Reading goes to the dogs

HOMECOMING - OCTOBER 24
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CULTURAL EVENTS
Fall 2009 events are featured in a special center insert.
**Fall Fling is back!**

Bring the whole family to the Brooks Field area on Saturday, immediately following the parade, to enjoy craft vendors, food, games, live animals, entertainment and more!

**Alumni hospitality at Fall Fling**
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**Wednesday, October 21**
- Distinguished Lecture in Nursing

**Thursday, October 22**
- Cultural Showcase
- Science and Mathematics Student Research Poster Display

**Friday, October 23**
- Science and Mathematics Student Research Poster Display
- Homecoming Alumni & Friends Golf Outing (reservations required)
- 15th Annual Athletic Hall of Fame Reception & Dinner (reservations required)
- Alpha Phi Alpha & Sigma Gamma Rho Golden Affair (reservations required)

**Saturday, October 24**
- Millersville Community Parade: “Myths, Fables and Fairy Tales”
- Alumni Hospitality
- Science and Mathematics Student Research Poster Display
- Athletics Department Chicken Bar-B-Que Fundraiser
- Women’s Basketball Reunion
- Fall Fling, Craft & Food Vendors, Kids Games and Entertainment
- Wrestling Reunion Picnic (reservations required)
- School of Science & Mathematics Alumni Gathering
- School of Education Alumni Gathering
- School of Humanities and Social Sciences Alumni Gathering
- MAK Men, Sigma Pi and Sigma Epsilon Beta (off campus; reservations required)
- Class of 1949 60th Reunion Luncheon (reservations required)
- Marauder Football vs. Kutztown
- “Get Involved!“ Lecture & Book Signing with alumnus Tom “Chugger” Baker ’02
- “IT’S ALL GREEK TO ME REUNION,“ Greek Sororities & Fraternities Reunion (reservations required)
- Student Senate/Student Government Reunion (reservations required)
- Roller Hockey (M.U.R.H.) Reunion (reservations required)
- Class of 1959 50th Anniversary Reunion Dinner (reservations required)
- Class of 1964 45th Anniversary Reunion Dinner (reservations required)
- Class of 1969 40th Anniversary Reunion Dinner (reservations required)

For the full event schedule and registration, check out the Homecoming 2009 webpage at [www.villealumni.com](http://www.villealumni.com)

Or, call the alumni office at
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Students bring history to life with authentic 1863 march

To the average college student, a 23.5 mile march is not on the itinerary for a fun weekend. But for Millersville University students Neil Hobbins and James Meisenbach it is an adventure if you are re-enacting history. That’s what Hobbins and Meisenbach, along with about a dozen other Civil War buffs, did June 26-28, 2009.

The idea stems from the actions of Company H of the 47th Pennsylvania Volunteer Militia in 1863 (see Ask the Archives on the next page). According to Hobbins, a history education major, he and others wanted “re-enact the days before the start of the battle of Gettysburg, when 68 Millersville students and faculty took up arms to help the Union army. These students and faculty members heard that the Confederate Army was advancing north and decided to help protect Lancaster.” According to the original Muster role, the students and faculty left on June 17, 1863.

Hobbins and Meisenbach’s re-enactment event began Friday, June 26, by setting up camp near the Civil War monument on the University’s campus for the night. The next day they marched to Columbia, Pa., and Wrightsville. On Sunday, they crossed the Susquehanna River and headed north to Bainbridge, Pa., where their march ended at the Haldeman Mansion. The group also collected more than $600 to be used for repairing the historic mansion’s roof.

According to Hobbins, the community response was amazing—the best he’s ever seen in his 20 years of re-enacting. “People came out to greet us; Rivertownes Pa. USA organization made us dinner on Saturday—which was completely unexpected—and the town of Marietta provided a huge breakfast for us Sunday morning,” says Hobbins.

Hobbins and Meisenbach organized the entire event, which took five weeks of non-stop planning, including permissions where necessary and recruiting the participants. In preparation for the march, they ran three miles, three times a week. Two weeks before the event, they conditioned their feet by walking four to eight miles a night in their period-accurate shoes.

Authenticity is essential to re-enactments. All participants must be dressed completely in period-accurate clothing.

“A lot of the guys sew and make their own gear while others purchase their uniforms and accoutrements through sutlers (period-correct word for vendors),” according to Hobbins.

Hobbins has always had an interest in military history—his father is a history professor, most of his family served in the British Army and Hobbins himself served in the U.S. Marines.

Meisenbach’s interest in the Civil War began when he was five years old, when the movie Gettysburg came out. He has been re-enacting since he was 14 years old. Both Hobbins and Meisenbach participate in about 10 to 15 re-enactments a year.

Next year, they plan on having 25-30 participants. By 2013, Hobbins and Meisenbach hope to have 68 participants—to account for each member of the original Company H, 47th Pennsylvania Volunteer Militia, and to follow Company H’s route step by step to their first battle.

“Our group strives to be one of the most authentic groups in the hobby…it’s an expensive hobby, but it’s worth it,” says Hobbins.
Students offer assistance to entrepreneurs

Technology-focused entrepreneurs in the Central Pennsylvania region have a valuable resource in Millersville University’s Software Productization Center (SPC)—and, it’s free. And, Millersville students have an opportunity to interact with real clients in advancing software products from concept to a marketable product—while earning a paycheck.

The center has developed an interdisciplinary approach by recruiting a team of students and faculty with expertise in the areas of computer science, graphic arts, business and communication. It’s a win-win situation where SPC interns work with students and faculty from other academic disciplines to meet the multitude of challenges facing entrepreneurs. In the spring, the center presented a workshop, eMarketing Primer, about the fundamentals of using online marketing for small businesses.

Elyse Dougherty, a SPC intern and computer science major, believes there are many advantages including “a great deal of one-on-one instruction, close relationships with faculty, and the ability to see a project go from concept to a marketable product.”

SPC’s clients also give high marks.

Q: Request: David Heber Plank was a student at Millersville State Normal School in the 1860s. His great grandson contacted us for information about his studies at Millersville.

A: Here’s what we found: David Heber Plank was born in Caernarvon Township, Berks County, Pa., on Nov. 12, 1842. He attended Millersville Normal School from 1861 to 1864, but did not graduate. He did go on to study medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, receiving a degree in medicine in 1867. Dr. David H. Plank served as a general practice physician in Morgantown, Pa., from 1869 until his death.

In our collection is copy of a notebook Plank used while a student at the Normal School, which contains notes from lectures in English and horticulture—along with a title page featuring beautiful calligraphy.

Plank was a student at Millersville when the school closed down as a result of the Confederate Army reaching the Susquehanna River. There is no record of Plank participating in the Regiment from Millersville. The school catalogue for the year 1862-63 notes:

The term of the School which would have ended on September 4th, was suddenly interrupted by the rebel invasion of the State; and after the approach of the enemy to the Susquehanna, and the burning of the Columbia bridge, it was found impossible to keep the School together, and the largest number of Students ever assembled at the Normal School scattered—some to seek the security of home, and others to aid driving back the ruthless invaders of our soil.

The Principal of the School raised a Regiment, the 47th P.V. M, in which were two Professors of the Institution, and a large number of Students. This Regiment having accomplished the work assigned it was mustered out of the service on the 13th of August.

The Normal School will therefore re-open as usual on the Second Monday in October.

Ganser Library’s Archives and 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. Archives and Special Collections is located on the 4th floor of Ganser Library. To find out more about Special Collections, read the Friends of Ganser Library newsletter, Folio, online at www.library.millersville.edu.
Retirees: What are they doing now?

Carl Kanaskie
AT MILLERSVILLE 1989 TO 2004: Public relations-related management, director of communications
FONDEST MEMORIES: The challenge of publicizing and promoting the University and its faculty and students. Always enjoyed working with faculty, staff, and student interns.
HIGHLIGHTS OF RETIREMENT: I continue to be involved with Millersville's mentoring program, and work with several other organizations in the areas of publicity and marketing.

Catherine Glass ’53
AT MILLERSVILLE 1968 TO 1996: Associate professor/head cataloger in library department
FONDEST MEMORIES: Helping students with their research, advising undeclared students, library department staff.
HIGHLIGHTS OF RETIREMENT: Cook for Meals on Wheels, volunteer at Lancaster General Hospital, poll worker for the election.

Willis Ratzlaff
AT MILLERSVILLE 1963 TO 1988: Professor of biology
FONDEST MEMORIES: Watching the light of sudden understanding in students’ eyes. Mentoring 20 master of science degrees. Consulting contracts involving students with power companies. Watching Millersville develop from a “four-year junior college” into a first-rate college.
HIGHLIGHTS OF RETIREMENT: Birding trips to Australia and New Zealand, Trinidad-Tobago and Port Arkansas King Ranch in Texas. Visits to National Parks—from Big Bend to Jasper and from Olympic Peninsula to Dakota Badlands. Endowing a scholarship for an outstanding biology student.

John Detz
AT MILLERSVILLE 1974 TO 2003: Chief water operator
HIGHLIGHTS OF RETIREMENT: Traveling, spending time with family and grandchild (Lydia) gardening and working in my yard. Going to the gym.

Karen Black
AT MILLERSVILLE 1991 TO 2002: Assistant professor of Russian
FONDEST MEMORIES: The students and the colleagues—plus living in Lancaster County.
HIGHLIGHTS OF RETIREMENT: First seeing our elderly parents. Kayaking and gardening. Currently supervising a relative with Alzheimer’s.

Paul Ross
AT MILLERSVILLE 1979 TO 2001: Professor of computer science
FONDEST MEMORIES: The students.
HIGHLIGHTS OF RETIREMENT: Everyday is Saturday.

James Yescalis
AT MILLERSVILLE 1986 TO 2007: Photographer
FONDEST MEMORIES: Working with so many excellent people and sharing so much good food.
HIGHLIGHTS OF RETIREMENT: Photography in Ganser Library exhibition gallery. Hiking 2 percent of the Appalachian trail.

John Ellsworth Winter
AT MILLERSVILLE 1964 TO 1994: Professor of philosophy
FONDEST MEMORIES: Classroom presentations and discussions, and associating with colleagues.
HIGHLIGHTS OF RETIREMENT: Sailing on Charlotte Harbor, Fla. Writing two books: one nonfiction memoir of a heroegony, the other a fictional account based on contrarian evidence of/about/concerning a Confederate general.

Ruth Buchler ’66
AT MILLERSVILLE 1969 TO 2003: Professor of special education
FONDEST MEMORIES: Promotion to professor
HIGHLIGHTS OF RETIREMENT: Recently moved to Garden Spot Village Retirement Community in New Holland, Pa.

Ever wonder what your favorite retired professor or staff person is up to? This new section of the Review hopes to answer those inquiries. Additional stories will be posted in upcoming issues of the Review and, in the future, online.
Starting with an educational background in pre-med biology, Ellen Slupe decided to pursue her passion for art. Attending Millersville as a nontraditional student, Ellen instantly connected with younger college students with whom she was able to share stories and ideas. Now a major talent and leader in Lancaster’s arts community, Ellen’s art is a reflection of her joy of nature and science. Ellen is one of 19 alumni, students, faculty and staff members who have appeared in a series of commercials airing on Central Pennsylvania television stations promoting the benefits of a Millersville University education and experience.

