Prices start at $1,797 (includes airfare from Philadelphia or Pittsburgh).

›› November 5-15: Mediterranean Cruise (Oceania): Athens, Greece; Kusadasi, Turkey; Valletta, Malta; Messina, Naples/Capri, Florence/Pisa, Rome, Italy; Corsica, France. Prices start at $2,140 with free airfare from Philadelphia.

›› December 1-8: Mozart’s Christmas Markets (Collette Tour: land only): Salzburg, Austria; Linn, Vienna; Prague, Czech Republic. Prices start at $2,069 (airfare from Philadelphia included).

For more information, contact Cruisin’ Inc./Main Line Vacations at 800-506-7447 or www.alumnivacations.com.

South of the border

More than 110 people participated in PASSHE Travel Program’s cruise to the Mexican Riviera in January. Millersville was well represented by alumni and friends.

(front row, left to right): Jo Ann Lutton ’61, Dorothy Cooper ’74, Barbara Barlett ’65 and Freda Fries ’65. (back row, left to right): Robert Cooper ’60, Joan Treske ’71 and Steven DiGuseppe ’82, trip co-host and Millersville’s executive director of alumni, special events and data management. Not in the photo: Lyda Gentzler, Suzanne Jones ’92 and Bruce Treske.

Jazz and Java—May 5

Back by popular demand by hundreds of alumni, faculty and staff is “Jazz and Java” in its own stand-alone concert. Formerly a favorite event to bring Alumni Weekend to a close, we felt this event warranted its own private event. Join the MU Jazz Band for this special concert on Saturday, May 5.

The ticket price for this event is only $4 and will include table snacks, gourmet coffee, desserts and an evening of unforgettable enjoyment with these talented students and alumni under the direction of Dr. Keith Wiley.

Those of you who have attended this concert know it is one not to be missed. Invite a friend and join us in the Student Memorial Center’s Reighard Multipurpose Room at 8 p.m. The event is co-sponsored by the Millersville University Alumni Association.

New York City trips

Join Destinations for a day trip to New York City and see a Broadway show. Detailed overviews of each show can be found on www.bestofbroadway.com.

›› April 21—The Pirate Queen - $165 and The Lion King - $185
›› May 12—Gourmet shopping trip to New York with a step-on guide - $75
›› September 2007—U.S. Open Tennis Tournament
›› October 20—Wicked
›› November 10—Spamalot and Jersey Boys
›› December 1—Christmas in New York City, including Disney’s Little Mermaid.

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

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

APRIL
7–18  PASSHE Alumni & Friends Travel Program: Imperial Jewels of China
20–22  Alumni Weekend
29  Battle at the Clip: Millersville vs. Franklin & Marshall, Clipper Stadium, 2 p.m.

JULY
3–16  PASSHE Alumni & Friends Travel Program: British Isles Cruise (Princess Cruise Line)
13  York Revolution Baseball Game, York
14  Reading Phillies Baseball Game, Reading

MAY
5  Jazz and Java, 8 p.m., SMC Reighard Multipurpose Room
7  Black & Gold Golf Classic at Bent Creek Country Club, 12:30 p.m.

AUGUST
3  Lancaster Barnstormers Baseball Game, Clipper Stadium, Lancaster
10–17  PASSHE Alumni & Friends Travel Program: Alaska Cruise (Holland America)

Nursing Honor Society honors past presidents

The Xi Chi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing celebrated its tenth anniversary during Homecoming week on October 26, 2006. The lecture speaker, Rosemary Polomano, PhD, RN, FAAN, associate professor of pain practice at the University of Pennsylvania, School of Nursing, addressed the audience on “The Pain of Pain Assessment.”

The chapter unveiled a poster honoring seven past presidents and their vision for the chapter:

- Beth Anne Bahn (1992-94)—Complete the rigorous application process of the STTI to obtain the charter.
- Linda Kauffman (1994-96)—Achieve chartered status; generate knowledge and enthusiasm for membership in STTI.
- Carolyn Voorhees (1996-98)—Develop leadership and scholarship opportunities in education, practice and research.
- Dr. Ginny Palmer (1998-2000)—Recognize local nurses for achievements and encourage an atmosphere of nurses supporting nurses.
- Cindy Blevins (2000-02)—Increase membership involvement and obtain key award.
- Dr. Carol Phillips (2002-04)—Comprise a nucleus for advancement of professional nursing and evidence-based practice for our region.
- Dr. Patsy Fasnacht (2004-06)—Revitalize…Renew…and Re-engage.

The Xi Chi Chapter membership is very grateful to these nursing leaders who committed themselves and inspired others to create the award-winning chapter of 2006-07.

Class of 1971

Ingrid Benjamin DeBellas ’71, writes: “Even though we missed Homecoming and some others like the Sigma Phi Delta reunion, I did manage to get ten gals together over the Christmas holidays for lunch at Donecker’s in Ephrata. We had such a great time that we hope to make it an annual event! Most of us met the first week at MU (fall ’67) and graduated in May ’71. Many of us were among the last ladies to live in Old Main.”

Left to right, standing: Holly Giles Urbine, Ingrid Benjamin DeBellas, Kathy Wanner Witman, Diane Alexander Bridi, Susie Martin Shubert, Joanne Stimmel Hartline
Seated: Jeannie Hoffman van der Schaaf, Lynda O’Byrne Randall, Barb Lawson McElogue, Carol Rees Good
Social work event

The threat of the season’s first snowfall was not enough to keep social work alumni from returning to their alma mater on January 21. Twenty-five alumni from the classes of 1996 through 2006 gathered in McComsey Hall, where reuniting with former classmates and professors and touring the building following its recent renovation were perks for this event.

The real buzz surrounded the new social work graduate program. Dr. Victor DeSantis, dean of graduate studies, joined social work department chair, Dr. Kathryn Gregoire, and faculty members Dr. Carol Heintzelman and Dr. Richard Fulmar in sharing information about the graduate degree program. Millersville University, in conjunction with Shipensburg University, offers students the opportunity to pursue a master’s degree in social work. The program is fully available on both universities’ campuses through the use of multiple educational methods including teleconferencing and web-based activities.

Visiting alumni were sent home with catalogs, brochures and CDs containing all the particulars about this program. For more information on the new master’s degree in social work, please visit www.millersville.edu/~sowk or call Dr. Kathryn Gregoire at 717-871-2475.

Baseball Mania

There are four baseball events in the planning dugout for upcoming months for alumni and friends.

April 29—Lancaster

First up to bat is our “Battle at the Clip” event when the Marauder men take on Franklin & Marshall at Clipper Stadium in Lancaster. Whether you were a member of an MU baseball team or are just a fan, dust off those mitts and join us for a 2 p.m. game start with pre-game festivities. Advanced ticket pricing is just $5. Tickets may be purchased at the gate for $7 on game day.

Following the game, a special “Meet and Greet the Team” party will be held in the Wheatland Room at Clipper Stadium. For $25 you can enjoy the baseball game and join us for a cocktail reception and meet all the Marauder players and head coach Jeff Swarr ’00, M’04.

All proceeds from the game and reception will benefit the Millersville baseball athletics program.

If you are interested in volunteering for the game, we are looking for seat sweepers and directional ushers. Volunteers get free admission to the game.

July 13—York

“Stealing Third” are the Reading Phillies. Join us in Reading at the First Energy Stadium on Saturday, July 14, as they host the Harrisburg Senators. Sparks will be flying no matter who wins this game with a special fireworks night. Tickets for this event are $15, which includes an assigned seat to the game and a dinner buffet. Cost for the game only is $5.

August 3—Lancaster

“Sliding into Home” are the Lancaster Barnstormers. Wrapping up our baseball mania is a game at Clipper Stadium as the Barnstormers take on the Camden Riversharks.

