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FALL IS HERE
There’s a reason why Fall is a seasonal fan favorite. F. Scott Fitzgerald once said (but only once. He never said it ever again): “life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall.” We adhere to this way of thinking as well. Fall is not just about pumpkin spice lattes and sweaters; it’s also about making changes and going forward with new beginnings.

We wanted to create an edition that encapsulates the spirit of this time of year by finding some of the best fall things. We showcase fall beers, the best places to hike around Millersville, delicious autumn soups, and spooky creative flash fiction stories.

If the fall feelings haven’t quite hit you yet, this Enterprise edition is a great way to get into those seasonal vibes.

Reading through this edition of The Snapper is like stepping into your own personal Autumn guidebook to all things crispy, chilly, and spooky.

With the arrival of the fall season comes the barrage of foods flavored around pumpkin spice. Food manufacturers of all types of food incorporate this flavor to celebrate the season.

While many have their favorites, we at The Snapper wanted to get an assortment of pumpkin spiced foods to see which ones we love the most.

Associate News Editors, Shaun Lucas and Chloe Barrett tasted eight pumpkin spiced foods.

These include coffee creamers, pumpkin rolls, and even pumpkin spiced Pop-Tarts.

While some of them were delicious and fit the label well, others were artificial and made the editors audibly gag.

Shaun’s favorite was the TastyKake Pumpkin Pie, while Chloe’s favorite was the Belvita crackers.

Shaun’s least favorite was the pumpkin roll, while Chloe’s least favorite was the Starbucks Pumpkin Spice Latte Iced Espresso.

With the fall season being in full swing, we at The Snapper wanted to let you know which pumpkin spiced foods to try and which to stay far away from.

If you need a laugh and you’re looking for our full pumpkin spiced video rating, you can check it out at thesnapper.com.
FALL BEERS TO BE HOPPING ABOUT

For many, fall is for the spooky season and pumpkin spice. Here at the Snapper Sports, fall indicates the beginning of basketball and our pick for the best pumpkin beer. What most people think of fall beverages is a pumpkin spice latte and apple cider to mind. However, for beer enthusiasts, many craft breweries come out with Oktoberfest and pumpkin beers that hit the spot this time of year. Not every Oktoberfest or pumpkin beer is generally the best, but here is the Snapper Sports Section picks for the best pumpkin or Oktoberfest beer for the fall.

Brian’s picks
Blue Moon is one of my go-to beers on any night, however, their pumpkin wheat is the first pumpkin beer I have had, and it is the only one that I will continue to consume. Given to me as a gift, I wasn’t sure what to expect as this was my first experience with a pumpkin beer. Coming in at 5.7% ABV, Blue Moon’s pumpkin wheat is a nice balance between a light and a stronger beer. It incorporates pumpkin, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves and allspice. I was pleasantly surprised with my first sip. I was hit with the initial flavor of the signature wheat flavor that Blue Moon is notorious for and then was hit with a smooth pumpkin flavor. I’m not a huge pumpkin guy, but I am definitely all in on Blue Moon’s pumpkin wheat. Blue Moon’s pumpkin wheat is served from August-October.

You can’t do a fall beer list without including an Oktoberfest. My go-to Oktoberfest is from Great Lakes Brewing Company out of Cleveland, Ohio. I’ve had a good amount of Oktoberfests, but nothing hits my taste buds quite like this gem of Cleveland, Ohio.

Jared’s Picks
The first beer on the list for me is Shipyard Pumpkinhead. Pumpkinhead will not knock you over after just one with an ABV of 4.5%, but the beer has the distinct pumpkin flavor. Mixing together spices of cinnamon and nutmeg that enhances the pumpkin flavor, the beer goes down smooth and light. If you haven’t tried that many pumpkin beers and are looking to get into them, Pumpkinhead is a great place to start.

The next beer on my list is Lancaster Baked Pumpkin Ale. What Lancaster brewery provides here is a beer that will remind you of your grandma’s homemade pumpkin pie.

Within this beer, the flavor of vanilla and pumpkin really jump off the taste buds. This beer is definitely for the more experienced beer drinkers who like bold flavor and higher percent beers. Clocking in at an ABV of 7.5%, Baked Pumpkin Ale is best when sipped on and enjoying Thanksgiving football.

Calling All The Monsters
China Anne McClain
Thriller
Michael Jackson
Heads Will Roll
Yeah Yeah Yeahs
Midnight City
M83
Disturbia
Rihanna
Cannibal
Kesha
Bad Guy
Billie Eilish
Turn Off The Lights
Kim Petras
Monster
Kanye West
Monster Mash
Bobby "Boris" Pickett
Heebiejeebies
Anime
The Hills
The Weekend
You Spin Me Round (Like a Record Baby)
Dead or Alive
I Put A Spell On You
Annie Lennox
I’m A Slave for you
Britney Spears
Time Wrap
Rocky Horror
Superstitious
Stevie Wonder
Black Magic
Lil Mix

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Pumpkin beers are the perfect thing to quench your thirst this fall season.
The Snapper gets spooky for the Halloween season

We challenged our staff to write a flash fiction story from a short and vague and scary prompt. Here are the stories:

The Prompt

“There were many characters moving around in the dark that night. Too many for most peoples’ comfort; too many to feel perfectly safe. Even in such a small town at a state school, no one could be sure who was who in all their costumes and makeup. Across the street just out of eyesight, a scream sprang through the air, freezing everyone who was enjoying Halloween night in their tracks…”

“I’m over here,” answered the door. Dante laughed as his friend Kayli gave Conner a playful push in my group and said, “name five glass door wearing a black cape ner stood outside of the sliding and I approached the party. Con- at my leather skirt as my friends heads and kept moving. I tugged mask and everyone shook their shouted a girl across the street. me.

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“Dante, that’s not funny!” shouted a girl across the street. Dante laughed through his Jason mask and everyone shook their heads and kept moving. I tugged at my leather skirt as my friends and I approached the party. Con- er stood outside of the sliding glass door wearing a black cape and red devil horns. He turned to one of the guys in my group and said, “name five brothers.”

I stifled a laugh as my friend Kayli gave Conner a playful push and tried to go inside.

“Is that what happens when you get to hell?” she teased.

Conner let us in and I immediate- ly felt the sweltering heat of so many bodies, and the beat coming from the basement was in my ears. My eight friends and I walked down the stairs and I scanned the room hoping the devil himself would come down and dance with me.

Before anyone could turn to their heads to ask the person next to them, “did you hear that?” the doorbell rang, making Jessi- ca jump so hard, she about fell off the couch where she was sitting with her friends.

Since it was 12pm and the fraternity house on Frederick Street was completely full with skull-cover- ed faces and blood-stained costumes, no- body was expecting a mysterious midnight stranger on Hallow- een night.

After about 5 minutes of nobody moving, a muscle, Jason, the president of Phi Kappa Delta shouted “Screw it,” and slowly opened the door to an empty porch.

They all shrug it off thinking it was probably just some dumb kids playing ding- dong ditch. The crowd of students go back to their conversations, almost forgetting the whole “is there a mur- derer at the door mo- ment,” when 20 min- utes later they hear three chilling knocks coming from upstairs inside the main bed- room.

The main bedroom was strictly closed off, since some members of the football team trashed it at the Homecoming par- ty, so this time they were certain there was definitely some- one or something else among them.

“What’s going on, I swear to god Joey, if you’re messing with us!” Shouted Jessi- ca. Joey was known for his semantics at popular parties such as this, but her heart sank when Joey quiv- ered “I’m over here,” across the room from her, almost blending into the wall with his cream-white bedroom sheet on, resembling a ghost.

