MU Remembers Karlie Hall

The Millersville University campus community will be honoring the life of Karlie Hall on Saturday, Feb. 20 at 2 p.m. at Bard Hall on the Millersville campus. MU freshman Karlie Hall’s young life ended tragically a year ago as the apparent victim of dating violence.

The event on Feb. 20, will be to reflect on how Karlie’s passing has impacted her family and the campus community. A tree has been planted and a bench installed in her memory.

Students personally impacted by the loss are encouraged to seek support. Counseling services as well as spiritual guidance through campus ministries are available to all students. For more information on counseling services, please call 717-871-7821 or visit the third floor of Lyle Hall.

For information on campus ministries, please visit http://www.millersville.edu/campusministries/.

New Graduate Journal

Millersville University College of Graduate Studies and Adult Learning will be launching the new “MUsings: The Graduate Journal” at Made in Millersville in April. The new Graduate Journal will showcase work done by Millersville University graduate students.

The journal will be published in print and digital media to help create a practical and professional experience in academic and digital publishing. Participation in the project will increase graduate students’ ability to contribute positively to contemporary and future workplaces and communities in support of the University’s commitment to creativity, innovation and engagement.

The Graduate Journal will showcase research articles, literary essays and creative work from graduate students of all disciplines.
For more information about the new Graduate Journal, please contact Joyce Anderson at Joyce.Anderson@millersville.edu.

Made in Millersville is a student research conference held annually in the MU McNairy Library and Learning Forum. The event this year will be held on April 21 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. For more information about Made in Millersville, please visit http://www.library.millersville.edu/.

Hausman Helps Journalists Venture Out on their Own

Practice what you preach. Or perhaps it should be practice what you teach. Journalist and communications scholar Carl Hausman is doing just that this spring semester as a visiting scholar at Millersville University.

Hausman is serving as the primary teacher of “Entrepreneurial Journalism in the Multi-Platform Era,” which is being offered as a special topics course for the English department. He is working with Philip Benoit, who teaches journalism and writing courses as an adjunct instructor in the department.

According to Hausman, the overarching goal of the course is to teach students how to set up their own entrepreneurial journalism ventures, utilize new technology to reach worldwide audiences, and integrate a portfolio of platforms into what he calls a “a synergistic mini-media empire, where one platform feeds into another and the whole becomes greater than the sum of the parts. That strategy, in my estimation, is part of the future of news and media entrepreneurship.”

“Carl contacted me with the idea of offering this course about a year ago,” Benoit said. “He had been doing research on digital journalism and its use by journalists who are finding innovative ways to practice their craft outside the traditional models of the journalism profession, using digital technology and platforms.”

Hausman proposed to come to Millersville to develop methods and resources that would result in an academic course that could then be replicated at his home institution and elsewhere. Hausman welcomes the opportunity to work with Benoit, who is the coauthor of several of Hausman’s books.

“Phil is very technically innovative and is the ideal partner for a collaborative venture like this,” Hausman said. “In addition, I had done a program review for Millersville several years ago, offering an external evaluation of the University’s journalism curriculum, and was impressed with the level of technical sophistication and support. So, it seemed like an ideal venue.”
For the classes’ final project, students will formulate a business plan and pitch it in a mock “Shark-Tank” setting to a panel of experts.

Before coming to Rowan in 1997, Hausman served in various full- and part-time positions on the faculty of New York University, where he completed his postdoctoral fellowship. He has written and published more than 20 books covering topics including politics, advertising, media and ethics. He has worked in a variety of media and began work in Internet journalism in the mid-1990s.

His media appearances include “World News This Morning,” “The O’Reilly Factor,” “Good Day New York” and a number of national talk radio shows. He testified before Congress concerning communication and societal issues and he has been interviewed by The New York Times and USA Today.

For more information regarding the class, please contact Philip Benoit at 717-872-3048 or at Philip.Benoit@millersville.edu.

