a toast to the newest alumni
Saving Soldiers’ Sight

Millersville students, faculty and alumni are working on an innovative project to develop hardware and software to advance ocular trauma surgery.

Remembering 9/11

It’s been 10 years since the terrorist attack on the United States, but everyone will always remember the moment they heard the news.

Class of 2011

Millersville University welcomes our newest alumni and profiles a few of our most recent graduates.

Homecoming Schedule

Make your plans to celebrate Millersville’s Homecoming, October 28-30.

Cultural Events

A four-page insert, highlighting events September through January, is located in the center of this issue.
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oldiers in combat zones spend day in, day out, in harm’s way. While body armor often protects soldiers from fatal injuries, many are victims of severe eye injuries. This is especially true given the improvised explosive devices (IEDs) used to injure U.S. soldiers in the warfare arena.

The number of combat eye injuries has increased significantly. Eye injuries are common in the military and are particularly high in noncombat situations involving explosive devices, accounting for almost 90 percent of all military eye trauma. Eye trauma—particularly in such situations—must be treated immediately to prevent severe damage to the eye and potential loss of vision.

The key to upping the odds is preparing military ophthalmologists with the unique training needed for primary repair of ocular injuries.

For a team of professors, surgeons, computer science students and alumni, their mission is to ensure the soldiers who do suffer eye trauma have a better chance of keeping their sight.

Millersville University and Pennsylvania State University’s Milton S. Hershey Medical School are working on innovative solutions to bring military ophthalmologists up to speed on trauma surgery to the eye.

Funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Defense, the goal of the two-year project is to develop both the hardware and software for an Ocular Trauma Microsurgery Simulator (OTMS), which can be used for a variety of training simulations by both veteran and new ophthalmologists to injuries specific to war situations.

Heading Millersville’s team is Dr. Roger Webster, professor of computer science, Mike Fiorill ’03, hardware engineer and owner of Digital Indigo Technologies, and two Millersville computer science whiz kids who just graduated in May. Millersville’s group works closely with Dr. Joseph Sassani, a respected ophthalmologist and professor of ophthalmology and pathology at Pennsylvania State University’s Milton S. Hershey Medical School.

This project is a reunion of sorts for Webster and Sassani, who teamed up several years ago to collaborate on a successful project for cataract surgery simulation.
Simulating surgery

Webster has performed many surgeries—from laparoscopic gallbladder to cataracts—not literally, but virtually. Interpreting surgical practices into 3D modeling and software is serious business. Yet, it is based on a game—video gaming software.

Like many of today’s simulators, the OTMS was modeled after video game applications with a joystick as the main control device and a video screen for monitoring.

The team spent the past year developing the hardware for the simulator. Several types of surgical instruments needed to be developed, with each tool requiring its own independent position and orientation tracking. Sensors indicate the range of motion and degree of freedom (how far they are opened or closed).

As a seasoned and respected ophthalmologist with more than 30 years experience performing eye surgery, Sassani played a key role throughout the development stages of this process, testing all prototypes and providing expertise and feedback on its strengths and weaknesses.

He confers regularly with the team to advise if the instruments “feel right,” if the equipment being developed is acceptable for training purposes and guides the team on the overall approach a surgeon takes with traumatic eye surgery.

Simulation concentrates on closely mimicking the movements of the surgeon. This includes the ability to zoom and adjust angles and degrees from the cameras through adjusting the joystick, surgical instructions and the foot-pedal controls. Modeling the sensations experienced by the surgeon is another objective.

Skills needed

Proficiency of any skill requires practice, and this is especially true in surgery.

The benefits of using virtual reality for training provides a realistic learning environment where multiple repetitions are possible. It is a situation that is usually more conducive to learning than the stressful and high-stakes atmosphere of an operating room. The device also simulates emergencies and then documents proficiency before they are encountered clinically, documenting the mastery of skills before progressing to more challenging skills.

Acquiring or refreshing the needed surgical skills, prior to deployment at a medical center near a combat zone, can be a challenge. An ophthalmology residency program dictates a surgical component for certification. Although some ocular trauma microsurgery is part of the residency training, it may not be recent. Eye traumas most frequently encountered in a military situation are unique and require intervention prior to a soldier being shipped to a specialized medical facility to treat the eye injury.

Additionally, the techniques have changed. Microsurgical suturing used to be standard procedure for cataract surgery. But, the trend has evolved in sutureless, clear attachment. This is better for the patient, but has had the result of ophthalmologists not having the experience in microsurgical suturing techniques, which are needed to repair traumatic wounds of the cornea or sclera (the white of the eye).

Suturing and knot-tying techniques—and keeping track of the placement of the sutures—require practice. Virtual simulation is ideal for honing these skills.

Hardware development included the head model and workstation casting. A 3D relief model designed and programmed for both the instruments and the anatomy was required. This included that the eyes be removable, allowing for additional flexibility when working around the eye globe.

The need for immediate care is absolutely critical in order to increase the possibility of a patient’s sight being saved or restored. When a person suffers such eye trauma, there is a short window of time to treat and stabilize the injury before infection or other complications can manifest.

Filling a need

Although all ophthalmologists have at least some experience with ocular trauma microsurgery during their residency training, the need for retraining is necessary when providing aid to military forces. Ophthalmologists, who are assigned the task of primary repair of ocular injuries, could reap enormous benefits from simulation of microsurgical repair of
ocular trauma—especially if such training opportunities occurred soon before their assignments to medical centers near combat areas.

Beginning ophthalmologists would also benefit from simulation training, considering the challenges they face acquiring “real world” training during their residency years.

“The goal is to provide a prototype for instruction,” says Webster.

**Intelligent Machines Laboratory**

Tucked into Millersville’s Roddy Hall is the Intelligent Machines Laboratory, where motherboards hang from the walls like futuristic Picassos and a life-size cutout of Star Wars’ Boba Fett stands guard. It is here that the gang of five have spent the past year designing the hardware for the OTMS.

“I want students to feel like they are inside a computer,” says Webster, referring to those motherboards. “I strive to make this lab as comfortable as possible to encourage creativity and innovation.”

The focus of research projects in the Intelligent Machines Laboratory has varied over the years from robotics to artificial intelligence to surgical simulation. Regardless of the project, the emphasis has always been on state-of-the-art, internally and externally funded computer science research featuring undergraduate student involvement with faculty and other experts.

Cozy yard-sale couches and recliners are scattered among the high-tech equipment. The place also feels comfortable as students and recent graduates collaborate with seasoned professors without any hesitation or hints of intimidation.

“There is a mutual respect for ideas and problem-solving,” notes Webster. “It’s also about having fun while you’re working.”

Webster is committed to involving his students in cutting-edge research and credits the students for having the passion and motivation to take on whatever challenge he throws their way.

The lab’s creature comforts also play a role when students often work on ideas and problem-solving into the wee hours of the night.
Building a better simulator

While there is another commercial OTMS currently on the market, it falls short in several areas where the team sees room for improvement. One of these areas is in the flexibility of the device to simulate a variety of ocular procedures and even non-ocular procedures. Another is to reduce the costs of the device and thus make the simulator available for training many more ophthalmologists in ocular trauma microsurgery.

“It’s amazing what we’ve been able to accomplish already on this project,” notes Webster.

What’s next for year two of the project? Mathematical algorithms to detect the interaction between the instruments and the anatomy is on the to-do list. Developing the simulator’s software programming will include a variety of ocular surgical procedures.

Team collaboration

Mike Fiorill, who serves as lead consultant for the hardware project, has more than 15 years of electronic engineering experience.

He was inspired to form his own business in 1998 while still a Millersville student. The idea struck while he was dining on a plain pizza at Millersville’s historic hangout, House of Pizza, affectionately know as The House of Pie. On the 10th anniversary of his successful business—Digital Indigo Technologies—Fiorill celebrated at the spot, with the very same order.

“With the simulator, a mistake does not harm a patient,” says Fiorill. “You just hit the reset button and have another go at it.”

For recent graduates Matt Maize ’11 and Will Killian ’11 this project has served as a stepping stone in their path to a bright future. Maize completed an internship with Dell Computers in Austin, Texas, last summer. He now will begin his career with Dell as a full-time software engineer in Austin.

Killian has moved on to graduate school at the University of Delaware, where he received a full scholarship to pursue his doctorate. In fact, this year, all computer science graduates landed successful jobs or are entering prestigious graduate programs this fall.

As for Webster, he will continue to bring bright minds to the Intelligent Machines Laboratory and give them the inspiration they need to succeed.
SEPTEMBER 11, 2001:
The day the terrorists attacked the United States using hijacked airplanes as weapons. It was a defining moment in our nation’s history and changed everything. We remember it not only for the tragedy but for the way it shrunk the country, bringing us all together.

People all over the country came together to support one another, and people across the globe came together to support us. Like other profound, collective experiences such as the attack on Pearl Harbor or the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, we remember when we heard the terrible news.

The flag in front of the Student Memorial Center was flown at half-staff for the 9/11 tragedy. At right: For a concert in 2002, students made origami cranes, which were displayed at the memorial concert held on campus.
Rob Labriola ’84 remembers he was on the phone at his job in Massachusetts when a colleague broke the news that a plane just crashed into the twin towers. Labriola, a colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps who served in Iraq and the Middle East, lost a good friend that day: “My buddy Mike LaForte was trapped on the 103rd floor, alive to the end, until he rode the collapsing tower down to his death,” he recalled. “In the Marines, Mike was always cool as a cucumber, so I know he was calm, reassuring and in control as he and his trapped colleagues called home and the outside world.”

Dr. René Muñoz, director of government and foundation support at Millersville, was supervising anthropological research in Guatemala at San Carlos University when the towers were hit. “I was the only American there, but all my students were pretty shocked. They were as horrified as I was.” He spent the day watching CNN with his students.

