



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

Calendar of Events

9/28-29		Family Days Fabulous 1890s Weekend, Smythe Park
9/28	11 a.m.-1 p.m. 8 p.m.	Employer Day: Chemung County ARC, Alumni Prism Concert, Steadman
9/29	noon 1:30 p.m. 7 p.m.	Field Hockey vs. Millersville, Spaulding Women's Soccer vs. Bloomsburg, Soccer Field Prism Concert, Steadman
10/1	noon 7 p.m.	MUTT, Alumni, Room 307 North Hall Visiting Scholar: Randy Roberts presents, "Popular Culture Goes to War: Sports, Hollywood and Comic Books in World War II," Allen Auditorium
10/3	4 p.m.	Campus Conversation, Straughn University Lecture Series presents, "Seven Months in Bulgaria," Linda Rashidi, Alumni, Room 317
10/4	8:30 a.m. 4 p.m.	Campus Conversation, Straughn Women's Soccer vs. East Stroudsburg, Soccer Field

MU Receives Grant for Québec Initiative

Mansfield University has received a grant from the Québec Ministry of International Relations (MRI) as part of that agency's Québec Initiative.

The \$19,550 grant will bring a Québec scholar to MU as a visiting professor during the spring 2008 semester. The professor will teach two courses, give a presentation as part of the University Lecture Series and speak to civic groups and other interested audiences around the area and throughout Pennsylvania.

The Québec Initiative was created by the MRI to foster a greater understanding of Québec in the U.S., particularly with regard to Québec's primary areas of interest. Through the initiative, the MRI also hopes to increase cooperation between Québec and American institutions.

"Mansfield has a long history of having a vibrant, active Canadian Studies program," Mansfield Provost Michael Renner said. "We are grateful to the Québec Ministry for awarding this grant to Mansfield in competition with many prestigious universities, and see it as a sign that our program is nationally recognized for its excellence. I'm really looking forward to seeing our students learn from this visiting scholar."

"This will make Mansfield University the center for Québec studies in the Commonwealth," Robert Timko, director of Canadian Studies at MU, added. "The Government of Québec has provided Mansfield University with a wonderful opportunity to extend the activities of our Canadian-American Resource Center to surrounding communities. Schools, businesses, professional organizations will be the direct beneficiaries of the Québec Initiative. The visiting scholar provides us with an invaluable resource in learning more about the cultural and economic connections which exist between Québec and our Commonwealth."

MU and MRI officials are currently screening candidates to fill the Mansfield position.

For more information on the MU Canadian Studies program and the Canadian-American Resource Center, check online at <http://www.mansfield.edu/~canadian/>

Heinle Named Director of Leadership Institute

Dennis Heinle, chief learning officer at Sovereign Bank, has been named director of the newly created Leadership Institute at Mansfield University.

The Leadership Institute will forge community and corporate partnerships for leadership development providing linkage opportunities for faculty, staff and students. The Institute will also provide a variety of student internships opportunities for MU students.

In making the announcement, MU President Maravene Loeschke said, "Developing tomorrow's leaders is more than a slogan here at Mansfield and Dennis Heinle will be a tremendous asset in continuing to put our philosophy into action. At Sovereign Bank he planned and directed a nationally recognized leadership development program. Prior to that he was the president of Capstone Corporate Leadership Development in York, PA."

Heinle holds a B.S. in Business Management and an M.B.A. from the University of Baltimore.

He began his position at Mansfield University on September 17.

For more on Mansfield University's leadership initiatives, check online at

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

Alumnus to be First North Hall Visiting Scholar

Nationally known sports history scholar Randy Roberts, a Mansfield University alumnus, will return to the MU campus on Monday, October 1 to be the first speaker in the North Hall Library Visiting Scholar Program.

Roberts' presentation, entitled "Popular Culture Goes to War: Sports, Hollywood, and Comic Books in World War II," will take place at 7 p.m. in Allen Hall Auditorium. It is free and open to the public.

Roberts graduated from Mansfield in 1972 with a bachelor of arts in history. He went on to earn his Ph.D. from Louisiana State University and is a professor of history at Purdue University. In 2006, he was honored as Indiana Professor of the Year.