The adult picnic and game seat is $26; children (6-12) are $25 and includes a Kids Park Pass; children (4 and under) are free including the picnic if they sit in your lap, if they need a seat, the cost is $2.50. For just a game ticket, the price is $6. Season ticket holders can join us for dinner and will receive $5 off of the picnic price.

Call the Alumni Services office at 800-681-1855 or locally at 717-872-3352. Or, register online at www.villealumni.com.
Charlotte, N.C. — February 7

The area’s natural beauty offered a wonderful backdrop for the Alumni Association’s Charlotte, North Carolina, event on February 7. The city’s BRIO Tuscan Grille served delicious Italian food, and area alumni savored the evening to catch up with former classmates and meet neighboring MU graduates. The setting was an ideal place to enjoy “La Dolce Vita” (the good life). The alumni had so much to share about their common thread—the University that helped them to be who they are today.

MU Fun Fact: We have 408 alumni living in North Carolina.

Hilton Head, S.C. — February 6

The Crazy Crab in Hilton Head, South Carolina, opened its doors to Millersville University “islander alumni” on February 6. While taking in the views of shrimp boats docked on the Jarvis Creek, alumni shared stories of their time at Millersville. New friendships were formed as alumni discovered they lived in the same retirement communities; friendships we hope will continue for years to come. We may have been a little crazy at times, but definitely no crabbiness was found at this delightful dinner.

MU Fun Fact: We have 163 alumni living in South Carolina.

Naples, Florida — February 3

On Super Bowl Sunday, February 3, Naples, Florida, was the destination for 44 alumni and friends who spent the afternoon together. Set directly on the beach, the Sandpiper Restaurant in Pelican Bay offered a beautiful setting for the luncheon. It is rumored that dolphins could be seen during lunch. Guests reminisced about their days at Millersville University and listened as Kathy Brabson ’70, president of the Alumni Association brought news from the Millersville campus to Naples. Special thanks to Drs. George and Helen Stine ’64 for their warm hospitality and help in planning this event.

Williamsburg, Virginia

Millersville University’s 46-member Wind Ensemble delighted the audience of several hundred people that filled the Bruton Parish Church in Williamsburg, Virginia, on December 21. The Sounds of the Season concert with the Wind Ensemble, conducted by Dr. Daniel Heslink and Dr. Ross Ellison on the organ, captured the essence of the season by wrapping alumni and guests in holiday spirit!

Following the event, alumni, students, parents, grandparents and friends gathered for cookies and punch in the Parish Hall.

Although the weather in the sunshine state didn’t live up to its promise, the group of alumni and friends who gathered together for the event in Naples brought their own fun and bright spots.
Women host PSAC semifinals

Despite injuries to the team’s two senior leaders, the Millersville University women’s basketball team made the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference tournament.

Guards Branden Lippy and Carolyn Franchetti battled through back and foot injuries, respectively, throughout most of the season’s second half.

Junior forward Ashley Romanoski stepped up to lead the team in scoring (11.5 ppg). Junior guard Kari Cover and sophomore guard Jenna Philo also helped pick the team up. Cover hit a three-pointer as time expired to pick up a key road win at Kutztown. Philo dropped in a career-high 20 points as Millersville defeated visiting Kutztown in overtime. She also had 19 points in a home win against Cheyney.

Millersville earned the third seed in the PSAC East after defeating West Chester in the regular season finale on February 24, 69-61. It was the 11th consecutive season that the Marauders reached the postseason. Millersville ended the regular season with a 16-10 record and an 8-4 PSAC East mark.

Three days later, the same two teams met in the opening round of the PSAC Tournament. The Marauders defeated the Golden Rams again, 57-54.

The win, combined with a scheduling conflict at top seed East Stroudsburg, allowed Millersville to host the PSAC Final Four on March 2 and 3. In the PSAC semifinals, Millersville saw its season come to an end with a 71-53 loss to Indiana (Pa.).

Romanoski was named to the All-PSAC East second team.

Hall of Fame nominations sought

Since 1995, almost 80 individuals have been enshrined in Millersville’s Athletic Hall of Fame. The Millersville University Athletic Hall of Fame honors and perpetuates the memory of those individuals who, through participation, support, or interest, have made outstanding contributions to Millersville athletics, and who have helped to bring recognition, honor, distinction or excellence to the University and its intercollegiate athletics program.

You are encouraged to nominate a deserving former athlete, coach/administrator or alumnus for the 2007 Induction Class by visiting the website and obtaining a copy of this form and/or read additional information on past recipients, criteria and current nominees at www.millersville.edu/~athletic/hof/hof.php

Honorees will be enshrined during Homecoming Weekend, October 12-13. Application deadline is April 30, 2007.

For additional details, you may also contact Paul Gornowski, interim sports information director, at 717-872-3100 or paul.gornowski@millersville.edu

Wrestlers qualify for NCAA Tournament

Three Millersville University wrestlers qualified for the NCAA Championship Tournament that was held in Auburn Hills, Mich., on March 15-17.

Sophomore John Heleniak (174) and junior Cody Becker (149) both made the tournament by winning their respective weight classes and the NCAA East Regional in Pittsburgh on March 4. Sophomore Jarrett Hostetter (157) received an at-large bid as the best wrestler in the region not to win his weight class.

Becker made his second consecutive trip to the championships, while Heleniak, who overcame being the lowest seed in his weight class, and Hostetter both made their first appearance.

At the championship, all three wrestlers were eliminated from the double-elimination tournament on the first day. Hostetter finished the season with an overall record of 25-14. Becker was 15-13. He started the year at 141 pounds and moved up late in the season. Heleniak ends the year with a 7-9 mark.

The team had a dual match record of 3-13. The Marauders finished sixth in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Championships and tied for third at the NCAA East Regional.
The new baseball stadium is ready to play ball.

Home sweet home

The Millersville University baseball team has a brand new field to call home. Millersville’s newest athletic facility, still yet to be named, is located next to Stayer Hall at the intersection of Cottage Avenue and North Prince Street.

The new field includes both grandstands and a hill for fans to come out and enjoy the game, a state-of-the-art irrigation system, a temperature-controlled press box, a scoreboard, dugouts for the teams, and new batting cages and bullpens for the players.

The field dimensions reach 330 feet down the lines, 375 feet to the gaps and 400 feet to centerfield.

“It is a great new facility,” says head coach Jeff Swarr ’00, M’04.

The Marauder baseball team has not had a field to call home since 2004 when Biemesderfer Stadium was expanded to accommodate several more Millersville sports teams including soccer, football and track and field. In 2005, the team played their home games at Shyrock Field in York, but utilized nearby Penn Manor’s field for practices. Last season, the team hosted their opponents at Stumpf Field in Lancaster.

The team is excited about the season and the addition of a real home-field advantage.

“We are sure to have a great fan turn-out,” predicts Swarr.

Assistant coach Jon Shehan is also enthusiastic. “This field is second to none in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) East, and will be an excellent resource in recruiting quality athletes to our program.”

Upperclassmen from the team who have had to deal with the transitions from field to field over the past few season are happy to have a place to call home.

“It will be nice to have a home field to take ground balls on,” says junior shortstop Ricky Caravaggio. “We will be able to get the work in we need, instead of having to travel an hour and a half everyday just to get to our field.”

“No one could come and see us play,” says senior catcher Brian Booth. “Even our parents had a difficult time making the games.”

For senior catcher Jon Kremser the new addition was just in time.

“We have seen as bad as it gets for a college baseball player,” says Kremser. “Now I have a lot of motivation and pride heading into my senior season.”

STUDENT PROFILE

Jennings is taking classes alongside her older brother, Derek, a junior.

“I want to teach, and MU is great for teaching. But I’m also a family girl, and I wasn’t ready to go far away.” A cross country and mid-distance runner, Jennings commutes from Quarryville, in southern Lancaster County.

“When I’m at home I relax, but in between classes I don’t really have anything better to do than study! I don’t want to get lazy and let things get away.”

