Welcome Center
First Impressions Count
The trend for recruiting prospective students revolves around a personalized approach found at the University’s new Welcome Center.
Barb Stengel, Fulbright scholar

Dr. Barbara S. Stengel (pictured at right), professor in Millersville’s School of Education, spent the fall in Portugal as a Fulbright scholar researching “Facing Fear in Educational Interactions” at the Universidade de Evora (University of Evora).

In addition to teaching several guest sequences including teacher education, master’s level psychology, philosophy and educational administration, Stengel worked on a book that examines how fear impedes learning and growth in all kinds of educational settings. “If I realize that often my students are afraid rather than lazy or angry, then I will respond more appropriately and help them to move through their fear toward growth,” explained Stengel.

Mara Rekiu Anderson, an adjunct faculty member from the School of Education, also received a Fulbright Scholar grant to study foreign language methodology in Latvia from February to July 2009.

Other Millersville faculty who have received Fulbright Awards are: Francis J. Bremer, professor of history, United Kingdom (1993-92); Marlene S. Arnold, professor of sociology and anthropology, Greece (1979-80); Harold L. Drake, professor of communication and theatre, Egypt (1978-79); Charles Nusky, adjunct professor of geography, Brazil (1963-64); and Leon Miller, professor of philosophy, Germany (1957).

Alicia Byler

Alicia Byler is committed to always challenging herself. Graduating with a degree in fine arts, she evolved into an entrepreneur and put her love for art to good use as the owner of Lancaster’s Mammalicious & Smilin’ Gal.

The shop offers a funky and eclectic mix of vintage home furnishings and accessories, fashion accessories, children’s toys and candy, oddities, and other quirky goodies. And, how’s business? Alicia says, “So far, it’s been great.”

Alicia is one of 19 alumni, students, faculty and staff members who are appearing in a series of television commercials promoting the benefits of a Millersville University education. Look for the commercials to air on Central Pennsylvania TV stations beginning in January 2009.

To learn more, about Alicia and other Millersville “stars,” visit www.millersville.edu

Ask the Archives

Ganser Library’s Special Collections offers a treasure trove of fascinating information and artifacts. If you have questions for the archives, call 717-872-3024 or email SpecialCollections@millersville.edu. Special Collections is located on the 4th floor of Ganser Library.

Q: A researcher from Indiana requested a transcript of Captain John Bassler’s Reminiscences of the First Days of Fighting at Gettysburg, an address he delivered in 1895 at Albright Collegiate Institute (known today as Albright College in Reading).

A: Here’s what we found:

The copy of the transcript was sent but the researcher noticed it was incomplete. Student assistant Hannah Charlton discovered that three pages of the handwritten manuscript had never been transcribed. She transcribed these pages and sent them to the researcher who then wrote:

The remaining segment of Captain Bassler’s manuscript that you sent contained an account of the actions that day of one of my ancestors [my great, great uncle] – John Hammel. I have been searching for years to uncover details of his death at the battle of Gettysburg and finally came across a reference to Captain Bassler’s manuscript. Bassler was my relative’s company commander at the battle. It turns out that John Hammel died very heroically in an incident that is often written about in the accounts of the first day of the Gettysburg battle. I didn’t know until now about my great great uncle’s part in that battle. Thank you again.

John H. Bassler was born in Lebanon County, Pa., and educated at the Lancaster County Normal School (1887-1888), and then became the principal of Myerstown Academy. During the Civil War, Bassler assisted in recruiting soldiers and formed the Jackson Guard, which was mustered as Company C of the 140th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Bassler was commissioned as its captain. At Gettysburg, on July 1, 1863, Captain Bassler was severely wounded in the leg not far from McPherson’s barn. Following the war, Bassler worked for the railroad in Pennsylvania and California. In 1880, he returned to Myerstown where he opened a creamery business and died in 1916.

Beginning with this issue of the Millersville Review, a new digital edition of the magazine is being introduced. It includes all of the content of our printed magazine along with interactive features such as links to register for alumni events, video clips, searching capabilities, easy zoom in and out, ability to bookmark pages, email articles, add notes, etc.

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Elementary students enjoy first day of college

Teachers Doreen Hershey ’83 and Mindy Fineberg ’02 returned to their alma mater in September. Joining them were more than 30 first and second graders from Fritz Elementary School where they both teach.

The field trip to Millersville University was titled “Welcome to Your First Day of College.” It started at the new Welcome Center (see page 14) with a presentation by Dr. Doug Zander, director of admissions. Then, Millersville student tour guides showed their young charges around campus.

The students visited Bemesder-fer Center where they got to see the president’s office. Other stops were the pond, the swan, the library and the Student Memorial Center. A favorite part of the tour was the residence hall where they got to see a real college dorm room (see above photo). One student commented on how small the room was.

Students completed a writing assignment in advance of the field trip and mailed the postcards to their parents from campus. The tour ended at Goddard Hall where the students were thrilled to have all the chocolate ice cream and french fries they wanted. The students had their pictures taken with Skully, the Marauder mascot’s sideskick.

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Federal judge dismisses lawsuit

In December, Federal Judge Paul Diamond issued a verdict in favor of five Millersville University administrators and against Stacey Snyder ’06. The charges against the University had been dismissed against Stacey Snyder ’06. The charges against the University had been dismissed after the death of her mother from complications of appendectomy surgery. Following his bachelor’s degree, he spent four years as Temple University Medical School, then six years urology residency, two years of transplant research and three years at a urologic oncology fellowship. That amounts to 15 years of the 30 years since he graduated from Millersville. “Each success built upon itself,” he emphasized. Graduating second in his class at medical school led to Pettaway being tapped by the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School for one of the country’s top urology residencies. Pettaway assured the new graduates and others in attendance that “you can find your passion” and “grow” it toward a successful, invigorating life and career.

Winter commencement

December 14, 2008, was a day for 421 undergraduate and 56 graduate students and their friends and family to celebrate their academic accomplishments. It was also a time to think ahead to what is next. Millersville alumnus Dr. Curtis A. Pettaway ’78 delivered an inspiring commencement address titled, “Following Your Passion Toward Success.” It is a subject he knows well.

His passion came to him when he was 10 years old, following the death of his mother from complications of appendicitis. Pettaway said, “I couldn’t imagine how in the world that could happen and my mission was to prevent that from happening to anybody else. That event crystallized medicine in my mind and it was going to happen. Period.”

