Bury the Dead

Twenty-five students at Millersville University will be performing “Bury the Dead” by Irwin Shaw this month. Directed by Tony Elliot, associate professor of communication & theatre, the play will be performed on April 17, 18, 23, 24 and 25 at 8 p.m. and April 18 and 26 at 2 p.m. in the Rafter’s Theatre, Dutcher Hall.

A modern classic, this moving and thought-provoking anti-war play challenges us all to think about the choices we make and the choices we allow others to make for us.

Background: The war has begun, and a military burial is in progress. The ministers arrive to say prayers for the dead—but then a groan is heard from the newly dug graves, and then another. Slowly the dead soldiers rise up, pleading not to be buried, asking to be allowed to rejoin the living. In a series of touching scenes the dead men talk with their loved ones of the days of living, now lost forever. How does the military and the public react to this challenge to the way things have always been?

“This is one of the most challenging and thought provoking plays I have ever directed,” said Elliot. “It speaks to every audience member, challenging them to consider their thoughts on war, life, relationships and the power of government.”

Tickets may be purchased online, at MUTicketsOnline.com, at the Student Memorial Center Ticket Office (Room 103, 21 S. George St., Millersville), at The Ware Center (42 N. Prince St., Lancaster) or by calling the Ticket Office at 717-872-3811. Ticket Offices are open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Spring Commencement Speakers

Millersville University’s undergraduate spring commencement will take place on May 9 at 10 a.m. in Biemesderfer Stadium. Speaking at the undergraduate ceremony will be WGAL news anchor Kim Lemon.

Lemon, who has been with WGAL since 1979, currently anchors News 8 at 5 and 6 p.m. She is a Lancaster native and a graduate of Manheim Township High School. After graduation, Lemon attended the Kenya Science Teachers’ College in Nairobi before earning a Bachelor of Science in
Speech Communications and Theatre from Clarion University.

The graduate ceremony, which is scheduled to take place on Friday, May 8 at 6:30 p.m. in Pucillo Gymnasium, will feature German professor Dr. Leroy Hopkins as commencement speaker.

Also a native of Lancaster County, Hopkins received his undergraduate degree in German and Russian from Millersville University and his doctoral degree in Germanic Languages & Literature from Harvard University. He has been employed as a professor at the University since 1979 and has served as both Assistant Chairperson and Chair of the Foreign Languages Department.

For more information on the graduate and undergraduate commencement ceremonies, visit Millersville’s commencement website.

### Dr. Dorman – Advisor of the Year

Dr. Bill Dorman, communication and theater professor at Millersville University, was named as National Broadcasting Society’s (NBS) National Advisor of the Year at the annual convention in Atlanta from March 24 to 29.

Dorman traveled with Millersville’s NBS students to the Atlanta convention to network, gain professional development skills and share ideas with others in the field of broadcast media.

The award was announced on the last night of the convention at the award ceremony. “It is a great honor,” said Dorman. “My chapter makes their hard work look easy, which I believe is the definition of professionalism.”

Many of Millersville’s NBS students thought Dorman deserved the award. “Dr. Dorman is at all of our meetings and our events,” said Julie Florek,
president of Millersville’s chapter of NBS. “He gives us ideas and ways to improve our work and prepare for our career. He treats all of us like family and is there for us when we need him.”

“He shows genuine care for the students,” said Mark Yang, a senior broadcasting major. “He’s always willing to help you out if you are need of guidance or advice.”

“Winning National Advisor of the Year is great for his career,” said Joe Gratz, alumni chair of NBS. “After all of the hard work he has put in to our chapter, he deserves this.”

**Actor Ed Asner Comes to Millersville**

Ed Asner, star of “The Mary Tyler Moore Show” and “Lou Grant,” recipient of 16 nominations and seven Emmy Awards, five Golden Globe Awards and member of the TV Academy Hall of Fame, will star in “Ed Asner as Franklin D. Roosevelt” on April 6 at 7:30 p.m. in The Ware Center, Millersville University, 42 N. Prince Street, Lancaster.

This one-man drama explores the life of America’s 32nd president, Franklin D. Roosevelt. FDR follows the life and times of the iconic president as he reflects on his years in office, from his inauguration through the trials of leading a nation through the Second World War.

Join Dr. John McLarnon, associate professor of history at Millersville, for a pre-show talk “FDR, His Friends and His Foes” at 6:45 p.m. in the Owen Salon, 3rd Floor of The Ware Center.

