MILLER-TIME SENDS AWARD CEREMONIES INTO OVERTIME

By Roderick Lee
For The Capital Times

The only Miller that we are accustomed to seeing capture headlines during this time of year is all-star Indiana Pacer Reggie Miller who has been known to send a game or two into overtime.

However, at Penn State Harrisburg it's Myra Miller who has torched the award ceremonies by receiving award after award. In essence, Miller's recognition for the legacy she leaves at PSH sent the ceremony into overtime.

Miller, who will graduate this May with a Bachelor of Science in Applied Behavioral Science, racked up her first award at the SGA Awards Ceremony that was held on April 18. She received the Club Contributor Award, which is given annually to the club member who goes above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that their club excels.

"Miller Time" continued at the Annual Student Awards Convocation held on April 29. Miller defined greatness when she received the Eric A. and Josephine S. Walker Award, The Outstanding Behavioral Science Student Award, and Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

The Walker Award is presented annually throughout the university to students whose outstanding qualities of character,

scholarship, leadership and citizenship have positively influenced fellow students and contributed to the well-being of their campus and the reputation of the university as a whole. Walker was president of Penn State from 1956 to 1970.

For her hard work and dedication to the behavioral science department, the faculty selected Miller to receive the Outstanding Behavioral Science Student Award. This award is given annually to the student who has demonstrated leadership through campus organizations, clubs, or activities and service to the community.

As a tradition, Myra received a plaque and a cash award. Miller's name will be added to a permanent plaque in the behavioral science suite. Furthermore, Miller's name will be permanently recorded in Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities.

According to Nancy Leister in the Student Activities office, "Pi Gamma Mu was an inactive club for almost two years. March 2000 Myra followed all of the steps to reactivate the organization, sent out letters to all eligible students and held an induction for about 46 students and one faculty member. All of this happened within a three to four week time span. She worked diligently on programs as Vice President of BSU and co-coordinator of MAEP during the spring 2001 semester, as well as President of Pi Gamma Mu."

Leister goes on to say that Miller was a delight to work with and will do well and succeed in any endeavor she attempts.

Charlotte Spector of the Student Assistance Center added, "I have been impressed with her commitment to the various groups with which she is involved. She sees what needs to be done, and does it. I am really happy that she has been acknowledged by winning these awards."

Miller's most memorable academic experience resulted from her internship during the summer of 2000 at the Native American Reservation in Cherokee, North Carolina. According to Miller, "It was a wonderful opportunity to apply a creative version of my coursework in a practical setting. I feel that my internship experience engendered a wealth of valuable insight that will benefit me academically, professionally and personally for the rest of my life."

After graduation, Miller plans to pursue a Master's of Science in an area related to mental health, in order to become a mental health counselor. Tentatively, Miller's eye is on Shippensburg University. Myra also plans to remain connected to PSH by being an active alumnus and social member of MAEP and BSU

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