Remembering Huong So

‘One Day Give’ raises over $291,000

#Villevotes gets students involved

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Huong So, age 24, passed away on Feb. 18. She was a sophomore business administration major from Philadelphia, where her parents still reside. Ms. So attended Horace Howard Furness High School in Philadelphia and started at Millersville in fall of 2018. At Millersville, she was a member of our Pre-Scholars Summer Institute and the Migrant Education program.

Her memorial service was held at McComsey, Ford Atrium on Feb. 24th. Many students and faculty gathered together to honor Huong So.

Huong was beloved by the community of Millersville University. Keiri Gonzalez, class of 2018, and Apsara Uprety, a sophomore and English and Social Work major worked with Huong So during PSSI. Keiri Gonzalez quotes, "She was one of the sweetest, most hardworking, kindest, warmest, and persistent students I have ever worked with. Throughout my time working with students, she was one of the students who was the sweetest soul. We all love and appreciate her."

Apsara Uprety reminisced about her during their time in PSSI, "Huong was a person that always highlighted our day. She made us laugh when we needed it the most. She made us feel like family in general. Even though we don't have the same parents, we were like sisters to each other and we also lived together since freshman year. In the past year, she always used to surprise me with the stuff she bought for me. One day when I was about to leave my house to go to the grocery store, I saw a gift in front of our door. I wondered whose gift it was. I went and saw a sticky note outside the box; the gift was for me. I was so surprised, and I felt like I knew who gave it to me, but I was not so sure.

Then later that day, I found out it was from Huong. I still remember that, and it makes me think about the things she did for me and the time we spent together. But now based on what happened on February 18, I can't imagine that I lost my sister. You will be missed Huong, and our memories with you will be with us forever."

Huong So still inspires the MU community even after her passing. In the wake of Huong's death, Aspara wants to remind everyone to never leave a conversation unfinished without saying goodbye.

"...Never end a meeting, call or any kind of conversation without a proper goodbye because we never know when our last days are. Always remember to spread love.”

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Millersville's One Day Give is a day of generous giving back to the university from students, alumni, faculty, parents and friends of Millersville University.

This year’s One Day Give took place on Thursday, Feb. 27 and was a record-breaking day of giving. 1,331 total gifts were given from Marauders all around the country, and the total amount raised was $291,867, the most money ever raised from One Day Give.

Many of Millersville's athletic teams took to social media to push One Day Give. The team that donates the most money, adding a competitive aspect to a day of charity.

One Day Give and encourage donations, raising $10,185 with 123 gifts. Women's volleyball rounded out the top three, raising $2,025 with 68 gifts received. The university posted challenges for givers, giving away a pair of Millersville socks for any student or faculty members who donated a gift of $20 or more. The Alumni Association challenge promised a $10,000 donation if 150 donations were made by 11 a.m. Millersville University employees who donate a gift had two opportunities to receive $1,000 for whichever charity they liked. Outside organizations also matched donations as they came in. Northwestern Mutual contributed $100 for every 100 athletic gifts given, up to $10,000. The College of Science and Technology also added incentives for giving, including growing the Biology department by donating equipment. Student Services Inc. matched dollar-for-dollar every gift that was donated by students.

The money that was received from One Day Give goes back to students in the form of scholarships and other opportunities for students, creating an even more successful environment for students at Millersville University.

One Day Give breaks records

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RACHEL LAUGHLIN
Associate Arts & Culture Editor

Millersville University hosted the 13th annual Science Olympiad this past Saturday, February 29th.

Coordinated by two professors in the chemistry department, Dr. Kathryn Allen and Dr. Daniel Albert, Science Olympiad is a scholarly competitive event for middle and high school students to strive for the best scores in various science topics.

52 schools in total were registered to participate in this year’s Olympiad, consisting of 19 middle schools and 33 high schools.

The Olympiad hosted different evaluation activities from numerous science fields available at Millersville including Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Engineering, Technology; many aspects of STEM curricula often taught in schools.

Usually, students were given a problem or task and graded based on how accurately they performed, or the results given.

For example, one event called “Crime Busters” gave middle school students a criminal case (this year was a case where a locker had been broken into) and students were given a series of clues and a set of forensic analytical tests to perform to analyze the evidence and identify the culprit.

While the majority of the “Crime Busters” evaluation was based on if the students identified compounds or fingerprints correctly, they were also graded on their case conclusions and correctly identified which of the characters in the case was the culprit.

While the results of the events, and the tops-scoring schools have not been posted online, the best scoring schools will proceed to another event held at Juniata College on April 25th.

