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Wubah to present in Barcelona on MU’s sustainability efforts

In March of 2020, Millersville President Daniel Wubah will travel to Barcelona, Spain to outline and share some of the work that the MU community has been doing during his tenure. He will specifically be speaking about the university’s Positive Energy Fund (PEF), which is a generated endowment that helps fund “faculty, staff, and student-led projects that will contribute positively to local and global communities,” according to the university website.

The university had to submit a proposal to speak at the event since it will host many organizations and institutions from around the world. They were officially accepted to speak as of Nov. 6.

Dr. Wubah explained his mindset regarding Millersville’s commitment to a sustainable future: “It’s more of a process, not a destination,” he said. He talked about how the university has to have initiatives put in place that “promote an ongoing effort to sustainability.”

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Chris Steuer, Millersville’s Sustainability Director, remains enthusiastic about traveling to Barcelona, and said that “it should be an exciting opportunity to share some of our sustainability work with an international audience and to continue to make connections to elevate MU’s global profile.”

Dr. Wubah, Steuer, and Gilbert Brown, who is the Interim Vice President for Finance and Administration, will all be attending the conference next year.

Through the Positive Energy Fund, Millersville has financed projects such as “Project Green Lancaster,” which was created by the media and broadcasting program on campus. The money received from the first year of the PEF will help transition Project Green’s focus more towards social media engagement to help raise awareness of the ways that Lancaster is creating a greener, more sustainable world.

Students are encouraged to submit proposals for the projects they would like funded through the university. This includes “submitting a project narrative that describes your project” as part of the application on the Millersville website. The 2020 cycle for applications will be available during fall 2019.

MU ranked greenest campus

In the annual Princeton Review Guide, Millersville ranked within the top 50 most environmentally friendly campuses in the United States. Millersville gained the status through its initiative to support natural life, such as the maintaining of gardens and wildlife reserves.

The Princeton Review, founded in 1981, is an admissions service company which aids college and/or future university students with tutoring, academic advice books, online courses, practice tests for standardized examinations, and admissions resources. While not associated with Princeton University, the company is considered a reputable source, as cited in Millersville’s blog and other college affiliated blogs.

The company’s annual review, the Princeton Review Guide to Green Colleges, describes how ecologically mindful and resourceful the university and its programs are. The company analyzes data from approximately 700 universities and colleges. Universities and colleges are monitored for their quality of withstanding life and health, along with how students are taught within the field of the clean-energy economy.

The company then provides a score for the level of ecological friendliness, ranging from 60 to 99 potential points. This year, Millersville scored an 87 and any score above 60 is categorized as a “green college.”

According to Millersville’s blog, one of the most noteworthy aspects of Millersville’s green reputation is the Lombardo Welcome Center, as it’s the first building within Pennsylvania certified as a zero energy building.

Producing its own energy through renewable resources, the LWC is one of around 100 buildings in the United States to be certified by the International Living Future Institute.

Another eco-friendly aspect of the campus mentioned by the campus blog is the pond. Besides being a popular place for students to stroll, study, or take pictures, the pond is also a Certified Wildlife Habitat. The pond hosts numerous animals, such as swans, Miller and S’Ville.

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On the early morning of Nov. 14, a student opened fire at a high school in Santa Clarita, Calif., killing two people and wounding three others, and the suspect has died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head, authorities said in a press release from the Washington Post.

The shooter is now identified as Nathaniel Tensouke Berhow and he shot himself on his 16th birthday after pulling a gun from his backpack at Saugus High School.

Berhow received treatment, but died Friday at about 3:30 p.m. local time with his mother present, according to the Washington Post.

Stated on the Post, Berhow's attack his motive remains unclear. In an interview with ABC7, County Sheriff Alex Villanueva said that the gunman shot seemingly at random but appeared “very familiar with firing the weapon” and did not commit a “spur-of-the-moment act.”

It was at least the seventh shooting of the school year, according to a Washington Post analysis. What's tragic with this analysis is that the data shows more than 230,000 children have experienced gun violence at their schools since 1999's massacre at Columbine High.

According to ABC7, Deputies were on the scene two minutes after a 911 call reported the Saugus High shooting at 7:38 a.m.

They found the shooter, dressed in black, among six students with gunshot wounds in the school's outdoor quad area. A seventh person received treatment for noncritical injuries, according to officials. ABC7. They stated that authorities found a .45-caliber semiautomatic handgun on the scene.

As the investigations continues, campuses across the William S. Hart Union High School District were closed on Friday in a show of respect to victims, according to their Facebook page.

On Sunday, November 3, an incident of hate speech happened at Millersville around 3 p.m. at the Lookout within Gordinier. The incident involved the "n" word displayed in salt on the table. As noted by Dr. Wubah, the incident appears to be isolated and there have been no other reports made. The hate speech has also been removed from the dining location.

In an email sent to the campus community President, Dr. Wubah said, “I’m appalled that this happened on our campus and I’m so sorry that others in the dining facility were subjected to hate speech.”

