A bright future in respiratory therapy
Letter to the Editor

It was good to see the picture of Dr. Kreider in the summer 2009 Review. I always enjoyed his educational foundations class (got an A in it too!). I did not know he was a Millersville baseball coach. Now I know why he often used baseball analogies in his class.

It was also good to see Mr. Wise. He or his staff had many conversations with my parents since I attended Millersville on financial aid.

I am now a graduate student at Rutgers and yes, I am attending Rutgers on financial aid. Some things just don’t change.

Maureen Walls ’83

President’s Report

Millersville University’s efforts for sustainability and to reduce costs have led to the discontinuation of printing the president’s report for 2008-2009. To view the report and a video message from President Francine G. McNairy, click on www.millersville.edu/services/president/reports.

New Polling and Research services

The University’s newest resource for polling and survey research offers start-to-finish services—from project design to analysis and reporting—to assist clients with all aspects of the survey research process. The nonpartisan polling and research services are available to Millersville staff and students and to the surrounding community.

Among the first projects conducted by the office is a campus-based civic engagement survey focusing on students’ level of civic engagement. Another project focuses on the quality of life throughout Lancaster, surveying approximately 400-500 residents.

The polling and research office is housed within the Civic and Community Engagement and Research Project’s Center for Public Scholarship.

Incoming class of 2023 visits campus

The Class of 2023, featured in the spring 2009 issue of the Review, visited campus in November with their teacher, Kimberly Stokes ’99. Now in third grade at the First Philadelphia Charter School for Literacy, the children enjoyed their field trip to Millersville and campus tour, which included a visit to the library, the robotics lab and Gordinier Hall, where the kids were wowed by the food choices, especially the make your own sundae area. Members of Millersville’s Early Childhood Organization (ECHO) plan to become pen pals with the children.
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Thank you for supporting the students and programs at Millersville University!

Generous donors enabled Millersville University students, faculty and staff the opportunity to excel in several key areas during the 2008-2009 year. Your gifts were important in the everyday lives of students:

- **Scholarships** (financial need-based, academic and athletic). An important facet of financial support allows students to focus on their academics, although many still find it necessary to work multiple part-time jobs.
- **Technology**. Equipment updates allow students to utilize state-of-the-art items that keep them connected to the world around them and current with their field of study (in the laboratory, classroom, and residence halls).
- **Cultural Opportunities**. From the tremendous display of talent on the stage, in the orchestra pit and in the studio, students have the opportunity to interact with people around the world through an extensive global education program.
- **Athletics**. Outside of the classroom, students participate in 22 intercollegiate and a variety of intramural sports, where they enhance their personal abilities, team partnerships and leadership skills.

**Total gifts and pledges in 2008-2009:**

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The Millersville University Foundation supports the University by investing, stewarding and awarding endowment funds. These have been challenging times and the Foundation realized a loss in assets. The generosity of supporters established 21 new endowments with new gifts of $2.5 million. The total portfolio is approximately $16 million. Under the leadership and guidance of a Board of Directors comprised of alumni, parents, faculty/staff and community leaders, the Foundation was able to support student and University initiatives with more than $300,000 in 2008-2009.

For a full listing of supporters and a message from President Francine G. McNairy: www.millersville.edu/services/development/rog2009
“Filtered Memories” exhibit

Millersville’s Ganser Gallery will be hosting “Filtered Memories,” an exhibition of work by Korean-born artist Sun Young Kang, January 26 to February 25. On Thursday, February 25, at 5 p.m., the artist will present a talk at the gallery. Both the exhibition and the talk are free and open to the public.

One part of the exhibition consists of scrolls hung from the ceiling to create a sort of maze for the viewer. Kang used incense to write/burn excerpts from her late father’s diaries onto the scrolls. Also on display will be an array of the artist’s award-winning hand-made books. Kang is currently working as a book conservation technician for the Carnegie Library in Pittsburgh.

For more information on upcoming cultural events, check out the insert in the center of this issue of the Review.

Fall 2009 numbers

• The official fall 2009 enrollment is 8,427 full and part-time students—a new record.
• Applications were up 14 percent compared to fall 2008.
• The average SAT score of admitted freshmen was 1065 compared to 1056 last fall.

Coach Carpenter dies

In the 121 years of Millersville athletics, no one figure meant more to its success than Dr. Gene A. Carpenter. The legendary coach, administrator and educator passed away on 12/10/09, at the age of 70, in Lancaster.

Carpenter, emeritus professor of wellness and sports science, arrived at Millersville in 1970 after a brief stint at Adams State and several years serving in the United States Marine Corps. He built a powerhouse football program and guided the athletics department to unprecedented heights. In 31 seasons coaching, Carpenter’s teams included a 212-89-6 record, 10 PSAC East titles and winning records in 28 of 31 seasons. He was inducted into the Millersville University Athletic Hall of Fame and the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame.

But Carpenter’s impact reached far beyond wins and championships. He touched the lives of thousands of student-athletes, becoming a father figure for some, and gave Millersville athletics a unifying sense of pride when he coined the motto “Marauder Pride.” He retired in 2001.

Contributions in his memory can be made to the Dr. Gene A. Carpenter Football Foundation, c/o John Guilfoyle, 2437 Gamber Rd., Washington Boro, PA 17582.

Editor’s Note: We learned of Dr. Carpenter’s death as the Review was going to press. A more complete story on his career and impact at Millersville will appear in a future issue.

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Retirees: What are they doing now?

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.

**Walter Blackburn**
AT MILLERSVILLE 1971 TO 1997:
Associate professor of music and director of choral activities
FONDEST MEMORIES: Interacting with students and faculty
HIGHLIGHTS OF RETIREMENT:
I remain active in the community and continue to teach musical skills—ear training, harmony and piano. I also conduct a professional, regional brass band and continue my activities as a conductor and double bass player.

**V. Scott Garman**
AT MILLERSVILLE 1966 TO 1982:
Associate professor of public speech and speech therapy
FONDEST MEMORIES: Seven family members attended Millersville. I was the 1956 Parade Marshal.
HIGHLIGHTS OF RETIREMENT:
Lancaster County Tennis Hall of Fame. Two national titles in badminton. Traveled to Europe, Australia, South America and western U.S.

**Kathryn Borelli**
AT MILLERSVILLE 1972 TO 2004:
Administrative assistant and veterans affairs coordinator
FONDEST MEMORIES: Working with the international students, veterans and orientation program. Getting to know so many students and totally enjoying my job
HIGHLIGHTS OF RETIREMENT:
Rest and relaxation! Going on cruises to Hawaii, Canada, Bermuda, Alaska and the Caribbean. Being able to go see my nieces and nephew play high school and collegiate sports.

**John Hibberd**
AT MILLERSVILLE 1984 TO 2003:
Professor of industry and technology
FONDEST MEMORIES: Best job I ever had—all aspects…most excellent, “all” respects.
HIGHLIGHTS OF RETIREMENT:
Extensive travel around the world. Retirement is great! I recommend it ASAP.

**Troy Isaak**
AT MILLERSVILLE 1987 TO 2004:
Associate professor of educational foundations
FONDEST MEMORIES: Working with international faculty.
HIGHLIGHTS OF RETIREMENT:
Continue working as professional jazz musician (piano and vibes) in local venues.

**Karen Parr**
AT MILLERSVILLE 1956 TO 2000:
Student tour guide, security guard, resident hall director, coordinator for learning disabled students
FONDEST MEMORIES: Working with Helen Riso and Ed Thomson in student services and summer conferences, and working with student leaders to develop Millersville Getaway for freshmen.
HIGHLIGHTS OF RETIREMENT:
Seeing my children graduate and explore future options; visiting with family and friends. Helping with church activities.

**Yin Soong**
AT MILLERSVILLE 1977 TO 2007:
Professor of earth science
FONDEST MEMORIES: Summer teaching at the Marine Science Consortium’s field station at Wallops Island, Va.
HIGHLIGHTS OF RETIREMENT:
As short-term Christian missionary, with my wife, to Germany.

**Helena Swisher**
AT MILLERSVILLE 1976 TO 1996:
Administrative assistant in career services, and educational foundations
FONDEST MEMORIES: Working with all the students setting up Career Days & Teacher Recruitment Days; doing my workshops on resume writing, job search and dress for success.
HIGHLIGHTS OF RETIREMENT:
Volunteer with Hospice of Lancaster County; volunteer at daughter’s third grade class in Elizabethtown; keeping in touch with all my grandchildren—several college students and one that just graduated from Millersville.
Scholarship recipient: The right chemistry

Tiffany Mancha, a junior chemistry major, is the second student to be awarded the Sandra A. Yeager Ph.D. Endowed Chemistry Scholarship. The scholarship was established by Nadene Hausmann ’78 in honor of Yeager, who was the first female chemistry professor at Millersville (see page 35).

“I don’t know if words can express how truly grateful I am for this scholarship” says Mancha. “I just hope I can give back and help future students the way Sandy and Nadene have helped me.”

That is exactly what Hausmann had in mind when she decided to start the scholarship in honor of her influential Millersville professor.

A York, Pa., native, Mancha explains that she is financially responsible for her educational and living expenses, since her family is unable to help. That has meant working three jobs. Fortunately, the scholarship has lifted much of the burden.

“The Yeager Scholarship allowed me to cut back on employment so I can focus more on my school work,” says Mancha.

Mancha is majoring in biochemistry with a molecular biology minor. She hopes to work in a laboratory in drug research and development. For her, chemistry was always her chosen path.

“I’ve liked chemistry since elementary school and couldn’t imagine myself being in any other field,” says Mancha.

“I’ve really grown to love the chemistry staff. They care so much about their students and really want them to succeed. They all go out of their way to help, if at all possible,” says Mancha. “I’ve met a lot of great people and formed, what I hope will be, long-lasting friendships.”

News in Brief

Millersville ranked 54th - Millersville University has been ranked 54th in the category of Best Universities–Master’s in the North region, according to U.S. News & World Report. Millersville received the highest ranking among the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) universities in this category. U.S. News & World Report rankings are based on various factors including graduation and freshman retention rates, class size and student-to-faculty ratios.

Alumnus on Millersville’s Council of Trustees - Dr. Robert A. Frick ’66, ’69M, superintendent of the Lampeter-Strasburg School District, was confirmed as a member of the Council of Trustees for Millersville University.

Millersville student serving on Board of Governors - Mackenzie Marie Wrobel, president of Millersville University’s Student Senate, has been named to the PASSHE’s Board of Governors, a 20-member board, which has overall responsibility for planning and coordinating the development and operation of the 14 state system universities.

Millersville Will

At Millersville, Erika Styer is pursuing her passion for biology and teaching. She is carrying a minor in chemistry and studio art and is the recipient of this year’s Schock Foundation fellowship. As the coordinator of the University mascot program, Erika has demonstrated that she is both organized and entertaining when donning the red faux fur of Skully’s costume.

