



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

Calendar of Events

10/19		Mid-Semester Grades Due
	8 p.m.	Jazz Ensemble and the Mansfieldians, Steadman
	8 p.m.	MU Basketball "Mountie Madness," Decker
10/20	noon	Field Hockey vs. Slippery Rock, Spaulding
	6-9:30 p.m.	Kid's Night Out, Decker
10/21	1 p.m.	Christopher Lahr, Senior Saxophone Recital, Steadman
	3 p.m.	Michael Galloway & Rebecca Dodson-Webster, Faculty Trumpet/French Horn Recital, Steadman
	7 p.m.	Octoboeifest, Steadman
10/22	4 p.m.	Campus Conversation, Alumni, Room 307
	4 p.m.	Career Readiness Workshop: All About Internships, Alumni, Room 317
	4 p.m.	Employer Day: State Farm Corporate Pizza Party, Alumni, Room 301
	8 p.m.	2, Guest Artist Recital, Steadman
10/23	12:30-1:30 p.m.	HIV Testing/Counseling, Clinic. Call (570)724-2911 to make appointment.
10/24	8:30 a.m.	Campus Conversation, Alumni, Room 307
	11 a.m.-3 p.m.	Employer Day: Pennsylvania State Police, Alumni Patio
	3:30 p.m.	Women's Soccer vs. Millersville, Soccer Field
	7 p.m.	University Lecture Series presents, "Character, Courage and Knowledge: Leadership and the Ethical Challenges of the 21st Century," Asra Nomani, Allen Auditorium
10/25	6 p.m.	Leadership Institute Reception, North Manser, RSVP to vjohnson@mansfield.edu or x4046 if you wish to attend

President Loeschke Receives Contract Extension

The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education's (PASSHE) Board of Governors has extended the contract of Mansfield University President Maravene Loeschke and eight other PASSHE University presidents through June 30, 2010. The action came at the Board of Governors bi-monthly meeting on October 11 in Harrisburg.

Loeschke assumed the MU presidency on July 1, 2006. The Mansfield Council of Trustees unanimously recommended she receive a contract extension at a special meeting on September 4.

The Board of Governors is responsible for the employment of the 14 PASSHE University presidents. The decision whether to renew a president's contract is made annually, based on the recommendations of each University's Council of Trustees and PASSHE Chancellor Judy G. Hample.

Two PASSHE University presidents have announced their intent to retire and were not considered for contract extensions. Three other presidents were hired this year and were not eligible to be considered for a contract extension.

Bandwidth Increase Improves Internet Service to Campus Community

In response to the needs of students and faculty to reach off-campus locations on the internet, Mansfield University has increased its internet bandwidth, tripling its capacity for internet gateway traffic.

In simplified terms, bandwidth is the amount of traffic that is allowed to occur between a web site and the rest of the internet and vice versa.

Services such as BlackBoard, the course management platform used by MU instructors for both online and classroom courses, library databases and other instructional materials, as well as internet access and student email have seen a performance boost as a result of the improvements made by the Campus Technologies Unit. The increase has also improved the efficiency of the campus operational systems that require internet access.

“The wired world makes it possible to do things we couldn’t even envision just ten years ago,” Provost Michael Renner said. “Imagine a political science class having a live video conversation with a public official, or a literature class getting to ask questions -- face to face -- with the author of the novel they’re studying. Mansfield has always been a leader in instructional technologies, and tripling the campus bandwidth encourages our faculty to keep these innovations coming.”

From his desk, Associate Director of Campus Technologies Alan Johnson can monitor all internet traffic and, if necessary, give priority to certain uses and types of internet traffic.

“Originally we would have thought that the YouTube and flash video traffic we saw was recreational,” he said. “But we’ve heard from faculty that they are increasingly using them in class. Some plan an entire lesson on YouTube clips or they need access to a particular internet site or sites during class so I favor that type of traffic.”

Johnson admits that since the bandwidth increase was implemented last month, he hasn’t had to make many tough decisions on what type of traffic gets priority. And while the main focus of the bandwidth increase was to improve academic and operational efficiency, the change has also made the students who play interactive video games online, so called “gamers,” happy.

“We listened to the students because it was important to them, the streaming video, music and the gaming traffic is important to them,” Johnson said. “I wasn’t going to say they couldn’t game because a majority of these kids live here. Not everything I do at my house is scholarly, but it enhances my life. We have to keep that in mind and look at things a little differently.”

