November 1
An entire day of Millersville!

Homecoming like never before!
On November 1, Millersville University will celebrate the 75th anniversary of Homecoming along with Family Day and Community Day. There will be fun for thousands of alumni, parents, students and community friends of all ages.

Watch your mail for a brochure, or visit www.vullealumni.com or call Alumni Services at 800-681-1855.

The day kicks off at 9 a.m. with the Millersville Community Parade with more than 2,000 participants and an audience of thousands. This year’s theme is Animals: Fictional and Real. Dress up your pet this year for the Pet Costume Contest and walk with your favorite furry friend in the parade. Then take your pet over to the Fall Fling for the red carpet costume contest.

From 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Brooks Field and Boyer parking lot will be the home of our brand new program Fall Fling. The area will be filled with animals and games for the kids, a Marauder Treasure Hunt for children ages 5 – 10, craft booths, food vendors, and community and student organizations. Come see the juggler on stilts, the clowns, balloon artists and have your face painted.

What would Homecoming be without a football game? Honor our Class of 2009 seniors and Hall of Fame honorees as the Marauders take on East Stroudsburg. Visit the Marauders Cove Tent for alumni hospitality during the game for munchies and kids activities. At the Fifth Quarter Reception following the game, there will be additional food and entertainment.

And if that’s not enough, the Alumni Association is hosting one of the largest Greek Organization reunions of all time. Please plan to join our hosts, Sigma Tau Gamma, as they join the MAK men, Sigma Pi, Delta Zeta, Alpha Sigma Alpha, Omega Theta Sigma (now Alpha Zeta Delta), Kappa Delta Phi, Phi Kappa Theta and Phi Theta Alpha in celebrating this special 75th anniversary of Homecoming.
Forensic entomology, solving crimes

Millersville biology professor Dr. John Wallace (at right holding a crayfish) is involved in many high-profile research projects. He is also a scientific sleuth whose work helped an innocent man gain his freedom after 15 years in prison.

Magical materials
Christina Miller ’98 creates beautiful jewelry that is environmentally responsible through recycled resources.

Alumni Weekend
Generations of Millersville alumni came to campus to see friends and celebrate their alma mater.

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A civics lesson from Richard Dreyfuss

Activist, actor and comedian Richard Dreyfuss spoke to a packed house of students, faculty, staff, guests and area residents on April 24 at Millersville’s Lyte Auditorium.

His presentation was titled “Teaching Students How to Think, Not What to Think: The Basic Tools of Reason, Logic, Dissent, Civility and Debate.” The event was sponsored by the University’s Center for Civic & Community Engagement & Research (CCERP) Project. The CCERP program aims to help raise the level of public awareness and responsiveness to persistent and widening economic and social disparities.

Dreyfuss has long been interested in the importance of civics – the privileges and obligations of citizens. He spoke highly of democracy, but implored that a firm understanding of civics by all people is key to a political system where people are citizens and sovereigns.

Public debate, critical thinking, contemplation and dissention are all important in engaging in civics, according to Dreyfuss, and the upcoming generation does not know about these valuable tools.

It is the nation’s responsibility to engage in civic activity and to pass that responsibility to upcoming generations.

“Being an American is hard,” he said, “and they [schools] must teach it—the younger the better. Teach it as a myth, teach it as a reality… and teach it as a narrative tale that is so thrilling that it beggars the imagination.”

He is concerned about the lack of civics education in modern schools and how it will impact on the future of the country. “It is an act of social suicide that we do not teach our young the foundations of what we have fought to achieve,” said Dreyfuss.

He then asked the audience to vote – and to support and pay for the restoration of civics education in American schools.

“It is worth it,” he said.

Above: Richard Dreyfuss takes the stage at Millersville.
Left: Dr. Mel Allen, director of CCERP, discusses civic engagement with Dreyfuss.
Letters to the Editor

Fanani Jewelry Studio

I just wanted to tell you how surprised I was when I saw one of my favorite professors highlighted in the Review, Dr. Dominic Fanani.

It was Dr. Fanani who opened the door to my career in the jewelry industry. As a young girl I had always dabbled with jewelry, but finally I found my niche in my major.

I spent countless hours in the jewelry lab, eventually as a lab assistant. After graduating with a degree in art studio I began working in the repair department of a prominent local jewelry store in Princeton, N.J.

This opened doors to apprenticing as a jeweler/diamond setter, buying and selling on 47th Street in New York City, training and working with Mikimoto, selling designs to Cartier and Harry Winston. Along with that I continued with a small business of my own.

I’m so happy to hear that Millersville has dedicated the studio after Dr. Fanani and I would love for him to know what a wonderful gift he passed on to me.

Marilyn Gazzillo ’79

Stephen Centola

I was saddened to read in the spring Review of the passing of Dr. Stephen Centola. As a graduate student in the then-newly created Master of Arts in English program in the early 1990s, it was my great privilege to take several classes with Dr. Centola. I found him to be extremely intelligent, articulate, enthusiastic and engaging. He personified the finest attributes of the education profession and was a great credit to Millersville University. He will be missed.

Andrew Davis ’94M

“Doubt” comes to Millersville

Millersville University partnered with the Fulton Theater again this year as the co-sponsor of the play, “Doubt,” by John Patrick Shanley. This was the second year that the partnership included a one-day, interactive session with the show’s cast and Fulton artistic director Michael Mitchell coming to Millersville’s campus.

On April 10, the four-member “Doubt” cast met at Millersville’s Rafters Theatre for a day of workshops and interaction with students and faculty. The first of two student workshops was hosted by Tony Elliot, associate professor, communication & theatre, and director of the theater program at Millersville. Students were able to hear directly from the actors about the rigors of living on the road as they travel for their love of the art.

The second workshop, hosted by Dr. Chuck Ward, assistant professor, philosophy, discussed sowing the seeds of doubt – the subject of the play. It included readings from the play to engage students in discussion.

Students received tickets to a full dress rehearsal of the play on April 23 at the Fulton. More than 150 students and faculty attended the performance which was followed by a talk-back session with the actors.

“Doubt” won the Pulitzer Prize and a Tony Award for best play and was named the best play of 2005 by more than ten national newspapers and magazines.

Shanley also wrote the screenplay for the movie Moonstruck, starring Cher and Nicholas Cage.

Left to right: Tony Elliot is joined on the Rafters Theatre stage by actors Michael Frederic, Michael Mitchell (Fulton’s artistic director), Lillie Richardson, Dana Acheson and Jane Ridley.
Commencement  
Millersville University Class of 2008

May 10, 2008 marked the day when several thousand people gathered at Biemesderfer Stadium and looked up at the sky. The gray and chilly skies held off showers long enough for the 1,121 candidates of bachelor’s and master’s degrees to walk across a pavilion stage in front of about 7,800 family, friends and guests.

Dr. Kenneth R. Melani, the commencement speaker, has been president and chief executive officer of Highmark, Inc., one of the largest Blue Cross Blue Shield plans in the country, since 2003. He is also the recipient of numerous awards for his dedication to community involvement, is board certified in internal medicine, and is a member of several medical societies.

Melani addressed the entire audience at the ceremony, but especially connected with the graduating class, advising happiness and health as key components to success. “So to each of you,” he said, “I say live each day, enjoy each day like there may be no tomorrow. Be happy. But at the same time I say, do what you can to assure that there are many more tomorrows to come. Be responsible. Be healthy.”

Two other special guests also associated with the medical field joined Melani at the ceremony. M. Diane Koken ’72 received an honorary doctorate degree. Charles R. Winter, M.D., received an honorary law degree.

Koken graduated magna cum laude from Millersville before earning a law degree from Villanova University School of Law. Koken is Pennsylvania’s longest-serving insurance commissioner, from 1997 to 2007. Through her work, she assisted in more than $317 million in civil penalties and restitution. The department recovered more than $69 million on behalf of customers. The Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) was also expanded to make coverage available to all uninsured children up to age 19. Currently, Koken is a member of the board of directors of Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company, and Nationwide Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

Charles R. Winter, M.D., is also closely connected to the University, as two of his five children attended Millersville. A world-renowned orthopedic surgeon, Winter has been living in Lancaster since 1960. He has made medical history twice during his professional career through intricate surgeries, the first by reattaching a farmer’s severed arm, then again by being the first U.S. surgeon to attach an electric arm. Now retired, Winter recently donated $1 million to the University, which will help fund a new performing arts center.
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.

Q: We recently received a request for information and photographs to help in the celebration of Millersville graduate and retired faculty member Jane Gray Smith’s 95th birthday. Who is she?

A: Here’s what we found: Jane Gray Smith graduated from Millersville in 1933. She went on to receive a master’s in education from Penn State in 1940 and a degree in library science from Columbia University in 1946. Jane was the librarian at the Model School from 1942-1953, before leaving to work at the State Department of Education, retiring in 1972. While a student at Millersville, Jane played the violin. She was also a member of the Normal Literary Society and the YWCA. She was a member of the first class to take a four-year course at Millersville. An honors scholarship made it possible for her during the Great Depression to attend Millersville for her senior year. In an oral history interview conducted in 2003, Jane was asked what advice she has for students at Millersville today. She offered this timeless advice: “Work as hard as you can but enjoy every minute of it because there will never be more delightful, fun years than your college years. You may seem as if you have a lot of cares now, but they will seem small in a few years. Make as many friends as you can, because the older you get, the more valuable your friends become to you.”

Ishmael Beah—former child soldier

This fall, Millersville’s incoming freshman class will be reading the same book as part of an initiative for students to gain a common interest among one another. They, along with the public, will have an opportunity to listen to the book’s author, Ishmael Beah, tell his story on September 8 at 7:30 p.m. in Lyte Auditorium in Alumni Hall.

His presentation, “A Long Way Gone: A Story of Redemption and Hope,” is this year’s Hazel I. Jackson and Kenderdine lectures.

In his autobiography, A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier, Beah tells how at the age of 12, he was orphaned and pressed into service as a soldier in Sierra Leone’s civil war. During his time in the government army, Beah says he killed “too many people to count.”


“If I choose to feel guilty for what I have done, I will want to be dead myself,” Beah explains. “I live knowing that I have been given a second life, and I just try to have fun and be happy and live it the best I can.”

Admission to the September 8 lecture is free and open to the public.

Author Ishmael Beah writes of his experiences as a child soldier in Sierra Leone’s civil war.
Emergency incident tests alert system

On April 1, the campus was locked down for about two hours as police searched for a student who was considered a potential threat to the campus. The lockdown was lifted after a 24-year-old suspect was taken into custody. Fortunately, there were no injuries reported.

During the lockdown, four text messages and three emails were sent out to update the campus on what was happening. In addition, a banner was put across the website. People who were informed electronically let others know the old-fashioned way – by walking around their buildings.

In the two days that followed a lockdown on Millersville's campus, more than 1,000 students, faculty and staff signed up to be a part of MU Alert. MU Alert is just one part of the new security measures in place on and around campus. This particular security measure is a communication system that transmits text messages and email messages in cases of emergencies, such as school closings, delays or threats to the safety of the campus. More than 4,300 people have signed up for MU Alert.

In an email sent out the evening after the incident, President Francine G. McNairy praised the campus community for the response.

"I commend Millersville University faculty, staff and students for their cooperation and patience during today's campus emergency. I especially appreciate the cooperation of our students in the orderly and prompt manner in which they complied with the official request to stay indoors while University police dealt with the potential threat.”

The events of April 1, 2008 were both stressful and harrowing, but they were also a test of the security measures that have been put into place following the events at Virginia Tech and Northern Illinois colleges.”

Several more security systems are in the process of being implemented around the campus and are planned to be completed by the beginning of the fall 2008 semester.

Two of the additions are the reverse 911 system wherein all phones on campus will turn into mini-broadcast platforms for any emergency messages through the use of their built-in speakers. The other is siren towers that can broadcast tones as well as spoken messages outdoors. The sirens will be able to reach anyone who may be unable to receive the messages via email, text messages or through a campus phone.