To learn more, visit www.millersville.edu.

McNeil Center for Early American Studies

Millersville University has joined the Consortium of the McNeil Center for Early American Studies at the University of Pennsylvania. Previously known as the Philadelphia Center for American Studies, the center attracts scholars from around the world.

Millersville is the only PASSHE and area school to partner with the center. Faculty members and senior history majors are invited to the McNeil Center seminars. Access to the University of Pennsylvania’s library and online databases is also available.

“The invitation to become part of this scholarly center is a recognition of the history department’s excellence at providing exciting opportunities for the University’s students and faculty,” noted Dr. Francis Bremer, history chairman.

Statue for spirit garden

Diana Lin Denenberg Durand ’67 lived her life to the fullest and never gave up—even when she was diagnosed multiple times with cancer. She died in 2007.

That fighting spirit is portrayed in a statue that was unveiled by Diana’s husband, Donald Durand, and her brother, Dr. Dennis Denenberg, Millersville professor emeritus of education, on May 30. The statue completes the Diana Lin Durand Spirit Garden that was created in her memory by Denenberg, outside Stayer Hall.

“It is for students to remind them how wonderful life is and that we all need to strive to maintain it,” said Denenberg. “I hope it will encourage students to stop and think about life. And, I also want to bring the discussion of breast cancer and awareness to college-aged females.”

The bronze statue was designed by Christina Haatainen-Jones of Los Angeles, a longtime friend of the Denenberg family. It was funded by gifts from friends and family, as well as revenue from Denenberg’s speaking engagements. The author of 50 American Heroes Every Kid Should Meet, Denenberg regularly speaks at schools, meetings and conventions around the country. It should come as no surprise that his personal hero is his late sister.

Precautions for H1N1 underway

As the H1N1 virus (formerly known as the swine flu) continues to make headlines around the world, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention predicts that the number of cases in the United States will escalate in the coming flu season.

If this occurs, Millersville University has a plan to respond to an outbreak of pandemic flu.

The University has taken multiple preventative actions: established an incident response team, outfitted critical buildings with infection control supplies and materials; prepared campus-wide flu prevention educational programs; and scheduled flu immunization clinics.

Contributors

Communications Students:
Melissa Leary, Lucas Neiderer, Peter Taraborelli and Alex Wachman
Grant to advocate for welfare of children

Social work professors Karen Rice and Dr. Heath Girvin received a $40,000 grant from the National Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Association. The grant will provide funds to hire an executive director who will train and support community volunteers in Lancaster County to become the voice of children in the public welfare system.

Excellence and equity awards

The President’s Commission on Cultural Diversity and the Commission on the Status of Women recently marked its 20th anniversary. In April four awards for excellence and equity were presented: Drs. Ruth Benns-Suter and Susan Luek, both psychology professors—for their service with the commission and for their vision in establishing the Women’s Center; Robert Slabinski ’78, now retired CEO/general manager of Student Services, Inc.—for his support and contributions to the cultural diversity commission’s mission; Dr. Thomas Kruse, professor emeritus, social work—for outstanding contributions as an executive officer and cultural diversity commission member.

Cultural events calendar

A four-page insert, covering events for September 2009 through January 2010, is located in the center of this issue of the Review (between pages 18 and 19). The winter issue of the Review will contain a similar insert for events from January through May 2010.

Millersville University’s efforts for sustainability and to reduce costs have led to the discontinuation of printing and mailing the cultural events booklet. To learn more about upcoming events, visit www.millersville.edu and link to the cultural events interactive website.

Interactive Review

Check out this issue of the Review online. The new digital edition of the magazine includes all of the content of our printed magazine along with interactive features such as links to register for alumni events, video clips, search capabilities, easy zoom in and out, ability to bookmark pages, email articles, add notes, etc.

Click on any of the many links to quickly get information about a trip, cultural event, purchase tickets online or to register for an event.

Visit www.millersville.edu/~ucm and click on the Review icon.

Correction


Millersville Community Market

There is a new market in town. The parking lot of the George Street Café is now home to the Millersville Community Market. Every Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. until October 14, rain or shine, you can come out and enjoy all the goodies Market Night has to offer. Included are organic produce, flowers and herbs, fruits and berries, whole foods, dinner and take out, art and music and locally handmade goods.

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As a child, Francis Bremer entertained aspirations of being a cowboy, athlete, lawyer or astronaut. Instead, he became a history professor, chair of Millersville’s history department, scholar, expert on Puritan New England and author of 14 books.

“I think that was a more sensible choice for a career,” Bremer says with a smile.

His students would surely agree. One look at his office in McComsey Hall, lined to the ceiling with history books, and it is obvious he is clearly hooked on the subject. And he loves sharing his broad perspective on the roots of American history with his classes.

To Bremer, who joined Millersville in 1977, history epitomizes the best of the liberal arts. “It frees us from the chains of thinking that our way is the only way by exposing us to men and women of other times and other societies who believed and behaved differently than we do.”

Bremer points out that the history department has been referred to as one of the University’s “centers of excellence.” “Millersville students are not being taught from the notes their instructor took years ago in graduate school. They are being brought onto the cutting edge of historical understanding by faculty who are actively contributing to the latest views,” says Bremer.

Bremer has always been interested in “stories of the past” that shaped our modern outlook. He developed a particular affinity for New England and the Puritans who settled there. Bremer is an international authority on Massachusetts colony governor, John Winthrop. One of the things he stresses in many of his writings is that pre-Revolutionary history, going back to Winthrop and Pennsylvania founder William Penn, is just as important as the history of 1776 and the Revolutionary War.

“Good history helps us to look into a mirror and understand who we are so that we can decide what we want to preserve and what we want to change in our society,” says Bremer. “Bad history abuses the past by distorting what actually happened to further a modern agenda.”

Looking back with an honest vision has led Bremer to author more than 14 books. He just returned from a sabbatical, during which time, he wrote two more books. Bremer is also the editor of the Winthrop Papers for the Massachusetts Historical Society.

Bremer has a special fondness for baseball. And, not surprisingly, his favorite team hails from New England: the Boston Red Sox. Bremer is a youth softball coach, and started the softball program in Manheim Township in the 1970s when his oldest daughter wasn’t allowed to try out for a baseball team. He coached the program for many years and later coached at Lancaster Catholic High School, taking the team to its first berth in the county playoffs.

His wife, Dr. Barbara Bremer, teaches health psychology at Penn State’s Capitol Campus in Middletown. The couple has three grown daughters and eight grandchildren.

Bremer shows an old sepia-toned picture of his grandfather with a trained bear. “My mother immigrated [from France] when she was 14 and my grandfather came over as an animal trainer. He was killed by a lion in a circus act in New York.”

Now that’s an unusual history. And it’s all true.
When the red scarves go on, Solomon and Justice know it’s time to start reading…well, as much as dogs can read. The two Labrador Retrievers—Solomon, a six-year-old black lab, and Justice, a 13-year-old yellow lab, are owned by Dr. Anne Papalia-Berardi, associate professor of special education at Millersville. She has been involved with therapy dogs for 20 years, certifying each of her own dogs since 1993 to help students struggling with reading and learning.

Her first dog, Casey, a Labrador Retriever/Golden Retriever mix, accompanied her as an elementary learning support teacher. “Casey participated in our lessons, and students read to her and wrote stories about her,” explained Papalia-Berardi. Her idea to use therapy dogs to help struggling readers came from a librarian in the School District of Lancaster who began a therapy dog program at Wharton Elementary School, titled “Paws for Reading.” Papalia-Berardi and her dogs were volunteers for three years in the program, and students would come for an hour once a week to read to the dogs.

“The dogs appear to be reading the books because at the end of each line they are given a treat,” says Papalia-Berardi. “The child holds the treat in their hand and moves their hand across the words until the end of the line when the dog is rewarded for helping to ‘read’ with a treat.” Other dogs prefer to cuddle and be petted as the child reads to them.

The program is based on Project Reading Education Assistance Dogs, or...
Project READ. “These programs were designed to help struggling readers improve confidence and skills. Reluctant readers tend to have low self-esteem and are intimidated or anxious about reading and tend not to read,” says Papalia-Berardi. “Children improve their reading skills by reading, and struggling readers are more likely to read in a safe environment. The presence of a dog tends to alleviate stress because dogs don’t notice reading errors and are great listeners.”

Forty-three percent of the students involved in the Paws for Reading program improved by at least 10 Developmental Reading Assessment levels, and 35.7 percent improved at the same rate or better than classmates. Children in the primary grades are generally the target population for a reading program.

At a recent Pennsylvania Council for Exceptional Children conference, Papalia-Berardi presented “Paws For Reading: Using therapy dogs to motivate struggling readers.”

Some children have a fear of dogs. There are several techniques that can be used to alleviate their fear. One approach is to have the dog “back in” to the child and sit very still within petting range. The dogs enjoy having their backs stroked and children enjoy the touch of the soft fur and gain confidence, especially when the dog reacts in a calm manner. A second technique is to dress the dogs in costumes. Most dogs associate the therapy visits in a positive way. She says, “It is difficult for a child to feel scared if they are laughing or see the dog in a humorous light.”

Therapy dogs are always in training. Both Casey and Justice began training when they were three months old, and Solomon when he was seven weeks old. The training consists of basic obedience, teaching manners and socialization. Dogs also must learn to greet people appropriately, interact well with other dogs, accept petting from a variety of people, walk on a loose leash through crowds and respond to various types of distractions.

Her dogs have accompanied Papalia-Berardi to her classes at Millersville, when she discusses therapy dogs. Justice and Solomon have also competed in national obedience dog shows, placing in the top 10 on many occasions.

Education was always highly valued in Papalia-Berardi's family. When her father's parents came to the United States from Italy, they were poor and neither of them could read.

One of her grandfather’s fondest memories was seeing newspapers on porches of people’s homes. “He felt that America was such a land of opportunity because people could learn to read,” says Papalia-Berardi. Her father became a social studies teacher, and later earned a doctorate and worked in higher education. “His opportunity to receive an education changed my life. I wanted to pass this opportunity on to the next generation,” she says.

Combining her love of dogs and teaching is natural for Papalia-Berardi. “One of the best aspects of the therapy dog reading program is that the dogs are consistently glad to see the children and don’t mind repetition. The dogs gladly listen to the same book time and again just to have the opportunity to be with a child.”
When Dr. Charles K. Scharnberger acquired the first seismology equipment at Millersville University in the early 1970s, the machine used a stylus that recorded movement on smoked paper on which a layer of carbon had been created by using a kerosene lamp.

During his 30-year career at Millersville, he saw the equipment evolve from the stylus and smoked paper, which could only measure one movement—up and down to a pen and ink recorder—and now it is a completely digital system that also records horizontal movement—north to south and east to west. The technological advancements have allowed the data that the machine collects to be disseminated more easily than before, meaning telephone calls are no longer the primary way of passing along information to other researchers.

"It has speeded things up tremendously," says Scharnberger of the digital system. "What once took days [collecting and passing along seismic data] now may take only minutes."