Composer to be Guest at Recital of His Music

Mansfield University Music faculty members Rebecca Dodson-Webster and Michael Galloway will present a recital of the brass music of American composer Eric Ewazen on Sunday, October 21, 3 p.m. in Steadman Theatre. Ewazen will be a guest at the concert and will speak about his pieces.

The program will open with *A Philharmonic Fanfare*, where Dodson-Webster and Galloway will be joined by their colleague Stephen McEuen on trombone. Dodson-Webster will then be accompanied by pianist and MU faculty member Benjamin Moritz in a performance of Ewazen’s *Sonata for Horn and Piano*. Nancy Boston, head of the keyboard department at Mansfield, will accompany Galloway on Ewazen’s *Sonata for Trumpet and Piano*.

“Both sonatas are large scale multi-movement works that make major technical and musical demands on all of the players involved,” Dodson-Webster said.

The concert will conclude with *Frost Fire for Brass Quintet*, performed by the Mansfield Brass Quintet. In addition to the brass players already mentioned, the quintet includes Nate Rinnert on tuba and senior music education major Ben Rochford on trumpet.

“This work, based on traditional musical forms is in three movements,” Dodson-Webster said. “All of these works reflect the underlying lyricism of Ewazen’s music and demonstrate his ability to combine that lyricism with real rhythmic energy.”

The recital is free and open to the public.

Ewazen was born in 1954 in Cleveland, OH and received degrees from the Eastman School of Music and the Julliard School. His teachers include Milton Babbitt, Samuel Adler, Warren Benson, Joseph Schwantner and Gunther Schuller.

He is a recipient of numerous composition awards and prizes. His works have been commissioned and performed by soloists, chamber ensembles and orchestras in the U.S. and overseas and many have been released on major record labels.

Ewazen has been a guest at almost 100 Universities and colleges throughout the world in recent years including such prestigious music schools as Curtis, Eastman, Peabody, Indiana University, UCLA, University of Texas, Birmingham (UK) Conservatory, the Conservatory of Santa Cruz (Spain) and Boston Conservatory.

During the past season, his music has been performed by the Orchestre National de Lille in France, the Milano Classica Sinfonica in Italy, the Brisbane Philharmonic in Australia, South Arkansas Symphony, Stow Chamber Orchestra and the Midland-Odesa Symphony.

Ewazen has been lecturer for the New York Philharmonic's Musical Encounters Series, Vice-President of the League of Composers--International Society of Contemporary Music, and Composer-In-Residence with the Orchestra of St. Luke's in New York City. He has also been a faculty member at Juilliard since 1980.

For more on Ewazen, check online at <http://www.ericewazen.com>

Fall Choral Collage Set for October 27

The Mansfield University Music Department will present the annual Fall Choral Collage on Saturday, October 27, at 8 p.m. in Steadman Theatre.

More than 175 singers under the direction of Peggy Dettwiler and Sheryl Monkeliën, as well as graduate student conductors Briana Bailey and Christopher Starr, will perform.

The program, featuring the Men's and Women's Choirs, Festival Chorus, Mansfieldians and the Concert Choir, will present works from the Baroque period through Gospel and jazz styles.

We Are an Ocean, A unique piece written by Deborah Finestone, Mansfield alum MS'99, will be performed for the first time in the Mansfield area by the Festival Chorus.

It is inspired by the notion that all people are linked with the earth by the element of water, which is a major constituent of all living matter. Finestone uses sound effects and choreography to depict the waves and an original text that bonds people together through love.

Also during this concert, 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*.

The Mansfieldians, fresh from their fall tour, will sing Gene Puerling's arrangement of *Both Sides Now*, originally written and performed by Joni Mitchell, and Bobby McFerrin's *Jubilee*.

The 60-voice Concert Choir, the largest ever, will present works that they are preparing for the World Choral Olympics next July.

The concert will close with a patriotic presentation entitled *Homeland*, featuring the Men's Chorus accompanied by brass and percussion.