For more information about ticket pricing, go to [http://bit.ly/1kZYiIA](http://bit.ly/1kZYiIA). Tickets may be purchased online at [MUTicketsOnline.com](http://www.MUTicketsOnline.com), at the Student Memorial Center Ticket Office (Room 103, 21 S. George St., Millersville), at the Ware Center (42 N. Prince St., Lancaster) or by calling the ticket office at 717-871-7600. Ticket offices are open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Helicopter Landing Exercise**

A helicopter landing exercise for Millersville’s Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC) will take place on April 16. The US Army CH-47 helicopter will land at approximately 2:30 p.m. at a location that will not be determined until 72 hours prior to landing. Possible landing locations are Brooks Field, the open area behind Jefferson Hall and the space behind the visitor’s bleachers at Biemesderfer Stadium.

Chief Anders, MUPD and additional ROTC will secure the landing zone and ensure safety. The
helicopter will be on the ground for approximately 20 minutes to pick up the cadets and transport them to Fort Indiantown Gap for training. This exercise is important for MU ROTC members who face a possibility of deployment when they graduate and are commissioned.

South Village Residents Receive Commander’s Award

The South Village C & D residents were awarded the Commander’s Award by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve for outstanding support of the 2014 Lancaster Marine Toys for Tots Program.

Resident assistants and graduate assistant of South Village C & D took on a service learning program this semester. By organizing this type of program, residents in the residence hall would have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others without having to go much further than their rooms.

The organization chosen by South Village C & D was Toys for Tots. The mission for Toys for Tots is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.

Residents were encouraged to participate through various programs offered throughout the Fall semester. They had the opportunity to come together as a community to make cards to send to the less fortunate children as well as buy gifts for the children. Resident assistant of South Village C & D, Korynn Wagner, said “There is no greater feeling than knowing a child may wake up on Christmas morning receiving a gift they never thought possible. Toys for Tots makes this a reality for so many families and children in need.”
Public Weather Awareness Day Approaches

Millersville University meteorology students will hold their annual Public Weather Awareness Day on April 18 in Pucillo Gymnasium from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

The event will feature numerous student booths to educate the public about the weather. Topics include climate, space weather, forecasting, severe weather and weather instruments. There will be kid-friendly demonstrations as well, such as cloud in a bottle and games like Weather Jeopardy.

Other activities include face painting, raffles, balloon animals, kids’ crafts and a weather balloon launch. The launch will take place at 2:30 p.m. on the weather center deck located on the 4th floor of Caputo Hall. Observers will see the data coming in from the balloon first-hand.

In addition, attendees will get the chance to play around with a green screen at the Millersville Weather Watch booth.

“Weather Watch is an online weather news program run by Millersville Meteorology students,” said Renee Duff, Vice President of Millersville’s American Meteorological Society and coordinator of this year’s Public Weather Awareness Day. “Last year, they used the green screen for people to make short clips for the upcoming episode.”

Outside vendors, such as AccuWeather, the National Weather Service, Weather Works, Weather Bug and York County Emergency Management will be at the event as well. “Each vendor typically brings their weather products and giveaways,” said Duff. “All of them are very eager to talk about their company and profession with the public.”
For the first time in the school’s history, students from Millersville University are using the latest technical innovation—3D printing—to complete a course project. Students enrolled in Technical Entrepreneurship, formerly known as Industrial Organization, an Applied Engineering, Safety & Technology course, are manufacturing and selling polarized sunglasses with a 3D printer.

The project serves as a way for students to learn how to develop a company and accept management roles within the company. “Each student applied for management roles based on existing personal skills,” said Colleen Moore, junior, head of corporate communications within the class. “The students manage their peers as well as take direction from those above them.”

A company name, NexTrack Printing, was chosen by the class as well as a name for the product. The LuxArmour sunglasses, designed by senior Alex Murr, will be selling for about $20 each. The sunglasses will come with a drawstring pouch and will be sold closer to the end of the spring semester.

All money made from this project will be used similarly to normal business practices. “Students manufacturing the sunglasses will be paid a small wage and the expenses to produce the product will be paid off,” said Moore.

Technical Entrepreneurship, taught by Dr. Barry David, professor of Applied Engineering, Safety & Technology, is a course that helps students study and apply technical, managerial and entrepreneurial concepts to the development and operation of a student-centered venture. Students organize and operate a model enterprise to develop, manufacture and market a consumer product.

Students will be showcasing the sunglasses and the 3D printer used at the Made in Millersville: A Celebration of Student Scholarship and Creativity Conference on April 23 in the McNairy Library.
Need to Know

The Power of the Purse

On Wednesday, April 15, the Women’s Giving Circle of Millersville University will host its fifth annual “Power of the Purse” fundraising event in the Ford Atrium, McComsey Hall from 5 – 7 p.m.