Roberts has published 13 books on subjects such as the Pittsburgh Steelers, Jack Dempsey, John Wayne, the Vietnam War and the Alamo. He has also published a number of textbooks. He has appeared in documentaries on The History Channel, ESPN Classic, PBS and the BBC.

Also while at MU, Roberts will be the guest of honor at a private reception and he'll meet with the history majors to discuss his professional journey, going from being a Mansfield history student to a noted scholar and Indiana's top educator.

North Hall Library, in collaboration with the MU faculty, instituted the visiting scholar program, which will bring a scholar with a national reputation to campus each year to give a presentation on a subject of interest to the faculty, students and the greater community.

Health Class Spreads the Word on Pandemic

Last Tuesday, Professor Denise Seigart "gave" her Public Health class the flu. This week they tracked how far the mock virus had spread in one week.

To demonstrate how quickly an airborne flu virus could spread, possibly becoming an epidemic and then a pandemic, each student kept a journal of the people they had come in close personal contact with and where they and those people have travelled in the past week.

As students called out their journal entries and Seigart quickly wrote them down, it took only 20 minutes to fill the entire dry erase board at the front of the class, documenting that the mock avian flu had spread throughout campus, Greater Mansfield and the surrounding area, to several states and at least nine foreign countries.

Perhaps the most graphic demonstration of how quickly and how far a virus could spread came when Cat Ostrom told the class that her brother is a flight attendant. The freshman from Liberty, PA explained that he flies routes all over the country and she had seen her him in the past week and thus, for purposes of the experiment, her brother became infected.

“It made me realize the whole U.S. has got it,” Ostrom said. “It showed me how fast something like this could be passed and how serious some diseases are.”

Despite dealing with a potentially serious health threat, Seigart believes her students enjoyed the exercise. “I think they had great fun,” She said. “They learned a lot and I had a good time. For me, teaching needs to be fun.”

For purposes of this exercise, the MU students spread a mock avian flu, one which would be more virulent if it becomes transmissible human-to-human. Currently, only bird-to-human cases of avian flu transmission have been documented.

Seigart also points out that a true virus would not manifest itself as quickly as the mock bug used by the class. There normally would be an incubation period, which isn't necessarily good news because the virus could potentially travel further before symptoms started to appear.

The class will continue to discuss its findings, ways to avoid potential outbreaks and the planning that is underway to deal with possible epidemics and pandemics.

Celebrate a Sesquicentennial Homecoming

Alumni, family and friends will return to Mansfield University to celebrate Homecoming 2007 on October 5-7.

MU and the Borough of Mansfield are celebrating their sesquicentennial in 2007. Research indicates that these are the only borough and university in the United States with a shared birth date.

Highlighting Friday's schedule will be the Athletic Hall of Fame reception, dinner and induction ceremony. Reservations are required.

This year's inductees are Tony Budzik '92 (basketball), Ed Merritt '55 (basketball, baseball), Joe Russell '65 (basketball, track & field), Mike Stewart '85 (baseball) and Frank Jerald 1906 (legend category).

Registration for Friday's Homecoming golf tournament at Corey Creek Golf Club begins at 8 a.m. and play starts at 8:45 a.m. For more information call (570)662-4636 or 4466.

Saturday, the Homecoming parade will make its way down Main Street at 10 a.m.

The alumni tent party will take place from 10:45 a.m.-1 p.m. on the lawn in front of Memorial Hall. Reservations are appreciated for the tent party.

The women's soccer team will take on West Chester at 1:30 p.m. on the Campus Soccer Field.

There will also be fun and games at the Kelchner Fitness Center from noon-4 p.m., alumni games for baseball and softball, a special tribute to the late longtime baseball coach and professor John “Doc” Heaps, a planetarium presentation and other activities.

The MU Music Department will present its Prism Concert on Saturday at 7 p.m. in Steadman Theatre. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and \$5 for students. MU students with ID and children under the age of 12 will be admitted free. Tickets can be ordered online at <http://music.mansfield.edu> or by phone at (570)662-4710.

North Hall will be open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Friday, noon-5 p.m. on Saturday and 1-11 p.m. on Sunday.

The campus bookstore will be open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday.

The Kelchner Fitness Center will be open and free to all alumni the entire weekend.