Erika is one of 19 alumni, students, faculty and staff members who have appeared in a series of commercials airing on Central Pa. television stations to promote the benefits of a Millersville University education and experience. To learn more, visit www.millersville.edu.

Contributors

Communications Students: Melissa Leary, Lucas Neiderer and Alexandra Wachman

Marketing Students: Zach Reese, Leah Kirstein and Jessica Do
Researchers receive NSF award

While the majority of the 2,000-plus online games are designed primarily for entertainment, there are many who use this technology as effective supplements to traditional learning. Some include sophisticated visualizations that attempt to synthetically simulate real-world environments, but only a handful immerse users in real data for an authentic experience.

However, 3-D visualizations of real-time atmospheric data are commonplace in the meteorology community. Three Millersville researchers set out with the goal to develop a virtual experience that will allow students to navigate within real and current data while being guided by a tiered instructional design strategy. The researchers envision that this will lead to enhanced learning and discovery.

Drs. Gary Zoppetti, computer science, and Sepideh Yalda and Richard Clark, both from earth sciences, received $350,000 from the National Science Foundation to develop a “plug-in,” that will provide a student with the ability to explore real-time data interactively at the controls of their personal virtual platform. The project is called “Geosciences Probe of Discovery.”

“Working with a team of undergraduate students, we will collaborate on the development of a software module that implements an interactive, intuitive interface called the “GEOpod,” explained Clark. The GEOpod allows students to be guided by an instructional approach that can be customized for individual learners.”

Celebrating 50 Years of Graduate Studies

In 1959, Millersville University began its graduate studies program with curricula in elementary and industrial arts education. Today, Millersville offers more than 50 master’s degrees and professional certifications, with more than 1,100 part-and full-time students enrolled.

National trends have identified adult learners and working professionals as the fastest growing student population in higher education. In recognition of these trends, Millersville University announced the establishment of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies during a celebration of the 50th anniversary for graduate studies held on October 22.

The new college addresses the essential need for an improved structure and a higher profile for Millersville’s graduate and professional programs. It was established in order to serve the regional economy’s workforce needs with highly qualified professionals, and to ensure the future of public education at the post-baccalaureate level.

“Millersville University has high-quality graduate programs, a talented and dedicated graduate faculty, and a strong sense of purpose and enthusiasm,” says Dr. Victor DeSantis, dean of graduate studies and research. “We have come far in our first 50 years of graduate education and our future is very bright.”
Kimberly Mahaffy took a less traveled road to becoming a sociology professor at Millersville.

While living in Massachusetts, Mahaffy worked in Welfare to Work programs in Lowell, Lawrence and Haverhill. As a counselor, it became increasingly apparent that so many women were struggling within the welfare system—taking two steps forward and three steps backward.

“I wanted to understand why. I wanted to put the pieces together,” said Mahaffy.

Her need to understand and delve into the role of society in our lives ultimately drove Mahaffy toward being a professor. As she discovered, one of the keys to success in life is quite simply education.

Mahaffy has been a professor of sociology and anthropology at Millersville for 10 years. She is also director of Latino(a) Studies at Millersville and is quite proud of her Latina and Scotch-Irish ancestry.

“My mother is from Panama, so I grew up speaking Spanish,” says Mahaffy, who spent her childhood in Erie, then lived in Chadds Ford as an adolescent.

As director of Latino(a) Studies, Mahaffy works with approximately 15 students who are minoring in Latino studies. She points out that the population of Latino students at Millersville University has increased in the past decade and now accounts for five percent of students with Puerto Rican, Mexican, Dominican, Cuban and other Spanish-speaking backgrounds.

“I enjoy the students at Millersville and the flexibility I am afforded to develop programs that will benefit students,” she said.

A self-professed “problem solver,” Mahaffy likes to examine issues from every angle, devising solutions to problems such as unemployment, low educational attainment, poverty, racial bias and more. She knows that the answers are not simple.

She is most compelled by social psychology in which students examine the issues of stigma, identity, race, class, gender and sexuality in society.

“There may be social forces at work, but that doesn’t mean you can’t create social change,” she tells her students.

Mahaffy has lived much of her life in Pennsylvania and New England, but is fond of travel. She has visited Panama many times, as well as Texas, Mexico, Canada and Scotland. Her favorite place, however, is the Pacific coast of Oregon, where the beaches and woodlands capture her imagination.

At home, she is surrounded by her cats, mostly rescued felines that recognized her as a cat-lover. Whenever she gets the chance, she enjoys long-distance cycling and has participated in the 63-mile Seagull Century Bicycle Ride. She also enjoys cooking, canning, reading and catching up on classic movies.

One of the things that often surprises her students is that Mahaffy is a skilled marksman. As a youth in Western Pa., her father taught her to shoot a rifle, and she took a safety course for hunters at just 12 years of age. Back then, she learned to hunt for deer, squirrel and other game.

“I don’t hunt anymore,” she admits, “And my cats don’t either. I keep them indoors.”
The Lancaster Partnership Program (LPP), was designed to increase the high school graduation and college participation rates of students enrolled in the School District of Lancaster (SDL).

Supported by corporate partners and foundations, the program targets Lancaster students who have been previously underrepresented in higher education—namely African Americans and Latinos. In the past, students from these groups have had below average high school graduation rates.

According to Minor “Will” Redmond, assistant vice president for academic services, who oversees the program, “The program was never intended as a ‘hand out’ but as a ‘helping hand’ with many students rising to the challenge.”

Starting in the tenth grade, students in the program are paired with their own LPP mentor. Students are required to sign a contract to formalize their commitment to the program, and parental involvement is also expected. The results prove the program is working.

“The program wouldn’t be possible without the commitment of the corporate partners,” said Jerry Eckert, vice president for Millersville University advancement, who assisted in creating the LPP.

LPP students who graduate from J.P.McCaskey High School and enroll at Millersville receive financial assistance with their college expenses from the corporate partners, who also provide summer employment, internships, and opportunities to interview for positions upon graduation from Millersville.

Students who have participated in the program admit that, without LPP, they do not know where they would be if they had not taken the path of education.

In twenty years, LPP has offered a helping hand and an opportunity for education to hundreds of young people. It has done nothing short of changing lives—not just for those who earned a college degree, their families, future generations and our community. Many of the people are now business executives, educators, counselors, and mentors.
Here are brief success stories of just twenty LPP graduates.
There are hundreds more.

Angela Pereira-Bailey ’07 is a newscast director for WGAL TV 8. She says, “Going to Millersville made me aware that the variety of courses I had taken (even general electives) could be utilized in so many aspects in my life. It is a fact that you never know when you would need to use some of that extra knowledge and how it can correlate with so many things that you do everyday.”

About getting a degree, she says, “I was the first in my family to do so. I’m very proud of that and I remind my nephews and nieces all the time that they are next in line to get that important and valued piece of paper because I know that I am a role model for them. Best of all, I received an education that can’t be taken away from me. I earned it! And Millersville University was the perfect place!”

Alex Alvarez ’04 graduated with a degree in business administration. He works for Fulton Bank as a branch manager in Lancaster.

Guillermina (Gidget) DeJesus ’04 is an 8th grade science teacher at Lincoln Middle School in Lancaster. She says that LPP made the dream of going to college real for her. It helped her to believe and see that she could go to college regardless of the fact that her parents were not able to send her to college.

Peggy Henderson ’04 is the lead respiratory therapist and safety officer for the Select Medical Corporation in Philadelphia. She is scheduled to complete her master’s in business administration in health services administration from Strayer University in 2010. She says, “I’m grateful to the LPP. It certainly opened up possibilities for me.”

Kjuan Felder ’02 graduated with a degree in secondary education, English. Now Kjuan is the founder, director and co-owner of the Felder & Wright Corp., a business that provides independent living, transitional living, and aftercare services for young men and women.

Jasmyne King ’09 is working one full-time and two part-time positions. She works as a part-time counselor with young teen mothers with two or more children, as a Red Cross worker and as a permanency specialist with United Families Network.

Yanira Alvarez ’99 is a job accountant for R.R. Donnelley in Lancaster. She was the first in her immediate family to graduate from college.

Tina Shell ’98, ’00M is a school counselor and psychologist for the School District of Lancaster and is also a doctoral candidate. She says that Millersville gave her the technical and theoretical skills to complete graduate school and the ability to effectively help young people.

Delores Ojeda ’01 is an assistant branch manager at Fulton Bank. She credits her education with giving her the skills to work effectively in international banking with diverse customers from all over the world.

Danielle Brown ’01, ’09M is a math coach for the School District of Lancaster and is the interim chief academic officer for Project Forward Leap.

Gertrudis Sanchez ’06 is a graduate student in Millersville’s school counseling program, and will graduate in 2010. She works as a graduate assistant for the Housing and Residential Programs office and is a mentor with the Lancaster Partnership Program for high school students. She says that without LPP, “I wouldn’t be in college. The help is not only financial help, but also the workshops for parents and students about going through the process of college.”

Emiyan “Emi” Andino ’06 is a graduate student in Millersville’s school counseling program, and will graduate in 2010. Emi is an assistant in the University’s financial aid office and works with the LPP mentoring high school students. She says, “It is because of the Lancaster Partnership Program that I stand where I am today. It has afforded me with a multitude of opportunities to not only better myself, but my educational goals as well.”

Christina Ortega ’04 is a probation officer for York County Juvenile Probation.

Evans Elias ’08 has a degree in business administration and is working in Fulton Financial Corporation’s management training program. Evans recently began work with the LPP as a corporate mentor. “I wanted to go to college, so I could have a better life than my father experienced.”

Amadi Ramos ’98 is a senior design engineer of rocket propulsion systems for ATK Mission Systems. His degree from Millersville led him to another undergraduate degree at Pennsylvania State University, a master’s degree in mechanical engineering at Villanova University and plans to complete his Ph.D.

Marisol Mendez ’00 majored in finance and business management. She is an associate accountant at Armstrong World Industries. She says her education gave her the superior tools to excel in her present professional work.

Makeda Nobles ’06 is a transition coordinator in an independent living unit for the York County Children and Youth Services. She is responsible for helping young adults with securing housing and attending college. She says, “I would not have been able to finish my degree without the help of the Lancaster Partnership Program. LPP gave me the guidance and support to finish my degree program. Now I am planning to start graduate school in September 2010.”

Carlos Munoz ’07 received his degree in international business and is working for Boeing Corporation as a scheduler specialist. He is slated to be in a rotation for Boeing’s business finance group and head to Europe for additional training. The business research training that he received at Millersville has helped him to excel in the work in his division at Boeing. He says, “I would not be where I am without the Lancaster Partnership.”

Tina Moore ’01 is a social worker for Families United Network. She is a senior policy permanency specialist in adoption and foster care. She believes that the caliber of her undergraduate program at Millersville helped her to complete a master’s degree in social work in one year as opposed to three years.