Everyone was about ready to make a break for it when the lights started to flick- er, and before anyone could react they were engulfed in com- plete darkness. The sound of nails on a chalkboard suddenly pierced their ears as something started to carve its way into the walls of the house. When the lights finally turned back on they were horrified to see “MISS ME?” carved in blood on the side wall of the house.

I should note that a young fraternity girl died on this property many years ago on Halloween night from answering the door to a stranger.

The scream pierced the ears of the trick or treat- ers, causing wine-colored liquid to escape one’s ears wait that must be blood. As the children dashed to their mothers and the college students cried to their professors, there was only one thing that could save the day: Miller and S’Ville.

Through the echoes of the piercing screams, was the bellowing hunks, dis- guised as Dr. and Mrs. Wubah they flew into ac- tion. Fiercely soaring over Lyle, the SMC, and the Quad, the swans grace- fully landed in front of South Village only to find the maniacal MU squirrels circling a young col- lege freshman. Miller and S’Ville counted at least 30 squirrels in a summoning circle around this fresh- man, five others were to the right building an ab- surdly large fire with a stake in the middle.

When the leader was questioned, they stated the freshmen’s offence was “not rationing their bread handouts to the squirrels, they only cared about the ducks.” Were Miller and S’Ville too late?

A battle ensued be- tween the squirrels and what was supposed to be the MU heroes. However, the swans were no match for the squirrels. Once the swans were defeated, the squirrels picked up the freshman how an army of ants carrying crumbs and brought them to the stake. However, just as they were about to tie the freshman up, Dr. Wubah came run- ning with the only thing to deter the squirrels: freshly baked bread from the one and only Mrs. Wubah.

Once Dr. Wubah threw the bread 1,000 yards with his mighty strength, the squirrels were too dis- tracted by the need for fresh bread. Dr. Wubah came just in time, know- ing how to save the students of MU, and the freshman continued with their bachelors, almost unscathed but with a new fear of squirrels.
“Indoor recess for today, kids.” Ms. Emily called out, her usual cheerful demeanor deadened by the third day in a row of non-stop rain. “Hope-fully, the sun will shine tomor-row. Chin up everyone!” Ms. Emily meant well, but I doubt-ed that she really got what in-door recess compared to out-door recess was like. She was an adult after all.

I moved to the carpeted part of the classroom where all the books were kept in a colorful bookcase. I felt it was tacky, my Mom wasn’t right who was. I grabbed one of my favorite books, Hatchet, it was from an author named Gary Paulson. I liked it because it was all about survivaling the odds, no matter what.

I found my bookmark on page 38, where I left it, and happily began to read. I was engrossed in the book when I heard a loud pop. I looked up, alongside everyone else. The noise was really startling. I was a sixth grader though so I didn’t allow myself to gasp or yell in surprise, only younger kids did that sort of thing.

“Everyone, get into the cor-nor of the room, now!” Ms. Emily hissed at everyone. I was startled, Ms. Emily never yelled, let alone hissed at us. Her grave expression was puzzling to the other students as well all went to the corner, whispering concerns and worries about that pop.

Ms. Emily locked the door of the classroom and shut off all the lights. There was a storm brewing outside that made the room look eerily dark. Flashes of lightning started and when one of the girls in the class, Susie started to scream, Ms. Emily wrapped her hand around Susie’s mouth, muffling the cry.

Everyone, including myself, was scared. Ms. Emily was acting really strange. I wanted to ask a question so I raised my hand. Ms. Emily looked at me and shook her head no. Confused, I let my hand fall and remained where I was. Then there was another pop. Followed by two more in quick succession. A thunderclap fol-lowed and everything was qui-et after that.

We all sat there for ten min-utes, twenty minutes, until fi-nally Mr. Hebner’s voice was heard over the loudspeaker that was in the school.

“Everyone, stay where you are for the time being. There was an emergency and I re-ally need everyone to be brave right now. Stay with you teachers until your parents get here.” He stopped, sounding very strange and continued, “The police are here and they protected us, just please, stay in your classroom with your teachers. We will get this all sorted out.” The loudspeaker turned off and the whole class was full of questions.

Ms. Emily held up her hand with two fingers pointed up, her index and ring finger. The sign that we were to be quiet. I was scared, but my respect and hope that the adults would figure this out supressed my cu-riosity.

Later, my Mom, alongside many other parents to the kids in class, all came into the classroom and picked us up. We were all asked to leave the backward way out and to avoid the third grade hallway. The third grade hallway was the first hall in the school and closest to the entrance.

“Why are we going this way?” I asked my Mom.

She glanced over and said, “We’ll talk at home, for now I need to get you out of here. It’s not good for you to be here now.” I was bewildered at the time, but when I was older I learned what an active shooter was and I have to say, I’m glad I made it out alive that day.

The tension in the air was so palpable that it almost felt like a blanket encompassing the whole campus. Without turning to look behind me, I started toward the clock tower. I knew what this meant. They were coming and had already started their venture. Stu-pid. They should have waited but, of course, no one ever listens to the quiet ones. They’ll understand later, when everything descends into chaos and they haven’t covered their dirty tracks.

Another scream pierced the air, this one even more frightening than the last. But with this one, the students around campus finally felt the weight of the situation and pandemonium ensued. The fear around me made its way to my person, and I felt their energy pulsing through my veins, making me stronger. This wasn’t exactly the plan, but I could get behind it.

I checked my hand; three distinct scratches pressed into my wrist. I smiled in the darkness. It was time.
As the temperatures grow colder, and winter coats come out, food lovers can rejoice, as it is fall. Fall is a souperior time of year, from the comforting nostalgic, chicken noodle and tomato soup, regional favorite, chicken corn soup and the wonderfully savory, broccoli cheddar, there is a soup to satisfy every palette. A beloved soup will always be the baked potato. Wonderfully hearty and full of flavor, this particular dish literally brings home the bacon. With a velvety broth and hopefully tenderly cooked potatoes inside this one is always perfect for a cold day. It is filling as well making it appropriate for a whole meal. Another favorite is french onion, this much loved classic is a welcome lesson in simplicity done right. With a mouth-watering broth of meat stock, onions (obviously), and a generous layer on top, this one is another culinary classic. Broccoli cheddar has also become a delicious winter time classic. Although it can be difficult to get the balance of cheese, broccoli and seasonings right. When done well this soup is a work of cheesy beauty. Clam chowders can also be very comforting as well, although the broth has to be done right with tender pieces of fish throughout. Tomato soups while popular, have a surprising amount of variations. Tomato basil is always a winner especially with fresh spices implemented. Tomato Florentine can also be especially delicious with its inclusion of fresh spinach. Tomato soups are a prime example of how one type subset of soup can bring so many creative variations. Italian soups are also delightful. An Italian wedding soup with thin orzo pasta, vegetables, meatballs and a soothing chicken based broth, this one is a perfect blend of flavors. Altogether comforting and elegant, it is one of the most iconic Italian soups. Two other popular ones are pasta fagioli and minestrone, which while largely tomato based are incredibly comforting with fresh pasta and vegetables cooked inside, they are two of the most comforting of the fall season. Italian soups manage to be rustic and flavorful while also endlessly irresistible. Other favorites that are more international include pho from Vietnam and miso soup from Japan. Whether some may prefer, the more traditional, chicken noodle or vegetable soup or something more robust like chicken tortilla, soup continues to be a dish that brings others together in cold times. It is truly a special comfort food.
Candy Controversies

Milk Duds are a disgrace to this society. If you don’t value your teeth, or love the feeling of your tooth decaying with every bite, Milk Duds are perfect for you. You can truly savor a candy that puts you at risk for dentures.

Now, to be clear, I don’t think any candy should be wiped off the earth, but this candy is not one I enjoy at all. It is bland to me and is kinda just there for me. When I am gonna eat a candy, I want to feel joy and happiness. Twizzlers to me gives neither. I do not normally have much of a sweet tooth. I do not normally have much of a sweet tooth, but when I eat candy I want it to have some sweet flavor. Twizzlers to me are just mediocre.