In March, Dr. Aminta Hawkins Breaux joined Millersville University as the vice president for student affairs. Most recently, Breaux served as the dean of students at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia (USP).

Previously, Breaux served as the assistant provost of Drexel University and prior to that position she was director of Drexel’s Career Management Center, where she managed one of the largest experiential learning/co-operative education programs in the country.

Breaux has her doctorate in counseling psychology from Temple University, as well as a bachelor’s degree. Her master’s degree is from the University of Pennsylvania.

New VP for Student Affairs

Dr. John C. Cavanaugh became the new chancellor for the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education on July 1. Since 2002, Cavanaugh served as president of the University of West Florida in Pensacola, which has an enrollment of 10,500 students on three campuses and operates nine other locations.

New chancellor for State System
Christine Gaudry-Hudson: Doing her part for the red, white, blue... and green.

As she zips around the Millersville campus on her little red and white scooter, Madame Gaudry-Hudson is doing her part to be green.

“It is a great way to get around, it saves on gasoline and it helps the environment,” says the self-confirmed workaholic, who is chair of the Department of Foreign Languages, associate professor of French, director of the French graduate program and advisor to Ecole Française d’été de Millersville. She came to Millersville University in 1992.

Scootering around is also reminiscent of Gaudry-Hudson’s days in Paris, where fuel-efficient transportation such as bicycles and scooters is the norm.

“I am a city girl,” says Christine Gaudry-Hudson, who came to the United States in 1979 for a teaching assistantship at Mount Olive College in North Carolina.

That’s where she met her husband, Bill Hudson, who is now an IT Manager for the Lancaster County Library System. The couple has two daughters, Ashley, 21, and Daphne, 17, both attending Millersville University. The family also has a dog – French, of course – a bichon frisé named Dakota.

Gaudry-Hudson enjoys telling people how she started her career as an English major and high school English teacher in Cornwall, England, which she found to be rather stuffy. She then made a logical switch and became a French professor, dedicating her life to sharing her native-born language and culture.

“I'm sure you have heard the joke. What do you call a person who knows two languages? Bilingual. A person who knows three languages? Trilingual. And a person who knows one language? American!” says Gaudry-Hudson. “I'm doing my part to change that.”

She immerses her students in the joy of language, books, writing, speaking and exploring the origins of words. She loves novels in both French and English, films and travel. She often arranges educational trips to France, where students live in a new culture and study the work of French authors. One recent trip to Normandy gave students a chance to meet a French author, Gilles Perraul, whose book, Le Pullover Rouge, was instrumental in abolishing the death penalty in France. She is working on translating a book by another author from Normandy, Armand Idrac.

“I always encourage all students, not just language students, to visit France or another country where they can learn another language,” says Gaudry-Hudson.

Gaudry-Hudson enjoys spending time exploring Lancaster County by hiking, kayaking and cycling. Her culinary talents include French cuisine such as boeuf Bourguignon and steak au poivre.

“I didn't learn to cook until I was an adult,” she admits. “When I was young, the kitchen was my mother’s domain.”

Her parents and extended family live in France and she visits whenever she can.

She studied English, earning her Maitrise at Université de Paris X Nanterre in 1979. At the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, she earned her master’s degree and Ph.D.

While some might think making the switch from English to French seems unusual, Gaudry-Hudson maintains that the two languages are very much connected. The route she has taken in life might just be the perfect one for her.
The Heartbreak Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee, is no stranger to things a little out of the ordinary. With Elvis fans from around the globe making their pilgrimage to Graceland, a stone's throw from the boutique hotel, unusual is a daily occurrence.

But among the usual guest belongings of guitars, Elvis capes and stuffed hound dogs was a grungy bucket complete with attached air pumps. And, inside were dozens of live crayfish straight from a stream in rural Mississippi. It was indeed a mystery. A hobby? A crayfish BBQ?

It was the summer of 2006, the bucket and its contents belonged to Dr. John Wallace, associate professor of biology at Millersville University. The crayfish, it turned out, was key to Wallace's evaluation of the alleged human bitemarks on the victim. This evidence helped to free an innocent man on death row.

Crayfish, you say? Yup.

The case involved the 1992 rape and murder of a three-year-old girl whose body was found in a creek near her home in rural Noxubee County, Mississippi. In short order, a local man, Kennedy Brewer, was put on trial, found guilty and sentenced to death. At the time, DNA testing was not widely used — especially in rural Mississippi.

However, in 2001, the DNA evidence taken from the victim was tested and the results exonerated Brewer as the rapist. Yet he was kept in prison because of bite marks on the victim that had been identified as belonging to him during the trial. These marks, and those found during an investigation of a second murder involving a young girl in the same area, showed only marks that appeared to be from upper teeth.

Working to free Brewer was the Innocence Project (IP). Affiliated with Cardozo School of Law, IP works to exonerate wrongly convicted people through DNA testing. They contacted Wallace for his opinion on the mysterious bite marks.

Helping to solve crimes is nothing new for Wallace. An aquatic biologist, he is one of only 15 board-certified forensic entomologists in North America and one of three specializing in how aquatic organisms can be used in criminal investigations.
The crime scene photos of the bite marks were not enough for Wallace. During the summer of 2006, Wallace was on a cross-country adventure with his two young sons, and he agreed to make the Mississippi crime scene a detour.

In rural Mississippi, two attorneys from the Innocence Project in New York and a private crime investigator stood in the dense vegetation next to the crime scene watching Wallace work. He set minnow traps along the creek, using hot dogs as bait. And, by the third day he had more than three dozen crayfish. Taking the evidence—along with extra hot dogs—Wallace and his sons continued on their trip, stopping at the Heartbreak Hotel in Memphis as promised.

Once back in Millersville, Wallace conducted two experiments using stillborn pigs and the crayfish taken from the Mississippi creek. Every 12 hours, he returned to his lab to measure and photograph the bite marks on the pigs. The results showed that the size and location of the crayfish “bite” marks from Wallace’s experiments were consistent with those found on the body of the murdered girl.

According to Wallace, crayfish are scavengers that will eat anything whether it is alive or dead. Their pinchers are used for pinching, pulling and tearing food into edible chunks.

The crayfish marks—along with forensic experts agreeing that the bite marks were not from Kennedy Brewer—provided the crucial evidence that finally freed an innocent man, following 15 years in prison.

“In was so pumped when I heard the news,” says Wallace. “Normally, I’m on the side of putting the bad guys away.”

Thirty years ago, the field of forensic entomology experienced a resurgence of interest. Prior to that time, the insects associated with a murder or crime scene were often ignored. The science is used now to determine information such as the period of insect activity (or a minimum postmortem interval), if the location of the body was also where the murder took place and if the deceased person had used certain drugs. Rather grisly stuff, but fascinating, especially to America’s TV viewers.

Many top crime series such as “CSI,” “Criminal Minds” and “NCIS” revolve around the technology of DNA and scientific innovations that are now taken for granted.

Professor Wallace is one of only 15 board-certified forensic entomologists in the world.

In fact, Wallace is currently acting as a consultant for the television series “Bones.” But don’t think he’s gone Hollywood. He is, first and foremost, a scientist who loves to teach and interact with students.

“I learn from my students with their endless curiosity, questioning and thirst to learn,” he says.

One project—a statewide resurgence of interest in crayfish ecology/diversity—came about because of the curiosity of two Millersville students.

Wallace notes, with more than a hint of pride, “These students brought to the state’s and, quite frankly, the nation’s attention the issue of bait shop involvement in the introduction of non-native crayfish fauna. Their findings identified an invasive crayfish problem in [Lancaster] county and increased the biodiversity knowledge of crayfish taxa in the county by three-fold.” The project even spawned “sting”-like operations on crayfish sales in bait shops in other states.

“In general, the students who have worked in my lab have had an amazing work ethic,” he says. “This has translated into major successes while at Millersville in publishing their research and winning awards, and ultimately being successful in graduate programs or with numerous
state and federal environmental agencies."

Scott Starr ’08, president of Millersville’s Entomology Club, knows the benefit of Wallace’s commitment to faculty-student research. This fall Starr is headed to graduate school at the University of Alabama.

He describes Wallace’s style as “very laid back.” A mechanical bug, suspended from the ceiling, begins to fly in circles and makes a buzzing sound. Starr smiles and adds “there is never a dull moment in [Wallace’s] lab.”

As a kid, Wallace was always fascinated by insects. “I recall catching turtles and crayfish in our local stream since I could walk, had pet ducks in the bathtub and collected caterpillars and reared them to butterflies since I was eight years old,” says Wallace, whose dad was a high school biology teacher and his mother a nurse. Wallace served for four years in the Peace Corps, working in Guatemala in beekeeping and wildlife management.

In addition to forensic entomology, Wallace’s areas of expertise and research projects are mosquito ecology; storm water management and mosquito population dynamics; invasive crayfish ecology and West Nile virus.

Another area of interest to him is medical entomology. He is working on an international research program to unravel the epidemiology and transmission of a horrific flesh-eating disease known as Buruli Ulcer. The program involves the World Health Organization, the Victoria Infectious Disease Research Laboratory in Australia, the University of Tennessee and Michigan State University.

Wallace’s work is serious, but his demeanor is anything but. His office looks like that of a mad scientist. Every surface—including the floor is crammed with books, journals, papers and, of course, toys. A Brett Favre bobblehead figure, mounted piranha, a poster with Mayberry’s Barney Fife pictured as the “Bloodhound of the Law: Sniffing out crime one step at a time,” human skull, bug zapper and a glass case with a pet snake that has no name are just some of the fun items that share space with reports on devastating diseases transmitted by insects or threats to the environment.

Whether he is giving a seminar for FBI agents, presenting a paper at an international conference, testifying at a murder trial or conducting a lab for Millersville freshmen, he is totally engaged. Or, as he says, “in the zone.”

“There is never a dull moment in Wallace’s lab.”
In the Dr. Dominick Fanani Jewelry Studio located on the third floor of Breidenstine Hall, sounds of repetitive hammering coincide with the melodic classic rock tune from a small stereo. The room is filled with wooden jeweler workbenches and long countertops. Warning and instructional signs on the walls remind the artists of the potential dangers of using the machinery for soldering and polishing metals.

Christina Miller made her necklace from enameled steel found in old dry-erase boards.
Tree stumps occupy areas throughout the studio. Some are mounted with equipment, others are work stations with an empty surface. Not only are the stumps natural, they are ideal shock absorbers for the hammering and other work associated with jewelry making, according to Christina Miller ’98, assistant professor in art.

Miller has found her passion in teaching and inspiring students in this creative field. She is also committed to promoting the importance of ethical jewelry making.

“We are makers of culture, makers of history,” Miller says.

She first became interested in fine art metals at the age of 12, when she discovered copper wire in her house and hammered it on a cinder block. Soon after that, she had her first craft show at the Susquehanna Waldorf School in Marietta.

The infatuation and passion for jewelry making continued, and she graduated from Millersville with a degree in fine arts.

Her junior year was spent in Florence, where she studied at Le Arti Orafe Jewellery School—a prestigious private school for jewelry making in Italy. It was the perfect program for Miller who credits Jeri Robinson’s guidance and assistance in making it work. Robinson was then Miller's professor. Today they are colleagues.

“The [Millersville] faculty were great influences,” Miller says, “and I certainly wouldn’t be where I am today without their guidance.”

During graduate school at East Carolina University, her passion for jewelry took a new turn. An art history professor “made it apparent that art could play an important role in improving the world,” says Miller. The professor spoke of the “peace medals,” which were issued by U.S. presidents for early settlers to trade with Native American leaders.

The decorative coins were intended to communicate a mission of peace to Native Americans. However, history shows that peace was far from the reality of what happened in the American West.

This revelation, coupled with her uncle's challenge for her to look into where her jewelry materials originate, was part of Miller's “conscious learning” of environmental concerns and jewelry making.

Metals mining, still operating under the 1872 mining law, is the most toxic industry in America according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The amount of gold being mined in Nevada has placed the United States as the second top producing country in gold mining.