Elizabeth Rodriguez ’00 majored in finance and business management. She is an associate accountant at Armstrong World Industries. She says her education gave her the superior tools to excel in her present professional work.
Marauder Pride

According to Webster’s dictionary, a marauder is one who roams about and raids in search of plunder. At Millersville, we consider ourselves to be in search of the ultimate plunder… knowledge!

Life Inside Mascot Boot Camp

Military recruits heading to boot camp usually anticipate grueling workouts, and intense training, so when I found out I was being sent to a mascot boot camp, I had no idea what to expect. I have been a member of the Millersville University Mascot Team for the past two years.

The mascot boot camp, run by mascot mastermind and original Phillie Phanatic David Raymond, was hosted at Kutztown University. During the intense three-day camp, I and two other members of the mascot team trained to become bigger, better, and more ridiculous mascots. As part of our training, we did many activities in front of large, full length mirrors so that we could see our movements and expressions while in costume. We also attended seminars aimed to help us improve our entertainment skills. Two of my favorite lectures were “Oh my God where is that odor coming from?” a class teaching us how to care for and clean our costumes; and “They laughed when I sat down at the piano!” a class which taught us how to develop trademark skills unique to our mascot character.

The boot camp was a lot of fun, but more importantly I learned more about mascot performance and gained fresh ideas for the Millersville University mascot team. The mascot team and I are very excited to implement the new skills we learned. Keep a look out for the dynamic duo of Marauder and his sidekick Skully—fresh from boot camp, and ready to entertain!

Yours Truly,

Erika Styer

Above: The mascot team trains and plans its performances and appearances on and off campus.
Below: Erika Styer, mascot coordinator, in the Jones’ Birdcage with Skully.
Mascot Tidbits

- Millersville declared its mascot to be a Marauder in the 1930s.
- There is currently a team of 10 MU students who perform as Skully and Marauder.
- Skully resides in the MU Birdcage, the mascot van donated by the Jones Family of Dealerships.
- The mascot program is privately sponsored by the Jones Family of Dealerships, and receives no money from the University.
- The mascot team attends a “boot camp,” which is led by the original Phillie Phanatic, David Raymond.
- During the 2008-09 school year Skully and Marauder made 83 appearances.
- In 2010, Millersville will be hosting the first ever tri-collegiate mascot workshop with the mascot teams from Kutztown University and East Stroudsburg University.

About Skully

- The Skully costume can only be washed by hand. Team members get together several times a year to give him a bird bath.
- The Skully costume weighs about 25 lbs.
- It takes two people, and about 10 minutes to get a person into the Skully costume.
- The Marauder adopted his family-friendly sidekick, Skully, during halftime at Homecoming in October 2004—Skully “hatched at the half.”

Athletic identity

From its website to its street address, Millersville University’s athletics department has undergone a major image transformation over the last year.

The department has unveiled a new identity that, according to director of athletic communications Ethan Hulsey, will “expand and solidify the idea of the Marauder.”

The new image features a pirate icon in profile behind the University’s traditional spirit mark, also known as the “M” mark.

Athletics personnel, as well as student-athletes are excited about the new logo. Field hockey coach Shelley Behrens has already incorporated the registered marks into the team’s uniforms and equipment.

“I think it’s great,” Behrens said. “It gives us a professional look and puts us at a new level. When you look the part, you can act the part.”

The spirit mark, also known as the “M” mark, was created by Cameron Martin ’04 while interning in the University’s communications and marketing office.

The “M” logo design was simple and incorporated the University’s long-standing “Marauder Pride” tradition. Martin states, “It’s great to come back to campus and see the logo everywhere and know I created it!”
Seems like the simplest of life-sustaining biological processes—breathe in, breathe out, repeat. But chronic health conditions and disease are driving an explosive demand for skilled respiratory therapists.

John Hughes, director of Millersville University’s long-standing respiratory therapy program, has an explanation for the demand.

“Heavy smokers from the 1960s and 70s are finding themselves with major health issues,” Hughes says. “We have a lot more cancer than we had in the past. There’s an increasing amount of toxins in the environment, in our food supply, in the air. The planet is becoming an accumulation of chemical debris, which contributes to this growth in demand. Asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary (COPD) disease are big factors.”

A classroom and laboratory on the third floor of Lancaster Regional Medi-
A respiratory therapy degree from Millersville comes after four years of hands-on training, while many new programs require only completion of an associate’s degree.

cal Center is where Hughes educates the next generation of respiratory therapists, perhaps the most advantageous group of newcomers to this particular medical field since it started in the 1960s. According to a 2006 U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics report, job growth for respiratory therapists will spike 19 percent by 2016. Plus, average annual salaries start around $35,000 to more than $64,000.

“There’s always been sick people, but with baby boomers getting older, there is going to be a bigger need for respiratory therapists,” says Jared Brooks, a 23-year-old senior biology major nearing the end of his respiratory therapy training. “And with the swine flu, a lot more interest has been sparked.”

The increased need for respiratory therapists contributed to Brooks’ attraction to the medical field. So did his family history. He has relatives who are respiratory therapists or registered nurses or doctors. The death of an uncle, at the age of 22, from poor asthma management also played a part in his career decision.

“I had asthma as a kid and I’m seeing a lot more of it in other people’s lives, and I see what my uncle didn’t do right,” says Brooks. “So many people have a misinterpretation of the disease. It’s nothing you have to live with. It is avoidable with proper care. Everyone has triggers, allergies, and if [my uncle] were alive today, I would teach him about what medications would work for him.”

Millersville’s program is part of the University’s biology department. Biology majors who opt for respiratory therapy can expect classes in subjects such as “Principles of Aerosol & Gas Therapy” and “Pulmonary Assessment and Therapeutics,” which translate into attaining skills to help fill the lungs of people who can’t breathe well on their own accord.

Hughes says the program incorporates training on the latest respiratory therapy innovations such as electronic nebulizers, which can create custom-sized medicinal particles that flow to targeted pockets of the lung cavities when inhaled by a patient. “Nebulizers are one big frontier,” Hughes says.

Part of the program includes four 10-week sessions for class and laboratory work before taking on a five-month internship for research and hands-on experience at accredited hospitals.

But despite the positive job outlook for respiratory therapists, in an economy when other sectors limp along during the current recession—there’s another side to work as a respiratory therapist.

“The word ‘intensity’ is a good word for this,” Hughes says.

Respiratory therapists can be found helping victims severely hurt by fires; caring for newborns in an ICU; joining initial responders to natural and manmade disasters such as Hurricane Katrina or 9/11; or finding themselves on the frontline battling pandemics like the ongoing H1N1 viral outbreak.

Margaret Irizzary ’07 works as a respiratory therapist with Penn State Hershey Medical Center’s Heart and Vascular Institute, helping patients recover from bypass surgery or a heart transplant with breathing exercises.

“There are weekends that are stressful.
emotionally and physically draining,” Irizzary says. “We go and make sure our patients are safe and healthy. We try to get them out of the hospital as quickly as we can. It can be especially draining when the patients aren’t doing so well.

“It’s hard, but I go back to work every day because I love my job and I love my patients.”

Brent Trimmer ’08 can relate to Irizzary. Trimmer works as a staff therapist at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

“Most of my time is spent with patients on ventilators in the ICUs, managing their progress and helping them get off the ventilators,” Trimmer says. “We do 12-hour shifts, and I’ll work three or four 12-hour shifts either back to back or broken up with a day in between.”

Trimmer, despite the long hours and intense work environment, soldiers on with a purpose.

“I have family members who have asthma,” Trimmer says. “In my field, I see that all the time. That’s my most common type of patient, that and someone with COPD. You feel gratification that you’re helping them live the best life they can. You know you’ve helped them with their breathing exercises because you see the look on their faces. You know you’ve made their day.”

Hughes is seeing fruit blossom from his four-decade-long career. He recalls when respiratory therapy at Millersville and across the country first began during the 1960s, around the same time Medicare was established by the Lyndon B. Johnson administration. Back then as today, Medicare doesn’t cover respiratory therapy outside of a hospital, Hughes says, a seemingly fatal blow to the prospects of any medical field, especially one that’s preparing for an influx of Baby Boomer patients.

Nonetheless, finding jobs for respiratory therapy students is hardly troubling to Hughes. “We have 100 percent placement every year,” he says.

One reason for this success is because of Millersville’s long-established program. More importantly, a respiratory therapy degree from Millersville comes after four years of hands-on training, while many new programs require only completion of an associate’s degree.

“I find that more extensive training allows you to be more proactive at work, and you have a better ability to communicate with the doctors,” Trimmer says. “You’re just more prepared.”

And another advantage Millersville graduates have in the respiratory therapy field is Hughes, they say.

“He’s been around the industry for a long time,” Brooks says. “He’s not only extremely smart and loves teaching, but he knows a lot of people in the industry and a lot of them have respect for him. It’s interesting to go to large conferences throughout Pennsylvania, and people know Mr. Hughes and know the caliber of students who go through the program.”
Gary Gehman ’72 tried hard to breathe the operating room air. But his lungs—ravaged by a rare condition—could only inhale one fifth of the air he needed. Shallow breath followed shallow breath, as he anxiously waited to learn whether doctors at Temple University Hospital had discovered the life-preserving lungs Gehman needed and had waited for after eight agonizing months on the transplant list.

Doctors came in: No, the lungs from the organ donor did not match.

“Y’ou’re laying on the operating table with all the needles in, ready to go,” recalled Gehman. “When it’s a no go, they disconnect you from the tubes and send you home and say, ‘We’ll call you another time.’ ”

And, they did call—that time it was a match. Today, Gehman lives and works near West Chester, Pa., two years after doctors opened his chest to perform a double lung transplant. The operation ended Gehman’s struggle with a rare disease and started a new path with previously unimaginable rewards for the 63-year old.

In 1994, physicians told Gehman, a former smoker, that he had emphysema—only to discover about eight years later during trial clinics for medication at the Mayo Clinic that the true cause for his breathing struggles was alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency. The genetic disorder reverses a protein in the lungs from protective into a destructive one. The condition severely hampered Gehman’s ability to work at Apple Press, the printing company he owns near Philadelphia, and his coveted fishing trips on the Jersey Shore.

“My lungs were getting to a point where it was scary,” said Gehman, whose lungs had declined to only 20 percent of their capacity. “Your wife and your employees are looking at you and saying, ‘Ah, you’re pretty blue right now, are you okay?’ ”

“You don’t sit back and relax because you can’t breathe in that position. You don’t take showers because you couldn’t breathe with the steam, so you take baths. Sitting down takes five minutes to catch your breath. The elephant is always stepping on your chest. It’s a horrible life.”

Gehman remembers waking up after doctors at Temple had replaced his diseased lungs with two healthy ones from someone who had just died.

“I remember my wife, daughters and other people telling me I had skin color that was pink for the first time, and I wasn’t gray and blue and looked wonderful,” Gehman recalled. “You realize, ‘I’m breathing!’ You’re not trusting it, but then you realize you’re breathing with these things.”