On the topic of the incident, Millersville student, Mikayla said, “I thought we would be past that”

Another Millersville student had said, “I’m a senior so I’ve been here the last four years, and my impression of it was not really the incident itself. [That] was not my issue. It was more this kind of thing happens every year for the last four years that I’ve been here, and it just seems like not much is being done about it. Not much is being done to prevent like hate speech and things like that from happening on campus, so that was my disappointment with it.”

Moving forward since the incident Dr. Wubah is working closely with students impacted by the hate speech to develop a plan to move forward. Millersville is committed to their EPPIIC values which include Exploration, Professionalism, Public Mission, Inclusion, Integrity, and Compassion. Within these values no hate speech nor crime is acceptable.

If you have any information regarding the incident on campus please contact University Police at 717-871-4357 or email Chief Anders at Peter.anders@millersville.edu.

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Students are escorted off campus at Saugus High.

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Students protest hate crime through historical quoting.

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Dr. Carrie Smith won her seat on Millersville Borough Council on Nov. 5th. Smith explains how she felt once she found out she won,

“It’s very surreal ... It was very surreal because the very next day I went out to get lunch and people stopped me and congratulated me. It’s an interesting shift and people have warned that this will happen, sort of you are now a public figure.

But it didn’t really occur to me what that meant. It didn’t really hit me and it still kind of hasn’t. I think it will once I get sworn down to actually doing the work. But it is a little surreal.”

Her campaign promises to explore ways of establishing new and efficient ways of communication and find the better collaboration between borough residents and students/faculty at Millersville University.

Smith will not be sworn in until Jan. 6th, after she is officially sworn in, she will work on relieving the inefficient communications borough residents and students at MU alike,

“After I’m sworn in there will be a re-organization meeting. People will sit on different committees and decide who serves on what committees and elect officers. I’m bouncing around some ideas and I had, I would like to start looking for people to collaborate with and one of the things I believe we can do better is to make use of short videos to connect with people.”

On the topic of Frederick and Duke Street Smith explains, “A few things that I’m thinking, in particular, is explaining what is going on in a section of Frederick and Duke Street, which a lot of people are very upset about.

Nobody seems to have a clear understanding of what’s happening. The Borough I think owns a piece of property, but it’s also complicated by the fact that half of the Borough is also Penn Manor Township. So what are we, right?

We don’t promise to fix things but we promise to get accurate information out. Smith also stated that she wants to work on making the Millersville Borough website more user-friendly and plans to make an app to give updates on the Borough.

“Somebody actually suggested to me a possibility of some kind of app where you can tap into and figure out what’s going on with the borough.”

Smith adds, “And this is somebody who lives in the borough who proposed this idea. I think that’s something really interesting to look at.”

Along with this, Smith is also willing to look for ways to better communicate with residents and students by the use of short videos that are shareable.

Smith especially wants to create some sort of short informal video addressing the 2020 budget:

“The law requires us to advertise the budget, but I think we can be more proactive and say in addition to advertising it, let us explain to you, what’s actually happening here.

Because I find that once people get an explanation, they go, ‘Oh, now you can make the decision about do I want my taxes to increase?

What what are the outcomes? If we don’t? What do we have to cut back on’? Those are the kinds of decisions you have to make.

The other possibility in terms of communication, and I’m going to, I’m going to officially propose this to you all so you guys can think about it. I think it might be interesting.”

Smith closes with an idea to make the borough more exciting and beautiful,

“I would love to see public art, more public art here. Yeah. And we can involve students, we can involve residents, we can involve the elementary school and high school.

I just think that will be something that would also help beautify the borough people will be invested.” Smith continues...

Smith is ecstatic to represent MU Borough Council.
My time at Millersville

A reflection on my time at the University

JESSIE GARRISON
Associate Opinion Editor

Millersville University has been my home for the last 3.5 years and it is quickly ending. Throughout my time at Millersville, I have had countless roommates, changed my major, had two internships, wrote a thesis, joined The Snapper, made friends, and learned a lot about myself. And as the last article, I will ever write for The Snapper will be a reflection on all of these things.

Countless Roommates

When I say this I mean it, do not move in with people you don’t know. Nor should you move in with people who you ignore red flags for. While not all of my roommate’s situations were bad, one of my best friends is my first-year suitemate, most of them were awful. And by awful I am not referring to them being mean or rude, although some were, they just never cleaned and then were angry because I somehow cleaned too much. In my opinion, I don’t think cleaning the kitchen after I cook every time or cleaning the bathrooms once a week is a big deal, but that is not what this is about.

Having roommates is exciting and challenging and sometimes different personalities don’t mesh, especially if you are entering into an already established friend group. But through those experiences, I learned a lot about the kind of relationships I want, which is friendships. But through those experiences, I learned a lot about the kind of relationships I want, which is friendships.

Changing My Major

When I first came to Millersville, I was an early childhood and special education major. I spent my first year at Delaware Community College and came in with a semester’s worth of credits. When I came to Millersville in the fall of 2016, I had dreams of teach- ing kindergarten. I started teaching preschool when I was 14, thanks to a vocational high school program, and it was my dream. However, that all changed in the spring of 2017.

