



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

Calendar of Events

10/12	11 a.m.-6 p.m.	Visitation Day MAEOP Silent Auction, Alumni, Room 307
	8 p.m.	Douglas Crowder, Faculty Voice Recital, Steadman
10/13	noon	Women's Swimming vs. Penn State-Altoona, Decker Pool
10/15-16		Fall Holiday - No Classes
10/17	4 p.m.	Field Hockey vs. Kutztown, Spaulding
10/18	4 p.m.	Field Hockey vs. Houghton, Spaulding
	7 p.m.	<i>Whispers</i> , A play about Domestic Violence by Marsha Becker, Presented by MU Advocacy Alumni, Room 307

MU Receives Performance Funding from PASSHE

Mansfield University has received \$1,160,996 from the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education's (PASSHE) Board of Governors as its share of \$38.7 million in performance funding awarded to the 14 state-owned universities.

Based on funding per full-time equivalent student, which are statistics derived from the student credit hour productivity of the institution, Mansfield ranked eighth among the 14 PASSHE universities, an improvement of three spots from last year.

"The improvement in our rankings on PASSHE's performance funding shows without question that Mansfield has been using our resources very efficiently," Provost Michael Renner said. "Although we're pleased to see our improvement on these measures, it's important to remember that such measures don't capture how much of a difference higher education makes in the lives of our students, and how much better prepared they are for the global economy as a result of their liberal education experience at Mansfield. That continues to be our proudest achievement."

The PASSHE Board established the performance funding program in July 2000. The amount of funding awarded through this program has been increased every year, from \$2 million in the first year of the program to an amount equivalent to eight percent of PASSHE's base appropriation from the Commonwealth this year.

"Working in tandem with PASSHE's System Accountability Program, performance funding clearly demonstrates our commitment to providing students the highest quality education and Pennsylvania taxpayers with the maximum return on their

investment in our Universities," PASSHE Board of Governors Chairman Kenneth M. Jarin said.

The PASSHE Universities each year must demonstrate an improved level of performance on a series of "indicators" in order to receive funding under the program.

The indicators include student retention and graduation rates, degrees awarded, instructional cost per student and the percentage of full-time tenured and tenure-track instructional faculty with terminal degrees in their discipline, among others.

The Universities qualified for a share of the funding based on their own improvement on the performance measures, on how well they fared compared to their own set of peer institutions outside of PASSHE on those same measures, and, on their performance in relation to Systemwide goals.

“Since PASSHE began providing performance funding, the Universities have made significant progress in virtually all of the areas measured as part of the System Accountability Plan,” Chancellor Judy G. Hample said. “There is no doubt performance funding has been a major factor in driving our Universities to new levels of academic and operating excellence. Our students have benefited enormously as a result.”

The universities this year qualified for a share of the funding based on their own improvement on a set of eight groups of performance measures, how well they fared compared to their own set of peer institutions outside of PASSHE on those same measures, and, on their performance in relation to Systemwide goals.

PASSHE was among the first public university systems in the nation to offer performance funding, and the current level of funding is among the highest percentages being provided. Since the program began, virtually all of the Universities have improved their graduation and retention rates; have increased student, faculty and staff diversity; and have improved their operating efficiency.

For more information on the performance funding program, check online at <http://www.passhe.edu>

Football to Return in 2008

Mansfield University President Maravene Loeschke announced on October 5 that the university would start a sprint football program and compete in the Collegiate Sprint Football League (CSFL) starting in the 2008 season.

The announcement kicked-off Mansfield’s 2007 Homecoming celebration.

“I’m very pleased to announce that football will return to our campus in 2008,” said President Loeschke at a press conference held at Corey Creek Golf Club before alums and students. “Sprint football allows us to compete against some of the most prestigious universities in the nation while remaining affordable and complementing our core mission. It will provide a wonderful opportunity for many young men to continue their education while also pursuing their passion to play football and enjoying the leadership opportunities that come with both.”

Mansfield dropped its 115-year old football program last November after the completion of the 2006 season because of a projected university budget deficit. Mansfield was 0-10 that season.

