



All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.

Calendar of Events

8/23-24		University Meeting Days
8/24		Makeup Orientation for First Year & Transfer Students
8/25	1:30 p.m.	Women's Soccer vs. Edinboro, Soccer Field
8/26	7:30 p.m.	Carina Bolton, Senior Voice Recital, Steadman
8/27		Academic Orientation Day
	11:30 a.m.-	Student Organization Fair, Kelchner
	1:45 p.m.	
	2 p.m.	Convocation, Straughn
	4 p.m.	Fall Classes Begin
	7 p.m.	Jaime Carrier, Senior Voice Recital, Steadman
8/29	4 p.m.	Women's Soccer vs. Shippensburg, Soccer Field

Emergency Notification System Enhanced

In light of the tragedy at Virginia Tech last April, the administration at Mansfield University undertook a detailed study of the school's emergency action plan.

The study revealed an extensive plan already in place but, with the safety of the campus community in mind, steps have been taken to enhance campus security and the ability to respond to an emergency situation even further.

"The safety of our students and staff is our top priority," MU President Maravene Loeschke said. "While our existing system was solid, I believe we can always do better in this area and I am very pleased with the enhancements we have made."

MU already had multiple channels of emergency communication in place, allowing any combination or all of the following actions in an emergency:

- Sends a voicemail message to every campus telephone
- Sends an email to all students, faculty and staff on their campus email account
- Posts an 'Emergency Alert' message on the university website homepage

at www.mansfield.edu

- Places a message on the campus emergency phone line (570-662-4499)
- Posts a message on the university in-house TV channel
- Notifications on the campus radio station WNTE-FM 89.5
- In addition to those existing measures, new measures have been implemented, allowing university officials to notify the campus community by:

- Sending a text message to the cell phones of students, faculty and staff
- Sending a text message to all computers logged on to the university system, even if that computer is not logged onto the email system
- Broadcasting a voice message over the university carillon system, which can be heard anywhere on campus

Students and staff must opt into the text message notification system by providing their cell phone number. So far, officials say that response has been very positive, with more than 1,300 students subscribing,

and more expected when the system is heavily publicized at the start of the school year.

“All of this adds to the security of our campus and allows our students, faculty and staff to focus on learning and enjoying college life and the Mansfield experience to the fullest,” Loeschke said. “I appreciate the efforts of everyone involved in putting these new systems in place.”

The emergency action plan was tested with a lock-down drill on Monday, August 20.

When the lock-down was announced by President Maravene Loeschke at mid-morning, the newly revised campus emergency notification plan was activated and university buildings were secured.

Notifications were sent by a voicemail message to every campus telephone, email to all students, faculty and staff on their campus email account, an ‘Emergency Alert’ message on the university website homepage, a message on the campus emergency phone line, a message on the university in-house TV channel, a text message to the cell phones of students, faculty and staff, a text message to all computers logged on to the university system and a voice message broadcast over the university carillon system.

“The drill was an excellent,” Loeschke said. “We reaffirmed that our emergency communication is effective, clear, efficient and swift. By actually going through the steps, we discovered places where improvements can be made and are taking the steps to continuously upgrade our emergency procedures. The university will conduct another lock-down drill at the start of the spring semester when the students have returned. We intend to conduct the drill at the start of every semester thereafter.”

“There have been a lot of people on campus talking about what a lock-down is, which was one of my main goals,” Jim Welch, Environmental Health & Safety coordinator, said. “Everyone I talked to was very pleased with the electronic messaging which was utilized to announce the emergency. We are soliciting feedback campus wide on the drill to have anyone make suggestions for what went well and what needs to be improved. This will give us a basis to grow on in the future and provide an increased level of security for the Mansfield University Community.”

MU students arrive on campus for the fall semester on Saturday and Sunday, August 25-26.

Convocation will be held Monday, August 27 at 2 p.m. in Straughn Hall to officially begin the new academic year. Peter Keller, interim dean of the faculty, will be the featured speaker.

Classes begin Monday at 4 p.m.

University Days Set for Thursday & Friday

University Days, a Mansfield tradition for nearly two decades, will continue on August 23-24.

Each semester at MU begins with a two-day schedule of events for staff and faculty. University Days promotes both a sense of community and learning. This fall, the theme is “Making the Creed Come Alive.”

The Mansfield Creed is based on four core values: character, scholarship, culture and service. It was first adopted in 1912, with the student body using these words, “Character as the essential, Scholarship as the means, Culture as the enrichment, and Service as the end of all worthy endeavor.”

The two-day event will start with the President’s Breakfast in Manser Hall at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 23. The breakfast will be followed by a series of workshops and meetings on a variety of topics.

Thursday’s schedule will also include a reception for new Associate Provost Deborah Erickson and Assistant Vice President for Research & Planning Catherine Renner at the Wren’s Nest Restaurant in Mansfield.

On Friday the workshops, presentations and meetings will continue, all geared toward getting the new academic year off to a positive start.