Pettaway admitted that during his years at the University he had a great time including parties, pledging Omega Psi Phi fraternity and meeting his wife, Janice (Quarles) ’78 who also attended the commencement ceremony.

He said, “While I wasn’t on track 100 percent of the time, the passion that I had in me for a medical career kept me balanced and in the books when I needed to be.”

He recounted the steps that led him to his current position as a urologist and professor of urology and cancer biology at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. Following his bachelor’s degree from Millersville, he spent four years at Temple University Medical School, then six years urology residency.

It took 23 years for Dr. Rita Smith Wade-El to learn one of the most important lessons at Millersville University. “I just couldn’t believe the outpouring of caring and concern from the Millersville community, my students, faculty, everyone. It is incredible,” says Smith Wade-El.

She discovered her Millersville support system earlier this year when she was diagnosed with triple negative breast cancer, a rare, aggressive form of cancer that often strikes black women. When she began chemotherapy and lost her trademark dreadlocks, some of her male students actually shaved their own heads to show support and “Go Bald 4 Rita.”

Students organized a fundraising race, Race 4 Rita, to raise money to help cover Smith Wade-El’s medical bills and to benefit the Triple Negative Breast Cancer Foundation. All the while, Smith Wade-El has seen how her tireless work to benefit the community has come full circle. An involved volunteer for countless organizations, such as Compeer Lancaster, Crispus Attucks and Sacred Heart Catholic Church, she has now made it her personal mission to help other women learn about the dangerous cancer that affects primarily African-American, Latino and younger women, organizing an educational forum for the community.

She continues to teach classes at Millersville, where she is a psychology professor, director of the African-American Studies Program and co-director of the Ethnic Studies Learning Community Freshman Experience. Her areas of specialization include learning, development, racism, diversity and African-American studies.

“Some days I am very tired, other days I feel pretty good,” says Smith-Wade-El. “Known for her indomitable spirit and high energy, Smith-Wade-El is not one to rest for long. She describes herself as ‘hyperactive, strong-willed, persevering and committed.’ She is also deeply touched by everything her students have done for her.”

When the Race 4 Rita was held in October, she was not feeling well enough to attend. When she saw the videos with friends and family, she said, “It is very moving.”

Smith-Wade-El has seen tremendous changes and advances in diversity. The University has steadily added courses and programs in African-American studies, Latino studies and women’s studies, as well as held events like the Black Culture Celebration. Many agree that Smith-Wade-El has played a major role in the changes she sees it as a willingness to accept change and move ahead.

For that, she is grateful. “Millersville supports new and different things. If you have an idea, they are open to it,” she says. An avid traveler who loves to keep moving, Smith-Wade-El admits that she only sits down for two things: reading a favorite science fiction novel or watching Japanese anime, a type of animation with a characteristic stylized art technique.

“I could watch it for hours,” she says of her secret passion. “It intrigues me.”

Through the challenges of breast cancer, Smith-Wade-El has become a crusader in educating at-risk black women so that she can help save lives. More than ever, she has learned the value of her friends, colleagues, students and family. “I had no idea how caring people could be,” she says. “It is very moving.”

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Rita Smith Wade-El is fighting a new battle with a rare form of breast cancer.
They met at the library, in the laundry room, at the pond and at a pep rally. They met in history class, over the radio airwaves, waiting tables in the cafeteria and when he tackled her at a touch football game. There are hundreds of stories of love at first sight, love after friendship and love that lasts forever at Millersville University. There are hundreds of couples who have been married as long as 10, 20, 30, 40 and more than 50 years. Perhaps the romance was a gentle spark, or a fully ignited passion. It all began at Millersville.

Brian '02 & Allison '02 Fawcett

One Millersville graduate—Brian Fawcett—was named the Most Romantic Man of 2004 by the Oprah Winfrey show. His wife, Allison (Bladt) Fawcett, knows she hit the jackpot with Brian and treasures their romance that first bloomed at Millersville.

“Brian and I met in 1999 at a sorority party,” recalls Allison. Brian proposed to her shortly after she began teaching first grade in the Norristown area.

As they planned to marry and vow to love each other “in sickness and in health,” the significance of such a promise took on a difficult dimension. Although she was only in her early 20s, Allison was diagnosed with breast cancer.

“Brian was such a big support as I underwent numerous surgeries, eight rounds of chemo and 35 rounds of radiation,” says Allison.

Without his loving devotion she never could have faced her battle with cancer with such strength and dignity. So, when she heard about the contest on the Oprah show, she decided to nominate the man of her dreams as the “Most Romantic Man.”

“And he won!” says Allison with a warm smile that shows her gratitude. It was her letter to Oprah that captured the hearts of everyone who read it. When it was read aloud to the audience on the TV show, there was not a dry eye in the house—especially Oprah. Then, as only Oprah could do, she presented Brian with another special gift. She arranged to have $40,000 of his college loans paid off and presented the couple with a $10,000 nest egg.

That was just what they needed to start their marriage debt-free in June 2004.

Two years later the Fawcetts adopted their daughter Olivia from Alabama. Life could not have been more joyful for the family. But as Allison neared her five-year mark without cancer, they were put to the test once again.

“The cancer was back and in my sternum and liver. I began chemo again in June and will be on it indefinitely,” says Allison. “Brian is so great with taking care of me and Olivia. We stay positive and look forward to adopting again when I am in remission. We know how special our love is.”

Douglas '85 & Wendy '85 Young

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“I remember describing the kind of girl he should be looking for, until I realized
I was describing myself,” says Wendy of Leesburg, Va. “We were married two years after graduation. I married my best friend.”

The Youngs first met in a very ordinary way, each washing their socks, T-shirts, and jeans under the laundry room of Hardbold Hall, where they both resided. They lived on two different floors of the same building, but spent hours chatting on the hallway phones. They dated others, but kept returning to their friendship.

Wendy tells their daughters, Rachel, 20, and Sky, 16, that, “you never know who you’ll meet doing laundry.” The first time Wendy met Douglas, she was dressed in a huge plaid flannel shirt and baggy jeans, looking a bit like a “homeless, bag lady.” He fell for her anyway and she realizes that may have been the reason he worked for Larue and David! They dated others, but kept returning to their friendship.

According to Larue, “One of the most romantic spots has always been the pond at Millersville, where graceful swans glide across the water. For Michael and Wendy (Everett) Brubaker, the pond has special meaning. As for love at first sight, it was more like love at first sound for Terry Kille. He was smitten with his now-wife, Zoa (Bashline) Kile when he heard her distinctive voice on the WMSR radio station, where he was student director. An art major, Zoa was doing a radio broadcast behind closed doors. When he saw the tall, pretty freshman with her dark hair and crystalline blue eyes, he fell hard.