When I went to meet with my advisor in the spring she asked me what I planned on taking in the fall of 2017 and told me my choices were fine. I then received an email two weeks before I was supposed to register that I had to take a standardized test, which I failed. My advisor at the time told me that since I did not pass I had to take a semester off to stay in my major because I didn’t choose the correct classes. At that point, I learned that the classes for dual majors are laid out on a conventional handout, one that I never received.

So I changed my major to writing studies and a minor in journalism. Although it is not anything I ever imagined about studying, I now can’t imagine studying anything else. And thankfully through my educa- tion at Millersville, I will be graduating and starting a full-time job, with benefits, the day after graduation.

I am forever grateful for everything my professors have done for me and the education I have received here.

Internships

I have had three internships while at my time at Millersville; the first was awful and the last two were great.

My first internship was so bad, that they forgot I was coming because the lady that hired me quit unex- pectedly. The first red flag. Then when I got there they informed me that I had to commit 30 hours a week for no pay. The second red flag. After that, my boss gave me a project to basically start a whole new depart- ment for no pay. Additionally, they did not give me a task list on what they needed from me, forcing me to try and figure it out on my own. Those were the major red flags and needless to say, I quit halfway through.

The main facet of my sensory overload was awesome in every sense of the word. I loved every second that I was able to at- tend, but there was a catch to that. I could not attend the whole concert due to a sensory overload that I ex- perienced halfway into the concert and I had to leave. The concert in question was the Judiciary, Necrot, Gatecreeper and Exhumed show at the Champion Club on Friday night this past weekend. I love all four of these bands but af- ter the Necrot set, I had to leave for my own sanity. I was in the mosh pit for part of the Necrot set. For those who do not know, a mosh pit is an area in the crowd that will pop up where fans ‘dance’ to the music. This dance usually involves punching and kicking and falling around to the mu- sic. All of the time, a lot of shoving and pushing that is never mean in na- ture. I reviewed the concert for the features section and like I said in that section review, I loved the entirety of the set I was able to at- tend. A good, foot-sized bruise later and I left.

That being said, the college has been a great expe- rience to find people who wholeheartedly accept me for who I am. It also has taught me to be mindful of my limits and to stay mindful of is that I am able to go to concerts now. Five years ago this would not have been a possibil- ity. I have multiple fears of people and crowds all tied to my autism. My sensory overload was a daily issue and, while I loved metal back then as well, I never had a sense of wanting to go to a concert. I am constantly impressed with my growth over the past five years and I have increased my social threshold so much. Autism is hard to deal with and it is a daily struggle that I feel confident with my ability to deal with autism and all of my issues now.

The main facet of my own mind that I need to stay mindful of is that I have limits and to stay aware of those limits. That is true of everyone and I find that this experience is and will continue to be a great learning experience for me. I am constantly striving to better my men- tal well-being and I hope that this concert was a way for me to continue that trend.
The Machine preventing Taylor Swift from using her own material

As opposed to the print books above, I have to spend the extra money on print textbooks. When I tell people, print textbooks are easier for them, they seem to not understand. When reading an online textbook, I get lost and have to reread the same section way too many times. I have learned that in order to give myself the best education I can.

To further elaborate, I have learned that with my Attention Deficit Disorder, ADD, using an online textbook has many opportunities for distraction. If I am not rereading the paragraph many times, I am on social media, playing a game, watching animal videos, or reading articles. Online textbooks just don’t work for me.

Overall I think having access to online literature is beneficial for people of all ages, however, for me, it is not the most ideal. For living a minimal lifestyle, having a small apartment, or not wanting to carry around books having books on devices is perfect, and maybe one day I will make the switch.
Sonic the Hedgehog looked horrible, but Paramount pictures heard the fans outcry and redesigned the classic Sega character.

According to a press release from the Guardian, director Jeff Fowler is quoted as saying, "The message is loud and clear... you aren’t happy with the design & you want changes. It’s going to happen.”

The movie is set to receive a release date of February 14, 2020. So I feel that we all have to go see The Sonic movie when it releases because Paramount Pictures, Jeff Fowler, and everyone in the design team, worked their butts off to help fix the issues that fans, plus a multi-billionaire company actually listened to fans and took the time to fix the flaws.

That is just an outstanding marketing move by Paramount. So I applaud you Paramount, Fowler, and everyone in the design team.

Thank you Paramount for listening to your fans. It means a lot to the Sonic fans all over the world.

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Pokémon Starter Choices! Which should I choose!?

**All About SWORD & SHIELD**

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**Who would you choose?**

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The dreaded editorial: The scariest type of writing in newspaper

**NICK HUGHES**

Editorial writing, at least at the Snapper, is the hardest style of writing that the paper does. I am sure our readers notice that there is not a lot of variety in the writing staff for the Opinion section.

I have become great at letting my readers know my opinion, I would like to think, and I want to extend that skill to other writers at Millersville. I am not going to be here forever at Snapper and editorial writing is a key skill that writers need to have. It is a harder way to write because of the writer putting themselves and their opinions out there. I know it can be scary and I know that various writers have never attempted the craft of editorial writing.