“This is our generation’s Pearl Harbor,” said Duane Hagelgans ’98, who serves on the faculty of Millersville’s emergency management program. He is now the fire commissioner for Blue Rock Regional Fire District. On September 11, 2001, he was interning at Dodge Regupol, Inc., in Lancaster. In the midst of a training session, a company vice president informed workers that the United States was under attack. “One of the workers went to Radio Shack and purchased a TV. Everyone gathered around the little TV to watch as the events unfolded. Management closed the plant down early so everyone could be at home for his or her children.”

Graduate student Alexandra Wachman ’10 was in sixth grade when her teacher answered a phone call before turning on the news. “It was hard to believe that it was real,” Wachman said. She recalls they held classes and after-school activities that day so children wouldn’t go home alone. “My teacher let us watch the news for the whole period. We found out later that the administrators had asked many teachers not to turn on the TVs.”

Kelly Brown, a junior at Millersville, was enjoying recess with her fifth-grade classmates when the attacks occurred. By the time she came inside, her mother arrived to take her and her younger brother home from school. “I remember seeing the look of grief on my mom’s face and the confusion that mirrored the young minds of my brother and me,” she said. “After September 11, American flags began to hang outside of every home in our community, which added to our flag that had always waved outside of our house. It was a day of cruelty that resulted in strong community love.”

The Master of Science in Emergency Management degree was developed in response to a nationwide need.

Millersville’s emergency management department is unique. In fact, there are only nine like it in the country. The program offers both a master’s degree and an undergraduate minor in emergency management.

The master’s degree program is delivered in an online format, making classes more flexible for those with busy schedules. Students emerge from the program prepared to work with the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and other national and local organizations to prepare for natural disasters, terrorist attacks and other emergencies.

Many faculty in the department have experience at levels of government and other fields. The online format allows experts from around the nation to teach for Millersville’s program. Recently, two members of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) joined the program. Dr. Paul Charp, physicist, and Greg Zarus, supervisory scientist, will begin teaching classes this fall.

http://www.millersville.edu/cdre/index.php (CDRE)
http://www.millersville.edu/cdre/index.php (Master’s)
http://www.millersville.edu/cdre/ehem/index.php (Minor)
What did you do this summer? Rachel Yodis spent her summer cycling 2,491 miles across the United States and raised more than $4,000 for the Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society.

Finding an opportunity to combine her love for travel and personal challenge with a greater cause, Yodis was pleased that her decision was "one that would create much more overlap between doing what [she] enjoys and making a difference by helping others through a credible and established organization."

Her cycling journey began on June 1 in Yorktown, Va., and ended August 1 in San Francisco. Yodis and her 10 team members cycled all but four days out of the 60 days they traveled. Three of those days were spent doing service projects for MS-related causes, and just one full day was dedicated to rest. "It was definitely hard on our bodies," said Yodis, "but we got used to it. We found ourselves going to bed really early."

Yodis chose to work with the MS Society initially to fulfill a personal goal, but having a cousin diagnosed with the inflammatory disease "really made it personal." Yodis was responsible for raising the money for her trip, which she claims was "its own journey, and definitely a learning experience."

At Millersville, she was involved with community-based projects, camp counseling, varsity cross country, leadership roles in campus organizations and studying abroad in France. In fact, she enjoyed France so much, she is putting her degree in French education to work. In September, she is heading to Grenoble, France, to be an English teacher's assistant for seven months.

She believes, "Not only can we accomplish the greatest things we set our minds to, but more importantly, these goals are best realized in the context of serving and meeting others' needs as well."
“College is about a balance,” says Drew Slocum, Millersville tennis champion and biology major whose sights are set on the medical field. He is certainly a prime example of a balanced college student. Attending DeSales University for the physician assistant program this fall, Slocum has juggled a great deal to get there.

Between his studies, earning health care hours, teaching tennis camps and participating on Millersville’s tennis team, Slocum has had a pretty full plate throughout his career at Millersville. His advice? “Find a stress reliever. Whether it is athletics, a club or a fraternity or sorority, find a healthy way to relax and unwind from the pressures and stress of schoolwork.”

He credits his experience on the Millersville tennis athletic team with allowing him to develop the time management and leadership skills necessary to reach his goals.

“Graduating magna cum laude is a feat for anyone—especially at 19 years old. Christian Le was not in a rush to get through his college experience. At Millersville, he served as president of the Commuting Students Association, and also took his junior year off for what he said turned out to be a life-changing experience. Teaching has become Le’s real passion. “I found that I love explaining things to other people. I am energized by watching my students learn,” says Le. Le also traveled overseas extensively with his family, who are missionaries. He did his student teaching in a large, diverse urban school in Texas. “Being from Lancaster, I never thought I’d see a class of 40 percent white, 20 percent Indian, 20 percent Asian, 10 percent African American, and then 10 percent uncategorizable,” he says. “Seeing a class like that makes every dream I’ve heard of America flash before my eyes.”

Having a mentor can have an enormous benefit on a college experience and future careers. Just ask Matt Maize.

A computer science major, Maize was a highly motivated student and participated in Millersville’s Honors College. Through the Honor’s fellowship program, established by Paul ’71 and Caroline Beideman, Maize was matched with a mentor, Brian Gladden ’87, CFO of Dell, Inc. This relationship led to an internship last summer at Dell’s headquarters in Austin, Texas. “It was an excellent experience that gave me insight into the career that I’m going into,” says Maize. “I worked alongside veteran programmers who gave great advice throughout my internship.”

Because of his good work and passion for the field, he was offered a full-time position with Dell as a software engineer after he graduated. Throughout his years at Millersville, Maize spent a lot of time in the University’s Intelligent Machines Laboratory, under the guidance of Dr. Roger Webster and other computer science professors. The ocular trauma surgical stimulator (see feature on pages 4-7) was one of his favorite student-faculty research projects.

Tiana Council has high aspirations for her future. Currently working for Legion Insurance Company in Philadelphia, she plans to apply to the Mennonite Central Committee’s Serving and Learning Together (SALT) program. SALT is a cross-cultural immersion experience. Council would like to serve in an African country for a year and then participate in mission work with her church at Kenya’s Ogada Children’s Home. Helping others is an important part of who she is. Council spent this spring break volunteering with the Mennonite Disaster Service in Cameron, Louisiana, to rebuild homes that were destroyed by hurricanes.

Council was an active member of the African Student Association, Gospel Choir and Footprints Praise Dance Ministry. Millersville’s Office of Social Equity and Diversity’s Cheryl Hodges has been one of Council’s mentors. Council refers to Hodges as her “mother away from home.” Graduate school for Africana Studies is also in her future.

Finding heritage and discovering spirituality have been her greatest passions to date. “The best advice I was ever given was to love myself,” Council says. “Once you learn to love and accept yourself, then you are able to love and accept others.”
As a graduation gift, the Millersville University Alumni Association hosted a special party and dance on April 28 for those graduating in May.

Buses shuttled seniors from campus to the Cork Factory Hotel in Lancaster. The fun-filled evening included local disc jockey Chris Perry, dancing, a gourmet coffee bar, beverages, refreshments and included a toast of sparkling cider.

A photo booth, provided by Katy Trefry, was also on site for guests to capture pictures with friends—from silly to serious—but definitely a keepsake from a special evening.

Welcome, new alumni, and best wishes for a successful future.
The end of the line for the telephones in student rooms

Some alumni can remember when there was a line to make a phone call on the one telephone on the dormitory floor. Over the years, students clamored for more telephones in dormitories—in common areas, and then a phone in every dorm room.

Things have gone full circle. Over the summer, landlines were removed from student rooms in Millersville's residence halls.

Today's students use their cell phones for everything from making a phone call to texting to playing games to checking the weather.

Much like in homes across the country, people are cancelling their landline telephone coverage in favor of the convenience of their cell phone and reducing costs.

Telephones will be located in common areas of all residence halls for local calls and to summon emergency assistance.

When phones were wired into the wall

EXCERPTS FROM THE SNAPPER

Attention, Dorm Students!

Dormitory students are requested to notify friends and relatives that they are to be called on the dormitory telephones and not through those in the offices of administration...Should students be called at the office, the only notice of the call will be given on the bulletin board. No one from the office will go hunting for you, so use the dormitory telephone for quick, sure connections with the outside world. 9/30/38

More 'Phones Installed In Three Women's Dorms

The chances of a man getting a date at Millersville are better than last year. Five additional telephones have been installed in the women's dormitories...[The dorms were Old Main North, Lyle Hall and Landes Hall.] 9/16/64

Free Intra-Campus 'Phones To Be Installed in Dorms

Intra-campus telephones which may be used free of charge by students are scheduled to be installed in each dormitory for the fall semester... [Two residences, Bard and Lyle halls] will have one free telephone and one pay telephone for each floor.

...The free telephones will be connected to the college switchboard and may be used to make calls to any other extension telephone on campus. Calls to any place outside the campus and calls coming in from off campus must go through the pay telephones... 8/9/67

Men Dorm Residents Vote; Most Want Private Phones

Men dormitory residents have indicated, by a vote of two to one, a desire for private telephones in their rooms.

According to a survey completed last week by the Resident Men's Association, an overwhelming majority of men would like their private phone to have access to campus, local and long-distance calls.

...The same survey was taken by the Women's Community Association and showed a less marked preference for private phones. 4/8/70
Dr. Bernard Schroeder  
*At Millersville 1989 to 1998*  
Professor of Mathematics  
**Fondest memories:**  
Teaching graduate students in my courses in the master’s degree program in Mathematics-Education; teaching undergraduate students in my Secondary Mathematics Methods Labs.  
**Highlights since retiring:**  
I am currently co-teaching graduate courses for Beaufort County School District in S.C. mathematics teachers through the University of South Carolina. I am also giving workshops for these teachers. My wife Mary Anne and I also are playing lots of competitive duplicate bridge and golf.

Dr. Rodrigo Solera  
*At Millersville 1970 to 2007*  
Professor of Foreign Language  
**Fondest memories:**  
Working with students and with many of my colleagues.  
**Highlights since retiring:**  
Travel, reading, and studying folklore. I also joined a health club, and the physical activity has done wonders for me.