CHLOE BARRETT
Associate News Editor

According to Millersville University Police on Thursday, February 20th, University Police were alerted that students were alarmed by a post made on a Millersville University Class of 2022 Facebook page.

The post, made by Spencer Hoch, had students feeling threatened by a post via email.

According to the information provided by University Police, “the District Attorney’s office found the post rose to the level of criminal harassment due to the alarm it caused to the Millersville University Community.”

Spencer Hoch was then advised against coming to campus until this matter was solved.

Chief Anders forwarded the post to the Lancaster County District Attorney’s office for review.

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Spencer Hoch was charged with harassment, a misdemeanor of the third degree.
According to MU Blogs, Dr. Carrie Smith, associate sociology professor at Millersville, was elected Borough President.

Smith began her campaign within the summer of 2019, she was elected to the Millersville Borough Council in November of 2019 and then elected to council president in January 2020. Smith spent the summer campaigning that would lead to her eventual win in the Borough President in January 2020.

According to MU Blogs Smith said, “Campaigning is not for the weak,” she said. “It was hot, it was muggy; on some days, it was dispiriting. Because Millersville is a smaller borough, there’s actually more of a pressure too canvas all of it.”

Upon her win, according to MU Blogs, Smith said, “It was tiring, and it was surreal. At the end of it, I sat down and realized ‘OK, this is happening,’” Smith said. “I was also immensely grateful for the people who helped me get there. It’s a big team of people, from the people who design the website, the campaign manager, my family who was in this from the very beginning; it’s a lot of gratefulness.”

Smith received the second-most number of votes out of anyone that was on the ballot on election night.

On Jan. 14, 2020, Smith was able to chair her first borough meeting. According to MU Blogs, Smith said, “I’m a sociologist so I love learning how different organizations work,” she said. “I think if you go in with that approach, it’s a lot to learn but it’s also enlightening. It can be a joy to learn something new.”

Being a professor at Millersville, Smith puts an emphasis on learning. As said in MU Blogs, “I spend 90% of my time in the Millersville borough,” Smith said. “There’s an investment when you spend this much time to make sure that the borough does well and there’s a good quality of life for people.”

Smith was born in Singapore. She then moved to California, attending community college and transferred to the University of California at Santa Cruz to continue her bachelor’s degree. She earned her masters and doctorate from Vanderbilt University. She then took a job teaching sociology at Millersville University.

According to MU Blogs, “Smith also grew more and more interested in the workings of American politics. Her voting record is consistent and reliable since becoming a citizen around nine years ago. She made so many appearances voting in local elections that greeters at polling stations told her she should run for office.”

Smith said, “I think a lot of people think, electoral politics, local ordinances, I don’t know anything about that,” she said. “People said to me you may think you don’t know it, but you can learn.”

Smith hopes with her new elected position, she can bridge the communication gap between Millersville University and the Millersville borough.

She understands that there will be challenges ahead but is looking forward to solving new problems.

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Time to clean up Millersville

SHAUN LUCAS
Associate Opinion Editor

Millersville University is considered a “green college,” as university leaders alter aspects of the campus for increased efficiency of resources. In fact, the 2019 Princeton Review Guide-rated Millersville among the top 50 most environmentally friendly campuses in the United States. Yet, students as late as 2020 do not reflect the same sentiment fitting of our healthy reputation.

For the past few weeks, I’ve noticed a staggering increase in students leaving stew, condiments, and even food waste through all the buildings I’ve visited on campus. Perhaps the best example would be the entrance to “The Upper Deck,” as I nearly stepped in a meter long trail of squashed potato wedges.

I’m not the only one who seems to have noticed. In “Club De’Ville” at the SMC, the televisions have new signs next to them taken notice: in “Club De’Ville” at the SMC, the televisions have new signs next to them to remind students to clean up the area where they are.

This type of behavior is pretty unacceptable for students at the college level. From a young age, we are taught to pick up after ourselves, especially in a more public setting. Not picking up trash only tells MU after ourselves, especially in a more public setting. Not picking up trash only tells MU that only He can properly fill.

All in all, just pick up the trash. I get that the weeks leading up to Spring Break are a bit disastrous. However, keep working hard and take the precious seconds to throw away your trash. Patience is a virtue, and will also reward those who don’t pollute.

Pastor John’s Biblical Ted Talk

Growing up in the 1960’s and 70’s was quite an experience in that there was so much “transition in the culture” going on. The term “generation gap” was invented by the media to describe the great differences between the world and values that parents had and grew up under and that of what their children were now experiencing and embracing. One of the greatest catalysts contributing to the generation gap was known as “the British invasion” of music (think Beatles, Dave Clark Five, and a host of others) along with “Elvis,” The Rolling Stones, and the whole “counterculture” sound and attitude.