The biggest advice I have for potential writers is to not be afraid of writing your opinion. It is likely that another person has the same opinion as you and your writing could influence them to voice their opinions. Writing opinions is a great way to engage in civil debate as well. I have voiced my views on a lot of topics to lead to a bad article that does not contain any conviction. It is important to find your wheelhouse. A subject that you are well versed in and have a lot of knowledge about. That topic paints your articles with a lot of color in my opinion and then, is the most important piece. The autism piece is because I am autistic myself and it gives me a good perspective in the journalism world on autism. Star Wars is because I love Star Wars and it is a topic that I enjoy greatly. A lot of my articles are about Star Wars and a lot of my Star Wars articles, in my opinion, are my best articles. Political opinions are inevitable and I have reservations about writing them for a long time. It took about a year for me to get over that hurdle that I had. With Donald Trump being in the white house, I had to start writing political opinions. Being a journalist means you have to be a guardian of the truth and I felt compelled by the Trump administration to start writing opinions and editorials about the trump white house. This would have been regardless of my personal affiliation. I am a democratic socialist and that political leaning makes my opinions pretty obvious. That being said, I believe that political opinions are necessary for any newspaper.

Editorial writing is hard and it is not for everyone, but I hope that this article has convinced some of my readers to write for the Opinion section for The Snapper. Opinion articles have been making impacts in the world as of late and I love that I am able to make my voice heard.
Brazilian international student Thomás Claro, currently studying communication and theatre at Millersville, gives his insight on the educational benefits of studying abroad. Claro is a transfer student and this is his first semester studying at Millersville as a sophomore, but he knew he always wanted to go to college in the United States. 

Claro moved to Lititz, PA with his mother and brother after his mother got a job here with Johnson and Johnson. During this time, Claro started looking for a nearby university where he could finish up his studies. Once he discovered Millersville and its humanities area of study, he booked a campus tour with his family. He knew then he could see himself taking classes through the university and started exchanging information with the international admissions office. Shortly after going back to Brazil to retrieve all the necessary documentation he would need to attend, Claro was accepted.

Claro loves that he is able to study theatre and arts here at Millersville, since he would not have the same opportunities back home. Due to Brazil’s poor economy, it’s even harder for an artist to get their feet off the ground and find a job than it is in the US. Claro confirmed that if he was still living in his hometown of São José dos Campos, he would most likely still be studying journalism.

“I feel that I can have the chance here. Here I believe I can do this and I’m really excited. This is one of the reasons I wanted to come back as well, not just because I like the country but because of the opportunities,” says Claro.

In Brazil most students jump at the chance to study abroad in countries such as the US or Europe, due to the lack of “university for everyone.” Students must pass difficult tests to be accepted into the limited spots at these universities. To help students prepare for these tests, they are taught chemistry, physics and math from a young age.

While Claro does love his country, he felt he needed to get out of his comfort zone and travel to the US where he knew he would have a better chance at pursuing a career.

“I love it here, being able to choose all the classes I want to take. There we cannot choose anything, like never. Even in high school it’s all prescheduled for you,” says Claro. Since, Millersville has more of a trial and error process, he hopes to eventually take on a piano minor due to his love for the arts.

“There are many places where music lives here. They say there is a lot of music and art here. I’ve seen many art studios, paintings, there is a lot around here. It’s cool,” says Claro.

Claro would definitely recommend this study abroad experience to other students for opportunities such as, “Learning, experiences, new languages, new people, new things to do,” he says. “Just go ahead and have at least a semester abroad and you’re going to have fun.”

Mai Yamada, an international student from Japan is also studying here at Millersville. One of the first culture distinctions Yamada had to pick up on right away was the difference in greetings between the two countries. For example, in Japan it is a sign of respect to greet everyone you meet with a bow, while in the US people simply just shake hands.

Compared to the educational quality of her university back home, Yamada favors Millersville and its diverse classrooms. At her university, students can only take a foreign language major with several sub courses within it. “General education classes have students of various majors so that we have many different views for each discussion,” says Yamada.

One of Yamada’s biggest fears about studying abroad in the U.S. was the language barrier. “I sometimes struggle expressing myself and understanding slangs in English. I’m afraid of miscommunication so language is really important to me,” says Yamada.

One of Yamada’s biggest fears about studying abroad in the U.S. was the language barrier. She believes immersing oneself in another culture is the best way to experience the country and all its unique characteristics. “It’s completely different to feel, experience, and be exposed by the culture in the country. If you really want to know what the real Japanese culture is, I highly recommend to stay in Japan at least a semester long,” says Yamada.

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Lancaster Stands Up makes positive change through grassroot campaigns

**NICK HUGHES**  
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In November 2016 there was an emergency meeting in Lancaster. The emergency meeting was held in response to Donald Trump getting elected in 2016.

This meeting eventually led to the establishment of Lancaster Stands Up (LSU), an independent grassroot organization in Lancaster county. Zak Gress, a member of LSU, says the organization is all about bringing disenfranchised citizens of Lancaster county into the political process.

