Letter from the Editor:

Dear reader,

Thank you so much for picking up this magazine. In today’s world, there is a lot of room for creativity; however, there is just as much room for negativity. At the end of the day, our editors spend countless hours making sure everything is perfect, that way when you pick this paper up, it’s the absolute best it can be.

Journalism is so, so important. It’s a tricky field to get into, especially as of late. It seems that every day, the news just gets more intense, and harder to fathom. We all need a break from the world sometimes. That’s just one of the reasons we’re making this magazine.

Whether you love the act of loving, or despise it with every fiber of your being, that’s okay. Valentine’s Day isn’t always about romantic love. Sometimes it’s better to just get to know your fellow classmates and develop a platonic love for them. Or, maybe spend this Valentine’s Day focusing on self love, because we, as a whole, could use more of that.

So, this Valentine’s Day, I challenge you to find someone you’ve never spoke with, sit down, and ask about their story. Find out what you have in common, find out what makes them tick, and watch their eyes sparkle as they talk about their favorite hobby.

Learn more about your professors. Ask them how their day is going, and actually want to know the answer. Stop by their office hours (permitting they’re not already scheduled with a student). Let them know you appreciate them, and let them know that they’ve made a difference in your life.

And, most importantly, I challenge you to call your parents or guardians, and let them know just how much you love them. You won’t regret it.

With all my love,

Mickayla Miller
Editor in Chief
Bridget Murray

“My mom always taught me that I shouldn’t be defined by my gender and that I could always do whatever I wanted. When I got here, Improv Molotov was all men and and two women. That was crazy to me, but really normal for comedy troupes. I got in with another girl in Spring 2017, and now we’re actually 50/50. We are currently being run by 2 women; myself and Brenna Fallon, which is really cool. I mean, I knew that women could be in comedy, but seeing myself do that and be part of that change on our campus was really cool. I just like that we represent comedy for men and for women at all times, equally.”

Shane Garcia

“Everybody’s influential in your life. No matter who you come across in life, whether its big, small, you meet them for like five seconds. It’s going to potentially impact somebody else out there. What we are doing right now can impact somebody else in the future. The littlest of actions can change the whole circle of life. The impact of one choice is so endless. No matter what you do in life you’re going to have an impact on somebody and no matter what somebody does to you, they’re going to have an impact on you. So, I don’t know if I can say one person directly has had the biggest [impact]. I think everybody does.”

Krystal Floyd

“I feel like I’m at a really interesting point in my life because a few years ago, I thought I wouldn’t even be alive. And now, I’m in college, and I’m one credit away from my degree, I’m getting married soon. It’s very surreal to picture myself as a 23-year-old with my life sort of planned out for me. It’s a good thing. I really want to do a research study; that’s one of the things on my bucket list because I’m a really big nerd. I like doing research. I love black culture, even though I feel like - I was raised by a white woman - I didn’t really experience everything in black culture, so I’ve always wanted to learn more. I never feel fully black, because I’m not. I just want to study black culture because it’s a big part of me, I’m very unapologetically black.”

Tori Donovan

“We were together for 4 months. Then he started feeling really distant. We both knew it wasn’t working, he just wouldn’t have the conversation with me. Then one day, the girl he was cheating on me with texted me from his phone saying it wasn’t working between us anymore. Things ended. He and this girl had dated in high school and then kept dating three months after she texted me from his phone. For almost all of those three months they were together, he was away at boot camp. Five days after he got back, they got married. I was eighteen . . . We were all eighteen. It was just such a weird situation. I just like still don’t know how to feel about it. Like what kind of person goes through that? Especially an 18 year old.”

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Rashna Yousaf

“My mom always taught me that I shouldn’t be defined by my gender or anything and that I could always do whatever I wanted. No matter what I looked like or what gender I was or all that stuff. When I got here, Improv Molotov was all men and I believe it was like 9 or 10 men and 2 women and that was crazy to me but that’s really normal for comedy troupes but since I got in and another girl got on in the time same as me which was Spring of 2017, and since then the numbers have been growing towards the women and now we’re actually 50/50, we’re 5 and 5 which is awesome, and we are currently being run by 2 women, myself and Brenna Fallon, which is really cool. So just being here has taught me that like...I mean, I knew that women could be in comedy but seeing myself do that and seeing myself be a part of that change on our campus was really cool. I just like that we represent comedy for men and for women at all times, equally.”