Gehman returned to work and once again exercises and fishes, saying he’s breathing better now than he did 15 years ago when he was first misdiagnosed with emphysema.

As for the donor who was responsible for this gift of life, Gehman doesn’t know who it is, but he breathes in deeply and fights tears when talking about the donor.

“People are going to die because people won’t sign up on the organ donor list,” he said. “Somebody could use those organs. If we have enough people who do that, we’re going to have enough people who can live.”

For more information about organ donation, visit www.donors1.org.
Heather Randell ’06 and Stacy Powers ’00 think back to the first time they put on their Eagles cheerleader uniforms and stepped onto the field with the lights, 70,000 screaming fans—they had made it.

The road to becoming an Eagles cheerleader is traveled by many aspiring young women. Every March, hundreds of hopefuls answer the open audition call for a place on the squad. A month later, after a succession of elimination rounds and increasing competition, only 38 beautiful and talented ladies are left standing.

“I let my experience with dance lead me,” says Randell, who admits she wasn’t a football fan until making the squad in 2007. She was in her first year of teaching kindergarten when a friend asked her to try out. “I wasn’t sure if cheerleaders and teachers go together,” she chuckles. Now, in her third season with the Eagles, “I couldn’t imagine cheering for another team.”

Powers, an accountant, also had concerns. For her, it focused on the overlap between auditions and tax season. Powers auditioned unsuccessfully twice, before making the squad in 2008. As they say, the third time’s a charm.

“Oh my god it’s so much fun,” exclaims Powers. “Working for a professional organization that allows you to do so many things is very rewarding.”

The one-year contract covers home games and special appearances. But just because you make the squad, there is no guarantee you’ll be back the following season. Every spring, it’s back in line with the cast of hundreds to audition all over again.
For home games, the squad arrives at the stadium four hours prior to kick-off. They practice, do their hair and make-up, or have the professional staff do it for them. Then, they slip into their Vera Wang-designed uniforms and make appearances throughout the stadium.

Pregame is their “big show,” according to Powers. “We go on about 20 minutes prior to kick-off.” During the game, they station themselves around the four corners of the field to do what they do best—cheer and keep the crowd fired up. “We run into the end zone after every Eagles touchdown to the Eagles fight song; it’s one of the most fun things we do,” Powers said. Through the heat, rain and freezing cold temperatures of the season, if the Eagles are playing, the cheerleaders are on the side lines.

Part of being an Eagles cheerleader is community service, which might include a trip to Iraq to visit the troops and promotional appearances. The annual junior cheerleader clinic at Lincoln Financial Field is always a hit. Eagles cheerleaders provide professional instruction to junior cheerleaders ages five to 13. At the end of the day, the children perform their new moves in front of their families. “Kids events are a lot of fun,” exclaims Powers. “They are just so excited; they want to learn as much as they can—they’re so impressionable.”

Randell agrees, “You meet some pretty amazing kids; they look up to you and it’s a great feeling.”

The Eagles cheerleaders are also tackling global warming with their “Go Green” initiative for the 2009-2010 calendar. The girls wore eco-sexy bikinis, and accessories made of recycled materials and the calendar is printed on FSC-certified recycled paper. “The calendar trip [to Aruba] is the first real time all the girls get to bond,” explains Powers. “It’s amazing how 38 girls can come together to form one team.”

Balancing their full-time careers and their part-time jobs as cheerleaders; staying in shape and attending four-hour cheer practices two times a week takes energy, hard work and good planning. “Prioritizing is the hardest part, according to Randell, “fitting everything in and making it work.”

In addition to teaching kindergarten at Highland Elementary School and her NFL cheerleading, Randell is in graduate school at Cabrini College, working on her master’s degree to become a certified principal. “I always had an interest in that aspect of education,” says Randell.

A certified public accountant, Powers works 40-plus hours a week as a controller for Liberty Insurance Brokers. She says “finding my own personal balance is a must.” She recently added skydiving as her newest hobby and has jumped four times already.

For both young women, their passion for dance led them to become Eagles cheerleaders. But only when a mutual friend introduced the two did they realize that they both were Millersville University alumni.

Hard-work has played a major role in their success. They also credit the support they’ve received along the way. “My friends and family were always there for me,” says Randell.

“You always need a support system—no matter how strong or confident you are, there are times you question yourself,” admits Powers.

Regardless of what it took to get there, Randell and powers know the accomplishment of achieving their goal was well worth the effort. For now, they will continue to fly high, cheering for the Philadelphia Eagles on their road to victory.

“In 2008, members of the Eagles cheerleaders traveled to visit the troops in Iraq.”

“Working for a professional organization that allows you to do so many things is very rewarding.”
Above: Alumni pause for a snapshot at Fall Fling on Brooks Field near the lake.

Right: Kitty Glass ’53, alumni volunteer, delivers balloons to Gordinier Hall for the many reunions.

Below: Rain, rain, and more rain but a double overtime win over Kutztown (35-28)!

Coach Colby huddles with Marauders during the afternoon game.

Charity Queen Brittany Adams and King Zach Love were congratulated by President Francine G. McNairy. All candidates raised $35,000.

Right: The annual alumni and friends golf outing was held at the Crossgates Golf Course on Friday morning.

Below: Groundbreaking ceremony for the Student Memorial Center expansion, due to be completed 2013.
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PARADE HIGHLIGHTS

Left: The Kiltie Band proudly displays their plaid in the morning strut on George Street.

Left below: In keeping with the theme, “Myths, Fables and Fairy Tales,” students pose for the camera along the two-mile route.

Right: The Big Top Clown helium balloon is carried by Millersville’s Boy Scout Troop #268.

Left: Members from the class of 1949 gather for their 60th anniversary in Gordinier.

Right: The Wrestling Reunion was standing room only in the Campus Grill.

Left: Women’s Basketball celebrated their 75th anniversary season with alumni, including Phyllis Dessinger Detz, class of 1930.

Celebrate Millersville University!

FALL FLING
Pictured, left to right: Petting zoo; fun foods; balloon sculptures and pony rides were featured, along with arts and craft vendors on Brooks Field.
Upcoming events

February 8: Philadelphia Marriott Downtown (tentative location), area alumni reception, 6 p.m.
March 18: Charlotte, North Carolina, in conjunction with the International Technology Education Association annual conference (location not set at press time). There will also be another reception near this date for area alumni.

For more details on these or other events, visit www.villealumni.com.

Take a PASSHE trip

Travel with the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) Alumni and Friends Travel Program in 2010. The prices listed are per person, based on double occupancy.

- Oberammergau Passion Play/Alpine Explorer (June 26 - July 5): Journey through Italy, Switzerland, Austria and Germany by bus and train. The final destination is Oberammergau, a quaint village nestled in the Bavarian Alps, to witness a performance of the once-a-decade Passion Play, whose origins date back to 1634. Price is $3,599, and does not include airfare, taxes and some fees. Limited space is available.

- Alaska (July 26 - August 7): See the best of Alaska by land and by sea with Princess Cruises including towering glaciers, unspoiled wilderness and spectacular wildlife. Ports of call include: Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway and Anchorage, Alaska. The tour includes glacier sailing days and the Denali National Park. Prices start at $2,673 and do not include airfare or taxes.

- Voyages to Antiquity Cruise (August 23 - Sept. 7): See Italy, Croatia and Greece, along with the dramatic beauty of the Adriatic Coast, aboard the MV Aegean Odyssey (a mid-size ship whose capacity is only 380 guests). Call and ask for PASSHE discounts. There is no single supplement program, which means singles can travel at the double price.

Contact Cruisin’ Inc./Main Line Vacations at 800-506-7447, and ask for Christie or Craig, or visit www.alumnivacations.com and click on PASSHE Travel Program.

Sigma Pi reunion

There will be a Sigma Pi, Mu Alpha Kappa (MAK) and SEB spring alumni reunion in May 2010.
If you are an alumni member of these fraternities, call Rob Grant at 302-654-8848 or email grantini@aol.com. Alumni are encouraged to visit and join the chapter website at www.zetagamma.net or the Sigma Pi Millersville Facebook page for more details.

Destinations travel program suspended

Millersville University has made the difficult decision to suspend the Destinations Travel Program in 2010 due to rising costs associated with the program. We thank you for your patronage.

Millersville legacies

The Shelly family was one of approximately 40 alumni and guests attending a Legacy Breakfast Reception on Saturday, November 7. Sponsored by the Millersville University Alumni Association, the event was held in conjunction with Family Day. Legacies are current Millersville University undergraduate students whose parent(s) are alumni. Currently, there are more than 100 legacies attending Millersville.

Melanie ’85 and Mark ’84 Shelly, and their daughter Ellen, a current student, showed off their Millersville sweatshirts.
Nominations sought: Alumni board and awards

Alumni Board Vacancies: Do you have leadership skills, enthusiasm and creativity? Do you appreciate Millersville and all of the opportunities granted to you because of it?

The Millersville University Alumni Association (MUAA) is seeking nominations for the 2010-12 board of directors for 10 vacancies. If you are interested, know of a candidate, or would like to hear more about this opportunity, contact the alumni services office, and a nomination application packet will be sent to you. All application materials are due by February 19.

We are also accepting nominations for:

**Distinguished Alumni Award:** Given to a living Millersville graduate who has been distinguished in such a way as to bring honor to the individual, the University and/or the MUAA.

**Honorary Alumni Award:** Given to any living person, who is not classified as an alumnus of MU, who has been distinguished in such a way as to bring honor, distinction or excellence to the University and/or the MUAA and who has performed continuous service and/or made significant contributions of time, talent or wealth to the University or MUAA.

**Outstanding Volunteer Service Award:** This new award recognizes one living alumni volunteer annually who has devoted significant time and effort, and has demonstrated outstanding service to the MUAA or the University on behalf of the alumni association. The deadline for award nominations is February 19 and should include a letter with the name of the nominee and contact information of the nominee and nominator, and a detailed description of how the nominee meets the eligibility/purpose of the award.

For more details, contact the alumni services office at 800-681-1855 or www.villealumni.com.

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**Student ambassador wins national award**

As president of Millersville University’s Student Ambassadors, Shannon Custer manages the active student alumni association, works in the alumni services office, and balances her studies as a dual major in elementary education and special education.

But the senior has an extra obstacle she must overcome every day—she is hearing impaired. Custer has overcome this hurdle with determination and grace as she has taken on increasing leadership positions throughout her years as a college student. She is the first student at Millersville to receive the Peter Buchanan Scholarship presented by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). The scholarship was awarded to Custer in order to attend the Student Ambassador’s National Conference in August in Baltimore.

“The main focus of the student ambassadors is to connect with alumni,” said Custer. “Active involvement is imperative for maintaining a strong connection with the alumni.”