Miller brings these lessons to her classes. She instructs her students not only in the techniques of metalsmithing, but also the ethical and environmental responsibilities attached to the materials used in creating jewelry. She emphasizes reusing material for fine art to inspire students to be responsible with their craft and resources.

“Being a university professor has levels of responsibility that are connected to society: diligence, ethics, value, culture,” she explains.

“I want to inspire students to envision not just the immediate life of the art, but where the piece will end up down the road,” says Miller. “Jewelry can serve multiple purposes over a period of time.”

And, pure materials such as gold, silver and copper can be recycled indefinitely.

“Pure metals are magical materials; we deal with the stuff of the stars!” Miller says, “Students are encouraged to melt old materials for use in their projects.”

Metals are only one example of reusable materials. Miller challenges her students to create their art with reusable material. An exhibit of student work displays intricate pieces of art made from metal, soap, leaves, bottle caps and even ear plugs.

Miller’s dedication and enthusiasm for reusable material extends beyond the classroom. She co-founded Ethical Metalsmiths, a nonprofit organization that connects people with responsibly sourced metals and gemstones. The group also established the Radical Jewelry Makeover (RJM) where community members donate their unwanted jewelry to be redesigned and sold.

In 2007, the first RJM events were held in Richmond, Va., and Lancaster, Pa. In October 2008, the RJM will be held in San Francisco—a place that, according to Miller, still suffers from the polluting effects of the 1849 gold rush.

“Seven different schools, more than 200 artists,” says Miller, “will be transforming old pieces to be displayed at the Velvet DaVinci”—a premiere art jewelry and metal sculpture gallery in the Bay Area. She hopes to bring a handful of students with her.

“Jewelry is a sentimental medium, it’s up close and personal,” Miller says. “There is goodness, true goodness, in hand-made, artist-designed jewelry.”
Alumni celebrated their alma mater, toured campus, renewed friendships and participated in the many events during Alumni Weekend held April 25-26.
Above:
At the 50th Annual Honors and Awards Convocation, the 2008 Campus Club Scholarship recipient, Teresa Rineer (second from right) is flanked by her family and Mrs. Darlene Ford, Campus Club officer (far right).

Below left:
Alumni gather to remember those who have passed away during the past year at the annual memorial service in the Old Main Room of Gordinier Hall.

Below Right:
Alumni celebrating their 50th class reunion or more were honored at the Ad Astra Society pinning ceremony with President McNairy and Alumni Association President, Dr. Richard Frerichs ’64 (far right).

Above:
Members from the 55th Anniversary Reunion Class of 1953, gather for a special luncheon in Gordinier Hall, hosted by their reunion committee, headed by Dr. Joseph Glass ’53.

Right:
MU students serenade the guests who attended the “Celebrate Math at Millersville” reception hosted in the recently renovated Wickersham Hall (adjacent to the lake).

Below right:
The traditional Black and Gold Scrimmage game was hosted on Chryst Field on Saturday evening of Alumni Weekend, highlighting the upcoming football season.
**Jazz N Java**

On Saturday, May 3, the lights dimmed, the crowd hushed, and the desserts line cleared when the Student and Alumni Jazz Bands blew their first note on a memorable evening of jazz.

Incorporating solos of voice and instrument, Dr. Keith Wiley, conductor, led the musicians in an array of brilliant musical selections.

We say it every year: if you missed this concert, you missed the best of the best. And to think these students gave up a Saturday evening the week before finals is remarkable and shows their dedication to Wiley, the music program and their love for jazz.

Thanks to all who participated and for putting together this wonderful evening for alumni, faculty, staff and the community.

We’re looking forward to next year already!

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**‘Ville Idol returns**

‘Ville Idol competition is back on campus for Millersville students and alumni, beginning September 27.

This is a singing competition—not karaoke. Contestants must memorize all songs they are performing, throughout all performances and auditions.

Contestants will be scored on vocal ability (rhythm/pitch/phrasing/memorization); stage performance (movement/confidence/command); and appearance (costume/attire). For complete details on eligibility and contest rules, see the documents online or contact the Alumni Services office.

The competition is open to all current undergraduate and graduate Millersville students and all Millersville alumni. The top student and top alumnuus will receive a grand prize of $1,000 each. The format of this competition consists of an audition and a maximum of three performances (in front of a live audience) in Lyte Auditorium in Alumni Hall.

Genres of music will be selected and special judges and hosts will be on hand for each performance.

Deadline for contestants to register is September 19.

Auditions will be held on September 27, with performances on October 11, October 25 and November 9 with voting from the audience and judges. For more information on ‘Ville Idol, contact the Alumni Services office: 800-681-1855; email: mualumni@millersville.edu or visit www.villealumni.com

We’ve got the drama, believability, suspense and talent… do you have what it takes to be the next ‘Ville Idol?

The 2008 ‘Ville Idol singing competition is sponsored by the Millersville University Alumni Association in cooperation with the Alumni Services office.

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**Calling all Greeks**

*Come back for a big Greek reunion at Homecoming on November 1!*

More information will be sent in early September (also see page 2).

**Sigma Pi, MAK, SEB alumni reunion**

Alumni from Sigma Pi fraternity will hold their third annual reunion on Saturday, September 27. It is open to all Sigma Pi brothers and those of their ancestral fraternities, Sigma Epsilon Beta and MAK (Mu Alpha Kappa). In past years more than 50 alumni from as far back as the early 1970s have attended. Contact Rob Grant at 302-654-8848 or grantini@aol.com for more details. Alumni can also visit the chapter alumni website at www.zetagamma.net.

**Alpha Sigma Alpha**

More details about the reunion on Saturday, November 1, 2008, will be mailed to you.

**Delta Phi Eta event**

The sisters of Delta Phi Eta invite alumni sisters to a reunion celebrating 67 years of the sorority on Saturday September 13. The reception starts at 5 p.m. and a buffet dinner and program will follow. Tickets are $30 per person. Watch your mail for more information.
PASSHE Travel Programs offered

The Pennsylvania State System Alumni and Friends Travel Program offers three 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, which 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 supplement.

›› 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.

›› 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. Prices 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!

›› July 6-16, 2010: Oberammergau Passion Play and Alpine Explorer Travel Program. Journey through Italy, Switzerland, Austria and Germany. The final destination is Oberammergau, a quaint village nestled in the Bavarian Alps, to witness a once-a-decade performance of the world-renowned Passion Play. Its origins date back to 1634, when the villagers vowed to perform a play every ten years in honor of Christ’s life if they were spared from the Black Plague. Prices are per person based on double occupancy are $3,499 and include 11 days: 16 meals: 9 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 6 dinners. The price does not include airfare (available in September 2009), taxes and fees. A non-refundable deposit of $500 per person is due by July 30, 2008. Book early – the 2010 date is already starting to sell-out.

Join others for a Day of Caring

The Day of Caring is a United Way community service day where volunteers of all ages dedicate a morning of service to projects across Lancaster County. This year’s Day of Caring is Saturday, September 6.

The MU Alumni Association is teaming up with the Internships & Civic Engagement Services Office to work side by side with more than 450 freshmen. Alumni volunteers will be teamed with students and assigned a service project pre-selected by the United Way. This is a great opportunity to give a few hours of your time to make a difference.

Volunteers and students will meet in the Student Memorial Center’s Reighard Multipurpose Room at 7:30 a.m. for instructions, venture off to their work sites, then to lunch at McCaskey East High School and will return to campus by 1 p.m.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Day of Caring, please contact the Alumni Services office by August 22.

1950s Mini-reunion

All alumni from the classes of the 1950s decade are invited to attend the ninth annual Millersville mini-reunion on Saturday afternoon, September 13. Leo and Anne Marie Noga will host this year’s event at their home in Harrisburg.

Classmates are asked to contact Bill Romans at 610-436-0842 or via email at billyroma@verizon.net for more details or to register.
Entertainment Book purchase will help MUAA

For years, the Entertainment Book has been making dining, shopping and entertainment affordable for people in cities all over America. The MUAA wants to offer its alumni, friends, students, faculty and staff the same opportunity. The fundraiser is available to alumni and friends all over the United States.

No matter where you live, if a discount book is available in your area, you’ll be able to support programming and scholarships of the Alumni Association through your purchase of the discount book.

Each book offers hundreds of dollars in savings from area restaurants and stores to amusement parks, golf courses and more.

Visit the alumni homepage at www.villealumni.com, click on the entertainment book, enter your zip code and follow the prompts to make a secure purchase of an Entertainment Book.

The prices for the 2009 books range from $25-40, depending on the geographic location. Coupons are valid beginning November 1, 2008.

Entertainment Books will be available for sale from August – November 2008. A percentage of each book will go directly to the MUAA to support programs and scholarships.

Visit the alumni homepage at www.villealumni.com for details and ordering information. Order your Entertainment Book this summer; it’s an easy way to give back.

Alumni Board election results

The 2008-09 Board includes executive committee members Dr. Richard Frerichs ’64, president; Bill Martin ’81, president-elect; Dr Kathleen Brabson ’70, past-president; Benjamin Gorman ’00, treasurer; and Lori Dierolf ’91, was elected as secretary to fill a one-year term vacancy.

The ten newly elected alumni include: Nicole Bomberger ’01, Mount Joy; Abraham Breslin ’98, Reading; Aaron Clevenstine ’01, Lancaster; Gina Crawford ’96, Mullica Hill, N.J.; Dr. Carl Ernst ’60, Leola; Dr. Stacey Fink ’72, Lititz; Amy Hoffman ’94, Mount Joy; Jerri Anne Johnson ’76; Daniel Sidelnick ’75, Lebanon.

Other members of the board include: Scott Bailey ’98, William Benner ’84, Don Geiter ’95, Michael Henry ‘83, David Hernandez ’71, Stephen Powell ’72.

Kudos Korner

Thanks to our volunteers who helped during Alumni Weekend and commencement this spring:

›› Scott Bailey ’98
›› Carolyn Beamesderfer ’65
›› Bill Benner ’84
›› Ryan Berardi ’05
›› Nicole Bomberger ’01
›› Kathy Brabson ’70
›› Aaron Clevenstine ’01
›› Lori Dierolf ’91
›› Dominick DiNunzio ’53
›› Art Drescher ’64
›› Scott Francis ’73
›› Rich Frerichs ’64
›› Mike Henry ’83
›› David Hernandez ’71
›› Harry Lines ‘40
›› Rosemary Litz ’67
›› Phil Loht ’65
›› Bill Martin ’81
›› Mark Phillips ’72
›› Jan Roak ’76
›› Jamie Roak ’76
›› Helen Stine ’64
›› Jen Strobel ’95
›› Cheryl Youtz ’69
Calendar of Events

**JULY**
25  Lancaster Barnstormers  
    Baseball event – 7:05 p.m.,  
    Clipper Stadium, Lancaster
26  Reading Phillies Baseball  
    event – 6:35 p.m., FirstEnergy Stadium, Reading

**AUGUST**
1    Parade Grand Marshal Nominations due by 4:30 p.m.
23   Pa. Renaissance Faire Alumni Picnic – 12-2 p.m. (Faire is open until 8 p.m.), Mount Hope Estate, Manheim

**SEPTEMBER**
13   Delta Phi Eta Reunion – 5 p.m., Lehr Room, Gordinier Hall
27   ’Ville Idol Auditions, Student Memorial Center, Reighard Multipurpose Room
29-10/11  PASSHE Alumni & Friends Travel Program: Black Sea, Egypt, Holy Lands Cruise (Holland America)

**OCTOBER**
11   ’Ville Idol Round One Performance – 3 p.m., Lyte Auditorium/Alumni Hall
25   ’Ville Idol Semi-Finals Performance – 3 p.m., Lyte Auditorium/Alumni Hall
30   Cultural Showcase – 6 p.m.  
    Student Memorial Center, Reighard Multipurpose Room
31   Alumni & Friends Golf Outing – 10 a.m, Crossgates Golf Course
31   Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner – 5:30 p.m., Lehr Room, Gordinier Hall

Baseball reunion for Millersville’s 1998 World Series team

On October 11, come celebrate Millersville’s 1998 World Series baseball team. It’s the 10th anniversary of the team that captured numerous honors including the 1998 PSAC East Champions, 1998 PSAC Tournament Champions (earning the first league title in 23 years) and 1998 North Atlantic Regional Champions. In all, the team set more than 40 team and individual records.