Mansfield competes at the NCAA Division II level and is a charter member of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference. It will retain those affiliations for its other 13 sports.

Sprint football is the same as regular football with the exception of a maximum weight restriction of 172 pounds.

Mansfield will compete in the more than 70-year old Collegiate Sprint Football League (CSFL) currently comprised of Cornell University, the University of Pennsylvania, Princeton University, the United States Military Academy at West Point (Army) and the United States Naval Academy (Navy).

Mansfield will be the only public institution in the nation to offer sprint football.

Unlike the NCAA Division II level, the CSFL does not allow athletic scholarship for sprint football. However players would be eligible for academic or need based scholarships that are offered to the general student body.

Last year Mansfield’s NCAA Division II football program cost approximately \$500,000 to operate. The 2008 projected sprint football budget is less than \$155,000.

Mansfield expects to begin a national search for a full-time sprint football coach in the next two weeks and have that person on staff by late November.

Mansfield also announced that Tom Elsasser, the university’s all-time winningest football coach, will volunteer as the Director of Football Operations to help implement the sprint football program. Elsasser is currently coaching high school football at Passaic High School in New Jersey and will assume his role at Mansfield when his commitment at Passaic is completed.

Homecoming 2007

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

Marisa Fronczkiewicz was named Homecoming Queen and Matthew Pilkerton was named Homecoming King. The royal couple was crowned by President Maravene Loeschke at a pep rally on Friday evening.

Marisa Fronczkiewicz is a junior criminal justice major from Edwardsville, PA. She represented the Criminal Justice Club in the campus wide voting. Fronczkiewicz was escorted by Joshua Herman and Dennis Hosey.

Matthew Pilkerton is a senior biology major from McConnellsburg, PA. The senior represented the Maple Hall Council. Pilkerton was escorted by Lindsey Liniger.

Saturday morning the Homecoming parade marched up Main Street to the delight of a big crowd lining both sides of the street.

Saturday also featured an alumni tent party, the women's soccer team taking on West Chester, a day of fun and games at the Kelchner Fitness Center, alumni games in baseball and softball and a special tribute to the late longtime baseball coach and professor John "Doc" Heaps.

There was also a planetarium presentation, the Music Department's Prism Concert, a concert put on by the Student Government Association, and other activities.

Friday night the MU Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame welcomed five new members during inductions ceremonies at Manser Hall.

The Class of 2007; 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) brings the number enshrined on the Wall of Fame in Decker Gymnasium to 152.

McCloskey Wins Writing Award

Steve McCloskey, Mansfield University sports information director, has been cited by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) for writing excellence in the 2007 Fred S. Stabley Sr. Writing Contest. This marks the third straight year he has placed in the contest.

McCloskey earned second place honors in District 2 in the athletic profile category for his story "Lessons Learned From Africa."

The feature chronicled MU runner and scholar-athlete Rachel Hall and the lessons she learned about herself after turning down a trip to the NCAA Division II Track and Field Championships to study art in Africa for six weeks.

To read the story click here, <http://www.gomounties.com/feature%20stories/2007/Rachel%20Hall%20--%20Lessons%20Learned%20in%20Africa.htm>

Jon Terry of Bucknell was first in the category and Stephanie Petulla of Penn State was awarded third place.

CoSIDA is the national professional organization of sports information directors with a membership in the thousands. District 2 comprises all the universities and colleges in Pennsylvania, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland and New Jersey.

McCloskey's MU Sports column appears in the Pennsylvania Section of the *Elmira Star-Gazette* on Sunday's and can also be found at <http://www.gomounties.com>

Mansfieldians & Jazz Ensemble to Combine for Concert

After spending their fall break performing concerts and clinics in the Pittsburgh area, the Mansfieldians, directed by Sheryl Monklien, and the MU Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Michael Galloway, will join forces for concert on Friday, October 19, 8 p.m. in Steadman Theatre.

The Mansfieldians portion of the program will include Michele Weir's arrangement by of *Jubilee*, originally written and recorded by Bobby McFerrin, Phil Mattson's arrangement of *Something 'Bout Believing* from the Duke Ellington Sacred Concerts, Carlos Antonio Jobim's *So Danco Samba*, and Joni Mitchell's *Both Sides Now*, arranged by Gene Puerling for the Singers Unlimited.