Joining Custer at the CASE conference were representatives of the student ambassadors, Dianne O’Connor, director of alumni services, Cheryl Youtz ’69, advisor to the student ambassadors, and Leigh Walter ’88, chair of the student advancement committee.

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**ALUMNI EVENT INFORMATION**

**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.

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**Come out and join Millersville University alumni at the Hershey Bears Game!**

**Saturday, February 27 at 7 p.m.**

Cost: $19 per ticket

To reserve your ticket, go online at www.villealumni.com or call the alumni services office. A portion of each ticket sold benefits the alumni association. Reserve your tickets by January 29!
Upcoming Events

Carnival Day
Bring your children, cheer on the Marauders’ basketball teams and join Skully and the Marauder in the fun of Carnival Day on Saturday, January 23. The festivities begin at noon and last throughout the day as the men’s and women’s teams take on Bloomsburg.

NCAA East Regional Wrestling Championship
Millersville serves as host to the NCAA Division I Wrestling East Regional on Saturday, March 6. Wrestlers from five programs will compete in Pucillo Gymnasium for the opportunity to qualify for the NCAA Championships. Action begins at 9 a.m. Tournament passes can be purchased for $12 at www.muticketsonline.com.

Black & Gold Golf
The 2010 Black & Gold Golf Classic is set for Monday, May 17 at Crossgates Golf Club in Millersville. The scramble-format golf outing is open to anyone looking to support Millersville athletics. The outing is the single largest one-day fundraising event for athletics, and all funds generated benefit athletic scholarships.

Soccer scores another great season
Coach Steve Widdowson has turned the Millersville men’s soccer program into one of the most dominant teams not only in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC), but in Division II. After finishing the 2008 season ranked No. 6, the Marauders continued to make a steady ascent up the rankings in 2009 and accomplished a feat that no other team in program history had before.

On Nov. 3, the Marauders were voted as No. 1 in the nation in the NSCAA/Adidas Division II Ranking—the first time since 1980 that a PSAC men’s soccer team had been No. 1 in the country.

“We’re tremendously proud of the accomplishment and the opportunity to represent Millersville in a positive manner,” said Widdowson.

The ranking came after a 16-1 regular season record and another unbeaten season against PSAC East competition. Dating back to 2007, Millersville has won 19-straight PSAC Eastern Division games and was a perfect 8-0 in 2009. Along with the unbeaten mark was a second-straight PSAC Eastern Division crown and the top seed in the PSAC Tournament. While the Marauders came up short of the conference title, finishing as the PSAC Runner-Up for the second year in a row, it hardly diminished the success of the season.

“It’s where we want to be,” said Widdowson. “We want to be in the NCAA Tournament every year. We want to be in the championship game every year. If we keep doing that we’ll eventually get that conference championship. It’s something that needs to get done in this program. But with two NCAA Tournament appearances in a row, hopefully we’ll stay there.”

The Marauders won convincingly. Led by a staunch defense and junior goalkeeper Matt Langione, the team set a new school record with 13 shutouts and led the nation in shutout percentage. Langione set an individual record for shutouts in a season and career shutouts.

With success comes accolades, and three Marauders were named All-PSAC East at season’s end. Junior Kyle Loughlin finished the regular season with 11 goals and five assists. Sophomore midfielder Ethan Daubert and junior defender Jeremy Yoder landed All-PSAC East honors.

Also, senior Thomas Bargmann, a linchpin in the team’s stellar defense, was honored for his achievements in the classroom as he was named the ESPN Magazine Academic All-District 2 Men’s Soccer Second Team with a 3.7 GPA in business administration.
Hall of Fame inductees

Six former student-athletes were inducted into the Millersville University Athletic Hall of Fame on October 23. The 15th annual class includes:

Kelly Roberts Brenninger ’84 was twice named the lacrosse team’s most outstanding defensive player and she also earned the same honor twice for field hockey. As a senior, she earned All-PSAC honors for her efforts on the lacrosse field and was the goalkeeper on the 1982 squad that won the AIAW Division III Championship—the only national title won by a women’s team at Millersville. She has coached at Upper Perkiomen High School and taught in the school district for 25 years.

William Davis ’71 was a three-year member of the Marauder football program, playing defensive back, wingback and special teams. He was a member of Dr. Gene Carpenter’s first team in 1970, and the pair forged a lasting friendship. In 1993, he was recognized with the Millersville University Football Award for his superb undergraduate career as a student-athlete and his continuing commitment to excellence. After graduating, Davis enlisted in the Army and served in large scale military operations that included humanitarian assistance in Asia, Central America, Europe, Africa and the Middle East. He also commanded a battalion during Desert Storm. He is retired and living in Virginia Beach, Va.

Chris Telfer Miles ’87 was a rare three-sport star at Millersville, playing field hockey, softball and tennis. As a field hockey player, she was an All-PSAC selection three times, First Team All-American and Academic All-American. She pitched for the Marauder softball team and still ranks fourth in career ERA at 2.33. She was a member of the U.S. Field Hockey National Indoor All-Tournament team from 1991-97 and was named MVP twice. The founder of Miles Consulting, LLC, she has worked as a team development consultant at the University of Delaware. She resides in Pottstown, Pa.

Francis Presley ’81, ’89M achieved the unmatched feat of two NCAA Division III Championships. Wrestling at 150 pounds, Presley finished as the PSAC Runner-up three times and captured back-to-back national titles. He is still the only Millersville athlete to be a two-time national champion. He is also a member of the Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology Athletic Hall of Fame, Mercer County Athletic Hall of Fame and the Division III Wrestling Hall of Fame. Presley worked as an assistant wrestling coach at Millersville from 1981-83 and Franklin & Marshall College for eight years, before becoming the head coach from 1993-98. He is a probation officer for Lancaster County.

William Strain ’77 was an All-PSAC honoree in cross country and track and field, but he also achieved national recognition in 1976 as an NCAA Division III Cross Country All-American. In 1977, he captured the six mile champi-
All about the rebounds

It’s been a banner year for senior Jenna Craig. The forward led the Millersville women’s basketball team in rebounds last season and was named to the All-PSAC Second Team.

But how she spent her summer may have trumped everything else.

The biology major interned at Hershey Medical Center under researcher Dr. David Mu. His research is centered on finding a cure for lung cancer, although she said, “They’re a long way away from that.”

Across the nation, researchers are studying thousands of genes, but Craig’s research was extremely specific—focusing on just three genes.

“If they can figure out what genes or what factors contribute to the formation of tumors, then they may be able to manipulate those genes or manipulate those factors so that tumors don’t form,” Craig said.

Craig’s approach to research isn’t much different from her approach to basketball. As a researcher, she was part role player and part playmaker.

“Cells that I made or transformed during my individual research will be saved so they can grow them and make more of them so they can use them in different experiments,” Craig said. But, she hit a snag late in the process that threatened to derail the entire project.

“I came in on a Monday...to find that some nasty form of mold had sneaked its way into my 175 mm flask and destroyed my project,” she wrote in an article for a pathology newsletter. “I was heartbroken.”

“Working with anything in this kind of research is very vulnerable to contamination,” she said. “I worked underneath a hood, I wore rubber gloves, I wore a lab coat, and everything was ethanold before it was placed under the hood. Still, if anything sneaks its way into that flask, it’s game over.”

Craig was unable to restore the project, but salvaged much of her research.

“When something that’s not in your control yanks you out of the game, it’s hard to take,” she said. “That’s how it was for me. It was like an injury, where you’re not sure if you’re going to be able to come back.”

Craig said she had no choice but to persevere. One researcher told her, “You have to learn to only give research 80 percent of your heart, because if you give it 100 percent, you’ll never make it your whole career. You need that 20 percent where you save yourself.” Craig added, “And he was right. You’ve got to allow yourself the opportunity to rebound.”

“In research, it’s not always about proving stuff,” she said. “Sometimes it’s about disproving. Either way, if you accomplish something, you can go ahead and put it in the win column.”

That winning attitude is how she approaches everything—including the 2009-10 basketball season.

“I have the highest expectations possible,” Craig said. “I want to hold a PSAC Championship trophy at midcourt with my entire team and my coaching staff.”

Clinic teaches more than baseball

This fall, the Marauder baseball team held a special clinic for Lancaster youngsters at the request of Gerry Shehan, who is the associate director of food services at Millersville. He is also a member of Big Brothers/Big Sisters and his little brother plays on the Spanish American Lancaster Sports Association (SALSA) team.

Gerry had an “in” since his son, Jon Shehan ’06, happens to be the head coach of the Marauder baseball team.

For most of the SALSA team, it was the first time they’d ever been exposed to college-level coaching or stepped onto a baseball field with major league dimensions. For many, it was the first time they’d even had all the necessary equipment.

“I’ve got some great athletes, but what we really need are good students,” Gerry said. The message was clear at the clinic—education comes first. Catcher Miles Gallagher, a senior who is majoring in government and history, added that beyond teaching the kids about baseball fundamentals, he is hoping that they “learn that baseball is an avenue that can take them somewhere in life.”

Mikey Caraballo considered himself the luckiest kid on the field. As a catcher, the 13-year-old had three coaches, showing him the ropes. “I think it’s a real good advantage,” he said with a grin.
1950s

Robert “Bob” Lehr ’57 and Mary (Gochenauer) ’58 Lancaster, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 6/13/09.

1960s

John Stape ’66, McDonough, Ga., joined Jasper County High School as a Spanish teacher. Evelyn (Taylor) Elliott ’68, Media, retired in June 2008 from Radnor Township School District as an elementary librarian. Kate (Dougherty) Lenkowsky ’68, Bloomington, Ind., authored Contemporary Quilts: An Introduction and Guide, published by Indiana University Press. She has also written for Surface Design Journal and Fiberarts magazine. William R. Thompson ’68, ’70M, Harrisburg, was named interim vice president of academic affairs at Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology. Dennis D. Louwerse ’69, Lebanon, serves as executive director of Berks Area Reading Transit Authority. Jadell Souders ’69, Myerstown, retired as an elementary teacher at Jackson Elementary School.

1970s

Jim Haig ’70, Whitemarsh, was appointed as project director to administer the Norristown Area School District’s Safe Schools/Healthy Students program. Jim Stamm ’70, ’74M, Reinholds, retired from Cocalico School District after a 38-year career. He also retired from the U.S. Army Reserves in 2001 and was presented with the de Fleury Award for service to the Corps of Engineers. Karl Bivans ’71, Cutler Bay, Fla., has been a world-class athlete in track and field, football, bodybuilding, arm wrestling and powerlifting and holds more than 50 state, national and world records. His 1971 discus record of 179’3” still stands as a Millersville University record. Betsy A. Dusak ’71, Wallingford, was recently approved to represent Wilmington, Del., in the Cambridge Who’s Who Registry Among Executive and Professional Women in the Pharmaceutical Industry. She is a project management director at AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals. Linda (Maurey) Hitchcock ’71, ’82M, Lititz, was named assistant to the superintendent at Eastern Lancaster County School District.