For a full schedule of events and a printable registration information, check online at www.mansfield.edu/~alumni/

For more information call (570)662-4179 or email alumni2@mansfield.edu

Homecoming is sponsored and coordinated by the University Advancement Division, Alumni Relations Office and the Student Activities Office. It is funded in part by Student Activity Fees.

Sesquicentennial Gala to be Held October 13

“150 years of Music” will be the theme of the Mansfield Sesquicentennial Gala to be held on Saturday, October 13 in Manser Hall at Mansfield University.

The evening will begin with a reception from 5-6 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:15 p.m.

Entertainment during the reception and dinner will be provided by Mansfield Mayor Tom Wierbowski performing on harp, Marian Horn Miller on piano and Mansfield H.S. Jubilation.

After dinner, The Mansfieldians, the MU Jazz Ensemble, Joe McConnell's Band and Shaft will perform. Guests must be 21 or older to attend. Formal or dress of the period 150 years ago, when the Borough of Mansfield and Mansfield Classical Seminary were both founded, is encouraged.

Tickets are \$20 per person. For more information, or to reserve seating, call (570) 662-4046. Deadline for reservations is October 8.

The Gala is sponsored by the Mansfield Sesquicentennial Committee and the Mansfield University Foundation.

Violin Concert to Feature All-American Theme

Violin Professor Kenneth Sarch and guest pianist Yvonne Mitchell will perform the second concert in the new Mansfield University "Celebrating Strings" Series on Sunday, October 7, 4 p.m. in Steadman Theatre.

The program theme is "All-American Violin" and will feature music by American composers. Works such as Copland's *Hoe Down* from *Rodeo*, Gershwin's *It Ain't Necessarily So*, Unger's *Ashokan Farewell*, which was used in Ken Burn's Civil War documentary, and Vieuxtemp's *Variations on Yankee Doodle* will be included.

"This is a program of short works for violin and piano spanning a hundred years and many different styles from fiddling to contemporary to entertaining," Sarch said. "There should be something for everyone on this program, so I can paraphrase Mark Twain's weather quote, 'If you don't like the music, wait a minute.' However, we selected a bunch of music that we know people will love to hear."

Sarch has been delighting audiences near and far with his engaging style of performing. He serves as professor of violin and viola and conductor of the Mansfield University Symphony Orchestra. In addition, he plays as Concertmaster of the Williamsport Symphony and the Williamsport Chamber Orchestra. His awards have included four USIA Arts America Grants to Panama, Brazil, Israel and Jordan and two Fulbright Scholar Awards to Brazil and Bolivia.

Mitchell has been performing to enthusiastic audiences for many years as pianist for concert artists and choral ensembles. She teaches on the piano faculty of Lycoming College, serves as accompanist for the singing group Gesangverein Harmonia and is organist at St. Boniface Church in Williamsport.

Mitchell taught on the faculty of the Mansfield University summer String Fling Camp and has performed as pianist for the Williamsport Symphony in various concerts.

She was the pianist for the guest Master Class of internationally renowned flutist Eugenia Zuckerman and has recorded as pianist and organist both as soloist and accompanist for numerous vocalists and instrumentalists.

The Sarch – Mitchell concert is free and open to the public.

The duo will also perform this program at the Lycoming College Noon Series on October 11, the Corning Community College Noon Series on November 8 and at the Elmira College Evening Series on November 12.

SCHOLARS SPOTLIGHT

Lynn Pifer, English & Modern Languages, gave her presentation "Literary Legacy of the Civil Rights Movement" at the University of Wisconsin-Waukesha on Tuesday. Pifer is on sabbatical this semester, writing a book on the same topic. Her presentation was part of a series of commemorative events honoring the work of those who participated in the civil rights struggles 40 years ago in Milwaukee. Pifer will also chair a panel on Civil Rights Pedagogy at the March on Milwaukee Conference on Saturday. The conference commemorates the 40th anniversary of the open housing marches in Milwaukee.