The “Power of Five” panel of speakers that will headline the event features Millersville University professor Dr. Sepi Yalda; WGAL broadcaster Christine Ferreira,’04; and alumni Jerri Anne Johnson,’76, ’87M; Anne Harach, ’12, ’14M and Anne Jackson, ’78.

At this year’s event, designer purses will be auctioned off to benefit the Women’s Giving Circle, which distributes scholarships to female students annually for their accomplishments and good academic standing.

Attendees are also encouraged to bring gently used purses to the event, which will be given to the Milagro House, a Lancaster-based organization that provides shelter and education to homeless mothers and their children.

To register for the Power of the Purse event online, click here. For more information, contact Carol Reichler in special events at 717-871-5926.

Established in 2010, the Women’s Giving Circle of Millersville University strives to inspire, educate and empower women, alumni, students and staff to make a positive impact and to continue a tradition of philanthropy and leadership.

4/2/15 Activities

Here are the faculty and staff activities for April 2, 2015.

Dr. Richard Clark, earth sciences, was recently appointed by the Executive Committee of the American Meteorological Society (AMS) to the AMS Committee on Environmental Stewardship.

Dr. Dominique A. Didier, biology, recently participated with the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity during a workshop to stop rape culture. The workshop is called SAFE HOUSE fraternity training and is offered through the h-MAN UP Local College Coalition. MU is a member of this
local coalition and Didier is the faculty adviser for our HULCC chapter. The workshop was funded by the Office of Social Equity.

**Dr. Carolyn Rittenhouse, educational foundations**, helped students erect a tipi on the campus of Lebanon Valley College in March. Rittenhouse is owner of the tipi and member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. She was invited to the Annville campus by the American Indian Studies Club.

**Obituaries**

Henry Herr, 85, died March 25. He was the grounds manager for Millersville and retired in 1996 after 30 years of service.

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**Who Makes Millersville Special**

This edition of Who Makes Millersville Special features Dr. Dennis Downey, the director of the Honors College, history professor and head of the Multidisciplinary Studies (MDST) Program.

**Q: Where are you originally from?**

I was born in Alabama but grew up in Chicago with a long residency in Florida.

**Q: What motivated you to pursue a career in history?**

My friend and mentor, William D. Miller, was a guiding influence in showing me how scholarship can meld with social commitments to make sense of the “human condition.”

**Q: From what school(s) have you earned your degree(s) from?**

I earned a bachelor’s and a master’s in American studies from Florida State University and a Ph.D. in American intellectual history from Marquette University. Miller taught at both universities.

**Q: What is your favorite class to teach at Millersville? Why?**

I most enjoy “The History of American Violence” and “The New Era, 1876-1919.” Each poses its own challenges and controversies that have a certain resonance today.

**Q: Is there a specific time period in history you are fascinated about?**

I would say the “long 19th century.” Historians term this period as taking place from 1820-1920.

**Q: What are you interested in researching?**
After years of writing about lynching and racial violence among other things, I have moved into the history of disabilities and disability rights. Both topics relate to the phenomenon of ‘the other’ and what it means to be human. I also have an enduring interest in Ireland history and culture.

Q: You are a very accomplished author. Which publication has been your favorite to write about?

I am drawn to narrative history and would say my favorite publications are on lynchings and race. My current project is on the history of Pennhurst and disability rights.

Q: What do you want the students and staff to know about the Honors College at Millersville?

The students make the program and we have an outstanding group that lives the ethos of a community of scholars. I think we set the good example of scholarship, service and fun for PASSHE.

Q: What about the Multidisciplinary program?

MDST is an innovative and sometimes controversial major that allows for individualizing a program of study, and it creates opportunities for new kinds of faculty collaboration.

Q: How do you want students to remember you?

As a nice guy who knew how to bend the rules to best serve students and maintain academic integrity.

Q: What are your interests outside of work?

In addition to my wife and children, I read and write, do advocacy work and attend a regular Thursday seminar.

Q: Do you have a favorite quote?

Many! How about ‘some of it’s magic and some of it’s tragic’ (Jimmy Buffett) or W.B. Yeats’s poem “The Second Coming”? Additionally, the notion that “history is something that happens to people” from Arnold Toynbee.

Q: What is something you absolutely need to get through your day?

My wife’s smile and the kindness of strangers–and some Jimmy Buffett music.

Q: What is your greatest accomplishment?

Longevity and a beautiful family.