Nancy L. King ’71, Sinking Spring, is the department chair and assistant professor of education at Cedar Crest College. Jim Murphy ’71, Hampton, N.H., retired from Bentley Pharmaceuticals, Inc., as chairman and CEO. He will continue as chairman of CPEX Pharmaceuticals, a Bentley spin-off company. Sandra K. (Messersmith) Millin ’72, Confluence, retired after 35 years of teaching, including 30 years with the Rockwood Area School District. She continues to serve as a regional director for the Keystone State Reading Association. Stephen Powell ’72, Lancaster, received an honorary doctorate in public service from Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, and an honorary doctor of science degree from the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore. Rebecca (Kasun) Clark ’73, Glen Carbon, Ill., was selected to serve as the chair of the Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois Board of Directors. John Martin ’73, Lancaster, delivered the keynote address at the 2009 Journal of Commerce East Coast Maritime Conference. He is the president of Martin Associates, which conducts economic and market studies on the nation’s seaports. William A. Herschell ’74, Mount Laurel, N.J., serves as sales manager for Winner Ford.

Class of 1954

How do you celebrate 55 years since graduation? You visit with your college roommate.

And that’s exactly what Isabelle “Issy” (Mellick) Long ’54 and Reta (Trone) Markish ’54, ’73M did. The two ladies roomed together in what was then the “party room” in Lyle Hall beginning in 1953. Renee visited with Issy at her home in Sunnyvale, Calif., and shared happy memories of their days at Millersville and the many years of their friendship.

Issy is currently the registrar for the Santa Clara Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, helping prospective members research their family history in order to document a direct link to an American patriot. Reta is a retired middle school counselor from York’s Southwestern School District. For the past 18 years she has chaired the York County Pa. School Retirees Travel Committee, organizing approximately 14 trips annually around the world.

In April, Reta attended Alumni Day at Millersville, but only got to see two classmates: Charles Dutill ’54 and Lowell Wallace ’54.

Reta and Issy roomed together in the “party room,” according to the 1954 Touchstone.
Cheryl (Boyer) Moen Vermey ’74, West Chester, was elected to the board of directors of the International Coach Federation. She is president and CEO of EnVision Coaching, Inc.

Maria (Angelisanti) Plessl ’74, Schnecksville, retired after 35 years at Palmerton High School, where she taught foreign languages and foundations of education.

Diane (Evans) Tyson ’74, ’75M, Lancaster, serves as the director of the Lancaster County Academy, an alternative public school in Park City Center.

Patricia Renninger ’75, Pottstown, retired after teaching mathematics for 32 years with the Boyertown Area School District.

Cynthia (Baxter) Kirchner ’76, Selinsgrove, retired from teaching seventh grade earth and space science at Donald H. Eichhorn Middle School in Lewisburg.

Gerald Meck ’76M, Akron, was named CEO of the United Disabilities Services (UDS) Foundation. Previously, he was president and CEO of UDS.

Sharon Eshelman ’78, ’82M, Mountain Top, is a member of the Leadership Wilkes-Barre’s class of 2010. She is a branch manager at Pennstar Bank.

E. Joy (Meredith) McFerren ’79M, Lancaster, joined Teleflex Medical, a leading global supplier of medical products, as human resources manager.

Matthew Zanowiak ’82, Millersville, was named a member of Putnam Investments’ 36th Globe Scale Council. He is a financial consultant with Lancaster Financial Services.

Jennifer Schultz ’83, Harrisburg, was named senior director of project management for Capital BlueCross.

Curtis McCaskey ’83, ’00M, Lancaster, was named the principal of Blue Ball Elementary School.

Arlen Mummau ’83, Mount Joy, joined Pequea Valley High School as principal.

Janet (Neral) Somogyi ’83, Philadelphia, graduated with honors from Villanova University’s executive M.B.A. program and was inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma, the international honor society recognizing business excellence.

Wanda (Bierley) Richie ’84, ’00M, Landisville, earned her...
doctorate in educational leadership from Immaculata University in July. She is the supervisor of the English department at Hempfield School District.

Robin Baer ’85, Morris, was ordained as an Elder in Full Connection within The United Methodist Church. She is the pastor of St. Paul-Calvary United Methodist Church in Williamsport.

Melissa (Lintner) Byers ’85, ’90M, Woodland Hills, Calif., serves as web content manager at The Walt Disney Company in Burbank.

Scott W. Selheimer ’85, Newark, Del., was honored with the Irving T. Marsh Service Bureau Award for excellence in the field of sports information. He is assistant director of athletics for media relations at University of Delaware.

Debra (Rice) Smith ’85, Hanover, was one of five Susquehanna Valley teachers to win a 2009 Teacher Impact Award. She is a music teacher at Hanover Middle School.

Christopher Irvine ’86, Stevens, was named principal of Cocalico High School.

Steven Buterbaugh ’87, Lancaster, was a judge for the Central Penn Business Journal’s Forty Under 40 awards, of which he is a former recipient. He also successfully led a team from Lancaster Country Club to be selected to host the U.S. Women’s Open at the club’s golf course in July 2015.

Misti (Davis) Zimmerman ’87, Westminster, Md., passed the Maryland middle school science Praxis exam to continue her teaching certification.

Jennifer (Sedlak) Russell ’88, Westminster, Md., was notified in August that her family’s bunny, Heather, has been recognized by Guinness World Records as the “World’s Oldest Living Rabbit.” The bunny is 16 years old.


Thomas J. Jordan IV ’89, Lancaster, was elected to the board of directors of Schreiber Pediatric Rehab Center. He is executive vice president of HomeTowne Heritage Bank.

Terri (Ridgell) Wright ’89, Fernandina Beach, Fla., recently led a writing workshop at the Jackson-Madison County Library. She has authored several romance suspense novels, including Fractured Souls, When Opportunity Knocks and Operation Stiletto.

1990s

Diane L. (Deily) Hurst ’90, New Holland, graduated from Widener University with a doctoral degree in educational leadership and also received the Outstanding Dissertation Award.

Joy (Brown) Jones ’90, Stockbridge, Ga., received her doctoral degree in business administration from Nova Southeastern University in May. She is a business unit human resources manager for Smurfit-Stone. She also owns a Smoothie King franchise and Jones Real Estate and Investments.

Barton Miller ’90, Grantham, joined Susquehanna High School as the head football coach.

Jennifer (Fox) Reinhart ’90, ’94M, Lancaster, joined Buchanan Elementary as principal.

Richard Eby ’91, ’01M, Lancaster, was promoted to principal of

Coaching in the NBA

Tom Sterner ’78, an assistant coach for the Dallas Mavericks, a National Basketball Association (NBA) team, since last season says, “I always knew I wanted to coach.

“It is a dream for me. It is a dream come true,” Sterner says. “One thing we try to do is be the most prepared team. We want to have a good game plan when it comes down to the defensive side of things. You want to have a good relationship with [the players], because ultimately that is what this league is about.”

“He is extremely into it. He is good with details,” Dallas forward James Singleton says of Sterner. “He wants to give you the information you need to prepare.”

Sterner got his start in the NBA as a video scout with the Orlando Magic in 1989, and served on the Magic’s coaching staff for 11 seasons. He also coached the Golden State Warriors.

Prior to the NBA, Sterner was an assistant coach at Franklin & Marshall College and the head coach for Lancaster Catholic High School’s Crusaders.

He holds a master’s degree from Temple University in sports management and computers, and helped to develop the coaches’ tools software used by NBA teams for scouting.

The down side of the NBA is the traveling, with a grueling schedule of 82 regular season games, beginning in October. If a team advances to the finals, its season does not end until June.

“It is a grind, night in and night out. You are staying in hotels—granted, they are nice hotels—but you are far from your family,” notes Sterner, who is married and has two daughters. “That is time you don’t get back.”
Friends stand together against cancer

Thirty years ago, Miriam (Gomez) Witmer ’83 and Trudy (McCarty) Wonder ’84 met at Millersville University during freshman orientation. It was the beginning of their life-long friendship.

In 1995, after Witmer lost her mother to cancer, she was driven to help groups and organizations who represented cancer survivors. Five years later, when Al Bustaque, a good friend of Witmer’s, was diagnosed with cancer she held a picnic in celebration of his life and fight against the disease. Family and friends raised $1,200 for the American Cancer Society. Shortly after the picnic, Bustaque passed away, but the experience led Witmer to informally establish an organization, Celebration for Life (C4Life), in Lancaster.

After Wonder lost her father, Tom McCarty, to cancer in 2003, she too became active in the fight against the disease. Wonder hosted “Tee Off for Tom,” a golf tournament in memory of a tradition she and her father had started a few years earlier.

It was soon after that the two friends combined forces to formalize their efforts as a nonprofit organization—C4Life.

C4Life’s mission is two-fold: Raise money for the fight against cancer, and have fun doing it. To date, the annual picnic and other activities have raised more than $156,000 in donations for cancer education, research and patient support services.

“My hope is that when my daughter grows up, she does not have to deal with or worry about cancer in any way,” stated Witmer.

Each year, the organization selects a cancer survivor that epitomizes courage, positive spirit and service as a role model for all cancer survivors. Two special Millersville University women have been C4Life’s guests of honor:

Carol Welsh ’71, adjunct professor in the educational foundations department, and the late Marsha Frerichs, who served as director of the Elderhostel at the University.

Witmer teaches educational psychology at Millersville. She also is a color of teaching advisor, a program set up to obtain people of color to become teachers.

Wonder has taken a personal leave from Merck & Co. where she led various global corporate communications. She and her husband have started their own property development and management company called Wonder Land Enterprises, LLC.

Through their service and commitment to raising money for the fight against cancer, Witmer and Wonder have transformed hundreds of lives. Or, as Wonder notes, “If you have a vision or a passion, and enough people working together who care, anything is possible.”

For more information, visit www.c4life.org.

Marticville Middle School in Penn Manor School District.
R. Scott Highley ’91, Linfield, was inducted into Springford Area High School Football Hall of Fame. He is an asphalt operations manager with the Haines and Kibblehouse Group.
Ella (Hoover) Musser ’91, Newmanstown, was named director of curriculum at Cocalico School District.
Mark Painter ’91, Hummelstown, was named interim head football coach by the Derry Township School Board.
Rebecca (Jones) Rogers ’91, Middletown, Ind., accepted a position as administrative assistant at the National Headquarters of the American Legion in Indianapolis.
Jonathan Ross ’91, Drexel Hill, was selected as the 2009 Pennsylvania Association of Elementary and Secondary School Principals National Distinguished Principal from a middle school. He is principal of Drexel Hill Middle School.
Rick Spyker ’91, Montgomery, Ala., was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force. He is assigned to the Air Force Institute of Technology Civilian Institutions Program and is working on a Ph.D. in public administration and public policy at Auburn University.
Liza Steele ’91, Lancaster, was named campus sales coordinator for the Lancaster campus of Harrisburg Area Community College.