Dr. William Jordan  
*At Millersville 1966 to 2000*  
Professor of Earth Sciences  
**Fondest memories:**  
Working with Bill McIlwaine and Alex Henderson to establish the Department of Earth Sciences. Serving on the search committee that brought Francine McNairy to our campus.  
**Highlights since retiring:**  
Serving on the board at the North Museum of Natural History and Science and traveling the world.

Elmer Shertzer  
*At Millersville 1968 to 1990*  
Locksmith  
**Fondest memories:**  
I enjoyed working with my colleagues.  
**Highlights since retiring:**  
I’m now living at the Mennonite Home the past two years; I enjoy playing guitar with the Central Manor Old Timers and working summers at White Oak Evangelical Campground.

Dr. Liliana Zancu  
*At Millersville 1980 to 2002*  
Professor of English  
**Fondest memories:**  
Interacting with students in class.  
**Highlights since retiring:**  
Tutoring ESL in Chester County; taking care of my two grandchildren.

Dr. H. Byron Showers  
*At Millersville 1965 to 1989*  
Professor of Psychology  
**Fondest memories:**  
Interactions with students in and outside of the classroom; lunch with colleagues.  
**Highlights since retiring:**  
Moved to Brethren Village in 2009.

Dr. J. Richard Zerby  
*At Millersville 1958 to 1982*  
Director of Experimental School; Director of Reading Programs.  
**Fondest memories:**  
Working with students and county schools holding reading workshops.  
**Highlights since retiring:**  
Traveled a great deal; working with glass; golfing (just average but enjoyable); helping grandchildren in school and college.

Irene Funk  
*At Millersville 1972 to 1994*  
Supervisor, Housekeeping  
**Fondest memories:**  
Working with and county schools holding reading workshops.  
**Highlights since retiring:**  
Walking on campus every day.

Rodger Laudenberger  
*At Millersville 1968 to 1999*  
Printer, Administrative Services  
**Fondest Memories:**  
All the people I made contact with, both faculty and staff.  
**Highlights since retiring:**  
Serving on the Board of Directors of Millersville Credit Union; worked with Millersville Business Association; involved with my church; bought my first home.
The Marauder is coming, the Marauder is coming

Right now it just looks like a big boulder located outside of the expanded and renovated Student Memorial Center (SMC). But, the giant rock will soon be the pedestal for a lifesize bronze statue memorializing the Millersville Marauder.

The unveiling of the statue will take place on October 29 at noon. Until then, the Marauder is under wraps as artist Michael Hurrell ’95 (read more about him on page 30) completes the sculpture.

The project has been three years in process and one in creation. The statue has been made possible through gifts from the Class of 1960 in recognition of their 50th anniversary last year and the Classes of 2008 and 2009.

The Marauder statue is just one more great reason to come to Homecoming! (See pages 20-22 for the Homecoming schedule.)

New master’s degree

A new master’s-level program will begin in spring 2012 at Millersville University.

The Master of Science in Integrated Scientific Applications (MSISA) combines a specialization in an applied science with preprofessional training in business, finance and accounting, and organizational communication, management and leadership. The overarching goal of the program is to build national capacity in workforce sectors that are exhibiting an emerging demand for highly qualified, technically competent, scientifically astute people.

“The MSISA program is intended to provide a direct pathway to careers in the private, public, nonprofit and government sectors where the expertise of a scientist is needed to add value to the decision-making process,” said Dr. Richard Clark, chair of the earth sciences department and sponsor of the proposal. “What we are seeing today is an opportunity for scientists with business savvy—individuals who not only understand the science, but the economy of solution strategies, and can communicate that to management in a way that they can comprehend and assimilate.”

The program will initially offer specializations in the area of environmental systems management, geo informatics, weather intelligence and risk management (known as business weather), and climate science applications. It will serve as an academic and administrative framework for future scientific concentrations by providing a set of core courses focusing on preprofessional training information management and analysis, and culminating in a rich, real-world internship experience.

“The MSISA will enhance regional economic development efforts by creating and supporting professional and applied programs and expand partnerships with businesses, industries, governments, communities and educational entities,” said Dr. Victor DeSantis, dean of graduate and professional studies.

While earth sciences will be home to the MSISA program, collaboration with academic partners across the University and other Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) institutions is necessary for both specialization content and the development of professional/technical skills.

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For more information about the MSISA program, visit Millersville’s College of Graduate and Professional Studies website. Or call DeSantis at 717-872-3099 or by email Victor.DeSantis@millersville.edu.

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Millersville celebrates 250 years

All year long, local civic organizations, businesses, churches, residents and schools—including Millersville University—have been celebrating the 250th anniversary of Millersville. In 1761, the land signing took place between John Miller and a local Indian tribe, who previously owned the acres of land now known as Millersville.

There are still plenty of opportunities to celebrate Millersville before ringing in another year. Come join us in honoring the 250-year history!

Calling All Talent. Millersville’s Got Talent auditions for Millersville residents and students start October 16, and the finale is November 20.

Historical Organ Pipe Tour. Enjoy a free walking tour guided by Dr. Karl E. Moyer, Millersville professor emeritus of music. He will lead a tour of pipe organs in three churches and demonstrations on Sunday afternoon, October 30.

Milling About Millersville. Visit the free exhibit of historical artifacts from Millersville. Located at the Conestoga Area Historical Society, open Saturday and Sunday afternoons through mid-December.

Deck the Harvest! Celebrate the harvest season by decking out your residential or business doors in all your best décor! Millersville invites you to come take a leisurely stroll through town during Homecoming and enjoy the sights of the season.

Commemorative book. Millersville, Pennsylvania: 250 Years has been published by the Millersville Area Historical Society. It is available for purchase at John Herr’s Family Market and Wiley’s Pharmacy in Millersville for $20 including tax. To order the book and to have it sent to you via priority mail, the cost is $25.25 (shipping and tax included).

Checks should be payable to Millersville Area Historical Society and sent to:
Millersville Area Historical Society
Attn: Philip Gerber
P.O. Box 174
Millersville, PA 17551

For more information about events and the history of Millersville, go to www.millersville250.org.

Department name changes

Two Millersville University departments have taken new names. The Department of Business Administration has been reorganized into the Department of Accounting and Finance, and the Department of Marketing. This new two-department structure will allow students to focus more on their specific career paths, such as accounting or marketing. Academic advisors will not change, nor will degree requirements for current students.

The Department of Industry and Technology is now the Department of Applied Engineering, Safety and Technology. The name change reflects the ongoing curriculum change, an effort to focus students on skills directly applicable for their careers in the field.

Millersville’s Farmers Market has been one of the summer’s attractions on the Student Memorial Center (SMC) Promenade, between the SMC and Gordinier Hall. It is open every Wednesday through September.

Students are getting involved in the market experience. Millersville’s Marauder Market began in late August and will continue throughout the academic year. It will be operated by Millersville students—an assistant market manager, interns and volunteers.

SMC Construction Update. After more than two years of recreating the SMC as the heart of University activity, numerous construction projects are coming to a close. Finishing touches are being made on the renovation of the upstairs Student Services, Inc., wing and the Reighard Multipurpose Room. In addition, two aerobics studios and the multi-activity courts, which have been recently named “Marauder Court,” have been added, to go along with the renovation of the racquetball courts and the locker rooms.

Forbes.com ranked Millersville University as #135 in the Northeast in its most recent university listings.

Hope you like the new look of the Millersville University REVIEW.
Temperature affects the biting rate of mosquitoes and the incubation of parasites,” says Schreiber. “With a higher temperature, for example, malaria incubation in the mosquito does not take as long.”

The focus on these two diseases is expected to provide insights to other diseases such as West Nile and Eastern equine encephalitis. Schreiber’s research focuses on improvement of downscaling technologies that will improve the accuracy of future temperature estimates at the regional-to-local levels for climate impact analysis.

There are many other ways that geography has an impact on our lives. Schreiber has studied the effect of rain events and land use in water-quality variations of headwater streams of the Chesapeake Bay, how humans respond to heat waves, the role of local versus regional pollution sources in visibility impairment in the Grand Canyon National Park and how air pollution impacts the weathering process of marble tombstones.

Very little of her research takes place in the classroom. One of her favorite research haunts has quite literally been the graveyard.

“I earned my master’s degree by hanging out in old graveyards.”

“I traveled to 133 cemeteries in central and western Pennsylvania to study the rates of marble tombstone weathering,” says Schreiber. “My master’s thesis showed that rural cemeteries far from pollution sources are relatively intact. Cemeteries in highly urban areas, or close to even one short factory smokestack, were much more weathered. If pollution does that to rock, imagine what it’s doing to our bodies.”

Schreiber feels privileged to be able to help students reach meaningful educational and career-related goals.

“Most geography majors are outdoorsy types and couldn’t see themselves working in an office all day,” acknowledges Schreiber, noting her students spend time surveying campus microclimates, community streams and Lancaster County forest communities.

From climate change to the spread of non-native species, to upcoming freshwater shortages, to the transition away from fossil fuels, our global society is immensely affected by its geography. She believes that by examining the details, the bigger picture becomes clearer.

“There’s never a dull moment in this discipline, with world views and technology constantly changing,” says Schreiber.
Last year, William A. Dinges ’65 and his wife, Dr. Maureen McGarvey Dinges, established a scholarship to be awarded to a full-time upper-class student who is a veteran of the armed services—with a special preference for serving in a combat zone. Dinges, a lawyer who lives in Atlanta, enlisted in the U.S. Army following his graduation from Millersville and entered Infantry Officer Candidate School. In 1967, he was a rifle platoon leader in the jungles of Vietnam. That experience resulted in numerous commendations including the Bronze Star Medal for valor and two Purple Hearts.

