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## When Irish Eyes Are Smiling, Look for Sam Millar

By Sara Orozco

What do you get when you find a sensual, able, moralistic, merry individual living life absolutely rigorously?

Certainly not Archie Bunker! But, by taking the first letter of every work of the above question, starting with the "s" in sensual and ending with the "r" in rigorously, and putting them side by side, you can find the answer, Sam Millar.

Although the name might not sound familiar to some, his personality certainly seems to have an effect on those people he meets. For example, UNCA student Judy Honeycutt responds, "Oh you mean the little man with an accent that was arguing over something at the Student Center the other day?" That probably was Sam Millar at the Student Center or the gym, and perhaps at every other building that stands on this campus.

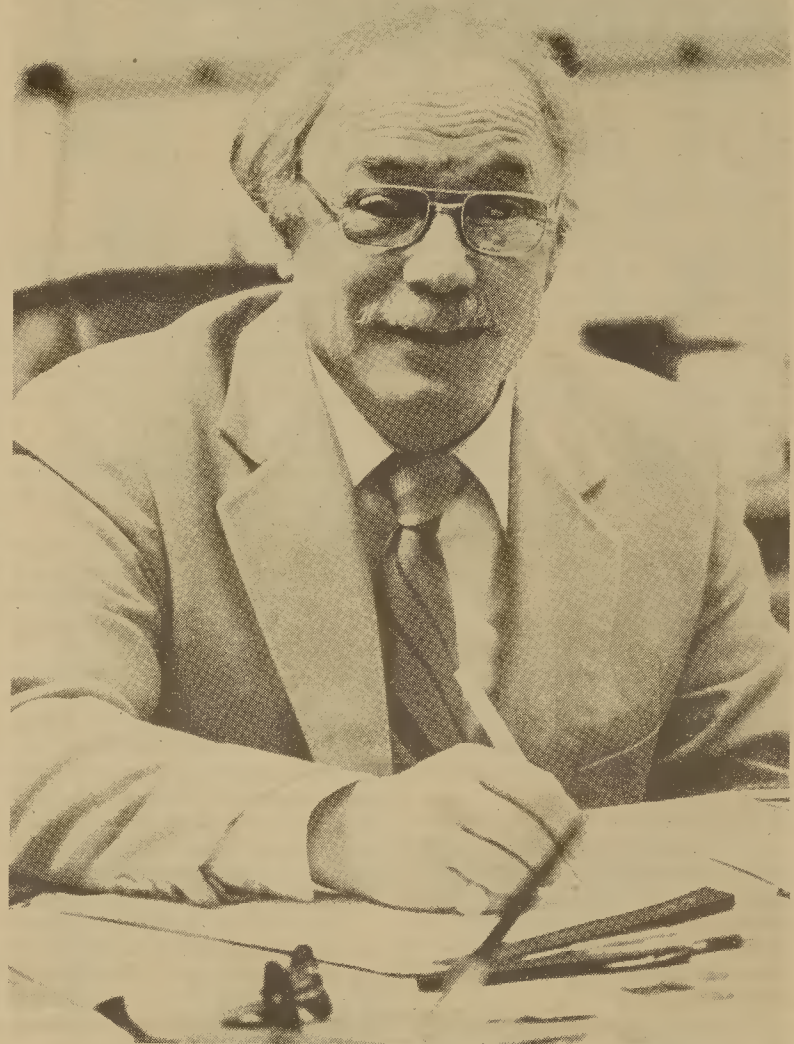
"Being the school's plant engineer, I'm responsible for just about every system that runs at the campus, such as housekeeping, interior and exterior mail, building repairs, landscaping, the street lights that run on our streets, the electric bill and just about everything else," Sam Millar said.

With so many responsibilities, one would think that Millar perches over a wooden desk with papers piled far above his Irish eyes and that not a smile cracks from dawn to dusk. On the contrary, "This place would be a tomb without him," says June Ratcliffe, who has worked for Millar for seven years. She adds, "There's never a dull day with his brilliant sense of humor."

Millar came to Asheville in 1971, after working at Warren Wilson as a mechanical engineer for 14 years.

Originally from England and Ireland, he decided to come to the United States to marry an Arkansas girl whom he met in Hong Kong. He's been married for 33 years, and has two children and two grandchildren.

Millar has also played a major role in the athletic department. "I began the soccer club here in 1971," Millar says proudly. "In 1972 it had turned varsity and in 1975, UNCA was in the district playoffs. But due to too much pressure, I left the soccer program a couple of years ago." Millar's love for soccer continues as he runs the girls' soccer league here in Asheville.



Plant Engineer Sam Millar always manages to smile despite his heavy workload. Staff photo by Carol Whitener

## Pi Lambda Phi gives UNCA a try



Members of the Pi Lambda Phi Fraternity are L-R back row: Steve Gray, Mike Norris, Mort Johnson, Jeff Herron, Thomas Price, Jeff Tankersley, John Patterson, Kazue Miyahara; middle row: Brian Blount, Bill Davey, Kenneth Harris, Touy, Andrew Harrington, Herk Eijkman, Jeff Tankersley; front row: Brian Gillespie, Kevin Cunningham, Kennedy Queen, Thomas Moore, Greg Conner, and Tom Aiken.

Staff photo by Carol Whitener

UNCA founded a new fraternity this year, the 21-member Zeta Alpha Chapter of the Pi Lambda Phi Fraternity.

"UNCA is now ripe for fraternities to become a vital part of the campus," said Kennedy L. Queen, president of the UNCA chapter.

"UNCA showed the largest percentage of increase in enrollment of any of the other state-supported universities last fall. The new residence hall has also contributed greatly to the sense of brotherhood necessary for a fraternity to flourish," Queen said.

According to Queen, "the goals of the Pi Lambda Phi fraternity are first to gain a favorable campus reputation in the eyes of the students, faculty and administration."

Queen said further aims "are to unite the UNCA campus in spirit, in feeling, and in action." The fraternity also seeks to support the school "through such actions as being a cheering section at home basketball games and helping out at campus events," Queen said.

This past semester, the members of the fraternity helped decorate the Student Center for Christmas and also distributed candy canes to all the women living in the residence halls, according to Queen.

Director of Student Activities, Sharyn McDonald, said that while UNCA had never previously had a national fraternity, three have been established within the past two years. She commended the Pi Lambda Phi organization for "doing a really fine job" of assisting with the Christmas dance.

Queen said, "Within the next few years I hope to see Pi Lambda Phi as one of the strongest and most favorable organizations on campus. I am looking forward to inducting our first pledge class in the near future. I am proud to say that Pi Lambda Phi strictly forbids hazing of any form," Queen said.

Other officers this year are Thomas Moore, vice president, John K. Patterson, secretary, Bryan Blount, treasurer, and Kevin Cunningham, sergeant of arms.