It seemed like everything was changing, and it really was. Christianity and church attendance was on the decline in the 70’s to describe the great differences on the increase. Along with the “preaching of new values and new morality through music”, there was the “as- sists” of inventions of: the electric guitar, rock music invention of the “pill” (birth control), the mini skirt, bell bottom pants. Long hair, tie dye clothing was the “new identity”, and a “eat, drink, and be merry for tomorrow we die” attitude that was being declared and promoted on T.V. and in the media. Religiously there was the push towards eastern religions via Transcendental Medita- tion, the Hari Krishna’s on campus, and the “Moonies” (followers of the Korean guru Yung Sun Moon).

I attended WCU in the early 70’s and experienced the “counter culture” in full force that was taking off on most U.S. college campuses. Open drug use in the dorms was common and even the college administration and professors were swept away with this new movement. It was not uncommon for my roommates and I to host a keg party and have several of our college professors show up. As a college student my values, goals, and morality were completely different than my parents “old victorian” values.

Because “beliefs have consequences” there were giant repercussions in my life, and not necessarily for the better. Of course there have been giant conse- quences in the U.S. from these “new cultural norms”, established in the 60’s and 70’s, as well. So, I had anything but a normal campus Minister background during my early years up through age 25. After exhausting myself in the pursuit of money, wom- en, and athletic accomplishment on a national level I became cynical about the meaning and purpose of life, like so many of my friends and those my age. Even though I had a great job, had girlfriends, owned my own condo at age 22, and had the respect of others for ongoing athletic accomplishments I was very empty inside and craving for something more meaningful than gaining more of the “American dream”. Looking back on it all, I believe God was allowing me to gain all the things that the culture says will satisfy us and give pur- pose. I believe He was helping me to see that these things can never satisfy the “God shaped void” that He has fashioned in the heart of every one of us, that only He can properly fill.

As individuals, and as an observant generation I believe it’s time to honestly look back on what the 60’s and 70’s cultural revolution has brought us, without worrying about being biased or “politically correct.” Fifty to sixty years “after the fact” gives us plenty of time to make observations about the “whimisical change” that I, and our country, have gone through.

It’s time to come out of our myopic view of life, take a few steps back to get a broader view of our coun- try and its culture, and ask some hard questions as to why we are not only not doing better as a people and as a country but actually doing worse!

However you want to measure quality of life in macro measurements, we are failing and actually spi- raling downward.

Consider a few critical areas which can give us direction in what to expect for the future direction of our nation, unless we reverse course. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) we have an increasing problem with our suicide rate as a nation. Perhaps this is one of the biggest “revels” that is very wrong in our culture and values. Suicide has become the 2nd leading cause of death among teens, and has increased substantially in our senior citizens aged 75 and above.

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The question should be posed to autistic people First

NICK HUGHES
Opinion Editor

I am at a sort of crossroads right now. My ability to identify as autistic is the cause of this and I believe that a shift in language is necessary here. I want to say that I am autistic, not that I am an autistic man. This is the debate that is dividing autistic people and people associated with autistic people.

I used to be of the school of thought that would say, “I am a man with autism, and I prefer people-first language.” Now, however, I prefer to say, “Autistic man.” I discussed this topic in detail prior to this writing, but I have switched positions mostly due to my knowledge of myself growing and knowledge of autism growing.

Autism, for those who do not know, is a way of thinking, feeling and interacting with others based upon social interactions. I used to say it is a social anxiety disorder, but I have come to realize it is much more than just anxiety-based. It is a puzzle that I am happy to leave unfinished.

Speaking of the puzzle piece, I see the puzzle piece imagery a lot and I am not too fond of it. I used to be big on the puzzle piece imagery a lot and I am not too fond of it. I used to say it is a social anxiety-based image to describe autistic people. We are not broken, as a puzzle is, and we are not a mystery to be figured out. We are people and a lot of us do not appreciate the puzzle piece.

The people that I interact with that support the puzzle piece are not autistic. To me, it seems illogical to say that I cannot say what I want to identify me in terms of imagery. Think of it like this: I tell you what you should feel about “X” and I think that you should act like this about “X.” It feels off, doesn’t it? I know it does because I am told that I am required to like the puzzle piece and the implications that follow it. I do not feel obligated to like the puzzle piece because I am autistic.