Though he still operates the seismograph station at Millersville six years after his retirement, Scharnberger
didn’t study seismology as a student. Instead, the professor emeritus of earth sciences specialized in paleomagnetism, or the study of the earth’s magnetic field in the geologic past. He subsequently taught himself about the field of seismology by reading related literature, attending conferences and simply dealing with the data gathered by the equipment in the seismograph station.

Millersville acquired its first set of seismology equipment after Scharnberger contacted a colleague at Penn State about the possibility of collaborating on a project. The equipment that eventually came to Millersville became part of a statewide seismic network and has since joined a larger network based at Columbia University.

“Our station is one of many in the regional seismic network, and the data that we are collecting, combined with that from other stations, is the basis for identifying, locating and characterizing earthquakes in the mid-Atlantic region. That, plus providing information to the public, is the chief purpose of the station,” explains Scharnberger.

While Lancaster County may not seem like a hotbed of seismic activity, Scharnberger, a Millersville resident, notes the error in such an assumption. While massive quakes such as those seen in places like California or Japan are unlikely to occur in the Keystone State, Pennsylvanians do experience their fair share of tremors.

In fact, beginning in early October 2008, residents around the area of Dillsburg, York County, were at ground zero for what Scharnberger says was considered a “swarm” of earthquakes, with approximately 300 small tremors occurring. “But some people think they had been feeling them as early as August [of 2008],” he notes. “A lot of people felt them, and stories in the news media alerted even more people to them.”

The small quakes tapered off. In April 2009, a 2.4 magnitude quake was reported in Dillsburg, and within a couple of days, an earthquake measuring 2.9 hit northern York County.

According to Scharnberger, the cause of the earthquake activity is still being investigated. He helped researchers from Columbia University set up a temporary network of portable seismograph stations in the Dillsburg area in the hopes of determining the swarm’s cause.

The seismograph at the Millersville station detected 18 of the earthquakes, according to Scharnberger. The largest activity detected by the equipment occurred on October 19, 2008, (a total of 11 earthquakes were actually measured that day) and December 31, 2008.

Throughout the incidents of earthquakes, Scharnberger has been a source of information for the media and the public. For instance, in October, he conducted a public meeting in Carroll Township, along with York County geologist Jeri Jones, to help the residents understand what was happening.

Scharnberger says he has also been studying the geology of the area around where the quakes took place and has formed a hypothesis as to their origin but notes more data is needed before drawing a more definite conclusion.

York County has been rattled by a “swarm” of earthquakes.

In the southeastern portion of the state, earthquakes “are related to the fact that 200 million years ago, the Atlantic Ocean began to form, creating a lot of fracturing, faulting and breaking of the earth’s crust,” explains Scharnberger. Today, the fractures and faulted crust may be experiencing new activity, or new faults may have formed.

While expanding on his knowledge of seismology throughout his career, Scharnberger has studied the history of earthquakes in Pennsylvania and has even helped “clean up” history by eliminating some non-earthquake events from the records. He says these non-events recorded in Pennsylvania could be attributed to mine blasting or collapses or even a meteorite falling to the ground, for example. “There’s not always a clear understanding about what exactly an earthquake is,” Scharnberger notes.

“I’ve always seen my role as an interpreter or mediator between the research and the public,” says Scharnberger of his work.
He is perhaps the best kept secret in the National Football League (NFL). At Millersville, Steve Saunders ’92 was a four-year starter for the Marauder football team (for which he played nose guard) was a team captain and earned all-PSAC honors in both his junior and senior years.

Around the NFL, however, Saunders is known as a trainer who can turn an athlete from an excellent one into an elite one. He is a training guru for members of the Philadelphia Eagles, Pittsburgh Steelers, Baltimore Ravens, Buffalo Bills and other teams. His regimens and workouts are so legendary that professional baseball players, soccer players and hockey players have sought out his services.

Steeler tight end Heath Miller swears by Saunders during the off-season, having worked out regularly with him for the past few years.

“I feel like Steve puts me in great shape,” Miller said. “Sometimes when you work out on your own, it’s hard to get that good workout. Obviously, Steve knows what he’s doing, and he makes every workout specific to what you need as a player.”

A two-time Super Bowl champ, Miller also credits Saunders with helping him stay healthy.

“When I first started seeing him, I had some little minor tweaks in my legs,” Miller said. “Whether it was a hamstring or a groin, I think working with him has made those areas stronger. He’s definitely made it a focal point of my workouts.”

Miller said Saunders helps prepare him for the grueling trials of summer training camp and the bumps and bruises that come with every season.

“If you’re able to prevent the injuries before they occur, that’s always a good thing,” Miller said, “and I think a lot of what Steve does helps prevent injuries when the season comes around.”

While his job may seem exciting, Saunders didn’t always dream of training professional athletes.

“When I got out of college, I had some pro football tryouts, but that didn’t work out,” he said. “About two years out of school, I opened a health club in Elizabethtown (Pa.), I was 24. That sort of got me into the fitness business, and after I opened the club, the training business. It kind of went from there.”

Saunders said his company, Power Train Sports (www.PowerTrainSports.com) has been around about 10 years, nearly as long as he has been training professional athletes.

“One of the frustrations for me coming out of school was that there was nobody there to help me get into the NFL,” Saunders said. “I’m into the training—I really enjoy it, and I’m passionate about it—but as an ex-athlete, that was one of the biggest motivations for me. As much as I like helping the guys that are already in [the NFL] and the ‘big-school’ guys, some of the people I’m most proud of are the smaller-school guys I’ve helped. I have a running back from Shippensburg who’s still with the Green Bay Packers, and a bunch of kids from smaller schools who were signed as undrafted free agents.”

Millersville Hall of Famer Scott Martin ’93, can attest to Saunders’ early frustra-

About Steelers all-pro linebacker, James Harrison, Saunders said, “He’s known as a freak around the league for strength and speed and that makes me warm and tingly inside.”
That’s why the service Saunders offers young players is critical, Martin said. “For kids coming right out of college who may not have been invited to the combine [NFL’s annual scouting event], but could still be drafted as free agents and are on that bubble, Steve offers the knowledge, the equipment and the facilities,” Martin said. “A lot of people don’t understand these facilities are much different than the ones in a typical gym. You know what my training for the 40 [yard dash] was? Rather than having an indoor running facility, setting up cones and doing five-in-turns or zig-zag drills—it was my cul-de-sac.”

Martin said his career may not have ended due to injury if he had been exposed to the kind of program Saunders now operates. “I blew a disc in my back and ended up having surgery, which basically wrapped it up for me,” he said. “If I had been able to be in a program like Steve’s after my senior year end. I think it definitely could have been a different story.”

Saunders grew up in Lebanon as a Philadelphia Eagles fan. But he no longer roots for teams the way other fans do. “It’s just different now,” he said. “Instead of being a fan of a team, I’ve become a fan of my guys. The guys on the field are a reflection of me. When I watch, I’m hoping they all play well; the score is sort of irrelevant. When the Ravens and Steelers played in the AFC Championship last year, I knew I was going to the Super Bowl with one of those teams. I couldn’t have been happier.”

Although his work can take him from Lancaster to Philly to Pittsburgh—all in the same day—Saunders wouldn’t have it any other way. “I wake up in the morning, and I love what I do,” he said. “They are long days, and I put in a lot of hours and a lot of miles, but I’m blessed to be able to do what I love doing.”

Saunders said he is lucky to have a supportive family. He and his wife, Emily, have two daughters and two sons. James Harrison.

“I’ve had James as a client for probably five years now,” he said. “Going from an undrafted free agent to a two-time pro-bowler and an NFL defensive MVP, James and I have put in a lot of hours together. He’s known as a freak around the league for strength and speed and that makes me warm and tingly inside. You never really want to take credit for anybody, but I feel as though I’ve had a lot to do with his development.”

Saunders credits Millersville for the “solid groundwork” he needed to become the trainer he is today. Former Marauders football coach Gene A. Carpenter remains a major influence on Saunders. “What a tremendous head coach,” he said of Carpenter. “I think back to his little sayings often. He used to say, ‘Nothing worthwhile is easy.’ Well, I’ve had a lot of long days and nights where I’m like, ‘This is hard,’ and I’ll think about what he said, and realize he’s right. It isn’t easy, but it sure has been worthwhile.”
There's more to a theater production than greasepaint and curtain calls. And the best way to learn about that is to be a part of a production.

Millersville University has sponsored Lancaster's Fulton Theatre productions for a number of years. “For the past three years, the sponsorship has been enhanced through a focused academic connection with students and the cast and crew of the shows,” noted Elizabeth Braungard, Millersville’s director of marketing.

By Laura Knowles

All the World’s a Stage
Bringing the real world experience of artists and Fulton staff members to Millersville’s students and faculty has been an exciting and fruitful experience. It has also evolved into an important co-curricular activity that is open to all students, not just those in theater and communication.

Sponsorship for this spring’s show was the Fulton production of “The Spitfire Grill,” a musical with a seven-person cast. The show is about a woman who, after being released from prison, moves to a small town to re-start her life. In addition to the portrayal of women in theater, the show sparked discussion about gender issues relating to politics, division of labor, family life and a host of social issues.

In February, members of the Fulton cast and crew came to campus for a day-long series of interactive workshops held at Rafters Theatre in Dutcher Hall. Even history students took a lesson from their brush with show business. As history professor Dr. Tracey Weis explained, students in her “Women in U.S. History” course could follow a thread of how women are presented in various dramatic productions, ranging from the campus performances of “Vagina Monologues” to the Fulton’s production of “The Spitfire Grill.”

“The feeling of an incredibly electric exchange persists,” she said, adding that students took their theater experience to develop their own brief vignettes based on the oral histories that were collected for the 20th anniversary of the President’s Commission on the Status of Women.

The workshops are informal and conversational, and students are encouraged to ask questions. Theater majors and other students involved in Millersville theater productions have benefitted from the interaction with professional actors and producers. Ricky Hutchins, who was a senior during the spring semester, was pleased to see “The Spitfire Grill” and to meet the actors who were in the play.

“The most beneficial thing is that it proves that these professional, working, outstandingly talented actors are very human and enjoy clowning around every once in a while,” said Hutchins.

Workshop sessions focused on acting and theater issues; the music of musical theater; entrepreneurship; and the business of the arts including:

›› The role of collaboration in the creative process.
›› The life of a professional actor and how actors go about finding a role.
›› Inspiration for designing costumes for the stage.

Students were able to gain a better understanding of the process involved in transforming a work for the screen into a work for the stage, as well as

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**Left:** “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum”

**Previous page:** Theater student Jarrett De Stouet is at home on stage and behind the scenes.

**Previous page, inset photo:** “The Importance of Being Earnest”

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**MILLERSVILLE COSTUME SHOP**

Millersville University offers one of the most extensive theatrical costume collections in the region. The base for the collection was donated in 1982 by Lancaster resident Jean Loeb, who acquired the majority of her costumes from Wass & Son costumers in Philadelphia. Since Loeb’s donation, various other donors have gifted the Costume Shop with their attire.