“The biggest way that we do this is to speak to the heart of why the system is broken,” Eliza Booth, another member of LSU, says.

Booth says LSU is not aligned to any one political party in America. They prefer to stay independent and if they find a candidate that upholds their values they will do extensive work to help them.

One example of this was the work they did with the Jess King campaign in 2018. LSU made it clear that they worked toward the same goal King and her campaign. However, they did so independently and without coordination.

While LSU is non-partisan, they acknowledge that the Democratic Party is the best option for them to back at this time. At the same time, they believe that the two-party system is broken and they want to see it change.

LSU engages with the community by talking about the issues and not really taking into account what political party the people they talk to are in. Gress worked in New Holland and was a working citizen that had issues with the system, but did not really know what to do about his concerns. LSU held a town hall and Gress attended. The meeting influenced him to join the group and he has become more actively involved with them.

Stories like these are incredibly common. Jess King was originally a part of LSU as was current Manheim Township commissioner, Allison Troy. King went door to door while she was in LSU and during her campaign against Lloyd Smucker to talk to people about their concerns and to actively engage with them about the issues.

This ethos guides how LSU conducts itself as an organization.

One of the campaigns that LSU was actively a part of was preventing GeoGroup from being involved in a prison building initiative in Lancaster county. LSU was successful in preventing the for-profit prison group from setting up in Lancaster and they consider that a monumental victory for the community.

GeoGroup, according to LSU, is the same prison company that has internment camps on the southern border. Booth was adamant that LSU had to stop GeoGroup from getting in Lancaster county.

This would be a good spot for a quote from Booth reiterating that idea.

The campaign was done by having members of LSU sit-in on commissioner meetings concerning the GeoGroup issue. During some of the meetings, LSU reports there were an estimated 200 residents in attendance. LSU also reported that the commissioners eventually rejected the GeoGroup proposal for prison privatization.

LSU considers this victory to be one of the group’s crowning achievements, but they also consider it a victory for Lancaster county as a whole.

As for the national news of the impeachment inquiry, LSU does not really look at it that much, stating that it is far away and not an immediate concern. This is not to say they do not care, but they cannot do much about it so they are focusing more on issues they can impact in Lancaster.

As for some current issues, LSU states that they stand with Franklin and Marshall students and all that they are trying to accomplish to get rid of racism in their college.

One last issue that LSU wanted to make clear is that they have a set way that they go about endorsing presidential candidates. They have not made an endorsement as of yet, but they are in the process of debate and will be voting on that.

LSU is based in downtown Lancaster and is willing to take in volunteers. Readers can find them online at their website, lancasterstandsup.org.

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Lancaster Stands Up volunteers pose for a photo while campaigning with their organization.

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This past Friday, Millersville Concerned Women (MCW) gathered in the McNairy library to organize donations collected during their “MCW Cares for You” initiative. During the initiative, students and faculty members donated feminine hygiene products and winter attire to be given to homeless women in Downtown Lancaster.

Students and mentors laid out the donations onto a long table and began to organize them into bags. Jordan Fessler, executive, said the club plans to distribute the items to local homeless women.

“We did get a lot of stuff to prepare homeless women for the winter,” said Fessler.

“Today we are going to package all these things up, and then tomorrow we are going into Lancaster city... we are going to be distributing this out to homeless women across the city,” said Fessler.

Barsha Thapa, social media/marketing, joined MCW last year when the initiative took place for the first time. She talked about how she had been positively impacted by participating in collecting and distributing donations last year.

“After packaging last year when we went to distribute [the donations], we see smiles on peoples’ faces. That was like ‘wow,’” said Thapa.

Hannah Sullivan, club member, says she shares similar sentiments as Bonal. She said she was excited to head to the city with her fellow club members for a good cause.

“[MCW] is a great group of people,” said Sullivan. This was Sullivan’s first year travelling with the club to Downtown Lancaster.

MCW has three mentors who lead the group: Gladys Laporte Rodriguez, Marilyn Retamar, and Casandra Miller.

“MCW is a group that meets on campus to empower female students by supporting academics, social skills, and leadership skills. The club offers community and friendship to the university’s female population. MCW also partners with the President’s Commission on the Status of Women by distributing pads and tampons to campus bathrooms through the “Code Red” initiative. Student volunteers gather donations of feminine hygiene products and distribute them in campus bathrooms in a basic labeled “Code Red.”

MCW meets every Friday at 3 p.m. in McNairy Library room 100. The group discusses women’s issues, current and campus events, and they listen to featured guest speakers. The club also creates a sense of friendship and community by going on outings such as movies and hiking together.

“Our mission is three things, social, leadership and academics,” said Retamar.

The organization is also developing a women’s empowerment conference called “Fearless Women” scheduled for March 28, 2020. The mentors said the purpose of the conference is to empower Millersville’s female student population. Guest speakers are currently being selected for the event.