Building Bridges and Detecting Diseases

From building bridges to detecting diseases, students from across the area will soon take part in Millersville University’s 9th annual Central Pennsylvania Region Science Olympiad competition. It will be held on campus, Saturday, March 19 from 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The Science Olympiad will bring middle and high school students together to engage in various science competitions. Fifty-three schools, each bringing 15 students, will participate in team events held in Roddy and Caputo halls and Pucillo Gymnasium. Students will be split into two divisions: Division B for middle school and Division C for high school. The winners of each division will go on to compete at the state and national level of the Olympiad.

MU students will serve as supervisors, judges, score helpers and as assistants during the opening and closing ceremonies. Several MU faculty and staff will also be involved including Dr. Mehmet Goksu, associate professor of physics, who is serving as the site director, Dr. Maria Schiza, associate professor of chemistry, who is the logistics director and Dr. Aimee Miller, associate professor of chemistry, who is serving as a supervisor and judge director.
Goksu, Schiza and Miller are excited to bring all the middle school and high school students together for an engaging day of science competitions. The competitions will be from various science disciplines, including biology, chemistry, physics, earth science and engineering.

The Central Pennsylvania Region Science Olympiad is a nonprofit organization devoted to improving the quality of science education, increasing student interest in science and providing recognition for outstanding achievements in science education by students and teachers.

The events located in Pucillo Gymnasium are open to the public. For more information please visit https://blogs.millersville.edu/musciolym/.

MU to Host Make-A-Wish Reveal

Make-A-Wish ® grants the wishes of children battling life-threatening medical conditions, and with the help of Millersville University Athletics, the wish of one local boy will be revealed at halftime of the Feb. 20 men’s basketball game.

The Millersville University Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) raised $5,000 for Make-A-Wish through various fundraisers in 2014-15, granting the organization the opportunity to reveal a wish. Everest Kennedy, a six-year-old boy from Elizabethtown, Pa., will attend the game with his family and hear about his wish coming true. The reveal will take place during a halftime event while the Marauders play against West Chester. The Kennedy family will attend the doubleheader which starts at 1 p.m.

Everest is the son of Megan and Jason Kennedy and has two siblings. Everest was born just shy of 30 weeks gestation and dealt with significant medical issues ranging from severe respiratory distress, chronic lung disease, holes in the heart and a grade III-IV intraventricular hemorrhage (brain bleed). In the 11 weeks after his birth, he went through three brain surgeries and remained in the Neonatal intensive care unit (NICU). Everest was later diagnosed with staph infection in his spinal fluid. He has had a total of seven shunt related surgeries and will continue to need revisions throughout his life as shunts last seven to 10 years. When he was 14 months old, Everest had spinal surgery to release a tethered spinal cord. He has undergone continual physical and occupational therapy since being released from NICU.
Despite his medical difficulties, Everest is said to have a zest for life that is contagious. He is doing well despite having a small hole in his heart. He recently started playing basketball. Millersville student-athletes have plans to make the wish reveal an extra-special event for Everest and his family.

Make-A-Wish and NCAA Division II has a longstanding relationship dating to 2003. NCAA Division II student-athletes, coaches, parents and fans have raised nearly $4 million for Make-A-Wish over the last decade. According to studies, Make-A-Wish wishes empower children with life-threatening medical conditions to fight harder against their illnesses. The experience improves the quality of life for them and their family. On average, Make-A-Wish grants a wish every 37 minutes.

Fans are encouraged to fill the stands at Pucillo Gymnasium to make the wish reveal memorable.

**Clase Sings Her Way to the Top**

Millersville University alumna and singer Cara Clase recently won first place in the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KCATCF) Region II and will be representing MU at the national festival at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. on April 11-16. For that festival, she will perform the same songs she did for the regional festival, “I’m Here” from the Color Purple and “Life of the Party” from the Wild Party.

Clase graduated from MU in December 2015. During her time as a student, she was actively involved in campus and community productions including MU’s production of MacBeth and Aida. She is the first student from MU to be chosen to move on to the national festival by auditioning for the Musical Theatre Initiative (MTI) during the KCATCF Region II.