Dinges’s endowment is the first scholarship at Millersville University that honors the service of a veteran. This spring, Timothy S. Opinaldo was awarded the scholarship. Opinaldo is a decorated combat veteran who has completed tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. He is a husband and the proud father of two: a daughter, 11, and 2-year-old son.

A geography major, he expects to receive his undergraduate degree in May 2012 and will then pursue his master’s degree in geography. He plans to continue his career in the U.S. Army as a commissioned officer.

The impact of this gift is best told through the letter of appreciation the scholarship recipient sent to Bill Dinges earlier this summer.

Dear Mr. Dinges,

Sir, firstly, I would like to say thank you for the scholarship I have received from you. Without your help, I would not be able to complete my undergraduate degree without accruing student loan debt. The money I have received not just pays for my education and also helps me support my family financially. Eighteen months ago I was in Iraq debating whether or not I would be able to pay for my education and also take care of my family. With aid such as yours, you have made it possible. I will use the money wisely and always be thankful of the contributions from past Millersville alumni, such as yourself.

Secondly, I would like to take a moment to thank you for your service to our country. As a fellow brother in arms, I am proud to continue to protect the freedoms that you protected by your service. I have learned that veterans, no matter the era or branch, have a connection with each other that no one else can have. Hopefully, in a few years and with a successful career, I can return the favor to another young veteran seeking an education like you have for me.

Thank you and God bless you for everything you have done.

Timothy S. Opinaldo
SFC, AR, PAARNG S2 NCOIC

“A GREAT UNIVERSITY CANNOT BE SUCCESSFUL WITHOUT THE SUPPORT FROM ALUMNI AND THE COMMUNITY.”
Homecoming Schedule of Events

When was the last time you came to Homecoming? Have you ever attended? Let this be the year that you enjoy the Millersville tradition with friends and classmates. Think there isn’t anything for you to do? Think again. We have the largest parade in Lancaster County with more than 2,000 participants. Have kids? We’ll have three basketball courts filled with kids’ games and entertainment. Check our event listing for various class, sporting and affinity reunions. Come celebrate with us. Come home this year—home to your alma mater.

**Thursday October 27**
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Science and Mathematics Student Research Poster Display, Caputo Hall Lobby. Undergraduate and graduate research projects will be displayed. Free.

6 p.m. / 7 p.m.
Distinguished Lecture in Nursing, Lehr Room, Bolger Conference Center, Gordinier Hall. Ann L. O’Sullivan Ph.D, FAAN, CRNP, presents “Are You Ready for the Consensus Model to be Implemented?” Sponsored by MU’s Department of Nursing and the Xi Chi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, Inc. Join us for a light reception at 6 p.m. followed by the lecture at 7 p.m. Please contact the alumni services office to make a reservation. Free, but reservations are required for the reception.

**Friday October 28**
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Science and Mathematics Student Research Poster Display, Caputo Hall Lobby. Undergraduate and graduate research projects will be displayed. Free.

10 a.m.
Homecoming Alumni & Friends Golf Outing, Crossgates Golf Course, Millersville. Open to alumni, faculty, staff and community friends. There will be a shotgun start at 10 a.m., and the format of play will be scramble. Fee includes continental-style breakfast, greens fee, ½ cart, beverage and snack at the turn, catered buffet dinner (at the clubhouse restaurant) and prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive and straightest drive. Directions to Crossgates Golf Club can be found at www.crossgatesgolf.com. Sponsors: Student Services, Inc., Student Lodging, Inc. & MU Alumni Association. $85/pp. Advance reservations required.

6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Class of 1961 Meet & Mingle, Campus Grill, Gordinier Hall. $10/person. Reservations required.

5:30 p.m./6:15 p.m.
17th Annual Athletic Hall of Fame Reception & Dinner, Lehr Room, Gordinier Hall. 2011 honorees include: J. Rodney Bimson, athletic trainer; Bill Bowers ’69, track and field; Kristy Garner ’06, women’s basketball; Coleen Seig Mrakovich ’86, field hockey; John Petrus ’89, football; and Gema Robles ’03, women’s basketball. All alumni and friends are cordially invited to attend. Dinner options: Maryland Crab Cakes or Roast Tenderloin $35; Children (12 and under): $15. Reservations required. For detailed biographies on honorees, go to www.millersvilleathletics.com.

8 p.m.
University Theatre Presents “Teibele and Her Demon,” Rafters Theatre, Dutcher Hall. Purchase tickets at 717-872-3811 or online at www.muticketsonline.com.

**PSECU Sponsorship of Homecoming 2011**
Millersville University Alumni Association wishes to thank PSECU (Pa. State Employees Credit Union) for its generous support of Homecoming 2011. PSECU is one of the largest credit unions in Pa., serving more than 370,000 members and having more than $3.5 billion in assets.

Please say thank you to the representatives you will see at various events across campus, and visit them online at www.psecu.com for all of your banking needs. All Millersville alumni are eligible for PSECU membership.

**Hours**

**15% discount on Millersville clothing and giftware items only. On Saturday, an additional 10% off clothing/giftware will be given to customers who wear their “retro” Millersville sweatshirt into the store during Homecoming. Discounts apply to in-store sales only.** Visit the University Store in person or online at www.store.studentservicesinc.com; call 717-872-3268; or email store@ssi.millersville.edu.
Saturday, October 29

7 a.m. – 7 p.m
The Anchor Café and Market, first floor, Gordinier Hall. Come visit a new experience on campus that includes deli foods, salads, soups, snacks, a full line of beverages, bakery specialties, ice cream, coffees, pizza, hot menu selections and convenience store items. Limited table seating available with wireless Internet access. Cash only.

8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Alumni Hospitality, Clock Tower Lobby, Student Memorial Center. Take tours of the renovated SMC. Register to win prizes.

8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Science and Mathematics Student Research Poster Display, Caputo Hall Lobby. Undergraduate and graduate research projects will be displayed. Free.

9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Alumni Information Center, Duncan Alumni House. Please use the front entrance.

9 a.m.
Millersville Community Parade. This year’s theme is “Our American Heritage: Celebrating Millersville’s 250th Anniversary,” featuring 20 bands, floats, twirlers, antique cars, Millersville University groups, marchers, civic groups, fire engines, helium balloons and more. The 2-mile parade route in the borough of Millersville ends near the Student Memorial Center. It is one of Lancaster County’s largest parades. Grand Marshals: Mary Ann ’67, ’70M and Phil ’67, ’87 Gerber. This year’s parade is dedicated to U.S. Marine Cpl. Eric Torbert, Jr., a Penn Manor alumnus, who was killed in Afghanistan in December 2010. Check out the parade website: http://parade.millersville.edu. Free.

Special Toys for Tots Collection along the parade route, at the grandstand area and in the lobby of the SMC. Please bring unwrapped, new toys to donate to the children of Lancaster County.

NOTE: N. George St., Herr Ave. and Landis Ave. will close at 8:45 a.m. for the parade, which will run approximately 2½ hours. Please allow ample time to reach your destination.

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Athletic Department Chicken Barbeque/Pickup. Enjoy a chicken BBQ lunch and benefit Marauder Athletics. Preordering guarantees meal availability. Dinner includes half-chicken, chips, applesauce, dessert and beverage. NOTE: Pickup at Creek Drive Parking Lot. Expect traffic delays due to Millersville Parade. Cost: $8; $5 for half-chicken. Order by Friday, 10/14. Contact Donna at 717-872-3405 or email deshleman@millersville.edu.

11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Class of 1961 Tour of Downtown Lancaster Central Market, Millersville University Lancaster, Lancaster County Convention Center and Thaddeus Stevens House. Meet at 10:45 a.m. in the lobby of the Marriott Hotel at Penn Square. Free, but reservations required.

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Fall Fling Family Fun, Marauder Court, Student Memorial Center. Entertainment stage and kid-friendly fun: games, balloon artist, face painting, music, etc. Admission is free.

11:30 a.m.
Kappa Alpha Tau Ladies Tea/Luncheon, Bolger Conference Center, Gordinier Hall. Reservations required through the alumni office. $15/pp.

noon
Wrestling Reunion and Picnic, tent at Biemesderfer Stadium. For details, contact Todd Roberts: 717-872-3795 or todd.roberts@millersville.edu. Note: Price includes ticket to the football game. $20/pp; $13 for students with MU ID card. Reservations required through the alumni office.

noon
Unveiling of Marauder statue, Promenade, Student Memorial Center. (See related stories on pages 16 & 30.)

12:30 p.m.
Alumni Gatherings by School, Student Memorial Center. School of Education School of Science & Mathematics School of Humanities & Social Sciences Alumni are invited for light refreshments. Free. Reservations are requested by calling the alumni office at 717-872-3352 or 800-681-1855, or online at www.villealumni.com.

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Saturday  October 29  (continued)
noon – 3 p.m.
Millersville Pictorial Postmark, Clock Tower Lobby, Student Memorial Center. The U.S. Postal Service will be on hand to officially postmark paper items with Millersville’s 250th-anniversary pictorial postmark. Collect this historical item. Free.

noon – 5 p.m.
Marauders Cove Alumni Hospitality, Biemesderfer Stadium Alumni Tent (East Gate Entrance area). Alumni please register and pick up free Millersville items and reunion souvenirs. Kids’ activities, snacks and more! Alumni will have a chance to spin the prize wheel. Come over to the hospitality tent anytime during the game! Free.

12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
“Author, Author!” Student Memorial Center. Calling all alumni, faculty, staff and Millersville retiree authors. You are invited to feature, sell and autograph books you have authored to Homecoming visitors. If you would like to be showcased and have a table for your book(s), register online at www.villealumni.com.

1 p.m.
U.S. Army 28th Infantry Division Band, Promenade, Student Memorial Center. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy this free concert. (In case of rain, concert will be held in the Reighard Multipurpose Room.)

1 p.m. & 5 p.m.
Marauder Volleyball, Pucillo Gymnasium, vs. Glengrove State at 1 p.m. & vs. Va. Union at 5 p.m.