The mentors and students involved with MCW challenged themselves to not only encourage each other, but to reach out to women in the surrounding community as well through “MCW Cares for You.”
DIASPORIC MUSINGS: AFRICAN AMERICAN CERAMIC ARTWORKS

Photos Courtesy of Kat Delaney/Snapper

Mixed media diverse gallery is worth taking a look as a celebration of African art. Displayed in the Eckert Art Gallery until December 9th.
‘Cheap Queen’ is a magical dream

King Princess establishes themself as a mainstream LGBTQ+ pop artist with “Cheap Queen.”

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King Princess in their debut full length pop album, “Cheap Queen” is a queer trichotomy that chronicles the pulsing highs of being gay and in love in the breakout hit, “Hit the Back” along with the explorations of fame as in the album’s title song. King Princess at age 20, is an emerging young pop artist who has reached stardom and appeared on one of television’s biggest shows, Saturday Night Live. Yet in their blissful 30 minute set of songs, they display the wisdom of someone way beyond their years. They have given those in the LGBTQ+ community a symbol of strength with their early songs such as the heart-tugging anthem, “1950." In times like these where the world for young people who are LG-BTQ+ can seem scarier than ever, young people need a role model and a light. King Princess has slowly emerged as a beacon of hope for those in the LGBTQ+ community and even beyond.

The album opens with King Princess’ smoky and smooth song “Tough on Myself.” They sing about their struggles with putting pressure on themselves and worrying that their significant other could do better than them, and being afraid they’ll move on. With lyrics like “My good intentions go bad when hold me” They talk about struggling with insecurities in relationships.

The second song on the album is only one minute and 17 seconds with only a repeating chorus it has a vintage feel, like it should be played in the background of an old coming of age movie. Despite being short, Princess’s melodic voice makes you feel like you’re going back in time. They prove that a little thing can pack a punch.

Luckily in the title song “Cheap Queen,” they pick up right where they left off the first verse coming right from “Useless Phrases.” However “Cheap Queen” has a very different vibe with a slightly sad feeling to the song: like when love goes still, it’s still love but it’s not the exciting passion it was at the beginning. In the lyrics, “I’m a cheap queen I can be what you like,” you can hear the defeat and loss of interest in what’s going on. Despite being somber, halfway through you’ll be bopping along softly singing the lyrics.

“Ain’t Together,” the fourth song of the album talks about the struggles of labels in relationships. And even though they do all the things you do in a relationship there is no official title holding them together. Princess’s sums it up all in one line “We say I love you, but we ain’t together.” Despite this, they still want their partner and want to be the only one for their partner. The longing is evident throughout the song.

Another shorter song, “Do you wanna see me crying,” coming in at one minute and 48 seconds, it’s the second shortest song. The first minute is spent setting up for the vocals giving off a smoky and flowy vibe that makes you want to be in a smoky club in the city with multi-colored lights bathing you in reds and purples. Even though they only sing a few lines of dialogue its enough to finish off the mood of the song. It’s heartbreaking, but once you slowly moving on from. “Do you wanna see me crying” shows a vulnerable side that I know I’d love to see more of.

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“Homegirl” is love that you can’t show off, they sing of how they stare across the room and have to wait till their alone to touch and be with each other. Even though there’s danger in what they are doing it’s too powerful and magnetic to ignore so they find a safe space at home to show each other their affections. The soft background vocals give the song a mystical and enchanted vibe like you’re in a forest waiting to meet up with your secret lover to run away and live in a small cottage and forget the world. Definitely, a favorite of mine. I would highly recommend listening to at midnigh in the grass with your lover in your arms.

The song “Prophet” is about obsession and how it fuels our loves and relationships. With lyrics like the chorus, “I can only think about you. And what’s it’s like to walk around you.” The singer seems to be saying how obsession fuels our romantic feelings when we want to surround ourselves with someone special. The song could also be referring to the artist themselves who at the age of 20 is a hit of a prodigy quickly launching to stardom and having a profitable career. The song also hints to the exploitation with talents or “prodigies” in the music industry with the line “You know what you want. It’s only bout the money and control. Can’t step off it, someone else will cop it like it’s gold, you’re a prophet Someone’s gonna profit.” This line explains how music producers and executives exploit artists for profit these days and are not full of the heart and soul as singers deserve. This track is a powerful statement on obsession in love and exploitation in the musical world that is powerfully relevant yet universal to our world.

One of the most poignant songs on the album is “Isabel’s Moment” where King Princess collaborates with Canadian singer, Tobias Jesso Jr., to sing a haunting track of the complications between what is a friend and what is a lover. When King Princess sings “You can’t choose your love like a phone number. And I’m still trying to draw all the lines through my friends and my lovers.” They are looking back at their life and analyzing who really cared for them. They are wise beyond their years; quality adds greatly to their appeal as an artist. This is also true in the song, “Watch My Phone” as she thinks and reflects on her past relationship with actress, Amanda Stenberg. King Princess proves herself in these two tracks as an artist who is stunningly poetic.