Anything but lazy, Jennings trains year round and manages to keep her QPA at 3.87. With cross country in the fall, indoor track and field in the winter, and outdoor track and field in the spring, her athletic and academic dedication have become one.

Her comments at the Scholar Athlete banquet said it best: “Traits like commitment and dedication... help in other aspects of life. Sports help with academics; you have less time so you manage it better. You can’t procrastinate.”

And if she forgets that, her brother is right there to remind her. “He was like my coach in high school. He ran too, but an injury sidelined him and got him out of racing. He still supports me.”

Derek, along with their parents, are her biggest supporters. “They are at every race,” she says.
Swimming marks its first undefeated season

It was a year of firsts for the Millersville University women’s swimming team. It was their first season in three years with a coach who stayed through the entire season. This season was the first in nine that they out-scored rival East Stroudsburg. They also proved themselves against Slippery Rock, defeating them for the first time in school history, 122-83.

Not stopping there, the team’s most important “first” was the fact that the 2006-07 season was the first time in MU history that the team went undefeated in dual meets. Interim women’s swimming coach Kyle Almoney could not be prouder, and reflects on the irony of stepping into this position.

“It’s an interesting story,” recalls Almoney. “The day before I accepted the position here I had just resigned from coaching another team. So I was a coach without a team, and Millersville was a team without a coach.” When Almoney stepped in as coach on October 2, he had a big task ahead of him.

He had to get to know this new team and assure them that he was there for them. Almoney also focused on making sure that the athletes’ academics came first, and swimming a close second.

The team finished with a perfect record and its first undefeated season. And, they realized another record academically: the highest QPA of 3.11.

“Kyle has brought stability to the team. As a team, we’re very close because we had to become each other’s support when we were going through so many coaching changes,” says sophomore swimmer Katie McDade, who credits him with giving them the support the team needed to excel this year. “He is always encouraging, and we know how proud we make him.”

In addition to team records that have been broken, McDade had her share of record-breaking heats this season. She broke the school records for the 100-, 200- and 300-yard individual medley, as well as the 100- and 200-yard breast-stroke. She was a member of the relay team that broke the 400-yard medley relay record.

Golf Classic: May 7

The 6th annual Black & Gold Golf Classic is scheduled for May 7 at Bent Creek Country Club, Lancaster County.

Join us for a day full of great golf, food and friends—all for a great cause. Support Millersville University athletics at this annual event where all the proceeds benefit athletic scholarships and operations. This year we are offering the fabulous Lincoln MKX as the hole-in-one vehicle, courtesy of Lancaster Lincoln Mercury.

Call 717-871-2308 for more information.

Correction

In the last issue of the Review, there was a computer/human glitch that resulted in some text missing from the Hall of Fame article, specifically information about one of the inductees, Marge Trout. Those who know and admire Marge realize that words can’t begin to describe the positive impact that she has had on generations of young women athletes during her 37 years at Millersville. Her many accomplishments include serving as a long-time director of women’s athletics and coaching women’s basketball and lacrosse, a team she founded.
Peter Yasenchak ’52, Pottsville, and his wife Mildred “Millie” celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary on 9/1/06. Peter is the first director of the Historical Society of Schuylkill County and also serves as curator of the museum. Millie, Dr. Biemesderfer’s former secretary, is an associate real estate broker.

Martha R. (Lehman) Vondran ’54, Ephrata, and her husband Edward celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 12/22/06.

Elaine (Hoover) Johnson ’55, Lancaster, and her husband William celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 11/22/06.

Don Weining ’56, Newark, Del., was a member of the pit crew for his son, Mark, who won the 2006 NASA national championship race that was held at the Mid Ohio Sports Car Race Course in Lexington, Ohio.

Dorothy Ann Lykens ’57, Ephrata, is teaching GED for Lancaster Lebanon IU-13 and was honored for 20 years of service. She also taught in Long Island, California, Germany, and Alaska, where she was a “bush teacher” and raised her own huskies. She recently had a role in The Crucible at the Ephrata Performing Arts Center. She volunteers for Home Instead Senior Care, which helps the elderly stay in their homes. She is an active member of the Class of 1957’s 50th anniversary reunion committee.

Joyce (Roberts) Magee ’58, Indiana, Pa., and her husband Richard Sr. celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 8/18/06.

Karl E. Gettle ’59, Mount Gretna, was a featured presenter on basket making at a November 2006 program sponsored by the Cornwall Iron Furnace Associates.

1960s

Sue (Brambley) Bruaw ’63, Palm Bay, Fla., retired in July 2006 from Brevard County Schools, Fla., following 29 years of teaching art.

Henry J. DeMito ’63, Worcester, was inducted into the Plymouth Whitemarsh High School Coaches Hall of Fame, which recognized his accomplishments as head baseball coach.

Ardine (Herring) Fisher ’63, Pine Grove, retired from teaching elementary school at Pine Grove Area Schools.

Dennis P. Leeper ’63, Berwyn, was presented with citations from the Pa. Senate and the Pa. House of Representatives for his dedication to volunteerism with the Pennsylvania library system. He is the vice president of Pennsylvania Citizens for Better Libraries. Also, U.S. Senator Arlen Specter issued a letter of commendation.

Donna L. (Ressel) Ellenberg ’65, Lancaster, was appointed to the board of directors of the American College Center for Ethics in Financial Services. She is a vice president, wealth management advisor, for Merrill Lynch.

Anthony Zaya ’68, Lititz, president of Lancaster County Timber Frames, Inc., had one of his company’s projects, “Mackey Winery,” selected by HGTV as a season long production of “Dream Home.”

Judy (Bergstrasser) Johnsen ’69, Lancaster, is the director of pastoral care and church growth for Westgate Baptist Church in Lancaster.

1970s

Arlene (Sinkinson) Stevens ’70, Media, was recognized by Century 21 Real Estate LLC with the Pacesetter Gold Award. She works at Century 21 Alliance Aston.

Jon Rednak ’71, New Providence, announced his intentions to retire as the superintendent of Solanco School District at the end of this school year.

John C. Schleyer ’71, Richboro, spends his weekends officiating with the NFL as head linesman #21. During the week he works in medical sales.

Judy (Myers) Strock ’71, Schuylkill Haven, retired from teaching kindergarten and first grade in the Blue Mountain School District. She was also named to Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers, 2005-2006.

Michael Waddell ’71, Emmans, retired in June 2006 following 35 years as a teacher and administrator in the Bethlehem and East Penn School Districts. He is now supervising student teachers and teaching a course for DeSales University.

Alexis Francos ’72, Lancaster, retired in January 2006 as an English instructor at the Lancaster campus of Harrisburg Area Community College.

Christian Heine ’72, Marlton, N.J., was awarded the 2006 ING Financial Literacy Award. The award was for a stock market game mentoring program with his fifth grade class at Cornwells Elementary and the Bansalem High School.

James J. Kleback ’72, Baltimore, Md., was was presented the Department of Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award for transforming a failed purchase card program and building it into one of the top five in the Department of the Navy. In September, he accepted a new position at Naval Sea Systems Command in Washington, D.C.
James C. Hower ’73, Lexington, Ky., received the Gilbert H. Cady Award from the Coal Geology Division of the Geological Society of America in recognition of his career contributions to coal geology in North America. He is an adjunct professor at the Center for Applied Energy Research at the University of Kentucky, and editor-in-chief of the International Journal of Coal Geology.

David L. Kase ’73, Reading, recently retired following 31 years of teaching history at Twin Valley High School in Elverson, Pa. He also ended his coaching career of girls’ basketball and softball with more than 300 victories.

Marilyn Lake-DellAngelo ’74, East Norriton, has been appointed assistant superintendent of schools in the Lower Moreland Township School District.

Thomas J. Wisnieski ’74, Elgin, S.C., was named associate director of the Dorn Veterans Administration Medical Center in Columbia, S.C.