1 p.m.
Marauder Swimming vs. Mansfield, Pucillo Natatorium.

1:30 p.m.
Marauder Football vs. Shippensburg. Chryst Field, Biemesderfer Stadium. Marauder fans of all ages are welcome to attend this game! Advance tickets are $7, which includes a $1 discount, can be ordered through www.villealumni.com. All game tickets will be available for pickup at the Will Call box at the stadium.

Pregame activities at 1:15 p.m., including the presentation of the 2011 Athletic Hall of Fame inductees and the Distinguished Alumni Award recipient, R. William Field ’77/’85M.

Halftime 2011
Charity King & Queen Crowning/MU Marching Band Program, Chryst Field, Biemesderfer Stadium.

2 p.m.
Marburg Program 50th Anniversary Celebration Planning Meeting, Room 202, Student Memorial Center.

3 p.m.

3:30 p.m.
Sigma Tau Gamma Alumni Gathering, Campus Grill, Gordinier Hall. Price is $18.95/pp and $12 for those age 21 and younger. Reservations required.

5:30 p.m. / 6:30 p.m.
Class of 1956 55th Anniversary Reunion: Reception, Class Photo and Dinner, Bolger Conference Center, Gordinier Hall. All members of the 1956 class are invited back to campus for a reception, dinner and open bar. $40/per person. Reservations required.

5:30 p.m. / 6:30 p.m.
Class of 1961 50th Anniversary Reunion: Reception, Class Photo and Dinner, Bolger Conference Center, Gordinier Hall. All members of the 1961 class are invited back to campus for a reception, dinner and program. $40/per person. Reservation required.

5:30 p.m. / 6:30 p.m.
Class of 1971 40th Anniversary Reunion: Reception, Class Photo and Dinner, Bolger Conference Center, Gordinier Hall. All members of the 1971 class are invited back to campus for a reception, dinner and program. $40/per person. Reservation required.

8 p.m.
University Theatre Presents “Teibele and Her Demon,” Rafters Theatre, Dutcher Hall. Purchase tickets at 717-872-3811 or online at www.muticketsonline.com.

Sunday  October 30
12:30 p.m.
150th Anniversary of the Millersville University Alumni Association. All former Board, committee, branch and/or chapter members will be invited to celebrate the history of the alumni association (see page 26).

To register for an event:
Phone 800-681-1855 or 717-872-3352.
To register for an event online, visit:
www.villealumni.com
Click on Event Calendar; locate the event and click Register.
Watch the Marauders Live Online!

With Millersville All-Access, watching the Marauders in action is just a few clicks of the mouse away. Beginning in the fall sports season, football, field hockey, men’s soccer, women’s soccer and volleyball home events will all be broadcast live at www.millersvilleathletics.com/showcase. Viewers must create an account to watch. Just visit the site and click on the Sign in/Register button and fill in the information. All events are pay-per-view, and proceeds go to Millersville athletics. Three different packages are available: Single 24-Hour Pass ($6.95), Monthly Reoccurring Subscription ($10.95) and Yearly Pass ($79.95). Sign up now and cheer on the Marauders from the comfort of your home!

Domenic Panza is back at MSBN

For the fourth year in a row, play-by-play commentator Domenic Panza ’06 will head the Marauder Sports Broadcasting Network (MSBN) coverage of Millersville athletics. All 11 football games and selected other events will be streamed live at www.millersvilleathletics.com/MSBN for no cost. In 2010-11, MSBN provided coverage for 115 Marauder events. Expect more of the same in 2011!

Marauder Student-Athletes Winning in the Classroom

For the fourth year in a row, more than 100 Millersville student-athletes earned PSAC Scholar-Athlete recognition for excellence in the classroom. To be recognized, a student-athlete must produce a minimum 3.0 GPA during the school year. A total of 117 Marauders hit the mark—30 percent of the student-athletes competing at Millersville. The percentage of scholar-athletes honored has increased each year since 2007-08. The 30 percent number is Millersville’s highest since percentages started being tracked in 1999-2000.

Millersville was represented by 80 women and 37 men. On the women’s side, cross country and track and field combined for 18 honorees. Field hockey totaled 12, and of the 15 players on the volleyball team’s roster, 12 were named as scholar-athletes. Nine players on softball’s 13-woman roster were also honored. The top percentage on the men’s side belongs to the tennis team, which totaled five scholar-athletes.

Individually, men’s tennis senior Drew Slocum was one of 10 spring sport athletes to win the prestigious PSAC Top 10 Award. The PSAC Top 10 Awards, which are selected by the PSAC’s sports information directors, recognize student-athletes who have achieved a minimum 3.50 cumulative GPA. The student-athlete must also be a starter or key reserve with legitimate athletic credentials. Only five men and five women from the entire spring season are honored.

Slocum graduated in May with a bachelor’s degree in biology. He posted a 3.86 GPA during his Millersville career and was a four-time PSAC Scholar-Athlete. In the spring, he was named Capital One Academic All-District 2 First Team.

Join in the Social Network

Join in the discussion and receive the news that more than 1,000 Millersville fans and alums are already enjoying at the Marauders’ official Facebook fan page, facebook.com/millersvilleathletics. The Twitter following is also growing rapidly. You can read all the happenings on vTwitter@MarauderNews.
In the early 1990s, Millersville women’s volleyball dominated the PSAC East, winning eight straight division crowns. At that time, Brian Smith ’87 was an officer in the Marine Corps, learning the character, leadership and discipline that he now hopes can return Marauder volleyball to prominence.

Smith spent last season as the interim coach and enters the 2011 season as the head coach, with 12 returnees and a talented first recruiting class. He inherited a program that has not posted a record over .500 since 2000.

“When you take a program that was below .500 and are trying to move in the right direction, you have to take a hard look at what you have,” said Smith. “The expectations are higher this year than they were last year. There is only one choice, and that is to move forward. That’s the goal.”

The Marauders went 14-22 last year, but for a team with nine freshmen and no seniors, they were more than competitive, winning at least one set in 16 of the 22 losses. Being competitive isn’t the goal, though. Smith is a believer in hard work and developing athletes, and he leads every step of the way.

“We needed to have a season where we got to working hard but still enjoyed the game we all love,” said Smith. “Now we need to enjoy the game, but focus on excellence. In order to do that, the expectations of how players come into camp, how hard they train, everything is going to be ratcheted up this season. If the girls run, I’ll run with them. I’m in my 40s but I want to be at the point where I can always do everything they do.”

That’s an attitude that comes directly from the Marine Corps. His father was a career marine, serving as a Russian linguist. His brother is currently a colonel.

After college, Smith served four years in the Marine Reserves. Through his training experiences and officer school, he learned what type of leader he needs to be for his team.

“I’m big on leadership by example,” said Smith. “I don’t want someone out there cheerleading the group on. If a coach wants others to work hard, they need to be the hardest worker on the team. It’s not good enough to say, ‘Come on, let’s step it up.’ No, you step it up, and they will follow you.”

“My style is to articulate a very high level of expectations,” said Smith. “I would not ask my men to throw on a 90-pound backpack and run 20 miles unless I was doing it with them. Complaining is not an option for me as well. No matter how hard you are trying, you don’t whine. If the leader is saying it’s horrible, it allows everyone else to commiserate with the challenges.”

From marine boot camp to the jungles of Panama and the icy mountains of Norway, Smith helped to build cohesive and successful units. Through recruiting and exhaustive conditioning, he has quickly created competition on the Millersville roster. Climbing over .500 for the first time in more than a decade is going to take not just talent, but teamwork. And the U.S. Marine Corps was a great learning experience on team building.

 “[In the Marines] we learned the old adage that you are only as strong as your weakest link applies in combat situations, and to devastating results,” said Smith. “No matter how strong an athlete or how self-confident you are, they will push you to mold into the unit. For the very strong, you are paying for the mistakes of the very weak. In sports, you only succeed or fail as a unit. The marines go from breaking you down to making you feel invincible.” That’s the path that Millersville volleyball is taking.
Palmer, Alaska, a city of 8,000 residents on the Matanuska River, is sandwiched between two mountain ranges and is home to the Alaskan Baseball League’s Mat-Su Miners. For one memorable summer, it was home to Millersville golfer and Marauder Sports Broadcasting Network (MSBN) broadcaster Matt Dudas.

Dudas, a senior at Millersville, has broadcast more than 70 Marauder sporting events this year alone, including the Marauder baseball team’s shot at the 2010-11 NCAA Championship in Cary, N.C. Shortly after the championship, Dudas jumped a plane to Alaska to serve as the Mat-Su Miners play-by-play broadcaster. He got the job by sending out his resume and audition tape all over the country—literally.

As reigning Alaskan Baseball League (ABL) champions, the Mat-Su Miners are easily the pride and joy of Palmer and draw crowds of over 800 people to any given game. “It’s not a big town, but we had a good turnout for games,” Dudas said. “This is their pro team. They are pretty rowdy and get on the other team’s players. It makes for a good atmosphere.”

And rowdy they should be. As part of one of the top collegiate summer baseball leagues in the nation, the Miners’ roster has produced double-digit MLB First-Year Player Draft selections almost every year since 1976. The opportunity to spend a summer in Alaska joining enthusiastic sports fans to watch some of the nation’s best baseball players compete sounds like a dream vacation, but Dudas spent his time in Palmer working just as hard as the players on the field.

“We did a 10-minute pre-game show and interview of a coach or player before each game,” said Dudas. “The broadcast is a small part of the day. The big part is getting prepared. We put a lot of prep work into each game. Each team carries a roster of 25 guys, and we need[ed] to know all the information about each one. We also wrote a blog where we put up our game previews and summarize[d] where the team [was].”