At the World Series in Alabama, the Marauders won their first game, which placed them in the “final four.” They later lost the series to the defending champions.

Batting practice for the alumni team is at 11:30 a.m. on October 11 at the baseball field. The ceremony marking the ten-year anniversary will be held at 12:45 p.m.

Upcoming Events

**Renaissance Faire picnic**

Travel back to the days of the Renaissance with the Millersville University Alumni Association (MUAA).

On Saturday, August 23, from noon-2 p.m., MUAA will be hosting a private picnic at the Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire in the Feasting Glen at Mt. Hope Estate.

Feast on hamburgers, hot dogs and various other picnic fare while being entertained by the Renaissance Faire actors. After the picnic, spend the day roaming the Faire grounds. It is open until 8 p.m.

Group prices are $37.50 for adults and $20.50 for children and include the MUAA picnic and all day admission to the Faire. **Reservations must be made by August 6.**

To register, visit www.villealumni.com or call 800-681-1855.

**Christmas Show**

Start your holiday season with the MUAA at Lancaster’s American Music Theatre (AMT) on Sunday, November 30, for the 3 p.m. matinee.

AMT’s Christmas Show is for all ages and offers traditional and modern holiday songs and sketches.

Special group pricing is $33 for adults and $16.50 for children. We have reserved orchestra center seating, but space is limited. **Tickets must be ordered by October 24.**

To register, visit www.villealumni.com or call 800-681-1855.
Reception for admitted students

As part of the Alum From Day One initiative of the Alumni Association, alumni services staff and alumni volunteers, along with admissions staff, students and volunteers attended the Montgomery County Admitted Student Reception at the Blue Bell Country Club on March 5. Parents and admitted students were treated to desserts while hearing remarks from the admissions and financial aid staff.

Alumni shared career highlights and answered questions from high school students and parents about college life at Millersville University.

Future students were also introduced to the Student Ambassador/Student Alumni organization. It is a group of student leaders who portray enthusiasm, dedication and a passion for Millersville and the alumni spirit while working at cultural, presidential and alumni events.

Pet Costume Contest: Saturday, November 1

Come out and 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 and in conjunction with the Millersville Community Parade & Millersville University Fall Fling.

All pets and owners will have the option to march in the Millersville Community Parade starting at 9 a.m. The official pet costume contest begins at 12:30 p.m. in a tent adjacent to the University lake.

Contest categories include:
- Funniest Costume
- Most Original Costume
- Cutest Costume
- Scariest Costume
- Best Pet/Person Duo

Entry deadline: October 10

Contact the Alumni Services Office at 800-681-1855 or mualumni@millersville.edu for an entry form and contest rules.

Sponsored by Manor Animal Hospital, MU Alumni Association and Millersville Community Parade.

Nominees sought for parade’s Grand Marshal

Nominations are now being accepted for Grand Marshal of the 12th annual Millersville Community Parade, a joint effort between Millersville University, the Millersville Borough and the surrounding community. The Grand Marshal has the honor of riding in the parade’s lead vehicle. The parade is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, November 1.

The Millersville Community Parade is one of Lancaster County’s largest and most dynamic parades. The 2008 parade theme is “Animals: Fictional or Real.”

The Grand Marshal is selected based on his or her significant contributions to the Millersville community. All nominees must live or work in the Millersville community.

Nominations must be received by August 1, 2008, and can be submitted as a one-page letter explaining the nominee’s specific impact on the Millersville community. He or she must include their address and phone number. The Grand Marshal is notified approximately one month prior to the parade date.

Send nominations to: Millersville Community Parade, Millersville University, c/o Alumni Services Office, P.O. Box 1002, Millersville, PA 17551-0302 or fax to 717-871-5050.

Call 717-872-3352 with any questions about the Grand Marshal or to inquire about participating or volunteering with the Millersville Community Parade.
The All-Alumni Luncheon on April 26, during Alumni Weekend, was time for the Millersville University Alumni Association to recognize a few of the individuals who really make Millersville University the special place it is.

Dr. Gary L. Miller ’80 was honored with the 2008 Distinguished Service Award during the annual Honors & Awards Convocation and Alumni Luncheon. This award is the most prestigious award bestowed upon an alumnus/na by the Millersville University Alumni Association.

Miller is a research entomologist at U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Beltsville Agricultural Research Center in Maryland. Working on the front lines to protect American agriculture, he is considered an international authority on destructive insects and their identification and classification. He is also an expert on the role that insects played during the Civil War.

Miller has received many accolades for his community service involvement. Most recently, he received the President’s Volunteer Service Award. In addition, he has received the Lifesaving Award of Merit from the American Red Cross and the Medal for Meritorious Action from the Boy Scouts of America in recognition for his actions when he rushed to the aid of a gunshot victim.

Active throughout the community, Miller has devoted countless hours in service to others. An Eagle Scout himself, he has served as a Boy Scout leader for the past ten years. He has given untold volunteer hours to the Winterhaven homeless shelter. As a cyclist with the Multiple Sclerosis 150 Cycling Team, he helped to raise more than $25,000 for MS research. He resides in Laurel, Maryland, with his wife Melissa, and their 17-year-old son Brian.

W. Lee Eastwood, Lancaster, received the Honorary Alumnus Award.

Eastwood, who retired from Millersville in April 2008, joined the University in 1983 as the director of alumni programs. Since that time, he has held positions as director of development, executive director of the Millersville University Foundation and, most recently, director of planned giving.

Since then, he has dedicated countless hours of service to Millersville University through positions he has held and committees he has served on.

Aside from much involvement with Millersville University, Eastwood has spent many hours serving other non-profit organizations including the Lancaster Symphony Orchestra, the Whitaker Center of Harrisburg, the United Way of Lancaster County and the American Cancer Society.

Lee enjoys travel, Russian literature, history and architecture, cooking, choral music, and piano. In his new role as retiree, he hopes to be able to travel, read more, slow down, laugh as much as he does now, take courses in auto mechanics, photography and calligraphy, and worry less. When asked, he said the thing he will miss most is the youthful perspective of students, the friendship, caring and humor of the staff with whom he works and the friendships that he has known with the wonderful alumni and friends who support Millersville.

Lee has two children, Neal, who is presently serving in the U.S. Air Force in Afghanistan, and Alexis, who is working towards two master’s degrees from the University of Pittsburgh.

Two alumni were honored with the Outstanding Service Award.

William V. Romans ’57, West Chester, was recognized for his countless hours of service to the Class of 1957 and its 50th reunion gift committee. The committee raised more than $41,000 for the new Stayer Hall education building and the painting of the Marauder which is hanging in Pucillo Gym. Until his retirement in 1997, Romans was employed at Great Valley School District, where he served as an elementary education principal from 1968-1977 and as an English and history teacher at the middle school level from 1977 until his retirement in 1997.

Mark E. Green ’85, Fairless Hills, has began serving as an admissions volunteer in 1995 and continues to do so today. He is employed as the director of human resources at American Express. In addition to his career and his alma mater, he is actively involved with the Society for Human Resources Management, World at Work, Devry University where he serves as an adjunct professor, and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.
Meet Greg Colby, head football coach

Millersville University welcomed Greg Colby as its 20th head football coach on March 31. Colby spent six years as defensive coordinator at Northwestern University, where he helped the Wildcats to three consecutive six-win seasons for the first time in 70 years. He also helped Northwestern’s football players earn the highest cumulative grade-point average in NCAA football not once, but four times.

Q: What strengths do you bring to Millersville football?
A: The biggest thing is experience. I’ve been coaching for 34 years so I’ve seen a lot and done a lot. I also know what it takes to win.

Q: How would you rate the facilities at Millersville?
A: I think they are excellent. That is one of the things I was impressed with when I got here. The stadium and the weight room are two things that are marquee items. You walk in there and it is an eye-catching scene, especially when you see them both from the west end. [The Carpenter-Trout Strength Center] is a great place to work out.

Q: Is there any particular position or need you feel the team has heading into next season?
A: Right now, in terms of numbers, we are short at the offensive line position. That is an area of concern so we are going to address that immediately with recruiting. However, it may be hard to find guys out there who are still available for this fall.

Q: How do you stress the importance of academics to recruits?
A: They are not going to play football for the rest of their lives. When they graduate, 99.9 percent of them are going to go out and get a job. The quality of education we have here at Millersville gives student athletes a lot of opportunities they wouldn’t have at other places. That is one thing that I will always tell recruits.

Q: What’s your coaching approach?
A: I believe in fundamentals, discipline and doing the little things right. I take a teaching approach to the game. If a player is not doing something, that means I’m not teaching him to do it right or that we’re not practicing it the right way. I also like to get excited out there and have some fun.

Golf team scores

Millersville’s golf team won the Goldey Beacom Invitational on April 1 in Avondale, Pa.

The Marauders posted a two-day team score of 598 to beat out second-place Indiana (Pa.) by nine strokes. Sixteen teams competed at the event.

Corey Gast, a senior captain, shot a 75 on the first round, and 73 on the second-round to tie for second place overall with a score of 148.

Millersville’s golf team (left to right, with their two-day combined scores) Nick Magenta (151), Trent Coldren (153), Corey Gast (148), Darryn DeShong (155) and Luke Serbun (154).
New softball field

The Marauder softball team got off to its best start in 12 years by winning its first six games, then finished the year by posting its third consecutive 20-win season for the first time in team history.

There was more good news for the season – a new and improved softball field. The playing area is now fully fenced in and a stone warning track has been added to the outfield.

With the new sound system, the team enjoyed warming up to their favorite music before games and between innings. Improvements also included a new scoreboard, press box and concession stand.

More renovations are still to come. A paved pathway leading from Pucillo Gymnasium to the home dugout should be finished in time for the 2009 season.

“I’m excited about the renovations to our field,” says Millersville softball head coach Kathy Cummings. “It will be one of the nicest complexes in the conference and we can be very proud to call it our home field. I also feel it will show our players and future recruits that Millersville is dedicated to improving our athletic programs.”

Baseball surprise

Few could have predicted the Millersville University baseball team’s remarkable 2008 season.

The Marauders entered this year having won just nine of 46 games in 2007, and first-year head coach Jon Shehan, who was later named PSAC baseball coach of the year, had just a handful of experienced players.

“My dad kept saying ‘You guys are so talented. You’re going to win a lot of games,’” says Shehan. “I kept telling that to the players each day even when I sometimes half-heartedly believed it myself.”

Shehan’s father was right. The Marauders unleashed a sizzling hot streak, winning 16 of 18 games. The team crept up the standings of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) East Division and won its first division title in eight years.

The Marauders then turned their attention to the PSAC Playoff Tournament at Clipper Magazine Stadium in Lancaster, giving fans more moments of magic.

Enrique Arroyo’s three-run pop in the eighth inning just cleared the wall to give Millersville a stunning 5-3 win over Slippery Rock on Day 1.

After losing to Kutztown on Day 2, Millersville’s season looked to be over until Arroyo’s 9th-inning, two-out walk began another rally. Arroyo stole second before Kent Gerdes’ shot up the middle slipped past the diving shortstop to drive home the tying run. Millersville added five runs in the 10th inning to beat Shippensburg 13-8.

Immediately following the conclusion of that game, Millersville faced Kutztown during the semifinals in a rematch, but the young team ran out of steam and lost 8-7 to the eventual PSAC Champions.

“I couldn’t have asked for a better year,” Shehan says. “I definitely think we can keep it going for next year.”
**STUDENT ATHLETE PROFILES**

Marauder basketball star Ashley Romanoski ’08 learned a lot while in college.

“Probably the most important thing I learned was to be confident and not so hard on myself,” she said. “I learned that I have the ability to do things on and off the court.”