There are some autistic people, completely in their right, that says the puzzle piece is a hate symbol. I disagree with that extreme, but I understand the reasoning is to say it is a hate piece. People who support the puzzle piece do so, initially at least, do so because the puzzle piece symbolizes hope to them. I hope that others know about autism and can help them out with autism-based questions. I support the wanting to help you child but saying that the puzzle piece is wholly innocent is misguided.

Autism is a sticky issue and those affected by it have an understanding of autism, but that understanding does not come close to living with autism. I have progressed to points where I am okay with having and living with autism. I do not see it as just a negative and I embrace the good qualities of autism. Granted, panic attacks are not fun at all, but I have them the same as anxiety attacks often enough, but I despise it when people say that autism is completely bad.

On January 30, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declared a public health emergency due to the coronavirus. This virus, first detected in China, spread to over 50 countries including the United States. The spread has caused Chinese people and others of Asian descent to be on the receiving end of verbal and physical attacks. Considering the situation, it is still inexcusable to be racist.

Newspapers and news stations continue to report on the verbal abuse that Chinese American citizens have been facing in the past month since the coronavirus outbreak began. NBC News reported in February that in New York City, a man verbally assaulted a Chinese woman who was wearing a facemask and called her and all Chinese people diseased. CNN highlighted a subway in Los Angeles, when a man started yelling that Chinese people are filthy and that all diseases have come from China. Besides being inaccurate, this verbal abuse eventually escalates and leads to physical attacks on Asians.

According to CNN, a 23-year-old Chinese man was physically assaulted in London because of his race. After being attacked, his cousin, Jonathan Thok, received a few fractures and may even need to get reconstructive surgery to fix the damage.

All these hate-fueled attacks occurred because of the xenophobic mindset surrounding those fearful of the coronavirus.

Financially, Chinese restaurants have also taken a blow from the racist accusations. The Guardian and the New York Times report a recent decline in foot traffic visiting Chinese businesses in both Los Angeles and New York City. Locals as well as tourists have been re-fraining from visiting these shops out of fear and ignorance, worried they will contract a disease that is not there. Chinatowns and other Asian communities are not harboring this virus. Merchants have been getting hit and some have even had to close their businesses because of lack of customers.

America claims to be about acceptance, yet it doesn’t seem accepting for Americans to lash out at a group of people based on misinformation and fear. Anyone, regardless of race or ethnicity, can contract the coronavirus. Chinese Americans aren’t any more susceptible to it compared to any other race. It is igno-rant to believe that they are automatically carriers of this new virus.

It is inexcusable to be hateful towards people who can’t control the outbreak that has been occurring since the end of January. The coronavirus may be a threat to the public, but Chinese citizens are not.
A lovey dovey crossword puzzle

ACROSS:
1. Loves to Pirating in the Caribbean
5. Part of the lovely tale
8. Loves to perch on a hunter's glove
11. Does not love students when they disturb the lair of the pond
12. Does not love coal mines
14. Has a tune as sweet as nectar
16. The lovable rulers of Antarctica
19. Everything tastes like this lovely fowl
21. Loves the city life
22. Loves to gulp
24. Loves to be a state bird a lot
26. "Lovey _____y!"
28. A beloved extinct flightless bird
29. A lovable flightless parrot of New Zealand
30. Would love to be pardoned from dinner this year, and the next
31. A beloved symbol of America

DOWN:
2. The beloved sidekick of Batman
3. Lovable Quacker
4. Harry loves his Hedwig
6. Loves carrion, or roadway floor-food
7. Loves Romantic "Poe"try
8. Lovely to stand on one foot in a coat of pink
9. Makes a lovely, non-beefy burger
10. A lovely, tiny, and Australian parrot that comes in many colors
13. Loves the twinkling of the night sky
15. Anyone love Aflac?
17. People do love its baseball stadium
18. It’s poetic singing after dusk is loved by Shakespeare, Milton, Keats, and Virgil
19. Loves construction, and lifting pylons
20. Loveable as a fruit or bird of New Zealand
22. Loves to deliver newborns by airmail
23. Feathers of flight made of melted candles
24. Does not love scares in cornfields
25. Loves to castle on the chessboard
27. As an adjective it is not love-like, but warlike

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Community members learn process of maple sugaring

Lancaster County Central Park hosted a maple sugaring event on Saturday, February 22 in Pavilion 21. Through five different stations, visitors had the option to learn how to tap a tree, boil sap to syrup, and how to make candies from that maple syrup.

This annual event first started in 1976 and is currently set up by Lisa Sanchez, a Park Naturalist of the Lancaster County Department of Parks and Recreation. These public demonstrations are for community members, as well as the occasional school group and scout troop.

