



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

Calendar of Events

- 9/2 noon Field Hockey vs. Bryant, Spaulding
- 9/3 **Labor Day - No Classes**
- 9/4 Follow Monday Class Schedule, with the exception of classes that start at 6:00 p.m. or later
 Last Day to Drop Classes
- 9/5 Last Day to: Add Classes, Submit "Credit by Exam", "Intent to Graduate" for May 2008,
 "Pass/Fail Option" card, "Repeat of Course" card
- 4 p.m. "Skirting the Edge: Experiences in Sound and Form," Closing Reception & Artist's Talk, Gallery

Convocation Gets Year Underway

The 151st academic year at Mansfield University got underway with Convocation on Monday.

Peter Keller, interim dean of Faculty, was this year's featured speaker. In his address entitled "Living the Mansfield Creed: Why Character Matters," he cited several examples of why character, the first of the four values in the Mansfield Creed, makes a difference in life and is so important at Mansfield.

"Mansfield is not simply an institution that students, faculty, and staff pass through casually," Keller told the assembly. "Rather, it is a university community that deeply affects peoples' lives and that sets the highest of expectations for our learning, personal growth, and leadership development."

President Maravene Loeschke welcomed everyone back for a new academic year and addressed many of her remarks toward the incoming freshman class. Now beginning her second year at MU Loeschke said, "consider me your sophomore mentor."

"This is what you are going to find," she went on to tell the freshman. "A supportive, welcoming community where student welfare comes first, teachers who want to give you individual attention and care very deeply about your success, very high academic stands and expectations of you and a community of service and activities. The years that you will spend on your undergraduate education will be the most memorable of your lives. We at Mansfield are here to be your dream partners."

Convocation is presented by the Mansfield University Senate.

Senate President and Music Professor Joseph Murphy got the program off to a rousing start by rapping his welcome.

With the audience clapping along, Murphy's closing refrain was, "Graduate with a passion. Reinvent yourself. We are Mounties, we are leaders. We are Mounties, we are leaders."

The entire rap is available at <http://podcast.mansfield.edu/>

Besse Named VP for University Advancement

Steven Besse, director of Development at Laurel Health System in Wellsboro, PA, has been named vice president for University Advancement at Mansfield University and executive director of the Mansfield University Foundation.

"Steve brings the experience of a long and distinguished career in fundraising and philanthropy to Mansfield," MU President Maravene Loeschke said in making the announcement. "His experience, enthusiasm

and energy will make him a tremendous asset. We look forward to many years of having Mr. Besse in the Mansfield University community.”

“It is an honor to have been selected to serve Mansfield University as Vice President for Advancement and Executive Director of the Mansfield University Foundation,” Besse said. “It is also very exciting to join an organization with such a deep sense of tradition and caring for its students. I look forward to being a part of this time in Mansfield University’s history that is built upon strong leadership, great hope, and high expectations.”

Besse has served in his current position at Laurel Health System since 2002. Prior to that he was president and chief executive officer of New Dawn Enterprises in Smyrna, DE for 11 years. Besse also brings more than 20 years of experience in the banking industry to his new position.

He was selected after a national search and will begin his duties at Mansfield on September 4.

First Citizens National Bank Supports Community Service Program

First Citizens National Bank will donate \$25,000 to Mansfield University’s community service program. The primary focus of the program funded by First Citizens will be on “service-learning.”

“Service-Learning enhances the community through service,” MU Provost Michael Renner said in describing the program. “It also has powerful learning consequences for the students or others participating in providing a service. Service learning is growing rapidly because it has a major impact on young people and their development.”

The donation made by First Citizens will provide financial support for a “teaching and learning” approach to community service that integrates student volunteerism with academic study to enrich learning, teach civic responsibility and strengthen communities.

“We take our role in community development and as partners in education very seriously”, stated Randall E. Black, CEO and president of First Citizens National Bank. “We’re pleased that this donation will contribute to the development of our young citizens and future leaders as well as our communities. This endowment is yet another example of our commitment to community and to our growing partnership with Mansfield University.”

“We genuinely appreciate First Citizens National Bank’s support and leadership in funding this community service initiative,” MU President Maravene Loeschke said. “It shows that developing tomorrow’s leaders is more than a slogan and involves more than just the university. It truly is a community effort and we are pleased to partner with such a strong community- focused institution like First Citizens National Bank.”

For more on Mansfield University and its leadership initiatives, check online at

<http://leadership.mansfield.edu/>

First Citizens National Bank, headquartered in Mansfield, has offices in Blossburg, Ulysses, Genesee, Sayre, Wellsboro, Troy, Canton, Gillett, StateLine, LeRaysville, Towanda, and Wellsville, NY as well as two in-store offices located in the Mansfield Wal-Mart and the Wellsboro Weis Market.

For more information on First Citizens National Bank, visit <http://www.firstcitizensbank.com>.

Nicholas Walker to Kick-off “Celebrating Strings” Series

The inaugural recital in the Mansfield University “Celebrating Strings” Series will feature virtuoso bass player Nicholas Walker on Saturday, September 8, 4 p.m. in Steadman Theatre.

Walker is a former MU bass professor now on the faculty at Ithaca College. He also teaches bass at Cornell University.

His recital will feature works by J.S. Bach, Bottesini, Rabbath and several compositions written by Walker himself. Mansfield faculty member violinist Kenneth Sarch will assist Walker in his compositions *Paris Skies* and *An Dassa Choof*.