The highlight of Friday’s presentations will be a luncheon for the campus community where staff and faculty will be recognized for their accomplishments and achievements throughout the 2006-2007 academic year.

“Mansfield University has so many incredibly hard-working and dedicated employees,” Margaret Launius, program organizer and Academic Affairs Fellow, said. “I am excited to once again have the opportunity to recognize their good work in a large forum. Departments and programs will also be recognized.”

For a complete University Days schedule and other information about the start of the new academic year, go to www.mansfield.edu and click on the “Welcome Back-Fall 2007” banner.

Sarch Appointed to Fulbright Scholar Review Panel

Kenneth Sarch, professor of violin & viola and director of Orchestral Activities at Mansfield University, has been named to the 2007-2008 Fulbright Scholar Peer Review Panel for music.

Sarch, a two-time Fulbright Scholar, will serve on the national committee which evaluates applications and recommends candidates for further consideration by bi-national Fulbright commissions and U.S. Department of State representatives in more than 100 countries around the world. Final selection of candidates is then made by the presidentially appointed J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

As a Fulbright Scholar, Sarch taught in Brazil in 1985 and in Bolivia in 2003. He has also received four U.S. Information Agency (USIA) Arts America Grants for music projects in Panama and Jordan. In 2003, Sarch was recognized by the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) with a Citation of Excellence Award in Music Education.

“It is so rewarding to be recognized by the International Council of Scholars by the invitation to serve on a national review panel for the Fulbright Commission,” Sarch said. “My Fulbright music projects in Brazil and Bolivia were among the highlights of my career and I am deeply honored to be invited to serve on this national panel.”

The Fulbright Program was established in 1946 to increase mutual understanding between the people of the US and other countries, through the exchange of persons, knowledge, and skills.

The Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) was established by the Conference Board of Associated Research Councils to assist in the administration of the Fulbright Scholar Program. Through its links with the American Council of Learned Societies, the Social Science Research Council, The National Academy of Sciences, and the Institute of International Education (IIE), CIES has built and maintained a relationship with the U.S. scholarly community for over 50 years.

Singers Invited to Join Festival Chorus

Students and area singers are invited to join the Mansfield University Festival Chorus, under the direction of Peggy Dettwiler, for the 2007-2008 academic year.

In the first performance, at the annual Choral Collage on Saturday, October 27, the chorus will prepare works from the Baroque to folk-song style.

Also during the Choral Collage, a piece written by Deborah Finestone, Mansfield alum MS '99, will be presented for the first time in the Mansfield area. *We Are An Ocean* is inspired by the notion that all people are linked with the earth by the element of water, a major constituent of all living matter.

Finestone is a well-known area composer and is the daughter of Stephen and Celia Finestone of Wellsboro.

In addition, the Festival Chorus will also set the stage for the university's spring major choral/orchestral work by presenting *Their Sound is Gone Out* from Handel's *Messiah*. Throughout the year, the chorus will be preparing Handel's *Messiah* for performances in April.

The Festival Chorus' final performances of the fall season will be the annual holiday choral concerts to be held on December 1-2. This year's theme is "Peace on Earth." Two more choruses from *Messiah* are included in this program, as well as *O Holy Night* and a Gospel rendition of the *Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi*.

The Festival Chorus is a college/community group of more than 100 singers that meets on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. in Steadman Theatre on the MU campus beginning August 28. No audition is required. Music will be provided at the first rehearsal.

Students can earn credit for participating in the Festival Chorus by registering for MEN3301. This will also allow them to participate in the Men's and Women's Choruses.

Call (570)662-4721 or e-mail pdettwil@mansfield.edu for more information.

Flute in the Limelight' Series to Open September 9

The first concert of the Mansfield University "Flute in the Limelight" Series will be held on Sunday, September 9, 7 p.m. in Steadman Theatre.

The concert, entitled "Americas the Beautiful – Breathtaking Music from North and South Americas," will feature MU music faculty Christine Moulton on flute, Shelley Gregorich playing piano, and Matthew

Slotkin on guitar.

They will be joined by guest artist David Moulton, who is principal cellist for Allentown Symphony and a member of the Philadelphia Opera Orchestra.

The program will include *Kokopeli* by Katherine Hoover, *Histoire de Tango* by Astor Piazzola, *Assobio a Jatos* (The Jet Whistle) by Heitor Villa Lobos and *Vox Balanae* (Voice of the Whale) by George Crumb.

This concert is free and open to the public.

Marching Band to Perform at Josh Palmer Pigskin Classic

The seventh annual Josh Palmer Pigskin Classic will be held on Friday, August 31 when North Penn H.S opens the 2007 football season by hosting Cowanesque Valley H.S. at 7 p.m.

The game will feature the only football appearance of “The Spirit and Pride of Pennsylvania” Mansfield University Marching Band this year. The nationally recognized unit will perform before the game and at halftime.

“The Spirit and The Pride of Pennsylvania are pleased to perform in support of this worthy cause, and especially as musical ambassadors of Mansfield University, we are excited to promote and continue this tradition,” Adam Brennan, band director and Music Department chair, said.