Linda Devlin ’75, Forked River, N.J., was selected by the National Art Education Association to receive the Eastern Region Middle Level Art Educator of the Year Award. She teaches at Lacey Township Middle School in Lacey Township, N.J.

Thomas Ecker ’75, Millersville, retired following a 27-year career as a human resources manager for R.R. Donnelley.

Clarissa T. Enck ’75, Newmanstown, participated in the eighth annual Art Studio Tour in November. A potter, she has been a part of the tour since 2002.

Marie H. Tartaglio ’75, Malvern, received her master’s degree in instructional systems from Penn State University. She is employed as manager of training for medical compliance, policy and process in the pharmaceutical operations division at Sanofi-Aventis.

William J. Tonkin ’75, Easton, retired in January following 31 years of service with the FBI. He was selected as Newark International Airport’s 2006 Person of the Year for his contributions to the safety and security of the airport.

Phyllis I. Koster ’76, York, was featured in the York Dispatch for the arts and crafts that she makes and sells at her hand-weaving business, The Flying Shuttle.

Robert “Mike” Butler ’77, Parker, Colo., has, for the second time, qualified for the USA Triathlon Age Group National Championships. He is the general manager of the Sheraton Denver Tech Center Hotel.

Jeffrey L. Druce ’77, Lancaster, was promoted to vice president, senior commercial lender, in the Lancaster region for Blue Ball Bank.

David W. Thomas ’77, White Hall, Md., earned a doctorate of education at the University of Maryland College Park. He is the principal of North Haverford High School in Harford County, Md.

David D. Dubbs ’79, Ephrata, was inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame. In high school he excelled in both football and basketball, and during his time at MU, he played basketball.

Carol Kuntz ’79, New Cumberland, is the director of the elementary and youth support program at the Council on Drug & Alcohol Abuse in Lancaster.

Roxanne Witmer ’80, Willow Street, received her designation as a certified financial planner and opened a tax and financial planning practice. In 2006 she became a registered investment advisor.

Michael Kendrick ’81, Doylestown, was appointed director of development for Bowman’s Hill Wildflower Preserve in New Hope. He is the president of Kendrick Development Associates in Doylestown.

Thomas J. Goldbach ’82, Lancaster, is the vice president and middle-market relationship manager for the Bank of Lancaster.

Curt Matchett ’83, Lancaster, was promoted to the rank of colonel in the Army Reserves following a one-year deployment to Kuwait. He is employed by Armstrong World Industries.

Larry J. Zook ’83, Manheim, has been appointed president and chief executive officer of Landis Homes.

Kelly (Robert) Brenninger ’84, Harleysville, recently resigned following 18 years as the highly successful field hockey coach at Upper Perkiomen High School.

Frederick Dukes III ’84, M’87, Pottstown, was promoted to assistant professor and counselor in the counseling department at the Community College of Philadelphia.

John N. Ward ’84, Marietta, was promoted to president of Alternative Environmental Solutions, Inc., an environmental consulting company.

Dominick A. DiMichael Jr. ’85, Exton, is a senior safety and health consultant with High Consulting Service, Ltd.

Kenneth R. Loose ’85, Celina, Texas, was inducted into the Kutztown Area High School Athletic Hall of Fame for his accomplishments in tennis.

Daniel P. Chirico ’85, Broomall, is the vice president of business development for Four Seasons Produce, Inc.

Craig L. Kauffman ’85, Landisville, was appointed to the Pa. Banker’s Association government relations committee.

Susan Bittenbender ’86, Pottstown, is practicing dermatology in Pottstown and Collegeville.

Elizabeth (Beckmeyer) Bryant ’86, Manheim, was promoted to collections and specimen processing manager at Ephrata Hospital.

William A. D’Ottavio ’86, New Orleans, is the defensive coordinator for the Samford University Bulldogs football team in Birmingham, Ala.

Kali Karomfily ’86, Lancaster, is an officer at Bank of Lancaster County. As a relationships specialist, she supports middle-market relationship business development and portfolio management.

Amy Randolph ’86, Harrisburg, is a senior geologic scientist with the Bureau of Forestry, Minerals Section, which is responsible for oversight of oil and natural gas leasing on state forest lands in Pennsylvania.

Steven P. Buterbaugh ’87, Lancaster, is a shareholder of E. K. McConkey & Co., Inc., which has been selected as winner of the 2006 Central Penn Business Journal Business of the Year for the 1-50 employees category.

William J. Patrick ’87, Bird In Hand, was named president of the Building Industry Association of Lancaster County.

Nancy (Jeffers) Wunderly ’87, M’89, West Hartford, Conn., is the director of admissions at Saint Joseph College in Connecticut, a Catholic women’s college.
Teaching outside the box

Upon graduating from Millersville with a degree in elementary education, Jennifer Wheeler ‘95 went into teaching—in intermediate units, community colleges and even a middle school.

After ten years in the classroom, Wheeler continued to be reminded of a lesson learned during her junior block from Dr. Robert Wilson. “Dr. Wilson was an encourager and an inspiration to me,” she recalls. “He taught me to think outside the box.” In this case, thinking outside the box meant changing gears from working with a few dozen students at a time to thousands.

As the children’s service manager with WHYY-TV, Philadelphia’s public television station, her primary focus is developing and executing outreach workshops for establishments that serve children in need.

With eight workshops currently offered, and nine new ones in development, Wheeler’s staff is busy making toolkits for the workshop participants to take home, deciding what types of media they will use to present the workshop and continually maintaining bonds with community partners so that they can continue to offer three to four workshops per year with each partner.

The response has been great. With more than 25 current partners—including daycare centers, school districts, parent groups—WHYY continues to gain sponsorship for the workshops, allowing them to provide the tools to motivate children and parents to seek growth from reading and learning. Through the sponsorships, every participant walks away with a book from the training, a toolkit developed to continue learning beyond the 90-minute session and parents receive a membership for their child(ren) to the WHYY Kid’s Club, allowing them even greater access to the programs offered.

Wheeler hopes these workshops will give children the tools to take the bigger lesson from each book—something she learned at Millersville in a children’s literature course. The book was Harold and the Purple Crayon in which Harold uses his crayon to make the world what he wants it to be.

“Millersville was my purple crayon. I’m taking all the things I’ve learned and making the world what I want it to be.”

David A. Breniser ’88, Willow Street, was promoted to senior vice president and middle-market business services team leader at Bank of Lancaster County.

Chris Brown ’88, Williamsburg, Pa., is teaching third grade in the Williamsburg School District.

David L. James ’88, Allentown, was named Episcopal vicar for Implementation of the Synod on 1/2/07.

Pamela S. (Linton) Noll ’88, Pequea, is teaching kindergarten for the Penn Manor School District.

Mark Sekelsky ’89, Caledonia, Mich., is employed with the National Weather Service as a senior forecaster in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Richard A. Vivola ’89, Lititz, joined National Penn Bancshares Inc. as executive vice president, director of internal audit.

Marcy (Gemmiti) Liddick ’90, Bethlehem, teaches two-year-olds at the First Presbyterian Church Preschool and Extended Care. She also substitute teaches for the Bethlehem Area School District.

Rebecca Lytle ’90, Harrisburg, recently traveled throughout the country of Peru for her fortieth birthday, and also acted in an independent film pilot, “Proof Positive.”

Scott Schieman ’90, Toronto, Canada, was promoted to full professor in the sociology department at the University of Toronto.

Karin (Salomonsson) Sekelsky ’90, Caledonia, Mich., graduated with a BSN from Grand Valley State University and is a nurse in the surgery department at Blodgett Memorial Hospital in East Grand Rapids, Mich.

Michael Davies ’91, Lancaster, is a customer relations manager with American Home Bank in Lancaster.

Richard E. Reitz ’91, Lititz, was named interactive media specialist at Lancaster General Hospital, where he writes and edits publications and serves as webmaster for the hospital’s website.

Gregory L. Young ’91, Lititz, was promoted to controller with Rettew Associates, Inc., in Lancaster.