The first station was set up with a Naturalist giving a brief history of how tapping trees began with Native Americans. They would dig into the trees with stones and use a whittled piece of wood as a sieve. European settlers eventually brought metal, which was a better way to tap trees because it was less destructive.

In the second station a park ranger with an environmental science background, Alex Manwiller, gave a demonstration of how to physically tap trees. In this area, he explained that 40 gallons of sap will only make one gallon of maple syrup. On a good sap day, tree-tappers get one gallon of sap per tree, connecting why maple syrup is expensive in grocery stores.

Manwiller also shows the ways to identify a sugar maple tree: the ends of their branches are pointed and their leaves look like the leaf on the Canadian flag.

The third station, and the second step in the maple syrup making process, took place in the Sugar Shack. This outdoor pavilion holds large, rectangular pans designed to boil the water out of the sap. As the steam comes off the sap, water leaves, allowing the sap to turn into a thick syrup. This smoky station left community members walking away smelling of campfire smoke.

Station four consisted of a smaller version of the previous station. The Syrup Finishing Station was a demonstration of a step that allows extra water to boil off the sap in a controlled way. This allows the liquid to get the thicker texture and consistency of syrup. The Naturalist explains that density and temperature are the best ways to check if the syrup is finally finished. Once complete, the syrup is filtered through a cloth to get rid of any dirt particles and impurities.

The final station is the Maple Candy Station. Lisa Sanchez shows community members how to make maple sugar candy out of the syrup. She goes through the different grades of maple syrup and talks about the difference between pure maple syrup and “pancake syrup.” “At the very end of the sugaring season, a black and bitter tasting syrup is produced. That is actually the commercial grade syrup. Well, that’s the syrup that they take and sell to the people who ruin it—makers of pancake syrup,” Sanchez explains. This number one ingredient in this type of syrup is corn syrup, followed by water and high fructose corn syrup.

Once the demonstration was over, the group tried some of the candy Sanchez made. She also included brief information about the spotted lantern fly and how they have the potential to endanger the sugar maple trees.

At the far end of the pavilion, Patterson Farms was selling different maple products like syrup, candies, cream, and cotton candy. They even had BBQ sauce and salad dressing made with their maple syrup. They are a Pennsylvania maple product company that sells quality, pure maple syrup goods.
 MU club commits to sustainability

Climate change is a hot topic in the public forum recently. Earth’s denizens are getting fed up with inaction and the status quo of unsustainable and irresponsible living. The greatest cure for the existential dread and anger infesting eco-conscious individuals is action, and that is exactly what MU’s sustainability committee intends to do. Millersville set up an entire department to oversee sustainability on campus headquartered in The Lombardo Welcome Center, the flagship of eco-friendliness on campus. Chris Steuer, Director of Sustainability, believes it is important to engage students and get them involved in sustainability goals, which is where the Student Sustainability Committee comes in.

The committee had a temporary hiatus over the past semester due to a lack in leadership, but Lauren Coca stepped up to fill the position, which is now an elected position in the SGA. In the past, the committee has worked with the department to promote sustainable living primarily through education initiatives. They offered study groups and opportunities to learn about ways they could be more sustainable through initiatives like a Green Commute Month and tabling events through PSCU. The former committee chair, Mamie Covell, organized a DIY reusable bag night to educate students on upcycling, a method of turning old items into useful ones.

The current committee chair, Lauren Coca, wants to expand efforts and organize more events to give Millersville students an opportunity to engage in sustainability. A lot of groups and people interested in sustainability and the environment advocate for changes, but she wants the committee to be focused on actually taking action, “I want to be a club that actually does something besides holding meetings,” she said.

With the 50th anniversary of Earth Day approaching in April 2020, there is additional pressure for the committee to ramp up its efforts. One recurring Millersville event is MU Un-Plugged, a competition between residence halls to reduce energy consumption which takes place in late March. Coca also wants to organize more local clean-ups and ramp up participation in events like clothing drives. In particular, a monthly jean drive organized by Dolomething.org offers money to universities that contribute the most donations.

For Earth Day, the whole month of April will be dedicated to pushing out sustainable activities and awareness. A tabling event of up to 50 student and community organizations is planned to give their causes a platform, as well as seeing how they can integrate sustainability into their work. Getting artists involved in producing works themed around issues like climate change, getting the dining halls to be more sustainable by reducing waste by 20% by 2025 are two other initiatives proposed.

University president, Daniel Wubah has stated, “Our place is unique. Millersville—located in the middle of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania—a location known internationally for its rich history of stewardship of the land,” in a forward to the sustainability departments climate action plan. It is a continuation of that stewardship that the Student Sustainability Committee represents.

