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:: THEATER

“Italian American Reconciliation”
By John Patrick Shanley

November 7, 8, 13, 14 & 15 at 8 p.m.
November 9 & 16 at 2 p.m.

Rafters Theatre, Dutcher Hall
Open Seating: $10 public; $7 MU ID (at the door), senior citizens, and students; $5 MU ID super saver advance sales only at the SMC.

“The Fannie Lou Hamer Story: The Right to Vote”
Performed by mZuri

October 2 at 7:30 p.m.
Reighard Multipurpose Room, Student Memorial Center

In this one-woman show, mZuri presents the story of Fannie Lou Hamer, an American voting rights activist and civil rights leader.

:: MUSIC

Bearfoot
October 24 at 8 p.m.
Lyte Auditorium, Alumni Hall
Open Seating: $10 public; $7 other students, senior citizens; $5 MU ID (two per MU ID).

“Glorious Sounds of the Season”
December 6 at 7:30 p.m.
December 7 at 2:30 p.m.

Lyte Auditorium, Alumni Hall
General Admission - $15

Gingerbread House Decorating Contest to benefit Glorious Sounds See page 6 for details.

:: FILM

Humanities Film Festival
Children at War: A Cinematic Review

“Returned: Child Soldiers of Nepal’s Maoist Army” with filmmaker Robert Koenig

October 3 at 7 p.m.
Myers Auditorium

:: LECTURES

Robert A. Christie Lecture in Economics
John Hatch

October 14 at 7 p.m.
Lyte Auditorium, Alumni Hall

John Hatch is known as the father of “village banking,” a group loan methodology now replicated in 60 countries.

Free, but ticket required.

:: ENTERTAINMENT SERIES

American Repertory Ballet: World Premiere of “Worlds end. And worlds begin.”
October 17 at 7:30 p.m.
Lyte Auditorium, Alumni Hall
Reserved seating: $20 public, $15 senior citizens, $5 MU ID (two per MU ID).

“The Complete History of America (abridged) – Special Election Year Edition”
September 28 at 7 p.m.
Lyte Auditorium, Alumni Hall
Presented by the Reduced Shakespeare Company
Reserved Seating: $10 public; $7 MU ID, other students, senior citizens; $5 MU ID (two per MU ID).
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New students tour Lancaster

On Saturday, August 23, Millersville’s new students and orientation leaders descended upon Lancaster city for the annual new student tour—a highlight of this year’s orientation program. The tour orients students to many of Lancaster’s cultural events and unique businesses.

Buses transported more than 800 students from campus into the city. Tours started at the Fulton Opera House for an official welcome from the city and the Fulton. Then, orientation leaders led their groups around the city to see the museums, shops and eateries. Along the way students answered scavenger hunt questions about Lancaster and featured businesses. The tour concluded at Building Character, an architectural salvage gallery on North Queen Street, where students enjoyed music, ice cream, snow cones, hamburgers and scavenger hunt prizes.

“I think the students enjoyed having the chance to explore the city, visit the shops and learn about the Fulton Theatre,” said Abe Hunsberger, one of the student orientation leaders.

Paying with Marauder Gold

Marauder Gold is a new and convenient way to pay at Millersville University and at area businesses. Students and parents can deposit money into student accounts and then use student IDs to pay for purchases at on- and off-campus locations. The Marauder Gold program was launched this past spring.

Millersville has teamed up with Off-Campus Advantage (OCA) to offer the program. Merchants pay a small fee for equipment rental and a percentage of sales to OCA.

Marauder Gold has brought Millersville University together with the community by connecting students to local merchants including John Herr’s, Sugar Bowl, Two Cousins, George Street Cafe, Wiley’s Pharmacy, Javateas, some CVS locations, and select Sheetz convenience stores.

Students were asked to list the merchants they would most like to see as part of the program. More retailers are continuously being added.

For a complete list of participating merchants and locations, visit www.maraudergold.com.

Students learned about Lancaster as part of the orientation program for new students.
Getting students “hooked on science”

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has awarded Millersville’s School of Science and Mathematics a grant of $584,980 to improve recruitment and retention of underrepresented and financially disadvantaged science and math students. Dr. LaVern Whisenton-Davidson, professor of biology, will direct the initiative.

The project funds scholarships for “students who major in an area of science—biology, chemistry, earth science, computer science, physics—or mathematics,” explained Whisenton-Davidson.

Twenty-eight or more scholarships will be awarded over five years for financially disadvantaged students. Each student will receive up to $5,000 annually. At least half of the awards are designated for underrepresented students.

Promoting student retention in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines is an important component of the program. Mentors—both peer and faculty—will be assigned to the STEM scholars.

“I hope this grant will allow other individuals to get ‘hooked on science,’” stated Whisenton-Davidson.

The co-investigators for the grant include Dr. Dominique Dagit, assistant professor of biology; Dr. Natalia Dushkina, assistant professor of physics; Dr. Stephanie Elzer, associate professor of computer science; Dr. Robert T. Smith, professor of mathematics. Dr. Edward Shane, dean of the School of Science and Mathematics, served as the convener and coordinator of the STEM committee.

Poetry of the late William S. Trout published

Although William S. Trout ’47 died in 1980, many of his students have never forgotten him. Trout was a faculty member in Millersville’s English department from 1958-1968, and he was a poet—a secret one.

J. Terry Zeller ’64 says of Trout, “He was a master teacher valued by colleagues and admired and loved by students.”

Now through the efforts of Zeller, a friend and former student of Trout, the poetry is available for others to enjoy. A retired professor from Northern Illinois University, Zeller has published Time & Memory, a collection of 75 poems penned by Trout.

Zeller writes, “We may never know when Trout began writing poetry, though the first mention of it is in a letter to a friend in the mid-1940s. Over more than thirty years, he produced some 750 poems, but never sought to publish any of them. Trout was a keen observer of nature, particularly the flora and fauna of his native county [Lancaster]. His passion for and knowledge of classical music and opera may in part account for the musicality of his poetry.”

The book is available for purchase at Millersville's University Store and online at Amazon, Barnes & Noble and Borders.

Doc & Momma Roc leading the parade

The Millersville Community Parade Committee has named community leaders Dr. Ralph Anttonen and his wife Judy as grand marshals of this year’s parade. The Anttonens, who are known affectionately as Doc and Momma Roc, have been disc jockeys on the University’s WIXQ-FM radio for more than 30 years. They also serve as Santa and Mrs. Claus for area schools and nursing homes and coordinate the Millersville Mile, which benefits the Millersville Fire Company.

The theme for this year’s parade is “Animals: Fictional or Real.” The parade will be held Saturday, November 1, at 9 a.m. and coincides with the University’s Homecoming weekend, as well as Family Day and Community Day.

Ralph is the chair of Millersville’s Department of Academic and Student Development. Judy is a retired special education/learning support teacher.

For more information about the parade, visit www.parade.millersville.edu.
Bequest funds education scholarships

As the sixth of seven children born to a Pennsylvania sharecropper, James C. Ebbert ’41 started life in humble circumstances. He borrowed money to attend college at Millersville and earned his teaching degree in industrial arts.

He remained humble throughout the years, working hard and living frugally. In December 2007, he passed away at the age of 90—leaving behind a fortune of $10 million intended to benefit numerous charities.

A sum of $1 million is to be split equally between Millersville and Temple University, the alma mater of his late wife, Martha, a fellow teacher. Millersville will use the bequest to establish scholarships for education majors.

At Millersville, Ebbert was president of the Class of 1941, president of Mu Kappa Mu—the “math wizards of the college”—and vice president of the Normal Literary Society. The Touchstone yearbook made note of his “boundless energy” and “executive qualities.” He was also involved with theater, band, choir, orchestra and basketball.

After graduation, Ebbert taught high school math and industrial arts in Quakertown and served in the Army Air Corps as a celestial-navigation instructor during World War II.

In 1946, he left teaching to purchase K&L Co., Inc., a lumber company in Quakertown.

A founder of the Quakertown Little League, Ebbert was active in youth sports and served for decades as a director of Quakertown National Bank.

According to an article in the Philadelphia Inquirer, Ebbert breakfasted regularly with a group who referred to themselves as the ROMEOs, which stands for Retired Old Men Eating Out.

Build a gingerbread house to benefit music students

This holiday season, Millersville’s food services is bringing back the tradition of a gingerbread house decorating contest.

Open to students, alumni, faculty, staff and the community, the creations will be judged by a panel of culinary experts and then auctioned to benefit the Glorious Sounds Scholarship for Millersville music students. (See page 2 for information about the Glorious Sounds of the Season concert.)

A starter kit of prepared dough, icing, a basic instruction sheet and a plywood base will be available at the University bake shop starting November 17.

Decorators are encouraged to use their imaginations to make their creations unique. However, all “building materials” must be edible. A limited number of entries will be accepted.

For details, visit www.millersville.edu/~muevents or call John Johnson at 717-872-3443.

Cultural events calendar available

Check out the online calendar at www.millersville.edu or request a free copy of the printed booklet featuring the 2008-09 cultural events by calling 717-872-3586.
Ask the Archives

Ganser Library’s Special Collections offers a treasure trove of fascinating information and artifacts.

If you have questions for the archives, call 717-872-3624 or email Special.Collections@millersville.edu. Special Collections is located on the 4th floor of Ganser Library.

The archives regularly receives requests for information from Millersville faculty and staff, as well as the public, about the history of buildings, programs and services on campus. With many resources pertaining to the history of the University, these are always interesting questions to explore.

Q: What was the shape and style of the original cupola on the roof of the Model School building?

A: When we received a call from Ken Brent, the University architect, about early photos of the Model School, we were eager to help. In preparation for the cupola repairs this summer, the restoration specialist wanted to see the shape and style of the original finial on top of the cupola, so that it could be reconstructed appropriately. The top of the finial above the cupola was missing and, surprisingly, there were signs of bullet holes in what remained.

The Model School building was constructed in 1900. Millersville’s photograph and postcard collections, along with photographs in college catalogs of the period, contain images of the Model School during its early years. Most of the photos of the Model School did not have a direct view of the cupola—in one photo a tree was directly blocking the view—so that made the search more challenging. The contractor, coppersmith and carpenters working on the project were able to reconstruct a new finial for the top of the cupola based on a 1906 postcard from the archives.

Work on the project was done by the same group that replaced the copper dome on Lancaster City Hall in 1995 after it was destroyed by fire. The general contractor for the project was Caldwell Heckles and Egan. Hans Herr of Heirloom Metals was the coppersmith and Larry Stearns of Vulcan Supply Corporation fabricated the new finial in Vermont. A lightning rod is concealed inside the finial so only the tip projects above the sphere.

If you have any information about the origin of those bullet holes(!), please contact Archives and Special Collections.

Then & Now

Top: The Model School is shown here in a postcard from 1906; it was built in 1900.