Matthew C. Dixon ’92, Big Rapids, Mich., earned his master’s degree in science education, with distinction, from Ferris State University in Mich. He is the CAP coordinator and assistant professor of automotive technology at the University.

Michelle (Dick) Driscoll ’92, Passaic, N.J., is a project health physicist for Cabrera Services, Inc., in Baltimore, Md.

Stacey Hampton ’93, Northumberland, is a faculty member in the school of industrial and engineering technologies at Penn State University.

Linda (Fleetman) Piper ’93, Lancaster, received a master’s
degree in education from Indiana Wesleyan University in 12/06.

Stephanie Roy ’93, Lancaster, is a life skills trainer for the Council on Drug & Alcohol Abuse. She is also a facilitator of the Youth Support Program.

Steven M. Avery ’94, Sicklerville, N.J., was promoted to assistant professor at the University of Pennsylvania’s department of radiation oncology.

Beth Baron ’94, West Chester, is a key accounts dealer relations manager with Chrysler Financial.

Sam Ellis ’94, Ocean View, Del., was named the 2007 Delaware Technology Teacher of the Excellence by the Delaware Technology Education Association. He is employed by the Delmar School District. He owns and operates Sam Ellis Photography.

Steven P. Katzenmoyer ’94, Fleetwood, was featured on the cover of the December 2006 issue of The Instrumentalist magazine. He is teaching elementary music in the Fleetwood Area School District.

Kathleen J. Herr ’96, Lancaster, is the director of education and training for the Council on Drug & Alcohol Abuse in Lancaster.

Cher M. Rineer ’96, Rheems, is working in the corporate communications department at Wenger’s Feed Mill, Inc.

Allison B. (Larkin) Schiding ’96, Reinholds, was promoted to associate creative director at Stoner Bunting Advertising.

Renee M. Shaw ’96, Norristown, received her master’s degree in organizational development and leadership at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Karen (Grinner) Cassidy ’97, Doylestown, was inducted into the East Stroudsburg Area High School Hall of Fame, recognizing her performance in track and swimming. She teaches math in the Hatboro-Horsham School District.

Joshua A. Doll ’97, York, was recently named the new principal at Dallastown Area Middle School.

Susan Stuck ’95, was presented with the Army Commendation Medal by Maj. Gen. Robert French in an ceremony at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa. She is a major with the 193rd Special Operations Wing, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, and is a veteran of the war in Iraq.

Jennifer L. Brown ’96, Reading, was promoted to interactive creative director with Godfrey Advertising in Lancaster.

Stephanie L. (Seip) Chorba ’96, Princeton, N.J., a vocalist and pianist, performed a concert of Christmas music in December to benefit the Gratz Historical Society. She teaches elementary music in the Princeton school system.

Gerald L. Gaugler ’96, Enola, is a child grief specialist and education and outreach coordinator at a center in Lemoyne for grieving children and their families.

Amber Joy Shellenberger ’97, Ocean City, Md., an English teacher at James M. Bennett High School, Salisbury, Md., was accepted as a member of the National Honor Roll’s Outstanding American Teachers for 2005-06.

Rose (Melvin) Stevens ’97, Columbia, Pa., was selected for Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers for 2006. She is a special education teacher in the Manheim Central School District and serves as co-lead teacher for the special education department.

Gerard A. Egan ’98, Lancaster, is the principal at Hamburg Elementary School in the Penn Manor School District.

Travis M. Hauguel ’98, Silver Spring, Md., is a health specialist in the Division of Allergy, Immunology and Transplantation for the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md.

Courtney Messick Jayne ’98, Kirkwood, is a credit officer for WSFS Financial Corporation’s Oxford commercial loan center.

Christopher J. King ’98, Langhorne, was elected to the Pa. House of Representatives, representing the 142nd District.

Joseph Klinedinst ’99, York, completed the 2,175-mile Appalachian Trail and raised $3,855 for Cystic Fibrosis. The journey took three and a half months. He teaches television production at Dallastown High School and is the junior high wrestling coach.

Gail L. (Breneman) Ulmer ’99, Millersville, is a counselor at Marticville Middle School in the Penn Manor School District.

Mark A. Caracausa ’99, Lansdale, earned membership in the International President’s Circle with Coldwell Banker Realty Corp.

Amanda (Lindsey) Cykosky ’99, Greentown, earned her master’s degree in educational leadership from Wilkes University and attained a principal’s certificate. She is teaching ninth grade at Wallenpaupack Area High School.

Ryan Grosse ’99, Perkasie, received his master’s degree in education from Temple University in August 2004. He has been teaching Spanish in the Central Bucks School District in Doylestown for eight years.

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Patricia (Robleto) Detter ’00, Lancaster, is teaching first grade for the Penn Manor School District.

Jonathan Graf ’00, Pennsburg, was named acting principal of Indian Crest Junior High School in the Souderton Area School District.

Carl Roller ’00, Brookline, Mass., graduated from Northeastern University School of Law in 2005 and has been working for the Boston law firm of Sugarman, Rogers, Barshak and Cohen as an associate in the firm’s civil litigation practice.

John F. Walls ’00, Lancaster, and his wife Carol, own Walls Gallery, and art gallery in the Prince Street Boutique, Lancaster.