First, it’s an ugly rectangle with lumps along the top; already disgraceful. However, superficial looks can be deceiving, as we already know. So if you break an Almond Joy apart, you see what truly matters: the inside. Clumpy, white, and coconutty...utter trash. Coconut is a tropical flavor, reminiscent of sandy beaches and sunny skies. This does not belong in chocolate. Honestly, it doesn’t belong anywhere.

Almond Joys are so bad that there are no exact words to describe what is going on when it hits your taste buds. To start off, I don’t like coconut unless, of course, it’s a Pina Colada. The combination of coconut and chocolate should not be mixed, while almonds are the worst kind of nut. It’s as simple as this: don’t mix coconut, chocolate, and almonds. The only good thing out of those three choices is chocolate.

Horror movie recommendations

October is the time for pumpkin pie, breaking out that cozy sweater, and celebrating Halloween. Since many of us are now too old to munch free candy of off strangers, what better way to celebrate “spooky season” to enjoy horror movies; yet, it’s pointless for me to say go watch the latest ghost movie or Steven King adaptation, as many horror-fanatics were already planning on doing this October 31. These certainly aren’t “so bad it’s good” movies.

If you enjoy middle-school play acting, threats and scary scenes that don’t function, and plots without much sense, “Thriller” is the Netflix movie for you. These were just a few unconventional horror movies you can give a viewing this October 31. These certainly aren’t the best within horror’s history, but some alternative films you may otherwise not have considered.

“Rubber” is a methodical horror film with the bizarre premise of a car tire with deadly telekinetic powers. The film flows with a constant feeling of uncertainty due to the somewhat vague plot and patient pace. It’s very odd, but isn’t that what horror movies are all about?

“Cabin Fever” (2002) is a somewhat cheesy, yet also unnerving film about five young adults vacationing in a cabin in the woods. Rather than having a delineated murderer, the group is threatened by a potent disease and killer dog.

“V/H/S” is a collection of horror stories told from the perspective of individuals viewing VHS tapes. Each tape features one of the stories, ranging from video chat footage of a girl infected with an alien virus, to found footage of intruders during a couple’s honeymoon. My favorite of the segments being “Amature Night,” in which a young man encounters a strange woman during a night out. “V/H/S” and it’s sequel are on Netflix for those interested.

“Saw,” while being well-known as the first movie of the classic horror franchise, is one which many overlook due to its violence. Yes, the movie is indeed gruesome, mostly due to the expert usage of practical effects by James Wan; yet, the story of the first film is actually quite intriguing. The story is also supported by its characters, mainly the main villain of Jigsaw.

Tobin Bell’s performance as Jigsaw boosts the film into greatness, as his dedication to the role creates an intimacy for you and your friends. “V/H/S” and it’s sequel are on Netflix for those interested.

Let’s get one thing straight, peanuts are amazing. Nuts in general rock my socks off, except for walnuts because those taste like garbage. Chocolate is great, but when I eat candy I want it to have some sweet flavor. Twizzlers to me are just mediocre.

Snickers are legitimately horrible unless you actually WANT to break your teeth. It will get stuck in your teeth and you will be picking out peanuts intertwined with caramel for the rest of your life. The only GOOD thing about a Snickers’ bar is the chocolate. And guess what? The rest of the entire candy bar ruins the only good thing about it.

Jigsaw is the main antagonist who appears in the Saw franchise.
Top 4 Hiking Trails in PA

As a lover of the outdoors and exploration, I like to spend the majority of my free time hiking around popular destinations in Pennsylvania. Throughout the years, I’ve hiked and camped at some beautiful state parks and local hiking trails that I encourage you to check out, to appease your adventurous side during this fall season.

1.) The Pinnacle Overlook: Only 30 minutes away from Millersville University, located in Holtwood, PA, the Pinnacle is a popular overlook where many come for afternoon picnics and an exquisite view. This is a great place to check out if you’re looking for some short, but intense hiking trails or if you just need an arty background for a fun photoshoot with friends.

2.) Tucquan Glen Nature Preserve: This preserve can be found on the way to the Pinnacle Overlook, since it is also located in Holtwood, and only 25 minutes away from the University. This peaceful trail follows a winding river that eventually leads to a former fallen down tree, now used as a bridge, for those who can never pass up the opportunity to balance their way across a log. So the next time you find yourself stressed during finals week or need a change of scenery, I recommend checking out this nearby preserve.

For those interested in more hiking throughout the greater area of Pennsylvania, there are two places I would highly recommend either around the fall or summer season.

3.) World’s End State Park: This state park, located in Forksville, PA, has some breathtaking sceneries, consisting of 20 miles of trails that range from more difficult to most difficult. While the park is named after one of its trails, I didn’t find it to have as great a view as the Canyon Vista Trail. This 4-mile loop is worth the view from the top of the mountain, and for those who are just in it for the pictures, there is a parking lot at the top to save your leg muscles. The High Rock Trail is what I would recommend to people looking for an intense “rock-climbing” experience with another rewarding view if you make it up the wall of boulders and rocks.

4.) Ricketts Glen State Park: If you like waterfalls of all shapes and sizes, this is the park for you. Located in Benton, PA, Falls Trail is the most popular hiking destination, making up 7.2 miles of stunning overlooks, layers of rocks stacked on one another, creating a wall-like structure, and you guessed it: LOTS of waterfalls. I recommend starting at the top of the mountain where you’ll progressively descend down, before meeting the tallest waterfall in the park, marking your halfway point. Ganoga Falls stands 94 feet tall and makes for a picture perfect background around this time of year. This trail is considered “most difficult,” since it does take about four hours long to complete, and after that midway point, you do have to climb back up the loop to make it to your car. Overall, it’s worth it if you bring good company and at least two bottles of water.

LANCASTER SERVES UP AUTUMN BITES

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I ordered the Autumn Turkey with a side of some delicious Hot Carmel Apple Cider.

Pictured above is Lancaster Cupcake’s Pumpkin Oreo delight, which is a favorite around this time of year.

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Millersville students are at an advantage by having a college campus so close to downtown Lancaster. With all of their local cafes, Lancaster is a great way to experience seasonal treats for the fall season.

Rachel’s Cafe and Creperie puts their own spin on Autumn with their Pumpkin Cheesecake crepe. Offered both hot and cold, this cinnamon infused crepe is filled with pumpkin sweetened cream cheese, graham cracker crumbs, brown sugar, pecans, and a generous amount of whipped cream.

If dessert isn’t your thing, Rachel’s also serves flavored drinks like Pumpkin Nutella Hot Chocolate, Pumpkin Nutella Mocha, Pumpkin Chai, and Pumpkin Lattes. Starting November 1, they will also start to serve a Thanksgiving crepe packed with turkey, stuffing, and cranberry sauce.

Cafe One Eight can also help a pumpkin fix with their pumpkin roll—pumpkin cake filled with cream cheese frosting. Their fall drink menu features a Pumpkin Spice Latte as well as a Shaken Sweet Pumpkin, which consists of a cold brew mixed with sweet cream and pumpkin spice sauce.

Continuing with dessert, Lancaster Cupcake has fun seasonal treats to satisfy that cinnamon, apple, or pumpkin craving. While cupcake flavors are continuously changing to make room for new ones, the fall theme has been happening all October. There’s been Dutch Apple Streusel, Caramel Apple, Pumpkin Cinnamon Bun, Pumpkin Cheesecake, and Pumpkin Oreo.

Prince Street Cafe is another fall favorite in Lancaster. Not only does this eatery have pastries and desserts, they also have delicious sandwiches.

