



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

Calendar of Events

10/22-12/5	"Partners in Life & Art," Bill & Jean K Stephens, University Gallery
10/26 4 p.m.	Young Men's Choral Festival Concert, Steadman
7 p.m.	Young Men's Choral Festival presents, Affabrae Concinui, Steadman
10/27 11 a.m.	Women's Swimming vs. Bloomsburg, Decker Pool
1:30 p.m.	Women's Soccer vs. Kutztown, Soccer Field
1:30 p.m.	Julie Schenck, Junior Bassoon Recital, Steadman
8 p.m.	Fall Choral Collage, Steadman
10/28 1 p.m.	Kellie Barbato & Rachele Brisson, Junior Voice Recital, Steadman
3:30 p.m.	Ben Rochford, Senior Trumpet Recital, Steadman
5:30 p.m.	Sarah Sharer, Senior Oboe Recital, Steadman
10/29	Registration for Spring 2008 Semester Begins
9-10:30 a.m.	Strategic Planning Committee Focus Group, North Manser
7p.m.	Ghost Hunters Inc., The Hut
8:15 p.m.	Octubafest, Steadman
10/30 10 a.m.-noon	Employer Day: Scott's Childcare Center, Retan
10/31 4 p.m.	Career Readiness Workshop: Writing a Resume, Alumni, Room 301
11/1 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Graduate School Expo, Alumni, Room 307

Guenther Writes Book about PA Sports History

Sports in Pennsylvania, the latest book authored by Karen Guenther, associate professor of history at Mansfield University, has been published.

Sports in Pennsylvania, published by the Pennsylvania Historical Association (PHA), leads readers from pre-colonial contests among Native American tribes to the big business of modern professional sports. From amateur competition, to colleges, to the pros, readers will relive championship seasons and struggles with defeat – and along the way, follow the important role of sports in the social, cultural, and economic life of the Commonwealth.

In the book, Guenther also provides a guide to Pennsylvania sports in the movies, in museums, and at historic sites, giving readers the opportunity to follow their favorite teams beyond the stadiums and playing fields.

Mansfield, home of the world's first night football game in 1892, is among the stories featured in the book.

"The nice thing about this book is that it will be the first in the series to have web enhancements," Guenther said. "Through the PHA website, people will have access to a thorough bibliography on Pennsylvania's sports history and to tables that include lists of hall of famers and championship teams. In the future, the website will include lesson plans based on the book to help teachers incorporate Pennsylvania's sports history in their lessons."

Sports in Pennsylvania is 115 pages in length with plentiful illustrations and is available on-line (by printable order form) at <http://www.pa-history.org/pastudyseries.htm>. The price is \$12.95 plus sales tax for Pennsylvania residents. Quantity discounts are available.

Sports in Pennsylvania is the newest addition to the Pennsylvania History Studies Series. The purpose of the series is to provide Pennsylvanians with lively, thought-provoking surveys of topics of contemporary interest. Other volumes in the series include arts and architecture, histories of ethnic groups, and *Philadelphia: A Brief History*. The series editor is Charlene Mires of Villanova University.

Guenther's first book, *Rememb'ring Our Time and Work Is the Lords: The Experiences of Quakers on the Eighteenth-Century Pennsylvania Frontier*, was published last year by Susquehanna University Press.

Focus Groups to Discuss Strategic Planning

The Strategic Planning Committee, co-chaired by Music Department Chair Adam Brennan and Associate Provost Deb Erickson has been formed.

The student representatives are Kay Barrett, Michael Koehler and Matt Pilkerton. Denise Berg, Edgard Domenech, Edith Gallagher, Susan Sweet, Mike Reid and Catherine Renner are staff representatives. The faculty representatives are Azizur Molla, Michelle Moore and Adrienne McEvoy.

The committee will be hosting focus group aimed at receiving input from everyone in the community to examine the University mission, develop a vision for the future and draft a set of strategic goals consistent with the mission and vision. The strategic goals formulated will set a pathway for MU to follow in the next five years.

Focus groups will be held on Monday, October 29, 9-10:30 a.m., Friday, November 2, 1-2:30 p.m., Friday, November 9, 2-3:30 p.m., Tuesday November 13, 1-2:30 p.m. and Monday, November 19, 4-5:30 p.m., all in North Manser Dining Hall.

All members of the campus community are invited to participate. When people arrive they will be seated with seven or eight others and provided with handouts about the process and questions to discuss.

These will informal brainstorming sessions where everyone's comments are valued and recorded for synthesis by the Strategic Planning Committee.

Fisheries Program to Hold Open House

The Mansfield University Fisheries Program will hold an open house on Saturday, November 10, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"For more than 25 years Mansfield has been the premier institution in the country for undergraduate training in fisheries science and aquaculture," Richard Soderberg, director of the MU program, said. "Mansfield graduates form a network of fisheries professionals that spans the nation."

Fisheries is the science and practice of the management of fish populations for the benefit of society. This includes the manipulation of captive fish populations in fish hatcheries or fish farms (aquaculture) and the manipulation of wild fish populations in lakes, streams and oceans (fisheries management).