Kit Shehan

“Books are a huge part of my life. As a reader, I find them as an escape from reality— from whatever is troubling me at that time. As a writer, it offers me a place to explore my craft, and to emulate authors that I find special. As a future teacher, I want to be able to offer those experiences to my students. I want to show them that books should be cherished, and that they have a lot of valuable life lessons to offer. That doesn’t just include books that you would normally hear about in an English class, but also some books that may be a little different than the traditional canon of literature. All books should be cherished and appreciated, and I try to incorporate that in my daily life, and also in my future as an educator.”

BRI DURANTE

“Last July I got a cat. His name is Sneshny Bars. When I’m home he’s always by my side. He does so many funny things. When he was a kitten he would fall asleep on the couch and then fall off, but when he hit the ground he wouldn’t even wake up! He still can fall asleep anywhere in the most random positions and places. Whenever he hears a car pull in the driveway he stands in the window meowing and then when he hears the front door he comes and meows at me. That’s always something I look forward to when I come home. I can tell whenever someone is at the door because he’ll jump up. I have a lot of plants and I love to bake. Whenever I water my plants he paws up on my plant shelf and meows the entire time! When I’m cooking he comes over and claws up the counter and will accidentally open the cabinets. He meows at me in protest anytime I go in the bathroom to shower if I don’t let him in. He makes me so happy! He makes sure I’m never alone because he’s always by my side.”
“One of the most prominent events that has ever happened to me was when, around 1988, when my brother came out to me. The day he came out, he acted so strange. He was quiet and distant and I was getting so worried because he had a past with drug abuse. I thought there was something going on with that, and he was doing something bad. He was sitting in the living room as I came back from work or somewhere and I finally asked him: “Hey what’s wrong? You’ve been acting so strange and I’m worried about you. Then, after a few minutes of contemplating, he finally looked up to me and explained how he was gay. It was a huge sigh of relief for me because I thought it was gonna be way worse [because of] his past. I asked him why it took so long for him to come out. He explained how he was afraid that we would reject him because his friends were rejected by their families and friends. I hugged him and I looked to him and I said: “You know I’m gonna love and care about you no matter what [and] our parents are going to do the same. Yes it will be hard for our parents to adjust this, but they will love you no matter what.”

This life event will always affect me in a huge way because, at the time, it was very heavily stigmatized in the media being homosexual and, on top of that, we were in the middle of the AIDS crisis; so if you were brave enough to come out to your family and friends, or if they found out, you were pretty much punished and kicked out of the house and sadly you will end up being homeless. This wasn't the case for my brother because we come from a non-judgemental and loving family. Plus he had a great support group of friends in the community. I know things has changed for the better since then, but it’s still very hard for someone to come out to their families. I just want them to know they if their families can’t accept it, there’s a community that will.”

“I’m a freshman at Millersville. Something that has impacted me is that ever since I was in elementary school I’ve always looked up to my teachers and I always appreciated what they do and just the job that they do to basically raise other peoples’ children and they do a really good job of it. I always appreciated that. It impacted me to become an early childhood education major and teacher and I am very excited for my journey with that. One teacher that truly inspired me was my third grade teacher, Mrs. V. She had a way of being so passionate and so casual about teaching that I always admired her and what she does. She treated all of us students equally and made sure we all succeeded. I truly was grateful to have had her as a teacher, and she is one of the people who has an impact on me and my future career choice.”
Michele Rebman

“I’d say my fall semester of sophomore year. My stepmom and my dad got a divorce and honestly it caused my semester to be my worst semester yet. Without my faith in Christ, I would not be here today. I’ve been a missionary for ten years so every year I’ve always been in either a different country or a different state teaching English camp.

In Austria, when it’s 3am and I am ziplining into a river with my friends, [that is when I’m the most happy]. It’s so much fun. I think that is one of the most happiest moments of my life. That was right after the whole divorce situation and I think right there is when I learned to let go of hard times. We were so tired and so sleep deprived. And you know when you get sleepy you just get delusional. So we were all just delusional.”

Sue Sensenig

“I went to a relatively small college in western Pennsylvania back in the mid 80s. Yes, I took my Flintstone Mobile there. I have a degree in communications and I was fortunate enough to get a job in my major. I spent the better part of 26 years in radio. Toward the end of my career I was hosting a Sunday morning public affairs program. I was handling our public service and keeping up with the legal paperwork for hiring. I was also overseeing an AM sports station and being an administrative assistant to our company’s chief operating officer. And then I was downsized. I was told my job was no longer needed full time. But I really wanted to work full time.