The Autumn Turkey is a house-made croissant loaded with turkey, bacon, apples, cheddar cheese, apple butter aioli, and a spring mix. It is a good merge of savory and sweet, perfectly paired with their seasonal Hot Caramel Apple Cider.

Lastly, Penny’s, a Lancaster-based ice cream shop, has seasonal flavors like Pumpkin Oreo, Pumpkin Nutella, and Pumpkin Chocolate Chip. These are excellent if you’re in the fall mood but aren’t looking for a pastry. For those who are vegan or can’t have dairy, they’re also featuring a Spiced Apple Cider Sorbet.
It’s officially fall which means it’s time to break out the sweaters and corduroy. With the fashionable clothes coming out of the closet, it’s time to show off how cute you and your campus are this season.

Millersville has a bunch of fabulous photoshoot locations around campus. A personal favorite of mine is the little garden area, which is off the path to the pond, hidden behind the old dining hall and Wickersham buildings. This hidden gem is perfect for showing off your fall colors. Everyone is going to be posting photos by the pond, but if you go just off the side with the little path, you can get that cute foliage photo. Also, all the colorful fallen leaves make for a great Instagram-quality photo location.

The Old Library is a good go-to with the stained glass windows and dynamic building as a background for you to show off your cute new academia aesthetic. Of course, the McNairy Library is great if you want a more modern feel to your page.

A spot that never fails for a good sunset picture is right by the dorms, giving you that dreamy sunset-quality photo.

Remember, Millersville is just as awesome as you, so all that really matters is finding your light, hitting that angle, and feeling yourself to get that guaranteed cute look.
AASCU honors Millersville University with the Excellence and Innovation Award

Serno’s presentation is dino-MITE!

On Oct. 24, paleontologist Paul Sereno gave a free public presentation at Millersville University’s Winter Center. Sereno discussed his decades of fossil excavation experiences along with his future plans for expanding his techniques onto more generations of learners.

Sereno began his paleontology career in the 1980s. Earning a doctoral degree at Columbia University and the American Museum of Natural History, Sereno studied dinosaur bones in both China and Mongolia. Sereno became employed by the University of Chicago in 1987, later instructing courses on paleontology and evolution.

At the latter end of the 1980s, Sereno and his team evaluated Argentina, scoping the Andes to discover unknown prehistoric species. In this expedition, the explorers discovered the “euroaptor,” which is believed to be the earliest dinosaur species to roam within the planet.

In the presentation, Sereno discussed his over three decades of travels and excavation studies. The explorer detailed his numerous findings throughout China, Mongolia, South America, Tibet, and Africa. With his latest expedition in Africa, Sereno found fossils dating back to over 5,000 years, one fossil was the Nigeriasaur. In multiple cases, the positioning of the fossils also supplied hints of their activities prior to death. One example being a group of takasauruses being near complete in their biological builds due to being imprisoned within a mud trap.

One issue common in paleontology is the need to estimate other factors of the discovered dinosaur, such as organ structure; yet, technology allows for more accurate theories on unknown dinosaur biology. For example, Sereno discusses how performing a cat scan on a set of fossils allows for modelling the shape of the species’ brain.

Technology also allows for modelling videos on the species behavior. Sereno displayed an animation with a model created through reconstruction, presenting how the species would likely move.

Alongside dinosaurs, Sereno discussed his findings of other species’ fossils. In Sereno’s latest discovery in the Sahara desert, three human skeletons were excavated. Titled “The Stone Age Embrace,” the fossils were positioned holding hands, with the explorer believing the discovery displays a mother and her children moments before their demise. As an educator, Sereno expressed future plans to create a Makerspace for students interested in Paleontology.

This would provide learners with hands-on experiences with fossils and excavation tools. In 2009, Sereno received the Presidential Award for Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring for his encouragement to spread knowledge to students.

Sereno has had an extensive set of accomplishments within his career. In 1993, The Chicago Tribune named Sereno “Teacher of the Year.” In 1999, Columbia University awarded Sereno the University Medal of Excellence.

Within mainstream media, Sereno has been featured in numerous scientific documentaries, along with producing paleontology content with National Geographic.
After years of careful planning, testing and documentation, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection approved the request to decommission the MU radiation safety license in the summer of 2019.

The conclusion of the process saves the university $8,000 per year in licensing fees.

“I’ve been doing this for 20 years. This is proof that we’ve kept students, staff and faculty safe,” said Weidinger, Director of Environmental Health and Safety for Millersville University and the school’s radiation officer since 2000.

“We never lost control of radioactive material. We properly disposed of it. No one was over exposed to radiation. We passed every audit. We never had a single violation of our license.”

Radioactive materials are commonly used on college campuses, Weidinger said.

Schools with large engineering and science programs like MU use radioactive material for research and teaching purposes.

To do that meant an extensive radioactive material disposal and documentation process headed by Weidinger. The university was responsible for finding a facility to take the radioactive material, and another to document that the science buildings was free of all contamination.

This involved testing everything from door handles, desktops and bathroom sinks to ensure no radioactive contamination was left behind.

Though the radioactive material formerly on campus were low-level, it could still be dangerous. The removal of radioactive material is in line with the ‘Ville’s vision of building a more sustainable campus, Weidinger said.

“We want to try and do things in a sustainable way here,” he said.

Unfortunately radioactive materials, by their nature, are not sustainable. Some last for 10,000 years. The less of those materials that we’re using is better for the environment.”

Newer technologies also made the decision to switch from radioactive materials easier. Dr. Carol Hepfer, a Millersville professor who teaches genetics, cell and molecular biology, used radioactive materials to teach in the past but understood they were not necessary anymore.

Radioactive materials could be used to visualize the inner workings and parts of a cell, Hepfer said.

Now, professors can use fluorescence to visualize that process, she said. It takes a few extra steps but is ultimately poses less risk for the school.

Gone are the days of surprise visits from nuclear regulatory agencies and the careful control of university radioactive materials. In are the days of safer research and educational techniques. “It’s a lot less work for everyone involved with it,” she said.

“I’ve been doing this for 20 years. This is proof that we’ve kept students, staff and faculty safe!”

- Patrick Weidinger

Two survey meter sampling instruments used to measure for any radioactivity (contamination) in the labs.
Lombardo celebrates zero energy certification

On the morning of Wednesday, Oct. 23, members of the Millersville University community gathered in the Lombardo Welcome Center for a Positive Energy Breakfast to celebrate the building that achieved zero energy certification. Recognition was also given for the sustainability work that’s happening on campus. In order to earn this certification, the Lombardo Welcome Center had to generate all of its own energy for a continuous year, making it the first building in Pennsylvania to do so. Not only did it do this, the welcome center also generated 75% more than was used during its first year.

Chris Steuer, director of sustainability at MU, explains that doing so puts the building in the top five highest energy performing buildings in the country. This saves money on utility costs which can be put towards the Positive Energy Fund, which funds faculty, staff, and student-led projects that will positively contribute to local and global communities.

The Positive Energy Breakfast was followed by a panel discussion led by President Wubah. The panel featured community leaders like Sam Lombardo, chairman and CEO of the Benecon Group, as well as the namesake of the building, Thomas Adams, the Chief Operating Officer of the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority was the second panelist. The third being Dr. Karen Rice, who is the Chair of the School of Social Work at MU. She teaches students about research, diversity, and global social work.

Wubah starts his welcome address by mentioning the building’s impact, “Five years ago, Millersville University unsheeted plans to build a new type of building on campus. A building that not only serves to welcome prospective students to our campus, but that also serves to welcome all of us to a sustainable future.”

“IT’S THE DIVERSITY OF THOUGHT, DIVERSITY OF PEOPLE, DIVERSITY OF BACKGROUNDS, THAT TRULY MAKE OUR COMMUNITY SO PROSPEROUS!”

- President Wubah

Schools with large engineering and science programs like MU use radioactive material for research and teaching purposes.
FIGHT FINISHED!