Bottom photo: Taken in August 2008, the Department of Communication and Theatre is housed in what has been renamed the Hash Building/Bassler Hall.

The restored copper cupola atop the Hash Building gleams in the sun.
Putting the brakes on cyber bullying

This summer, teachers, principals, superintendents, school counselors and psychologists came together to address preventing school violence. The conference was held on campus on June 23-24, and was sponsored by Millersville’s School of Education with a grant from the Verizon Foundation. School safety officials, law enforcement personnel and University faculty also participated in the conference.

A free bullying workshop, held on the second day of the conference, attracted parents. Hilda Clarice Quiroz, a training specialist with the National School Safety Center in California, was the featured speaker.

“There is an ever-widening gap between the digital native and the digital immigrant,” said Quiroz. “Children are growing up with new technology and they are using it in completely new ways. It has now become a struggle for the digital immigrant [the parents] to keep up with this new and ever-changing technology and to be able to monitor their child’s activity online.”

According to Quiroz, children are growing up with a false sense that the Internet is a private place and that only their “friends” can see the photos that they post or the things they write. This is not true; there is no privacy when it comes to cyber space.

Quiroz stated that threats and abuse from bullying have not changed. But technology allows bullies access to their victims 24/7 through the use of text messages, cell phones, social networking websites and instant messages. Bullies can harass and abuse their victims from anywhere.

“The stealthy nature of the Internet can motivate some youth to do and say things online that they would never attempt in person or face-to-face with another student.”

If bullying is suspected, contact the authorities. Quiroz offered several ways to prevent and end cyber bullying:

›› Get the computer out of the child’s room.
›› Keep computers in a centrally located area that is easily monitored by the adults.
›› Monitor and set limits on activity online.
›› Know who your children are talking to and what is being said or sent.
›› Know that the person who your child is talking to may not be who they seem.
›› Do not delete anything. Save it for documentation as evidence so it can be traced if the need arises.

For more information on cyber bullying, visit:

www.cyberbully.org
www.i-safe.org
www.wiredsafety.org

Encouraging young readers

For the last three years, Millersville has sponsored the Reading with the Barnstormers program to encourage elementary students to read books for fun—over and above their required classroom reading. This year more than 73,000 books were read by area elementary students in exchange for a free ticket to a Lancaster Barnstormers baseball game.

To earn free tickets, students were required to read four books. More than 60,000 bookmarks, which students used to log their reading, were distributed throughout schools in Lancaster, Dauphin, York, Chester and Lebanon counties as well as to home and privately schooled students.

Teachers verified the students’ reading efforts and the Barnstormers provided the students with free lawn tickets to see a ballgame. This year more than 24,000 free tickets were distributed.

Prior to the game, students paraded around Clipper Magazine Stadium carrying the banners they made to represent their schools.
By day, he teaches Millersville students the intricacies of business and marketing. By night, he's likely to be strumming a guitar and singing folk songs.

Dr. Patrick McCaskey, associate professor of business administration, is a man of many talents. Not only can he play the guitar, sing and compose music, he knows his way around the kitchen.

"I made our wedding cake," says McCaskey, detailing the dark chocolate cake with white chocolate icing and fresh strawberry filling that he created with a recipe from McCall's magazine for his 1986 marriage to Vanessa Iliffe. The couple has a daughter, Emma, who is a senior in high school.

McCaskey is part of an intriguing heritage of educators and musicians. He is the great, great grandson of John Piersol McCaskey, the revered educator for whom J.P. McCaskey High School is named. His father, Hugh K. McCaskey Jr., was better known as Stagg McMann, a harmonica player who performed on top variety shows such as the Smothers Brothers Show and Ed Sullivan.

Although born in Lancaster, McCaskey grew up in San Francisco. He became fascinated with folk music—not the protest songs, but what he calls "true folk music" that includes ballads and love songs. By the time he was a teenager, he was playing the guitar, writing his own songs and performing.

“My father was the emcee for the Hungry i, the legendary nightclub in San Francisco, so I got to meet a lot of different performers,” recalls McCaskey.

They included the Limelighters, Peter, Paul and Mary, the Kingston Trio and Stan Wilson. He rubbed elbows with stars like Sammy Davis Jr., Jonathan Winters, Dionne Warwick, and Dick and Tommy Smothers. He laughs when he realizes that many of his students have no idea who these famous performers were.

After high school, McCaskey returned to Lancaster and earned his business degree from Franklin & Marshall College. During the mid to late 1960s, McCaskey performed at coffee houses, concerts and “hootenannies” throughout the area.

McCaskey traded his guitar for a briefcase when he embarked on a career in banking. After earning his master's and doctorate degrees in business, he relocated to Boston in 1979 and made the switch from a career in finance to academics, and doubled as a folk singer.

When he suffered nerve damage to his wrist, McCaskey figured that it was time to say goodbye to music for good. But in 2002, he was encouraged to try again, and McCaskey managed to develop a technique that compensated for his injury.

“I was all set to make my comeback on Friday the 13th in 2003. Then I cut my index finger,” recalls McCaskey, who carried on in true show biz tradition.

Since then, he has performed a few times a month at venues like the Coffee Company and George Street Café, while devoting the rest of his time to teaching business courses at Millersville and serving as director of the Small Business Institute.

At Millersville, he tries to convey to his students that an undergraduate background in liberal arts and business forms a solid foundation for the future. He believes society is ever-changing, and students need to adapt to a world of global business and social responsibility. Change is something he has embraced. As he says, “It’s amazing to me that I am selling my CDs on the Internet. I guess that makes me a real musician after all this time.”

Dr. Patrick McCaskey

BUSINESS

From banker to professor, Pat McCaskey adds musician and folk singer to his curriculum vitae.
A hallmark of Millersville University’s School of Education is that its professors practice what they preach. Environmental conservation is one concept they preach, so it was fitting that in January 2008, the school became the first on campus to have a green building.

The original plans to transform Landes Hall into the new education building did not include doing it in a green fashion. Dr. Jane Bray, dean of Millersville’s School of Education, credits Dr. Cheryl Desmond, a professor in the educational foundations department, with the idea for making the renovations green. Bray said that because the School of Education teaches about environmental conservation, “we felt we should be practicing it.”

The move into the newly renovated building not only placed the school in the center of campus but also consolidated the school whose departments had been scattered across campus.

Since 1989, the School of Education’s administrative, elementary and early childhood education, and educational foundations offices and classrooms had been housed in the “old” Stayer
Hall located at the northwestern edge of campus. Meanwhile, the offices and classroom for special education had been housed in Gerhart Hall, located a 15-minute walk east of Stayer Hall. There was not enough room in Gerhart to store special education’s assistive technology for learning equipment, so that was housed in Lyle Hall, located halfway between Stayer and Gerhart.

The move into new Stayer Hall has brought all of these departments together under one roof. That roof used to be Landes Hall, a residential hall located next to Lyte Auditorium in the center of campus. The entire renovation project cost $13 million including the purchase of new furniture, computers and classroom technologies. Funding for the project came from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Millersville University and private donors (see page 15).

**WHAT MAKES IT GREEN**

A green building uses fewer natural resources to construct and maintain it. To qualify as a green building, Stayer Hall had to meet standards set by the U.S. Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Building Rating System™, known as LEED.

During the renovation of Landes Hall, every effort was made to recycle materials already present. For example, all of the existing dorm rooms became faculty offices, which reduced the demolition of old walls and the need to construct new ones. Many of the new construction materials used for the building were made of recycled materials. Whenever possible, these materials were purchased from area vendors to support the local economy and reduce the waste of energy on long-distance transportation.

Another criteria for being a green building is having operable windows, which can be opened and closed to reduce heating and air conditioning costs. To meet the LEED’s basic level standards, 25 percent of all windows have to be operable. Stayer has far exceeded this standard—every window in the building is operable.

One of the most distinctive features of the building are the gold louvered devices, which can filter sunlight into classrooms and offices, providing another tool to control temperature and natural light.

*Dr. Marcia Nell, assistant professor in elementary and early childhood education, offers advice to one of her students, Sarah McMullen.*
“There are windows everywhere to take advantage of natural lighting,” said Bray. Also, the giant yellow louvers strategically placed on the building’s exterior “reflect light to provide us with optimal usage of the sun.”

Energy-efficient heating and air conditioning systems were added during the renovation. Additional measures were taken to reduce the use of electricity and water. For example, every room has a light sensor so lights go on only when someone is in the room.

By using special floor tiles made of recycled materials, the building will save in maintenance costs, explained Barb Hatfield, administrative manager for the School of Education. “The pattern on these tiles,” she explained, “goes all the way through the depth of them. If there is damage to the surface, the tile can simply be buffed down to below the damage instead of being replaced.”

She also noted that low emission adhesives were used to lay the tiles.

Other features that helped new Stayer Hall meet the basic level of green building include the designated carpool parking spots and water conservation efforts.

**TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES**

Not only did the School of Education get a new building, but it also got new teaching technology tools and computers. Bray practically lights up when talking about these upgrades.

“Every classroom has state-of-the art technology,” Bray said. The overhead projectors with transparencies have been replaced with digital projectors and document cameras. Classrooms also have podiums equipped with DVD players, VCRs and computers that can run both PC and Mac operating systems with Internet access.

Interactive whiteboards are featured in some of the classrooms. These work like regular whiteboards except that what is written on them can be saved to a computer and then printed, explained Dr. Nannette Marcum-Dietrich, assistant professor in the educational foundations department.

“Faculty have told me it [classroom technology] has changed their teaching,” Bray said.

Students see these changes as a huge improvement in their learning experience. Because classrooms in old Stayer Hall didn’t have the technology, lectures were often “dry,” observed Erica Corsnitz, an elementary and special education major who graduated in May. But since the move to the new facility, she said, “All of my classes incorporated it [technology] somehow. I think it’s exciting the way professors are teaching [with it].”

Professors seem to be enjoying these upgrades in classroom technology. Corsnitz also liked the fact that students can use the equipment for class projects. Such hands-on experience is the reason Dietrich is so excited about the new technology. “It prepares education majors for the type of classrooms they’ll use in the future,” she said.

Those future classrooms will most likely have a computer for each student. Stayer Hall has two computer rooms, each containing 24 computers. One room is open to all Millersville students as a computer lab, while the other is a classroom where education majors learn
to teach their future students how to use computers. All of the computers are dual boot; that is, they can use both PC and Mac operating systems.

According to Dietrich, “Old Stayer had a computer room, but it had the oldest computers on campus.” Consequently, it was hardly ever used. In contrast, the new computer lab and computer classroom are beehives of activity.

SCIENCE CLASSROOM EXPANSION

Like other classrooms in Stayer Hall, the new science classroom has benefited from the enhanced technology. The move has also created an opportunity for education majors to learn how to teach science.