The game will also feature a raffle for Buffalo Bill game tickets, Penn State and Army game tickets, and NFL and NHL autographed items, as well as other sports memorabilia.

Raffle tickets cost \$2 or three for \$5 and will be on sale on campus at the end of next week. Watch for a Daily Digest announcement for specific location and hours. Tickets will also be on sale at the game.

All proceeds from the raffle go to the Josh Palmer Fund, which assists local cancer patients and their families in their battles with cancer.

Palmer, a cancer survivor, is a 2002 MU graduate and former player and student assistant coach with the Mountaineers.

“Skirting the Edge” on Display at Gallery

“Skirting the Edge: Experiences in Sound and Form,” an exhibition of works by Martha Whitehouse, is on display at the Mansfield University Gallery through Wednesday, September 5.

The ceramic and sound sculpture exhibition “invites visitors to participate in an installation of surround sound,” Whitehouse, assistant professor of Art at MU, said. “Each person will experience a unique sense of dimensional aural landscape from different points in the room. In another section of the gallery, ceramic vessel forms contain sound compositions to be heard at close range.”

The exhibition is part of Whitehouse’s Project Demonstrating Excellence in pursuit of her Ph.D. at Union Institute & University in Cincinnati, OH.

A closing reception and artist’s talk will be held on Wednesday, September 5, 4 p.m. in the University Gallery

The MU Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in North Hall.

The exhibit is sponsored by MU Art Acquisition and Exhibition Committee, which is funded by Mansfield University College Community Services Inc (CCSI).

SCHOLARS SPOTLIGHT

Sharon Carrish, Communication & Theatre, made her presentation "The Importance of Equity, Diversity and Excellence in Teacher Education" to the College of Education, The Institute of Teacher Education and the Office of Student Academic Services at the University of Hawaii at Manoa on August 1.

Scott DiMarco, Library & Information Resource Administration, completed the management development program at the Harvard University Graduate School of Education June 16-28. DiMarco had three reviews published in *Library Journal*. His review of the audio version of *The Hunters* by W.E.B. Griffin was in the May 1 issue. His review of the audio version of Bob Woodward’s *State of Denial: Bush at War* was published in the May 15 issue. DiMarco’s review of the audio version of *The Overlook* by Michael Connelly was in the August issue.

Jeanne Kagle, Biology, was quoted in a story entitled “Nothing Clear in Ethanol Debate” in the August

3 issue of the *Elmira Star-Gazette*.

Gale Largey, Sociology emeritus, and **Phil Ogden**, Instructional Development, developed a poster presentation entitled "Transatlantic Voyages of Lester Ward, 1844-1913," which was accepted for the International Congress of Sociology in Nancy, France, May 31-June 2. It was presented in conjunction with the showing of their documentary, *Lester Ward: A Life's Journey*. On April 19, Largey and **Mark Polonia**, Media Resources, presented the documentary at the Keystone Theatre in Towanda as part of the Bradford County Historical Society's celebration of Lester Ward Day.

Scott Thornsley, Criminal Justice Administration, was quoted in the June issue of *Law Enforcement Technology* in the story entitled "Psychology 101: The Mind of a Shooter: Understanding How a Gunman Thinks Could Help Law Enforcement Prevent Another Shooting Tragedy." He was also quoted in the June 4 edition of the *Pittsburgh Tribune Review* in an article entitled "Lookout Caught in PA's Proclivity for Mandatory Life." Thornsley was also the head event judge for the men's and women's triple jump, men's discus, women's javelin and women's heptathlon at the PSAC Track & Field Championships held at Shippensburg May 3-5.

Nancy Sidell, Social Work, Anthropology & Sociology, participated in the fifth annual Hartford Interdisciplinary Scholars Communications Conference on July 16-18 in Chicago, IL.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Class cancellation information is on the University website. Click on the "Class Cancellations" button on the main page for each days class and event cancellations. In addition to calling the class cancellation hotline, faculty are to leave messages about cancellations on their office voicemail.
- To make Updater submissions, submit event information, story ideas and everything that is Mansfield, us the online PR Request Form. It's on the My.mansfield page of the MU website, in the center column under "Featured Locations."

SPORTS UPDATE

The field hockey squad will be the first MU team to see action in the new school year. The Mountaineers play Bellarmine in Columbus, OH Friday and they visit Mercyhurst on Saturday.

Women's soccer will open the season at home Saturday, hosting Edinboro at 1:30 p.m. on the Campus Soccer Field. The Mountaineers are also home on Wednesday to take on Shippensburg at 4 p.m.

The cross county teams will open their season on September 1 at the Oneonta Early Bird Invitational.

For all the latest Mountaineer information and scores, check online at www.gomounties.com

THE BOTTOM LINE

"Whatever you do, or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius and power and magic in it."
-- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

WELCOME BACK!!!
HAVE A
GREAT YEAR!!!