The only problem was that Terry had a girlfriend. They broke up, and Terry asked Zoa to be his wife. She said yes, of course. The Brubakers have been married for 11 years.

Fortunately, Deb was not hurt, but she was “touched”—quite literally. Randy got her phone number from a friend, asked her out and the rest was history. They married in 1975, a few years after graduation. Zoa (Bashline) Kile when he heard her distinctive voice on the WMSR radio station, where he was student director. An art major, Zoa was doing a radio broadcast behind closed doors. When he saw the tall, pretty freshman with her dark hair and crystalline blue eyes, he fell hard.

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It seems that Michael could have been a candidate for “most romantic” as well. “I made her a photo book with a page for each of the 26 months we had dated,” says Michael, explaining that each page had a photograph and a special memory for that month.

Michael read the entire book, excepting Wendy in suspense until he got to the last page and asked her to be his wife. She said yes, of course. The Brubakers have been married for 11 years.

LARUE ’52 & DAVID ’50 MORGAN

Larue (Glumtz) and David Morgan have been married for 57 years, but it all began at a Millersville dance known as the Rat Race back in 1949.

Sponsored by the Normal Literary Society, it was a get-acquainted dance that worked for Larue and David? They hit it off immediately. He was a World War II veteran who was taken with the young freshman. After he graduated and got a teaching job in West Chester, he hitchhiked to see her at Millersville every weekend until she graduated and they married.

“We have such fond memories of Millersville State Teachers College, as it was known then,” says Larue. “Our family room is the Marauder Room, filled with pictures of our friends, us and all the wonderful spots at Millersville.”

MICHAEL ’97 & WENDY ’98 BRUBAKER

One of the most romantic spots has always been the pond at Millersville, where graceful swans glide across the water. For Michael and Wendy (Everett) Brubaker, the pond has special meaning. It’s the place where they fell head over heels for each other.

The only problem was that Terry had a girlfriend. They broke up, and Terry asked Zoa out. Their first date is still vivid for Terry. “We had dinner at the Barn Door, corner table under the feeding bin on April 21, 1976, and a movie at the Skinny Mini—Bad News Bears” with Walter Matthau,” says Terry, whom Zoa praises for his “excellent memory.”

Married for 25 years, the Kiles recently celebrated their anniversary at Hilton Head, and still go back to the Barn Door—same table—for old time’s sake. Terry is vice president of sales and marketing at Honda Construction, while Zoa is a sensory panelist for Hershey Chocolate, taste testing chocolate and other products. For many years in the 1980s, she was known as a newscaster for WYAL Channel 8 TV.

That was before they had their children, Meredith, now 20, and a radio and television student at Ithaca College, and Taylor, 17, a senior at Hempfield High School, who hopes to study graphic arts like his mother did. Of their relationship, Terry says, “It was a match made in heaven. Or at least, at WMSR.”

TERRY ’76 & ZOA ’79 KILE

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MICH. ’86 & KATHY ’85 WERLEY

Kathy (Knezitis) and Mitch Werley have been married for 19 years and recall when they first met at Millersville—some 25 years ago. It all began with a party that Kathy didn’t really want to go to.

“I was relaxing in the dorm, Brookwood that is, and was dressed in my PJs for the evening,” says Kathy. Her roommate had other ideas. She begged Kathy to accompany her to a Brookwood party so she wouldn’t have to go alone. At first Kathy refused, then balked, then finally relented. Reluctantly, she changed from her pajamas and got dressed for the party. Even as she got ready, her roommate had to coax her all the way.

When Kathy arrived at the party, she spotted a young man wearing a yellow Oxford shirt and a skinny blue 80s tie. Mitch Werley was all the way on the other side of the room, and in true movie tradition, their eyes met and Kathy was smitten.

“He could dance. That was a major requirement for me,” says Kathy. “Turns out that Mitch was just as attracted to Kathy. He danced right into her heart. A few years after graduation, the couple married. Through the years they have returned to Millersville to relive the good old days when they first met and dated. It was a great time,” says Kathy. “I’m so glad I went to that party!”

JACK ’60 & ELLA ’61 HUGGINS

“Millersville” style. Bryan and Kristina (Buchman) Svencer even got engaged on the grounds of Millersville, thanks to the grounds crew, who helped him paint. “Will you marry me?” on the quad. Bryan took his sweetheart for a plane ride, so she could see his proposal via the air. She said yes, of course! At the couple’s wedding, signs of Millersville were everywhere—from the wedding ceremony to centerpieces at the

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Some Millersville couples tie the knot in what could best be described as “Millersville” style. Bryan and Kristina (Buchman) Svencer even got engaged on the grounds of Millersville, thanks to the grounds crew, who helped him paint. “Will you marry me?” on the quad. Bryan took his sweetheart for a plane ride, so she could see his proposal via the air. She said yes, of course! At the couple’s wedding, signs of Millersville were everywhere—from the wedding ceremony to centerpieces at the
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reception with photo blocks of different buildings at Millersville. Guests sat at tables named after Millersville University landmarks, such as Duncan Alumni House, where Tina was a student worker.

“Millersville was a big part of our romance,” says Tina. “It’s the place where we met and fell in love.”

CATHY ’60 & PERRY ’58 LOVE

True love has been a lasting tradition at Millersville, and few couples represent love better than the Loves—Perry and Cathy (Hill) Love, that is.

The Loves, who live in Lititz, met at Millersville State Teachers College when Perry was a junior and Cathy a freshman. Just as she was leaving the cafeteria, Perry asked if he could accompany her. They talked and he invited her to a pep rally that evening.

Even today, Cathy Love glows when she thinks of the handsome young man who asked her out. Both agree that it was pretty much love at first sight. Cathy was so charmed by Perry that she forgot to ask his name. That was OK, since he thought her name was Cynthia!

Cathy discovered Perry’s true identity at the pep rally, when the coach announced each football player’s name. When he said “Perry Love,” Perry was so distracted that he didn’t hear his name. He got a nudge—more like a punch—from a friend who asked if he was going up. When he did, Cathy got her second surprise of the day.

“Is that really his name?” she asked. Indeed it was.

The couple dated for the next two years, then Perry graduated and they broke up for a time. His roommate and his keeper asked her out. Both agree that it was pretty much love at first sight. Cathy discovered Perry’s true identity when he said “Perry Love,” Perry was so distracted that he didn’t hear his name. He got a nudge—more like a punch—from a friend who asked if he was going up. When he did, Cathy got her second surprise of the day.