**COSTUMES:** More than 15,000 different costumes ranging over an assortment of theatrical genres and time periods. Costume sets for various productions such as “The Wizard of Oz,” “The Music Man” and “Sweeney Todd” can also be found in its racks.

**WHERE:** Basement of Hobbs Hall, Millersville University campus

**RENTALS:** Costumes can be rented by the public and students for holidays, plays or just for fun.

**Contact:** Priscilla Kaufhold, costume shop manager, at 717-872-3767. costumeshop@millersville.edu www.millersville.edu/~costume
“It wasn’t exactly a straight line from there to here,” said Anthony Lascoskie Jr. ’90, who graduated with a business degree and is the manager and supervisor of the Fulton Theatre’s costume shop. “A lot of my background came from working at the costume shop at Millersville,” says Lascoskie.

It’s a place that is quite reminiscent of Millersville’s Costume Shop, with row upon row of fashions for everything from Renaissance lords and ladies to 50s style Greasers.

“Actually, my business degree comes in quite handy at the Fulton,” says Lascoskie, who is both financially savvy and highly creative—two qualities that do not usually go hand-in-hand. Lascoskie’s combination of talents is a good thing for the Fulton. He can figure out the budget for costumes, wigs and makeup for the theater’s productions. Then he can order the materials needed to create the costumes and transform the cast into greedy innkeepers, revolutionary street fighters, ragged ladies of the night and escaped convicts of the French Revolution.

Lascoskie works very closely with costume designer Beth Dunkelberger, a Lancaster native who has been designing for Actors Company and the Fulton Opera House since 1975. The two have been teaming up for nine years now. “We work very well together. With me handling some of the business stuff, I think she can feel free to do what she is so good at: designing costumes,” says Lascoskie.

Lascoskie, who also designs the wigs and makeup for productions, is always learning new tricks of the trade. When he designed wigs for “Oklahoma!” he had to keep in mind that the musical is highly choreographed with big dance numbers. He had to make sure that the pigtails on the little country girl, or the slicked back hair and cowboy hat on the ranch hand, didn’t fly off their heads with each pirouette.

“Les Miserables” was very challenging. Everyone wears wigs, “but the trick is to make them look like they are not wigs,” says Lascoskie. Lascoskie aims for a realistic look, often using the actor’s hair to blend in with the wig. He notes that nowadays theater makeup is a lot more natural, and not as heavy as the old-fashioned greasepaint makeup of the past.

There are also occasions when Lascoskie gets to have a lot of fun with makeup, as in creating blood from a gunshot wound or creepy bloodthirsty characters from “Dracula.” He also finds it intriguing to age a character from young adulthood to old age, with gray wigs, creased wrinkles and powdered eyebrows.

With each new show, Lascoskie enjoys the challenge of helping the actors transform themselves into their characters. That, he says, is what it’s all about. He also likes helping high schools, colleges and production companies with their theater productions using costumes from the Fulton’s Costume Shop on Water Street. When the local high school is putting on “Annie Get Your Gun,” he has the gear for the gun-toting heroine and the Wild West stars. He can also help local Halloweeners dress up for parties so they look like Queen Elizabeth I, the Scarecrow from “The Wizard of Oz” or a delicate Oriental beauty in a kimono and black wig.

Lascoskie credits his interest in the theater and costumes to his years at Millersville. The Reading native, who didn’t get involved in the theater until he got to Millersville, preferred to stay behind the scenes. He considers Priscilla Kaufhold, the costume shop manager at Millersville who offered him a job when he was a student, to be the most influential person in his career in theatre.

The experience helped him learn about running a rental shop. He still enjoys working with Millersville, since the two costume rental shops often combine resources. It took a little side trip into the world of advertising and marketing at Pfaltzgraff, in the York area, before he returned to his love of the theater and joined the Fulton.

“I’ve always been interested in the arts and theater, and thanks to my experiences at Millersville, both as a business student and at the Costume Shop, I have found a way to make a living doing what I love,” says Lascoskie.
adapting a play into a musical. What had to be changed in order to accommodate the strengths and challenges of the different medium?

For some of the Fulton staff, coming to Millersville was something of a homecoming. Fulton costume shop supervisor, and makeup and wig designer, Anthony Lascoskie ’90 got his start as a student worker in Millersville’s costume shop (see page 18). He shared his experiences in managing the huge collection of costumes and in using wigs and makeup on stage. Along with Lascoskie, Fulton costume designer Beth Dunkelberger and costume associate Brittany Leffler explained how they help actors “look” like the characters they are portraying.

“It was great to be back at Millersville and to be with students at my alma mater. This is where my love of theater began,” said Lascoskie.

“It was truly a collaborative effort and I think everyone benefitted,” said Rich Bowen, director of development at the Fulton Theatre. “I can’t tell you how highly the ‘The Spitfire Grill’ cast and Fulton staff members who participated in the day on campus spoke of the students and the day’s event.”

Dr. John Short, dean of Millersville’s School of Humanities and Social Sciences, has been very supportive of the arts in general, and theater specifically. Short was influential in initiating the partnership with the Fulton. Over and above the workshops, about 200 students received a free ticket to attend the performance at the Fulton.

“I see theater as the crossroads of the arts, which includes music, literature, visual arts and so forth. It is important to critical thinking and problem solving, as well as the study of human behavior,” explains Victor Capecce, assistant professor of theater at Millersville. “The study of human behavior is needed by actors to create characters, so you have an art that touches every thread of our existence.”

After all, while some students may pursue careers in theater, there are many others who benefit tremendously just from the experience of participating in a university theater production, whether they played a role in the play or worked backstage as a crew member on lighting or set design.

Millersville alumni who go into what seems like totally unrelated careers find that any theater experience at Millersville has served them well. Shakespeare’s words that “all the world’s a stage” relates to how a lawyer, minister, sales manager, event planner, communications manager or educator might benefit greatly with some theater background. Exposure and appreciation of the arts enhances the human experience.

Capecce added that his colleague Tony Elliot, who teaches acting, and Tina Stout ’84, theater production manager, have roots in theater that extend to the community. Millersville offers internship programs for students to work with theater professionals. Students get to work side-by-side with professionals at the Fulton Theatre, providing networking and experience.

There are plenty of other theater opportunities at Millersville, such as Mainstage productions, Citamard Players with student one-act plays and improv, and an all-campus spring musical.

“Theater productions are open to all students of any major. You do not need to be a communications or theater student to be involved,” noted Stout.

Indeed, the collaboration between Millersville University and the Fulton Theatre has proved its value for both. As Braungard explained, by bringing professional theater people to campus, students get a real-life, hands-on perspective on theater in the real world. Bravo!
Bridging Understanding

His client list includes top organizations like Verizon Wireless, Highmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers. As president and CEO of RDP Consulting Services, Inc., Ronald D. Porter ’67 has helped clients around the globe in England, Ghana, South Africa, and Ethiopia. His journey has also taken him back home to where he was raised—Pittsburgh’s Hill District. This time it was for one of his clients: the Pittsburgh Penguins, a National Hockey League (NHL) team.

As a high school student shopping for colleges, he was prompted to visit Millersville by George Katchmer, who was then the Marauders football coach. Porter liked what he saw at Millersville and appreciated that he could return home periodically to visit his mother. Once in college, Porter faced challenges that went along with being an African-American during the civil rights era.

“I vividly remember the folks who supported me at Millersville, and I also remember the people who were not supportive of black folks,” he recalls.

“A solid education in English and my communication skills are a very important part of what I do. Secondly, being one of very few African-American students who were on campus those years helped me to develop coping skills and prepared me up for life.”

My overall experience at Millersville was positive.

After graduation, he returned to Pittsburgh to marry and launch his career, rising to vice president of human resources for Warner Cable Corporation. When the company was sold, Porter decided to start his own firm.

Established almost 30 years ago, RDP Consulting, Inc., offers services including managing diversity, leadership development, strategic planning, and conflict resolution. Building on his human resources experiences as well as his own life experiences, Porter “enjoys helping to build bridges of understanding among diverse people in the workplace and the community.”

These bridges of understanding were most recently witnessed by the Pittsburgh Penguins professional ice hockey team and the communities surrounding the construction of a new arena for the team. Three communities surround the arena: downtown, Duquesne, and the Hill District.

Overall, Pittsburghers are known for being fanatics for their hometown teams. So support for the new arena should have been a piece of cake—but one community, the Hill District, would prove to be a challenge.

The Penguins approached Porter with the task of negotiating a community benefits agreement to garner support for...
the new arena which was, at that point in time, just a sketch on paper.

With Porter’s help, the Penguins began to reach out and connect to communities that typically hadn’t been a major part of their fan base. The Hill is represented by a largely African-American demographic that, traditionally, did not have an interest in ice hockey.

Porter’s strategy was to build solid relationships between the Penguins and the neighborhoods. The Penguins made commitments to employ people from the surrounding communities in the construction of the arena and also developed a first-source hiring agreement, often advertising jobs in the surrounding communities before recruiting employees from other areas.

The relationship between the two has improved substantially over the past two years. When the Penguins became the 2009 Stanley Cup Champions, the entire city celebrated.

The team’s new home arena, the Consol Energy Center, is on track to open in time for the 2010-11 NHL season. The $321-million facility will also host other entertainment events such as concerts and family shows. The state-of-the-art arena will also be a good neighbor to the environment; it is expected to be the greenest arena and sports center in the country.

Porter designed and taught a course which is mandatory for students at Carnegie Mellon University’s Heinz School of Public Affairs and Management. The course, Managing in a Multicultural Society, was developed “to prepare students for changes in the worldwide workplace related to demographics, culture, language and legal affairs.”

Porter is creating a template for change. He recently began working with the National Council for Independent Living, facing the challenge of an aging population of service recipients that are more diverse.

“Much of my consulting practice is focused on addressing issues related to facilitating development in communities that are experiencing economic downturns,” he says.

“The workplace of the future will require managers to have skill sets that can effectively guide the efforts of employees who are diverse by reason of age, race, culture, religion, nationality and sexual identity,” Porter predicts. “Employees in future workplaces will be much more valued because of their competencies and skills than their physical identities.”

And, Porter plans to stick around to see these changes; retirement isn’t in the near future. He enjoys what he does and the continuing progress he witnesses. “I believe strongly that more senior citizens should explore longer working lives if the marketplace is receptive to paying for their services.”

Porter takes education and success seriously; while thriving academically at Millersville, he was also a leader in rushing and scoring for the Marauders football team. Fast forward to the early 1990s when his son, Ron Porter Jr. ’93, surpassed his father’s records (and several others) and still ranks as #10 in all-time rushing for the Marauders. Today, Ron Jr. works for Bidwell Training Center, Inc. Porter’s other son, Bryan, works for Pittsburgh National Bank.

One of Porter’s favorite memories of Millersville is when he spoke at commencement in 1994. In the audience that day was his wife, Barbara, who is the assistant dean at the University of Pittsburgh’s Graduate School of Public Health and International Affairs. Also there was Francine G. McNairy, Millersville’s president, who was provost at the time. “Dr. McNairy was from my neighborhood, we both grew up in the Hill District, and here I was the featured speaker and she was the provost!”