Gregory L. Young ’91, Lititz, was elected to the board of directors of RETTEW Associates, Inc. A CPA, he is the controller at RETTEW.
Anne (Kinderwater) Carroll ’92, ’02M, Lancaster, was named principal at Eshleman Elementary School in the Penn Manor School District.

Greg Kiehl ’92, ’02M, Elizabethtown, was named to the new position of director of support services, overseeing district policies, student safety, special education and ESL services for Eastern Lancaster County School District.

Jennifer (Will) Shettel ’92, Lititz, earned her doctorate in reading and language arts education from Widener University. She is an assistant professor of reading and literacy at Millersville University.

Philip Gale ’93, ’01M, Willow Street, was named principal of Penn Manor High School.

Sheree Alexander ’94, Sicklerville, N.J., received a doctorate in educational leadership from Rowan University in May.

Edward S. Sowers Jr. ’95, Apopka, Fla., joined Stericycle, Inc., a medical waste treatment and disposal company, as area safety manager for Florida’s Apopka, Eaton Park and Clearwater facilities.

Ya ling Koh ’96, Malaysia, is a sales representative for Merck based in Kuala Lumpur.

Jerry McCoy ’96, Hookstown, was named wrestling coach of South Side Beaver High School.

Lawrence Mutai ’96, Nairobi, Kenya, serves as co-operative officer for the Government of Kenya, Ministry of Co-Operative Development and Marketing.

Andrew Weber ’96, Barneget, N.J., was promoted to principal of the Emma C. Attales Middle School, where he was previously the director of curriculum.

Carly (Duke) McPherson ’97, ’04M, Mount Joy, was named principal at Martic Elementary in Penn Manor School District.

Danielle (DeLuca) Scheer ’97, Norristown, received a master’s degree in education with a concentration in library science from Arcadia University in December 2007.

Nancy (Potteiger) Slavin ’97M, San Diego, Calif., is studying tropical nursing at the University of London, School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, in England.

Gabrielle (Baker) Wilcox ’97, ’00M, Columbia, earned a doctorate in school psychology from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in July. She is completing post-doctoral work at Providence Behavioral Health in Leola.

William J. Giblin Sr. ’98, Millersville, joined Securus as business relationship manager in the firm’s insurance division.

Amanda (Algier) Sims ’98, Starkville, Miss., joined LifeChurch.tv in Oklahoma City as the online experience coordinator.

Jeffrey Goodman ’99, Lebanon, serves as pastor of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ephrata.

Brian Jones ’99, Willow Grove, obtained certification as a traffic operations practitioner specialist. He is employed by McMahon Associates, Inc., as a project analyst in traffic engineering.

Timothy Mc Cleary ’99, Morrisville, is the supervisor of information technology at Cheltenham Township School District.

Steven Young ’99, Pennsburg, was honored as one of the Central Penn Business Journal’s Forty Under 40 award recipient. He is president and co-founder of GetMyHomesValue.com.

2000s

Mark Harman ’01, Mountville, received his state license as a professional geologist. He works in the geosciences division at ARRO, an engineering and environmental consulting firm.

Shirley (McIntire) Murray ’01, ’07M, Millersville, was named principal at Letort Elementary School in Penn Manor School District.

Thomas Baker ’02, Pittsburgh, was a guest speaker at Millersville University’s 2009 freshman convocation.

Jennifer Groff ’02, ’05M, Royersford, received a master’s degree in specialized studies from Harvard University. Named as a Fulbright scholar, she is conducting research in the United Kingdom.

John Held ’02, Hatboro, earned his accreditation in public relations (APR) from the Public Relations Society of America.

Kirsten (Horner) Edwards ’04, Mechanicsburg, earned her master’s degree in library science from Clarion University.

Courtney Lewis ’04, ’09M, Lancaster, joined Millersville University as assistant director of the annual fund.

Cameron Martin ’04, New Holland, was promoted to director of alumni and ministry relations at Lancaster Bible College.

Jeffrey Rood ’04, Mount Joy,
graduated from University of Notre Dame in May with a Ph.D. in chemistry. He is an assistant professor of chemistry at Elizabethtown College.

Scott Micklewright '05, Harrisburg, was named vice president and senior middle market loan manager with Metro Bank. Alyssa Check '06, Hellertown, earned her master's degree in forensic psychology from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology in June 2008.

Jodie (Lean) Harney '06, '09M, Bethlehem, was ordained as a deacon of the Moravian Church in Bethlehem.

Gregory Heavener '06, Wyncote, serves as a meteorologist for the National Weather Service predicting weather for New Jersey, Delaware, Philadelphia area and eastern Maryland.

Mia Gambino '07, Mountville, was named head coach of Shippensburg University's women's lacrosse program. She played for the Marauders all four years, and last season served as a volunteer coach at Millersville.

Steve Parsons’07, Longmont, Colo., is a language arts teacher at Overland Trail Middle School.

Elizabeth L. Gaskill '02 and Jason W. Gillman, 5/1/09.

Mindy Apple '03 and Andrew Ascosi, 9/19/09.

Lindsey Garber ’03 and Larry Wagner, 7/18/09.

Carrie Miller ’04 and Silas DeBoer, 8/8/09.

Melissa Leiter ’05 and Shane Weibley, 6/12/09.

Eric Miller ’05 and Jennifer Dorman ’07, 8/15/09.

James Edwards ’06 and Katharine Scull ’06, 8/29/08.

Margaret Gardler ’06 and Ray Aull, 5/17/09.

Kevin Knouse ’06 and Melissa Arthur ’07, 5/2/09.

Joseph Marsh ’06 and Kelly McManus, 6/13/09.

Emily Silfies ’06 and Michael Ficchi ’07, 7/11/09.

Megan Benkert ’07 and Frank Klouse, 9/5/09.

Erin Fawcett ’07, ’09M and Josh Birk ’08, 8/8/09.

Ashley Hess ’08 and Jordan Wagner, 6/5/09.

Births

Rita (Ryan) Damato ’90 and husband Paul, a son, James Paul, on 9/7/09.

Kathryn L. (George) Gilliland ’91 and husband Bob, a daughter, Emily Marie, on 4/27/09.

Marc Dobb ’92 and wife Marie (Scheel) ’93, a daughter, Julie Elise, on 7/3/09.

Jennifer (Klinger) Renkevans ’92 and husband Thomas ’92, a daughter, Elizabeth Marianne, on 1/10/09.

Kristen E. (Peiffer) Cote ’93 and husband Mark J., a daughter, Elizabeth Marianne, on 1/10/09.

Jennifer (Klinger) Renkevans ’92 and husband Thomas ’92, a daughter, Elizabeth Marianne, on 1/10/09.

Kristen E. (Peiffer) Cote ’93 and husband Mark J., a daughter, Rachel Elizabeth, on 7/6/09.

Elizabeth Sayko-Kempf ’93 and husband David, a son, Andrew David, on 7/30/09.

Michelle Martz’94 and husband Shannon Sweeney ’95, a daughter, Matilda Mae, on 5/21/09.

Diana (Boodey) Bowen ’96 and husband Jason, a daughter, Ruby
Louise, on 10/18/08.
Corbett Bryant Rowcliffe 96 and wife Jocelyn, a daughter, Millasyn Hope, on 4/9/09.
Karl Blank 97 and wife Kristin (Smith) 97, a daughter, Kadence Abigail, on 7/28/09.
Beth (Szojka) Cowen 98 and husband Paul 99, a son, Max William, on 7/24/09.
Megan (Antes) Fenoglietto 98 and husband Jay, a daughter, Ella Marie, on 7/1/09.
Patrick McCaffrey 98 and wife Jennifer, a twin boys, Patrick and Tristan, on 5/30/08.
Courtney (Kinsey) Wivell 98 and husband Chad, a son, Braden Thomas, on 5/29/08.
Kathleen Ann (Elsener) Engle 99 and husband Daniel 01, a son, Brenton Matthew, on 5/19/01.
Jarrett Falduts 99 and wife Carrie, a son, Geno Anthony, on 3/12/09.
Frederick Geyer 99, 02M and wife Danielle (Pontelandolfo) 99, 09M, a son, Carson Otto, on 8/26/09.
Tiffany (Witman) Spickler 99, 04M and husband Anthony, a daughter, Shelby Grace, on 4/16/09.
John Bowen 00 and wife Jeannine (Pizzollo) 00, a daughter, Emily Marie, on 6/1/09.
Aarin (Price) Deibler 00 and husband Doug, a son, Joshua David, on 6/4/09.
Deana (DiGiacomo) Good 00 and husband Joshua A. 02, a son, Clifford Thomas “CT,” on 7/23/09.
Kate Goodberry 01 and husband Daniel, a daughter, Elena Diane, on 8/17/09.
Nicole (Aponiewicz) DeYulis 01 and husband David 01, a daughter, Lila Jean, on 8/28/09.
Meg Sayago 01 and Jesse O'Neill, a son, Finley, on 9/5/09.
Joel Coleman 02 and wife Nicole (DelPriore) 02, twin boys, Kaiden Michael and Brenden Richard, on 6/8/09.
Amy (Fenstermaker) Lindberg 02 and husband Walter 03, a son, Daniel Isaac, on 5/31/09.
Lauren (Lyons) Pollock 02 and husband Seth, a daughter, Rebekah Faye, on 8/10/09.
Abbey (Wagner) Miles 03 and husband Brian 04, a son, Noah Paul, on 9/9/09.
Deborah (Klein) Ward 03 and husband Matt, a daughter, Maya Lynn, on 4/12/09.
Erica (Hoover) Risser 04 and husband Scott, a son, Lukas Scott, on 5/25/09.
Eric Miller 05 and wife Jennifer (Dorman) 07, a daughter, Molly, on 9/3/09.
Melissa A. (Baldwin) Welsh 05 and husband Jeffrey 05, a son, Liam Patrick, on 2/18/09.
Jon Parsons 07 and wife Suzi, a son, Asher Steven, on 8/4/09.

Deaths
Esther Ann (Baldwin) Kass 28, Gap, died on 6/22/09, at the age of 101. She had worked as a school teacher and for the Pennsylvania Railroad.
Sara (Stump) Ehrhart 30, Bartlett, Tenn., died on 7/18/09, at the age of 99. She was a retired teacher from Lancaster and Penn Manor school districts.
William J. Otstot 35, Lewisberry, died on 1/20/09, at the age of 96.
Mary E. (Butts) Ehrhart 38, Myerstown, died on 7/1/09, at the age of 93.
Estella K. Fridy 38, Lancaster, died on 7/10/09, at the age of 93. She retired as an elementary school principal for Manheim Township School District.