On Saturday, Nov. 2, in Washington D.C., National fans gathered on Constitution Ave. to celebrate the Nats World Series victory. It’s been 95 years since DC has last seen a baseball championship win, when the Washington Senators defeated the New York Yankees, and finished with a 92-62 record back in 1924.

Fans were decked out in team gear from Washington hoodies and jerseys, to baby shark onesies to show their team spirit. Homemade signs were also a crowd favorite and for those who came empty handed, the DC police made up for by passing around red Nationals pom-poms and flyers with the nationals iconic saying, “fight finished,” to keep the celebration going.

Kendall Milam, senior at American University and long time Nationals fan, comments on the overall experience.

“DC has been waiting since the Nationals came back to the city 15 years ago. This team is so talented and fun, they wanted it and the community rallied behind them,” said Milam.

Local dance teams, fire departments, military members, and police all marched in the parade, alongside the multiple buses filled with team members and their friends and family.

The Nats mascots continued to hype up the crowd as they strode alongside the parade line on bicycles wearing heads of former presidents, including Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson, Teddy Roosevelt, and George Washington.

Fan favorites Juan Soto, Howie Kendrick, and Sean Doolittle were met with a crowd roar, as the audience simultaneously chanted their names, and of course Doolittle had his luckily lightsaber in hand all the while. Anthony Rendon and Stephen Strasburg on the other hand celebrated with their fans in an explosion of MVP chants, as recent World Series and NLCS MVP winners.

“It was great seeing the underdogs come out on top. They deserved it,” said Tom Nelson, Washington Nationals fan.

It wouldn’t be a Nationals parade without Screech, the team’s bald eagle mascot accompanying the presidents on his own bicycle, screeching with the crowd in his navy blue Nationals jersey.

“Watching this team win has been really inspirational to see them come back from a 19-31 start, to go all the way and win the World Series. It really makes you believe anything is possible,” said Millersville student, David Milam.

The parade concluded with Ryan Zimmerman and the team’s manager Dave Martinez driving by on the final bus hosting the team World Series Trophy, as the city rained red confetti.

Red confetti fills the streets of Washington DC as fans celebrate their home team’s long overdue World Series win.

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Millersville University has a monitored feral cat population on campus and many students may not even be aware of it. Not only are there feral cats, there is also a running organization that oversees if the cats are getting the care that they need. Campus Cats monitors the felines on campus while Helping Paws fundraises the money needed to feed them.

A feral cat differs from a stray because strays may have been someone's pet that were either left outside or escaped from their home. Strays are accustomed to human contact, while feral cats aren't. Feral cats are unfamiliar with human interaction and can see humans as predators.

Campus Cats is a program designed to control the feral cat population by monitoring them with motion-sensored cameras, trapping them to make sure they are spayed/neutered, then releasing them back into the colony. Dr. Boal, a biology professor at MU, originally started Campus Cats after an explosive feral population broke out. These cats would roam around and breed, creating a run-away feral cat population. Dr. Boal, a biology professor at MU, eventually got the program stabilized.

After years of trying, Dr. Boal eventually won the right to start Campus Cats, which is now an official MU program. Now that Dr. Boal has retired, Millersville's Nursing Department Secretary, Melissa Williams, has taken over the program. Campus Cats can only operate within Millersville's campus. Students tend to see stray cats near House of Pizza, but nothing about Millersville's campus. Students tend to see stray cats near House of Pizza, but nothing about Millersville's Nursing Department Secretary, Melissa Williams. She has taken over the program. Now that Dr. Boal has retired, Millersville's Nursing Department Secretary, Melissa Williams, has taken over the program.

After a TNR, helping the cats receive vaccinations, getting them to animal shelters, and capturing any of these cats themselves, due to the potential of them getting injured themselves. A student with good intentions shouldn't necessarily go and try to capture any of these cats themselves, due to the potential of them getting injured themselves. If that cat or kitten does end up getting captured, the student would have to cover the cost of the vet out of their own pockets.

Knowing that a feral cat isn't like a typical house pet is important so people trying to help don't feel the need to trap them and take them to an animal shelter.

Clay explains the misconception people have on feral cats by saying, “People get the misconception that [feral cats] need to be rehomed or rescued and that is something that is not the best scenario because they end up going to shelters and getting euthanized because they're not friendly and they're not socialized.”

Clay continues by talking about the goals of Campus Cats: “To not have any more cats introduced into the population, to keep the numbers that we have stable at about 15, and then hopefully just let those cats live out their lives.”

It's also important that the trapping of cats should be left to Williams, who is experienced with the process. A student with good intentions shouldn't necessarily go and try and capture any of these cats themselves, due to the potential of them getting injured themselves. If that cat or kitten does end up getting captured, the student would have to cover the cost of the vet out of their own pockets.

Clay explains, “It's definitely awesome that people recognize the cats and want to help. We just have to make sure that it is done in the right way so that it works out well for both parties.”

“I think if more people were a little more active in handling feral cats, we could do a lot better for the animals that we have,” Williams concludes.
ZOMBIE WORLD; IT’S PERFECTLY SAFE

Located in Sinking Spring, near Reading, Pa., Shocktoberfest began in 1991 as a simple haunted hayride called Maniac Mountain. In 1997 after The Toxic Asylum Haunted House was added, the company changed its name to Shocktoberfest, to convey to thrill seekers that it was more than just a hayride.

28 years later, Shocktoberfest has grown into 13 boundary testing attractions all centered around a “Jurassic World” theme, but with brain hungry zombies instead of dinosaurs.

Zombie World takes visitors on a tour through the park where they get to feel the aftermath of these creations. I suggest starting your walking dead tour experience off with the Zombie Safari Haunted Hayride, with an optional paintball version, where you’ll get to see the high-tech security the park uses to keep the zombies from ripping people’s faces off. This attraction starts off with an introduction given by your tour guide and rigged the hayride to allow riders to try to capture a zombie by temporarily turning off the security systems.

This year’s “Jurassic World” approach at Shocktoberfest is one in a series of changing themes over the years. In 2001, Shocktoberfest shelled out $100,000 on the Biochemical Plant scene during the hayride, consisting of a two-story high mother worm animatronic and her eight babies. At the time this was the turning point for Shocktoberfest, as they set a new bar for haunted hayrides.

In 2004 the park unveiled “Prison of the Dead,” a 50,000 sq. ft. prison that the attraction discloses was supposedly once home to a state psychiatric hospital, a state penitentiary, and a chemical processing plant. This was proved to simply be a marketing tactic, but Grafius Burial Vault Company, a funeral service and cemetery, is only a short distance away.

This year’s version of the Halloween attraction begins with contenders boarding an actual inmate bus that transports them to the Prison of the Dead, where the cells are now filled with not so tame zombies. The attraction delivers on its promising popularity, as you follow closely behind your group to not get lost in the darkness. From torturous prison guards creeping around every turn, to nearly crawling through tunnels to try and escape the prison, this attraction will certainly leave you with goose bumps if you manage to make it out.

The Unknown 2.0 attraction is internationally recognized for its abnormal scare options. For those looking to go the extreme route, on Fridays and Saturdays at 7pm strip down to your underwear and attempt the “Almost Naked and Scared Challenge” for a new sense of vulnerability. Otherwise, go through fully clothed but beware, for the doctor has many experiments planned for you and your group.

You start off your journey in a holding room where the doctor and his assistant test your group to see if you’ll make for acceptable subjects in his experiments. The twist is you’re watching this introduction video through 3D lenses as bursts of air and sounds of electric shocks overtake your senses.

You then venture into the unknown while darkness and outlines of electric animatronic zombies linger throughout the attraction.