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“When Perry was in high school, he was nicknamed Lovey, which was, ‘Not the most masculine nickname,’ he jokes. Cathy has discovered how nice it is to be a love. She even wears a L-O-V-E charm necklace modeled after the sculpture by Robert Indiana that is located at Love Park in Philadelphia. It reminds her of the love she shares with her husband of 48 years.

Now, that’s a true Millersville love affair!

When it comes to wedding arrangements and settings, Lori Hemphill ’80 has The Perfect Plan—her own business located in a renovated carriage house in Millersville.

Her passion is helping engaged couples and others create extra-special events that are wonderfully memorable, whether it’s an elegant wedding reception on a horse farm overlooking the Susquehanna or a casual picnic at a local stone mill.

“It’s important to know what the couple likes, what their tastes are, what represents them,” says Lori. “After that, it’s fun to come up with interesting ways to make their day or evening something special.”

That might mean a lovely summer wedding at the pond at Millersville, where Katy Gingrich ’05 and Drew Urban ’05 first met when they were students. Lori recreated that time with all the festive touches and helped the Urban’s relive their romantic days and evenings at the pond—this time with their family and closest friends in attendance.

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Lori points out that Millersville has become a big wedding destination, with businesses like Weddings by Pallette, Flowers by Pallette and Bella Manue (just by sheer coincidence, many of the brides and grooms are alumni of Millersville University). They are often pleased, however, to learn that Lori graduated from Millersville too.

“That creates a nice bond,” adds Lori. “We have something in common right from the start.”

In planning a wedding, Lori asks the couple what they envision for the ceremony and reception, and what they want to remember most. In the case of Katy and Drew Urban, remembering their first dates at Millersville University was key. Lori could certainly relate. She met her husband, Brad Hemphill, when the two were students at Millersville. She was dating Brad’s roommate and discovered that it was Brad who she had eyes for. They fell for each other and have been married now for 28 years.

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Space only permitted publishing a fraction of the love stories of Millersville. Want to share your story for publication? Send it to the alumni services office at mualumni@millersville.edu. Also, let us know if you have any interest in attending a special event for Millersville lovers.
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WELCOME CENTER

First Impressions Count

Dr. W. Douglas Zander, Millersville’s director of admissions, and Elizabeth Braun gard, director of marketing, were inspired at a conference they attended last year.

“The whole conference focused on the campus experience of prospective students. It really reinforced how important the visit is to differentiating ourselves as a university,” said Braun gard.

Prospective students visiting campuses has taken on greater significance in recent times. Gone are the days of mass tours. The trend is about customizing and personalizing the tour and the visit.

Millersville University is in the enviable position of being a selective university. For example, there were 6,723 applications for 1,345 freshman spaces in fall 2007.

Yet the higher education competition gets stiffer every year. Millersville “wanted to specifically target possible incoming students to come to the campus itself,” Zander explains.

“We want to share the story of Millersville in a setting that helps illustrate the exceptional quality that students will experience here. The Welcome Center allows us to do that. The furnishings are comfortably upscale, the technology is up-to-date, and the student guides infuse just the right amount of excitement and knowledge into the visitation experience. This isn’t just another campus visit; it is second to none,” says Zander.

For both undergrad and graduate students considering Millersville, the introduction to the University focuses on individual academic interests. Braun gard says, “We offer a personal-

ized experience for prospective students.”

“First impressions are key to making a statement,” Zander says.

A visit begins with prospective students and families parking their car in visitor spots and then using the map they have been given to stroll through the campus. They walk by elegant brick buildings, gleaming lamp posts and arrive in front of Lyle Hall. The Millersville logo is engraved in the sidewalk out front, a large awning reaches out to embrace the newcomers, and through the doors awaits the new Welcome Center.

“We talked to a lot of students about the look and functionality,” Braun gard says.

“We also met with a designer who helped us choose the colors and set up the space,” says Zander. “Creating the Welcome Center was a collaborative effort of many departments.”

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“Welcome to Millersville University,” booms the doormat in the entryway to the new Welcome Center in the admissions area of Lyle Hall at Millersville University.

The center recently received a facelift, completed in summer 2008.

Above: Admissions director Doug Zander is excited about Millersville’s new visitor experience.

Pictured, opposite page (clockwise): Lobby/Entryway, refreshments, Marauder water and cookie, tour guides speak to a group outside of the Welcome Center and computer stations offer students an opportunity to check their email or search the Internet.
Nearly everything has changed. Replacing carpet and old overstuffed furniture are hardwood floors, comfortable seating, a granite refreshment bar, café tables and textures in copper and gold colors all around.

“It shows people how welcome they are, how much we appreciate them visiting, and want to give them a stellar experience,” Andrew Leister, who is a senior and also serves as a staff member at the Welcome Center, relates. Angie Huff, another staff member, agrees, “It’s very professional and welcoming.”

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Upon entering, visitors are greeted by the Welcome Center staff wearing sun-shine-colored polo shirts (in the warmer months) with easily viewable name tags, and long-sleeved black polos, fleece vests and gold scarves (in the cooler months). Millersville swans are given to the visiting guests. Special cookies in the shape of the Millersville logo are also served at the refreshment counter with coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and cold water.

Jaclyn Nash, another prospective student visiting the area the same day from Dover, said, “It’s nice, and makes me feel welcome.”

“We hear from many students that they want things to do both on and off campus,” Zander remarks. “Lancaster city and the vibrant cultural opportunities that exist in the area are elements of the campus visit that we are stressing to our visitors.”

As part of their training, the tour guide staff of the Welcome Center visits a number of area attractions including Lancaster’s Central Market and the Fulton Opera House. Also included in their orientation program are stops at popular spots such as Miller’s Smorgasbord, and briefings with the Pennsylvania Dutch Convention and Visitors Bureau about local activities and attractions.

“The benefits of being a part of this vibrant community are many, and we wanted to make sure our prospectives are educated in everything about Millersville, including the local connections,” Braungard explains.

With the revamping of the Welcome Center, the whole process of a campus visit has been enhanced. Visitors coming to campus for the first time will experience a place they will not soon forget.

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A place to call home

The core of a successful athletics program is, well, the athletes. The 400 student athletes at Millersville University always had a place to call home, but the distance between those locations was often far and wide. For years, more than 45 coaches have been located in various buildings throughout the 250-acre campus. Student athletes and the coaching staffs would often squeeze into cramped rooms in buildings like Franklin House or on the practice field to meet.