Stephanie (Hudson) Whitcomb ’00, New Castle, Del., is work-
Mercy College. She teaches first degree in reading from Gwynedd Warrington, received her master’s taxation from Villanova University. received his master’s degree in on beach management planning Field Office, where she focuses the Department of the Interior, as a fish and wildlife biologist for Joseph’s University. She is working Stephanie (Szerlag) Egger ’01, Manor School District. was named mortgage originator was named regional recruitment man- eric (Zook) Zerr ’00, Berea, Ky., earned her master’s degree in nursing, specializing in neonatology, from Thomas Jefferson University. She is a neo- natal nurse practitioner at the University of Kentucky Medical/ Children’s Hospital in Lexington, Ky. Iris Y. Alvarado ’01, Mountville, was named mortgage originator with Fulton Mortgage Co. Richard F. Eby ’01, Lancaster, is an assistant principal with the Penn Manor School District. Stephanie (Szerlag) Egger ’01, Willow Grove, received her master’s degree in biology from Saint Joseph’s University. She is working as a fish and wildlife biologist for the Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, N.J. Field Office, where she focuses on beach management planning efforts. John M. Farrell ’01, Warrington, received his master’s degree in taxation from Villanova University. Laura (D’Ambrosia) Farrell ’01, Warrington, received her master’s degree in reading from Gwynedd Mercy College. She teaches first grade in the Central Bucks School District. Rodney M. Goelz ’01, York, released five new bass instructional books, in the past year, all part of a series for beginner bass players. Katherine A. Jens ’01, Lancaster, is a long-term second grade substitute teacher for the Penn Manor School District. Jayme L. (Wentzel) Trogus ’01, Wyomissing, was named coordinator of the Elise S. Shenk Wellness and Women’s Center at Millersville University. Julie M. Yoder ’01, Manheim, is a kindergarten teacher with the Penn Manor School District. Elizabeth (Grimme) Yoffee ’01, Lansing, Mich., is teaching third grade at Resurrection School in Lansing, Mich. Thomas Baker ’02, Pittsburgh, was hired as executive director of Healthy Teens, Inc., in Monroeville, Pa. He was also elected as a Republican State Committeeman, representing the 43rd Senatorial District. Nicole M. (Sholly) Carbo ’02, Mount Joy, was named director of operations with Sir Speedy Printing in Lancaster. Shelley-Ann Francis ’02, Lancaster, received a master’s degree in psychology in 12/06. She is employed as a mobil therapist/behavior specialist consultant with T.W. Ponessa and Associates Counseling Services in Lancaster. Joshua D. Friedel ’02, Pearl, Miss., joined SourceLink, Inc., as an account manager. Katie Jones ’02, Philadelphia, graduated with honors from Drexel University in May 2006 with a master’s degree in art therapy and received a research award for her thesis. She is working with adolescents at a Philadelphia hospital. Justin R. Marsh ’02, Lewistown, is teaching fifth grade at Sacred Heart School in Lewistown. Stacie Minnich ’02, Lancaster, is a group manager for Godfrey in Lancaster. Michael O’Rourke ’02, Conshohocken, graduated from the Philadelphia Fire Academy in November and is a member of the Philadelphia Fire Department. Melissa A. Przychodzen ’02, Coatesville, is a life skills teacher with the Penn Manor School District. Erin Baker ’03, Pittsburgh, was named regional recruitment manager for the Coro Center for Civic Leadership in Pittsburgh. She also serves as co-chair for Discover Pittsburgh. Robert C. Bradley ’03, Bel Air, Md., was named a commercial account executive with Engle-Hambright & Davies Inc. Charlene E. Clarke ’03, Philadelphia, was hired as a family specialist worker for the State of New Jersey. Elizabeth M. Johnson ’03, Lancaster, is teaching sixth grade in the Penn Manor School District. Michelle A. Knapp ’03, Lancaster, received her master of science degree in forensic medicine at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. Joseph T. Nguyen ’03, Lancaster, is project manager for Paul Davis Restoration and Remodeling. Matthew K. Scheuing ’03, Lancaster, is teaching social studies in the Penn Manor School District. Stacey Sottung ’03, Downingtown, received a master’s degree in higher education from Widener University and is the assistant director of campus programs for Saint Joseph’s University. Richard Wildin ’03, Lancaster, was promoted to director of safety for Kinsley Construction’s heavy highway and bridge division. Krystal Zellner ’03, Los Alamos, N.M., is a recreation specialist with the Los Alamos County Recreation Division. Carrie (Stauffer) Kneisley ’04, Lititz, received her master’s degree in clinical social work from Temple University in December 2006. She is the director of social services at Maple Farm Nursing Center. Alexander Alvarez ’04, Lancaster, was promoted to floating branch loan and operations manager for Fulton Bank’s Lancaster branch. Bradley S. Aungst ’04, Marietta, is teaching social studies in the Penn Manor School District. Erin C. Humes ’04, Millersville, is a third grade teacher with the Penn Manor School District. Shonda Mayo ’04, Downingtown, is the prevention activities specialist with the Council on Drug & Alcohol Abuse in Lancaster. Aaron M. Michnya ’04, Lancaster, was promoted to credit analyst in the credit administration department of Fulton Bank. Elizabeth A. (Huseman) Sickler ’04, Robesonia, was named administrative assistant for the Republican Caucus at the Pa. State Capitol working with Rep. Jerry Nailor of Cumberland County. Melinda Weidman ’04, Newark, N.J., received her master’s degree in history from the University of Conn. and was accepted into Teach for America. She was placed in Newark, N.J. teaching high school history. Christine M. Allen ’05, Langhorne, is teaching science in the Penn Manor School District. Victoria L. Anderson ’05, Fort Washington, was granted a William Randolph Hearst Presidential Scholarship based on her high academic standing as a first year student at Evangelical School of Theology, Myerstown. Jennifer Howell ’05, Conestoga, received the 2006 Essence of Humanity Award which recognizes quiet heroes who overcome great obstacles. She is the coordinator of United Disabilities Services’ Transition to Adult Life Program. Ryan Kuehner ’05, East Petersburg, is enrolled in a doctoral program at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He has a private psychotherapy practice in Lancaster. He also teaches at Penn State University and Harrisburg Area Community College.
Lori Crawford ’03 & Mike Coleman ’03 were married 9/30/06.

Left to right, kneeling: Joseph Rogers ’04, Daniel McLaughlin ’03, Megan Barclay ’03, Adam Denard ’04, Patrick McDevitt ’05, Amanda Iannuzzelli ’05, Jim Woodruff ’03. 1st row: Kelly Zanzinger ’04, John Lantz ’46, Colleen McCullough ’06, Lancaster City police officer. was recently sworn in as a

Justin W. Waynick ’05, Lancaster, was recently sworn in as a Lancaster City police officer.

Colleen McCullough ’06, Coatesville, writes a column in The Phoenix, titled “Colleen’s Scene.”

Justin Shaw ’06, Lancaster, is enrolled at the Penn State College of Medicine in Hershey.

Marriages

John Lantz ’46 and Sylvia Jones, 3/17/07.

Barbara Wagner ’72 and Robert Miller, 10/7/06.

Kimberly R. Phillips ’90 and Dion O. Alpert, 7/27/06.

Loretta A. Murphy ’92 and Patrick Birster, 6/17/06.

Michelle Ann Hogan ’93 and Matthew Campbell, 7/29/06.

Emily K. Tribit ’94 and Christopher Gerhardt, 11/12/05.

David A. Snyder ’95 and Tracy Minnick, 6/17/06.

Rebecca Antosh ’96 and Darryl Hajduczek, 10/29/06.

Abby L. Hafer ’96 and Daniel P. Alexander, 8/19/06.

Jason E. Petroff ’96 and Jaclyn Haines, 6/24/06.

Lamar Jackson ’97 and Diane Crider, 6/10/06.

Gretchen Karcheski ’97 and Benjamin Neely, 9/22/06.

Marissa Kaufman ’98 and Simon Walley, 9/5/06.

Joshua B. Leaman ’97 and Andrea Good, 9/16/06.

Douglas M. Leader ’97 and Kimberly D. Thompson, 11/11/06.

Tara J. Schram ’97 and Jeffrey Trompeter, 9/23/06.

Jeffrey Scott Habecker ’98 and Sara L. Patterson, 7/15/06.

Andrea M. Kurtz ’98 and Brian L. Rothgeb, 9/17/06.

Scott G. Somersheo ’98 and Rebecca Athow, 10/21/06.

Marjorie V. White ’98 and Robert Greenawalt, 10/1/05.

John R. Adams ’99 and Mindy Lohman, 9/30/06.

Zachary Campbell ’99 and Carline Shatto, 10/28/06.


Jennifer Bankowski ’00 and Kevin Cristoforetti, 9/23/06.

Jennifer L. Horn ’00 and Randy Gibble, 4/29/06.

Dustin Hutcheson ’00 and Nicole Tarconish, 8/5/06.

Samuel Michael Mirelli ’00 and Dana Shawn Steidler, 8/4/06.

Michelle Maclay ’00 and Kyle Sokol ’00, 7/23/05.

Brian Joseph Walter ’00 and Dyllan Siemann, 7/1/06.

Sabrina L. Atkins ’01 and Jason A. Konnick, 9/3/06.

Jacob A. Bucy ’01 and Kelly M. Ogrucak, 8/5/06.

Jason W. Coombe ’01 and Amy Lynn Roche, 7/8/06.

Adam J. Farrington ’01 and Laura Steiner, 7/15/06.

Elizabeth Grimm ’01 and Benjamin Yoffee, 8/5/06.

Hayley C. Lewis ’01 and Chad Thomas, 9/30/06.

Virginia Megargee ’01 and Mark Bisignaro ’04, 10/28/06.

Margaret “Meg” Sayago ’01 and Jesse O’Neill, 8/5/06.

Christopher M. Scherer ’01 and Tanya L. Heckman, 7/15/06.

Stephanie Szerlag ’01 and Timothy Egger, 12/9/06.

John R. Thatcher ’01 and Kimberly Gehman, 7/8/06.

Lori Calnan ’02 and Jermaine Daley ’02, 6/19/04.

Jennifer Lynn Hartman ’02 and James Bergen, 6/24/06.

Ryan Hartman ’02 and Leslie Mazzanti ’02, 12/31/06.

Andrew N. Helm ’02 and Tanya Schoffstall, 8/2/06.

Jacquelyn Klatzkin ’02 and Theodore DuVal, 5/21/06.

Jennifer L. MacDonald ’02 and Richard Tucholski, 7/8/06.