Still thirsty for more? Well you’re in luck because the festival offers tons more attractions including zombie laser tag, a zombie night run, escape rooms, and a “zombie experience” where you’ll be transformed into a creature of the night with professional scary makeup.

If you’re looking for something truly out of the ordinary, try out Shocktoberfest’s new “Torture Chamber.” This spa-like experience offers a 15 or 30-minute full body massage, but instead of traditional essential oils and hot rocks, you will be exposed to warm blood and bones, as well as intense environmental conditions and unsettling music.

There are also music festivals, monster bashes, and brew fests held throughout the holiday season, including the festivals own “Ghouls Gone Wild! Drag Show.”

Shocktoberfest is about to wrap up its attractions, but not without a final Big Bang. Don’t miss their blackout and hooded hayride experience this upcoming weekend from Friday, November 8 to Saturday, November 9th. Prepare to have your sight and senses stripped from you as the comforting lights go permanently out.
As October comes to a close, so does Halloween, or “spooky season.” As many young adults and children title it. With Halloween passing, it’s time to put away the frightening decorations, hide away all the tempting candy, and put away that costume you wear once every few years. As the winner of a holiday contest over the spooky weekend, I am satisfied and ready to move on to the next holiday: Thanksgiving.

Notice how I didn’t say Christmas? Upon the conclusion of October, many decide to build anticipation for Christmas instead of Thanksgiving. I understand why many are more excited for Christmas than Thanksgiving, as Christmas has much more unique traditions. But while I will never tell people not get excited for decorating the house and tree, I do have one request: can we not turn the Christmas music on just yet? Many people see Nov. 1 as the first opportunity of the year to play the hokey jolly tunes we hear exessively every year. I personally would not like to hear the same twenty or less songs for the next two months.

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Stores and radio stations playing Christmas music early also feels rather peculiar. It feels as if the store owners play these songs to have customers say, “Oh yeah! Christmas is soon, I should start my shopping.” This then leads to people purchasing way too much, exploiting people’s holiday spirit for the greed of the store owners.

I’m also rather tired of publications talking about how outdated the staple songs are every year. I get that songs like “Baby It’s Cold Outside” and “I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus” have questionable lyrics, but maybe we shouldn’t expect music from half a century ago to be completely politically correct in 2019. Maybe if artists created new songs instead of covering old ones, we wouldn’t have to listen to tinsel Christmas tracks.

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Looking hard at Autism terminology

Autism is a genetic development disorder that affects a lot of people in the world. I am one of those people and I would like to take a moment to validate that has taken hold in the autistic community. That being whether the diagnosis of Asperger’s should or should not be used. Not specifically the diagnosis, but the word Asperger’s.

Asperger’s was taken out of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM) in the DSM-5. According to the Autism Society, “The DSM-5 redefined autism. Its predecessor, the DSM-IV-TR, included five Pervasive Developmental Disorders (PDDs): Autistic Disorder, Asperger’s Disorder, Rett’s Disorder, Childhood Disintegrative Disorder, and Pervasive Developmental Disorder Not Otherwise Specified (PDD-NOS).”

Initially, when this happened, I did not care at all, but also at the time I was not very good at caring about the impact of words. It was an issue that I dealt with and I did not really care about the term it was defined as. I have since become more aware of social issues and grew a lot of empathy for other autistic people in the world. From that point, I was not considering the Asperger’s exclusion to be a big deal. I did a lot of research on it lately and I found some published records that made me wary of using the term Asperger’s. Hans Asperger was a scientist in Austria during World War Two (WWII).

As a lot of people should know, Austria was taken by Nazi Germany during WWII. Asperger ran a clinic where he researche autism and other similar mental issues. He came to conclusions that eventually led to the creation of the Asperger’s diagnosis.

What makes me uncomfortable about using Asperger’s like a label is that there is that Nazi connection. There is little information about what exactly happened due to a bombging during the war. Asperger lived a good life after WWII and died in 1980.

A recent report from the BBC company revealed that Hans Asperger cooperated with the Nazi’s. This is damaging evidence to me and it makes it really makes it hard for me to use the phrase Asperger’s.

As some of my readers may know, I have no love for Nazi’s and I will once again, condemn the entirety of the Nazi ideal. They are evil and neo-nazis are just as bad. Asperger’s should be allowed to be used and my thoughts about this are torn. The nazi connection makes me uncomfortable, but I refuse to belittle anyone for using Asperger’s like a label.

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Invisible yet Visible

JESSIE GARRISON
Associate Opinion Editor

Hidraditus Suppurativa, HS, is a very fancy word that basically means my daily life has been altered because my body thinks the hair follicles under my arms and on my thighs is actually a giant alien-slash-branching itself for an attack. I spare you the gory details and just recommend you Google Image search the condition unless you plan on being skeevy out. However, I am one of the lucky ones. I am constantly sick, but I do not and probably would not need to go on disability. HS does not affect my quality of life. I am here to tell you my story of what life has been like living with an incurable and rare autoimmune disorder that doctors treat you by guessing what may temporally fix my problem.

Let me start right back in the beginning. As a child I was always sick, constantly missing school, birthday parties, and even enjoyed my birthday or most holidays. My family would constantly take me to doctors, only to hear the words, “nothing is wrong with you.” Fast forward to when I worked in a preschool from age 13-20, I was on antibiotics almost every single month for various things. At one point I had an infection in the lymph nodes surrounding my appendix, who

people to have. It shows self-awareness and maturity. I have asked many times for help and I have no shame in doing so. I would not be here on this planet if I would have never asked for help and I am proud of myself for being able to do that.

Emotional wellness is important and I believe it to be one of the more important aspects of self-care. Physical wellness is also important. This does not necessarily mean exercising. It can mean taking care of what you eat: for instance, eat a lot of junk food. Drinking water is a vital part of staying physically healthy. I am not saying that you need to completely change your physical lifestyle, but small changes can go a long way in making you feel better about a lot of issues that may be affecting you.

Your mental health is important and a part of that is taking care of your mind. Overthinking and dwelling on single issues can be daunting to deal with, I am like this a lot. I will focus on one issue and think about it to death. It is not good for me at all and it also means I have the mental fortitude to deal with a lot better. Holding on to anger about anything can be detrimental to my mental health. Anger festers and will eventually go away and any anger I could pop that is not beneficial to anyone.

Let your frustrations out in healthy ways. One activity that you could do is journal. Do this myself, but I do that through my blog. I admittedly have not blogged in a while and not blogging has become unhealthy and my stress levels are getting a little too high for me to manage some of the time. I believe it is one of the healthiest activities I personally can do and I feel that a lot more people should do it.

The last one I would like to look at is spiritual wellness. This does not necessarily mean religion. If your spirituality means your religion and that helps you, I am all for it and I support it. When you practice any religion you want. If it is not religion that builds your spirituality, do not allow that to make you feel bad. I have a spiritual connection with this planet and I do believe in a higher power, just not the Christian god. I have no way to actually describe what I believe in, this being due to a huge amount of cynicism for myself. I have recently rediscovered my spiritual- ity and I am happy that I have been able to do that. Like I said, spiritual does not mean religious.

Regardless of how you feel about religion, do not dismiss spirituality. It is a defining pillar of wellness.

I hope that everyone on campus is having a good semester and I truly hope that some of you find solace from this article. Please take care of yourself. It is important, you’re important and do not let others dissuade you from that fact.

NICK HUGHES
Opinion Editor

We as students need to take care of ourselves before we are able to help each other.

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Recently, the band My Chemical Romance released news that it was going on a reunion tour. If tickets weren't sold out already, you know I'd be buying mine. While I wouldn't say My Chemical Romance is my most favorite band, it is most certainly among the top five.