Faculty who teach in the science classroom had input into the design of the new room. Storage space for equipment, curriculum materials and science kits were on the wish list.

The new, larger classroom has a deep sink, three spacious closets with shelves, a wall of floor-to-ceiling cabinets and a wall of counter space with cabinets below and overhead, and a walk-in closet to accommodate a cart containing 30 laptop computers.

Stayer Hall now features a fish-shaped pond, which faculty can use for science classes. Located in the courtyard area, the pond is sustainable. The ecosystem of plants and fish does not require the use of an electric filter.

ENHANCED RESOURCE ROOMS

A noted reviewer of children’s books, Dr. Richard Kerper has been amassing an impressive collection of books sent to him from publishers to review. Kerper, a professor of children’s literature in the elementary and early childhood education department, estimates that more than 10,000 books are now part of a library of children’s literature books for education majors in Stayer Hall’s Sue A. Walker Children’s Literature Center. The library’s new location makes it more accessible to students and provides a center at Millersville to share this resource with other educators.

“We want it to be a place where local teachers and librarians can also come [to review and select books],” Kerper said.

Stayer is also a headquarters for a number of educational resources. For example, the special education department used to house its assistive technology for learning equipment in Lyle Hall. Now, this equipment—and the special education department itself—is located in Stayer Hall.

Assistive technology helps students with disabilities learn and communicate. The equipment includes computers with special software and interactive touch screens, pointers worn on the head that enable someone with paralysis to punch keys or use a touch screen, and various communication devices.

“No, we have more space, more storage, and more ability to organize [it],” explained Dr. Barbara Beakley, who chaired the special education department.
before retiring this summer. Currently, one special education course requires education majors to learn how to use this equipment to help their future students with disabilities. Other courses will be added to teach students to learn how to use this equipment.

**INTERACTIVE SPACES**

Perhaps the most obvious difference between old and new Stayer Hall, besides location, is space. Stayer has 50 faculty offices, eight more than before. The building also boasts a reception room and conference room.

Old Stayer did not have an adequate place for students to meet between classes. New Stayer has a meeting room on each floor and a wireless laptop lounge that seats 12. These are always being used.

“I love that there are so many places where students and faculty can meet,” said Dr. Karena Rush, assistant professor in the psychology department.

The School of Education had only ten classrooms in old Stayer and Gerhart combined; now it has 14 plus a multipurpose room that can serve as two classrooms.

Although some classrooms in Stayer still have desks lined in traditional rows, most classrooms feature tables and chairs that can be arranged in a variety of ways.

“I love the differences in the layouts of the classrooms,” said Abby Curtis, a secondary education major who graduated in May. Frequently, faculty will arrange the tables and chairs into small groups. “With this arrangement,” said Liz Schrack, a junior majoring in elementary and special education, “we have a lot more group interactions.”

The move to a green building has sparked some exciting improvements to the School of Education and pleasant surprises. Consolidating the school into one building improved interactions between students and faculty.

“Sometimes, I’d have a whole year of special education classes and no elementary education classes, so I wouldn’t see any of the elementary education professors. Now that both departments are in the same building,” Corsnitz said. “I see professors from both [departments] in the hallways and can more easily maintain relationships with them.”

The passion to be green is contagious. Stayer Hall may be the first green building on campus, but it will not be the last.
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Millersville University gratefully acknowledges our donors whose generosity made the new Stayer Hall a reality.

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A commemorative brick walkway raised almost $30,000.

Thanks to all of the many supporters who contributed to the new Stayer Hall.
It was a wow moment – seeing Pope Benedict XVI, surrounded by a sea of bishops and priests on April 17 at the new Nationals’ baseball stadium in Washington, D.C. In attendance: more than 46,000 people to celebrate Mass.

Daniel Kravatz Jr., a Millersville University math whiz who graduated in May, was among the thousands who packed the stadium. Little did he know that his honors thesis in mathematics would play a role in the communion offering during the Mass.

Before the Pope’s arrival, an usher asked a group of college students seated in the “nose bleed” section of the stadium if anyone was a math major.

“I happened to be sitting near the end of the row when they asked for help,” Kravatz said. “They had a dilemma they couldn’t solve. My thesis dealt with something similar so I could help.”

The problem was how to direct worshippers to communion in an orderly fashion in those sections of the stadium that had an odd number of rows. A plan was in place for those sections with an even number of rows.

When Kravatz saw the diagram of the stadium, he realized it was similar to the project he worked on for the past eight months. “I knew immediately that I could apply my thesis and suggested a flow that worked.”
Kravatz was able to calculate how to best move people in and out quickly, easing the flow of worshippers taking communion.

“Basically, I started with the first row, then the third row, then the second. That way, when people returned to their seats, they weren’t stumbling over each other,” he said. “Math shows up in the oddest places.”

Because of the time crunch, the ushers were only able to get word to about half of the ushers in the stadium’s upper sections so not all the areas were directed the same way.

“It was so cool to see my work in progress because my sections were more efficient.”

Communion for the estimated 46,000 Roman Catholics took just 15 to 20 minutes because of the vast number of clergy participating.

Helping to solve the problem relating to communion was especially significant to Kravatz, who is now studying at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia.

To see the Pope “was great. He was just inspirational,” Kravatz said. “Seeing all the priests there was awesome. There were 1,300 priests celebrating Mass—and the chanting was wonderful.”

“I felt a calling after a lot of prayer, so I needed to check out this avenue,” he said, adding the decision was made long before he attended the Pope's Mass.

“I have been very involved in campus ministry,” Kravatz said. “I went on a retreat with the Diocese of Harrisburg this past summer and everything they said made sense. The Diocese of Allentown accepted me, so I will explore this road.”

Kravatz and fellow Millersville student Channing Dale received the tickets provided to the campus congregation by the Diocese of Harrisburg.

Father Steven Fauser ’98, who returned to Millersville in January as the campus priest, offered the ticket to Kravatz because of his devotion to the church.

“Daniel is conscientious and looks out for others. I appreciate everything he did here,” said Fauser. “He will make a great candidate [for the priesthood].”

“It was pretty cool that he could use his math for something like this,” he said.

Kravatz, an Honors College graduate, based his suggestions on his thesis, *Diagonal Approximations on an n-gon and the Cohomology Ring of Closed Compact Orientable Surfaces*—a new combinatorial construction for any polygon.

Essentially, he studied flows on surfaces in three-dimensional space.

He chose math after taking a physics course his first year. “Physics is too applicable,” he joked. “Actually, math is like physics without all the labs.”

Dr. Ronald Umble, professor of mathematics and Kravatz’s thesis advisor, said his student’s thesis was very creative. “I think it’s publishable.”

Umble said the thesis introduces a new way to represent certain geometric objects algebraically. His method transforms surfaces such as spheres or doughnuts into algebraic structures, just as the “slope m” and “y-intercept b” transforms a line into the equation y=mx+b.

“An important advantage of Dan’s method is its simplicity. Understanding the classical method requires a year of study at the graduate level, but any third year undergraduate math major can understand and apply Dan’s method,” he said.

“Dan is a neat guy,” Umble added. “He is a good mathematician with great potential. He could go in any direction and he has chosen church work. I support that.”

Kravatz hopes the logical training gained through his mathematical studies at Millersville will help him with the philosophy courses he will study at the seminary during the next six years. “They are both ultimately searching for the truth,” he said.
English professor Dr. Timothy Miller loves words. His love of English and words closely parallels two of his passions: 16th- and 17th-century British literature and his fascination with science fiction and the mysteries of the universe.

To some it may seem a rather unorthodox mix, but to Miller it makes perfect sense. He first experienced a draw to science fiction when he was a boy. His discovery of the works of John Milton came later when he was a soldier during the Vietnam War.

Miller maintains that science fiction is literature—much in the same vein as classic epics like Homer’s *Odyssey* and Milton’s *Paradise Lost*. They are stories of adventure, facing the unknown, making new discoveries and overcoming obstacles.

“Milton dealt with the concept of an infinite universe and even speculated about life on other planets,” says Miller.

“As a child I loved to read. I read all the time,” says Miller. “But what I really loved to read were science fiction books. I loved the idea of the unknown.”

And, he still does. His joy and excitement for science fiction and wanting to share those amazing stories motivated him to establish a science fiction course at Millersville.

His mother, who passed away this summer, loved words too and always urged him to keep reading. He wants to impart that pure delight of words to his students. He is thrilled by the response of students to authors as varied as Milton to Ray Bradbury. The students appreciate his high energy, enthusiastic style of teaching and love of learning. Miller’s office is full of action toys, drawings of aliens and posters given to him by his students. Some of his students even created a Facebook group in his honor.

His love for science fiction goes back to his childhood. His mother would bring home science fiction tabloids, passed on to her from a co-worker, for her son. These were not “comic books,” but stories penned by notable authors such as Jules Verne, H.G. Wells and Edgar Allan Poe.

Miller devoured the magazines, including *Amazing Stories*, edited and published by Hugo Gernsback starting in 1926, and...
Astounding Science Fiction, which began publishing in 1939. The cover art was extraordinary—bold, colorful illustrations depicting space travel, virtual reality, rocket propulsion packs and aliens. Inside were stories that stretched his imagination and took him to places that were infinite in all directions—except in school, where Miller struggled with math.

Despite his reading proficiency, the teachers in Binghamton, N.Y., told Tim’s parents that their son would never excel in school. With little education themselves, the Millers believed the “more knowledgeable” teachers and resigned themselves to him going into the military after high school.

Amazingly for Miller, the U.S. Army turned out to be a godsend. In 1968, during the Vietnam War, he was hand-selected by officers for top secret work with a special troop of combat engineers. He was sent on missions throughout Vietnam, Cambodia and Korea.

It was in a jungle in Southeast Asia that Miller discovered Paradise Lost—the epic work of 17th-century poet John Milton. And, as Miller says, it made all the difference in his life.

“It was astonishing. I was drawn into it like a magnet,” Miller says. A vehicle accident in 1972 severely injured his leg, ending his military career. He was honorably discharged and returned home ready to take advantage of the educational benefits provided by the G.I. Bill.

First, Miller earned his B.A. in English and history at State University of New York (SUNY) at Binghamton, then his master’s degree and Ph.D. in English.

Through the years, Miller has written for more than 20 publications on topics from Milton’s Paradise Lost to Benjamin Franklin’s biography to science fiction mysteries.

The way he sees it, success boils down to the four Ws. “Will, Work, Wonder and Word,” says Miller, explaining that with the will to work, a sense of wonderment and an understanding of the importance of the written, spoken and imagined word, anything is possible.

“Whatever you learn, you will use in unimaginable ways,” Miller says.

He is the first to admit that he is no scientist, although science fascinates him. Like all good fiction, it is the story that matters and the genre humanizes science.

Miller points out that science fiction has been ahead of the curve for generations in technology and innovation. He shrugs off the lack of respect it gets in literary circles, pointing out that MIT and CalTech are among the nation’s universities that recognize the genre’s contributions with their world-renowned science fiction library collections.

