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Groundbreaking at Lyte Auditorium



Rendering of Visual and Performing Arts Center.

Millersville University is taking strides towards a brighter future of visual and performing arts on its campus. Renovation of Lyte Auditorium/Alumni Hall will begin March 30 with a groundbreaking ceremony. The auditorium has been the home of hundreds of cultural activities, performances and shows, throughout the past 60 years.

The new Visual and Performing Arts Center, a \$26 million construction and renovation project, is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2011. The current 29,041-square-foot building with 700 seats will be entirely renovated along with a 59,452-square-foot addition. The completed building will hold approximately 650 seats. The renovation project is part of the University's master plan to effectively use and reuse existing land, facilities, and infrastructure. The plan was developed by a 26-member committee, with hopes to improve and enhance visual and performing arts on Millersville's campus.

The auditorium has previously been a venue for recitals, musicals produced by the All Campus Musical Organization and the annual Cultural Affairs Committee Series, bringing renowned musicians and performers to Millersville's campus.

The \$14 million renovation will be funded through bonds, capital funds and private gifts, including a \$1 million donation by Dr. Charles Winter, retired orthopedic surgeon.

Temple Grandin Speaks

Dr. Temple Grandin will be the keynote speaker for the 2010 Anna Funk Lockey



Dr. Temple Grandin

Lectureship at Millersville Tuesday, March 16.

Grandin is undoubtedly the most accomplished and well-known adult with autism in the world. She has been featured

on major television programs, such as "ABC's Primetime Live," "Today," an HBO movie, "Larry King Live," "48 Hours" and "20/20."

Born in Boston Mass., in 1947,

Grandin's parents devoted their time to improving Grandin's life after she was diagnosed with autism as a toddler. In the 1950s, institutionalization was the common response to autistic children because it was believed that a child with autism was developmentally disabled or brain-damaged. Grandin's mother chose instead, to hire a caregiver to play with Grandin, preventing her from retreating to the corner, like many autistic children tend to do. This early intervention is what Grandin credits to pulling her out of the isolationist shell of autism and leading her towards professional success later in life.

Today, Grandin is one of the world's leaders in the design of livestock handling facilities.

Grandin has published several

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Odyssey of the Mind Competition

After four months of dedication, construction and rehearsal, 430 students from Central Pennsylvania are about to embark upon an "odyssey" all their own. Millersville University will host the annual Odyssey of the Mind competition on March 13.

Odyssey of the Mind is an international education program which empowers teams of up to seven students to come up with solutions for creative problem-solving opportunities.



Students have the option of solving one of five long-term problems, such as the vehicle-building program sponsored by NASA, the flight problem involving the creation and operation of aircraft to perform specific stunts and the structural problem involving the creation of wooden balsa columns.

In evaluating the solutions, panels of 145 judges award style points to encourage students to take the next step and enhance their solutions rather than simply solving the problem. On the day of the competition, judges also test students' spontaneous problem-solving skills with verbal and hands-on problems that students solve together as a team.

Staff Activities

Lori B. Austin, judicial affairs, was re-elected for a 4th term as the Pennsylvania State Representative for the Association for Student Conduct Administration at the annual conference in St. Pete's Beach, Florida, in early February.

Dr. Ralph Anttonen, academic & student development, will be the keynote speaker at the College Reading and Learning Association Pennsylvania/N.J. spring conference "Sharing the Best for Student Success" on March 19 at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J. Anttonen will speak on "Retention: One Student at a Time—Will You Take the Time?"

Dr. Robert Carballo, English, recently published "Fair is Foul, and Foul is Fair": Macbeth as Morality Play and Discrete Exemplum" in "Macbeth."

Dr. Joseph C. Labant, elementary and early childhood education, attended the Dialogue on Civic Education, hosted by the First Lady of Pennsylvania, Judge Marjorie Rendell, at the Governor's Mansion in Harrisburg on February 1. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss ways for increasing civic awareness in classroom instruction across the Commonwealth. Labant spoke on methods that can be used in pedagogy classes for ensuring that future educators are prepared to teach civics and government to young learners.