After leading the Marauders in scoring during her junior season, Ashley was poised to have a stellar senior season. Instead, it was a very tough year for “Romo.” She led the team to an 11-4 start before an ankle injury sidelined her for three games. Once cleared, Romanoski took to the court hoping to pick up where she left off, but three games into her return, there was another health issue.

“I woke up the day of the West Chester game with excruciating pain on my left side,” she remembers. “I was so pumped for the game that I really didn’t tell anybody.”

Ten minutes into the contest, Ashley was out of breath and asked to be taken out. Later, blood clots were discovered in her lungs and her dream senior season came to an abrupt finish.

“I couldn’t bring myself to tell my teammates that I couldn’t play anymore,” she recalls. “I had to have the coaches do it.”

On the bench, Ashley cheered on her teammates who were crushing teams in a 14-game winning streak. But it was an adjustment for everybody. One time, Coach Mary Fleig glanced over with a look that was all too familiar.

“I almost tried to put you into the game,” Fleig said the next day. “I know,” Ashley responded.

“I’m pretty much back to normal but I still can’t play contact sports,” she says.

“It’s been four long and intense years, but four of the best years of my life.”

For now, the sociology major will focus on having the same confidence in her working career that she possessed on the court.

Corey Gast ’08 took up playing golf competitively as a sophomore at Lampeter-Strasburg High School after injuries forced him out of other sports.

“My inspiration came from my dad, who always pushed me to play golf because he was an avid golfer,” Gast says.

“Coach [Scott] Vandegrift put a whole-hearted effort into bringing me to Millersville and explained to me that if I wanted to improve, he would help make that happen,” Gast says.

Gast has enjoyed a successful golf career at Millersville. “The best time for me was when the team made a strong run last spring heading into the regionals. We won the IUP Invitational, which had never been done in team history,” says Gast.

Gast was again victorious this fall at the Hal Hansen Invitational where he defeated his closest opponent by just one stroke. “I knew the tournament was close and I needed to make a 10-foot par putt to retain my one-shot lead on the final hole,” says Gast. “I felt the pressure, but sucked it up and made the putt.”

In addition to winning the Goldey Beacom Invitational (see page 24), Gast also led Millersville to its second straight appearance in the NCAA East Regional Tournament.

Gast, a business marketing major who graduated in May, expects to have plenty of options after graduation, but he’ll probably end up chasing his dream.

“The dream will be to open doors to some bigger tournaments and see how good I really am,” Gast says.
regiment received the Presidential Unit Citation for its actions during World War II.

**1950s**

**Brondell R. Potter ’50,** Eaton, Ohio, was presented the award of achievement from the Dayton, Ohio chapter of SCORE for establishing a branch service in Eaton. **Verna (Ziegler) Kwiatkowski ’55,** Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y., operates a website that highlights her personal essays at www.vernakwiatkowski.com.

The Class of 1958 will celebrate its 50th anniversary on November 1 during Homecoming weekend.

**1960s**

**Donald Kilhefner ’60,** Los Angeles, Calif., delivered the keynote address titled “Gay Assimilation vs. Gay Soul Making” at the annual conference of the Lesbian and Gay Psychotherapy Association at Antioch University. **Jane L. (Smoker) Davidson ’61,** Glenmoore, was awarded the second annual Rebecca Lukens Award from the Graystone Society of Coatesville for her support of historic preservation. **Daniel Witman ’65,** Sinking Spring, retired from teaching industrial arts at Wilson Central Junior/Senior High School after 32 years. He also coached Wilson High boy's tennis for 40 years and was inducted into the Berks County Sports Hall of Fame in April. **Diane (Leamon) Lawman ’68,** Massillon, Ohio, retired after teaching for more than 28 years. She was an eighth grade language arts teacher and coach for Power of the Pen, a writing competition for seventh and eighth graders in Ohio. **Robert McConaghy ’68,** Littlestown, retired after 12 years as superintendent of Littlestown Area School District and a 40-year career as an educator and coach.

**Evelyn E. Sullivan ’68,** Lancaster, was installed as president of the National Association of Bar Executives. She has been executive director of the Lancaster Bar Association for the past 19 years. **Anthony F. Zaya ’68,** Littitz, authored the book *Timber Frame Hybrids*, published in 2008. **Frederick Swarr ’69,** Mount Gretna, presented his artwork through live performances at the Litzt Public Library which he describes as “painting music.”

**1970s**

**William J. Hyduckak ’70,** Taylor, retired in June 2006 after 26 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. **Brenda (Herbst) Dalton ’71,** Lecanto, Fla., has been teaching art for 28 years and was recently named the Florida Middle School Art Educator of the Year. **James H. Thomas ’71,** New Providence, was voted president-elect of the Lancaster Bar Association. He is president of the law firm of Blakinger, Byler & Thomas. **William R. Gretton III ’72,** Strasburg, retired as assistant superintendent of business affairs at the Harrisburg School District after 35 years in elementary teaching and business administration. **Donna F. McNaughton ’72,** Elizabethtown, retired from Eastern York School District after 35 years of teaching elementary and middle school. **Nancy (Roberts) O’Hara ’72.**

**In the funny papers**

Being told that you belong in the funny papers might not always be a welcome comment. But in the case of **Anne McElfresh ’58**, it is indeed a compliment.

The elementary school teacher featured in the Family Circus cartoon series – the most widely syndicated cartoon in America – is named for her. Its creator, Bil Keane, knew Anne's father from the newspaper business and introduced Miss McElfresh in the cartoon in 1967 and still continues. She is pictured above (left) being presented with a framed Family Circus highlighting Miss McElfresh.

When Anne retired in 2004, after 46 years in the classroom, the Town Council of San Anselmo declared it Anne McElfresh Day. Students from her early teaching years returned to pay tribute to the beloved teacher at Lower Brookside Elementary School.

This fall she plans a trip back to Millersville to reunite with her classmates for the Class of 1958 reunion.
Warminster, retired from teaching with the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit after 32 years in special education. She was recently appointed to a four-year term on the Warminster Library Board. William M. Weigel '72, Franklinville, N.Y., retired as coach and athletic director at Franklinville Central School. He continues to teach history at the school.

Dennis G. Beamenderfer '72, '78M, Lancaster, retired from the Octorara Area School District after a 35-year career as an art teacher.

Dennis J. Brown '73, Elizabethtown, retired as a math teacher at the Elizabethtown Area School District after more than 34 years. She was also head coach of the varsity girls' softball team for 21 years.

Geoffrey Henry '73, Oxford, was elected mayor of the Borough of Oxford in 2005 and serves as executive director of Millcroft Retirement Community.

Thomas Herr '73, Lancaster, serves as a science teacher at Manos House, a residential drug and alcohol treatment facility for teenage boys.

Robert Hill '73, Lawrenceville, Ga., is an associate professor of adult education at the University of Georgia. He recently received the Outstanding Teaching Award and the Presidential Fulfilling the Dream Award.

Susan Medasia '73, New Enterprise, was named Educator of the Month at Northern Bedford County Middle School, where she has taught sixth-grade math for three years.

Thomas Partridge '73, Bethlehem, led the Weichart Realtors Bethlehem office in sales units and volume for the month of December 2007.

Kathryn (Herre) Pioggia '73, Devon, retired after 30 years with Towers Perrin, a reinsurance business, where she served as an assistant vice president.

Janice (Dasch) Rowan-Lipari '73, Salt Lake City, Utah, moved to the new position of director of education and development for HealthEquity, Inc., a health savings account administrator.

Anne (Hart) Struble '73, Harwood, Md., was named head of Bravo Group's health care practice. She previously served as director of the office of legislative affairs with the Department of Public Welfare.

Barbara Buckman Strasko '73, '78M, Lancaster, was chosen as Lancaster County's poet laureate by the Lancaster Literary Guild and confirmed by the Lancaster County Commissioners. She is a 34-year School District of Lancaster faculty member.

Elam Herr '74, Landisville, serves as assistant executive director of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors.

William Nickles '74, Ocean City, N.J., has been coach of the Ocean City High School wrestling team for the past 31 years.

Mary (O’Pecko) Garm '75, Forest City, was elected president of the Pennsylvania Library Association for 2008. She serves as administrator for the Lackawanna County Library System in Scranton.

Michael Michaels '75, Effort, joined the Derry Township School District as assistant to the superintendent for personnel and student services.

Sharon Swanger '75, Hershey, was inducted to the Lebanon Rotary Club. She serves as district manager of the Lebanon office of the Social Security Administration.

Stephen Cobuagh '77, Elizabethtown, detailed the Civil War battle reenactments of Lebanon’s 93rd volunteer infantry, which he serves as corporal, in his documentary film, Brothers Ever Shall We Be.

Nancy Merckle '77, Clarks Green, was named a 2007 NOAA Bronze Medal Award winner for the development and operational implementation of the Tropical Cyclone Formation product which quantitatively predicts storm formation probability.

Barry E. Miller '77, Lititz, was named senior executive vice president and chief administrative officer of Susquehanna Bank.

John A. Palakovich '77, Mechanicsburg, was named superintendent at the State Correctional Institution at Camp Hill.

Janet C. (McCall) Samuels '77, Wayne, serves as superintendent of Norristown Area School District.

Susan (Stambaugh) Blackwell '78, Lancaster, retired after 23 years of service with the County of Lancaster, most recently as director of mental retardation support coordination. She is now program director of home and community-based services with United Disabilities Services.

Darwin S. Johnson '78, Lottitz, joined Evangelical Theological Seminary as director of annual giving.

Gary Bonner '79, Perkiomenville, serves as a supervisor with the Department of Environmental Protection in the Norristown office.

Robin (Cushing) Bonner '79, Perkiomenville, is a developmental editor with Apta Corp and also publishes an online magazine called “Empty Nest.”

Alan W. Gibby '79, Burlington, N.C., serves as head of school at Burlington Day School and co-chairs the education division of Alamance County’s United Way campaign.

Susan (Smith) Klinger '79, Norristown, had her pastel painting, “Morning Blush,” accepted into the fourth annual Northeast National Pastel Exhibition in Old Forge, N.Y.

Gerald L. Larish Jr. '79, Lancaster, was promoted to executive vice president and chief investment officer of Clermont Wealth Management, Fulton Financial Advisers. He recently retired from high school and college basketball officiating.

Joy Mackenzie '79, Lancaster, founded and is the director of Literate by Design, LLC, providing professional development and literacy counseling services to school districts and other organizations.
Aldine (Weaver) Musser ‘79, Stephens City, Va., was ordained as a minister of the Gospel in Mennonite Church USA in November 2007. She and husband, Jim, are the pastors at Stephen City Mennonite Church.

Raymond Rychieski ‘79, Silver Spring, Md., joined the University of South Carolina as special teams coordinator for their football program. He spent the last seven years in the same position at University of Maryland.


1980s

Diane (Stephey) Grow ‘80, Hatboro, was named director to the women’s board and its auxiliaries at Abington Memorial Hospital. She will assist in raising money for nurses scholarships, patients with special needs and other programs.

Gary A. Reynolds ‘80, Lancaster, was named to the executive council for Raymond James Financial Services, Inc. He is the branch manager at Willow Valley Square.

Sharon (Hall) Charles ‘81, Overland Park, Kan., is pursuing her master’s degree in counseling psychology at Avila University.

Dana Chryst ‘81, Lancaster, was named to the board of directors of Fulton Financial Corp. She is the chief executive officer of The Jay Group marketing firm.

David Jordahl ‘81, Rockville, Md., serves as an aquatic biologist for Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection in Rockville, Md.


Donald E. Williams ‘81, Southampton, serves as the assistant solicitor for Bucks County.

Joan Groh ‘82, Millersville, works for Hospice of Lancaster County as a community education representative.

Thomas L. Saltzer ‘82, Lancaster, was promoted to vice president and director for the Northeast Region of CIBER, Inc.’s state and local government division.

David Schlosser ‘82, Lititz, earned credentials as an Adobe Certified Expert and Adobe Certified Instructor.

Marian Tichy ‘84, Pottsville, teaches German at Tri-Valley Junior-Senior High School.