For me, memories of their music involve long car rides to and from campus, venting traffic stresses and anger, as well as finally realizing my inner goth/emo self and finally feeling the freedom to express that at a lengthy 20-22 years old. Hearing that they may be reuniting if only for a single concert, is awesome news. While I hope this may lead to more music and more albums, I don't think it's very likely. All the artists involved have gone on to craft other projects and lead separate lives. Alternatively, I ask, what if they did release more music? Would they retain their original style? Or change things completely? I can admit that I would not like the latter.

So fellow MCR fans, let's not read into things too much or get our hopes up. Let's not pest the artists for new material or reopen what they consider to be a closed book. Let's just take our time to relive our favorite songs and good memories. We should just celebrate this time as what its meant to be - a reunion.

The Band My Chemical Romance announced a new tour that signaled their reuniting.

RACHEL LAUGHLIN
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"A Midsummer Night’s Dream," playing from November 1st-10th at Millersville’s Dutcher Theatre, is a modern reinvention of a Shakespearean classic as adapted by MU alum, Phillip Rooney. The play deals with the same comedic situations of mistaken identities and love triangles; there is even still a hammy actor who gets transformed by the gods into a donkey. This particular production is set in the New Orleans Bayou. With gender inclusive casting and a tight knit ensemble of 20, this is a fresh production signifying a new start for University Theatre.

This piece is directed by Millersville professor, Adam Boyer. Boyer is an "organic director," who likes watching things come together for themselves. His directing style gives much room for experimentation and a sense of freedom for the actors. This particular production is done in an alley staging, which is done with the audience on all sides and close to the actors.

For Boyer, the alley staging, gave him a chance to “do more environmental work with the design and to open up the possibility of the audience space and the actors space comingling, and not necessarily being defined.” This is especially true of this production as at times the audience can be so close to the actors and feel like they are a part of the show. “By splitting the audience in half and having the stage in the middle the audience has no option but to just be in the world.” The intimate nature of this staging harkens back to the three quarter thrust style of Shakespeare’s Globe Theatre, yet its New Orleans setting adds a contemporary sense of American culture and fun to the play. This staging is a delicious combination of the old and new that bleeds from the staging all the way into the casting.

The cast is a talented ensemble of twenty who are energetic and bring a modern flair to this classic. This production is gender bent with most of the cast playing both genders therefore defying audience stereotypes. Snyder Bryan, who plays an attendant/fairy, feels that “it is a more inclusive show than most you see.” Bryan specifically is excited as an actress in this play to “explain new perspectives to people.” Exploring the gender identities of these characters and treating them as fully developed people in this adaptation allows for a production that feels as human as it is modern and exciting.

The actors have also built a great sense of ensemble throughout the creative process. This is particularly the case for Dustin Schneider who plays Lee Bottom. While the character himself is incredibly hammy and over the top, Schneider has found a great bond in his fellow actors who play the common folk, and are a part of Bottom’s theatre troupe. Schneider says that “We all got along like that, and our chemistry worked so well.” Even speaking about the entire cast he says that, “We all work together and feed off each other to make such a wonderful piece, and I can’t imagine not working with anyone else.”

Assistant director, Jonathan Strayer, has also been a great help in making the production of “A Midsummer’s Night Dream” a success. He has experience in acting, directing, scenic design, teaching and even a Shakespeare theatre company. His works in various aspects of theatre production, particularly his work in acting and specifically Shakespearean theatre makes him someone whose creative voice elevates the show. Grant Dormbach in speaking about Boyer and Strayer’s collaboration says that “They are very willing to work with you if you have an instinct, if you have an idea, they will want to see your idea and see it played out.”

An aspect of this production that makes it particularly exciting is that this is a world premiere adaptation of “Midsummer.” Although the story and characters are generally the same, this is the first time this classic play is being done in this particular version. In being the first ones to inhabit this interpretation of these characters and this world, Jacob Dickens who plays Elinee/Crawfish explains that for him it is “Really just getting to plant your flag not really having to look at any precedence or have to take into consideration and really just getting to inhabit this character and bring whatever you want to it.” Having this artistic freedom is rare for performers, and is an exciting feature for taking on a world premiere work. For Schneider with it being a new work, “you are starting a trend” as you are the first person to play that part.

With the exciting partnership between Boyer and Strayer, a committed ensemble cast and an environmental physical production, Millersville Theatre’s “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” aims to work in Shakespeare’s vision which is ultimately to adapt his work for the current day and time and to spread his stories to the new generation.
‘The Lighthouse’ provides fresh, chilling experience

Kim Petras, crowning queen of Halloween

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With the original “Zombieland” coming out in 2009, fans of this comedic zombie apocalyptic movie have been waiting ten years for a sequel to finally come out. With all of the same big-named actors, “Zombieland: Double Tap” exceeds all expectations.

Jesse Eisenberg plays the same dorky, rule-abiding character named Columbus. Emma Stone is as badass as ever playing Wichita. Woody Harrelson stays true to Tallahassee with witty lines and creative zombie kills. Abigail Breslin, who was only 12 in the first movie, is all grown up playing Little Rock, Wichita’s rebellious younger sister.

Emma Stone has come a long way as an actress since being in “Zombieland” a decade ago. She’s starred in movies like “Easy A,” “The Help,” and “La La Land.” In 2017, she won an Academy Award for Best Actress for her performance in “La La Land.” Recently known for her dramatic roles, her acting in this sequel brings back her comedic roots.

“Zombieland: Double Tap” also features new characters like a pacifist hippie played by “Victorious” star, Avan Jogia. Zoey Deutch plays a dim-witted, materialistic girl with hardly enough brains to attract zombies. Although these characters were not apart of the first film, they bring needed comedic relief to the second.

Zoey Deutch has been in a handful of comedies but never quite like this. She shows her acting capability with her ditzy blonde routine, which is amusing and entertaining. While Wichita and Tallahassee may not get along with Deutch’s character, Madison, their interactions are sarcastic, bringing humor throughout the entire film.

Ten years after the first film, this ragtag family is still together, trying to survive the end of the world in a zombie apocalypse. With adapting zombies who are smarter, quicker, and nearly imperishable, surviving is as difficult as ever for these four.

Unlike many zombie movies, “Zombieland: Double Tap” ends with all of the main characters back together to face another zombie-filled day. This sequel shows the importance of family and friends while maintaining funny catch phrases and lines alluding to the first movie.
Washington Nationals complete miracle post-season

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The Washington Nationals are World Series Champions. Starting the season without the former face of their franchise, Bryce Harper, who was traded to the National League East rival Philadelphia Phillies, no one knew what to expect from this team. With star third baseman Anthony Rendon and starting pitcher Stephen Strasburg in a contract season and Harper already out the door, it looked to be an uncertain season and future for the Washington Nationals and their fanbase. While the future may still be uncertain, the present is something that Nationals fans will never forget.

In a World Series where the home team lost every single game and unlikely heroes rose, the Nationals accomplished what was deemed the impossible earlier in the season, when they sat at 19-31 on May 23rd. After winning the do-or-die Wild Card game against the Brewers, an elimination game five win against the Los Angeles Dodgers in the National League division series and sweeping the floor with my St. Louis Cardinals in the National League championship series, the Nationals were battle tested and knew how to win in elimination games. This became key to their World Series victory.

Compare that to the Houston Astros, who aside from the series with the New York Yankees, had an easy path to their second World Series in the past three years. The Astros have one of the strongest rotations in the league, along with one of the strongest defenses in the league. They also have the experience of winning the World Series, something they did in 2017.

That wasn’t enough to stop the red-hot Nationals. They started the Fall Classic off strong, taking games one and two in Houston. The Astros came storming back, winning all three games in Washington. Many thought this was the end for the Nationals, but they had been in this situation before in every series they played in the postseason except for the NLCS. They knew how to react to elimination games, and they shocked the world and took both games in Houston, crowning themselves the World Series Champions. They accomplished the impossible.