The MU Jazz Ensemble will be performing Les Hooper's arrangement of the jazz classic *On Green Dolphin Street*, featuring Megan Goodman on alto sax, Chris Simmons on trumpet and James Garcia on drums. The Jazz Ensemble will also perform Antonio Carlos' *Jobim's Wave*, as recorded by the Buddy Rich Band, spotlighting bass trombonist Dustin Giffin along with the trombone section, and Chick Corea's funk tune *Nite Sprite*, which will showcase Catherine Bollinger on tenor sax, guitarist Alfonse Ciaccio and drummer Jeff Guers.

The program will also highlight several vocalists backed by the big band. *The Bare Necessities* features vocalist Meg Zwart. This Eric Richards arrangement includes a Dixieland combo fronting the big band. Combo soloists are Ben Rochford on cornet, Catherine Bollinger on clarinet and Tristan Jackson on trombone.

Other big band vocal charts include *Witchcraft* with Matt Owen, the Nora Jones hit *Don't Know Why*, with Maria Orr, and Bryan Hoover singing *The Nearness of You*.

A pair of selections which showcase the combined talents of both the Mansfieldians and the Jazz Ensemble will conclude the concert. They will join forces on Dave Wolpe's arrangement of *Lullaby of Broadway* and *Smack Dab In The Middle*, arranged by Darmon Meader. This chart will feature vocal solos by Ruthanna Williams and Ryan Howe.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students. MU students with ID will be admitted free.

To order tickets online go to <http://music.mansfield.edu>, click on Upcoming Events, or order by phone at (570)662-4710. Tickets will also be available at the door.

The Mansfieldians and the MU Jazz Ensemble are sponsored in part through Student Activity Fees.

Octoboeifest to be Held October 21

The Mansfield University Music Department will present the 11th annual Octoboeifest recital on Sunday, October 21, 7 p.m. in Steadman Theatre.

Octoboeifest is a chamber music recital featuring the MU Double Reed Ensemble under the direction of Susan Laib, professor of double reeds.

The one-hour program will include various instrumental combinations from soloists to duets, trios, quartets and then everyone in one large ensemble. All members of the double reed family--oboe, oboe d'amore, English horn, bassoon and contrabassoon-- will be heard.

For the second year in a row, a workshop for junior and senior high school oboists and bassoonists will be held on October 21 from 2-5:30 p.m. Students will join in an afternoon of double reed ensemble playing and receive some pointers to improve their playing, culminating in their participation in the evening performance. A pizza supper will be provided for participants between the afternoon master class and evening performance.

The recital program will open with the annual rendition of *Two Renaissance Dances* by Tielman Susato, performed by the combined junior/senior high school and the MU Double Reed Ensemble.

This will be followed by performances of the works prepared by the workshop participants, as well as the MU Double Reed Ensemble.

Anyone interested in participating or needing more information should contact Laib at (570)662-4723 or slaib@mansfield.edu. Advance registration is requested by October 12 in order to plan the ensemble instrumentation.

Laib is in her 19th year on the MU Music faculty. Active as a performer and clinician throughout the Twin Tiers, she holds the position of principal oboe in both the Williamsport Symphony Orchestra and the Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes.

Octoboeifest is held in an intimate setting, with performers and the audience sharing the Steadman Theatre stage. It is free and open to the public.

Young Men's Choral Festival to Feature Concert by Affabre Concinui

The Mansfield University student chapter of the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) will host its eighth annual Young Men's Choral Festival (YMCF) on Friday, October 26.

More than 200 young men in grades seven, eight and nine, from schools across Pennsylvania and New York will take part. The students will spend their day in rehearsals, workshops, and in a master class given by internationally acclaimed guest artists Affabre Concinui.

A free public performance featuring the Young Men's Festival Choir, conducted by Kiver, will be given at 4 p.m. in Steadman Theatre. The Mansfield University Men's Chorus, under the direction of Peggy Dettwiler, the Round Four barbershop quartet and Phi Mu Alpha music fraternity will also perform.