One of King Princesses breakout singles is “Hit the Back” with an infectious pulsing base melody and an instantly danceable chorus, this song about embracing your body is an absolute delights and is easily one of the breakout songs on the album, “Cheap Queen” ends with the quieter yet introspective, “If you think it’s love.” This song is about a love that had gone wrong and is now tired. In the line, “If this is love I want my money back. Cause I could use the check to spend it on a better heart,” the singer is looking for a relationship more meaningful in fulfilling. This song ends the album on a note that is serious as the listener sees the artist looking for a more fulfilling relationship, but also hopeful as the artist is looking for love and ultimately fulfillment in love. King Princess with this album establishes themself as the new queer queen of music. With instantly danceable tracks such as “Hit the Back” and introspective thought provoking pieces such as “Isabel’s Moment,” “Cheap Queen” is a work for an emerging artist who establishes themself as a new treasure in the LGBTQ+ music world and by being proudly themselves gives visibility for queer people to be normalized in pop culture.

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Holidays bring delightful films

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For the last several years, holiday season has been the only season of movies to rival the genre diversity and spectacle of the summer. From streaming-only dramas and family films to prime Oscar-contenders to frank black comedies, the remainder of the 2019 film calendar features something for just about everyone.

This categorized preview will break down the standout films yet to be released with what’s currently known about these highly-anticipated features.

In Theaters Now:

Snyder Brother’s “Joker” is a gritty, stylized take on the origin of the classic Batman villain that, due to its low budget and billion-dollar worldwide gross, is the most profitable based on a comic book to date. It’s therefore likely to stay in theaters for most of awards-season and potentially make a splash in categories like Best Actor, Best Adapted Screenplay, and maybe Best Picture. However, “Joker” may have to compete with the acclaimed Christian Bale/Matt Damon car-centered drama “Ford V Ferrari.”

Other notable recently-released films include the Elizabeth Banks-directed reboot of “Charlie’s Angels,” which bombed opening weekend despite a strong audience-rating, the “The Shining” sequel “Doctor Sleep,” and the World War II film “Midway.”

Also, the Christmas rom-com and Emelia Clarke vehicle “Last Christmas” is woes audiences but frustrating critics, which is to lesser degree also the case for the Ana Kendrick Christmas caper “The Christmas Chronicles,” which debuted on the new streaming service Disney+.

Finally, “Marriage Story” debuted on Netflix Nov 6 and stars Adam Driver and Scarlet Johansson as married couple struggling through a divorce.

Opening Soon:
The weeks leading up to Thanksgiving weekend of the calendar winds down on the year and the cinematic journey in “Star Wars Episode IX: The Rise of Skywalker.” This star-studded whodunit has already impressed critics and“Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker.” This standout show makes this podcast memorable, entertaining and informative and truly something special.

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Verstappen takes gold in Brazil

Red Bull’s Max Verstappen wins amidst the chaos of the Brazilian Grand Prix ahead of incredible first time podium finishes for Pierre Gasly and Carlos Sainz.

Max Verstappen started on pole after a fantastic Saturday qualifying run, followed by Ferrari’s Sebastian Vettel and Mercedes’ Lewis Hamilton. Verstappen had a fantastic start to the race, comfortably holding onto first with Lewis Hamilton jutting Vettel and sliding into P2. What followed was a constant back and forth battle between Hamilton and Verstappen. Hamilton in second, attempted the undercut by pitting first allowing him to take the lead. Red Bull responded by pitting Verstappen immediately after and fought back with a world-record setting pit stop of 1.82 seconds. Despite being held up in the pitlane by William’s Robert Kubica, Verstappen entered the track and quickly overtook Hamilton and regained the lead.

As the titanic battle between the Red Bull and Mercedes unfolded, Lap 52 saw Hamilton’s teammate Valterri Bottas suffer an engine failure and retire from the race, prompting a full safety car.

Behind the safety car, Verstappen went back to the pits for a fresh set of soft tires, relinquishing the lead back to Hamilton. This was short lived as the safety car restart began on Lap 60 and Verstappen flew right past Hamilton into turn 1 to take back the lead. The two then closed pitting, the Verstappen grid had all drivers battling for position with the two Ferraris of Vettel and Leclerc in a close battle for P4. This battle was cut short as the Ferraris collided into each other on Lap 66 prompting a second safety car and sending the race into chaos.

With the grid packed behind the safety car Hamilton dipped into the pits for fresh tires putting himself into P4 behind Verstappen, Albon and Gasly with only three laps to go.

As the grid was released it was a mad dash to the finish and unfortunately Red Bull’s Alex Albon was caught in the middle of it as Hamilton tagged him on Lap 70 spinning the Thai driver off the track and down to P14.

As the race came to a close Verstappen sailed smoothly past the checkered flag securing his third win of the season. Behind him, Toro Rosso driver Pierre Gasly was fighting for his life as he at drag raced Lewis Hamilton down the start/finish straight and crossed the line milliseconds before he secured P2, the French driver’s first podium finish of his career.

In the midfield battle saw an absolutely incredible performance from McLaren’s Carlos Sainz. The Spanish driver started from the back of the grid in P20 and battled his way through the pack for an incredible P4. The results only got better as Hamilton was handed a 5 second time penalty for his collision with Albon, promoting Sainz to P3 giving his first podium finish of his career and McLaren’s first podium finish since 2014.

Alfa Romeo had another excellent performance with Raikkonen and Giovinazzi finishing in P4 and P5, the best result of the season for the team.