Despite Starbucks moving in down the street, Lancaster community members continue to support local coffee shops.

This new Starbucks could be a sign of a rise of gentrification in the Lancaster community. The New York Post even named Lancaster City, “The New Brooklyn,” but it looks like Lancaster residents and employees are staying loyal to the local coffee shops in their neighborhood.

Downtown Lancaster is home to hundreds of eclectic small businesses, some of the most popular being their cozy, yet artisanal coffee shops. In late October 2019, one of the largest coffee chains in the world, Starbucks, opened up shop right in the heart of downtown Lancaster.

On the corner of Queen Street & Orange, Starbucks opened in extremely close proximity to local coffee shops such as Café One Eight, Prince Street Café, Aura Espresso Room, and Passenger Coffee and Tea Showroom. According to Lancaster Online by staff writer, Chad Umble, talks about the fact that when the news broke about the Starbucks opening so close to home, there were a few concerned business owners. “Some concerned residents even met with city officials to try to stop Starbucks,” Umble writes.

However, it comes as no surprise that business for the local coffee shops still thrive even with the coffee giant entering their territory. In Susquehanna Style Magazine, Lancaster City Alliance President, Marshall Snively says, “The heart of the city is built on entrepreneurship.”

Lancaster Newspaper conducted a survey with 135 participants, consisting of employees of downtown Lancaster. The survey showed that 85% of Lancaster employees prefer to give their business to the local coffee shops. The leading answers being convenience and taste. 53% of the participants answered that their reasoning for choosing the local coffee shops are to support local businesses.

While many Lancaster residents and employees like to support their small businesses, Lancaster natives have a special kind of relationship with their local coffee shops. Lydia Ostrowski, a Millersville University student and Lancaster local coffee shop frequent, talks about her visits, “I’m from this area so I’ve been going to the small, local coffee shops like Café One Eight and Prince Street Café for years. I prefer them over Starbucks, because you can get that anywhere, but these local cafes are only here in Lancaster.”

Some local coffee shop customers also prefer the more intimate environment that the small businesses provide compared to large chains like Starbucks. Prince Street Café regular, Janice Garcia, says, “I go to Prince Street Café once a week to have coffee with my friend from high school to catch up and hang out. I like the laid-back atmosphere that I feel like Starbucks just doesn’t have.”

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MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY SUSTAINABILITY AMBASSADORS CELEBRATE EARTH DAY.
MU celebrates Super Tuesday with the Walker Fellows

Every four years, the Walker Center for Civic Responsibility and Leadership hosts an event to celebrate Super Tuesday, which falls on March 3 in 2020. This carnival themed viewing party will be a place for students to play games as well as enjoy free food in the Student Memorial Center. Event-goers can participate in balloon art, airbrush tattoos, giveaways, and games like a coin toss, bottle ringer, and goldfish game.

Super Tuesday consists of a single day when the greatest number of U.S. states vote for the primaries. It is one of the most determining voting days with 14 participating states and one U.S. territory.

Members of the Civic and Community Leader Professional Development Program, also known as Walker Fellows, organize events like this one on campus. This event in particular holds importance due to its goal to get students and community members involved.

Robert S. Walker, a U.S. Congressman and Millersville University alumnus, endowed the university with money to create a civic center with the promise that there would be a group of students who would annually be taught about engagement and leadership through the center. Through events and activities on campus, Walker Fellows learn about engagement and leadership in the community.

Daniel Irwin, one of the Walker Fellows, talks about what he hopes the Millersville community will get out of the organization, “If we can get students out to vote, that’s great. We’re bipartisan, so we just want to get people out, get involved, and supply them with the knowledge necessary for them to go and make decisions for themselves.”

One of Irwin’s takes on the Walker Center for Civic Responsibility and Leadership is that it is a way for students to get experience and make connections. He explains, “Getting to work with people in a network and host events like this is great. I really enjoy being involved in the community, and this is the best way to do it.”

The Super Tuesday event on Millersville’s campus supports the idea of getting students and community members involved in the area of voting. While working toward civic responsibility, the program members get students to take part in games and similar entertaining activities.
Art Gallery spotlights local artists

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The Millersville University Women’s Basketball season concluded on Saturday, and quite frankly, it’s one the women would like to forget. Going a dismal 8-19 overall and a worse 5-17 in the PSAC, the Marauders certainly faced major struggles this season. The issues were blatant on Saturday as Millersville took on Lock Haven and fell 74-60. Lock Haven shot 9-of-10 from the charity stripe.