The concert will culminate with Dettwiler conducting both the YMCF Chorus and the MU Men's Chorus in Z. Randall Stroope's *Homeland*.

In a 7 p.m. concert in Steadman Theatre, the YMCF will host special guest artists Affabre Concinui, **which is Latin for ideally harmonized**, the ensemble's artistic credo.

Since it was formed in 1983, this ensemble, also known as The Polish Chamber Singers, has toured all over the world. Their Mansfield performance marks the beginning of their 2007 U.S. tour.

Hailed as one of the top vocal ensembles coming out of Europe, their performance promises to be one of superb singing, flawless technique, and uproarious comedic prowess.

Tickets for the Affabre Concinui concert are \$5 and may be purchased online at <http://music.mansfield.edu>, click on Upcoming Events, or by calling (570)662-4710. MU students with ID will be admitted free.

SCHOLARS SPOTLIGHT

Brian Loher, Peter Keller, Francis Craig and Margaret Launius, Psychology, attended the Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association in San Francisco August 17-20 and presented a workshop "*Designing a Multi-method System for Undergraduate Program Assessment and Improvement.*" The workshop helped other undergraduate psychology programs improve their program assessment activities. They also had a poster presentation at the conference on the same topic highlighting the program assessment accomplishments of the MU Psychology Department. **Dennis Murray**, Psychology, contributed to the development of these presentations but was not able to attend the convention.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Mansfield Association of Educational Office Professionals (MAEOP) will hold its annual auction on Friday, October 12 in Alumni Hall, Room 307. Tickets for a wide variety of new items, gift certificates and services to be auctioned off and 50/50 giveaway will on sale from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Winning tickets being drawn at 6 p.m. Refreshments will also be available for purchase. Tickets are \$5 for first sheet of 25, \$1 for each additional sheet. Tickets are also available in advance from any MAEOP member: Denise Davey-Bostic x4118, Eva Green x4771, Lindy Hampsher x4876, Anne Kaminski x4852, Cathy Martin x4804, Annette Mase x4436, Barb Morgan x4980, Barb Nichols x4481, and Mary Lou Stroud x4355. Proceeds from the auction will be used for scholarships and educational development.
- The MU baseball team will hold "Kids Night Out" on Saturday, October 20 at Decker Gymnasium from 6-9:30 p.m. "Kids Night Out" is an evening of games and activities for children ages 5-18 supervised by the MU baseball team. Cost is \$7 per child, with a family rate of \$1 each additional child. For more information call (570)662-4457.
- MUTV News is back on Blue Ridge Cable Channel 13 this semester. Catch up on all the latest Mansfield news, entertainment and sports information. MUTV News is broadcasting Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays at 9 a.m., 3 p.m., 6 p.m., 9 p.m. and midnight. A new broadcast is aired each weekend. For more information, story ideas or suggestions about MUTV News, email mutvproductions@hotmail.com.
- 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.
- 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 women's swim team will open its season at home on Saturday, taking on Penn State-Altoona at noon in Decker Gymnasium pool.

The field hockey squad, ranked ninth in the latest STX/NFHCA Division II National Coaches Poll and fourth in the NCAA South Region Poll, will play at Bloomsburg on Saturday. The Mountaineers then come home to take on Kutztown on Wednesday and Houghton on Thursday. Both games get underway at 4 p.m.

MU is 9-5, 6-5 in the PSAC, after a 2-1 overtime win at East Stroudsburg last Saturday and a 2-0 shutout of Shippensburg on Tuesday. The Mountaineers have a two game lead over Shippensburg in the battle for the last PSAC playoff spot.

The women's soccer team will visit Bloomsburg on Saturday and travel to Shippensburg on Wednesday. MU is 2-9-2, 2-4-1 in the PSAC East, after tying 12th ranked West Chester last Saturday.

The cross country teams will compete in the Rochester Invitational on Saturday. The Mountaineer men's team is ranked fourth in this week's NCAA East Region Poll.

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

Dexter in the Dark by Jeff Lindsay

THE BOTTOM LINE

"Impossibilities are merely things which we have not yet learned."

--Charles W. Chesnutt