Formula 1 heads to Abu Dhabi for the last race of the season from Nov. 29th to Dec. 1st. Although it will be hard to live up to the absolute thriller of a race this weekend, the final race of the season is sure to see some intense action as drivers battle for their last chance to score points and secure their standings this season.
MU CONTINUES HOT START AGAINST CHEYNEY

The Millersville men’s basketball team took on Cheyney Monday night in what was an absolute dominating win for the Marauders. With a 35-point differential, the Marauders easily cruised to an 85-50 victory.

Millerstown outplayed Cheyney in all facets of the game. The Marauders shot at a .52 clip compared to Cheyney’s 3.13 percentage. Millersville made almost 80% of their free throws while Cheyney was much less successful hitting just 30% from the charity stripe.

Right from the start Millersville was taking care of business. They installed their dominance early but putting up 48 points alone in the first half. Adding 37 more points in the second half they rolled right over Cheyney.

Four Marauders managed to score double-digit points which led to the overall dominance of the Millersville offense. Jaden Faulkner scored the most points for Millersville dropping 18 points. He also added six made free throws and shot 60% from the field while giving his team 26 minutes of solid play on the court.

James Sullivan dropped 11 points on two threes and three field goals made. Too bad to Faulkner’s 26 minutes, Sullivan added 28 minutes of his own making the duo a dangerous combination. Millersville broke away from Cheyney in the final six minutes of the first half. The Marauders were up 30-20 when they took completely control going on a 18-2 run sinking six shots on three steals. It was all over from there as Millersville was in the driver’s seat with their foot to the floor and never let up on the gas.

In fact, after suffering a small hiccup in their first game against Fairmont State on Nov. 8th the Marauders have had their foot to the floor. Since the loss to Fairmont State, the Marauders have won three consecutive games and have scored at least 80 points in those three games.

Millersville has been effective on the glass through this stretch. They have totaled 40 plus rebounds in all of their four games this season. A feat that has not been done in the “Stat-crow Era” which began in the 2002-03 season.

The Marauders have played great basketball to start the season on both offense and defense. While on defense the Marauders were able to cause 14 turnovers and 12 steals which then leads to smoother offensive play.

It’s clear that Millersville is meshing as a team and head coach Casey Sitzel is doing a great job to make sure his team is prepared every time they take the court.

The Marauders will look to continue their hot start as they will head across the state to take on Mercyhurst and Cannon in Erie, PA. on Saturday Nov. 23rd and Sunday Nov. 24th. The season is still young, but the Marauders are set up to do extraordinary things this year on the court.

Disappointing season ends in another loss

Millersville men’s football wrapped up their 2019 season at home against the Mercyhurst Lakers, a team who struggled throughout the season and was on a two-game winning streak going into the match-up. This momentum would prove to be too much for the Marauders, as they had been on a four-game losing streak before this showcase.

It should be noted that both Ma- rauders were injured prior to this game, and wide receivers Jaden Faulkner and Sullivan were tasked with the job of starting quarterback. While he had played the position several times before, it his first time doing so for an entire 60 minutes of play. The Lakers set the pace of the game within the first possession of play. Two long runs, the latter of which would score a touchdown, put them on the board first.

Meanwhile the Marauders threw an interception on their first play, which was thankfully negated due to a penalty. After a punt from each team the Marauders threw another interception, which would be con- firmed by the referee.

From the start of the second quarter the Lakers slowly drove down the field, marched into Marauder territory, but lost the ball on a failed fourth down attempt. After an insufficient three-and-out drive from the Marauders offense, the Marauders defense played amazing as they successfully stopped three goal line attempts, and forced the Lakers to kick a field goal. On their next drive the Marauders offense converted multiple third downs, and were able to score a touchdown pass from Morrill to Newel. This tightened the score to 10-7 at halftime.

The third quarter featured utterly terrible offense from both teams. The Marauders started the second half with a fumble, the Lakers failed a fourth down conversion, the Marauders then missed a field goal attempt, both teams proceed to go three-and-out, the Lakers fail a second fourth down conversion, and finally the Marauders end the quarter with yet another fumble.

Thankfully the mediocrity was corrected in the fourth quarter, however it was the Lakers who found success. A touchdown pass put the visiting team up 17-7. The Marauders would be forced to punt shortly after their first possession of the quarter started, and gave the Lakers the ball with over five minutes to play. However a handful of first downs aided the Lakers in draining out the clock and winning the game.

Coach J.C. Morgan was dis- appointed about the loss, but had posi- tive remarks about the 2019 season, “They have learned a lot. Above all things, they have learned what it takes to be successful at the college level, and that will continue as we go into the spring. Our goal is that in the future these late-season games are meaningful and that we build ourselves toward being a champi- onship program.”

The Marauders final record for the season sits at 2-9 (the same re- cord they obtained just last year), and serves as a disappointment for the fans, coaches, and players. However the team is still young, and the future looks bright.
The Millersville men's soccer team celebrates their second consecutive PSAC championship with a 1-0 victory over Gannon on Sunday.

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