Science fiction is literature that asks the question: What if?

“What if there are aliens? What if we could travel in time? What if we could live our lives backwards? What if we lived on another planet?” says Miller, posing questions that have intrigued his students for more than 23 years of teaching.

“Sometimes I feel anxious because I want to learn everything there is to learn. Yet, I know there is so much to learn that that is impossible,” says Miller.

Still, he would like to try. There are many questions to answer and mysteries to be solved. Einstein believed in “holy curiosity”—an almost spiritual need to ask questions. Einstein considered the questions to be more important than the answers. Miller agrees.

“Einstein once said that he wanted to know the thoughts of God,” says Miller. “What could be more fascinating than that?”

At times, the boundless enthusiasm of Miller can be a bit dizzying. He appreciates that his wife, Cathy, has the ability to help him calm his energy and keep life in perspective. They have three daughters, all who have attended Millersville University.

“Cathy takes care of all of us. And I’m the biggest kid of them all,” says Miller. And, he has the childlike sense of curiosity that keeps the questions coming.

“My favorite verb is ‘to be’ because it is an endless approach that never arrives,” Miller says. He feels “the pull of the future—like a magnet—and believes you are never done growing, never done learning.”

“I LOVED THE IDEA OF THE UNKNOWN.”

Professor Tim Miller’s amazing collection of science fiction pulp magazines, which he loved as a boy, continue to bring him incredible pleasure and excitement. Dating back to the 1920s, the stories humanize science and feature many technologies that are now commonplace.
Destinations day trips

Join Millersville’s Destinations Travel program for a day trip to New York City or to the Philadelphia Flower Show this spring.

›› November 11: “Do as you please” – $75; Wicked is sold out.
›› December 6: Radio City Music Hall’s “Christmas Spectacular” Show Celebrating 75 Years – $175

›› March 1, 2009: Philadelphia Flower Show – $89
›› April 4, 2009: In the Heights – $165 or Shrek – $185
›› April 25, 2009: Billy Elliot – $185; Jersey Boys is sold out.

Prices are per person. The trips include coach bus transportation, a performance/admission ticket, a boxed gourmet breakfast and a contribution to the MEDAL Fund scholarship program. Broadway shows feature front mezzanine seating. Show details can be found at www.bestofbroadway.com.

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

Former assistant alumni director dies

Retired from Millersville University since 1998, Barbara M. Nichols ’73, Lancaster, died on June 10. She was 64.

Known to her family and friends as “Bobbie,” she was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Dr. Paul H. Nichols, former chair of Millersville’s Department of Earth Sciences, who died in 2005.

She was employed at Millersville University for over 24 years in various capacities. Nichols was a key staff member in the original conception of Millersville’s advancement division, having served as a secretary, assistant director and interim director in the alumni office during the 1980s and 1990s. Her last position at Millersville, prior to her retirement, was assistant director of alumni services.

Nichols was a good friend to thousands of alumni and was faithful to the cause of alumni programming and received the Outstanding Service Award by the Millersville University Alumni Association for her countless hours and dedicated work to promote the association.

Nominations for alumni awards due January 16

The alumni association is preparing for its annual awards for outstanding alumni and community members who contribute in significant ways to Millersville University. Nominations are accepted from our 52,000 alumni, businesses and friends.

The categories are:

**Distinguished Alumni**

The Distinguished Alumni Award is the most prestigious award bestowed upon an alumnus/na by the Millersville University Alumni Association. This award is given to a living graduate of Millersville who has brought honor to the individual, to the University and/or the alumni association. To nominate an alumnus/na, submit a letter of recommendation outlining the individual’s achievements in detail: service qualifications (including location and length of service), how the service was accomplished, a thorough description of relevant achievements and a summary of the nominee’s achievement and the beneficial impact the service had on the Millersville University Alumni Association and the University. Additional materials to substantiate the value of service is encouraged, along with a photograph of the nominee.

**Honorary Alumni**

The Honorary Alumni Award is given to a living person who is not classified as an alumnus/na of Millersville University but who has performed continuous service or made a significant contribution of time, talent or wealth to the University. Letters of nominations should include detailed information concerning the individual’s service.

Nominations for both of these prestigious awards must be submitted to the alumni office by January 16, 2009.

Award recipients will be honored during the annual University Honors and Awards Convocation on Alumni Weekend and at the All-Alumni Luncheon on April 18, 2009.

Submit nominations to: Alumni Services Office, Millersville University, P.O. Box 1002, Millersville, PA 17551-0302. For additional details, please call 800-681-1855 or 717-872-3352.
PASSHE Travel Programs offered

The Pennsylvania State System Alumni and Friends Travel Program offers four exciting trips for late 2008 through 2010. For more information contact our travel partner, Cruisin’ Inc./Main Line Vacations at 800-506-7447 or www.alumnivacations.com (click on the school drop down menu, Millersville University). These programs are open to Millersville alumni, faculty/staff, students, retirees and community friends.

›› December 10-21, 2008: Canary Islands & Mococco Cruise. Ports of call include: Casablanca (Morocco); Agadir (Morocco); Las Palmas (Canary Island); Funchal (Madeira Islands, Portugal), Granada and Barcelona (Spain). Price per person/double occupancy, starts at $2,110 and includes one-night in a 4-star Barcelona hotel (pre-cruise), 9-night cruise (NCL/Jade); roundtrip air from Philadelphia, Harrisburg or Pittsburgh; all transfers, taxes, government fees and fuel surcharges (subject to change); all meals and entertainment, 24-hour room service and private cocktail parties.

›› April 7-17, 2009: Tulips & Windmills. Combine Holland’s annual floral splendor with visits to two of Belgium’s most beautifully preserved medieval cities on this 10-day Viking River Cruise. Ports of call include Amsterdam, Hoorn, Volendam, Arnhem, Dordrecht, Brussels, Antwerp, Brugge, Middleburg, Delta Works, Rotterdam and Keukenhof Gardens. Price per person start at $1,799/cruise only and includes port charges and taxes (price is determined by the date you select for final payment). Roundtrip air from either Philadelphia or Pittsburgh is estimated at an additional $1,000 per person. A $500 per person deposit is required to hold your space. Book early for the best cabin availability and savings of up to $600 per person.

›› January 25-February 1, 2009: Southern Caribbean Cruise. Sail with Princess Cruises for seven days. Ports of call include: San Juan (Puerto Rico), Aruba, Bonaire (Netherlands Antilles), Grenada, Dominica and St. Thomas (U.S. Virgin Islands). Prices start at $1,340 (approx.)/per person/double occupancy. Price includes roundtrip air from either Philadelphia or Pittsburgh; all transfers, taxes, government fees and fuel surcharges (subject to change); all meals and entertainment, 24-hour room service and private cocktail parties.

›› July 6-16, 2010: Oberammergau Passion Play and Alpine Explorer Travel Program. This land-tour includes visits to Stresa, Italy; St. Moritz, Lugano and Zermat, Switzerland; Innsbruck and Salzburg, Austria; Munich and Oberammergau, Germany. In Oberammergau, a quaint village nestled in the Bavarian Alps, the tour includes a once-a-decade performance of the world-renowned Passion Play, dating back to the 17th century.

The fall performance schedule is:

›› Saturday, October 11 (Round 1) 
   Featuring songs of the 1960s and 1970s

›› Saturday, October 25 (Semifinals) 
   Featuring inspirational songs selected by the contestants

›› Sunday, November 9 (Finals) 
   Featuring songs of the 1980s, 1990s and today

This second annual competition is sponsored by the Millersville University Alumni Association and the University. Purchase tickets at the Student Memorial Center Ticket Window, 717-872-3811. Tickets will also be available at the door.
Alumni association grants & scholarships

Each year the Alumni Association Nominations and Awards Committee has the privilege of awarding students scholarships and grants.

In the 2007-2008 academic year, 34 students were awarded Neimeyer-Hodgson Research Grants totaling more than $11,500. This fund was established with monies bequeathed to the Millersville University Alumni Association by Minnie Menges Niemeyer ’23 and Laura L. Hodgson, mother of Pearl Hodgson ’31. This undergraduate grant program was introduced in 1983. A candidate must present the committee with a written essay detailing his/her research project, budget and what the hopeful outcome of the research will be.

The association also awarded Hazel Rork Scholarships to two worthy students, each received $700. The scholarship was established in 1995 from a bequest by Hazel Rork Schmuck ’26, a longtime educator in the School District of Lancaster. Recipients must be secondary education majors with a minimum 3.0 GPA. Applications must be accompanied by a short essay on a designated topic, and a letter of recommendation from a faculty member in the student's field of study.

Other scholarship awards included the Alumni Athletic Male and Female Scholarship, Alumni Scholarship, Legacy Scholarship, Ruth Fox Wilkinson Award, Philadelphia Alumni Award and Verna F. Fulmer Award. All recipients were invited to be recognized at the All Alumni Luncheon during Alumni Weekend held April 26, 2008.

Admissions training for alumni

You mean Landes Hall isn’t a residence hall anymore? Where is the new athletics building? When did they build that building? What SAT scores are required for admission? How many students live on campus?

On a sweltering hot July day, alumni cooled off together inside the brand new Welcome Center in Lyle Hall. The staff of the admissions office offered a full day of training for alumni volunteers answering the above questions and many more. The training is designed to help Millersville alumni be well-informed when they volunteer at receptions for admitted students, high school college fairs and open houses. This program is part of the alumni association student advancement initiative.

Your opinion counts!

As part of our ongoing institutional identity initiative, this fall Millersville will be undertaking a study of alumni attitudes and perceptions of the University. We have engaged Cognitive Research Services to conduct a random sample survey of alumni that will give us an accurate assessment of how our alumni are feeling about their alma mater. The results of the survey, which we will share with you as they become available, will provide us with important baseline data against which to measure the forward progress of the Promise Campaign, but also the University’s institutional identity itself. So if you are contacted by Cognitive Research Services, we hope you will take the time complete the study (which you will be able to do right on your computer, or by return postal mail.)