Between broadcasting home games live over KMBQ 99.7 FM in Wasilla, streaming away games live online, researching, interviewing and editing, Dudas had his work cut out for him. Throw in a major time change and almost 20 hours of sunlight a day and you have a recipe for jet lag. “When I got here, I was really tired all the time,” said Dudas. “It really does stay light here almost all day. We played a game in Anchorage called the Summer Solstice Showdown. They played at 10 p.m. and we didn’t need the lights. It didn’t end until 1:30 in the morning.”

Tired or not, Dudas made time to experience all the small farming community of Palmer had to offer. “Fishing and hiking are very popular,” said Dudas. “The mountains dominate the area. You can’t go anywhere without seeing a mountain. They all have snow on them, even at this time of year. The wildlife is also what people come to this area to see; I’ve seen a couple moose. They’re really big.”
Alumni Association Celebrates 150 Years

The Millersville University Alumni Association (MUAA) is almost as old as the University. Members of Millersville’s first graduating class in 1858 vowed to form an alumni association with the Classes of 1859 and 1860. In 1860, the three classes united and appointed a committee of three members, one from each class, to write an alumni association constitution.

On August 30, 1861, the Millersville Alumni Association met for the first time in the library room of Old Main. The alumni association has had many faces in its 150 years. The first branch, Philadelphia, was chartered in 1884. Many branches across the country were added throughout the years.

The current alumni association consists of a 19-member board of directors, five committees and two ad-hoc committees. It has $1.3 million in assets and a budget of $183,000 that supports alumni programming, student scholarships and grants. As a nonprofit association, it raises and manages its own funds, which are primarily derived from its investments, affinity partners and donations from alumni.

Hundreds of volunteers have kept the alumni association active and growing since 1861 and have made it what it is today—a vibrant, engaged, volunteer-run association.

In honor of its 150th anniversary, all alumni who have been a member of the Board of Directors/Alumni Council, a branch, a chapter or an alumni committee are invited to a special celebration reception on Sunday, October 30, at 12:30 p.m. in Biemesderfer Center. At 2 p.m., there will be a performance of the play “Teibele and Her Demon” in Rafters Theatre, Dutcher Hall. The cost for both the celebration reception and the play is $10. For those interested in only attending the play, the special cost is $5. Those who have been involved in a leadership position with the MUAA will be receiving an invitation in the mail.

Visiting Marauders around the country

We are bringing Millersville University to you between now and June 30, 2012. In some cases, exact dates and locations are still being finalized. Watch for our monthly e-newsletter or check the events calendar periodically at www.villealumni.com for updates.

Here is where we will be:

**September 2011**
- Lansing, Michigan - September 17

**October 2011**
- Fairfax, Virginia
- Harrisburg - West Shore Country Club

**November 2011**
- Austin, Texas
- Charlotte, North Carolina

**January 2012**
- New York City - January 23
- New Orleans - January 24

**February 2012**
- Naples, Florida - February 16
- Venice, Florida - February 17
- The Villages, Florida - February 18

**March 2012**
- Montgomery County, Pa.

**April 2012**
- Lititz, Pa.
- New Jersey (Camden County)

**May 2012**
- Boston
- Wilmington, Delaware
- Philadelphia

Wanted: Authors

Millersville University alumni, retired and current faculty, and staff who are authors are invited to participate in a special, one-day book signing and sales event on Saturday, October 29, 12:30-2:30 p.m., in the Student Memorial Center. Authors and their books—everything from the Holocaust to weather to dogs to heroes—will be featured. To participate, authors should contact the alumni office at 800-681-1855 or mualumni@millersville.edu before October 7. The public is invited to this free event (see page 22).
2012 PASSHE Travel Plans

The travel calendar for the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) Alumni and Friends Travel program is set. For additional details and reservations, contact Christie or Craig at Cruisin’ Inc./Main Line Vacations at 800-506-7447, or visit www.alumnivacations.com. Pricing shown is per person, based on double occupancy.

Exotic Caribbean Cruise—January 19-30: 12-day cruise with Cunard/Queen Victoria. Four days at sea with ports of call: St. Thomas, Antigua, Grenada, Bonaire and Panama Canal. Prices start at $1,259, plus air, transfers and taxes.

Legacy of the Incas—April 28-May 10: 13-day land trip with Globus. Included: Lima: San Francisco Monastery; Andean Folkloric Dinner Show. Ica: Fly over the Nazca Lines; cruise to the Ballestas Islands; Sacred Valley; the Kenko Amphitheater; the Temple of Sacsayhuaman; Ollantaytambo and Pisac. Machu Picchu: Take a train through the Urubamba Valley. Cusco: visit the Cathedral and the Santo Domingo Monastery. Lake Titicaca: Taquile and Uros Islands; Sillustani ruins. Price is $4,768 (includes airfare from Newark, N.J., tour transfers and 11 meals).

Baltic Treasures—July 2-12: 10-day cruise w/Oceania (onboard the new Marina ship). Ports of call include: Denmark, Germany, Poland, Sweden, Estonia, Russia and Finland. Note: extremely limited inside and oceanview cabin availability. Prices start at $5,299, including air* (from Philadelphia), cruise, 1 precruise hotel night in Copenhagen, taxes, transfers, tips and more. *Other air cities available.

Bonnie Scotland—August 1-9: An 8-day land trip with Globus. Included: Glasgow; Fort William; Isle of Skye; Iverness; Culloden; Elgin; Highlands; Pitlochry; Dundee; St. Andrews; Edinburgh (and the world renowned Military Tattoo, which features pipes, drums and more), dance, color and pageantry from around the globe; and New Lanark. Price is $1,727 (land package), plus air.

Rhine River Cruise—fall: Details to be determined.

South Africa—November/December: Details to be determined.

ACMO Musical Performance—Broadway Cabaret & Alumni Reception

What do you get when you combine the best songs from 20 musicals with more than 60 talented performers from Millersville’s All Campus Musical Organization (ACMO)? The 2011 fall showcase—Broadway Cabaret—produced and directed by students. The show features select music from RENT, Next to Normal, Aida, Thoroughly Modern Millie, In the Heights and many more.

With plenty of talent, enthusiasm and passion, the ACMO’s fall showcase is not to be missed. Join us on Friday evening, November 11, for a wine and dessert reception at 6 p.m. followed by ACMO’s performance at 7:30 p.m. as they present an evening of Broadway Cabaret in Steinman Hall at Millersville University Lancaster, 42 N. Prince Street. The cost for the event is $10 and includes gourmet desserts, dessert wine and reserved seating.

Alumni Take on the Big Apple—Get Your Coolers Ready

The alumni association’s trip is heading to the Big Apple for a day of “Gourmet Shopping or Do As You Please” on Saturday, December 3. Shopping features include Zabar’s Gourmet Store, Little Italy, Chinatown and the Chelsea Market, not to mention a step-on guide. Motorcoach leaves Millersville at 7:15 a.m. and departs New York at 7 p.m. Gourmet Shopping: $85/per person; Do As You Please: $75/pp. Price includes: motorcoach transportation; bus driver gratuity; continental breakfast (served en route); step-on guide; administration fee. This travel program is open to alumni, faculty/staff, University retirees and community friends.

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.millersville.edu
Click on Event Calendar; locate the event and click Register.
Charlotte (Maul) Weisenbach ’26, Palm Harbor, Fla., continues to volunteer at her local hospice at 104 years old.

Herbert Schmidt ’51, ’64M, York, was inducted into the York Area Sports Hall of Fame in April for his accomplishments as a football player, wrestler and coach. He continues to serve as the executive director of the York-Adams Interscholastic Athletic Association.

Carole (Bosch) Faulk ’66, Jamestown, N.Y., was appointed to the Jamestown Community College (JCC) board of trustees in May. She served on the JCC human services faculty from 1981 to 2003.

Thomas Hain ’66, Elizabethville, was inducted into the Pennsylvania State Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame in June for his career as a coach with the Upper Dauphin football team.

Lewis Hemmer ’66, Philadelphia, retired as director of outpatient services at the Center for Autism in Philadelphia. He is volunteering with the Peace Corps for community development in Macedonia through November 2013.

Steven Lennox ’71, Rutledge, was inducted into the Delco Sports Hall of Fame for his performance in baseball, basketball and football and as a head coach for 28 years.

Paul Lynahan ’71, West Chester, joined WSFS Financial Corporation as vice president and relationship manager.

1951 Class Reunion
To celebrate their 60th anniversary, members of the Class of 1951 returned to campus for a different activity. They wanted to experience college dining in 2011 and meet in Gordinier Hall for an afternoon luncheon on June 25. When they were Millersville students, dining was not as casual, nor did they have the wide range of food choices at every meal.

Unless otherwise noted, alumni represent the Class of 1951.

Seated (left to right): Paul Brodbeck; Adam Brown; Rene (Genbauffe) O’Leary ’50; Dorothy (Morgan) Nye; Lois (Price) Santos; Mary Ellen (Kauffman) Reid. Standing (l to r): Marilyn (Young) Herr; Mary (Ward) Sherer; G. Allen Eckert; Catherine (Shenk) Horn; Janet (Kurtz) Greensmith; Darlene (Shenenberger) Henly; Clarence Preitz; Robert Henly ’50.

At right: Dorothy (Morgan) Nye and Lois (Price) Santos enjoy lunch in Gordinier Hall.
serving personal and business markets in Southeastern Pa.

- Barbara Waltman ’73, Lancaster, was inducted into the Central Pennsylvania chapter of the United States Lacrosse Hall of Fame in May. She coached the Millersville women’s lacrosse team for the past 33 years and retired at the end of this year’s season (see article in the summer issue of the Review).

- Craig A. Jarrett ’74, New Columbia, retired in July 2010 after more than 35 years as a technology education teacher at Milton Middle School. He served as an advisor for the Technology Student Association and taught as an adjunct professor at Millersville University from 2002-10.

- Robert A. Laskowski ’74, Middletown, N.J., was appointed senior vice president and treasurer of OceanFirst Bank.

- Carl Petersheim ’75, Elverson, was elected to a two-year term as vice president of the operations house of faculty senate at Harrisburg Area Community College, where he is associate professor of web design and computer information systems.