I started looking for work, and after working a few temp jobs and figuring out what I don’t like doing, I ended up at Millersville. I’ve been enjoying it very much. What I enjoy doing—and this is how I ended up here—I enjoy helping.

If the students don’t explicitly tell me [that I was able help to them]—being able to see the loosening of the shoulders and seeing their sigh of relief and just letting them know that it’s going to be okay—that’s really satisfying. And I think some of it comes from being a mom. I am such a mom. If you come in here with a snotty nose I’ll probably hand you a tissue and tell you to go home and drink some hot tea and make sure you get your juice. That’s the cool thing—whether I’m able to hear it, or whether I just see it—to know that by being part of this house, we’ve made a difference in a student's life. You know, just by sitting behind that desk, I’ve done my little bit to make a difference.”

Greta Huber

“The person who has impacted me the most is my mother. She is an HR (Human Resources) manager at a construction company called Flanagan and she has impacted me to become a business major mainly because that’s what she also studied in college and I also want to go into HR management. I’m going into HR because I took a few business classes in high school and it seemed like something that I would be interested in.”

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Mickayla Miller

“I was in tenth grade and it was the fall. I wasn’t considering being a writer. I just wanted to help people. So, I took my first journalism class and I wrote my first article. My teacher, Mrs. Hogentogler she was the most precious woman ever. She looked so good for no reason, she looked like Fran Drescher from The Nanny but with more conservative dress choices. I handed in my first article and she sat down with me and she singled me out. She sat down and was like this is what you need to do with your career. She took me under her wing and within a year I became the school’s editor in chief of the school’s online publication.

I was going to spearhead that and make sure there was content for that. I went to Millersville and I knew I wanted to be a Communications major but the very first meeting the Snapper held I was there. I had picked up a newspaper and I remember showing it to my boyfriend and remember being like I’m going to be the editor in chief of this. I didn’t do that, I sat down and said I was really interested in writing, I really don’t mind what I write, just hook me up with something and they did. Eventually I would be catching all the typos in the articles and I’d call them out in the meetings. The staff advisor at the time, Gene was like you should be on the masthead as associate copy editor. Within three months I was like I’m on going to be on the masthead and this girl is going to be editor in chief. I ended up being news editor and fell in love with that. There’s times I still wish I was news editor, it would be a lot easier. I ended up moving up to managing editor and now I’m editor in chief. It seemed like everything was predestined from when Mrs. Hogentogler sat down with me. I just knew that it was what I needed to do. Now I’m working in the field that she put me in and its really weird to think about that.”

Owen Williams

“One time at work two characters Mike and J decided to get into an argument revolving around movie monsters which sparked out with zombies. We had a little conversation about whether or not we’d be scared if a zombie walked up to us. I said no because I don’t find zombies particularly scary. J decided I was wrong for thinking that because he thought I would be frightened if I saw a dead thing walking towards me. So, mike and J get into this long argument and heated debate on how zombies are or aren’t scary based on the fact they are not real. The only thing we agreed on was that Dracula was the only not scary monster and he’s to goofy to be scary. Mike being the really witty person he is, he came up with the story, I can’t think of what it’s called now. It made no sense, but they didn’t talk for the rest of the work night because they were angry at each other for debating about zombie and monsters.”

Shayne Gasser

“Howdy I am Shayne Gasser, I’m currently a junior and I am a history major, still secondary ed major haven’t got around to change that yet. I’m clearly balding. The first major thing that happened which I think that really constructed who I am, around 7th grade I was in a speech therapy class because I couldn’t pronounce S’s and R’s to well. So, I went in there and the teacher at the time wanted to know what I wanted to do with my life. She’d suggest I do the radio because she said I have a really good voice for it. I do the radio here at Millersville currently which is very fitting. Now I’m here at Millersville and I’m going to pick up a minor in government. After taking up a few government courses I’m really enjoying it and plus government and history they go hand in hand. As I mentioned, I also do the radio here and my show is called with Julia and Shayne, we are Wednesdays 10pm to 1am on Thursdays.. From me you’re going to hear a lot of bad music objectively which I like because I have no taste.”
“We were playing shows and a band called Outside hits us up. They needed a show in Lancaster, and no one could book them. One of the band members asked me, “Hey, you think we could turn your Mom’s basement into a venue?” I asked my Mom and she said sure and we had a show. It was an awesome experience and we were of the mind to do that more. We got some bigger acts in the alternative, indie rock scene to come do shows. We got bands like Captain, We’re sinking, Pedal, Sleep In. It was a lot of fun and we did that for like three years straight. I continued to do this, booking shows, and I hope to start to do this in Millersville. Get some black metal to acoustic nights would be awesome! The Millersville scene is not very big, but I would like to change that. I would love to book two a month or more.”