Walker’s exuberant and versatile performances on string bass have made him a sought after performer. He has recorded with Juan Pablo Torres, Blossom Dearie, Anny Gould, Paquito D’Rivera and others. During the late 1990s, Walker served as music director and band leader of Bateaux New York, and also played with a diverse range of New York musicians and artists, including dancers and filmmakers.

An accomplished musician who brings a broad range of training and experience to the string bass - classical and jazz, modern and baroque, solo recitals and chamber ensembles – Walker’s enthusiasm and aptitude transcend arbitrary musical boundaries.

Walker began music in the Rochester, NY public schools, and went on to studied bass at Rice University and at the Rabbath Institute (Paris Conservatory) on a Fulbright Scholarship. He earned a doctorate in early music from Stony Brook University.

For more on Nicholas Walker, check online at <http://www.nicholaswalkermusic.com>

Walker’s bass recital kicks off a new series of monthly recitals with the theme “Celebrating Strings”.

All recitals in the series are free and open to the public.

Boston Recording to be Featured on National Radio Program

MU Music Professor Nancy Boston’s recording of the *Emma Lou Diemer Sonata*, from her CD *American Women: Modern Voices in Piano Music*, will be featured on “Modern Masterpieces,” which is broadcast nationwide on the Classical Radio Network.

The program, hosted by Alan Chapman, will air on Saturday, September 8 at 10 p.m.

No area radio stations are affiliated with the Classical Radio Network but several stations stream “Modern Masterpieces” over their websites. A listing of stations can be found online at

<http://www.classicalradio.org/>

Boston released *American Women: Modern Voices in Piano Music* in September 2006. The CD is available at Amazon.com and CDBaby.com

SCHOLARS SPOTLIGHT

Leslie Clifford, Biology, made a presentation entitled "Is the Incubation Period Energetically Costly for the Eastern Bluebird?" at the American Ornithologists' Union meetings in Laramie, WY August 9-11. The presentation was based on research performed with MU Biology students **Lauren Boeckel** and **Ashley Swingle**. The research was conducted on Army Corps of Engineer property near Tioga, PA and was supported by a grant obtained from MU's Faculty Professional Development Committee.

Orlando-Marquez C.Kittrell, Academic & Human Development, has been elected to the Executive Committee of the Tri-State Consortium of Opportunity Programs in Higher Education (Tri-State). As EEOP/Act 101 Director, Kittrell represents Pennsylvania in assisting the organization's goals to promote the higher education access, retention, academic success, and graduation of first generation-college, low-income, and educationally disadvantaged student populations, as well as assisting these students with preparation for admission to graduate and professional schools, and careers. Tri-State is nonprofit corporation. The membership includes the majority of New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey opportunity program directors.

Gary McIntyre, Communication & Theatre, has been elected newsletter editor for the Broadcast History Division of the Broadcast Education Association.

Linda Rashidi, English & Modern Languages, attended a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Institute on "Berber North Africa: The Hidden Mediterranean Culture," at Oregon State University, June 24-July 20. She also presented a paper, co-authored with Christo Stamenov of St. Kliment Ohridski Sofia University, entitled "Translation of a Wild Tale" at the annual conference of the Linguistic Association of Canada and the United States (LACUS) held at Eastern Kentucky University, July 24-28.

Kristin Sanner, English & Modern Languages, presented a paper entitled "Mr. Merdle's Dead Body as Text: Medical Authority in Dickens' Little Dorrit" at the Dickens Symposium in Montreal, August 17-19.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tickets for the Josh Palmer Pigskin raffle will be on sale on Friday, August 31, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in front of Alumni Hall. Tickets cost \$2 or three for \$5. 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. This year's raffle includes Buffalo Bill game tickets, Penn State and Army game tickets, and NFL, NBA and NHL autographed items, as well as other sports memorabilia. The Josh Palmer Pigskin Classic will

be played 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 & Pride of Pennsylvania” Mansfield University Marching Band this year. The nationally recognized unit will perform before the game and at halftime. Raffle winners will be drawn during the second half of the game. Winners need not be present to win.

- A closing reception and artist’s talk by Martha Whitehouse for her exhibit “Skirting the Edge: Experiences in Sound and Form” will be held on Wednesday, September 5, 4 p.m. in the University Gallery. The exhibition is part of Whitehouse’s Project Demonstrating Excellence in pursuit of her Ph.D. at Union Institute & University in Cincinnati, OH. The MU Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in North Hall. The exhibit and reception are sponsored by MU Art Acquisition and Exhibition Committee, which is funded by Mansfield University College Community Services Inc (CCSI).
- The first concert of the “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.
- Class cancellation information is on the University website. Click on the “Class/Event 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 MU field hockey squad will play its home opener on Sunday when Bryant College comes to Spaulding Field for a noon start. The Mountaineers then go back on the road to face Millersville on Wednesday.

MU is 2-0 after a 3-1 win over Bellarmine last Friday and a 2-1 overtime victory at Mercyhurst last Saturday.

The women’s soccer team will play its only game of the coming week on the road, visiting Kutztown on Monday.

The Mountaineers are 0-1-1 after a season opening 1-1 tie against Edinboro last Saturday and a 1-0 loss to Shippensburg Wednesday.

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

Stephanie Cadwell has been named head women’s indoor and outdoor track and field coach. Cadwell, who has been the interim women’s head track and field coach since January, was named to the full-time permanent position after a nationwide search.

A 2005 MU graduate, Cadwell was a three-time PSAC and MU Presidential Scholar-Athlete during her career.

For all the latest Mountaineer information and scores, check online at <http://www.gomounties.com>

THE BOTTOM LINE

"Education commences at the mother's knee, and every word spoken within the hearing of little children tends towards the formation of character."

-- Hosea Ballou