After the half, the Bald Eagles took their foot off the gas as Millersville started to heat up, but it was just too little too late. Going into the fourth, Millersville was still down by 14, and a huge fourth quarter had to be in the cards for the Marauders. For a brief second it looked like it was, with the Marauders opening up the final quarter on a 6-0 run and cutting the lead to eight. However, the struggles that were so apparent in the beginning of the game resurfaced as Millersville gave up seven consecutive points, ultimately sealing their fate.

Just over two minutes into the second quarter, Lock Haven took a commanding 20-point lead. In an effort to steady the offense, Millersville’s Lauren Lister and Olivia Mottet hit back to back threes, but their efforts proved mute as the Bald Eagles took the wind out of Millersville’s sails from the opening tip.

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At the end of the day, all the money is about winning. An organization does things due to it impacting attendance of Spurs games. The league decreed that to rest players, a certain amount of notice would have to be given so the fans would know whether their favorite stars were participating in the game. Thus, load management was born.

Load management has been a serious topic of debate since its inception. Fans get angry when the best player on their favorite team is sitting despite being healthy and they end up losing because of it.

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MU drops final game of dreadful season

Lock Haven won the game on the glass out rebounding Millersville 52-23, while also shooting at a better clip from the charity stripe.

Though the bright spots of Millersville’s efforts in their season finale are few and far between there were some highlights to note. First, the team celebrated senior Courtney Dimoff as she played her final collegiate game. Second, junior Lauren Lister continued her tremendous and historical season dropping 24 points and playing a lengthy 40 minutes on the floor. On the season, Lister averaged 25.5 points, four assists, and six rebounds per game.

Lister has been the shining light on MU women’s basketball this season and will certainly be next year when she returns for her senior season. Her consistent poise and her ability to make the most happen while playing on a team that has struggled has kept her a powerhouse player in the PSAC and more importantly for the Marauders.

Millersville is a young team with only one senior leaving in Dimoff. With the team being as young as it is, it gives the Marauders and head coach Mary Fleig a chance to go into the offseason and reevaluate themselves. Having a core group of young players build on rejuvenant seasons is usually what makes teams a lot better by the time the next season rolls around.

The Marauders didn’t have the season they’d like and definitely fell flat. With that being said, Lister and the young Marauder group will be hungry next season to come out and ultimately win that PSAC title. A lot of work needs to be done first but it is definitely achievable if the Marauders go into the offseason with the right mentality and don’t stay down on their luck.

Load management: what does it actually mean?

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Kawhi Leonard, now a member of the Los Angeles Clippers, was the original perpetrator for this new method. All last season, while a member of the Toronto Raptors, Leonard was held out of games, missing 22 regular season matchups thanks to load management.

This method paid off for the Raptors in the long run, as Leonard led the long-suffering franchise to their first NBA championship on an epic and unforeseen run.

Leonard was named finals MVP and cemented his name in Canadian sports lore. Did load management help bring the Raptors a much-needed title?

Load management has been used in the past, but in much smaller doses and typically just to limit minutes inside a game. Today, it’s much more than simply resting players for games or limiting minutes. Players take time off working out, traveling, practicing and attending team meetings.

The idea behind this is to remove the players from stress related situations, both physically and mentally, to create a more relaxing environment that keeps the players feeling rested and at their peak.

Greg Popovich, one of the greatest NBA coaches of all time, was a well-documented user of load management. It just wasn’t yet called that. Every week, the Spurs, coached by Popovich, would have his older players such as Tim Duncan, Manu Ginobili and Tony Parker all sit out of games. They would appear on the injury report as “DNF-Rest.” The league, however, did not take kindly to Popovich’s ways.

They said that he could no longer do such a thing due to it impacting attendance of Spurs games. The league decreed that to rest players, a certain amount of notice would have to be given so the fans would know whether their favorite stars were participating in the game. Thus, load management was born.

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Marauders dominate in early season blowouts

The Marauders returned home to The Coop on Sunday, March 1, to face Goldey-Beacom, who they had just played a double-header against the day before. Millersville hosted two more, making for a total of four games against Goldey-Beacom in two days. Junior pitcher Jeff Taylor took the mound, coming off of a strong start the last time he took the bump against Nyack College, and he looked to continue that against Goldey-Beacom.

The Marauders backed Taylor a quick lead in the bottom of the second inning when senior outfelder Mannring Broekhorns drove in a run. Millersville would make the inning a big one, tacking on four more runs giving the Marauders a 5-0 lead early, the fifth run coming from sophomore Corey Woodcock stealing home. Goldey-Beacom would answer with a run of their own with a solo home run off of Timven Thomas to get Goldey-Beacom on the board.

