STUDENT MEMORIAL CENTER OPENS FOR BUSINESS

A newly remodeled Student Memorial Center (SMC) greeted students when they returned after spring break. Work continues on the lower level, however, the main level is finished and features a smoothie bar, the new Galley, a remodeled, larger fitness center and a brand new atrium.

The campus has been watching in anticipation as the external appearance of the building changed. Even the drastic transformation externally did not prepare students for the changes internally.

New features on the main floor of the SMC include the newly remodeled Galley, one of the retail dining facilities, which has been expanded physically, offering more space for students to meet with friends or a group for class, seating to watch one of the many flat screen televisions or use a laptop. The Galley also expanded its selection of food choices to include new Wood Stone pizza and pasta stations, which feature fresh made pizza dough and whole wheat pasta.

In addition, an atrium has been added, complete with seating that students can use for studying or general use, as well as a computer lab and the new and improved Fitness Center—to name just some of the improvements the renovation brings.

The total renovation is scheduled for completion in August, just before the start of the fall 2011 semester. This project is being funded through a bond referendum approved by Millersville students in February 2007.

For more information, visit the SMC Renovation Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SMCRenovation.

RECORDING IN SESSION

With the help of Millersville University students, children from the School District of Lancaster’s Washington Elementary music programs got to experience their very first recording session.

The students, ranging from third to fifth grade, came to the campus’ recording studio in February to record music to submit to the local nonprofit organization Music For Everyone’s (MFE) annual benefit CD. This is the first time that the students who benefit from MFE’s programs actually get to give their own music to support the cause.

Two groups of elementary students made recordings—the string and the band ensembles. Recording engineers were Jake Miller and Brett continued on pg. 2
CELEBRATING 250 YEARS OF HISTORY

An anniversary is a time to celebrate—and the town of Millersville is doing just that to commemorate 250 years. An entire year has been planned filled with events and activities the whole family will enjoy. A special kick-off event, “Dancing Through the Decades,” set the tone for the community to honor its long history and have fun doing it. The event, which was held in February, featured a specially designed cake personally delivered by Mauro Castano, one of the TV stars of TLC’s Cake Boss, from Carlo’s Bakery in Hoboken, N.J. The cake was a gift from Wiley’s Pharmacy. The festivities also included a performance by Expressions, one of Millersville’s student dance clubs, fireworks, dancing and more. And that was just the kick-off event.

For a full list of events, or to learn more about the 250th anniversary celebration, visit www.millersville250.org. All events are open to the public and are free unless otherwise noted.

GETTING READY FOR THE RIDE OF HER LIFE

Senior Rachel Yodis trains for her cross country cycling trip this summer to raise awareness and funds for The National Multiple Sclerosis Charity.

After her graduation in May, Rachel Yodis is taking on another personal challenge this summer. This one will take her across the United States—cycling—as she participates in a charity ride benefiting multiple sclerosis (MS). This semester, she completed her student teaching while managing to train for the ride and raise more than $3,800 for the National Multiple Sclerosis Charity.

As a student at Millersville, Yodis been actively involved on campus and has taken on a number of leadership roles. She was president of the French Club, a member of the Millersville Cycling Club and worked as a peer health educator for the Wellness and Women’s Program on campus. She was also an integral part of the University’s track and cross country teams until numerous injuries sidelined her. Two years ago, she spent a semester studying abroad in France.

What’s the next stop on her journey after cycling an estimated 3,800 miles? In September, Yodis is returning to France to teach English for seven months.

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Jarvis, who are juniors in the music business and technology program, and were participating in conjunction with Millersville’s First Dimension Records student group. MFE underwrote the cost of the recording session.

After three recordings were made, the students had the opportunity to listen to their music.

Dr. Jennifer Jester is a professor of music at Millersville and the faculty supervisor for the project.

She observed that after the students listened to their recordings, “The music kept improving with every take. It was a great learning environment for them to be able to hear what needed improvement, and then have the results captured in the recordings.”

As director of the music business and technology program, Jester’s goal is to get more student groups into the recording studio. She said, “This is our first try, but I foresee many more of these types of projects with the area schools.”
ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK WEEKEND

Over spring break, 68 students from Millersville, Kutztown, Bloomsburg, Lock Haven, East Stroudsburg, Shippensburg and Slippery Rock universities headed south. That, in itself, isn’t unusual; however the purpose of their travels was very different than the typical spring break trip. These students volunteered for four days to help the Marine Science Consortium (MSC) with a variety of projects around their main campus, Greenbackville research site and NASA’s Wallops Island in Virginia. Approximately 805 volunteer hours later, numerous tasks were completed including painting everything from buses to labs, building a campfire ring and wood shed, working on a local nature trail, building 48 cubby units for a dormitory, creating signage, conducting a beach cleanup on Wallops Island and much more.

Although it was a working weekend, everyone had a great time. One student said, “I would have been sitting on the couch all spring break, but instead, I’m having a great time working for a good cause. And it’s fun!” Many of the students will come back to the MSC for summer field courses. And, this experience was a great introduction to the improvements on MSC’s campus.

Since 1965, MSC has educated and inspired thousands of children, youth and adults about the marine and coastal ecosystems along the Mid-Atlantic region through place-based, hands-on experiences.

For more information, visit MSC’s Facebook site or go to www.msconsortium.org.

NEW HIRES IN STUDENT AFFAIRS

Millersville University named Peter J. Anders as the new chief of police. Anders has 20 years of law enforcement experience including, most recently, as captain of the criminal investigative division for Lancaster City Police. As a former student leader and Millersville alumnus who graduated in 2002, he is familiar with the University’s campus and police department.

“Anders is a strong leader who comes to Millersville University with a record of solving problems, working with diverse communities and being a good communicator and facilitator,” said Dr. Aminta Hawkins Breaux, vice president of student affairs.

“I’m excited to be coming back to the Millersville campus and to join the solid police force here,” said Anders.

Dr. Michelle Pérez has been hired as the new associate vice president for student affairs at Millersville. Since 2005, Pérez has worked at the University of Arizona performing a number of roles within the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership. She has extensive experiences within the areas of Greek affairs, student programs, leadership program development and residential life.

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To sign up, send an email to: muparent@millersville.edu

In the email, please include the name of your student who is attending Millersville University.
The 22 varsity intercollegiate athletic teams that make up the Millersville Marauders put in as much effort into community service as they do on the field. The NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) at Millersville University, which is made up of a minimum of one representative from each athletic team, supports the campus and community through community outreach efforts.

Members of SAAC act as the voice of their teams; together, the teams are part of a greater student-athlete mission at Millersville. A recent initiative of the NCAA was to raise money to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation. SAAC held Basket Bingo, a fundraising event that raised approximately $1,400 for Make-A-Wish. In addition, during January and February, they sold Make-A-Wish stars at home basketball games, to raise money.

On April 16, SAAC hosted “Parents Night Out, Sports Spectacular.” While the parents took an evening off, their children had fun with Millersville athletes on campus. Activities included games, swimming in the Pucillo pool, dinner and arts and crafts. All proceeds benefited the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

SAAC members Jessica Jones, women’s lacrosse; Steve Roberts, football and Casey Baer, field hockey, at the Water Street Mission.

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