It was the convergence of three childhood friends—Porter, his wife and McNairy—who were from the same Pittsburgh neighborhood and came together in Millersville as successful professionals who still shared a special friendship.

The bridges that Porter builds were clear and sweet that afternoon at Millersville.
Greetings from the ‘Ville

Whenever I am hosting an alumni event, a question I like to ask myself is, “How long has it been since most alum have been back to campus?” For many alumni, it has been almost 10 years since their return to Millersville. For some of you, Millersville University is considered as close as your backyard, so it wouldn’t necessarily occur to you to venture back to see your alma mater.

However, one of the best times for alumni to return to Millersville is Homecoming. With our family-friendly activities provided by the alumni association, there is something for everyone.

This year’s homecoming will be Saturday, October 24. The Millersville Community Parade is one of the largest in Lancaster County with more than 2,000 participants. Fall Fling offers children’s games, entertainment, food and craft vendors. This year, the Millersville Marauders football team takes on Kutztown University.

Reunions for various classes and organizations are also available throughout the day; you just never know who you’ll run into at Homecoming!

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I hope to see you all there and welcome you home!

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American Music Theater: Christmas Show

Join Millersville alumni at the American Music Theater Christmas show on Sunday, November 29, at the 3 p.m. matinee. The show offers great entertainment with traditional and modern holiday songs and sketches. Reserved seating is for the orchestra center section. The cost for adults is $35, and $17.50 for children (ages 3-17).

Reservation deadline for tickets is October 23. To register, call 800-681-1855 or visit www.villealumni.com.

Save with Entertainment Books

A percentage of each Entertainment Book sold by the Millersville University Alumni Association goes to support programs and scholarships.

Book prices range from $25-$40—depending on the geographic location—and books offer hundreds of dollars in savings and discounts. Books will be on sale through October, and coupons are valid beginning November 1.

Visit www.villealumni.com for details.

New York City trips

›› October 17: West Side Story - $180 or The Phantom of the Opera - $140
›› November 14: Jersey Boys - $200 or South Pacific - $180

Prices are per person, and include show front mezzanine seating, boxed gourmet breakfast and motor coach transportation.

For additional details or to make reservations, call 717-871-2308 or email specialevents@millersville.edu.

Cruises in 2010

The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) Alumni and Friends Travel Program has three new cruise programs for 2010. Costs are per person, based on double occupancy, and include air fare from Philadelphia (travel from other airports is available at additional rates).

›› Western Caribbean - January 10-17: This 7-night Holland America cruise includes ports of call: Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Half Moon Cay, Bahamas (private beach island); Grand Turk, Turks & Caicos; Georgetown, GC (Grand Cayman Islands) and Cozumel, Mexico (and 2 days at sea). Pricing starts at $1,086, plus government fees and taxes.

›› South America - March 13-29: Enjoy this 14-day cruise from Santiago, Chile to Buenos Aires, Argentina aboard NCL’s Sun. Ports of call include: Puerto Montt, Puerto Chacabuco, Punta Arenas and Ushuaia, Chile; Stanley, Falkland Islands; Puerto Madryn, Argentina and Montevideo, Uruguay. The ship will travel through several scenic channels, fjords and Cape Horn. The cost starts at $2,569, plus additional taxes and fees.

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**See you in Florida in January**

Why Florida for alumni events? There are 962 alumni living in the Sunshine State, plus retired faculty and staff and many alumni that are snowbirds. So if you live in, visit, or winter in the Florida area, mark your calendars for the following alumni and friends events:

›› Wednesday, January 27 - dinner in West Palm Beach
›› Friday, January 29 - lunch in Naples
›› Saturday, January 30 - brunch in Venice

Because of increasing postage costs, the promotion of alumni events will be done via email, and posted on the alumni website at www.villealumni.com and the official Millersville alumni Facebook page.

If you are not receiving emails from us, call 800-681-1855 or write at mualumni@millersville.edu with your email address so you won’t miss out on alumni events throughout the year.

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**Winter getaway to Punta Cana**

The Millersville University Alumni Association has announced a special winter getaway for an all-inclusive vacation to Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, from January 18-25, 2010.

Stay at the Dreams Palm Beach Punta Cana Resort and Spa for seven nights of unlimited luxury, entertainment, activity and more. Enjoy the beach, three pools, spa, seven restaurants, games, snorkeling, wind surfing, five bars, a health club and even kid activities. The cost also includes a private, nonstop, round trip, charter flight from Philadelphia—with an early departure to keep much of the first day free for fun at the resort.

Guests enjoy unlimited gourmet fare, free premium beverages and a dedicated 24/7 group escort.

Rates start at $1,649, double occupancy, plus applicable taxes. Room upgrades are available at additional cost.

For more details, contact the alumni services office at 800-681-1855, or visit www.affinityglobalconcepts.com/millersville.html.

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**Alumni technology**

As we strive to keep up with technology, we are keeping alumni informed via email and social networking now more than ever. Check out the new things that are going on online.

**Millersville’s online community** - This spring we introduced a new provider for the Millersville online community. This is a place for you to connect with other Millersville alumni—search for old friends, post pictures, get information on the latest alumni events, view photos from alumni gatherings, keep your profile up to date and register for events. This community is free and exclusive to Millersville alumni, but you must register to take advantage of its benefits.

**Facebook** - Visit our official Millersville alumni Facebook page. Anyone can be a fan! If you’re an avid Facebook user, you can bridge your Facebook profile with your Millersville online community profile through the community connections Facebook link on the alumni homepage. This means that you only have to keep one profile updated because they will be one in the same.

**Twitter** - Get tweets on the latest Millersville news and alumni event information. Search for Millersville U.

**LinkedIn** - Network with other alumni and make connections based on career choices or aspirations.

**Alumni Events Blog** - Subscribe by clicking on the blog on the alumni homepage. Read about the latest events and view photos. There will also be postings about life and events at the ‘Ville.

Millersville is experiencing the same economic challenges as the rest of the country. It is more cost-effective to send out event information through emails and posting information online.

To receive information about alumni events, it is more crucial than ever that we have your current email address. Call the alumni services office at 800-681-18855 or email us at mualumni@millersville.edu with your updated information, today.
Upcoming Events

Technology Education Association of Pennsylvania (TEAP)

When TEAP meets this fall for its annual conference in Harrisburg, Millersville will be there. Mark your calendars for the evening of November 5 for dinner with Millersville alumni at Duke’s Riverside Bar and Grill in Wormleysburg, Pa.

Meteorology

The American Meteorology Society’s annual conference will be in Atlanta, Ga., in 2010. Millersville’s alumni reception is scheduled for Tuesday, January 19, at one of the host hotels.

Go online to www.villealumni.com for more details about these events.

Award nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for the Distinguished Alumni Award and the Honorary Alumnus/na award.

To nominate an individual for either of these two awards, submit a letter detailing why you believe this person is worthy. If possible, include a resume and/or articles of supporting documentation that relate to the work that they do.

The deadline for nominations is December 18, 2009. Send all information to:

Alumni Services Office
Millersville University
PO Box 1002
Millersville, PA 17551

Marauders invade Philadelphia in June

Thanks to the help of two alumni, Brian Courtney ’99 and Bill Nolen ’91, the alumni association was able to connect with nearly 200 alumni in the Philadelphia area.

Through technology, we were able to connect alumni on LinkedIn, Facebook and Millersville’s online community to join us for a reception at the Pyramid Club on June 10. This was a great time of networking and socializing. Watch for future events.

Bill Nolen has been getting friends together since he graduated from Millersville. This year he decided to go full force and have a blow out party at the Doubletree Hotel on South Broad Street. More than 100 of Bill’s friends came to join him for this alumni gathering. It was so great to see friends connect who haven’t seen each other since graduation or in many years.

Bill hopes this is the start of an annual event.

If you missed either of these events, you’ll want to be connected next year. Be sure we have your email address and check out our official Millersville alumni Facebook page to keep updated on upcoming events.

If you’d like to be involved in arranging an alumni event in your area, or are a member at a private club, please call the alumni office to discuss the details.

For more photos of both events, click on www.villealumni.com.

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

To register for an event online:
www.villealumni.com
Click on Event Calendar; locate the event and click Register.
An excellent run for Jeff Bradley

Jeff Bradley ‘74 was named the Boys’ Coach of the Year by the Pa. Track and Field Coaches Association. It is just one of the many honors Bradley, a member of the Millersville University Athletic Hall of Fame, received in his final season of coaching. He is retiring after almost three decades of coaching and 35 years teaching mathematics at Hempfield High School in Lancaster.

The four-time All-American’s legendary coaching career ended ceremoniously. Not only did Bradley lead his Hempfield squad to an undefeated season—its second-straight Lancaster-Lebanon League Championship and a District III title—he capped his tenure by guiding Hempfield to its first PIAA AAA Track and Field Championship.

“The stars were aligned this year,” said Bradley. “I was fortunate to have seven state and national level athletes on the team at the same time. Each of these boys was dedicated to achieving at the highest level. At the league, district and state meet, they did exactly that.”

The state championship was a long time coming. Bradley’s program posted a winning dual record in each of his 29 years. But for Bradley, coaching isn’t just about wins and trophies; it’s about making an impact in the lives of the athletes. That idea was born during his career at Millersville, and what he learned from his head coach, Cy Fritz.

“I modeled my coaching after Cy’s style of coaching,” said Bradley. “As one of his athletes for four years and then as his assistant cross country coach for six years, I learned that coaching is not so much the Xs and Os, but caring about kids and providing opportunities for them to achieve at a greater level than they thought was possible.”

“At Millersville, I learned to love cross country and track,” said Bradley. “I believed that every day, no matter what the weather was outside—and March can be brutal—or whether we won or lost the previous meet, my athletes were able to see that I remained in love with the sport and dedicated to making them a better person and a better athlete.”

Athletics adds social media connections

Follow Millersville athletics via the Marauders’ Facebook page and YouTube channel.

Both sites work in conjunction with www.millersvilleathletics.com, the official online source for Millersville athletics. Through Facebook, users can become “fans” of Millersville athletics to receive news, links to stories featuring Millersville athletes and be reminded of upcoming events. Also, they can connect with fellow Millersville fans.

Videos are also linked between Facebook and the YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/millersvillesports.

Commenting and posting on the Facebook “Wall” and YouTube channel has been disabled because representatives from Millersville’s athletic department cannot engage in these forums, according to NCAA regulations.

Millersville requests that fans and alumni comply will all NCAA rules in this matter.

Be sure to sign up at www.millersvilleathletics.com for text messages, free e-newsletters and to view live stats and photo galleries of the Marauders.
Women’s basketball celebrates 75th season

Few women’s basketball programs in Division II have the pedigree of Millersville’s team. It has totaled nine NCAA Tournament appearances and three PSAC Championships since 1983.

The program began in 1918, and 2009-10 season will be its 75th season. Only during the Great Depression and World War II years was the team disbanded. Join the team’s reunion and scrimmage on Saturday, October 24, at Homecoming.