Game two would respond with another big inning, plating four runs in the home half of the fourth inning. Woodcock scored on a sacrifice fly off of the bat of Eric Callahan. Jimmy Losh then tripled down the right field line, scoring two. Losh then scored on a wild pitch, giving Millersville a dominating lead of 9-1. Millersville improved to 10-3 on the season. The Marauders backed Taylor a quick lead in the bottom of the sixth inning. The Marauder bullpen would come in and close out game one, not allowing a hit for the last two innings of the game, securing a 10-1 win.

The second game featured another dominant pitching performance, this time from sophomore pitcher Alex Mykut.

Goldey-Beacom would come back in the second half giving them a sizable halftime lead, 14-5. Millersville would respond with another big inning, putting up seven runs in the seventh inning, putting the game out of reach. Two additional goals padded their lead and the team ran away with it, 20-10.

Sophomore Grace Cobaugh was the standout player of the game, making her the PSAC East Athlete of the Week. Cobaugh had 12 goals on 12 shots and an assist against the Roadrunners on Tuesday, March 3. The Marauders are currently tied for third in the conference thanks to high winds and chilling temperatuers, it had little impact on the Marauders’ play. The scoring wealth was once again spread among the team’s offensive leaders.

Although the Women’s Lacrosse team’s second game was pushed back, thanks to high winds and chilling temperatures, it had little impact on the Marauders’ momentum. They went into Indiana (PA) and put forth another dominant display, once again winning via a 20-10 blowout.

The Marauders scored quickly and often throughout the game. Millersville opened the game with two quick goals and countered any goal Indiana scored. A streak of six straight Marauder goals in the first half gave them a sizable halftime lead, 14-5.

The Marauders have a busy week ahead of them, playing five games at Cooper Park.

“Mills is playing well again after a couple of games against Goldey-Beacom,” coach Shehan said. “We have the arms to do it, and getting more at-bats for our hitters is never bad from a consistency standpoint,” coach Shehan said.

The Marauders have two games against Felician University on Tuesday March 3, and then they play two against Le Moyne, a doubleheader on Saturday, March 7 and one on Sunday, March 8.
MU WINS PSAC TOURNEY GAME

This Monday the men's basketball team defeated Shepherd University, and gave Millersville their first playoff win in five years. This win sends the Marauders through to the quarterfinals of the PSAC Tournament, but how did they get there?

After losing their second to last game of the season, the Marauders record dropped to 13-14. While this standing was enough to earn them a playoff berth, a win in their final game would additionally secure home court advantage for their first playoff match.

The Marauders faced the Bald Eagles of Lock Haven University, who were 12-13 at the time, and also had the motivation of better playoff seeding. However the desire for the win proved much stronger as the first half ended with them doubling the Bald Eagles score 53-25, and ended the game 94-76. In fact the Marauders kept the lead throughout the entire game. This solid performance was due to substantial performances from Khari Williams, Mekhi Hendricks, as well as the rest of the team.

With this win the Marauders remained home for their playoff game against the Rams of Shepherd University. The Marauders had lost to the Rams both of their matches in the regular season, but would turn the tide for the PSAC Tournament.

The Marauders defense would be a key factor as they accumulated 3 blocks and 10 steals throughout the game (comparatively the Rams were only able to obtain 2 blocks and 2 steals). They were also able to hold onto the lead throughout the majority of the game, only losing the lead twice. Furthermore their offense, though shooting at percentages lower than normal, outscored that of the Rams in both halves.

Caden Najdawi was on the bench during the two regular season games against the Rams, and when given the chance to compete against them in this match he played phenomenally. Najdawi scored 25 points during his 37 minutes of play time, while also making his presence known on defense.

Additionally Khari Williams scored 15 points in the first half alone, which helped create the lead the Marauders would hold during the rest of the game. James Sullivan was the second highest in scoring, and in the final minute connected a long three point shot to put the game on ice.

Coach Casey Stitzel was extremely happy with the win commenting, "It's huge. A lot of people don't understand that when you are rebuilding a program you just don't wake up one year and you are a PSAC champion. There are steps to be taken. We took some steps last year but we didn't respond to the adversity in the second half against Kutztown. This year, it was the complete opposite. We answered the bell. Everyone that played today contributed. The culture is strong. The guys are doing the right stuff. It's cool to see the rebuild starting to take off and hopefully we can take another step Wednesday."

The Marauders won with a convincing score of 79-69, and advance to the PSAC Men's Basketball quarterfinals. They go on the road to face their #1 division seed Shippensburg on Wednesday, March 4. Tip-off is set for 7:30 p.m.