Along with winning first place, Clase received a $600 Open Jar Institute Scholarship. The Open Jar Institute is the most Broadway-integrated training program in New York. It hosts monthly and weekly programs that allow their students to engage with and train along with Broadway professionals.

“Being able to perform at the Kennedy Center, one of the biggest performing arts center in America, will be very beneficial and will be the most professional venue I have ever performed in,” said Clase. “I am excited to stand on the stage and perform.”
Clase trained with MU’s theatre department and music department in preparing for the MTI competition and KCATCF Region II under the direction and assistance of Tony Elliot and Victor Capecce, associate professors of communication and theatre, and Tina Stout, theatre production manager.

At Millersville, Clase was an economics major and mathematics minor. She is currently employed by the United Way of Lancaster County where she is assisting underprivileged individuals by filling taxes. She wants to earn her doctorate in economics, conduct research and eventually teach.

“Theater and singing will be something that will always be a part of my life,” said Clase.

To see Clase’s final performance at KCATCF Region II, please visit https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jA-LjVjIVoY.

Tracking Mammals

With a click of a camera, Millersville University (MU) students are tracking down and documenting wild mammals throughout Pennsylvania.

Throughout the spring semester, Dr. Aaron Haines, assistant professor of biology, and students in his Mammalogy course are contributing to the Pennsylvania Mammal Atlas project through documenting and photographing mammals they encounter in the field and on their own time.

The project, managed by the Pennsylvania Game Commission, collects valuable information on wild mammals throughout the Commonwealth. Volunteers submit photographs of mammals they encounter. The photographs are then categorized and identified by biologists and developed into a database. The database is used to assist in developing management plans to maintain species and in conservation efforts.

“I think a project like this lets the Game Commission know that MU is a willing collaborator in helping to document natural resources in the state,” said Haines. “Currently, Millersville is the only university in the state that is involved, officially, in this effort.”
MU has launched a similar project, created by Dr. Christopher Hardy, professor of biology, called NaturalAtlas and both projects focus on getting students into the field and thinking like biologists. For more information about other projects MU’s biology department is doing, please visit http://www.millersville.edu/biology.

Super Tuesday at the Ville

The Walker Center Fellows, along with the Center for Civic and Community Engagement at Millersville University, will host Super Tuesday on March 1, in the Student Memorial Center (SMC) starting at 7 p.m. This community wide event will celebrate Super Tuesday’s primary elections with a live result viewing party, music provided by the university radio station WIXQ, political games, activities and food provided by Millersville University Catering and local community eateries.

Flat screen televisions around the SMC and campus will display major news stations for guests to have the ultimate viewing experience. Millersville University T.V., channel 99, and Radio Station WIXQ, will host a live broadcast during the night. Guests will have the opportunity to participate in activities hosted by Millersville University organizations, including a photo booth, trivia and pin the tail on the donkey or elephant. Items from local businesses will be raffled off periodically throughout the event.

This event promotes civic engagement in youth and young adults specifically aimed in empowering their understanding and involvement in a primary presidential election. The Walker Center for Civic Responsibility and Leadership provides student-centered educational and developmental projects and activities. It is premised on the view that through civic education students will be awakened and equipped to become active leaders in civic affair.
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Red Dress Day at the Ville

Millersville University’s 10th Annual Red Dress Luncheon was held on February 5. The event raises awareness about heart disease in women. Dr. Ginny Palmer, Professor Emerita Nursing, was the guest speaker.

New Cabinet Fellow

Dr. Jill Craven has been appointed to the position of Cabinet Fellow by President John M. Anderson for 2016.

This position was created to offer professional development to department chairs who may be interested in career advancement as an academic or university administrator. Craven succeeds Dr. Karen Rice, chair of the School of Social Work, in this Cabinet position.

Craven has a B.S. in mathematics and a Ph.D. in comparative literature, both from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Craven chairs the English department and is a professor of English and film studies.