1918  First season finished 2-1 under Gordon Granger.
1925-26  Wilma Trimble leads Millersville to only undefeated season (8-0).
1945-46  Program returns following a 16-year hiatus.
1970-71  Terri Gunder scores school record, 48 points in win over Rowan.
1981-82  Millersville reaches AIAW Division III national semifinal.
1983-84  Millersville wins first PSAC Championship, and Amy Gipprich named Kodak Division III All-American First Team.
1984-85  Shelly Bowie named program’s first PSAC Player of the Year.
1990-91  Mary Fleig hired as Millersville coach.
1999-00  Fleig becomes school’s all-time leader in wins and leads team to single season win record of 25.
2001-02  Sara Burcin finishes career as MU’s all-time leading scorer with 1,543 points.
2007-08  Millersville goes undefeated in PSAC East.
2008-09  Millersville records ninth 20-win season.
From quarterback to wide receiver—in a week

At the start of the 2008 football season, Jamal Smith was coming off a PSAC East Rookie of the Year award and poised for the leadership role of quarterback. He was ready. But things change.

Following the Marauders’ disheartening loss at home to Indiana (Pa.) in week three, offensive coordinator Brad Mangle called in Smith to discuss a change in plans. The coaching staff wanted to give him an opportunity to fully utilize his athleticism. It wouldn’t be as a quarterback, though.

That week, Smith, a criminology major, made the switch from quarterback to wide receiver. Six days later, he started as wide receiver against West Chester, hauling in six catches for 131 yards including a touchdown reception of 80 yards which stood all season as the team’s longest play from scrimmage.

Changing positions in mid-season is difficult for any athlete, and it is especially taxing on the psyche when it might have looked like a demotion to fans and patrons. But Smith handled the move admirably.

“Coach Mangle explained to me that they liked me at quarterback but wanted to give Bill [Shirk] a chance,” said Smith. “I had no problem with it. They said if I didn’t like [wide receiver] I could come back in the spring and compete for the job.”

With Smith and Shirk clicking, the offense hit its stride, averaging more than 26 points per game over its final six outings. Smith didn’t challenge Shirk for the starting job in the spring, understanding that having him at wide receiver was best for the team.

Coming from a military family, some of the characteristics needed to deal with change—understanding, focus, determination—were instilled in him at a young age.

“Part of being the son of a military man is him being strict. At the time, I probably did not understand everything, but I understood as I grew up, and it has really benefited me,” said Smith.

“My dad was the biggest influence on me playing sports,” said Smith. “Growing up I would always work out with my dad, and he would give me advice. I still use that advice.”

Smith, who grew up in Camp Hill, began playing football at the age of five but changed to basketball and track by high school, winning the District 3 high jump championship.

“I played three sports, but basketball was my favorite sport in high school,” said Smith. “I learned a lot on the court that has transitioned into college football. Mental toughness is the biggest thing. Being able to control what you can control and not getting overwhelmed by the moment.”

Smith’s older brother, Johnathan, was also a football and track star. Johnathan recently finished his playing career at the University of Delaware and had a tryout with the Washington Redskins.

Smith is looking forward to the new season. “I might not be the quarterback, but I still try to provide a voice for the team,” said Smith. “Bill is the leader of the team now, but we still need others to step in and help. It helps having more than one person to be vocal. We are young at the wide receiver position, but it’s easier for me to give advice with that year of experience. Playing quarterback taught me to be more vocal and positive.”

Golf fundraiser

Millersville University’s athletics department hosted the eighth annual Black & Gold Golf Classic at Crossgates Golf Club on May 11. The event included 118 golfers and raised approximately $38,000 for athletics.

Football

Saturday, September 19 - Celebrate 120 seasons of Marauder football. Meet the current football team and enjoy a picnic immediately following the game versus West Chester University.

Women’s basketball

Saturday, October 24 - Come out and scrimmage with your former teammates and then enjoy a picnic barbeque at 11:30 a.m. at Pucillo Gymnasium.

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Olympian teams up with Millersville’s field hockey

The Millersville women’s field hockey team got a taste of the sport at its highest level when United States Olympic goalkeeper Amy Tran visited the team and worked a clinic with head coach Shelly Behrens over the summer.

Tran and Behrens are both Harrisburg, Pa., natives and both have experience with the national team. Behrens has served as an assistant coach in Olympic qualifier tournaments.

Tran is considered the world’s best female goalkeeper. She was the starting goalkeeper in the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China, and was the only American named to the 2006 and 2007 World Hockey All-Star Team.

“I am glad we had the chance to have Amy on campus to talk about her Olympic, international and collegiate playing experience as well as the daily life of a professional female athlete,” said Behrens.

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The field hockey team, coming off its best season in nine years, had the opportunity to talk with Tran and ask questions. Following her time with the team, she helped Behrens and the Millersville athletes run the Shoot-N-Save clinic, which had youth players as well as coaches in attendance.

“It was an honor to have Amy Tran visit Millersville,” said senior, Nicole Rayson. “It was amazing to hear firsthand the experiences Tran had in Beijing. She inspired us.”

Millersville’s new softball field gets state award

The newly renovated Millersville University softball field has been recognized as a “field of distinction” by the Keystone Athletic Field Managers Organization (KAFMO).

With a seating capacity of 250, the softball field hosted its first game in March 2008. Improvements to the field include a climate-controlled press box, a concession stand and a new scoreboard behind the left field fence. The field also features a newly installed warning track, a new sound system and lights for night games.

KAFMO examines the quality of the athletic fields in Pennsylvania and is committed to improving the fields. The field of distinction award distinguishes the Pennsylvania athletic field that stands out and is taken to the next level in the form of its safety, appearance and playability.
Class Notes

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Scleroderma Society. Roberta was diagnosed with MS in 1988.

Anne M. (Golab) Skilton ‘53, Collegeville, celebrated her 50th anniversary with husband, John ’53, on 12/27/08.

Ronald K. Good ’59, Ephrata, and his wife June, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 5/31/09.

1960s

Reunions for the Class of 1964 (45th reunion) and Class of 1969 (40th reunion) will hold dinners on Saturday, October 24, 2009.

Leo Shelley ’64, Lancaster, retired in July 2008 from the faculty of Millersville University after 41 years as a reference librarian. He also served as academic chair of the library department and, from 2005-2008 as senior faculty member, was the mace bearer at Millersville commencements.

Eric S. McClellan ’69, New Providence, retired from Normandeau Associates, Inc., Muddy Run Ecological Lab after 39 years as a senior environmental scientist. He also served as the corporation’s quality assurance manager for the past 25 years.

Tennis ace

Being a professional tennis player takes time, commitment and a lot of tennis balls.

Andrew Stoner ’86 has put this recipe together with dedication and practice to win 14 gold tennis balls or national titles.

Currently, he is ranked #1 nationally in the United States Tennis Association’s Men’s 45’s division. He is also ranked #5 in the world by the International Tennis Federation (ITF).

Recently, Stoner was tapped to be on the United States 2009 Men’s 45’s Dubler Cup International Tennis Team. The Dubler Cup is part of the 2009 ITF’s world team championships, which were played in Spain on April 27 – May 2, 2009. More than 700 of the world’s best tennis players participated in the championships.

“IT was an honor to represent our country playing in the Dubler Cup in Mallorca, Spain. I had never been to Spain before and I was really excited about the opportunity,” Stoner said. “We played on red clay and finished seventh out of 24 teams. I look forward to representing my country again in the 2010 Dubler Cup in Mexico City.”

Over the past year, he has also won the Men’s 45 singles title at the 2008 Fiesta Bowl and the 2009 Babolat World Tennis Championships Men’s 45 singles and 40’s mixed doubles title.

While attending Millersville, Stoner was a two-time All-American, and won five Pennsylvania Athletic Conference titles in singles and doubles. He was inducted into Millersville’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004.

Stoner started playing tennis at a young age with the help of his mother. “When I was younger, my mom would bring me to tournaments and watch me play,” said Stoner. She crafted a necklace out of his baby bracelet, inscribed “STONER,” which he takes great pride in.

“My mom died a few years ago. Every time I go out to compete in a tennis tournament I put that necklace on for good luck. I feel my mom is still cheering me on. I feel she is still with me,” said Stoner.

Stoner operates the Andy Stoner Tennis Academy and is also the director of tennis at Gainey Ranch Estate Club in Scottsdale, Arizona. With more than 20 years of teaching experience, he has coached nationally ranked juniors and has worked with the Association of Tennis Professionals and Women’s Tennis Association touring professionals.

1940s

Class of 1949: 60th reunion luncheon will be on October 24, 2009.

1950s

Class of 1959: 50th reunion will be a dinner on October 24, 2009.

Donald A. Vannan ‘52, Bloomsburg, continues to volunteer with Hospice since his retirement as an elementary education professor at Bloomsburg University in 1990.

Roberta (Borgstede) Fiorito ’53, King of Prussia, along with her daughter, raised more than $5,000 for the National Multiple...
Quakers in Lancaster county.

Presbyterians, Methodists and on the history of the Scotch-Irish and three separate monographs Happened in Lancaster County, has published an history of Ross I. Morrison '73M, Lancaster, Power, Politics, and Pedagogy. Education in Queer Contexts:

Robert J. Hill '73, Lawrenceville, Ga., co-authored the new scholarly book, Adult and Higher Education in Queer Contexts: Power, Politics, and Pedagogy.

Ross I. Morrison '73M, Lancaster, has published an history of Lancaster County titled, It Happened in Lancaster County, and three separate monographs on the history of the Scotch-Irish Presbyterians, Methodists and Quakers in Lancaster County. Robert H. Thompson Jr. '73, Lancaster, joined the law firm of Jacques H. Geisenberger Jr. as senior associate attorney. He had been legal counsel to state Senator Gib Armstrong before Armstrong’s retirement.

Jeff Bradley ’74, Lancaster, retired in June after 35 years as a teacher and coach, mostly at Hempfield School District, and the last 29 years as the head coach of Hempfield’s boys’ track and field team (see page 25).

Connie J. (Reddig) Kirby ’74, ’81M, Lititz, retired in June after 35 years as a science teacher at Ephrata Middle School.

Jerri Anne (Helsel) Johnson ’76, Lancaster, received the Star Mentor Award at the Millersville Mentoring Alliance Program banquet in April based on her work with her student mentee.

Mike Lewis ’77, Lewistown, serves as the assistant director of the Mifflin-Juniata Career and Technology Center.

Carol J. “CJ” Whitaker ’77, 91M, Millersville, teaches English as a second language at Leola Elementary School.

Cindy L. Cover ’78, Lancaster, was promoted to vice president of business operations with Markley Actuarial, a full-service retirement planning firm.

Marsha Zehner ’78M, Camp Hill, serves as superintendent of the Annville-Cleona School District, a position she has held for the past 15 years.

1980s

Will Lewis ’80, Renton, Wash., was inducted into the Pennridge-Quakertown Area Hall of Fame in May. He played defensive back in the NFL with the Seattle Seahawks and Kansas City Chiefs. He has served as director of pro personnel with the Seahawks since 1999.

Steve Morgan ’81, Norfolk, Va., retired from the Marine Corps in 2008. He served in combat arms, intelligence and logistics assignments and commanded troops during Desert Storm and Operation Enduring Freedom. He is now working in the civilian intelligence community.