Colleen J. Nelson ’02 and Matthew Gaines ’04, 8/5/06.

Corissa A. Klinedinst ’02 and Chad Thomas, 8/5/06.

Susan A. Mazzanti ’02, 7/1/06.

Jennifer C. Slemmer ’04 and Todd Zemke, 12/16/06.

Heather Clay ’04 and Gregory Innes ’05, 7/1/06.

Andrew R. Connelly ’04 and Charles V. Beale, 10/31/06.

Timothy B. Dennis ’04 and Rachel Field, 8/12/06.

Katherine A. Frank ’04 and Jason Hubiak, 7/15/06.

Amy Marie Freeman ’04 and Matthew Hertzog, 7/8/06.

Lauren Gehret ’04 and Evan Westgate ’04, 12/16/06.

Mitchell J. Groff ’04 and Hayley E. Greer ’05, 9/30/06.

J. Derek Hartland ’04 and Leslie Hutchinson ’04, 6/3/06.

Renee Konopka ’04 and Aaron Marshall ’05, 8/2/06.

William J. Leonard ’04 and Kathryn A. Bell, 9/23/06.

Jennifer C. Slemmer ’04 and Thomas Ashcroft, 7/1/06.

Nathanael Carroll ’05 and Elizabeth McCoy ’05, 11/11/05.

Charles S. Garey ’05 and IfeTayo Omowale, 2/24/07.

Melissa Marie Keller ’05 and Larry Robert George, 6/18/06.

Corissa A. Klinedinst ’05 and Ross Fetrow III, 10/14/06.

Kathy A. Klunk ’05 and Bunny Nonthakan, 7/29/06.

Rachel Lankard ’05 and Kyle Sterner ’05, 6/24/06.
Births

Patricia Dougherty Lambert '86 and husband James, a daughter, Emily Claire, on 2/22/06.

Michelle L. (Samel) Camili '89, and husband Keith, a daughter, Elizabeth Rose, on 10/18/06.

Melissa (Compton) Sanders '90 and husband Brian, sons, Brian Samuel, on 6/24/02, and Blake Aubrey, on 12/14/06.

Christy (Groves) Appello '92 and husband Frank, a daughter, Abigail Megan, on 1/1/07.

Scott Herald '92, and wife Judith (Dauscher) '98, a daughter, Sydney Anne, on 4/4/06.

Christine (Mayberry) Rosypal '92 and husband Bogie, a daughter, Alexa Christine, on 10/24/06.

Alan Geer '93 and wife Marlo, a son, Aiden Cash, on 2/13/07.

Christine (Armon) Lavrich '93, and husband Daniel, daughters, Abigail Lauren on 11/5/03 and Ashley Elizabeth on 7/21/06.

Jennifer (Ward) Market '93, and husband Patrick '94, a son, Timothy Ian Summer, on 8/7/06.

Linda (Fleetman) Piper '93, and husband Charles, a daughter, Abigail Corine, 9/1/06.

Jeffrey Smith '93 and wife Stephanie (Miller) '97, a daughter, Lauren, on 12/1/06.

Felicia (Steza) Bailey '95 and husband Timothy '99, a daughter, Skylar Jeanne, on 6/28/06.

Keith E. Mellinger '95 and wife Sara (Schaefer) '98, a son, Gabriel Jose, born 11/17/05 in Villa Nueva, Guatemala; arrived home on 4/12/06.

Jennifer (Brossman) Pacharis '95 and husband Gary, a daughter, Meghan Celeste, on 5/19/06.

Michelle (Conrad) Wagner '95, and husband, Michael, a daughter, Lexington, on 6/1/02; a son, Berkeley, on 2/3/04; and a son, Trenton, on 1/19/06.

Daniel Hollinger '96, and wife Kelly (McGee) '97, a daughter, Anna Noel, on 1/14/07.

Tania (Evans) Hripto '96, and husband Gregory '02, a daughter, Grace Helena, on 10/8/06.

Kathy (Casey) Becker '97 and husband Matthew, a son, Todd Matthew, on 10/27/05.

Michael Dunkerley '97 and wife Melissa, a daughter, Kayla Joslyn, on 12/22/06.

Linh Nguyen '97 and wife Jennifer (Griffith) '97, a daughter, Mahala Rose, on 11/22/06.

Caryn (Koretke) Wildin '97, and husband Richard '03, sons, Connor McClory, on 7/28/04, and Zachary Isaiah, on 11/3/06.

Scott Motaka '98 and wife Cynthia, a daughter, Alyssa, on 10/22/06.

Maureen (Gallagher) Otis '98, and husband Steven '99, a daughter, Carolyn Jean, on 8/16/06.

J. Michael Penzone '98, and wife Colleen (May) '99, a son, John Michael Jr., on 12/13/06.

Shannon (Tolley) Planthot '98 and husband Steven, a son, Logan, on 2/24/05, and a daughter, Brenna, on 9/12/06.

Bethany (Shoreman) Zechman '98, and husband Kenneth, daughters, Kyra Joy, on 12/18/06, and Emma Elaine, on 1/7/01.

Christina (Rich) Berger '99 and husband David, a son, Gabriel William, on 11/23/06.

Amanda (Lindsey) Cykosky '99 and husband Christopher, a daughter, Emma Rose, on 4/11/06.

Jennifer Frank '99 and husband Jonathan, a daughter, Selah Sophia, on 8/23/06.

Ryan Grosse '99 and wife Noelle, a daughter, Avery Brianna, on 10/2/05.

Wendy (Rubin) Kohler '99, and husband Richard '01, a son, Austin Richard, on 7/27/06.


Heather (King) Loughin '99 and husband Ryan, a son, Colton Kent, on 6/23/06.

Jonathan Graf '00, and wife Lori (Nye) '01, twins, Andrew Robert and Ryan Walter, on 10/4/05.

Gina (Burns) Hollenbacher '00 and husband Dean, sons, Noah Dean on 7/10/05, and Gabriel Michael on 7/22/06.

Michele (Petticoffer) Houghton '00 and husband Jim, a son, Jack Michael, on 1/20/07.

Courtney Kerchner '00, a son, Grant on 6/12/02 and a daughter, Nora on 8/2/04.

Michelle (Maclay) Sokol '00 and husband Kyle '00, a son, Wyatt James, on 11/15/06.

William Yoder '00, and wife, Theresa (Holtz) '02, a son, Samuel Leo, on 5/26/06.

Brian D. Bowers '02, and wife Hallie, a daughter, Julia Elizabeth, on 6/15/06.

Jermaine Dailey '02 and wife Lori (Calnan) '02, a son, Tatum Paul, on 6/30/06.

Jessica (Chladny) Gauthier '02 and husband Aaron, a daughter, Camden Isabelle, on 9/23/06.

Lisa (Summers) Patrick '03, and husband Scott, a son, Scott, on 11/18/05.

Erica (Hoover) Risser '04 and husband Scott, a daughter, Lindsay Anne, on 12/21/06.
Rachel (Lytle) Esh '06, and husband Nathan, a daughter, Brianna, on 1/6/07.

Deaths

Mary O. (Moyer) Crouthamel '26, Sellersville, died 10/23/06, at the age of 99. She was an elementary teacher until her retirement. Kathryn (Weinhold) Sloat '29, Reamstown, died on 1/8/07, at the age of 96. She taught elementary school for 41 years and sang in the Salem Lutheran Church choir. Mary Louise (Jackson) Maule '31, Oxford, died on 7/21/06, at the age of 96. She taught kindergarten and first grade in the Columbia Borough School District for 40 years. She taught school for 43 years until her retirement in 1977. Alvin H. Souerwine '35, York, died on 1/5/07, at the age of 91. He taught industrial arts for more than 40 years in the York area. He established and operated a furniture business for almost 50 years. Mildred Wolfe '35, Lancaster, died on 12/7/06, at the age of 93. A former teacher at the Wharton Elementary School, she went on to become principal of the school for seven years.