Budding superstar Juan Soto and NL MVP candidate Anthony Rendon led the offensive charge, combining for five home runs in the series. The strong pitching staff of the Nationals showed as well. World Series MVP Stephen Strasburg posted a 2.51 ERA over 14.1 innings pitched. Max Scherzer and Patrick Corbin both had a 3.60 ERA over ten innings pitched.

With free agency looming, and Strasburg and Rendon both testing the waters, there is still a sense of uncertainty for the future of the Washington Nationals. Rendon is set to be one of the most sought after free-agents on the market this off-season along with Garrett Cole of the Astros.

There are plenty of teams looking at obtaining Rendon. The Philadelphia Phillies, St. Louis Cardinals, Atlanta Braves and Anaheim Angels are all potential suitors for the MVP candidate third baseman.

On the Strasburg side, some of the same teams are potential suitors. The Phillies desperately needs arms, and other contenders like the Braves or the Los Angeles Dodgers could use his services. A surprise team in the Strasburg race could be the San Diego Padres, who could obtain a one-two punch of young arms Chris Paddack and Strasburg.

If the Nationals do lose both Rendon and Strasburg, all hope isn’t lost. They still have one of the best young talents in the game in Soto. They still have a strong rotation without Strasburg, so the rebuild isn’t necessarily on if both Rendon and Strasburg walk.

But don’t think too far ahead, Nationals fans. Enjoy this incredibly special moment now and appreciate what this team just accomplished.

Bottas wins in Texas as Hamilton secures sixth World Championship

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Lewis Hamilton has done it again, after an incredible stint throughout the race Hamilton finished in second place and in turn secured his victory as the 2019 Formula 1 World Champion. This marks Hamilton’s 6th World Championship title, giving him the second most championships in F1 history and only one championship behind the legendary Michael Schumacher.

Mercedes’ Valtteri Bottas took pole position on Saturday, followed by Ferrari’s Sebastian Vettel in P2 and an excellent effort from Red Bull saw Max Verstappen take P3. Hamilton had one of his worst qualifying sessions of the season, only managing P5.

Bottas had a strong start into the race and Verstappen quickly jumped Vettel into P2, followed by Hamilton sliding into P3.

Vettel continued to fall down the grid as more cars passed him, falling down to P7. At this point his main problem became evident as his suspension collapsed forcing him to retire from the race.

The midfield battle saw Renault’s Daniel Ricciardo lead the charge and eventually finish an incredible P6.

A needed victory for the Australian driver as he has suffered from a plethora of mechanical and strategic issues this season. Following behind Ricciardo where the ever dominant McLarens with Lando Norris finishing in P7 and Carlos Sainz in P4.

Another notable performance came from Red Bull’s Alex Albon who suffered contact during the packed first turn, dropping him into a lowly P12. In what has become Albon’s signature move, the Thai driver brilliantly cut through the midfield as he worked his way back up to the top finishing in an excellent P5.

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But following close behind was Lewis Hamilton, who with his second place finish secured enough points to take the title.

Formula 1 now heads to Brazil for its second to last race of the season as this year of racing begins to wind down.

The championship battle may be over but there is plenty of action continuing until the end.

Verstappen continues to bring the fight to Ferrari as he tries to finish third in the championship and the midfield remains alive as driver’s continue to fight as high as possible to secure seats for next season.

With only two races left, the drivers are eager to continue the fight and finish the season strong.
They are simply not good enough. Not in the last game, and not for the entire season.

A last ditch effort and shred of competence kept dwindling playoff hopes alive for the Bears, but at 3-5, they are who they are.

No matter what they thought they were going to be or what fans thought they could be, no occasional flashes of success can convince us the playoffs are still possible.

The Bears improbable comeback after trailing 19-0 midway through the third quarter against the Eagles in Philadelphia was too late to matter and filled with poor execution.

A dropped screen pass and horrific third-down defense sealed the fate in which they so very much deserved after a first half in which they gained nine total yards of offense.

The 22-14 loss was the Bears fourth straight in a dismal season, and what matters down the stretch is how they can recognize their mistakes and correct them.

It's on second year head coach Matt Nagy to do that.

Fans don't want to hear about slow and steady progress by quarterback Mitch Trubisky, who in his third season in the NFL, is too often confused and overwhelmed by the situation in front of him.

Nagy seems to feel he needs to keep encouraging and promoting his broken signal caller, by constantly talking about his good throws and reads while ignoring what still feels good in such a bad series of events.

"It's no consolation prize, but the guys fought to the end," Nagy said after the game, awarding a consolation prize. "I'm learning that our team is strong. We need to support one another."

His participation trophy had best be made of platinum if he is to weather the inevitable storm that is sure to come after this last place team, a storm strong enough that it will go beyond just this season and short-term expectations. It will require the Bears to see what the rest of us are seeing.

Nagy said after the Bears loss in London to the Raiders on Oct. 6 that he knew what needed to be fixed after their bye week, before they got dismantled at home by the Saints. After that, he continued to say they had a productive week practicing at Halas Hall before they got beat by theudging Chargers.

Bears' fans trust in Nagy dwindles with each loss tossed into the dumpster fire, and we have to hope a nice dose of reality will finally clear the smoke and flames.

Bears need a reality check

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Hot MU offense runs out of gas in the fourth

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Freshmen Jon Haynes extends his arm to corral a catch along the side lines in the 26-21 loss to Bloomsburg.

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Chicago Bears’ struggles have hindered their playoff hopes.

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LIEBL CONTINUES TO DOMINATE,
MARAUDERS SHUT-OUT SHEPHERD 4-0

Marauder senior Kay Liebl was back at it again scoring two goals against Shepherd this past Saturday as the women’s soccer team proves once again, they are here to wreak havoc all over the PSAC this season.

Millersville’s offense came out looking for blood days after Halloween and by out shooting Shepherd 32-5, the Marauders easily cruised to a 4-0 shutout victory over the Rams.

After scoring a hat trick in Millersville’s previous game with Mansfield last Wednesday, Liebl followed up that performance with two more goals of her own on Saturday, pushing her total to five in two games.

She also managed to fire off six shots total, four being on goal, and had one assist to go along with what was another outstanding performance from the Millersville senior.

Though Liebl has put the team on her back the past two games, the work of other Marauders can’t go unnoticed.

In the 4th minute of what was still a young soccer game, the Marauders earned a corner kick. Liebl used her power to kick the ball from the corner to the near side post. As the ball bounced off a multitude of players, Marauder Kylie Sullivan gained control of the ball and found the back of the net to open the scoring for Millersville.

For the next 33 minutes the game remained at a 1-0 stand still until Liebl held the ball in the left side of the box. Teammate Morgan Winchock came sprinting in from the top of the box and Liebl very efficiently, past the ball to Winchock. As the ball rolled over to Winchock, she fired off a rocket that deflected off a defender and into the goal, giving the Marauders a 2-0 lead with eight minutes until halftime.

The second half is where Liebl shined with two goals of her own. However, another Marauder had a heavy impact on the game.

Though junior Lauren Downey did not score any points, she did cause trouble for the Shepherd defense. Taking aim six times at the goal with half of her shots being on goal, Downey was able to maneuver her way through the opposing defense, leaving Shepherd dumbfounded and wondering how do we stop her?

The shut-out gives Millersville a total of ten on the year and the record all time for the Marauders is 12 in one season. With two games left on the slate, Liebl and her teammates will push hard to tie the schools record.

Millersville can easily take their foot off the gas with their final two games of the year against East Stroudsburg and Bloomsburg having already clinched a playoff spot, but we know that isn’t going to happen.

As the Marauders take the field Wednesday Nov. 6th and Saturday Nov. 9th to wrap up their season, look for them to keep the pedal to the metal enroute to what is hopefully going to be a deep playoff push.