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

SCHOLARS SPOTLIGHT

Nancy Sidell, Social Work, is one of 11 faculty mentors named by the National Center for Gerontological Social Work Education Geriatric Social Work Initiative. Under the direction of the Center, faculty mentors will be assigned to work with eight to 10 social work programs receiving Curriculum Development Initiative grants for three years, beginning in July, 2008. The purpose of the mentoring program is to provide assigned grantees support and assistance with problem solving related to infusing their social work curricula with aging-related content. Sidell was involved in the previous Curriculum Development Initiative as a grantee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- "Mountie Madness," a chance for fans to meet the 2007-08 MU men's and women's basketball teams, will be held on Friday, October 19, 8 p.m. in Decker Gymnasium. Both squads will play an intrasquad scrimmage with guest coaches President Maravene Loeschke and Professor of Philosophy Robert Timko against Vice President for Finance & Administration Mike Reid and Director of Athletics Roger Maisner. The evening will include a three-point shooting contest, the MU Cheerleaders will perform, free food and entertainment provided will be provided by WNTE-FM. Also, four fans will be selected to compete in a free throw shooting contest to win a \$50 gift certificate from the Campus Bookstore.
- After spending their fall break performing concerts and clinics in the Pittsburgh area, the Mansfieldians, directed by Sheryl Monkeliën, 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. 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.

- 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.
- The 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. Octoboeifest is held in an intimate setting, with performers and the audience sharing the Steadman Theatre stage.
- President Loeschke invites the campus community to participate in Campus Conversations on the budget on Monday, October 22, 4 p.m. and Wednesday, October 24, 8:30 a.m., both in Alumni Hall, Room 307. The President and Cabinet will be on hand to address any questions and there will be time for discussion.
- “Character, Courage and Knowledge: Leadership and the Ethical Challenges of the 21st Century” will be the topic of a University Lecture Series presentation by Asra Nomani on Wednesday, October 24, 7 p.m. in Allen Hall Auditorium. A visiting professor at Georgetown University, Nomani was a reporter for the *Wall Street Journal* for 15 years. She is the author of *Standing Alone at Mecca: An American Woman’s Struggle for the Soul of Islam*. The University Lecture Series is sponsored by the Office of the Provost.
- A reception celebrating the opening of the MU Leadership Institute will be held on October 25, 6 p.m. in North Manser Hall. Jay Sidhu, CEO of SidhuAdvisors and former chair and CEO of Sovereign Bank Corp, will be the guest speaker. Sidhu is an internationally recognized professional in authentic leadership and emotional intelligence. Due to limited seating, RSVP to Vicki Johnson x4046 or vjohnson@mansfield.edu ASAP if you wish to attend.
- The MU 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 will be given at 4 p.m. in Steadman Theatre. The MU Men’s Chorus, the Round Four barbershop quartet and Phi Mu Alpha music fraternity will also perform. 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. 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.
- 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 eighth in the latest STX/NFHCA Division II National Coaches Poll, will host Slippery Rock in its regular season finale on Saturday at noon. It will be Senior, Family & Friends Day at Spaulding Field.

The Mountaineers 4-1 loss to Kutztown on Wednesday, combined with Shippensburg's win over Bloomsburg, leaves Shippensburg and Mansfield in a tie for the fourth and final PSAC playoff spot going into Saturday.

MU was 9-7, 6-7 in the PSAC, heading into a non league game against Houghton on Thursday.

The women's soccer team will visit East Stroudsburg on Saturday and then host Millersville on Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

MU is 2-11-2, 2-6-1 in the PSAC East, after losses at Bloomsburg last Saturday and Shippensburg on Monday.

The women's swim team competes in the Bloomsburg Invitational on Friday.

Last Saturday, the Mountaineers opened their season with a 109-66 win over Penn State-Altoona. Maureen Maikner and Mary Tucker each won two events to lead MU.

The PSAC Championships at Kutztown are next up for the cross country teams.

Last Saturday at the Yellowjacket Invitational in Rochester, Chris Cummings finished second overall and Josh Wooten eighth to lead the MU men's cross country team to a third place finish at the 13 team field. Brenae Edwards and Clarissa Correll finished in the top 25 to pace the women's team to a seventh place finish.

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:

Giving by Bill Clinton

Things I Overheard While Talking to Myself by Alan Alda

Lone Survivor by Marcus Luttrell with Patrick Robinson

THE BOTTOM LINE

"Life is change. Growth is optional. Choose wisely. "

-- Karen Kaiser Clark