*Remember, your opinion counts!*

Kudos Korner

Thanks to our volunteers who helped during the Lancaster Barnstormers and Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire alumni events:

›› Lori Dierolf ’91
›› Don Geiter ’95
›› Rich Frerichs ’64
›› Amy Hoffman ’94
›› Desiree Robinson, student ambassador
›› Luis Salazar, student ambassador
›› Donald Watterson ’70
›› Gerry Watterson ’69

Alumni event information

For event information:
Call Millersville University Alumni Services office at 800-681-1855, or 717-872-3352.
email: mualumni@millersville.edu

To register for an event online:
www.villealumni.com
Click on event registration; locate the event and click Register Now.
Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER
29-10/11 PASSHE Alumni & Friends Travel Program: Black Sea, Egypt, Holy Lands Cruise (Holland America)

OCTOBER
7  17-551 Alumni Club Ice Cream Social – 3 p.m., Lehr Room, Gordinier Hall
11  Ville Idol Round One Performance – 3 p.m., Lyte Auditorium/Alumni Hall
11  Baseball Reunion Honoring 1998 World Series Team, 11:30 a.m. – Batting Practice for Alumni Team, 12:45 p.m. Ceremony
18  Men's and Women's Tennis Reunion, Tennis Courts 11:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
25  Ville Idol Semi-Finals Performance – 3 p.m., Lyte Auditorium/Alumni Hall

NOVEMBER
1  Homecoming/Family Day/Community Day
1  Millersville Community Parade: "Animals: Fictional or Real" – 9 a.m.
1  Fall Fling – 11 a.m., Brooks Field
1  Pet Costume Contest – 12:30 p.m., Lake area tent
6  TEAP Alumni Dinner, Duke's Riverside, Wormleysburg, Pa., – 6 p.m.
9  Ville Idol Finale, Lyte Auditorium in Alumni Hall – 3 p.m.
30  American Music Theatre Christmas Show, Lancaster – 3 p.m.

DECEMBER
10 - 21 PASSHE Alumni & Friends Travel Program: Canary Islands/Morocco (NCL)
14  Winter Commencement

PASSHE Travel

Upcoming Events
American Music Theatre Christmas Show
“Deck the halls with boughs of holly!” Before we know it, the holiday season will be upon us. Plan now to join the Millersville University Alumni Association in celebrating the season at the American Music Theatre Christmas Show in Lancaster. The thrilling and joyful show is recognized as one of America’s best holiday shows and is often compared to the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Show.

Join us on Sunday, November 30, at 3 p.m. for this holiday experience. The special discounted ticket rates are $33 (adults) and $16.50 (children). Make reservations through the alumni services office by calling 800-681-1855 or 717-872-3352.

Deadline for reservations is October 24.
Lebanon and Berks alumni meeting

Lebanon and Berks County alumni gathered for their fourth annual dinner on May 21. Conversation was invigorating as alumni swapped stories of campus days from the 1960s through the 2000s. Guests dined on the delectable food at Viva Good Life Bistro & Cafe in Wyomissing. Lorraine Patton ’53, area coordinator, was once again the gracious host for the event.

One of the speakers was Mary Buckley-Hamm ’99 who shared her inspirational story of her difficult health journey that began while a student at Millersville.

Mark your calendar now for May 20, 2009, for the annual dinner.

Safety Engineers

We can’t tell you about this year’s annual Safety Engineers Alumni Reception because what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas. We heard that more than 40 alumni enjoyed themselves at the Pamplemousse le Restaurant (translated The Grapefruit Restaurant in French), and that Dr. Paul Specht, industry and technology professor, and assistant vice president of development, Jan Edwards, were sighted at the event along with six current students. But that’s all you’re going to get out of us!

Baseball events

Millersville University alumni and friends gathered on July 25 at Clipper Magazine Stadium for some good old summer fun to watch the Lancaster Barnstormers take on the Newark Bears. The group enjoyed an evening of baseball, good food and socializing. Stories and laughter were exchanged throughout the night. The fun evening came to a close as fireworks lit up the sky over Lancaster City. Thanks to all who attended and helped create lasting memories for all!

Summer fun continued the following night, July 26, as more alumni gathered to see the Reading Phillies take on New Hampshire at FirstEnergy Stadium. Fun, food, friends, and fireworks; what better way to spend a summer evening than with the alumni association?

Pet Costume Contest:
Saturday, November 1 at 12:30 p.m.

JOIN US FOR THE FIRST EVER MILLERSVILLE PET COSTUME CONTEST!
Dress your pet in a fun or frightening costume and enter to win cash prizes.

Enter your pet in the costume contest. There is no fee. All pets – and their owners – will have the option to march or ride in the parade. Held in conjunction with the Millersville Community Parade and the University’s Fall Fling.

CONTEST CATEGORIES INCLUDE:
- Most Original Costume
- Funniest Costume
- Cutest Costume
- Scariest Costume
- Best Pet/Person Duo

Deadline to enter is October 10. For an entry form and contest rules, contact the Alumni Services office at 800-681-1855 or mualumni@millersville.edu
**Buy the Entertainment Book from the Alumni Association**

Whether you’re looking for a dinner out on the town, a fun weekend activity with the kids or a hotel discount, the Entertainment Book is for you. Please visit the alumni homepage at www.villealumni.com for ordering details. Or stop by the alumni services office to say hello and pick up a book in person.

Book prices range from $25-40 depending on your geographic location. A percentage of book sales will go directly to the alumni association for programs and scholarships. And, there’s no mark up in the price!

Entertainment Books will be on sale until November 2008. Coupons are valid beginning November 1, 2008.

Participating in this fundraiser doesn’t just help your wallet; it helps the alumni association, too!

**New online community**

It’s a new online community. We aren’t sure when, but coming soon to a PC or Mac near you is a brand new look for the alumni home page and online community. There may be periods of time when our new look is under construction. If you should experience any difficulties on our website, feel free to call our office to register for an event or to ask any questions.

Joining the online community will entitle you to discount prices on events. In the early months of our new community, prize giveaways will be offered to those who sign up. The grand prize will have you calling all of your Millersville friends to join as well. Stay tuned and watch your mail and email for more details.

**New alumni directory in the works; questionnaires to come**

In an effort to bring alumni from around the globe back together, a new directory of Millersville University alumni will be published. The new book will combine the memories of yesterday with insights of alumni today. Scheduled for release in late 2009, our alumni publication will be the most up-to-date and complete reference of more than 52,000 Millersville University grads ever compiled. With an array of personal photographs and messages submitted by you and your fellow alumni, and detailed biographical profiles, the result will be an extraordinarily rich and entertaining record of our school. This comprehensive volume will include current name, name when a student (if different), and class year(s) and degree(s) earned from Millersville. Each biographical listing will also include home address and phone number, names of spouse and children, in addition to detailed professional information, and a short note letting friends know what you’ve been doing since graduation.

This new publication will list alumni alphabetically with the information outlined above, by class year, and by geographic location and occupation in our geographic/career networking section.

The alumni services office has chosen Harris Connect, Inc., to produce this special edition. Harris Connect will soon begin researching and compiling the data by sending or calling with a questionnaire to each alumnus/na. Be sure to complete it and return it as soon as possible. If we don’t have your current contact information, please contact the alumni services office so we can make sure you receive a questionnaire.

With your participation, the 2009 edition of the Millersville University Alumni Today publication is sure to be a great success.

**1998 World Series**

Join Coach Jon Shehan ’06 at the new baseball field for an alumni baseball game on Saturday, October 11.

1998 was the year that the Marauders were the PSAC East Champions and the PSAC Tournament Champions, the first league title captured in 23 years. But they weren’t done there. They went on to become North Atlantic regional champions and found themselves in the “Final Four” in the World Series for college baseball held in Alabama. They lost only to the defending champions. The Marauders had an impressive record of 38-16, setting more than 40 team and individual records.

As diehard baseball fans like to relive the greatest moments of their favorite game, we want to relive MU’s greatest moment.

All former baseball players and baseball fans alike are invited to celebrate the success of the 1998 Marauder Baseball World Series Team. Batting warmups for the alumni team start at 11:30 a.m. with the World Series dedication ceremony at 12:45 p.m. and the game at 1 p.m. There will be a picnic lunch after the game at a cost of $9 per person.

Please contact the alumni services office by October 7 to register for this event.
Men’s soccer team shoots for PSAC title game

Millersville’s men’s soccer team won’t have the benefit of surprise this fall.

The boys in black and gold stunned the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) with last year’s breakthrough 11-8-1 campaign that clinched their first playoff berth in four years.

A repeat performance won’t come easy.

So as Steve Widdowson, the reigning PSAC Coach of the Year, talks about hurdles his team must clear to reach the next level, he mentions “complacency” as often as “defending set pieces.”

“The players will have to realize that we can’t just step onto the field and be as good,” says the second-year head coach. “We’re going to have to work harder than we did last season.”

Strong finishes were supplied mostly by forward Sean McLaughlin—a senior this year—who recorded nine goals and seven assists in 2007.

“He’s a difference-maker and a game-winner, which is priceless,” says Widdowson. “But now teams are going to be looking to stop him.”

The good news? Widdowson is confident that his team has depth at just about every position, especially up front.

Joining McLaughlin on the front line will be sophomore Kyle Loughlin—who turned heads with four goals and four assists as a freshman—and newcomers Aaron Roland and Dan Prian.

The young team will boast just three seniors, but will have one on each line with McLaughlin attacking, Ryan Kiley in the midfield and Matt Procopio defending. And many of the youngsters are expected to fill in the gaps—such as Loughlin, and sophomores midfielder Shane Seabrook and goalkeeper Matt Langione who ranked second in the PSAC with 88 saves in 2007.

Making the postseason in 2008 will be tougher simply because more teams are gunning for the same number of playoff spots. Last season, nine teams were lumped in the same division and competed for four slots. With the expansion of the PSAC and addition of Gannon and Mercyhurst to the men’s soccer ranks, five Western Division teams will battle for two playoff spots while six teams in the Eastern Division seek out the other two.

Millersville will compete in the Eastern Division against Kutztown, Shippensburg, Bloomsburg, West Chester and East Stroudsburg, whom the Marauders upset last season.

“We definitely want to return to the playoffs but we would like to get to the championship match,” says Widdowson. “I think that’s a realistic goal for us.”

Marauder Fridays

At Millersville, there is one more reason to look forward to Fridays. Starting in September, the last Friday of each month has been deemed Marauder Fridays.

Students, alumni, faculty and staff are encouraged to show their school spirit by wearing their favorite Marauder jersey, Millersville or club shirt, or other black and gold apparel.

Show your Millersville pride on Marauder Fridays when the mascot team will be on “pride patrols” to give away goodies and prizes for those wearing black and gold.

Golf Classic scores

On Monday, May 5, the Black and Gold Golf Classic was held at Bent Creek Country Club. More than 130 golfers hit the links for a day of fun and camaraderie in pristine weather. The annual fundraiser netted approximately $20,000 that will be used to support Millersville University student athletic scholarships and operations.

Special thanks go to Student Services, Inc., Clair Brothers and Corl Communications for sponsoring the event.
Jennings led the pack in 2007-08

Millersville University women’s track and field distance specialist Priscilla Jennings had something to prove entering her junior season.

She ended the 2006-07 just one spot away from earning All-America status in the 1,500-meter run. Instead of sulking, Jennings intensified her training over last summer before seeking redemption during the cross country season. But after one race, the elementary education major injured her knee and was out for three months.

“I was upset because I had been training so hard,” Jennings says.