Elizabeth O'Day, Susan Livermore, Joyce Anderson, and Dr. Beverly Schneller English, all contributed book

reviews to the 2009 issue of *Rapportage*.

Dr. Carla Rineer, English, had her paper, "Begotten in Whoredom: "Impenitent Sinners," "Spurious Children" and "Hawthorne's Hester Prynne" accepted for presentation by the program committee of the Nathaniel Hawthorne Society for the conference in Concord, June 10-13, "Hawthorne in Concord: Eden and Beyond."

Dr. M.P.A. Sheaffer, English, participated in the "Poetry at the Players" program in New York on February 18, featuring the subject of heroism. She read the Earl of Richmond's speech to his troops before the Battle of Bosworth Field from Shakespeare's *Richard III*. In addition her poem "Golgotha" was published in the 2009 annual issue of *Pennine Ink* 31 in Burnley, Lancashire, England.

Dr. Mark Snyder, industry & technology, and the Department of Industry & Technology Graphic Communication program were selected as the recipient of the Electronic Document Systems Foundation (EDSF) 2010 Capstone Excellence in Education award for Innovation in Higher Education. The award honors academic institutions for their educational and innovative efforts relating to the document management and communications industry. The award will be presented at the EDSF Industry Leader's Reception on April 21 in Philadelphia, during the Association for Information and Image Management's Expo and "OnDemand" trade show.

International Reading Association in Chicago held at the end of April. The Reading Hall of Fame was established in 1973 to honor those in the field who are widely known and made significant contributions to the field of literacy for at least 25 years. In addition, Cassidy presented a session on November 6, 2009, titled "What's Hot, What's Not: Literacy for 2009," at the annual meeting of the Association for Literacy Educators and Researchers (ALER) in Charlotte, North Carolina. At the same conference, he was the invited speaker presenting "What's Hot, What's Not in Reading Clinics." Also, Cassidy's 14th annual survey, "What's Hot, What's Not for 2010" appeared in the January/December issue of *Reading Today*.

Obituaries:

Dr. Frank E. Duba, English, died on February 16. He was appointed as an assistant professor in the Department of English at Millersville University in 2005.

Dr. Alex Henderson Jr., professor emeritus biology, died on February 8. Henderson taught at Millersville from 1955 to 1991. He was the inaugural chair of the biology department and oversaw the design and construction of the Roddy Science Center and developed the University's marine science program, as well as the allied health and medical technology program.

Dr. Theodore Rupp, professor emeritus of foreign languages, died on February 10. Rupp was appointed to the Department of Foreign Languages in 1946 and retired in 1982. He remained an active supporter of the foreign languages program and Millersville University up until the time of his passing.

Congratulations to:

Sandra Deemer, educational foundations, and Michael Winters, on the birth of a girl, Emma Catherine Winters, on February 13.

Retired Staff

Dr. Jack Cassidy, professor emeritus, elementary and early childhood, has been selected as one of the inductees into the Reading Hall of Fame. The induction will take place at the annual convention of the



Susan Kastner, admissions, Luis Ramirez, housekeeping, and Dawn Reese, finance and administration, were recognized at the Employee Service Recognition on Thursday, December 10, 2009, for their 30 or more years of service to Millersville University.

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3rd Annual Science Olympiad



Drs. Alex DeCaria and Maria Schiza

Millersville will host the Pennsylvania Central Region Science Olympiad for the third consecutive year, on March 27. Middle and high schools from 12 counties in central Pennsylvania will be competing against one another for the honor of competing in the state-wide competition at Juniata College.

"We are excited to be hosting the Science Olympiad for a third year at Millersville. It's great that we can provide a forum for students to apply their scientific knowledge while having fun at the same time," said site director Dr. Alex DeCaria. "By bringing so many different schools together, it allows the students to meet other kids their age, who share their interests, and possibly help to spark creativity."

Dr. Maria Schiza, chemistry, is the co-coordinator for the Olympiad with DeCaria. Dr. Janet White, mathematics, will keep score of the events.