Max Ludewig

“I like to read the newspaper and watch the news and just kind of distract myself my own personal challenges. Looking at the world as a whole and you know everyone is going through challenges. It’s a part of life and we will all get through it. You know, this too shall end. And I kind of use that motto not only in tough and challenging times but also in good times, because I think it is important to ground yourself. And understand that life ebbs and flows. It will eventually circulate back.”

John Tintera

“Students in general are very like private, they stay in their rooms, ya know. A lot of people aren’t very talkative or extroverted. A lot of people ya know, you smile at them as they walk past and they don’t really look back at you. So i feel sort of people in general kind of being closed off makes it hard to spread love and happiness and everybody gets along and has fun. I smile at everybody I see. All the time. And sometimes I’ll go through like a day and try to see how many people smile back and usually nobody really. Maybe a couple people. But also like I said, that’s kind of one of my life mottos.”

Emily Ritter
TOP 5 Valentine’s Day Lists

#1 La La Land
#2 Crazy Stupid Love
#3 Titanic
#4 Call Me By Your Name
#5 Moonstruck

Love Songs

#1 “Your Song” by Elton John
#2 “All You Need is Love” by The Beatles
#3 “Just The Way You Are” by Bruno Mars
#4 “I Will Always Love You” by Whitney Houston
#5 “Make Me Feel” by Janelle Monae

Lancaster Date Ideas

#1 Romantic dinner at Cork and Cap Restaurant
#2 Visit Zoetropolis for an indie film or comedy show
#3 Dance the night away together at Tellus360
#4 Cook dinner together with ingredients from the Lancaster Central Market
#5 Catch a show at the Fulton Theatre

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To: Sierra Erwin
Thank you for being the BEST friend & nugget a girl could ask for<3

From: Anonymous

To: Mickayla Miller
You are by far the greatest thing to ever enter my life.

From: Anonymous

To: Abby Reisinger
“you are the best <3

From: Jenifer Helm

To: Mommy
I love you - your favorite

From: Tiffany Estrada

To: Mamie Covell
I love you! Thanks for being the best. I appreciate you so much! xoxo

From: Cait Parks

To: Dylan, Kitsey, Nina, and Tessa
I’m happy we get to share the same air in our apartment. y’all are pretty and i hope you give me love for vday. p.s. i accept love in forms of reese’s pb cups

From: Sara Pizzo

To: Meredith Batzler
You’re a pretty cute gal, just gotta say

From: Anonymous

To: Dr. Greg
Thank you for being patient, caring and vastly intelligent. You have made my college experience the best one.

From: Anonymous

To: Michael O’Neill
I Love You With All My Heart! Thank you for loving me!

From: Nick O’Neill

To: Kaylee Rex
Kaylee, your sweet voice rings in my ears during my sleep and my wake. I long to see your face again; your cheerful smile, knowing eyes, and comforting way about you. What to do without you, I’m unsure. We’re all unsure. So much love to you, from Millersville into the great beyond. You’re forever in our thoughts and in our hearts.

From: Brooke

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To: Robert Slade
Hey babe, you are the greatest boyfriend in the whole world. And I am so lucky to have you. Also... dat butt tho.

From: Jessie Garrison

To: Will Brenzel
Dat beard.

From: Nick Hughes

To: Nick’s Beard
“Everything has a beginning and an end. Life is just a cycle of starts and stops. There are ends we don’t desire, but they’re inevitable. We have to face them. It’s what being human is all about.”

From: Nick Hughes

To: A random person who needs a Pick-Me-Up
See you, Space Cowboy

From: Nick Hughes

To: Obi-Wan Kenobi
Now I am the master.

From: Darth Vader

To: Cole Vohs
Chalice on 4.

From: Nick Hughes

To: Dr. Spicer
You made the kessel run in 10 parsecs!

From: Nick Hughes

To: Zoey
You are a wonderful human being and you mean a lot to me!