Teri L. Watson ‘84, Summit, N.J., was named vice president of rating agency relations for AIG, Inc. She previously served as managing director of rating agencies.

Diane E. Aston ‘86, Columbia, was named chief financial officer of Quarryville Presbyterian Retirement Community.

Mark Burkhardt ‘86, Mechanicsburg, was appointed transportation assistant with the Department of Defense/Defense Logistics Agency in New Cumberland.

Michael S. Frey ‘86, Lititz, was named co-leader of the senior-living and continuing-care retirement community industry group by Beard Miller Co. He is a partner with the Lancaster area office and part of the audit and accounting department.

Douglas Bomberger ‘87, Lititz, was elected to the Lititz Borough Council. He is employed as director of sales and purchasing for Pusey and Raffensperger Builders.

Steven P. Buterbaugh ‘87, Lancaster, is vice president of E.K. McConkey & Co., Inc., which was the recipient of the 2007 Community Service Award from the York County Chamber of Commerce.

Michael Yeager ‘87, Strasburg, was promoted to president of Cargas Systems, where he started more than 13 years ago as a sales consultant.

Steven Gochenaur ‘88, Lancaster, is a geographic information system analyst for the Lancaster County GIS department, designing maps used for voter registration, hazard management and land use.

Daniel Longenderfer ‘88, Lititz, is president-elect of Dollars for Scholars of Lancaster County. He is marketing manager of New Holland Concrete.

Amy Myers ‘88, Chambersburg, joined Rotz & Stonersteller, P.C. as human resources director for their four offices in Central Pennsylvania.

Deborah (Knight) Willwerth ‘89, Lebanon, works as a career counselor with the Samaritan Counseling Center.

Judith Clark ‘90, Lebanon, works as a career counselor with the Samaritan Counseling Center.

Rebecca Lyttle ‘90, Lancaster, was appointed to chair the voter registration program for the Lancaster Chapter of the League of Women Voters. She is also the volunteer organizer for Hillary Clinton in Lancaster County. Taking some time out from politics, she spent her birthday in Egypt.

Kevin E. Richardson ‘89, Harrisburg, was appointed executive director of the Eastern Regional Conference, Churches of God, in April 2008.

Laura P. Sloka ‘89, Garrison, N.D., serves as a medical technologist with Garrison Memorial Hospital.

Janis Sloka III ‘89, Garrison, N.D., serves as executive director of Camp of the Cross Ministries.

1990s

Melanie (Rowe) Davis ‘90, Pennsboro, W.Va., was among only 12 teachers statewide to earn a 2008 Arch Coal Teacher Achievement Award. She teaches language arts at Ritchie County Middle School.

David Forrest ‘90, Washington Boro, was named to the Assets Lancaster board of directors. He owns Forrest Landscaping, a full-service lawn care and property maintenance company.

Thomas DiMeco ‘91, Norristown, earned a master’s degree in educational leadership from Gwynedd-
Mercy College. He is a Spanish teacher and assistant dean of attendance at Marple Newtown High School.
Terrisa (Cory) Hagan ’91, Columbia, was promoted to assistant director of web services at Franklin & Marshall College.
Jonathan Ross ’91, Drexel Hill, recently started his sixth year as principal at Drexel Hill Middle School.
Christopher Siegfried ’91, Windemere, Fla., serves as coach of the Arkansas Twisters arena football team.
Jennifer (McQuaid) Currant ’92, Reading, Mass., works as an expressive art therapist in private practice and teaches at Lesley University in Cambridge.
Robert Donohoe ’92, New Hope, was promoted to director of communications at Honeywell International.
Daniel Maier ’92, Lititz, joined ELA Group, Inc., Engineers and Landscape Architects, as a survey technician.
Robert Dodds ’93, Lititz, was named vice president of legal/compliance for Lititz Mutual Insurance Co.
Tara (Stehman) Flick ’93, Pequea, was awarded the Conestoga Valley School District’s Award of Excellence. She has been teaching biology for 11 years.
James Giocomo ’93, Durand, Ill., serves as the joint venture coordinator responsible for “all-bird conservation” for the Oaks and Prairies Joint Venture with Texas Parks and Wildlife.
Bruce F. Kramer ’93, York, joined West Virginia University as a faculty member teaching information technology.
Kenneth Krause ’93, Lititz, serves as director of traditional church music at Saint Paul Lutheran Church.
Allison M. Roth ’93, East Brunswick, N.J., earned a master’s degree in education from Gratz College and has published the research study, “Educational Technology and its Impact on Secondary Students’ Motivation.”
Marisha J. Watson ’93, Palmyra, was appointed supervisor of special education for the Williamsport Area School District.
Keith Weller ’93, Leola, was promoted from corporate controller to director of finance and business operations for Superior Walls of America, Ltd.
Peter M. Arisman ’94, Sanford, Fla., served as a technical art director for the Tiger Woods’ PGA Tour video game. For the past decade, he has worked in the computer game industry, developing titles for Monolith, Atari, Microsoft and Electronic Arts.
Nicole C. Bechtel ’94, Gilbertsville, was promoted from officer to assistant vice president of National Penn Bank.
Michael D. Hancock ’94, Downingtown, teaches social studies at Downingtown West High School and has served as assistant coach for the varsity football team for the past 13 years.
Susan (Jamali) Matson ’94, Lititz, joined North Star Marketing as a brand specialist and account manager. She was previously the director of enrollment management and marketing for the Pennsylvania College of Art & Design.
Karen Meck ’94, Willow Street, was named senior wealth planner for PNC Wealth Management.
Brian E. Wilt ’94, Amishville, Va., earned a master’s degree in geographic and cartographic sciences at George Mason University. He works for the Department of the Army as an imagery scientist specializing in photogrammetry.
Jennifer Foust ’95, Abington, works as an individual, couples and sex therapist for The Center for Growth, Inc. located in Philadelphia.
Krissey Lederer ’96, Waynesboro, opened a franchise of Express Personnel Services.
Jodi Zeis ’96, Elgin, S.C., earned an Ed.S. in administration and supervision from The University of Virginia. She serves as a seventh grade administrator in Richland School District Two.
Matthew Bono ’97, Lancaster, joined Walz, Deihm, Geisenger, Bucklen & Tennis P.C. as a supervisor in its accounting and consulting division.
Lynn Fitzsimons ’97, Lititz, was named as a partner of Walz, Deihm, Geisenger, Bucklen & Tennis P.C. She is a certified public accountant with ten years experience.
Brian Hughes ’97, Eddersburg, Md., was named a 2007 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Bronze Medal Award winner for developing and implementing processes to shorten the transition of satellite products from research to operations.
Brenda (Pennell) Keim ’97, Center Valley, was inducted into the Solanco Athletic Hall of Fame for her accomplishments in long distance running.
Sandra L. Mandalakas ’97, Lancaster, was named an auditor in the internal audit department of Fulton Financial Corp.
Elizabeth (Hakemian) Muirhead ’97, Downingtown, earned the prestigious Chartered Financial Analyst designation. She is a financial analyst for Vanguard in Malvern.
Kent Wissinger ’97, Harrisburg, joined M&T Bank in the corporate communications department, where he will handle media relations and assist with the bank’s charitable contributions.
Scott A. Bailey ’98, Millersville, was elected as council president for Millersville Borough. He is also employed as the director of supply chain management for the Pa. State System of Higher Education.
Melissa DiNotia-Bozzone ’98, Drexel Hill, joined the advancement office of Notre Dame as the director of annual programs.
Abby L. (Baumbach) Gabner ’98, Harrisburg, is a certified yoga instructor at BeFit Yoga Studio in Lemoyne.
Luke Goguts ’98, Starkville, Miss., serves as plant manager of Choctaw Gas, a power plant that converts natural gas to electricity.
Douglas S. Groff ’98, Strasburg, was named sales manager for the retail mortgage sales team for American Home Bank. He continues as president of the bank’s American Log Mortgage and American Systems Built division.
Stacie M. (Ziegenfuss) Hancock ’98, Downingtown, is working as the construction manager on the feature film, The Lovely Bones, directed by Peter Jackson. She is employed by QVC as the visual merchandiser for the Morning Show.
Kevin Parise ’98, Lititz, was named senior executive vice president and chief financial officer of Susquehanna Bank.
Peter Winkler ’98, Mount Joy, teaches physics, chemistry and physical science at Donegal High School.
Kathleen (Russell) Lambe ’99, Hanover, was named assistant principal for Emory H. Markle Intermediate School.
Kimberly (Wehrer) Long ’99, Stowe, joined First Energy Corporation at an associate scientist responsible for coordinating environmental permitting.
2000s

Jasmine Bryan ’00, Marietta, serves as business development coordinator with the marketing department at Reynolds Construction Management, Inc.

Michelle (Haines) Dickinson ’00, Columbia, teaches Spanish at Columbia High School.

Jessica (Hemcher) Gondek ’00, Havertown, is employed by the Upper Merion Area School District as the instructional supervisor for special education.

Melissa McQuiston ’00, Pottstown, earned her master’s degree in physics from West Chester University in December 2007.

Howard N. Robin ’00, New Holland, serves as an industrial engineer for Angiotech, a manufacturer of surgical needles.

Tara Streets ’00, Lancaster, was appointed leader of youth ministry at Janus School.

Allyson Cook ’01, Elizabethtown, was named director of Town & Country Day School of Paxtang.

Margaret (Anastasio) Annunziata ’01, Millersville, joined Penn Manor High School as assistant director of special services.

Allyson Cook ’01, Palmyra, was named director of Noah’s Ark Preschool and Rainbow Tots.

Thomas J. Baker ’02, Pittsburgh, authored his inaugural book entitled, *Get Involved! Making the Most of Your 20s and 30s*, which focuses on continuing involvement after graduation. He is executive director of Healthy Teens, Inc., and president of the Pittsburgh Urban Magnet Project.

Jared M. Rogers ’02, York, was named leader of youth ministry at First United Methodist Church.

Janet M. (Famela) Fisher ’02, West Grove, was appointed leader of youth ministry at Lititz United Methodist Church.

Jeremy M. Rogers ’02, York, earned a master’s degree in business administration from Eastern University and works for Dentply International as a buyer/planner in their prosthetics division.

Shane Weaver ’02, Lititz, was elected to the Lititz Borough Council. He serves as general manager of K.E. Weaver Petroleum, Inc.

Claudia M. (Fahnestock) Fisher ’03, Lancaster, was promoted to relationship manager of the commercial lending department with Fulton Bank’s Drovers Division.

Timothy R. Hess ’03, Lancaster, was awarded the Donald Maley Spirit of Excellence Outstanding Graduate Student Citation at the International Technology Education Association conference in February. He teaches technology education at Pequea Valley High School.

Daniel L. Hollinger ’03, Manheim, was named special assets database administrator for Fulton Financial Corp.

Chad Sterner ’03, York, serves the Ohio Department of Agriculture as an amusement ride safety inspector.

Craig Weeks ’03, Dillsburg, accepted a position with HomeSale Insurance Services as an insurance agent.

Judith (LePera) Dutill ’03, Lancaster, earned a master’s degree in professional communication from Purdue University.

Julee Brown ’04M, Lancaster, recently joined the faculty of the Janus School.

Jonathan Burns ’04, Johnstown, founded the Lancaster Juggling Club. He has been juggling for ten years and started a juggling club at Millersville University while he was a student.

Bradley Giardiello ’04, Owings Mills, Md., received a master of arts degree in visual and media arts from Emerson College in Boston.

Alese Horvath ’04, Columbia, Md., was named 2007 Staff Person of the Year for the Northeast Region of Big Brothers Big Sisters. She works in the Central Maryland office.

Aaron M. Michnya ’04, Lancaster, was named senior credit analyst at Fulton Bank.

Reber Testerman ’04, Quarryville, joined Pennsylvania Representative Bryan Cutler’s office as a legislative assistant.

Jalima (Powell) Cook ’05, Elkins Park, works as the Philadelphia regional director of Project Forward Leap and is pursuing her master’s in divinity at Palmer Theological Seminary.