Athletes rarely got to see their peers from other teams except at large banquets or on occasion when they were able to find time in their busy schedules to cheer at a home game of another Marauder team. But now, with the restructuring of Millersville’s athletics department, that has all changed.

“All the women’s teams recently got together for a program. Before, we couldn’t have done that anywhere. Now we have a place to go that’s our own,” said Renee Fraker, a field hockey player.

That program, said Peg Kauffman ’87, ’92M, director of athletics, was just one in an ongoing series of educational programs that are now possible with the new facilities. Special programs have covered topics such as diversity, mentors and violence prevention, which hosted presenters from the NCAA.

Another advantage is the department’s improved ability to participate in the NCAA initiative of community engagement. With all of the teams under one roof, athletics can coordinate community activities more easily. This also creates more continuity and provides a stronger base for all of the sports.

Locating all of Millersville’s athletics programs together was one of the recommendations issued by the Blue Ribbon Task Force in 2006. The task force was created to analyze the athletics department and make recommendations for improvement. It also urged the University to realign the program into one department with one athletic director, instead of separate men’s and women’s departments. This was done and in July 2007, Kauffman, who had been serving as the interim director of women’s athletics, was appointed as the director of athletics for the University.

Two associate athletic directors—Dr. Anthony Grant and Steve Roach—were hired this summer to meet the needs of the evolving department.

Grant is the academic coordinator and is focusing on the structured study program he developed. In the past, study hours for student athletes were by direction of their coaches. Scattered locations and hours made it difficult to track. Jefferson Hall makes it easier and more effective for both the students and the athletics staff.

With regular hours, students can get their study hours in at their convenience,” said Grant. “All freshman student athletes are required to log hours, as well as any athlete with a GPA lower than 2.5.” Grant also meets with at-risk students and provides administrative support for the department.

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Completing the new team is Ethan Hulsey, director of athletics communications, who came on board this summer. He has already made his mark by spearheading a completely new athletics website (see page 28) and establishing the Marauder Sports Broadcasting Network for fans to follow games even if they can’t be on campus.

The unified department and move to Jefferson Hall benefit not only current students, but give potential student athletes a better on-campus experience during the recruiting process.

For example, this fall men’s head soccer coach Steve Widdowson hosted more than 20 soccer recruits. In the past, recruits would have met in the coach’s office. These offices were often shared by several people, with desks scattered throughout the room. Now, Jefferson Hall houses a large, central recruiting room with couches and a flat screen television used to share films and other visuals with recruits.

“The recruit meeting worked out really well,” Widdowson explained. “It’s a huge improvement for athletes and their coaches versus an ongoing challenge. With Kauffman in the lead, and talented coaches and staff, newly built fields, and excited student athletes, the department is bound for more growth beyond the task force.”
The 2008 Homecoming celebration featured a bright and sunny morning for Millersville’s Community Parade. Alumni, students, families and the community came together for the weekend’s events including Fall Fling, the football game, a pet costume contest, reunions and other Homecoming activities.

Despite cheers from fans, the Marauders fell to East Stroudsburg (18-45).

PARADE HIGHLIGHTS
Left: Larger than life balloons were a new edition to this year’s parade.
Left, below: Skully joins the kids for a photo.
Right: For the animal-themed parade, horses pulled an old-time carriage hearse.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
Pictured, left to right:
Cheerleaders got the crowd involved in the game.
The charity king and queen appeared on the field with President McNairy.

Creating memories at Millersville

The Greek Reunion was well attended and lots of fun.
ALUMNI INTEREST

For an additional cost, private motorcoaches will transport people from Warnemünde, Germany, to/from Berlin and/or Hamburg. Ports of call include: Nha Trang, Phu Quoc, Kong, China. Prices start at $2,136 for inside cabins; and $2,836 for outside cabins. Additional rates are available/please call Cruisin’ Inc./Main Line Vacations: 800-506-7447.

WINTER 2008-09

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY
2 “MU on the Road” alumni event, Naples, Florida, noon

MARCH
1 Destinations Travel Philadelphia Flower Show
14 Hershey Bears hockey game and reception, 7 p.m.
26 Lexington, Ky., alumni event in conjunction with the Interna-
tional Technology Association of American conference

APRIL
17-19 Alumni Weekend (see back cover)

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- Valuation (financial reimbursement if your goods are lost or damaged)
- Special storage rates
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Under Wheaton’s Quality Assurance Program, the company will assign a moving consultant to be the single point of contact throughout each step of your interstate move.

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New online community coming

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Hershey Bears Hockey - March 14

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During Homecoming weekend, the following six people were inducted into Millersville’s Athletic Hall of Fame.

Ryan Brink ’01 won PSAC Eastern Division Rookie of the Year by batting .341 with four homers. In his Millersville career, he posted a batting average of .360 and set Millersville career records in seven offensive categories, including runs (167), hits (220), doubles (56) and home runs (26). He also holds a school record with 1,142 putouts at first base. In 1998, the Marauders won a then-school record 38 games, a PSAC Eastern Division Championship and then breezed to a NCAA Division II North Atlantic Region Championship and into the Division II World Series for the first time in school history (see page 28). In his senior year, the team posted a 45-14 record. He lives in Carlisle, Pa., and is the lead electrician for Stephen D. Brink Construction.

Gail Cleveland ’69 established a legacy with the women’s tennis team by following her leadership as a captain and standout player. From 1966-68, the Marauder team surpassed all expectations this season in scoring, assists and game winning goals, while Procopio was the driving force behind a defense that surrendered less than one point per game. As part of its historic run, the Marauder team also averaged a gut-wrenching loss in the PSAC Championship by defeating California (Pa) 3-0 in the NCAA tournament game at Chryst Field in Biemesderfer Stadium. Also, the Marauders garnered its highest national ranking, vaulting to No. 6 in Division II in the NSCAA’s Adidas poll. The team’s efforts did not go unnoticed by its opponents. Coach Steve Widdowson was named PSAC East Coach of the Year and McLaughlin was named PSAC East Athletic of the Year. In all, five Millersville players earned spots on the first or second all-PSAC teams.