Janet (Stahlman) Baer ’82, Columbia, serves as principal of Centerville Elementary School at Hempfield School District.


Jeffrey Geisel ’83, Schnecksville, was named athletic director of the Parkland School District. He has served as their assistant director of school services for the past 20 years.

Cindy L. (Myers) Munro ’83, Richmond, Va., received the 2009 Outstanding Nurse Alumnus Award from the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Nursing, where she received her Ph.D. and has served as a professor since 1992.

William King ’85, Scranton, was appointed as superintendent of the Scranton School District, where has been employed since 1985.

John J. Massaro ’85, Kutztown, was named senior vice president at Wachovia Wealth Management.

Elizabeth A. Schalk ’85, Lancaster, was named residential mortgage foreclosure manager for Fulton Mortgage Co. She previously worked as director of the Lancaster Housing Opportunity Partnership’s community home buyer program.

Steve Brubaker ’86, Lititz, was promoted to chief vision officer of Water Street Ministries. Previously, he served as the director of residential ministries for Water Street Mission.

Caroline C. Marshall-Loy ’86, Lemoyne, serves as an autism support teacher at Milestones Achievement Center in Harrisburg.

Michelle (Delamain) Salinas ’87, Lancaster, operates Your Language Connection, a business that offers instruction in eight languages and a translating service. She also continues to teach at School District of Lancaster.

John R. Sebelist II ’87, Lancaster, joined the East Hempfield office of Weichert, Realtors - Engle & Hambright.

Virginia Ackiewicz ’88, ’01M, Lancaster, was inducted into the Shenandoah Valley Wall of Fame during this year’s high school commencement. She was honored for her work in education as a national board certified teacher specializing in early and middle
childhood art. She also coaches basketball.

David Breniser ‘88, Willow Street, was appointed as a new trustee of the Lancaster Farmland Trust. He serves as senior vice president and commercial sales manager of PNC Bank.

Pam (Blymire) McCartney ‘89, Lititz, serves as director of instructional services for Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13.

1990s

Lynn (Duckart) Carney ‘90, Hummelstown, is one of only 70 outstanding K-12 teachers from across America to receive the 2009 Milken Educator Award. She teaches at Tri-Community Elementary School.

Scott Deisley ‘90, ‘92M, Lititz, joined Spring Grove Area School District as assistant superintendent.

Joseph Morales ‘90, Lancaster, serves as executive director of Lancaster Community Safety Coalition.

Gregory B. Williams ‘90, Chester, has been appointed by the governor to the Judicial Nominating Committee for the State of Delaware. He is a partner at Fox Rothschild LLP.

Jon Landis ‘91, ‘03M, York, was the commencement speaker for Penn State York. He is an assistant professor for educational leadership and technology at Millersville University.


Rebecca L. Pound, M.D. ‘93, Chambersburg, a family physician, joined EPIQ Family Medicine in Chambersburg.

Ronald Shealer ‘93, State College, was named one of 12 finalists for Pennsylvania’s Teacher of the Year award for 2009. He is a technology education teacher in the State College Area School District.

Jeff Bowman ‘94, Willow Street, joined Engle & Hambright Realtors as an agent in their East Hempfield offices.

Beth (Sahm) Cardwell ‘94, Lancaster, celebrated the grand opening of her business, Beth Cardwell Photography, in July.

Kim (Utterback) Marucci ‘94, E. Fallowfield Township, serves as coordinator of social studies and world languages at the School District of Lancaster.

Jeffrey G. Phillips ‘94, ‘00M, Springfield, Va., serves as chief of the Environmental Programs Division, NAB-ARE, at the Army National Guard Readiness Center in Arlington, Va. He holds the rank of colonel.

Nicholas Rider, D.O., ‘95, Lancaster, joined the Clinic for Special Children, Strasburg, as a pediatrician serving the Plain community and patients with genetic disorders. He recently completed an allergy and immunology fellowship at Hershey Medical Center.

Joanne (Rupp) Shuman ‘96, Baden, was promoted to senior investigator with Pennsylvania’s Department of Banking.

Jennifer Powell ‘97, Lancaster, earned the designation Certified Fundraising Professional. She is the executive director of Clare House, a transitional shelter for homeless women and children.

Matthew Weidman ‘97, West Chester, was named the director of Widener University’s Exton campus. He also serves on the faculty at its Lifelong Learning Institute.

Christopher Garchinsky ‘98, Lebanon, earned his doctorate in educational leadership and learning technologies from Drexel University in June 2009. He is the principal of Fredericksburg Elementary School in the Northern Lebanon School District and is an adjunct professor at Lebanon Valley College.

Dora Hauptman ‘98, Philadelphia, is the director of project management for MVI, a pioneer of pharmaceutical marketing products geared to healthcare providers.


Ian Baker ‘99, Harrisburg, joined Lower Dauphin School District as the boys’ lacrosse head coach.

Brian Lownsbery ‘99, Elizabethtown, was named the director of technology for Elizabethtown Area School District.

Hollie (Monskie) Mendenhall ‘99, Lancaster, earned her master’s degree in music education research from West Chester University in May 2007.

2000s

Constantina Zavitsanos ‘00, Philadelphia, had her artwork featured in the final exhibition of the Wind Challenge at Fleisher Art Memorial, Delaware Valley’s premier juried artist exhibition program.

Jennifer E. Bates ‘01, Lake Como, N.J., earned a master’s degree in training and organizational development from Saint Joseph’s University in Philadelphia. She currently serves the American Red Cross Biomedical headquarters in Washington, D.C. She is a trained black belt project leader practicing the Six Sigma methodology.

Gianfranco D’Angelo ‘01, Jackson, N.J., was promoted to project manager at HealthCare Software, Inc.

Joseph Bauer ‘02, Fleetwood, earned his master’s degree in educational leadership from Wilkes University.
Karla (King) Gibson ’02, Lancaster, received her master’s degree with a concentration to teach English to speakers of other languages from Shenandoah University in May 2009.

Michael Gunkle ’02, Newport, joined Newport High School as the head football coach.

Jennifer Kruger ’02, Myerstown, launched a personal chef business called Fressen. She currently works at the Caron Treatment Center in Wernersville.

Bernard McGinty III ’02, Lititz, joined Cedar Crest High School as the assistant principal.

John N. Stauffer ’02, Mountville, was named assistant vice president and office manager at the Akron branch of Ephrata National Bank.

Andrew Sharp ’03, Stone Creek, Ohio, accepted the appointment to coach Hesston College’s softball team. He is also an admissions counselor at the college.

Michael Rovito ’03, Philadelphia, joined Temple University as an assistant professor in the Department of Public Health.

Jonathan Burns ’04, Lancaster, is part of a comedy duo, known as The Showoff Show, which is touring college campuses across the country.

Leah Zurner ’03, Lancaster, owns the East Side Community Kitchen in Lancaster, runs a catering business called Your Dinner Bell and produces a line of kid-focused prepared foods called Little Piggy.

Jacquelyn (Wolfe) Horst ’06, Shillington, received her Doctor of Optometry degree from Pennsylvania College of Optometry in May 2009.

Ashley (Wakefield) Shelly ’06, Ephrata, was hired as director of Leola Nursery School.

Shannon (Harter) Bower ’07, Elizabethtown, was promoted to program coordinator of Clare House.

Kenneth Cislak ’07, Fairless Hills, teaches math at Ephrata High School.

Paul Justice ’08, Wernersville, joined Century 21 Advance Realty, Exeter Township, as a realtor.

Katie Fritz ’09M, Manheim, released her second album, “Sweep Me Away.”

Marriages

Ed Gibbs ’75 and Priscilla Circelli, 9/20/08.

Monica L. Weiss ’86, ’92M and Stuart L. Nolen, 7/5/08.

Rebecca Pound ’93 and Michael Blumberg, 5/18/09.


Janelle M. White ’97 and John Wengert, 5/30/09.


David Longabaugh ’99 and Chelsea Crowe, 5/30/09.

Aaron Clevenstine ’01 and Olga Gai, 10/25/08.

Bradley Seltzer ’01 and Stacy Lynne Granberry, 7/14/08.

Michelle Sheaffer ’03 and Jeremy Brubaker, 6/28/08.

Leah Zurner ’03 and Jon Ross, 8/30/08.

Elizabeth Gillette ’04 and Jeffery Rood ’04, 5/30/09.

Alesha Harper ’04 and Maurice Bueno ’07, 2/2/08.

Lisa Pankey ’04 and Geoff Pawlikowski, 7/18/08.

April Adams ’05 and Josh Gastley, 9/20/08.

Sarah Fuge ’05 and Jason Lawrence ’05, 6/27/09.

Kristen L. Fisher ’06 and Rory J.G. Bender, 9/13/08.

Faith Niesley ’06 and Luc Gischler, 10/11/08.

Heather Shirk ’06 and Timothy Stoltzfus, 3/14/09.

Ashley Wakefield ’06 and Stephen Shelly, 3/3/07.

Jennifer Wascavage ’06 and Brian Carr, 3/1/09.

Jacquelyn Wolfe ’06 and Justin Horst, 5/11/09.

Jennifer Berta ’08 and Thomas Legath, 6/14/08.

Erica Corsnitz ’08 and Zach Cheese, 7/26/08.

Births

Kimberly (Phillips) Alpert ’90 and husband Dion, a daughter, Delilah Jude, on 9/30/08.

Blake Morris ’94 and wife Tanya (Groner) ’00, a daughter, Brooke Ann, on 1/27/09.
Amy (Hessenthaler) Katsikis ‘95 and husband George, a son, Christopher Edmund, on 7/22/08. Nicholas Rider ‘95 and wife Tonya (Barley) ‘95, a daughter, Vivian Elizabeth, on 4/21/09. Christine (Miller) Corl ‘96 and husband Jeremy, a daughter, Shelby Mae, on 4/10/09. Daniel Hollinger ‘96 and wife Kelly (McGee) ‘97, a daughter, Kaitlyn Marian, on 1/29/09.


Danielle (DeLuca) Scheer ‘97 and husband Robert, a son, Owen and wife Vivian, on 4/16/09. Michelle (Yonosh) Barbieri ‘98 and husband Scott, a daughter, Danielle (DeLuca) Scheer ‘97, on 5/18/07. Michael Manning ‘01 and wife Mary (Haist) ‘02, a son, Grant Sumner, on 5/19/09.

Rachel (Zufelt) Jurman ‘03 and husband Daniel, a son, Henry Edison, on 1/30/09. Ashley (Wakefield) Shelly ‘06 and husband Stephen, a daughter, Stevey Madelyn, on 10/5/08.

Deaths
Florence “Flossie” (Walter) Newpher ‘29, Lancaster, died on 5/29/09, at the age of 100. She was a teacher at the Weaveland one-room schoolhouse and a substitute teacher for the School District of Lancaster for many years.

Paul B. Devlin ‘35, Rutherford, N.J., died on 11/17/08, at the age of 97. He retired as principal of Lakeland Regional High School in 1972 and later as assistant athletic director of Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Arlene (Mylin) Herr ‘44, Willow Street, died on 5/24/09, at the age of 87. She was a teacher for 25 years and owned the Horseshoe Grill and Miniature Golf Course in Willow Street with her husband for 30 years.