Seeing one of his top athletes in limbo, head coach Andy Young kept reminding Jennings of her offseason gains as she began the indoor track season.

“She really started to believe in herself,” Young says. “She has a very positive attitude, but she had always been more positive toward other student athletes than she had been with herself. She turned the corner this year. Now she’s thinking she can run with anyone.”

As soon as Jennings found her stride, she tore through the Millersville indoor and outdoor track record books, returning to prominence at the state and national levels.

Her historic junior season (2007-2008), including indoor and outdoor track, featured two All-America awards, five Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) titles and seven broken university records.

Most importantly, the Solanco High School grad has a cumulative grade-point average is 3.82. As she was breaking records left and right in the spring semester, she earned a GPA of 3.94.

“She’s made a decision that school, running and family are her primary areas of focus,” Young says. “It shows because she is doing all of them so well.”

Her athletic peak for the year arguably came at the 2008 PSAC Outdoor Track and Field Championships, held at Indiana (Pa.) University. On May 3, the final day of the event, Jennings ran about 3-1/2 miles in one day and won all three events (800-, 1,500- and 3,000-meter races). Her 800 time of 2:10.22 set a conference meet record and she was named Co-Athlete of the Meet.

“That was rough,” Jennings said of her workload. “Toward the end, I was running on adrenaline.”

The bright side to Jennings’ knee injury is that she now has two seasons of eligibility remaining for cross country.

Even better, Young believes that Jennings as an individual and the Marauders as a team have the ability to make an impact on the national scene.

Listen up: Marauder Sports Broadcasting Network

The start of the 2008-09 year marks the beginning of the Marauder Sports Broadcasting Network (MSBN), which is independently owned and operated by Millersville University.

All 11 football games, 27 men’s and women’s basketball games along with a variety of other sports, including men’s and women’s soccer, field hockey, wrestling, baseball and softball will also be broadcast on MSBN.

Fans can access the events by logging on to the Millersville athletic site (www.millersville.edu/~athletic). Then, click on the link and listen through Windows Media Player.

All events will be broadcast exclusively online. Bringing the play-by-play action to the Marauder faithful will be the familiar voice of Domenic Panza ’06.

Other features of MSBN include interviews with coaches and student-athletes. Broadcasts will be archived, so that even if fans miss the live event, they can listen to it at their convenience.
Weekley’s shot at history

Women’s lacrosse standout Elizabeth Weekley can’t stand watching from the sidelines.

So as head coach Barbara Waltman was navigating every coach’s ideal game back on April 26—taking a big lead early and rotating in younger players to give them experience—Weekley stood anxiously in front of the home bench at Biemesderfer Stadium’s Chryst Field.

Weekley is the first to admit she finds it difficult to take a break from the action.

“Any time I have to sit on the sidelines, I’m complaining,” laughed Weekley.

What made this instance even tougher was that she was one goal away from breaking Millersville’s 19-year-old record for goals in a season.

Of course, Waltman was well aware of Weekley’s quest for history that day against Indiana (Pa.). She quickly subbed in her sophomore scoring sensation.

With 24:38 left in the Marauders’ season, Weekley scored her 68th goal of 2008, surpassing the mark set by Cherie Meiklejohn ’89. The goal was Weekley’s fifth of the contest and 13th in two games.

“All of my teammates knew how badly I wanted it,” Weekley said. “They kept passing me the ball in order to give me more opportunities.”

But don’t think that Weekley puts herself ahead of the team. Coming into the 2008 season, she wanted the Marauders to compete for a Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) championship. The Marauders came close, finishing 8-7 and just barely missing the playoffs.

The Pottstown High School grad now is focusing on her final two years at Millersville. Her goals are simple—to become a better distributor and round-out the offensive attack, thereby preventing opponents from double and triple teaming her. That means Waltman may be watching Weekley’s assists number as closely as the number of goals scored.

It’s all in an effort to improve the team.

“I really want us to be up there with West Chester (winner of the 2008 PSAC championship) and Lock Haven,” Weekley said.

Waltman says her top scorer has the tools to keep up the good work. Unlike some offensive talent, Weekley plays solid defense as well. She also likes to be challenged.

“She’s always had a great work ethic,” Waltman says. “Sometimes, you never know what you’re going to get when players return from summer or winter break. Not Liz. She’s always fit when she arrives.”

Weekley, a public relations major, also plans to take more of a leadership role. She hopes to become a coach after college, so this should help her prepare for life beyond Millersville women’s lacrosse.

But even as a coach, it may be tough for her to stay on the sidelines.

Basketball team bowls at fundraiser for Schreiber

The 2007-08 Millersville women’s basketball team produced a season to remember on the court. This spring, members of the team assisted with a benefit for the Schreiber Pediatric Center.

On May 3, assistant coach Darlene Newman ’84 and basketball players Jenna Craig and Domonique Stroman helped with a bowling outing to raise money for the nonprofit organization that provides family-centered education and therapy programs for infants, children and adolescents with disabilities and developmental delays.

Members of the women’s Marauders basketball team were among those bowling for dollars on behalf of Lancaster’s Schreiber Pediatric Center.
in school administration for Penn-Delco in Lehighton Area School Districts.

Charles A. Martin Jr. ’57, Raleigh, N.C., had the library in the newly renovated Thompson Theatre on the campus of North Carolina State University dedicated in his name. He served as the director of Thompson Theatre for 17 years before retiring in 1995.

Bob Stoner ’58 and wife Joyce celebrated 50 years of marriage on 6/28/08.

1960s

Dennis P. Leeper ’63, Berwyn, serves as the president of the system advisory council of the Chester County Library System. He is also the vice president and program chair of the Tredyffrin Easttown Historical Society.

John K. Baillie ’66, Morgantown, retired following 25 years as executive director of the Chester County Intermediate Unit.

William H. Forrey ’66, Lancaster, received Wohlsen Construction Company’s President’s Award. He serves as the firm’s director of project development.

J. Terry Zeller ’64, Mt. Joy, published a book titled Time & Memory, a collection of poems written by the late William S. Trout ’47 who was a member of the English faculty (more information is on page 5).

1970s

Michael D. Hoff ’70, Lancaster, featured his artwork at United Zion Retirement Community. He has taught art at Conestoga Valley High School for 33 years.

William J. Hyduchak ’70, Taylor, retired in June 2006 after 36 years of teaching in the district.

Ruth (Workinger) Hill ’55, Aston, celebrated 50 years of marriage with husband Harry ’57.

Harry M. Hill III ’57, Aston, retired as CEO of The Village Charter School. He taught industrial arts for five years and then spent 30 years in that field.

Seeimg the world in miniature

William Christensen ’69 has collaborated with partner Linda Brenner on constructing the National Gallery of Art, the Eastern State Penitentiary Historic Site (specifically, cellblock seven, notorious for the Willie Sutton escape), and even an ancient Egyptian brewery.

How was this possible? By building scale model replicas in miniature. He and Brenner are widely recognized among the top model makers in this specialized field.

Christensen, who lives in Philadelphia and has been making models for the past 25 years, explains that replicas serve an important purpose in the world of architecture as they provide a translation of two-dimensional images into three-dimensional constructs that the public and clients can easily relate to and understand. “Models are the real world in miniature,” said Christensen. “They can serve a specific purpose of exploring aspects and changes of design that can be difficult to understand in drawings.”

One such project was the space study model for the National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C., his first model made with Brenner. In 1983, the two created a miniature main room with changed flooring. The clients were able to visualize the drastic change to the aesthetics of the room and decided to go through with the renovation.

About ten of Christensen and Brenner’s models will be displayed at the University of Pennsylvania’s Kroiz Gallery of Architectural Archives as part of the exhibit “Models in the Making: The Design and Craft of Architectural Models.” Samples, photographs and tools will be displayed to demonstrate the process of constructing the intricate pieces. Some models, such as the space study model, will be on display for the first time.


Exhibition model of the Traymore Hotel in Atlantic City, N.J., which was demolished in 1972. It is based on a scale of 1/32” = 1 foot. Photo courtesy of William Christensen.
years of teaching social studies at Riverside Junior/Senior High, where he also served as student council advisor and district director of the state Association of Student Councils for 15 years. **Connie F. Stauffer ’70,** Lancaster, was named to the Landis Homes board of directors.

**Timothy L. Walker ’70,** York, retired after 38 years of teaching industrial arts and coaching track and field at Northeastern High School.

**Barbara (Miller) Allis ’71,** Galeton, retired after 35 years as an elementary teacher with the Galeton Area School District.

**Valerie A. Hoffman ’71,** Lancaster, retired after 35 years as an industrial arts/technology teacher with the Galeton Area School District.

**Joseph Allis ’72,** Galeton, retired after 35 years as an industrial arts/technology teacher with the Galeton Area School District. **Susan (Schaller) Class ’72,** Easton, retired after 33 years of teaching in the Easton Area School District.

**Robert Keck ’72,** Edgefield, S.C., is stepping down as CEO of the National Wild Turkey Federation after 30 years of service – 27 as CEO. He intends to pursue other interests and spend more time with his family.

**Alfred J. Powell ’72,** Mifflinburg, retired in 2004 from Yorktowne Cabinets. He now restores antique wooden boats as a hobby.

**Gary E. Phillips ’72, ’75M,** Slatington, retired after 35 years as a teacher of industry arts, technology education and broadcast media productions at Northwestern Lehigh High School.

**Helen (Walton) Ebersole ’73,** Lancaster, founded United Against Puppy Mills, an organization that educates the public, works to change legislation and fight zoning laws related to puppy mills.

**Michael Erwin ’73,** Telford, retired as administrative director of Middle Bucks Institute of Technology. He plans to teach courses for administrators at Temple University and offer consulting.

**Diane (Wagman) Kyle ’73,** Saltsburg, was recognized as one of the top 101 teachers in Western Pennsylvania by the Teacher Excellence Center during its annual Celebration of Teaching in Pittsburgh.

**Priscilla A. (Baker) Wolff ’73,** Hanover, retired after 35 years of service as a teacher and reading specialist with the Hanover Public Schools.

**Joseph A. Catania Jr. ’74,** Snellville, Ga., joined Southern Vermont College as head coach of the men’s and women’s cross country programs and is the school’s director of compliance.

**Jonathan Green ’74,** Lititz, retired as principal of Brecknock Elementary School after 24 years of service.

**Douglas R. Smith ’74,** Washington, D.C., is serving with the U.S. Army’s 316th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) in Iraq.

**Theresa Dozier-Daniel ’77,** Burlington, N.J., authored *The Hidden Hand of God,* a book that helps readers build or develop a lasting relationship with God. She is an ordained minister, author, counselor and a senior adjunct professor at Burlington County College in Pemberton, N.J. She has also worked as a social worker, addictions/domestic violence counselor, criminal justice and tobacco treatment specialist.