Lance Gelnett ’92 became the most prolific shooter the Millersville men’s basketball history from 1989-92. He set school records for most 3-pointers made with 266, most attempts with 547 and sank a school-best 48.6 percent of those shots. He also owns the career free throw percentage record after hitting 230-of-305 in 109 career games. Gelnett helped lead the Marauders to the 1992 ECAC Division II Championship. He was named as one of the top 30 players in Millersville Men’s Basketball during its 100th anniversary. William F. King ’85 was the top freshman finisher in the 1981 NCAA Cross Country Championships for the national champion Marauders.

A two-time captain of the cross country team, King was a Division II Cross Country All-American in 1983 and 1984 and qualified for the national championships all four years of his career. He was also an All-American in track as a senior. Three times he was named All-Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America (ICAAAA), and in 1983 he became one of Millersville’s two ICAA All-American honorees. He was recently named acting superintendent of Scarson Schools.

Sandza Peters played a key role in the growth of Millersville athletics for 32 years. She started as an assistant professor of health and physical recreation. Peters coached the field hockey team from 1968-84, with a 101-68-33 record including consecutive undefeated seasons in 1972 and 1973. Peters became the first head coach of the women’s track and field team. She also served as an assistant coach for women’s basketball and lacrosse, and the head women’s trainer for the women’s athletics. She was the assistant director for women’s athletics from 1985, until her retirement in 1999.

Diane Espenshade ‘86 was a two-sport standout, earning All-American status in field hockey and academic All-American honors in softball.

As team captain of the field hockey team in 1985, she guided the Marauders to a PSAC Championship, an NCAA Division III Pennsylvania Region Championship and finished the season as the national runner-up. That team posted a 17-4 record, which still stands today. On the diamond, Espenshade ‘86 served as a catcher and hit .299 in three varsity seasons. In 1986, her garnered GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-American honors and received the Elwood J. Finley Award as the outstanding Millersville senior female athlete. She is a certified public accountant for Diana M. Reed & Associates in Hershey, Pa.

Glory season: Men’s soccer team wins division and ranks 6th in nation

The Millersville University men’s soccer team surpassed all expectations this season and wrote a new chapter in the program’s history by advancing to its first-ever NCAA Division II Tournament and setting numerous milestones along the way.

In a pre-season poll, coaches in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) picked the Marauders to finish third in their division. The team responded by shattering its previous victory totals with an astonishing 18-3-1 record. Led by a pair of newly-minted All-America honorees, forward Sean McLaughlin and defender Matt Procopio, the Marauders reached the NCAA Quarterfinals for the first time in school history after winning the NCAA Atlantic Regional, while also finishing as the PSAC runner-up and PSAC East Champions. McLaughlin led the team in scoring, assists and game winning goals, while Procopio was the driving force behind a defense that surrendered less than one point per game.

Alumnus wins national track title

Heading into the final two laps at the USA Track Masters steeplechase run in Spokane, Wash., this August, the reigning national champion blew by Kevin Stover ’90.

It was then that Stover recalled the words of former Marauder track coach, Eugene “Cy” Fritz who always said, “I got up and I ran possessed in those last two laps,” Stover said. “I ended up running the fastest two laps of the race—even faster than the guy that won.”

Stover teaches and coaches track at Hershey High School. His wife, Kellie Bozzer ’91, is a two-time cross country NCAA All-American who is in the Millersville Hall of Fame.

Stover said, “My overall experience at Millersville was nothing but fabulous.”
New Marauder athletics website: www.millersvilleathletics.com

It’s not your imagination. The athletics website at Millersville University has completely changed—for the better. Sports information director Ethan Hulsey believes the web plays an important role in the success of the athletics program.

“The athletic website is the face of our athletics program,” Hulsey said. “This is a big recruiting tool for us.”

Perhaps the most heavily anticipated addition to the site is the introduction of its “live stats” feature. “Any game that we’re stat-ing—basketball, baseball, softball, football, volleyball—fans will be able to log on and watch the stats come in as they happen,” Hulsey said. “It’s huge for fan experience.”

In addition to a complete redesign and easy navigation, the website features:

- Male and female “Athletes of the Week”
- Comprehensive sports calendar
- Compliance information
- Hall of Fame cross-linked
- Photo galleries
- Videos
- Live stats
- Text-messaging updates
- Millersville Sports Broadcasting Network

Womens golf team set for fall 2009

An NCAA Division II women’s golf program has been added to Millersville University’s intercollegiate sports. The roster will include between eight and 12 golfers, who will practice and compete at the team’s home course, Crossgates Golf Club. The new team will begin competition in both the NCAA and the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference when golf season opens in fall 2009.

The addition of the golf team lifts the number of sports programs for female student-athletes to 12 and the number of intercollegiate sports at the Millersville to 22.

Millersville’s 1998 World Series baseball team recognition

On October 11, the only Marauder baseball team to ever play in a College World Series made a triumphant return to Millersville to celebrate the 10-year anniversary of their accomplishment. Along with a 38-16 overall mark, the Marauders went 18-6 in the PSAC East to win the divisional title. Those 18 PSAC wins still stand as the most in school history.

Seven members of that team rank in the top 35 of Millersville’s all-time hitters. One team member, Ryan Brink ’01, set seven career hitting records—all of which still stand—was inducted into Millersville’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 2008 (see page 26).

“Ryan Brink is one of the reasons I came to Millersville,” said Jon Shehan ’06, current head coach of Marauders baseball. “He was an assistant coach my freshman year [in 2001]. He was just a class act, and definitely the most clutch hitter in Millersville history; most likely the best player in Millersville history.”

“Baseball wasn’t a big thing then,” said George McClune ’01, a former pitcher who led the country in saves that year. “We were playing on the practice field for the football team. That’s how much respect we got.”

“It was a great group of guys, a never-say-die team,” Brink said. “Everything changed after that season.”

Shehan said he was glad the current Marauder squad got “to rub shoulders with these guys.”

Harry Lines ’40 was recognized for his contribution to the Millersville baseball team that played before World War II. During the afternoon batting practice, Lines took his cuts—laying down three hits and a bum—all at age 91.

Lines along with Al Eckert ’51, father of pitcher Eric “Tugboat” Eckert ’98, watched the alumni and the current squad play.

“Things have changed a lot since I was here,” Lines said. “But it’s good to be back.”

Midnight madness

At the stroke of midnight on October 15 the stands inside Pucillo Gymnasium went wild with realized anticipation as the men’s and women’s basketball teams spilled out onto the floor through fog and spotlights.

“October 15 is the first day they can practice. That’s why it’s at midnight. It’s a celebration,” said Gretchen Ives, who, along with fellow graduate assistant Brandon Lippy, was in charge of organizing the event. Fans also received a first-hand glimpse of the 2008-09 squads with a five-minute scrimmage.