Frances L. MacRae ‘45, Dade City, Fla., died on 3/3/09, at the age of 89. She began her teaching career in a one-room schoolhouse and retired as a elementary school teacher in 1985.

Mary Helen (Morrin) Hertzler ‘47, Lancaster, died on 4/30/09, at the age of 83. She was a teacher for several years.

Sarah (Worth) Belt ‘50, Meridian, Idaho, died on 1/24/09, at the age of 80. She was a retired medical librarian with Central Washington Hospital Library.

Levere A. Breighner ‘50, Gettysburg, died on 4/25/09, at the age of 84. He was the first and only certified industrial arts teacher at New Oxford in 1951 and retired in 1982 as the head of the department. In 32 years, he never missed a day of work due to illness.

Robert L. Miller ‘50, Vero Beach, Fla., died on 8/24/08, at the age of 81. A retired teacher, he served in the Marine Corps during World War II. He was the first Pa. State wrestling champion from Lancaster. He was on the Marauders wrestling squad that won Millersville’s first PSAC championship and was inducted into the Pennsylvania District 3 Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Ralph F. Eberle ‘52, Millersville, died on 5/1/09, at the age of 79. He served as pastor at several churches until his retirement from Jordan Lutheran Church in 1995.

Lynford H. Rowland Jr. ‘52, Solomons, Md., died on 1/5/09, at the age of 78. He retired in 1989 from teaching industrial arts for 30 years in Philadelphia.

Emily J. (Morris) Thompson ‘53, Dover, Del., died on 3/23/09, at the age of 79. She was a retired driver education teacher with the Hempfield School District.

Theodore P. Smith ‘57, Hilton, died on 10/15/08, at the age of 79. He retired in 1989 from the Township of Ocean School District in New Jersey where he was a senior high art teacher and chairman of the art department.

Donald E. Stauffer ‘58, Denver, died on 6/29/09, at the age of 77. He was a teacher for 35 years with the Cocalico School District.

Patrick J. Kelly ‘59, Gettysburg, died on 5/12/09, at the age of 71. He was a retired industrial arts teacher from Waynesboro Area School District.

Wilma L. McCleary ‘60, Dallastown, died on 10/2/08, at the age of 70. She was a retired elementary teacher from the Central York School District and volunteered at the York Literacy Council.

Laura E. (Marsh) Nutter ‘60, Mount Lookout, W. Va., died on 5/30/09, at the age of 85. She was an industrial arts teacher at Susquenita High School.

Lester M. Snyder ‘55, Tempe, Ariz., died on 4/7/09, at the age of 76. He was professor emeritus of counseling psychology at Arizona State University. A star tennis player while at Millersville, he was president the United States Tennis Association (USTA) from 1995-96 and was instrumental in planning the Arthur Ashe Stadium and the expansion of the USTA National Tennis Center. He was inducted into the USTA Hall of Fame in 1997.

Dorothy L. (Kain) Barsuman ‘57, ‘66M, Lancaster, died on 5/31/09, at the age of 92. She was a teacher at Buchanan Elementary School, retiring with more than 22 years of service.

Jarl L. “Jerry” Nohrenberg ‘57, Denver, died on 4/29/09, at the age of 77. He was a retired driver education teacher with the Hempfield School District.

James McGee ‘92, Millersville, died on 2/6/09, at the age of 85. He volunteered at the York Literacy Council.
taught at Lancaster General Hospital's School of Nursing and was an associate professor of nursing at Cumberland College. **Joan (Rudy) Holzbauer ’63, ’72M, Lititz,** died on 4/26/09, at the age of 87. She retired as a school psychologist with the IU-13. **Ronald M. Striebig ’65,** York, died on 5/23/09, at the age of 66. He served as a middle school teacher for 37 years, retiring in 2001 from Dallastown Area School District. **Mildred (Strunk) Donnon ’66M,** Lancaster, died on 6/2/09, at the age of 93. During her career as an educator, she supervised student teachers at Millersville University and taught at Millersville's Lab School. She also taught at public schools in several states. **Charles "Bud" Ortman ’66,** Yardley, died on 5/5/09, at the age of 67. He retired in 1999 from Council Rock High School North, where he was a cooperative-education coordinator. **Richard S. Kehr ’67,** Dallastown, died on 1/6/09, at the age of 63. He was a world cultures teacher at Dallastown Area School District for 31 years and the golf coach for 40 years. He was a Gift of Life donor. **Mary O. Bradley ’68,** Harrisburg, died on 4/23/09, at the age of 62. She was a journalist with The Patriot News for 40 years and was an authority on Harrisburg-area history. One of her most popular regular columns was the Cornerstone, which was about local history. Photo credit: Christopher Millette. **Roger B. Clark ’68,** Glenside, died on 4/25/09, at the age of 61. He was a mathematics teacher with the Norristown Area School District for 24 years and an adjunct professor at Montgomery County Community College. **Elizabeth L. F. Husted ’68,** Columbia, died on 4/7/09, at the age of 82. She retired after a 50 year career of providing care as a nurse, physical therapist and home health care worker. **Terry Allen Kauffman ’68,** Lititz, died on 5/10/09, at the age of 63. A former teacher at Warwick School District, he retired in 2005 as athletic director. **Mabel Thomas ’68,** Columbia, died on 5/10/09, at the age of 88. She taught senior English at Coatesville Area High School. **Grace C. (Thompson) Young ’69,** York, died on 4/6/09, at the age of 92. She was a retired elementary school teacher. **Kenneth D. Fleming, M.D., ’75,** Lancaster, died on 5/28/09, at the age of 56. He practiced medicine for more than 25 years, most recently as the sole practitioner at Pediatric Partners PC in Lititz. **Brian J. Moyer ’84,** Skippack, died on 12/1/08, at the age of 47. He was a freelance graphic artist and was formerly employed by Interactive Graphics, Inc., in King of Prussia, for more than 20 years. **R. Allen Stanley ’96,** Lancaster, died on 5/27/09, at the age of 44. He worked at Lancaster Regional Medical Center as a registered nurse for several years. **Lori L. (Farmer) Phenegar ’00,** Strasburg, died on 5/6/09, at the age of 35. She was a substitute teacher for Penn Manor and Lampeter-Strasburg school districts.

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**Remembrances**

**Jacqueline Long,** Lititz, died on 5/31/09, at the age of 74. She was an associate professor emerita of French at Millersville University. Born in France, she experienced the German occupation of her country during World War II. In 1962, she received a Fulbright grant to teach French in the United States. A year later she joined the Millersville faculty, and retired in 1999. From 1983 to 1997, she was the director of the French Summer Graduate Program and established the Jean-Paul Lévy Scholarship for students attending the program. She regularly organized trips for French majors to attend exhibitions of the work of French artists at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Metropolitan Museum of Art and other galleries. She was an avid volunteer and outdoors enthusiast who loved hiking, mountain climbing and skiing.

**Willard O. Havemeier,** Lancaster, died 3/17/09, at the age 89. Serving in the U.S. Army during World War II, he was assigned to the 32nd Station Hospital in Algeria at the height of the North African Campaign, and wrote a history of the hospital (www.havemeier.com). He spent his career at Trans America Life Insurance Company and retired as the vice president for claims. After retirement he studied computer science at Millersville University where he worked for 28 years in the instructional media center and the computer lab until 2004. He was devoted to Millersville and its students and established the Willard O. and Dr. Catherine Gibson Havemeier Scholarships in Computer Science and in Football.

**Melva S. McIlwaine,** Millersville, died on 6/20/09, at the age of 85. She was married to Dr. William B. McIlwaine, who is professor emeritus of science education, teaching at Millersville from 1958 to 1991, and continues to serve on the University’s Council of Trustees. She was the first office manager for the Faculty Association of Millersville University and was an active member of the Millersville Women's Club, MU Campus Club, Lancaster Women's Symphony Association and her church, First United Methodist Church of Millersville.

**Ralph L. Nace,** Columbia died 3/29/09, at the age of 83. He retired in 1987 after 20 years at Millersville University where he worked as a painter. During World War II, he served as a U.S. Marine in the European Theater of Operations.

**Charlotte Chalffant Voris,** Glastonbury, Conn., died on 12/31/08, at the age of 87. She was the former director of housekeeping at Millersville University from 1969 until her retirement in 1989.
Dick and Elaine Blouse are forever grateful to Millersville University for one reason. Well, maybe two.

“I met Elaine at a dance at Millersville and we’ve been married for 42 years,” says Dick Blouse. “And I think we both received a strong foundation for our careers.”

The couple graduated from Millersville in 1967 with education degrees, and two years later Dick completed his master’s degree in education.

Dick concentrated in chemistry and physical science, and later became a science teacher at Southwestern High School and Gettysburg High School. Elaine taught kindergarten at Southwestern in Hanover.

After that, Dick took his foundation in education and transformed it into a lifelong career as a “chamber man.” Over the past 37 years, Blouse has been in executive positions with the chamber of commerce organizations representing Hanover, Oil City, Pottstown and Greenville (N.C.). From 1979-1988, he headed the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Since 1994, he has been president and CEO of the Detroit Regional Chamber. Under his leadership, Detroit has emerged as the largest chamber of commerce in the U.S. with 23,000 members, some 100 employees and a $20 million budget. Blouse has also created the Detroit Regional Economic Partnership and Coalition for Regional Transit, established partnerships with nine diverse business associations, increased financial stability with a daily cash flow of $5.6 million and created the Design Regional Detroit Initiative.

“The economy of Detroit naturally hinges on the automotive industry, but the chamber is developing initiatives intended to support small businesses and new businesses,” says Dick.

“I’ve basically been a chamber wife,” admits Elaine. “Every time I got settled in a job, Dick was moving the family to the latest chamber. But I still had opportunities to do work I enjoyed.”

One of those was raising their two sons. Once they were older, Elaine worked as program director for the Lancaster County Art Association, for Greenfield Associates, Upstate Visual Arts, the United Way and then CareHouse in Michigan—a volunteer position that has touched her heart the most.

“CareHouse is a center where a team works on child abuse cases to help the children,” says Elaine. “I can’t think of anything that matters more than protecting children.”

Dick and Elaine established a scholarship fund to help students attend Millersville.

“We help to fund a particular student who is studying education, who might not otherwise be able to afford Millersville. That means a lot to Dick and me,” says Elaine. “And we know it means a lot to the student.”

The Blouses believe that Millersville gave them the groundwork for careers that serve others, and helped them become better citizens of the world.

“I came to Millersville with my twin sister, Phyllis (Fordney) Giberson ’67, and I met many different people and studied education, which helped me in teaching and raising our sons,” says Elaine, adding that the Blouses now have four grandchildren.

Dick, who will be retiring in 2010, remains in the Detroit area throughout the year, while Elaine has been spending more and more time at their home in the Southport area of North Carolina.

Hailed for his skill, leadership, vision and collaboration with the Detroit Regional Chamber, Blouse has transformed the organization into a regional, national and international force, while Elaine has focused on working with children in need.

“Our educational background at Millersville has served us well, and we want to share that with students who will make a difference in their worlds,” says Dick.