As Cabinet Fellow, Craven would like to enhance her understanding of the ways the different divisions of the university interact and impact each other. Craven is excited to have the opportunity to voice her opinion and affect decisions which take place on a larger scale.

“I care deeply about the future of this University and its students. This new opportunity enables my opinions to be heard, and one faculty perspective to be put into the mix on strategic decisions. While this is a separate role from being chair of the English department, understanding the more encompassing perspectives that members of the Cabinet share
provides me with insights that can inform decisions within the English department. It’s illuminating to see the issues of the University unfolding within a larger context.”

**Faculty/Staff Activities**

**Heather P. Morris, alumni engagement,** recently attended the CASE District II Conference in Philadelphia. She competed and won the Advancement Shark Tank competition where people share their best idea or program. Morris gave a five minute presentation about the Student Networking Alumni Program at Millersville. Her prize is a day of consultation with Aspen Consulting.

**Dr. Ron Umble, mathematics,** recently accepted an invitation to serve as editor of topology on the editorial board of the journal “Transactions of the A. Razmadze Mathematical Institute.” The Institute is located in Tblisi, Rep. of Georgia.

**Dr. Daniel O’Neill**

This edition of Who Makes Millersville Special features Dr. Daniel O’Neill, professor of counseling and human development.

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

I was born in New York, but when I was three years old, my father who was a manager in an insurance brokerage firm, was transferred to Pittsburgh. I’ve always considered Pittsburgh home.

**Q: What made you want to study psychology?**

I grew up in the 60s and 70s in a Catholic and very liberal, democratic family. Social justice was an important value. My parents had a framed picture of John F. Kennedy on the breakfront and a poster of George McGovern on the wall. I knew I wanted to do something to be of service to other people, and clinical psychology seemed like it was a natural fit.

**Q: Where did you study?**

I got my bachelor’s degree at Haverford College and my doctorate at Hahnemann University, both in Philadelphia.
Q: How many years have you been at Millersville?

This is my 16th year.

Q: What is the most rewarding part about being a professor?

I enjoy getting to know students. Millersville students are amazing people—very hardworking and determined to overcome challenges to meet their goals. I love my work in the Counseling Center.

Q: Do you have a favorite course to teach?

Every fall, I teach a freshman seminar called Homes and Homelessness. Getting to know a new group of first year students and assisting them in getting settled in at Millersville is very rewarding.

Q: What is your favorite thing to do in your free time?

I like to pick things up and put them down. I love physical exercise—lifting weights, walking, running, hiking with my wife and kayaking. It’s a great stress reliever.

Q: Have you done any recent travel?

This summer, my wife and I spent a week at Rickett’s Glen State Park near Bloomsburg. The hiking trails take you down deep gorges and past the most amazing waterfalls—some of them are almost 100 feet high. Pennsylvania is such a beautiful state. We also love the ocean and have lots of happy family memories of Chincoteague, Va.

Q: What is something your colleagues and students would be surprised to learn about you?

When I was 45, I started taking piano lessons at MU. My teacher was an MU freshman in the music education department—Jon Shoff. I’m still working with him. He’s married now and has three children (I think he might have more to show for the years than I do!). I wish I had learned as a kid, but it’s been a dream come true to be able to play, even a little bit.

Q: Do you have a favorite book or genre?

Usually, the last book I read. I just finished reading Ta-Nehisi Coates’ book, “Between the World and Me,” which was tremendous, eye-opening and heartbreaking. It’s a powerful book.

Q: What is your favorite kind of music?

Anyone who knows me could tell you that I am a huge Carole King fan. She was the songwriter behind classic 60s hits — “Up on the Roof,” “One Fine Day,” and “Natural Woman” — who
went on to have a big solo career in the 70s. I think I’ve owned a copy of Tapestry in all possible formats: vinyl, cassette, 8-track, CD and digital download. It’s hard to believe that album came out 45 years ago! I’ve seen her in concert many times. The last time when she toured with James Taylor in 2010. She’s an amazing live performer.

**Q: What is your favorite quote?**

“Snow day!”