From: Anonymous

To: Nina Plaksin
Happy Birthday to our Valentine daughter. Hope Your day is special.

From: Jessie Garrison

To: Autumn Aukamp
I honestly don’t know a whole lot about her but, when she dropped her fruit snack on the way out of English class, I honestly fell in love with her all because of that fruit snack that fell on the ground, which made me fall in love with her. It wasn’t a set up I don’t think lol. Ironically, her name is Autumn and obviously Autumn is in the fall and it just so happens that the fruit snack had to fall out of her pocket to make me fall in love. She’s really gorgeous, she has a nice smile, she does seem really smart, she was fun to talk to when I had a long conversation with her one time. I hope she likes me back too and hope to work something out.

From: Spencer Hoch

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To: Christel

Happy Valentine’s Day to a beautiful, inspiring, wonderful girl. Thank you for the memories. Thank you for loving me. Can’t wait to make more memories with you.

From: Taylor

To: David Milam
Dear Honey Bunches,
Ever since we met you’ve left a permanent smile on my face, butterflies in my stomach, and nothing but love for you in my heart. Thanks for showing me that real happiness does exist when I’m by your side. I love you an infinity mostest and that’s never changing babe, because “Whatever our souls are made of, his and mine are the same”.

Love,
Tu Soulwifey

To: Carly O’Neill
Shoutout to my amazing gorgeous woman! Coming up on two years and she’s been by side since high school always putting a smile on my face and helping guide me through all the crazy obstacles in life. She’s always been the most hardworking, dedicated amazing person I’ve ever met and just wanted to let her know how much she means to me and that I love her so much mostest forever and always to infinity and beyond eternity!

From: David Milam

What do SENIORS and FRESHMEN have in common?

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To: Josh
“Your always have a smile on your face and a positive attitude. Your passion for theater is astounding and inspiring.”
“You try really hard and that effort shows. You are talented individual and I look forward to watching your career.”

To: Sports Jared
“Hanging out with you is always so fun. You always make everyone feel welcome. Also your taste in Yacht Rock is superb.”
“Jersey is fine, I guess. I mean like not as good as NY, because it doesn’t have all the cool things, but it’s a lot of peoples’ hometowns–so it’s okay.”

To: News Jared
“You are so dedicated and have so many innovative ideas. Also I wish my hair was as luscious as yours tbh”
“real talk, you’re the best mentor and I love working with you on stories! you’re a real one fam”

To: Julia
“You are so fun to be around and never fail to make me laugh. *gasp* you’re a kween.”
“Gasp! I’ve gone fishin.”
“You’re the cutest editor ever”

To: Lou
“You are so cool and witty. You always make me laugh with your little jokes and comments. Also I love your style!!”
“You are such a wonderful and caring person, and I am just so lucky to have you in my life. It has been so lovely getting to know you over the semester.”

To: Mickayla
“You are a goddess. Thank you for holding this newspaper together and working so hard to make this such an amazing organization to be involved with.”
“you’re our snapper queen and we love you”

To: Nick
“You always know how to make the staff laugh with your passion for Star Wars and your famous dark humor.”
“Stop being so good at memorizing Star Wars quotes!”

To: Kaylee
“u the real mvp and i always have a great time hanging out with you!”
“You’re so beautiful, you could definitely model. I love your style and you’re so smart too. Such a rarity, never change.”

To: Colin
“You are super intelligent and funny!”
“Your super wholesome and genuine. Keep doing your best!”

To: Nina & Jay
Nina: "I love your style and laid back vibe. Your creativity and artsy talent is so cool."
Jay: "You are incredibly talented with a camera! I really enjoyed working with you for this magazine. You made the photoshoots fun."
Nina & Jay: “You both take sick pictures. Always come out looking beautiful.”

To: Kat
“I love your ability to laugh and not take everything too seriously. I also love your sense of style!”
“Couldn’t ask for a better associate editor. You’re sweet and fun to work with.”

To: Abi
“You have a really laid back, nonchalant vibe that I really dig. But you also aren’t afraid to speak up about the things you are passionate about.”

To: Carly
“You are incredibly kind to everyone you meet. Your positive attitude is so refreshing.”

To: Sim
“I think its awesome how you jumped right into being an associate editor your first year at Millersville. You are very motivated and hard working. Get that bread girl!”

To: Carly & Sim
“You are great associates”

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