The Science Olympiad consists of two divisions: division B for the middle school students and division C for the high school students. Each division has a total of 23 events, totaling 46 events all together. The events cover topics including anatomy, ecology, ornithology, fossils, environmental chemistry, meteorology and many more.

Science Olympiad is a national nonprofit organization devoted to improving the quality of science education, increasing student interest in science and providing recognition for outstanding achievement in science education by both students and teachers.

For more information, please contact DeCaria, at Alex.DeCaria@millersville.edu or ext. 4739.

The World's Oldest Intern

Even though he was national president of the National Broadcasting Society (NBS) and chair of the communication and theatre department at Millersville, Dr. Bill Dorman knew it was time to retool. "It was either re-learn the new digital television and video business from the ground up or retire, and I certainly wasn't ready to retire," said Dorman.

So beginning in the spring of 2008, Dorman began his first-ever sabbatical by going to work with Blue Ridge Communications in Ephrata, Pa. "When Kristi Fulkerson, '07 called me and asked if I could help with play-by-play for soccer games, I really felt like I had come full circle. I had started out broadcasting soccer games back in the '70s."

While continuing that internship during the evening hours, Dorman began working for Aurora Film and Music in Lancaster.

"I worked with Brad Kenyon, the managing partner," stated Dorman. "He answered all of my questions about digital editing. There is never enough time to stay proficient with digital editing especially since there are many different programs. Millersville teaches Final Cut Pro, which is an Apple product where places, like WGAL-8 use Avid."

While at Aurora, Dorman was able to help with commercial, on-location shots and DVD extras for a film called "Another Harvest Moon." Dorman was even part of a focus group that viewed Harvest Moon and offered suggestions on how to help shorten the film from two hours down to 90 minutes.



Dr. Bill Dorman and Kristi Fulkerson '07

In January 2009 Dorman began an internship at WGAL-TV Channel 8. It was there that he was able to work with John Baldwin the creative services director.

"I really was the world's oldest intern," said Dorman, "I was able to work on Avid, their editing program, and I was able to help with some studio shots. I even shot

live news with Lori Burkholder. It was nice to be able to watch people who do this for a living. That's why I did this. So I can watch the interactions of the reporter and the photographer. It was so interesting."

"What I learned from my sabbatical was—I should have been a college professor. What I

do is a lot more fulfilling for me, than being in those environments. It takes a special person to sit in an editing booth for 10 hours. That attention to detail is amazing."

Other accomplishments for Dorman during his sabbatical included:

- Traveled with the National Broadcasting Society to Cleveland in October 2008 and with the group to Wyoming in March 2009.
- Presented at former Millersville professor Mark Sheridan-Rabideau's conference "Creativity," in Wyoming.
- Participated in "Swinging for the Cure" where he danced in honor of his mother, sister and brother who are all cancer survivors.
- Volunteered at the Democratic National Convention where he escorted VIPs.
- Drove to Florida to get together with his brothers.
- And helped oversee his daughter's wedding in August 2008.

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hundred industry articles, book chapters and technical papers on animal handling. Grandin has also published 45 refereed journal articles and seven books of her own including *The Way I See it: A Personal Look at Autism and Aspergers*. She obtained her bachelors in psychology from Franklin Pierce College in 1970. For her work on the behavior of cattle in different squeeze chutes, Grandin earned her master's in

animal science from Arizona State University in 1975, and in 1989 she earned her Ph.D. in animal science from the University of Illinois.

The Anna Funk Lockey Lectureship will be held in the Lehr Room of the Bolger Conference Center at 7 p.m. The doors open at 6:15 p.m. The lecture is free and open to the public and tickets are not required. For more information call ext. 2308.

Who Makes Millersville Special

This edition of the Exchange features Gregory Szczyrbak, assistant professor, library.

Q-What role do you play at Ganser Library?

A-Besides being the learning technologies librarian, I work at the reference desk, teach classes, coordinate the instruction program and select books for purchase.