Jessica Henry ’05, Lancaster, is one of the finalists taking part in the upcoming reality show, “The Ultimate Coyote Ugly 3”.

Joyce Lewandowski ’05, Marple, graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a master’s degree in student affairs in higher education.

Andres Y. Loizias ’05, Nicosia, Cyprus, earned his master’s degree in computer science from Drexel University in 2007 and is working as a programmer/developer for MTN Cyprus, a South African telephony company.

Samuel F. May III ’05, Boca Raton, Fla., recently passed the AT-SAT test in order to work as an air traffic controller.

Joseph H. Mitskas ’05, Feasterville, joined Guilford College as assistant head coach of the Quaker’s football team.

Branden Rapp ’05, Wolcott, Conn., organized “Punk For Puppies,” a concert to benefit United Against Puppy Mills.

Kristi Reese ’05, Shippensburg, joined Manor Care of Lancaster as an admissions counselor.

Ryan Schlegel ’05, Conshohocken, was promoted to commercial real estate loan officer for National Penn Bankshares, Inc.

Toni Catania ’06, East Earl, joined Manheim Township School District as a history and world religion teacher at the high school.

Donny Himelright ’06, Ephrata, joined Manheim Township Middle School as a seventh grade English instructor.

James L. Kreitzer ’06, Palmyra, was promoted to senior account-
tient in the tax department of Beard Miller Company LLP’s Harrisburg office.

Amanda Bacci ’07, Maytown, serves as corporate loan operations officer for Fulton Financial Corp.

Christine Fisher ’07M, Palmyra, earned the national board certification, the highest standard for the teaching profession in the United States. She is a high school foreign language teacher at Milton Hershey School.

Patricia Grieggs ’07, Philadelphia, earned the Omicron Delta Epsilon Frank W. Taussig Article Award, an international economics award, for her thesis paper, “Variations in Individual Decision Making: Children, Adults and Economic Theory.”

Nicole Hartman ’07, Lebanon, joined Quarryville Library as the youth services coordinator.

Kara L. Kraft ’07M, Columbia, earned her master’s degree in psychology from Millersville University.

Charles McEnhill ’07, Boothwyn, was hired as an accountant with Isdaner & Company of Bala Cynwyd.

Tara Pugh ’07, Reinholds, was named editor of the Parkesburg/ Christiana Post Ledger newspaper, where she served as an intern.

Kendall Schmiedel ’07, Alburntis, joined the Lehigh Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau as a marketing assistant.

Marriages

Jill E. Boyer ’70 and Robert Speelman, 5/5/07.

Elise A. Harhart ’77 and Dennis H. Renninger, 8/11/07.

Donna Gerhard ’80 and Ray Garrison, 12/15/07.

Mary Kingcaid ’84 and Ira Ferris, 6/10/07.

Joan Doering ’92 and Clayton Dullesbawn, 6/23/07.

Nikki R. Shockey ’92 and Dean A. Metzler, 3/31/07.

Sandra Minney ’93 and Matthew Lundgren, 3/10/07.

Arthur C. Gaspari ’95 and Danielle laccarino, 7/16/07.

Tony Roda ’95 and Elizabeth Rodgers, 7/28/07.

Linda S. Wagner ’95/’02M and James Macaulay, 11/20/04.

Joelene L. Capone ’96 and Brian Douglas, 8/18/07.


Jason P. Dziadosz ’98 and Jacqueline M. Zerbe, 9/29/07.

Charles L. Fry ’98 and Stacy L. Powers ’00, 10/13/07.

Brian K. Malek ’98 and Jennifer L. Paul, 7/14/07.

Carlton Thacker ’98 and Beverly Defonten, 3/29/08.

Amanda Given ’99 and Matthew Wendell, 5/5/06.

Cindy M. Wilkinson ’99 and Scott Webster, 8/7/04.

Denise Wise ’99 and Dave Adams, 9/8/07.

Tiffany Witman ’99 and Anthony Spickler, 9/14/07.

Kurry Buck ’00 and Joseph Smith III, 7/28/07.

Maggie Dudeck ’00 and Joe Sieklicki, 7/21/07.

Barbra Saunders ’00 and Sean Hardy, 1/19/08.

Margaret “Peggy” Anastasia ’01 and Neal Annunziata, 10/27/07.

Jennifer L. Heil ’01 and Sean Ryan, 12/31/07.

Alaya Simons ’01 and Don Conaway Jr., 9/16/05.

Mark Adams ’02 and Danielle DiPietro, 8/3/07.

Ellen Panofsky ’02 and Mark Noel, 6/10/07.

Jeremy Troop ’02 and Lindsay Peters ’03, 8/11/07.

Curtis Adams ’03 and Kelly Ulrich ’03, 6/16/07.

Matthew B. Alonso ’03 and Windy S. Williams, 6/9/07.

Joseph L. Moore ’03 and Amanda L. Zimmerman, 9/1/07.

Brooke Shroyer ’03 and Timothy Turner, 7/21/07.

LeAnne M. Squillb ’03 and Donald A. Kellenberger, 7/28/07.

Jessica L. Williams ’03 and Nathan T. Lush, 7/7/07.

Shannon M. Boyle ’04 and David M. Reisch, 10/6/07.

Mervin Fahnestock ’04 and Allison Jerchau, 9/1/07.

Rebecca Klemer ’04 and Thomas Titus, 12/15/07.

Kristin Shomper ’04 and Peter Frederick Jr., 7/7/07.

Kristen Arnold ’05 and Geoffrey Bock, 12/15/07.

Shawn M. Blanchard ’05 and Amber L. Stauffer, 5/26/07.

Caroline Brady ’05 and Rob Zook ’05, 8/4/07.

Jennifer Hosssler ’05 and Johnathan Shearer, 7/14/07.

Kimberly Huseman ’05 and Geoffrey Grimm, 10/5/07.

Elizabeth Juba ’05 and Austin Steffy, 8/12/07.

Zachary Kissinger ’05 and Becky Hoyer, 7/07.

Jalina Powell ’05 and Eric Cook, 9/22/07.

Bruce Rankin Jr. ’05 and Emily Noel ’05, 6/30/07.

Michelle Bettinger ’06 and Jason Wiggins, 10/13/07.

Marie Crespo ’06 and Derek Zocco, 12/1/07.

Jessica L. Endres ’06 and Jacob D. Scott, 9/1/07.

Nicole Hershey ’06 and John Prinsloo, 6/22/07.

Kari John ’06 and Matthew Miller ’06, 8/5/07.

John O’Brien ’06 and Heather Tami, 5/26/07.

Rebecca Redding ’06 and Benjamin Hill, 7/7/07.

Beth Reider ’06 and Joseph Heister, 10/6/07.

Kristen Troy ’06 and Matthew Houtz ’07, 7/14/07.

Laura A. Wood ’06 and Gary L. Ball III, 8/11/07.

Jessica Costley ’07 and Bruce Johnson, 5/31/07.

Shannon Harter ’07 and Scott Bower, 9/1/07.


Sarah Shirer ’07 and Dan Fridrici, 10/6/07.

Births

Sherry (Goss) Lapp ’89 and husband Kevin, a son, David Michael, adopted on 1/3/07.

Christopher Slate ’91 and wife Traci (Hasson) ’91, a daughter, Rylee Elizabeth, on 5/10/01, a daughter, Delaney Marie, on 10/3/03, and a son, Brady David, on 9/14/07.

Karen (Barbargallo) Brouillard ’92 and husband Richard, twin boys, Benjamin and Jonathan, on 9/2/06.

Jennifer (McQuaid) Currant ’92 and husband Ed, a son, Spencer, in 10/05.

David Miller ’92 and wife Kim, a son, Joshua David, on 12/3/07.

Karen (Smith) Silano ’92 and husband Christian, a son, Ethan Michael, on 5/26/07.

Douglas Bullard ’93 and wife Bethany (Fromm) ’97, a son, Grant Michael, on 11/19/07.

Matthew Kensey ’93 and wife Jennifer (Ducoat) ’95, a son, Gregory Brian, on 11/20/07.

Donna (Rich) Schlinkman ’93 and husband Ryan, a daughter, Sophia, on 10/20/07.

Robert J. Brescia ’94 and wife Caroline, a daughter, Christy Eliana, on 1/1/08.

Cora (Shippani) Moyer ’94 and husband Michael, a daughter, Allison Cate, on 1/15/08.

Brian Wilt ’94 and wife Cindy (Miller) ’95, a son, Travis, 6/07. He joins sister, Emma.

Amy (Lavornia) Congdon ’95 and husband Jeff, a daughter, Hannah Mary, on 10/15/07.

Michelle (Ruppert) Ewing ’95
and husband Aaron, a daughter, Keely Diamond, on 3/31/07. She joins older sister, Emily Luella.

Robin (Morgan) Kazakavich '95 and husband Kasey, a son, Sam Edward, on 6/22/07.

Linda (Wagner) Macaulay '95 and husband James, a son, Donald Douglas, on 5/1/03.

Kristin (Lippincott) Samuel '95 and husband Jude, triplets, Nicholas John, Noah Jude and Chance Charles, on 6/5/07.

Ron Sharitz '95 and wife Jaime (Thomas) '99, a son, Conner Thomas, on 12/31/07.

Jennifer (Hastings) Smith '95 and husband Gregory '95, daughters, Madison Jane, on 10/14/01, Maisy Grace, on 11/2/03, and Jillian Lynn, on 9/1/07.

David A. Snyder '95 and wife Tracy Lynn, a son, Zachary David, on 11/13/07.

Kimberly (Nagle) Haurin '96 and husband Tim, a son, Ethan Henry, on 2/26/08.

Alexis (Colello) Mendenhall '96 and husband Andrew, a daughter, Meredith, on 4/29/07.

Pamela (Gross) Mott '96 and husband Bryan, twins, a son, Jarrett Ronald, and daughter, Cianna Victoria, on 12/2/07.

Jennifer (Caturci) Cucarese '97 and husband Richard, a second daughter, Arianna Rosa, on 2/3/05, and a son, Dominico Salvatore, on 8/27/07.

Robert Drumwright '97 and wife Nichole, a daughter, Payton, on 12/13/07. She joins brothers Nasir, Aaron and Andrew.

Bethena (Wettig) Haser '97 and husband John, a son, Evan, on 12/29/07.

Melissa (Braun) Rubinich '97 and husband Zachary, a daughter, Olivia Ann, on 1/18/08.

Rose (Melvin) Stevens '97 and husband Michael, a son, Elliot Christopher, on 12/17/07.

Jodie Stout-Rivera '97 and husband Ommie, a son, Oliver, on 8/3/07.


Amy (Gries) Goldstein '98 and husband Ryan, a daughter, Sara Elizabeth, on 1/11/08.

Daisy (Loose) Beamer '99, ‘04M and husband A.J., daughters, Arielle Blessing, on 8/9/06, and Jazlyn Marie, on 1/12/08.

Jennifer (Gadberry) Brink '99 and husband Ryan '01, a son, Jackson Daniel, on 1/28/06, and a daughter, Grace Ann, on 1/28/08.

Adam Brown '99 and wife Michele (Antonacci) '00, a daughter, Dominic William, on 2/26/07.

Nathan Butler '99 and wife Jenna, a daughter, Riley Grace, on 12/26/07.

Daniel DeMartino '99 and wife Melissa (McQuiston) '00, a daughter, Skye Danielle, on 11/19/07.

Julie (Hock) Lederman '99 and husband Mark, a daughter, Sydney Rose, on 9/5/07.

Tracy (Murray) Lutz '99 and husband Tim, a son, Ryan Michael, on 6/4/07.

Kimberly (Hansen) Nieves-Sosa '99 and husband PETER, a son, Austin, on 9/16/02, a son, Ethan, on 11/19/03, and a daughter, Presley, on 10/18/06.

Gregory Ptuch '99 and wife Shelley (Seifarth) '00, daughters, Olivia Rose, on 6/24/04, and Cecilia Jane, on 7/18/07.