- Ken Stehman ’75, ’81M, Elizabethtown, retired in June after 35 years as a technology education teacher for Lower Dauphin School District, where he served as the department coordinator for the past nine years.

- Donna Barbano ’76, Ogdensburg, N.Y., was inducted into the Hatboro-Horsham High School Hall of Fame in April for her contributions to federal service. She serves as a special U.S. liaison officer for the National Security Agency in Canada.

- Butler Buchanan III ’76, Ambler, joined the board of trustees of Mercy Vocational High School in Philadelphia. He is the hiring partner at the law firm of Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman & Goggin and chairs the firm’s diversity committee.

- Thomas Jordan ’76, ’02M, Lebanon, retired in June after a 35-year career with the Lebanon School District, from which he graduated in 1972. He was most recently principal of Lebanon High School.

- Charles Paul Kramer ’76, Valley View, retired in June from the Tri-Valley School District.
Alpha Sigma Alpha sisters: You don’t look 25!

Remember the traditions and friendships from your college days? Join our 25th-anniversary celebration on Sunday, April 15, 2012, at Millersville University. Current sisters will give tours of the campus from 10 a.m. to noon. A social hour is scheduled for noon to 1 p.m., followed by lunch and a ceremony. The events will be held in Lehr Room in the Bolger Conference Center in Gordinier Hall.

The Epsilon Kappa chapter of Alpha Sigma Alpha at Millersville University was founded on April 11, 1987, and is currently the largest sorority on Millersville’s campus.

For more information about the celebration, contact Katelynn Hranchock, vice president of alumnae and heritage, at 570-590-7597 or kzh0812@gmail.com.

**Class Notes**

where he served for 35 years as the industrial arts/technology education teacher at the junior and senior high school.

Melinda (Staub) Mott ’76, Dover, retired in June 2010 from the Dover School District, where she served as an elementary learning support teacher for 26 years.

Jeffrey Druce ’77, Lancaster, was named vice president of finance and administration for Community First Fund of Lancaster. He was previously the controller.

Susan (Smith) Klinger ’79, Norristown, garnered national recognition and was awarded a prize for her artwork displayed at the seventh annual Northeast National Pastel Exhibition at the new Arts Center in Old Forge, N.Y. She has been a fine arts teacher in the Perkiomen Valley School District for 31 years.

For more information about the celebration, contact Katelynn Hranchock, vice president of alumnae and heritage, at 570-590-7597 or kzh0812@gmail.com.

Back on the peaceful country roads of Millersville, you can find Michael Hurrell ’95 at just about any time of day perched in his barn loft studio, bent over one of his pieces. Or perhaps that has just been his schedule as of late as he perfects the minute details on the clay base of the statue he has created for Millersville University. There is still much more to do—the disassembling and casting of the statue into first rubber, then wax, ceramic and finally bronze.

Working with such complicated mediums was not always Hurrell’s forte. As an art student at Millersville, Hurrell was mostly interested in the fine arts. Not knowing what to do with his commercial art degree, he moved to the West Coast, where he linked up with a home décor painting company and learned “faux” painting—a technique for creating the illusion of marbleized textures and actual art-in-home painting decoration.

Hurrell landed back in Lancaster to start up a faux division in a local home décor studio. To get his foot back in the door, and his face on the scene, Hurrell turned to mentors he had at Millersville like retired art professor Ike Hay. Together, they contributed to the bronze casting of a life-size triceratops skull sculpture, which is installed outside of the Smithsonian Natural History Museum in Washington, D.C.

Learning to sculpt and cast in bronze was a venture inspired by another one of his mentors—retired art professor Robert Nelson, who Hurrell says “could literally pick up anything and make it into whatever he wanted.” Using his job in home décor to network throughout Lancaster, Hurrell was able to build himself a customer base that was willing to commission him for his work. One of the first to inquire was a family in need of bronze statues of their two children.

Thanks to great skills and great mentors, business is booming for local artist Hurrell, but he manages his contracting wisely. “I want to ensure I am always doing my best work,” says Hurrell. “I feel like I am finally really confident in my direction.” For more, visit www.michaelhurrell.com.
Ready to help our nation’s public schools

Educator Irvin Scott ’89 has always been drawn to teaching in urban schools, although there are challenges and struggles that often go along with it.

Now, Scott is expanding his scope of work in a way that will impact education on a national level, as the new deputy director for effective teaching in the College Ready strategy for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

“I am so excited,” Scott said.

In his new position, Scott will review programs in selected metropolitan cities across the country including schools in Pittsburgh, Memphis, Tampa and Los Angeles that focus on strategies to ensure that every classroom has an effective teacher.

“One of the first things I have to do is learn about the work that happens in those schools and then create a liaison between those districts,” Scott said. “Then we hope to set up best practices across the country.”

Scott assumed his new post in July at the foundation’s East Coast office located in Washington, D.C.

As his career takes a new direction, Scott said he is determined to do more than merely lead; he wants to start a national dialogue about what is working in education, investigate what is broken and find solutions to problems.

“I am ready to tackle these issues with a group of people who are enthusiastic about having a conversation and who are ready to tackle complex topics,” Scott said. “I’m not saying I can change anybody’s mind, but I am excited about coming to the table.”

That’s why Scott said he is focused on not only how to improve student test scores, but also begin a new relationship with educators.

“There’s a national momentum happening around the teaching profession and what it means to be an invested teacher,” Scott said. “I want to make sure teachers have a voice about their situation. Too many times, districts and other school leaders, along with policymakers and legislators, have discussions about the teaching profession without engaging teachers themselves.”

Scott taught Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate English and also served as an assistant principal at Lancaster’s J.P. McCaskey and McCaskey East high schools. In 2006, the teacher once again became the student. Scott moved his family to Boston to enroll in Harvard University’s urban superintendent doctorate program. This spring he received his Ph.D. from Harvard (pictured above). He also holds master’s degrees from Harvard and Temple universities.

Scott also completed The Broad Superintendents Academy, a rigorous executive program designed for superintendents in urban environments and is a member of its Class of 2010.

While working for Boston Public School District, Scott was instrumental in decreasing dropout rates to their lowest levels in more than two decades by implementing a district-wide credit recovery program and gained national recognition in improving student success rates among low-income and minority students. As the district’s chief academic officer, he was responsible for all regional superintendents and schools.

Although Scott has a long list of educational and academic achievements, he said it was his time at Millersville University that ingrained his passion to teach.

“I am really grateful for my experiences at Millersville University,” Scott said. “That’s where I was introduced to the Urban Education Program, which was pivotal for me. I learned if you can lead (in urban schools), you can lead anywhere.”

Scott said it is this type of leadership that will propel him to make a further difference in educating youth.

“I am drawn to the challenge for sure,” Scott said.
Jacqueline A. (Bland) Fidler ’94, Brownstown, was named second-level loan review officer with Fulton Financial Corp.

Kim E. (Schreiner) Makosch ’95, Wyomissing, teaches middle school choral and music with the Schuylkill Valley School District.

Claudia (Franks) Kickery ’96, Rockledge, Fla., received her master’s degree in management and leadership from Webster University. She is project director for Learning Ally.

Kristin (Cage) Knight ’96, South Portland, Maine, was promoted to director of North American inside sales with Enterasys Networks.

Saralyn (Sebastianelli) Millers ’97, Harleysville, was recognized as a finalist in the Voices of Inspiration Award for Teaching Excellence.

Elizabeth (Hakemian) Muirhead ’97, Downingtown, was promoted to senior investment analyst at The Vanguard Group in Valley Forge.


2000s

Peter Perella ’00, New Baltimore, Mich., joined the congregational and synodical mission union of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as director for worship formation and liturgical resources. He serves as pastor at St. John’s Lutheran Church in New Baltimore.

Tom Baker ’02, Pittsburgh, won the Republican and Democratic primaries for the North Hills School Board. He was also reelected as president of the Pittsburgh East Rotary Club, elected President of National Speakers Association Pittsburgh chapter and elected to the Pa. Special Olympics board of directors.

Emily Schriver ’02, Mechanicsburg, was named retail branch manager of the Harrisburg Main and Capital branches of M&T Bank.

Jeremy Wiker ’02, Ephrata, was named director of finance and administration at Partners in Achieving Independence (PAI) in Lancaster.

Heidi Derstler ’03, Columbia, was promoted to senior graphics designer at Albright College.

Steve Elliker ’03, Elverson, graduated in June from Drexel University’s LeBow College of Business with his Masters of Business Administration, with a concentration in finance.

Julie (Rutledge) Davis ’04, Pottsgrove, works as an emotional support teacher and is a member of the curriculum committee and Students Need Assistants Program (SNAP) at Pottsgrove Middle School.

Brooke Donovan ’04, Mechanicsburg, joined East Stroudsburg University Foundation as assistant director of alumni engagement.

Jason R. Johnson ’04, Pittsburgh, completed his master’s degree in healthcare ethics at Duquesne University this spring. He is an interventional technologist at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center’s hospital in Shadyside.

Chad G. Lobley ’04, Oxford, serves in a dual role as the senior biologist and project manager in the environmental sciences group in RETTEW’s Lancaster office. He provides technical support and serves in a liaison role for clients seeking regulatory compliance.

Stephanie (Ziegler) Herr ’05, Lancaster, was named art director of York-based Moxie, where she will design packages, brochures, newspaper and magazine ads, promotional campaigns and websites.

Monika (Gawrychowska) Chap ’07M, Lancaster, was named as an analyst with the credit administration department of Fulton Financial Corp.

Lindsey J. Wegryniak ’07, New Cumberland, is a third-year medical student at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Amanda Bush ’08, Augusta, N.J., received a master’s degree in environmental law and policy from Vermont Law School.

Lauren Lindgren ’08, Townsend, Del., joined the Burlington Camden County Association of Realtors as communications coordinator after completing two years as an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer.