Remembrances
Dr. Mary Elizabeth Dixon, Lancaster, died on 10/3/09, at the age of 93. She was professor emerita of health and physical education, and director of the department. A veteran of World War II, Dixon started her career as a physical education instructor in the U.S. Navy. Inducted into the Millersville University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2008, Dixon was considered a pioneer in Millersville’s women’s intercollegiate athletics, serving the University from 1947 until her retirement in 1981. She coached the Marauders field hockey team for 12 seasons, the women’s basketball team for eight seasons, and was the founder and advisor to the Dolphins, the popular synchronized swimming club. Even in retirement, she remained active at the University as a member of the Hobbs Wickersham Society, the 1855 Society, and was a generous supporter of Millersville’s mission as a public university. Memorial gifts in Dr. Dixon’s memory can be made to Millersville University, Development Office.
Frances LeFever Faeth, Lancaster, died on 8/24/09, at the age of 86. She retired from Millersville University in 1983, where she served as the administrative assistant to several academic departments. She was the first woman Presbyterian elder in Lancaster County, and served as a mentor to many women.
Shirley A. Good, 77, died 8/30/09. She was employed at Millersville University in the food service department and retired in 1993.
Wilbur L. “Bill” Ware, Lancaster, died on 8/13/09, at the age of 83. He worked for 20 years, until his retirement, as the operations manager for Millersville University’s computer center. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and a sports enthusiast.

Robert Harvey Risk 41, Lancaster, died on 7/3/09, at the age of 93. He was a retired school teacher and administrator for the Montgomery County School District.
Theima (McClune) Schoenberger 41, Lancaster, died on 9/23/09, at the age of 89. She taught for 30 years at George Washington Elementary School in Lancaster.
M. Rachael (Moore) Shetter 42, Columbia, died on 8/6/09, at the age of 88. She taught kindergarten and first grade for the School District of Lancaster until her retirement in the mid-1970s.

Emma (Weaver) Smith 42, Lancaster, died on 6/24/09, at the age of 89. She taught for 35 years, retiring from Shaeffer Elementary School.
Lois (Landis) Acker 45, Mechanicsburg, died on 8/12/09, at the age of 85. She was a history teacher for the Cumberland Valley School District for more than 25 years.
Charles R. Bomberger 47, Lancaster, died on 7/21/09 at the age of 86. He was a full-time substitute teacher for all Lancaster County secondary education departments, and was also a member of the Freelance
Writers Association and Club. Forrest L. Guth ‘48, Hockessin, Del., died on 8/9/09, at the age of 88. During World War II, he was a member of “Easy Company,” also known as the “Band of Brothers,” and was featured as an HBO series and a book of the same title. A master cabinetmaker, he taught industrial arts for more than 30 years, the last 20 years at Brandywine High School.

John L. Rorabaugh Sr. ‘48, Lancaster, on 8/12/09, at the age of 91. In 1978, he retired from Millersville University where he was an associate professor of biology and faculty advisor to the photography club. After retirement, he taught in Guam for five years. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and participated in the annual celebration of the American Landing in Cebu, Philippines.

Joseph Rodriguez ‘48, Stuart, Fla., died on 9/16/09, at the age of 81. He was a self-employed farmer and vegetable broker for more than 50 years.

Raymond M. Roden ‘50, North Dodge, Iowa, died on 8/29/09, at the age of 86. He retired as the pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Webster, Iowa, in 1989.

Charles Emery ‘52, Waynesboro, died on 4/13/09 at the age of 78. He was a retired industrial arts teacher with the Waynesboro Area School District.

Dorothy (Yarnell) Dougherty ‘53, Elverson, died on 9/4/09, at the age of 77. She retired from the Glen Acres Elementary School in West Chester in 1992.

June K. Mumma ‘53, Lancaster, died on 8/26/09, at the age of 78. She was a teacher for 38 years at Rohrerstown Elementary School.

Robert L. Wenrich ’55, Lancaster, died on 8/10/09, at the age of 75. He was principal of Ephrata Senior High School until his retirement in 1993.

Loretta Heistand ’56, Denver, Colo., died on 8/19/09, at the age of 74. She was employed for years as a home health aide.

Francis “Ed” Davis ’57, Bay Shore, N.Y., died on 8/5/09, at the age of 78. At the time of his death, he was employed as a park ranger and interpreter at Fire Island Park.

James W. Purcell ’57, Ocean City, N.J., died on 8/22/09. He retired in 1986 as an industrial arts and vocational education teacher in the Ambler and Pennsbury school districts.

Myra H. Ruoss ’57, Lancaster, died on 10/7/09, at the age of 73. She taught in the School District of Lancaster, Lancaster Country Day School and retired as an English and Latin teacher from Hempfield School District.

Richard J. Fasnacht ’58, Hanover, died on 7/14/09, at the age of 76. During his career, he taught fifth grade, special education and reading in York, Glen Rock and Hanover.

Thomas J. Rodgers ’62, Camp Hill, died on 10/13/09, at the age of 68. He was a retired teacher and principal in both the Harrisburg School District and, most recently, the Cumberland Valley School District.

Patricia (Norman) Burton ’64, Salisbury, Md., died on 7/21/09 at the age of 67. She was the administrator of the communications arts and theatre department at Salisbury University.

Franklin D. Jones ’64, ’71M, Lancaster, died on 12/23/08, at the age of 69. A retired educator, he worked in high schools, universities and corporations during his career.

Dorothy W. Snodgrass ’64, Lancaster, died on 6/16/09, at the age of 66. She was employed by Reinsel Kuntz Lesher Company, and owned Lancaster Home Furnishings and the Sundown Lounge.

James F. Tydeman ’68, Saxton, died on 4/23/09, at the age of 63. He was employed by the Pa. State Department in Harrisburg, worked on a dude ranch in Wyoming and, most recently, worked for Boilermaker’s Union in Pittsburgh, retiring in 2007.

Marilyn A. Kangas ’69, New Cumberland, died on 6/29/09, at the age of 61. She retired as a second grade teacher at Fishing Creek Elementary School.

James G. McKinney ’69, Glen Rock, died on 8/19/09, at the age of 62. He was a science teacher at York County’s Southern Middle School for 30 years.

Linda L. Barndt ’70, Manassas, Va., died on 5/25/09, at the age of 60. She was a retired preschool teacher with Manassas Presbyterian Early Learning Center.

Joseph R. Manduchi ’70, ’72M, Lewistown, died on 8/19/09, at the age of 62. He was a psychologist for the Harrisburg Roman Catholic Diocese Tribunal.

Kathleen (Ames) Moyer ’70, Doylestown, died on 7/19/09, at the age of 61. She was an educational assistant for 20 years with the Pine Run Elementary School.

Erma (Ziegler) Rohrer ’70, ’73M, Lebanon, died on 10/19/09, at the age of 79. She worked at the Intermediate Unit 13, and the Eastern Lebanon and Eastern Lancaster county school districts as a primary special education teacher for 30 years.

Linnea P. (Ferriuchs) Welsh ’72, Red Lion, died on 8/20/09, at the age of 62. She was the elementary librarian at Lampeter-Strasburg School District and was a founding member of the Children’s Literature Council of Pa.

Margaret Mary Tate ’73, Columbia, died on 8/7/09, at the age of 66. Early in her career, she worked as a field instructor for Millersville’s social worker students. She retired from the former Community Hospital of Lancaster, where she was the director of social services.

Thomas R. Partridge ’73, Bethlehem, died on 9/20/09, at the age of 59. He was retired from Lehigh County Department of Domestic Relations and worked as a real estate agent for Weichart Realtors.

Carolyn E. Metzler ’74, Willow Street, died on 8/14/09 at the age of 59. She was a teacher at New Danville Mennonite School for 26 years.

Lee Stokes ’75, Lancaster, died on 8/20/09, at the age of 95. He was retired from Armstrong World Industries.

Elvin S. Hess ’76, Manheim, died on 9/2/09, at the age of 81. He was a retired agricultural education teacher from the Elizabethtown School District, and also owned a Lawn Doctor franchise in Hershey.

Phyllis Anne (Potts) Hay ’77, Lancaster, died on 6/22/09, at the age of 73. She was the chair of the social work department at Alvernia University in Reading.

Gary K. Chillas ’78, Lancaster, died on 6/10/09, at the age of 57. He was a self-employed remodeling contractor.

Daniel J. Cooper ’79, Philadelphia, died on 9/24/09, at the age of 53. He studied fabric science at the Fashion Institute of Technology and was employed by Jablan Fabrics, Inc., Weave Corp, and Maharran Inc.
As a student, Nadene Hausmann ’78 (right) was one of the few women in the chemistry department. She went on to become a polymer chemist, analytical chemist and pharmaceutical clinical researcher.

Hausmann credits Dr. Sandra A. Yeager, professor emerita of chemistry, with much of her success. She says of Yeager, “She was my professor, my academic advisor, mentor and friend. The difference she made in my life has been immeasurable.”

As the first female chemistry professor at Millersville, Yeager was an important role model for other young women in chemistry. Not only did she encourage all of her students, but she made it clear that women had a place in the field of chemistry and should not be discouraged from following their dreams.

“I have had the blessings of success in my life,” says Hausmann. “I wanted to honor Sandy while she is still here, so that she knows that she is honored and how important she is to her students,” says Hausmann.

When she was a student, Hausmann struggled with the help of her parents to pay for college tuition. To create a scholarship that would assist other young women pursuing degrees in chemistry would be the perfect way to honor Yeager. With the assistance of Martha MacAdam ’83, a development director at Millersville, she established the Sandra A. Yeager, Ph.D., Endowed Chemistry Scholarship.

From the beginning, Hausmann, who now lives in Worcester, Mass., wanted to surprise Yeager with the scholarship. MacAdam, who is a long-time friend of both women, invited Yeager to join her for dinner with Hausmann, who just happened to be visiting. Yeager was caught completely off-guard when Hausmann and MacAdam described the scholarship over dinner.

“Sandy was surprised, honored and, for the first time since I have known her, speechless,” recalls Hausmann.

Yeager still has a hard time expressing her gratitude. “I taught human beings first, chemistry second,” says Yeager, adding that she treated students with respect and listened to them.

“I was very encouraging to students and got to know many of them personally,” says Yeager, who retired from Millersville in 2000.

In addition to her inspiration as a scientist, Yeager has been a role model as a strong, fulfilled woman, who has survived cancer, while continuing to work and lead a balanced life. Her support of women’s groups, her spirituality, her sense of purpose and her boundless hope provide great inspiration to Hausmann, MacAdam and others.

“Thanks to Sandy, I found great success as a woman in chemistry and this is my way of giving back,” says Hausmann, who most recently was director for clinical quality assurance at Boston Scientific Corporation and executive director of research quality assurance for Sepracor.

Hausmann hopes that others recognize the value of the scholarship and contribute to it as well.

“There are no words to adequately express my gratitude. Not only has Nadene honored me, she has made it possible for other young women to be supported in their academic careers,” says Yeager. Her fondest hope is that her own students surpass her and that, “I’d like to know that I made a difference in their lives.”
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