The 3-point competition was won by freshman Cullen Murray-Kemp. Senior Reggie Bates captured the slam dunk competition, exciting the crowd with a pair of dunks including one while wearing sunglasses.

“The introductions of each of the players was really a highlight this year,” said Ives.

Golf team dedicates season to Todd Myers

The Millersville golf team has dedicated its 2008-09 season in memory of former team captain Todd Myers ’99. Myers, a member of the Millersville golf team from 1986-89, died in June at the age of 41 (see page 38). He was the head golf professional at Stonecreek Hills, Batavia, Ohio.

Todd is remembered as a team leader and teacher of the game. At the 2008 PSAC Championship held at Hershey Links Golf Club in Hummelstown, Pa., the Marauders displayed shirts with Myers’ initials on the sleeve. The Marauders placed fourth in the two-day tournament.

Seeing pink: Marauders “Dig for the Cure”
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the Government 2008 Meritorious Award. He is a Superior Court judge for Sandusky County.

Jeffrey N. Snively ’77, Lititz, retired from Warwick School District as a 4th grade teacher at John Beck Elementary School. He is a 20th anniversary class member in education at Cabins College in Rapho.

Gail Baldwin ’72, Ocean City, N.J., retired from her position in the library at Stockton College.

Vincent F. Cotter ’72, Landisville, was recognized by the National School Public Relations Association as the recipient of the Bob Grossman Leadership in School Communications Award. He is the superintendent of the Colonial School District.

Frank Creazzo ’72, Bangor, was hired as building principal at Warwick High School. He is an alumus of the school with 36 years of teaching experience.

Susan (Stahle) Petterson ’72, Millersville, retired from Hempfield School District as a reading teacher after 34 years of service.

Priscilla (Snyder) Fias ’72, Lancaster, retired from teaching English at Garden Spot High School after 32 years.

Katherine (Green) Boyer ’73, Lititz, York, opened the Oxford Area School District. She is a leadership coach and president and CEO of Envion Coaching.

Michael Burke ’75, Philadelphia, was named president of Gordon-Wellow College Theological Seminary and professor of Christian ethics. Karen (Stiles) Rhinack ’77, Freehold, N.J., was named 2008 Teacher of the Year at Memorial School, where she is an educational media specialist.

Terry Wiley ’78, Lancaster, co-owns Weichert Realtors of Lancaster.

E. Joy (Meredith) McFerson ’79, Lancaster, serves as executive vice president of Willow Valley Associates.

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Joseph Classic ’53, Millersville, took part in a conference sponsored by the Natural Barn Alliance and the Historic Barn and Farm Foundation focusing on the importance of preserving barns.

Paul Robinson ’56, Philadelphia, was nominated for the Secretary of the Army Award for Blacks in the Government 2008 Monticello Service Award. He has served more than half a century in Y Rosenberg Garrison in the Republic of Korea, currently as family, morale, welfare and recreation officer.

Susan H. (Shatto) Berkheimer ’57, Silver Spring, Md., celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary with husband, Dain, in August.


Henry J. DeMito ’63, University, was promoted to chief of the Washington State Bar Association. He is a Superior Court judge for Sandusky County.

Michael Burke ’75, Philadelphia, was named design manager at Tray-Pack Corp.

Steve Kreider ’80, Ephrata, was named design manager at Tray-Pak Corp.

Gerald A. nau ’74, Reading, was named president of Fulton’s Great Valley division since 1992.

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Tracy (Palmore) Scipioni '06, Richmond, is contracted as a learning support teacher for Denver Elementary School in Coatesville School District.

Samirah Billips '07, Lancaster, joined the National Environmental Satellite Data and Information Services division of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration as a satellite contractee.

Jason Ganz '08, Lancaster, was named editor of the Dineseg Ledge, where he completed his internship while at Millersville University.

Jennifer Imen '08, Quanyville, joined Solanco School District as a Spanish teacher at the high school.

At the marriage of Katerina Dubowy '02/05M and Joseph Bauer '02 on June 23, 2007 in Reading, many Millersville alumni were there to celebrate. Pictured left to right in the first row: Gwen (Pawlak) Mar- iner '01, bride Katerina Dubowy '02/05M, and groom Joseph Bauer '02. Left to right in the second row: Antii (Rinkal) Althouse '02/06M, Taylor Evans '02, Jen (Hartman) Bogen '02, Erica (Silfman) Bower '02, Jeff Gatto '01, Andy Verbovsky '02, Greg Minninger '02, and Ted Morran '02. Left to right in the third row: Erica Andregic '02, Jack Kitzhoffer '02, John Phillips '02 and Adam Bower '02, Jeff Gatano '02, Andy Verbovsky '02, Greg Minninger '02, Taylor Evans '02, Jen (Hartman) Bergen '02, Erica (Sillaman) Hewlett, 12/15/07.

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Births
Joseph Giordano '07 and wife Karen (Collins) '05, adopted their daughter, Kathryn Renee, on 11/28/08.
Sue (Craig) Garner '89, '02M, and husband Doug, a son, Lucas Andrew, on 4/11/08. He joins brothers Danny and Alex.
Joseph Cioca '90 and wife Missy (Wetzel) '93, a daughter, Briana, on 6/29/08. She joins brother John.
Deanna (Wachob) Garner '92 and husband Jim, a daughter, Paige Olivia, on 8/28/07.
Mark Muhln '92 and wife Heather (Buzza) '94, a daughter, Riley Grace, on 1/6/08. They join sisters Kaitlyn Joy and Staci Preston.
Chris Brown '93 and wife Tara, a daughter, Taylor Ariana, on 5/24/07. She was named as an ambassador for the State of Michigan’s depart- ment of social services.

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Kara (Van Santi) Phipps '02 and husband Jason, a daughter, Julia Nicole, on 9/12/08.
Lorena (Villasenor) '98 and husband Jason, a daughter, Julia Lea, on 9/12/08.
Stephanie L. (Flatty) Smith '02 and husband Bowen, adopted their daughter, Taylor Lee, on 1/1/08. She joins brother Drew.
Joni (Perry) Newby '02 and husband Douglas, a daughter, Natalie Rose, on 2/5/08.

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Remembrances

Dr. Jane Alden-Goldman, former assistant professor of English, Millersville University, died 9/20/08, at the age of 62. She was known to the University community as Dr. Alden. She built the journalism program at Millersville and championed the creation of the Journalism Club and served as the advisor to the English Club. She organized and led field trips to newspapers, court houses and other locations relevant to journalistic and literary activities.