**Dennis Laub ’77,** New Holland, was awarded the Accredited Buyer Representation designation by the Real Estate Buyer’s Agent Council of the National Association of Realtors.

**Shirley (Migdon) Lendway ’77,** Roanoke, Va., received her master’s degree in liberal studies from Hollins University in May 2008.

**Michael E. Fox ’78,** Glen Rock, retired from the United States Army culminating a 36-year career. Most recently, he served as the director of Army Cryptologic Operations at the National Security Agency.

**Lois J. (Newswanger) Smith ’78,** Lancaster, wrote an Easter musical entitled “Perspectives,” which looks at The Last Supper through the eyes of the disciples. She works at Sight and Sound Theatre in ticket sales.

**John Toomey ’78,** Pottsville, was inducted into the Allen-Rogowicz Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame for accomplishments in high school and college. He played football, baseball and basketball.

### 1980s

**Debra (Zankl) Caraway ’80,** San Antonio, Texas, retired from the U.S. Army after 28 years of service. She was deputy commander of the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps.

**Michael J. Gaudino ’80,** Lancaster, received top-producer honors at MetLife’s President’s Conference. This is the ninth time he has been recognized by MetLife.

**Donna M. (Smith) Hurley ’81,** Lancaster, graduated from Regent University with her master’s degree in education. She is a lead teacher at the Dayspring Christian Academy’s middle school.

**Janet (Kauffman) Stauffer ’82,** Lebanon, was awarded a Ph.D. at Union Institute & University. She is an assistant professor in the marriage and family therapy department at Evangelical Theological Seminary.

**Matthew G. Zanowiak ’82,** Lancaster, received an award as the 2007 top advisor from Cadaret, Grant & Co., a financial broker/dealer company at its annual conference in May.

**Gregory Cauller ’83,** York, was inducted into the York Area Sports Hall of Fame in January 2008 for his achievements in both running

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and coaching. He was inducted into the Millersville University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2002.

Susan Cornelius '83, Dallas, Texas, was named the new principal of Drakeb Elementary in the Fort Bend School District in Texas.

Noel (Wolfe) Benson '84, Jacksonville, Fla., was nominated as the substitute teacher of the semester for the State of Florida.

Sharon A. Kebl '86, York, joined M&T Bank as a business banking relationship manager.

Quintin Frey '87, Washington Boro, was the guest speaker for the Twin Valley High School baccaulareate service. He serves as president of Turkey Hill Dairy.

Brian Gladden '87, Pittsfield, Mass., joined Dell as senior vice president and CFO, responsible for all aspects of the company’s finance function including accounting, financial planning and analysis, tax, treasury, audit and investor relations.

John R. Hetzler Jr. '88, Lancaster, graduated from Wilmington University with a master’s degree in finance and became a member of Sigma Beta Delta International Honor Society.

Robert Hollister ’88, Lancaster, was named superintendent of Eastern Lancaster County School District.

Timothy Shea ‘88, ’01M, Charlottesville, Va., joined Millersville University as assistant professor where he will teach composition and English education courses.

1990s

Evanna Morris '90, Conestoga, serves as the volunteer coordinator for the Lancaster Science Factory, a new facility in downtown Lancaster filled with interactive exhibits for school-aged children.

Dawn L. Gable ’91, Evansville, Ind., was appointed medical director of the Augusta Unit at Columbia Healthcare Facility. She recently completed a term as president of the Southwestern Indiana Psychological Association and is co-founder and clinical director of the Acacia Center, Inc.

Scott Highley ’91, Litfield, became a master graduate in leadership studies from Rapport International.

James Hoffer ’91, Palmyra, was named Technology Educator of the Year by the Technology Council of Central Pennsylvania. He teaches in the Northern Lebanon School District.

Anthony Marino III ’91, Collegeville, became a partner with Kelly International, Inc., and purchased Copy Fast Printing, LLC, where he is the vice president of operations.

Anthony Wiker ’91, Lancaster, received Armstrong World Industries’ highest employee honor, the Chairman’s Award, for his work as a building products research specialist.

Brad Kenyon ’93, Lancaster, is a partner in Aurora Films & Music, a full-service production group that has produced local and national commercials, promotional films for companies and electronic press kits and merchandise.

Robinson (Setlock) Felty ’94M, Lititz, was appointed assistant superintendent of the Ephrata Area School District.

Karen (Boyer) Sanders ’94, Manheim, serves as 8th grade facilitator at Wheatland Middle School.

David Weightman ’94, Brookhaven, works as a sports reporter for memphissport.net covering sports teams in Memphis, Tenn., and Mississippi.

Jeremy A. Haugh ’95, Waynesboro, serves as a judge advocate, trial counsel with the 3rd Infantry Division deployed with the Task Force Marine stationed in Iraq. He is a captain.

Michael Boyer ’96, Quakertown, received a Teacher Excellence Award from the International Technology Education Association.

He teaches at North Penn High School.

Robert Jengehino ’96, Mount Joy, was named Designer of the Year at Clipper Magazine. This is his 4th design award since joining the company in 1999.

Andrew Halliday ’98, Lancaster, was hired as a plant controller of High Concrete Group, LLC.

Marlene Lang ’98, Brownstown, received the first place Pennsylvania Newspaper Association Keystone Award in the editorial writing category in her circulation division. She serves as editor of the Press and Journal.

Jessica Rosiak ’98, Ardmore, earned her master’s degree in English and publishing from Rosemont College. She is a senior editor with ASTM International in West Conshohocken.

Ryan Warfel ’98, Wilmington, Del., was voted teacher of the year 2008-2009 at Talley Middle School in the Brandywine School District.

Debra A. Breneman ’99, Knoxville, Tenn., serves as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of Tennessee, where she specializes in appellate litigation. She previously served as a criminal prosecutor in Philadelphia.

Daniel V. Kahler ’99, Willow Street, was named director of risk management at The Securus Group, Inc.

Heidi (Troutman) Kimmel ’99, Hanover, serves as aging care manager for the York County Area Agency on Aging.

Kimberly (Weihrer) Long ’99, Stowe, accepted an associate scientist position with FirstEnergy Corporation of Reading.
2000s

Joshua Henschel ’00, Lititz, unveiled his sculpture titled “Growth” at the Jonestown Elementary School. He teaches art for middle and high school in the Conestoga Valley School District.

Rebecca Knox ’00, Camp Hill, received her associate's degree in nursing from Harrisburg Area Community College. She works as an RN in the critical care unit at Community General Osteopathic Hospital in Harrisburg.

Sarkis H. Boyajian ’01, Waltham, Mass., earned his master’s degree in finance and business administration from Brandeis University. He owns an ad company (www.spoolads.com) and started a real estate office four years ago.

Joshua R. Eckenrode ’01, Oxford, N.C., earned his master’s degree in adult education from North Carolina State University.

Drew Folmar ’01, Chambersburg, joined University of New Haven as offensive coordinator for the Charger football team.

Andrew Lindberg ’01, Manheim, teaches art at Jonestown and East Hanover Elementary schools.

Gregory Neyer ’01, Towanda, received his master’s degree in educational development and strategies from Wilkes University with a 4.0 GPA. He is employed by the Towanda School District as a high school math teacher.

Brett Phillips ’01, Harrisburg, earned his doctor of philosophy in physiology from Penn State University School of Medicine. He has accepted a position at the University of Pittsburgh to continue his research of diabetes.

Danielle T. Guzick Farabaugh ’02, Malvern, received a doctorate in clinical psychology from LaSalle University.

Melissa Lutchkus ’02, Lancaster, earned her master’s degree in business administration from Alvernia College. She was hired as a business development manager at codeMantra, LLC.

Abby M. (Geib) Cochran ’02, Columbus, Ohio, graduated with a master’s degree in labor and human resources from Ohio State University.

Michelle Kaufman ’03, Manchester, Conn., graduated with a Ph.D. in social psychology from the University of Connecticut. She accepted a position as a research public health analyst in the Social and Economics Research unit at RTI International in North Carolina.

Bryan K. Wade II ’03, Raleigh, N.C., serves as a graduate assistant in the multicultural student affairs department at North Carolina State continuing his education in a counselor education in higher education program.

Katelyn McManamon ’04, Clarks Summit, was named marketing/business development manager at Penn East Federal Credit Union in Scranton.

Nicole M. Brewer ’05, Bethlehem, joined CBS 3’s Eyewitness News team as the first local TV reporter reporting primarily for a website, CBSS.com, and as a contributor to Wake Up News on The CW Philly.

Cody L. Ebersole ’05, Shermansdale, teaches special education at Northern York Middle School.

Dana Butensky ’06, Ewa Beach, Hawaii, teaches 2nd and 3rd grade special education at Kapolei Elementary School on the island of Oahu.

Steven J. Pauley II ’06, Reading, is employed as a hedge fund analyst at SEI Investment.

Nicholas Pompei ’06, Warminster, teaches technology education at Hatboro-Horsham High School.

Matthew R. Brubaker ’08, Leola, joined That Fish Place as an in-house graphic and web designer.

Marriages

Evelyn Rivera ’82 and Gary Wilson, 5/24/08.

Eric Elbell ’88 and Sarah Maldia, 4/4/08.

Ellen Strom ’88 and John Thomas, 1/5/08.

Jodi Heisey ’89 and Vincent Mange, 4/12/08.

Jerry Sheplock ’89 and Maria Pirro ’92, 9/14/07.

Jessie Puzo ’90 and Kevin Blaney, 7/19/08.

Melissa A. Lenhert ’91 and James D. Elliott, 8/27/07.

Holly Sill ’91 and Roman Coia, 5/13/06.

Luann Fellenbaum ’96 and John Goldfus, 5/4/08.

Michelle R. Howe ’96 and Shawn Nolt, 11/17/07.

Karen A. Schmalenberger ’96 and Joseph Schiasta, 9/8/07.

Marisol Gil ’97 and Thomas Leto, 7/18/99.

Greg M. Rogers ’97 and Shannon M. Reed, 6/14/08.

Ryan Warfel ’98 and Elizabeth McFarland, 1/15/05.

Heather N. (Wolf) Plourde ’00 and Jesse A. Storm, 7/24/08.

Margaret "Peggy" Annunziata ’01 and Neal Anastasio, 10/27/07.

Jennifer Knuth ’01 and Matthew Bonin, 8/23/08.

Jenna Weaver ’01 and Charles McGowan, 10/27/07.

Kyle Ireland ’02 and Kimberly DeSolis, 5/15/08.

Kimberly Price ’02 and Quincy Hochard, 2/23/08.

Theresa Aungst ’03 and Keith Kennedy, 12/22/07.

Dan Carre ’03 and Danielle Paul ’04, 6/15/08.

Doreen Ebersole ’03 and Loren Bishop, 2/16/08.

Julie Gish ’03 and Andrew Gingrich, 5/10/08.

Danielle Green ’03 and Vidal Colon Jr., 12/10/04.