Emma G. Groff '36, Columbia, died on 8/27/06, at the age of 92. She taught kindergarten and first grade in the Columbia Borough School District for 40 years. She designed card illustrations for the Easy Living Creation Card Group at the Church of God Home. Benjamin C. Douglas '39, Ocean Grove, N.J., died on 11/24/06, at the age of 88. A retired teacher, he volunteered for more than 50 years with the Ocean Grove Auditorium, and formed the Ocean Grove Citizen Patrol. He served in the Air Force's 406th Fighter Group in World War II.

Ellen F. (Herr) Shorb '41, Lemoyne, died on 10/29/06, at the age of 87. Dale L. Trump '42, Hanover, died on 10/31/06, at the age of 86. He was employed as a teacher by the York Suburban School District for 35 years until retiring in 1981. Henry Florshak '49, Glen Lyon, died on 10/23/06, at the age of 85. He taught industrial arts and retired from the Wyoming Valley West School District in 1984. Daniel W. Moyer, Jr. '49, Lancaster, died on 8/29/06, at the age of 84. He retired from Buchart Associates as the vice president. He was a founding member of the Westgate Baptist Church. Ralph E. Dyson '52, Mason, Mich., died on 12/9/06, at the age of 78. He taught industrial education at Michigan State University from 1965 until the closure of the department in 1977. Sereno B. Walborn '54, Ledgewood, N.J., died on 8/17/06 at the age of 73.

Cynthia Y. Large '56, Lancaster, died on 11/11/06, at the age of 72. She taught in various schools in Lancaster and later worked with the Lancaster County Assistance Office for 18 years of service. Rachel (Weaver) Kuhn '58, Lancaster, died on 1/9/07, at the age of 92. An elementary teacher for 32 years, she also taught Sunday school. Beverly (Simmons) Lelinsko '58, Bristol, died on 11/10/06, at the age of 70. She was an elementary teacher in the Bristol Township School District until retiring. Barry C. Mason '60, Lake Ariel, died on 9/11/06, at the age of 72. He taught elementary school and was a guidance counselor in the Lake-Lehman and Abington Heights School Districts for 38 years. In the Air Force, he served with the Tactical Air Command and the Seventh Air Force Base.

Ruth (Rinehart) Grebinger '62, Oley, died on 8/2/06, at the age of 87. Gary L. Rowe '65, Ivyland, died on 8/17/06, at the age of 64. He taught math and science at Lower Moreland Middle School, where he also coached football and wrestling. Later, he was the district administrator for Bensalem Township School District. Carol L. (McVey) Gingerich '72, Wrightsville, died on 1/22/07, at the age of 56. She was a fifth grade teacher in the Donegal School District until retiring. Janice M. Clark '74, State College, died on 7/9/06, at the age of 54. An elementary teacher, she later was a corporate trainer for Digital Equipment Corp. in Mass. and Rockwell Collins in Iowa. Elisabeth (Schüring) Hoover '78, New Cumberland, died on 8/25/06, at the age of 67 following a 24-year battle with breast cancer. She was a retired middle school foreign language and ESL teacher in the School District of Lancaster. John R. Dillensnyder '79, Harrisburg, died on 11/2/06, at the age of 57. A retired special education teacher, he was involved in youth sports and coached football and track and field. He also spent time in Tanzania, Africa, on a missions trip repairing and upgrading computer equipment.

David B. Eddy '81, Marionville, Va., died on 8/8/06, at the age of 47. He was a precast concrete consultant and worked for High Concrete Structures and Terre Hill Concrete. He also coached softball and lacrosse. Lynnette E. (Sweigard) Sickle '83, Selinsgrove, died on 8/22/06, at the age of 44. She was a reading teacher at Sunbury Middle School. In November, the school held a volleyball tournament to raise money for a scholarship fund in her memory.

Remembrance

Earl Mary Roberts Rupp, Lancaster, died on 2/11/07, at the age of 91. She was married for 66 years to Dr. Theodore H. Rupp, professor emeritus. She attended Millersville State Teachers College and worked as an interior design professional for the former Armstrong Cork Company, under the acclaimed Hazel Dell Brown. Anne Brossman Sweigard H '95, Ephrata, on 2/7/07, at the age of 92. Former chairman, president and CEO of D&E Communications, she began her career in 1936 as a telephone operator. Her father, William F. Brossman, founded D&E in 1911. Annmarie (Reisinger) Kaiser '87, Lancaster, died on 12/15/06, at the age of 41. She was a registered nurse in the emergency room at Ephrata Community Hospital. Leonard G. Wolfe Jr. '91, York, died on 8/20/06, at the age of 38. He was a technology education teacher at West York High School and was a mentor for new teachers and a mentor for troubled students. He also coached track. Sue A. Fogg '93, Philadelphia, died on 2/9/07, at the age of 53. She taught at the E.M. Stanton Public Schools in Philadelphia. She also studied at the University of South Hampton in England. Mark Simpson '95, Bausman, died on 12/25/06, at the age of 55. He worked in gifted education and many years at Lancaster Catholic High School, where he also was the athletic trainer. Nadine Dawn Hess '02, Ephrata, died on 11/22/06, at the age of 29. She was a registered nurse at Lancaster General and a clinical instructor at Harrisburg Area Community College, Lancaster.
Dr. Mary Elizabeth Dixon holds a great appreciation for history. She herself is an important part of Millersville University’s history. 

She joined the faculty in 1947 as a physical education instructor and retired in 1981 as an educator and coach.

Service and discipline are characteristics she takes seriously. Before she came to Millersville, she served in the U.S. Naval Reserve from 1944 to 1946 and was a physical education instructor at the U.S. Naval Training School at Hunter College in the Bronx, N.Y.


A literal “sink or swim” situation illustrates this. While student-teaching at Slippery Rock State Teachers College, Dixon’s sister Melba was a freshman student, who protested from the pool that she simply wanted to float. That denied by her teacher/sister, her language became inappropriate and exceedingly familiar. Dixon ordered her to leave the pool. End of discussion.

Dixon knew that she wanted to teach physical education at the post-secondary level. It was a stroke of luck that landed her at Millersville. When job hunting after World War II, four of Pennsylvania’s state teachers colleges had openings. Fortunately, President Biemesderfer persuaded Dixon to come to Millersville.

Once at Millersville, she found herself thrust into the role of coach. She guided the Marauder field hockey program for 12 seasons (1951-58 and 1960-63). In addition, Dixon piloted the ‘Ville women’s basketball team for eight seasons (1950-58).

She was the founder and advisor to Millersville’s popular Dolphin Club, which is devoted to the sport of synchronized swimming. Ten years ago she was inducted into the Millersville Athletic Hall of Fame.

A strong advocate for the importance of physical education in a university academic curriculum, Dixon remains passionate about its importance. During the 1950s and 1960s, she appeared frequently on WGAL-TV programs that focused on physical education.

She remains active although a broken ankle in recent months has slowed her down a bit—just a bit.

Today, her focus is on philanthropy that allows her to support organizations and causes which are of personal value to her. These include Wheatland, Rock Ford Plantation, the Farmland Preservation Trust, Fulton Opera House, Lancaster County Citizen Scholarship Foundation and support for Millersville students. Each one suggests a value in history, in what should be preserved, in what is important for observing and learning.

In 1957, she built a home in Millersville. About a decade ago, she decided to contract with the University for a life estate agreement and she immediately realized a number of substantial deductions for her very generous and sizable gift. Her home is now the property of Millersville University. However, she still lives there and may do so for the remainder of her life.

Why did she make this gift? She enjoyed her career at Millersville University and is grateful for the opportunity to have known faculty and staff personally. Perhaps most of all, Millersville has fulfilled the high commitment to education which Dixon’s parents passed along.

If you are considering a gift to Millersville, please contact Lee Eastwood at 877-872-3820, email: lee.eastwood@millersville.edu.