Kristin Sanner, English & Modern Languages, led book discussions of *The Great Gatsby* at the Susquehanna County Library on September 22. She will do so again on October 20 at 1 p.m. The discussions are part of the Susquehanna County Library's "Big Read" project in which county residents read, study and discuss one book. Funded by the National Endowment for the Arts, "Big Read" aims "to restore reading to the center of American Culture."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Family Days will be held on Friday, September 28 and Saturday, September 29 with the parents and other family members of students being welcomed to campus for a wide variety of events and activities. For more information and a full schedule of events, check online at <http://www.mansfield.edu/home/cs/FamilyDay2007.pdf>
- The Fabulous 1890s Weekend, a fun-filled family event commemorating the playing of the world's first night football game in 1892, is set for Friday, September 28 and Saturday, September 29 in Mansfield's Smythe Park. Admission to the Fabulous 1890s Weekend is \$3 for the entire weekend. For more information and a full schedule of events, check online at <http://www.1890sweekend.com>
- Area music fans will have three opportunities to take in the Prism Concert, which is among the most popular events presented annually by the Music Department. Performances will be held on Friday, September 28 at 8 p.m., Saturday, September 29 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, October 6 at 7 p.m. in Steadman Theatre. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and \$5 for students. MU students with ID and children under the age of 12 will be admitted free. Tickets can be ordered online at <http://music.mansfield.edu>, click on upcoming events, or by phone at (570)662-4710. All proceeds from the concerts benefit the Music Department scholarship fund.
- Provost Micheal Renner has announced the re-invention of the Mansfield University Think Tank (MUTT). The first of what are planned to be monthly meetings will be held on Monday, October 1, noon in Alumni Hall, Room 307. "The purpose of the MUTT is simple: We will brainstorm together about our challenges and possible solutions," Renner said. "In other words, we will talk about how to turn obstacles into opportunities. The MUTT will be structured very informally. This is your invitation to participate. There may be questions to start the discussion, but no rigid agenda, no voting, and no action items. This is not a committee, it's a community."
- Linda Rashidi, associate professor of English & Modern Languages, will present "Seven Months in Bulgaria" in the next installment of the University Lecture Series on Wednesday, October 3, 4 p.m. in Alumni Hall, Room 317, Rashidi spent seven months in Sofia, the capitol of Bulgaria, teaching at Sofia University as a Fulbright Scholar in 2006. She will discuss her Fulbright experience through photos and her journals. The University Lecture Series is sponsored by the Office of the Provost.
- "Faculty's Choice-Student Exhibition," an exhibition of works by MU art students is on display at the University Gallery. The exhibit will run through Wednesday, October 17. 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).
- President Loeschke invites the campus community to participate in Campus Conversations on the university mission on Wednesday, October 3, 4 p.m. and Thursday, October 4, 8:30 a.m., both in Straughn Hall. The President and members of Cabinet will be on hand to address any questions and there will be time for discussion.
- Business cards are now available through the Campus Print Shop. Send your request to Charlie Earle at cearle@mansfield.edu or Steve Reidinger at sreiding@mansfield.edu. Cost is \$25 per 250 cards. Cards must be paid for by the individual or their department. For more information call x4955.
- Class cancellation information is on the University website (<http://www.mansfield.edu>). 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, use the online PR Request Form on the My.Mansfield page (<http://my.mansfield.edu/>) of the MU website, in the center column under "Featured Locations."

SPORTS UPDATE

The MU field hockey squad, ranked 10th in the STX/NFHCA Division II National Coaches Poll, will be home to take on Millersville on Saturday at noon. The Mountaineers will travel to IUP on Wednesday.

MU is 6-4, 3-4 in the PSAC, after a 4-2 loss to Kutztown last Saturday and a 4-1 win over Slippery Rock on Wednesday.

The women's soccer team will host Bloomsburg at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, play at California on Monday and then return home to take on East Stroudsburg on Thursday at 4 p.m.

MU is 2-6-1, 2-3-0 in the PSAC East, after a 1-0 loss to West Chester last Thursday, a 5-0 loss at IUP last Saturday and a 1-0 loss at Lock Haven on Wednesday.

The cross country teams will compete in the Tidewater Invitational at Salisbury University in Maryland on Saturday.

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

LIBRARY LISTINGS

These books are now on the shelves at North Hall:

Bones to Ashes by Kathy Reichs

The Elves of Cintra by Terry Brooks

Play Dirty by Sandra Brown

THE BOTTOM LINE

“Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind.”

-- Theodore Seuss Geisel (Dr. Seuss)