Shawn Hershey ’03 and Ashlea Rineer ’03, 5/25/08.

Sarah J. Yancoskie ’03 and Michael S. Seguinot II, 4/7/08.

Richard Collins ’04 and Marie Beigel ’05, 7/13/07.
It was a Millersville wedding in Jamaica. Peter McRobbie ’07 and Leslie Weber ’07 were married 5/9/08 in Ocho Rios. Kelly Longenberger ’07 (pictured at the far left) was the bridesmaid and (at the far right) was Chris Haas ’06, the best man.

**Deaths**

- **Leila (Reed) Anderson ’28**, New Park, died on 3/28/08, at the age of 98. She taught elementary school before helping her husband and son operate Bel-View Farm in New Park for 60 years.
- **Margaret (Hawkins) McElwain ’29**, Fawn Grove, died on 11/28/07. She was very active in her church over the years, serving as a Sunday school teacher, pianist and choir director.
- **Carrie (Spyro) Wingard ’33**, Davidsville, died on 10/6/07, at the age of 94.
- **Margaret (Kofroth) Yingst ’34**, Lexington, Ky., died on 7/18/08, at the age of 94. She was a teacher in Pennsylvania and West Virginia during her career.
- **Frances (Bair) Bolger ’38**, Hanover, died on 7/18/08, at the age of 93. She served as a librarian for the Palmyra Area School District for ten years, and was the first female recipient of the Oak Leaf Award at Hanover High School. She was the wife of the late William H. Bolger ’38, a former chairman of the Millersville University’s Council of Trustees. The University’s Bolger Conference Center in Gordinier Hall is named in his honor. The family requested that memorial contributions be made to Millersville University Foundation.

**Births**

- **John Brown ’87** and wife Cindy, a daughter, Chanel Marie, on 10/20/07. She joins sisters Ashley and Kayla.
- **Peter McCann ’87** and wife Carol, a son, David Michael, on 11/28/06.
- **Michelle (Strawser) Motter ’99** and husband Paul, a son, Nathanael Paul, on 2/26/08.
- **Aarin (Price) Deibler ’00** and husband Douglas, a son, Nate, on 12/18/03. He joins sister Sofia Louise.
- **Joshua Eckenrode ’01** and wife Megan, a daughter, Emily Madison, on 5/23/07.
- **Chadwick Hershey ’01** and wife Laura (Hoffmaster) ’01, a son, John Jay, on 6/2/04. He joins siblings Scott Isaac and Julia Elizabeth.
- **Michael Manning ’01** and wife Mary (Haist) ’02, a son, Harrison Edward, on 11/24/07.
- **Ryan Hartman ’02** and wife Leslie (Mazzanti) ’02, a son, Van Edward, on 2/1/08.
- **Andrea (Schreffler) Oliver ’02** and husband Kyle, a son, Aidyn Charles, on 4/8/08.
- **Danielle (Green) Colon ’03** and husband Vidal, a daughter, Victoria Eve, on 9/27/07.
- **Joshua Gutacker ’03** and wife Nicole (Aiello) ’03, a son, Joshua Evan, on 3/20/08.
- **Brianna (Glenn) Carter ’04** and husband Chris, twin daughters, Ava Lyn and Cameron Joelle, on 12/22/07.
- **Shallon (Stats) Rohrer ’07** and husband Aaron, a daughter, Gretchen Savannah, on 5/14/08.
- **Lisa (Gehman) Schreibéis ’07** and husband Geoffrey, a daughter, Chloe Pearl, on 3/6/08.

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Morris W. Rannels ’38, Clearwater, Fla., died on 9/25/07, at the age of 92. He worked as coordinator of safety and pupil transportation at the Maryland State Department of Education until his retirement.

Robert V. Duffy ’38, Hagerstown, Md., died on 2/26/06, at the age of 91.

Ruth (Jacobs) Brown ’39, Brownwood, Texas, died on 1/24/08, at the age of 90. She taught in a one-room school in Lancaster County for a short time before going into the real estate and insurance business.

James Vermeychuk ’40, Wallingford, died on 12/23/07, at the age of 91.

Barbara Jennings ’42, Creamridge, N.J., died on 9/14/07, at the age of 87.

Bernice (Metzler) Engle ’43, San Antonio, Texas, died on 3/14/08, at the age of 87. She was a school librarian in Arlington, Va., for 20 years.

Charles L. McCoy Jr. ’48, Monticello, Ind., died on 3/22/08, at the age of 87. He was a teacher and served as a commander and pilot in the Navy during World War II.

Harry G. Jones ’53, Lincoln, Del., died on 5/7/08, at the age of 84. He worked as a professor of biology, marine biology and ornithology at West Chester University for 30 years.

Ray S. Steinman ’55, West Chester, died on 3/17/08, at the age of 75. He taught industrial arts at Harriton High School in Lower Merion before retiring in 1986.

Allen R. Clay ’56, Wyomissing, died on 11/18/07, at the age of 78. He retired from Wilson High School, where he served as an English teacher, director of senior class plays and bowling coach.

James L. “Jim” Rees ’58, Greenville, N.C., died on 4/17/08, at the age of 73. He retired as professor emeritus in the East Carolina University School of Communication.

Susan (Becker) Polkey ’60, England, died on 4/24/08, at the age of 69.

Renee J. Wise ’60, Robesonia, died on 1/12/08, at the age of 76.

Jack M. Canan ’64, Rock Hall, Md., died on 4/28/08, at the age of 66. He worked for the City of Lancaster for 30 years, holding the positions of chief planner and director of the department of housing and community development. In 1994, he moved to Maryland and worked for the Kent County (Md.) government for 11 years.

Lois A. Pilzit ’70, Baltimore, Md., died on 6/20/06, at the age of 58.

Jeanne (Renata) Brewer ’71, Atlantic City, N.J., died on 3/11/08, at the age of 58.

Barbara M. Nichols ’73, Lancaster, died on 6/10/08, at the age of 64. A former assistant alumnus director at Millersville University, she was married to the late Dr. Paul Nichols, professor emeritus of earth sciences at the University (see page 20).

Carolyn G. (Creighton) Solera ’74M, Lancaster, died on 3/15/08, at the age of 71. She taught Spanish for the School District of Lancaster, Elizabethtown College and Lebanon Valley College.

Jane M. (Geiger) Waltz Dossett ’74M, Dauphin, died on 3/17/08, at the age of 83. She served as an elementary guidance counselor for the Ephrata School District, and as a chaplain at the Harrisburg State Hospital.

Jean (Diffenderfer) Walker ’75, Longmont, Colo., died on 12/19/07, at the age of 87. She taught French and Latin from 1941-1985.

Dr. Joseph J. Horvat, died 1/23/08, at the age of 65, in Richardson, Texas. “Dr. H”, as he was called by many, was a psychology professor at Millersville University from 1969-1982. Horvat owned his own private psychology practice in Corpus Christi, Texas, from 1982 to 2006. There he became interested in the International Society for Neurofeedback and Research and focused his practice on neurofeedback.

In the fall of 2007, Horvat had just taken a new position at the NeuroTherapy Center of Dallas. He is listed in the Who’s Who of Psychology and authored many articles.

A long time lover of sailing, he also enjoyed phases playing tennis, golfing, and cruising on his motorcycle. He was a former commodore and founding member of the Padre Island Yacht Club and enjoyed making boats for trial sails.

Dr. Nicholas C. Brown, Lancaster, died on 6/28/08, at the age of 87.

Brown was provost and vice president for academic affairs emeritus for Millersville University. During his time at Millersville (1969-1979), he also served as acting president 1977-78.

Brown, who received his master’s degree and doctorate from Yale University, had a life-long dedication to higher education. Before his Millersville days, Brown taught mathematics, served at Emory and Henry College in Virginia and University of Evansville, Ind. He also published, edited and reviewed numerous texts on higher education.

A Freedom Writer for Amnesty International USA and charter member of the International Rescue Committee’s Partners for Freedom Society, Brown participated and led humanitarian efforts throughout his life.
When Liselotte Wehrheim ’74 looks back at her years at Millersville, she knows they were special. Wehrheim was 59 when she earned her bachelor of science degree in nursing, yet she felt completely at home among her classmates.

“Millersville was a gift to me as a mature, older person. It was a wonderful experience,” she recalls.

“They accepted me, and it was a joy for me to be able to function on the level of 20-year-olds when I was more than twice their age,” laughs Wehrheim.

Now 92, Wehrheim lives in a retirement community in North Carolina. She still drives a car, enjoys spending time with friends and does aquacise.

“I enjoy keeping busy and doing things,” says Wehrheim.

After more than 60 years as a nurse, Wehrheim knows how valued nursing is and she wants to share her dedication through the nursing program at Millersville. She supports scholarships that help nontraditional students like herself obtain nursing degrees. It is important to her to know that she is helping others who need an extra hand to gain the education to support their families through nursing.

Born in Tuebingen, Germany, her parents provided her with a well-rounded education in Germany, France and England. During World War II, Wehrheim was wounded while serving as a military nurse in Poland and Russia.

In 1955, Wehrheim came to the United States to work as an interpreter for the U.S. State Department, using her fluency in German, French, English, Russian and Polish.

“I had always wanted to get married someday, but in Germany, there were no men. So many of them had been killed during the war,” explains Wehrheim.

At the age of 54, she married Thomas Ignatosky, a member of the U.S. Air Force. Wehrheim was working as a nurse at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Lebanon.

Despite all of her experience and training as a nurse, she was told that she needed a degree to be promoted.

“So, I took classes at night, during hours when I wasn’t at the hospital. And I did it. I went to my boss at the V.A. Hospital and said to him, ‘Here is my degree. Where’s my promotion?’” she recalls, adding that she did indeed get her promotion.

As a Millersville student, Wehrheim’s background gave her a leg up on helping classmates learn more about nursing. Sometimes she knew as much as the professor. Sometimes even more.

One example was a German class that she took as an elective. The professor recognized immediately that she was far too advanced for the class.

“He didn’t want me to stay. My German was better than his. I needed the class to graduate, so he told me to come back in six weeks to take the test, which I did,” says Wehrheim.

In 1978, Wehrheim was widowed and spent the next 13 years continuing to work at the V.A. Hospital. She married Hans Wehrheim in 1991. He passed away in 2000.

Throughout her fascinating life, Wehrheim has traveled the world, living and working in England, France, Poland, Russia, Greece, Italy and Egypt.

She is amazed at how nursing has changed for the better in those years and how nurses have more responsibility than ever before. She is also impressed and thrilled to support the extensive nursing school programs at Millersville, preparing nurses for vital careers in health care.

Back when she was a student at Millersville, many people wondered why she went back to school so late in life.

“You are never too old to learn. That’s what Millersville taught me. It was a wonderful experience that I’d do right now, if I could,” says Wehrheim.
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