Born in Scotland, Alden-Goldman worked as a journalist in the United Kingdom and became the first woman to cover the High Court in Glasgow, beginning with the notorious Tartan Army Trial in the 1970s.

Marsha L. (Gullo) Freirichs, Millersville, died 9/12/08, after a long and courageous battle with breast cancer at the age of 54. She was the wife of Richard L. Freirichs ’64 to whom she was married for 30 years.

An avid golfer, Marsha was the coach of the Penn Manor High School golf team. Her zest for life was an inspiration to all, including those she met from around the country as she served as director of the Elderhostel at Millersville University. Marsha graduated from Penn State University where she was an integral part of the golf and equestrian teams.

Dr. Edward A. Tuleya, Millersville, professor emeritus in the Department of History, died on 11/11/08, at the age of 82.

An accomplished professor at Millersville (1968-81), Tuleya played a formative role in the development of the European history curriculum at the University. After retirement, Tuleya was curator and archivist, Slovak Museum & Archives in Middletown from 1983-1995. At the time of his death, he was writing a book about a Slovak patriot. He served in World War II as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army and received a Purple Heart and Victory Medal.

Ed and Jackie Balderston love sports, whether watching the World Series champion Phillies or Ed playing a few rounds of golf.

But the Balderston’s have a special fondness for one team in particular—the Millersville women’s basketball team. Although Jackie Balderston ’89, ’73 didn’t play basketball herself, she was always a big fan.

“There is something about basketball that really moves me. I love the speed and excitement, even the sound of the game,” says Jackie.

“Every year I have been here, we have stayed at this level and not accepted a mediocre performance,” says Ed. “We have just been impressed with Mary,” says Jackie.

Ed and Jackie attend as many women’s basketball games as possible, always cheering for their favorite team.

“It was because of Mary that we got interested in donating toward the women’s basketball program,” says Jackie, who is retired from teaching third and fourth grade at Quarryville Elementary School for 30 years. The Balderston’s began making a significant donation toward the basketball program six years ago.

“We realized that the women’s program needed extra financial support and we were happy to do what we could,” says Ed Balderston, who is executive vice president of Susquehanna Bancshares. “They deserve the same attention that the men’s teams receive.”

“Their donation directly affects our basketball program as a whole. It allows us to recruit regionally,” reports Fleig. It has helped Millersville in the PSAC recruiting wars, enabling the women’s basketball program to offer better financial packages and assistance to high-need student-athletes.

Some of her players know first-hand how much the Balderston’s generosity has touched them and the entire team. Gladine St. Julien who plays forward, is grateful to the Balderston’s for their support of the women’s basketball program. They are just the kind of fans the team needs.

“I love the people here and the Division II philosophy of college athletics here,” says Fleig. “The student athletes I work with want to be here and are playing for the love and passion of the game of basketball. That’s why I have stayed at this level and not accepted a Division I job. It’s a healthy balance here!”

And for Ed and Jackie Balderston, it’s great to see the results of their donations over the years.

“We get to see the players, learn more about them,” says Jackie. “It makes us feel good that we can do our part.”

The Balderston’s are real basketball fans and are committed to student success, on and off the court.
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» 10 a.m. Decathlon and Heptathlon events. Track & Field: Millersville Metrics. Running events start at 4 p.m. Biemesderfer Stadium/Chryst Field. Free.

» 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. 50th Anniversary Graduate Studies Alumni Reception, Stayer Hall Courtyard. Join us for this event and enjoy the talents of our music students. Free.

» 7:30 p.m. Concert Band & Wind Ensemble, Lyte Auditorium/Alumni Hall. Free.

Saturday, April 18
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. School of Science & Mathematics Student Research Poster Display, Caputo Hall Lobby. Free.

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Alumni Hospitality Area, Gordinier Hall Lobby and Campus Grill. Visit the Alumni Association tables for promotional items, information, complimentary snacks and beverages. Free.

9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Field Hockey Play Day, Biemesderfer Stadium/Chryst Field. This event will honor the field hockey teams of the 1950’s. All field hockey alumni are encouraged to attend. Free.

10 a.m./3 p.m. Campus Tours leaving from the new Admissions Welcome Center in Lyle Hall. Alumni and guests can tour the campus. Free.

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. University Store, Student Memorial Center. 10% off Alumni Imprinted Clothing.

10 a.m. Honors and Awards Convocation, Pucillo Gymnasium. This event will include the new Admissions Welcome Center in Lyle Hall. Alumni and guests can tour the campus. Free.

10:30 a.m. Alumni Memorial Service, Old Main, Gordinier Hall. The service will honor alumni who have passed away.

12 noon Women’s Soccer Alumni Picnic & Game. Pucillo Field. Free.

12:30 p.m. Alumni Luncheon, Ad Astra Society and Awards Recognition, Lehr Room, Gordinier Hall. All alumni are invited to the annual afternoon luncheon. Note: Alumni who graduated prior to 1959 will receive a complimentary lunch, although guests must pay. Alumni who have graduated 50 or more years ago from Millersville are members of the Ad Astra Society.

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11:30 – 1:30 p.m. Marauder Hospitality, Jefferson Hall on Cottage Ave. Tour the new Athletics Building and visit with our athletic staff. Light refreshments. Free.

1 p.m. – 2 p.m. School of Science & Mathematics Research Recognition Symposium, Caputo Hall, Room 210. Free.

1 p.m. Marauders Softball vs. East Stroudsburg – Celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the softball program. Visit the softball website for details. Free.


3 p.m. Marauders Baseball vs. Mansfield, Baseball Field corner of Cottage and Prince Street. Free.

5:30 p.m. Class of 1964 45th Anniversary Reunion, Gordinier Hall. Reception and dinner. $30

7 p.m. Black and Gold Football Scrimmage, Biemesderfer Stadium/Chryst Field. Contact Coach Colby at 717-872-3190 for more details. Free.

7 p.m. Folklore Urbano (Cuban Jazz Music) Lyte Auditorium/Alumni Hall General Seating. Tickets: $10, $7 for senior citizen or K-12 student, $5 with MU ID (limit two per ID). For all tickets call 717-872-3811, or order online at www.muticketsales.com

Sunday, April 19
1 p.m. Marauder Lacrosse vs. Regis, Biemesderfer Stadium/Chryst Field—Alumni Game following varsity game.