Fisheries professionals find jobs in public and private fish hatcheries, state, federal and private fisheries management agencies and graduate schools in pursuit of advanced degrees in fisheries or related fields. Fisheries work is almost always outdoors in rural locations and usually involves management of fisheries and aquatic resources to improve recreational benefits to society.

The BS degree in fisheries at Mansfield is a science intensive liberal arts degree with 10 different fisheries courses. The curriculum meets the requirements for certification by the American Fisheries Society as an Associate Fisheries Professional, a designation required for employment or promotion by many state fishery agencies. The Mansfield fisheries program offers the only undergraduate degree in the world that can make this claim.

Students interested in a career in fisheries, aquaculture, aquatic science, water quality, resource management or related fields, their parents and high school teachers who would like to attend the open house should contact the Admissions Office at (570)662-4814 or e-mail tsoderbe@mansfield.edu

For more information on the fisheries degree program at MU, check online at <http://www.mansfield.edu/fisheries/>

“Partners in Life & Art” on Display at Gallery

“Partners in Life & Art,” an exhibition of works by husband and wife Bill and Jean K Stephens, is on display at the Mansfield University Gallery. The exhibit will run through Wednesday, December 5.

Married for more than 30 years, the Stephens’ continue to inspire, critique, and support each other. The work of both has been in juried exhibits throughout New York State.

Bill Stephens has been an art educator for over 30 years, involved in many different aspects of teaching at both the high school and college levels in New York State. He received a Master of Science in Art Education from Rochester Institute of Technology and a BFA from Layton School of Art, Milwaukee WI. His artistic work is, “process driven and inspired by a simple rock garden, morning meditation and memory.”

Jean K Stephens’ work is inspired by nature and organic forms. In her artwork she seeks to, “lead the viewer into the landscape, a pathway they can follow, as a metaphor for our life’s journey.” She received a Bachelor of Fine Arts and Masters in Art Education from Rochester Institute of Technology. She has also studied with Thomas Buechner and Thomas Insalaco.

Stephens’ work is included in private and corporate collections, is represented by McGowan Fine Art, Concord NH and Oxford Gallery, Rochester NY, and has been featured in *American Artist* magazine.

An opening reception and artist’s talk will be held on Wednesday, November 7, 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

Stephen Brown, Psychology, and Human Resource Management major **Jessica Pettie** attended the annual Building Strong Families Conference at Messiah College on October 11. Pettie won first place in the student poster contest for research she completed at MU with Psychology major **Mandy Martin**. Brown served on the conference planning board, assisted with registration, and holds the position of secretary for the conference sponsor, The Mid-Atlantic Council on Family Relations.

Scott DiMarco, Library & Information Resource Administration, had his review of the audio version of *The Double Agents* by W.E.B. Griffin and William E. Butterworth IV published in the September 15 issue of *Library Journal*.

K. Sue Young, Communication & Theatre, took students **Shantee Proctor**, **Erick Murtland**, **Christie Martin**, **Laura Hall**, and **Starr Miller** to New York City on October 22 to work at the League of the Hard of Hearing’s Feast of Famous Faces. The six were responsible for many aspects of event planning and execution at the event filled with famous soap opera stars, news anchors, and chefs from New York City. The event was held at the Chelsea Piers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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.
- Students, staff and supporters interested in getting a first hand look at the future of Mountaineer football are invited on a bus trip to Ithaca on Friday, October 26 to see Cornell take on Army in a showdown between two of the Collegiate Spring Football League’s (CSFL) perennial powers. MU President

Maravene Loeschke announced earlier this month that the school will start play in the CSFL next year. The bus and admission to the game are free, but seating is limited. The bus will leave from the Kelchner Fitness Center on the MU campus at 5 p.m. To reserve a seat, email Sports Information Director Steve McCloskey at smcclosk@mansfield.edu. People without a reservation will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis. On the way to Ithaca, fans will be updated on the Mansfield sprint program. Kick-off for the Cornell-Army game at Schoellkopf Field is set for 7 p.m.

- The 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. 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.
- The MU baseball team will hold "Kids Night Out" on Saturday, November 10, 6-9:30 p.m. at Decker Gymnasium. "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.
- 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 soccer team will close out its season at home on Saturday, taking on Kutztown at 1:30 p.m. It will be Senior Day.

The Mountaineers are 3-12-2, 2-7-1 in the PSAC East, after a 2-1 overtime loss at East Stroudsburg last Saturday and a 1-0 win over Millersville on Wednesday.

The women's swim team will host Bloomsburg on Saturday at 11 a.m.

Last Friday, MU finished seventh at the Bloomsburg Relays.

The cross country teams will compete in the PSAC Championships at Kutztown on Saturday.

The Mountaineer field hockey squad beat Slippery Rock 5-0 in its regular season finale on Saturday but lost out on a spot in the PSAC playoffs to Shippensburg in a tiebreaker.

MU finishes the season with an 11-7 record, 7-7 in the PSAC.

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:

The Age of Turbulence by Alan Greenspan

The Day of Battle by Rick Atkinson

A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini

You've Been Warned by James Patterson & Howard Roughan

THE BOTTOM LINE

"Great thoughts speak only to the thoughtful mind, but great actions speak to all mankind."

--Emily P. Bissell