Robert Junod ’09, Collingdale, accompanied fellow University of Alabama Huntsville atmospheric science doctoral candidates as they tracked several massive superstorm cells and their wake across the South in an attempt to get resourceful data to help predict such storms in the future.

Lauren M. Wegryniak ’09, New Cumberland, is a second-year dental student at the University of Pennsylvania.

Correction

Apologies to Barbara Lashley ’70, whose name was misspelled in the photo caption on page 27 of the Review summer 2011 issue.
Irene Tzinis ’03 married Gary Mather on 5/29/11. Her sister, Fotini Tzinis ’05, was the maid of honor.

Rachael Gamaldi ’08M and Andrew McCormack ’07, ’09M were married on 6/19/10. From left to right: Heather Jarvis, Bradley Barnett ’06, ’08M, Robert Swier ’08, Campbell McCormack, Kara Howland, Nicole Gallucci, the bride and groom, Daniel Csencsitz ’07, Wendy Smith, Desere Gamaldi, Jason Stroup ’07 and Mia (Gambino) Hall ’07, ’09M.

Marriages

Julie Rutledge ’04 and John Davis, 8/13/11.
Christina Wilburn ’05, ’09M and David Moser, 8/6/11.
Stephanie Miller ’07 and Dominic Barilaro ’06, 6/26/10.
Sonya Grosh ’08 and Brandon Hoffman, 7/16/11.
Erin Shannon ’08 and Richard Crump, 4/2/11.

Births

Debbie (Hallman) Riddick ’91 and husband Louis, a son, Darren Anthony, on 1/31/11.
Alicia McHale ’93 and husband Nelson Schlater, a daughter, Viviann Grace McHale-Schlater, on 6/16/10.
Robert Brescia ’94 and wife Caroline, twin sons, Robert Allen and Reid Anthony, on 8/6/10.
Roberta Zwier ’94 and husband Michael Padula, a daughter, Alexandra Elizabeth, on 12/20/09.
Kellie (Fletcher) Feehan ’96 and husband Michael, a son, Carter James, on 12/10/10.
Lisa (Fridinger) Burke ’96 and husband Andrew ’99, a son, Cooper Charles, on 4/22/11.
Heather (Karson) Biddle ’00 and husband Stephen, a daughter, Isabella Grace, on 2/18/11.
Steven Stewart ’00 and wife Audrey (Wise) ’00, a son, Gideon Todd, on 10/28/10.
Donald Bickel ’01 and wife Janice (Hansell) ’01, a daughter, Elizabeth Ann, on 4/25/11.
Nathan Claycomb ’01 and wife Denise, a son, Ethan Adam, on 4/27/11.
Melissa (Olvitt) Ross ’01, ’05M and husband Greg, a daughter, Olivia, on 4/15/11.
Sarah (Herz) Curtis ’02 and husband Guy, a daughter, Avery Nora, on 2/21/11.
Ellen Panofsky ’02 and husband Mark Noel, a daughter, Abigail Rose Panofsky-Noel, on 6/15/10.
Stephane (Futty) Smith ’02 and husband Bowen, a son, Beckett Timothy, on 3/9/11.
Abbie (Wise) Burton ’03 and husband Joe, twins, Adam and Anna, on 4/11/11.
Ryan Henderson ’03 and wife Erin (Klokis) ’03, twin sons, Connor David and Coble James, on 4/2/11.
Steve Elliker ’03 and wife Amy (Miller) ’03, a daughter, Emily Megan, on 1/2/11.
Shana (Lint) Overholt ’04 and husband Justin ’04, a daughter, Madison Alivia, on 4/21/11.
Katie (Venella) Skonier ’04 and husband Jeffrey, a son, Jackson Alexander, on 3/18/11.
Michael Cherrybon ’05 and wife Diana (Kramer) ’05, a daughter, Savannah Grace, on 4/6/11.
Joe Marsh ’06 and wife Kelly, a daughter, Caden Mackenzie, on 5/14/11.
Andrew McCormack ’07, ’09M and wife Rachael (Gamaldi) ’08M, a son, Brayden Andrew, on 6/12/11.
Deaths

- Charles M. Micken ’38, Downingtown, died on 3/29/11, at the age of 92. He retired from Downingtown Area School District as superintendent of schools in 1983.
- Barton F. Herr ’43, Lancaster, died on 3/30/11, at the age of 91. He was an industrial arts teacher at Plymouth-Whitemarsh Colonial School District.
- Helen (Burke) Vesterman ’48, Glen Ridge, N.J., died on 3/15/11. He was an elementary teacher for 69. He retired in 1996 after 33 years as a graphic arts/architectural drawing teacher at North Pocono High School. He was also a private pilot and part-time radio announcer.
- Frances (Rothenberger) Schrader ’64, Manheim, died on 5/5/11, at the age of 95. She was an elementary teacher for more than 33 years, retiring from Manheim Central after 22 years of service.
- Ruth E. Heineman ’68, Jacksonville, Fla., died on 12/24/10, at the age of 64. She was a registered nurse in Florida.
- Michele (Hershey) Henry ’72, Wesley Chapel, Fla., died on 3/21/11, at the age of 62. She worked in the Harrisburg School District as an elementary special education teacher and district administrator for 35 years.
- Barbara A. Hawk ’74, Enola, died on 5/26/11, at the age of 73. She retired from the East Pennsboro Area School District after serving 26 years as a high school nurse.
- Thomas “Tim” Rouland ’74M, Hulmeville, died on 5/28/11, at the age of 60. He was employed as the director of special education with the Mount Holly School District for more than 30 years.
- Roy T. Haupt ’76, Lititz, died on 3/30/11, at the age of 69. He served on the E.C. administrative council, board of publications, missions board and conference relations committee in addition to preaching in the denomination for over 35 years.
- Kurt Fischer ’78, Falls Church, Va., died on 3/30/11, at the age of 54. He had a successful career as an entrepreneur and consultant. He was recently employed by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, where he was a physical scientist.
- Barbara A. (Shirk) Bucks ’88, Elizabethtown, died on 3/31/11, at the age of 64. She was a teacher with the Susquehanna Association for the Blind.
- Steven M. Yoder ’94, West Grove, died on 5/7/11, at the age of 43. He was a partner in the law firm of Potter Anderson & Corroon, LLP, in Wilmington, Del.
- Keri-Ann Jackson ’01, Philadelphia, died on 5/1/11, at the age of 32. She had recently completed her M.Ed. in special education from Arcadia University and was working on her M.Ed. at Edinboro University. She worked as a school teacher in Philadelphia.
- Demetrius M. Frison ’08, Philadelphia, died on 5/10/11, at the age of 26. He died while serving in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and held the rank of First Lt. Prior to joining the military, he had worked at the Lancaster Youth Intervention Center as a youth care worker and with the Community Services Group of Lancaster as a mental-health worker.
The McIlwaines were married in August 1950 when he was teaching chemistry at Fall River High School. After completing graduate work at Penn State, he was encouraged to apply for a teaching position by Drs. Biemesderfer and Breidenstine at Millersville University, where he taught physical science, chemistry and geology. He later became chairman of the Department of Earth Sciences. He felt it was the best decision he ever made, and Melva McIlwaine was happy too.

“We raised our family in Millersville, and I couldn’t think of a better place to do that,” said McIlwaine.

At Millersville, Melva was involved in music. She played the organ and sang at their church, First United Methodist Church - Millersville. The couple attended concerts and music programs at Millersville, and had season tickets to the Lancaster Symphony Orchestra. Melva sang in choral groups and as a soloist. She also served as the first office manager of Millersville’s faculty association from 1975-92.

Music flowed through their lives. So when it came to remembering Melva McIlwaine, establishing an endowment in her memory was the perfect testament. Her brother, William A. Seymour, president of the Boston Conservatory of Music, wrote a five-word tribute in honor of his sister: “Music is love made audible.”

"When students attend a master class in music, listen to a concert and have their lives enriched by music, it will be a gift from Melva,” said McIlwaine. “That’s why we created the endowment. No one loved music more than she did.”

For Dr. William McIlwaine, professor emeritus and member of Millersville University’s Council of Trustees, his long and happy marriage to the late Melva S. McIlwaine brought four children, much joy and a life filled with music.

“I still miss her so dearly,” says McIlwaine. “She was the best woman ever.”

Mrs. McIlwaine bravely fought and survived breast cancer for many years. While attending a professional meeting of nursing home administrators in North Carolina, she suffered a respiratory infection and pneumonia. This led to complications that claimed her life in 2009.

Her family was heartbroken. At her memorial service, someone left a poem for McIlwaine about how much it meant to “touch shoulders with Melva” in life. That was when he and their children decided to “do something for Mom.”

The family established the Melva S. McIlwaine Master Class and Concert Endowment, which benefits Millersville students by giving them direct access to nationally and internationally recognized artists in vocal and instrumental music including classical, popular and jazz. The endowment enables artists to interact directly with the students through master classes, and to schedule concerts at Millersville featuring the artists, which would be open to students, faculty and the community.

“I know that Melva would be pleased,” said McIlwaine. “Millersville University and music meant the world to her. It is a fitting tribute.”

McIlwaine discovered how important music was to Melva when he first met her in Fall River, Mass. She was involved in church groups and was active in the local Little Theatre company, singing, dancing and playing trumpet, piano and organ.

It was love at first sight, and the couple began dating. But World War II separated the couple as McIlwaine entered the Army. He served in the tank corps and infantry, under General George Patton, and lived through major battles including the Battle of the Bulge.

“She wrote to me every day,” recalled McIlwaine, noting that the envelopes were marked with “SWAKAP,” meaning “Sealed with a Kiss and Prayer.”

“Music is love made audible.”

—A tribute to Melva by her brother William A. Seymour, president of the Boston Conservatory of Music.
No matter what the year, Homecoming at Millersville is a ton of fun.

Check out the schedule of activities (pages 20-22) for Homecoming 2011—October 27-30.