Cindi (Wilkinson) Webster '99 and husband Scott, a son, Travis Jon, on 7/28/05.

Rebecca (Carlson) Wells '99 and husband Keith, sons, Austin, on 12/6/02, and Carter, on 6/27/06.

Amanda (Given) Wendell '99 and husband Matthew, a son, Patrick Daniel, on 12/14/07.

Arthur Davis '00 and wife Krista (Kulik) '01, a daughter, Abigail Brynn, on 11/5/07.

Jessica (Hemcher) Gondek '00 and husband Brian, daughters, Abigail Brody, on 8/6/05 and twins, Elizabeth Carey and Stephanie Ann, on 11/19/07.

Timothy Howell '00 and wife Rebekah (Kling) '01, a daughter, Meredith Rebekah, on 3/8/08.

Anna (For Emanuel) Trach '00 and husband Timothy, a son, Daniel Nathan, on 8/23/07.

Jeremy Wright '00 and wife Melissa (Zschunke) '01, a son, Nicholas Winston, on 3/17/08.

April (Keiser) Bell '01 and husband Tom, a daughter, Addison Mae, on 2/14/07.

William Spayd '01 and wife Morgan (Schneck), a son, William, on 12/19/07.

Heather (Wertz) Burket '02, a daughter, Julianna, on 6/16/07.

Jeremy Messinger '02 and wife Jill (McGrady) '03, twin sons, Chase Adam and Brady Michael, on 12/7/07.

Glenn Stauffer '02 and wife Julie (Weaver) '05, a daughter, Melanie Dawn, on 2/1/08.

Myrna (Lapp) Stoltzfus '02 and husband Willy, a son, John, on 3/16/03, a son, Joseph, on 8/18/04, a daughter, Anna, on 2/7/06, and a son, Daniel, on 12/16/07.

Joseph Trainor '02 and wife Pamela (Whitaker) '02, a son, Brandon James, on 8/9/07.

Kelly (Savacool) Bachman '04 and husband Nathan, a son, Ryan James, on 3/28/08.

Lynne (Stanley) Spayd '01 and husband Ryan, a son, Evan, on 8/26/07.

Erik Walter '04 and wife Ketrina, a son, Benjamin Everett, on 12/13/07.

Charles Garey '05 and wife Ifetayo, a daughter, Charis Sanai, on 11/27/07.

Matthew Schwartz M'05 and wife Becky, a daughter, Camryn Kate, on 1/20/08. She joins twin brothers, Colton Thomas and Brayden Frederick, born on 7/16/04.

Jessica (Costley) Johnson '07 and husband Bruce, a son, Nathaniel Augustus, on 3/3/08.

Deaths

Mary Louise (McGlinn) Carpenter ‘33, Cornwall, died on 12/13/07, at the age of 96. She was a former teacher in the Lancaster School District.

William J. Livingston ‘33, Dover, died on 12/24/07, at the age of 97. He recently celebrated 60 years of marriage to wife, Clara.

E. Herman Brackbill ‘34, Leola, died on 1/9/08, at the age of 90. Most recently, he worked as a data entry clerk for Yoder-Green Leaf and as an historical interpreter for Ressler Mill.

Erma I. (Strayer) Gladfelter ‘34, Havre De Grace, Md., died on 1/19/08, at the age of 92. She was an elementary school teacher in the Red Lion area for 39 years.

Dorothy E. “Dot” (Yohn) Sponaugle ‘34, Lancaster, died on 12/26/07, at the age of 96. She was a teacher in the School District of Lancaster for 22 years.

Bertha Steudler ‘34, West Chester, died on 11/17/07, at the age of 95. She spent 41 years at the School District of Lancaster as a teacher and director of reading.

Henry L. Markley ‘36, Lancaster, died on 3/7/08, at the age of 94. He retired from School District of Lancaster after 36 years as a teacher.

Norman Tempest ‘37, Bensalem, died on 11/29/07, at the age of 92. He recently retired from 1980 as a residential architect for Ridge Homes.

Vivian L. (Hoffman) Brown ‘38, Lititz, died on 12/22/07, at the age of 90. Most of her teaching career was spent at Manheim Central High School, where she taught

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French, Latin and English and directed school plays and musicals. Mildred (Alpert) Migdon ’38, Mountville, died on 3/16/08, at the age of 91. She co-owned the Ephrata Children’s Shop with her husband from 1956 until 1985. She later served as a tour guide for Amish Neighbors and Boscov Tours.

Sara “Sally” (Groff) Hoober ’39, Aiken, S.C., died on 3/1/08, at the age of 91. She was a regent and state office holder for both.

Kenneth B. Greenfield ’41, Harrisburg, died on 7/3/07, at the age of 89.

Harry D. Fricker ’42, Lancaster, died on 2/20/08, at the age of 87. He taught industrial arts, served as department chair and school photographer for the Interboro School system from 1956 through 1980.

Gertrude K. May ’43, Lancaster, died on 1/26/08, at the age of 86. She was an elementary school teacher for 40 years at the School District of Lancaster.

Helen (Spahr) Walker ’43, Bel Air, Md., died on 2/16/08, at the age of 86. She enjoyed nearly 62 years of marriage with her husband, John.

Herbert E. Roser ’56, Twenty-nine Palms, Calif., died on 7/29/07, at the age of 88.

Forrest R. Ulrich ’57, Reading, died on 2/26/08, at the age of 77. He served as a career teacher at Governor Mifflin Junior High School until his retirement in 1985.

Charles R. Richter ’59, Harrisburg, died on 2/12/08, at the age of 74. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

Robert “Bob” Aronsohn ’62, Desert Hot Springs, Calif., died on 2/10/08, at the age of 70. He taught English and French and coached soccer and polo. He later moved to California where he wrote for the Desert Local News. Colleen M. (Clouser) Dore ’63, Camp Hill, died on 3/4/08, at the age of 67. She served in many capacities as an advocate for children’s welfare, most recently as a counselor at Philhaven.

Sarah Jane “Sally” (Lehman) Markle ’64, Columbia, Ky., died on 10/26/07, at the age of 64. She was head of developmental education at Lindsay Wilson College. She taught at Penn Manor School District before moving to Kentucky.

Marilynn (Shimer) Scott ’64, Aurora, Ohio, died on 1/5/08, at the age of 65. She served as an elementary school librarian in Media and Coatesville.

Robert G. Lunger ’67, Mechanicsburg, died on 1/15/08, at the age of 62. He was a retired electronics teacher from Cumberland Valley High School and retired as a senior test engineer at Tyco.

Patricia A. Klunk ’68, York, died on 5/26/07, at the age of 60.

D. Jean Good ’72, ’76M, Lititz, died on 5/18/08, at the age of 58. She was an eighth grade language arts teacher at Ephrata Middle School.

Jeffrey S. Toaltoan ’76, Downingtown, died on 5/14/08, at the age of 54. He was an attorney and had his own private law practice in Philadelphia. Nicknamed “Bookworm” for his love of reading, he was the first member of his extended family to complete college. He was active in many community organizations including the Millersville University Alumni Association and Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. He was one of the original charter members of Millersville’s African-American/Latino Alumni Mentoring Program initiative, founded in 1993. He served on the committee for almost ten years and, as committee chair, for five years. The program has mentored hundreds of African-American and Latino students at Millersville.

Robert L. Buckwalter ’76, Lancaster, died on 1/10/08, at the age of 50. He volunteered with Eastern Mennonite Missions in Corning, N.Y.

Joshua D. Wuertz ’97, Glennmore, died on 1/19/08, at the age of 34. He served as an officer with the North Coventry Police Department for ten years and assistant fire chief of the Glennmore Fire Company, where he served for 18 years.

David F. Harris ’99, Lancaster, died on 12/22/07, at the age of 42. He served as an adjunct professor at Harrisburg Area Community College.

Remembrances

Joan D. Haigh-Horine, Denver, Colo., died on 4/25/08, at the age of 84. Joining the University in 1984, she worked as a secretary concurrently for both the social work department and the economics department in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences.

She was an active member of the League of Women Voters of Lancaster County. As vice president of the League, she worked with Millersville on the joint sponsorship of the Kenderdine Lecture series. Haigh-Horine served on the MEDAL Fund Board for many years. She retired in 1995 and married Merrill Horine, who passed away a few weeks after she did. A memorial celebration of her life was held on May 24 at Millersville University.

Dr. James E. Heffern, died on 4/25/08, at the age of 70. He was the medical director of Millersville University for the past 25 years. Despite battling pancreatic and colon cancer in recent years, Heffern continued his work at the University until a week before his death. One of his great joys in life was treating and caring for the students, faculty and staff. Prior to Millersville, he served as the medical director of Catholic University in Washington, D.C., and owned a successful private medical practice in Alexandria, Va.

Dr. Robert D. Sayre, Millersville, died on 5/16/08, at the age of 63. He was an assistant professor of history at Millersville and a retired minister. He served as campus minister with United Campus Ministry at Millersville University in Millersville University from 1981 to 1997. At the University, he helped found the Peace Coalition in the 1980s and was an original member of the Commission on Cultural Diversity. He led fellowships with the football teams and directed several spring break service programs in Appalachia. Donations in his memory can be made to the United Campus Ministry, Millersville University, P. O. Box 1002, Millersville, PA 17551 or the Robert D. and Roma J. Sayre Award for Excellence in American History Scholarship c/o Sovereign Bank, 519 Leaman Ave., Millersville, PA 17551.
Lovable and friendly, Millersville was a mixed breed Golden Retriever who reminded his owner, Pat Moran ’75, of her college alma mater.

“I had Millersville for 15 years, and people always asked me where her name came from,” says Moran.

After receiving her bachelor’s degree in secondary education in social studies from Millersville, she earned a master’s degree in business administration from Louisiana State University, worked for the American Red Cross and was the executive director of the Texas Equal Access to Justice Foundation from 1984 to 1992. She then worked for the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana as director of development during a $1 billion campaign for the College of Law.

Moran has made New York City her home for the last decade, where she lives with her husband of 29 years, Steve Silverman, a professor at Teachers College, Columbia University.

Since Moran has been in New York, she has served in high ranking development positions for the Brooklyn Historical Society and Columbia University Libraries System. Currently, she is assistant vice president for constituent programs at Fordham University in New York, where she is responsible for a staff of ten to secure major gifts. It is a position with many rewards and challenges.

“The cost of education today is so expensive compared to the time period that I attended Millersville,” says Moran. “It is rewarding to know that we are securing endowed funds to support students’ scholarships and support for our faculty’s research. It is always great to interact with the students on campus and to hear about their experiences.”

As a Millersville donor, Moran provides support so that the funds can be used where they are most needed. She and her husband have designated Millersville University in their will.

Moran is also committed to volunteer leadership for the Association of Fundraising Professionals, having served as the immediate past president for the Greater New York Chapter.

In addition to enjoying the many cultural benefits of living in New York City, she and her husband enjoy traveling the world and are both certified scuba divers. Looking back, Moran believes that Millersville provided a strong foundation for her career in education and development. She is especially grateful for that required speech class. “Today, I am very comfortable speaking to large audiences and have done so most of my career,” says Moran.

Her fondest Millersville memories are of her friendships including her closest friends, Judy Perella ’73 and Sue Snyder ’74, whom she wishes she could see more often.

“I have only been back to Millersville twice since I graduated,” recalls Moran. “I was pleasantly surprised at how lovely the campus looked with many new and renovated buildings.”

“I have been many places and done many things. Millersville holds a very special meaning for me,” says Moran.

She has strong family connections to Millersville: her uncle Eugene Moran ’51, cousins Mark Moran ’84 and Bob Smiles ’65. Her uncle Tom Waters ’52 and wife, Loretta (Steinfelt) Waters ’54, are deceased.

Even choosing to come to Millersville was a natural choice. On her first campus visit, at age ten, she decided Millersville was for her. Talk about early decision!
Millersville meteorology student Joe Moore took this stunning photo of lightning near the water tower. It was taken from the campus Prince Street parking garage on the evening of April 25, 2008.