Q-What does the learning technologies Librarian do?

A-Develop online instructional materials to supplement the classroom instruction we do at the library and for learning at a distance.

Q-How are you involved with the students and faculty?

A-I collaborate with faculty who bring their classes to the library for instruction, but I really enjoy working with students who need help with their research—the tougher the question the better.

Q-Where did you go to school?

A-I am a Millersville University graduate. I studied history with a minor in political science. I also have an M.S. in library science from Drexel University, and am three classes away from completing my master's of distance education from the University of Maryland University College.

Q-What was your dream job when you were younger?

A-Marine biologist, architect, forester. I've always been interested in so many things and couldn't really pick one. Turns out that other librarians are like that too.

Q-What do you like to read?

A-I mostly read fiction – mystery thrillers, suspense. I'm reading *Archangel* by Robert Harris right now, a good mix of fiction and real historical facts.

Q-Do you have any good stories from your time at Millersville?

A-My wife and I are both Millersville alums and met at Millersville. Soon after we met, we spent an evening sitting by the pond watching the stars. We saw a few shooting stars that night, true story. After graduation we returned to that spot and I asked her to marry me.



Gregory Szczyrbak

Q-What was your first job?

A-I worked at Julio's Pizzeria, home of the Ginacotti™ and Cheese Steak in a Pouch. Forget Pat's or Gino's, this is one of the best cheese steaks in the Philly area.

Q-What is the hardest part of your job?

A-Fighting stereotypes about the library. You wouldn't believe how many people are in the library every day. Those who don't use it assume that it is empty since you can do so much online, but lots of students use the library for study, research and meeting with groups. I do not find it funny or impressive at all when an occasional student will state, I'm a junior/senior and have never been in the library.

Q-Where did you grow up?

A-Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania, near Levittown and Langhorne.

Q-What is your favorite professional sporting event and team?

A-I root for the World Champion Phillies—nothing like a day at the ballpark. I've also been enjoying golf lately and might try to volunteer at a PGA event next year.

Q-What is your favorite form of technology?

A-I'm always impressed with the latest technology whatever it may be, but my favorite technology is whatever is right for the job. Sometimes people get wowed by technology and I'm guilty of that, but sometimes the simplest approach is best.

Q-How do you feel about the new forms of communication? Are you on Twitter? Facebook?

A-I started using Twitter before it was popular but haven't really kept up with it. Facebook, I like. I keep in touch with friends and family, reconnect with old friends, and even occasionally get questions about the library or research from students. The library uses Facebook to promote events like our RockBand tournament and LibraryFest.

Q-What do you like to do in your free time?

A-Spend time with my wife and two daughters, golf, garden, read.

Q-If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

A-Japan. I've always been fascinated with the culture, food and language. My wife was born there, but hasn't been there since she was an infant. We both regret that we haven't made the trip yet.

Calendar

March 16

Peace-Education-Ireland Symposium

Dr. Joanne Hughes, school of education, Queens University Belfast, Northern Ireland keynote: "Remaking the Future - Promoting Social Cohesion in Northern Ireland"
Stayer Multipurpose Room, 7 p.m.

March 17

Carnival of Majors

SMC Multipurpose Room,
11 a.m.-1 p.m.

March 18

Reframing Autism VI: Mozart and the Whale

Myers Aud., McComsey Hall, 7 p.m.

Travel Programs

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- Oberammergau/Passion Play . . . Jun 26 – Jul 5
- Alaska Cruise July 26 – Aug. 7
- Voyage to Antiquity Cruise Aug 23 – Sept 7

Who Makes Millersville Special?

Do you or someone you know make Millersville University special? If so, nominations are being accepted for faculty and staff members to be featured in the "Who Makes Millersville Special" section of the Exchange.

Since 2005, the last page of the Exchange has highlighted a faculty or staff member who makes Millersville University special. This feature offers the University community an opportunity to get to know their fellow co-workers better.

Nominations can be emailed to Janet Kacskos, director of communications, at Janet.Kacskos@millersville.edu.