



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

**Calendar of Events**

9/6	noon	Field Hockey vs. Mercyhurst, Spaulding
	1:30 p.m.	Women's Soccer vs. West Chester, Soccer Field
9/8		Final Rosters due to Registrar's office by 4 p.m.
9/9	1 p.m.	Mountaineer Leadership Program Information Session, Alumni, Room 312
	4 p.m.	Art Faculty Exhibit, Opening Reception, University Gallery
9/10	4 p.m.	Mountaineer Leadership Program Information Session, Alumni, Room 312
	4 p.m.	Field Hockey vs. Slippery Rock, Spaulding
9/11	1 p.m.	Mountaineer Leadership Program Information Session, Alumni, Room 312

**Laydon Named Interim Provost**

Harold F. "Hal" Laydon has been named interim provost and vice president for academic affairs at Mansfield University.

Laydon served as president of Lake Erie College in Painesville, OH for 12 years, retiring in June 2005. Upon his retirement, he was named president emeritus.

Before being named president at Lake Erie, Laydon was vice president for academic affairs, dean and professor of Education at the school for two years.

From 1974 until 1990, Laydon spent 16 years at William Woods College in Fulton, MO, the last six as vice president for academic affairs.

Laydon holds a Ph.D. and M.A. from the University of Maryland and a B. S. from Central Connecticut State University. He will serve at MU as a national search for a new provost proceeds.

Michael Renner stepped down as provost on July 30 to return to his first love of teaching. He has joined the MU psychology faculty.

**Gold Medal Winning Ensembles Honored**

The Mansfield University campus community gathered on Thursday to honor the MU Concert Choir and the Mansfieldians. Both ensembles won gold medals at the World Choir Games held in Graz, Austria in July.

Video highlights of the gold medal winning performances and the awards ceremony were shown to the gathering in Steadman Theatre. Then each member of the Concert Choir and the Mansfieldians returned to the stage where they spent countless hours rehearsing to receive an individual gold medal and a tour journal.

The Concert Choir, under the direction of Peggy Dettwiler, took the top prize in the spiritual and gospel open category, earning a score of 92.25 out of 100.

The Mansfieldians, a select 12-member ensemble of Concert Choir members directed by Sheryl Monkeliën, won the first place in the jazz vocal ensemble a cappella category, scoring an 89.96.

The Concert Choir also earned a gold diploma in the mixed youth choir category, finishing second and missing the gold medal by less than a point.

Overall, the Mansfield groups earned six gold medals in both qualifying and final rounds.

The World Choral Games brought together more than 20,000 singers in 441 choirs from 93 countries.

## Faculty Art Work on Display at Gallery

The 2008-09 Art Faculty Exhibit is on display at the Mansfield University Gallery. The exhibit will run through Thursday, October 2.

The show features recent work by MU faculty Darryl Abraham, Paul Bozzo, Martha Campbell, Carol Geroux, Robert Geroux, Michelle Lockwood Ruth Anne Miller and Mardi Whitehouse.

“We are excited to share these unique personal, creative experiments, statements and technical explorations with our students and the entire Mansfield community of learners,” Gallery Director Robert Geroux said.

There will be an opening reception and informal conversation with the Art faculty on Tuesday, September 9 at 4 p.m.

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

**Timothy Madigan** and **Janice Purk**, Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work, presented their research on the sociological imagination of introduction to sociology students at the 103rd annual American Sociological Association meeting in Boston on August 1.

Madigan has been invited to serve on the Overseas Young Chinese Forum’s Teaching Fellowship Referee Committee. The committee, made up of experts in various fields of law, humanities and social sciences, helps award short term teaching trips to China to overseas scholars and professionals.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Any student or employee who has not picked up their new One-Card, the new ID card, should do so at the CCSI Office, Alumni Hall, Room 327.
- The Frederick Douglass Institute (FDI) presentation of *March on Milwaukee: Putting History into Play*, a lecture/performance program by Margaret Rozga, will take place in Straughn Hall on Wednesday, September 17, at 7 p.m. The original location was announced as Steadman Theatre. The FDI at MU is an interdisciplinary collaborative between Academic Affairs and Student Affairs dedicated to following the intellectual heritage and principles of Frederick Douglass and other distinguished individuals from all backgrounds. The Institute promotes programs that will enhance the learning experience and help students develop an understanding and appreciation of human dignity and diversity. For further information about the FDI, check online at [www.mansfield.edu/FDI/](http://www.mansfield.edu/FDI/)
- Class cancellation information is on the University website. Click on the “Class and Events Cancellation Notices” 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 at home for the first time this season when Mercyhurst comes to Spaulding Field on Saturday at noon. The Mountaineers will also be home on Wednesday to take on Slippery Rock at 4 p.m.

MU is 1-2 on the season after losses at Southern Connecticut and Bentley and a win at Bryant on their New England swing to start the season last weekend.

The women’s soccer squad will also be home on Saturday to face West Chester at 1:30 p.m. The Mountaineers then go on the road, playing at Millersville on Tuesday and at Elmira on Thursday.

MU is 1-1, 0-1 in the PSAC East, after a win at Goldey Beacom last Thursday and a loss to Bloomsburg on Wednesday.

The cross county teams will open their season Saturday at the Seagull Opener in Salisbury, MD.

The sprint football team will scrimmage Princeton on September 20, 1 p.m. at Karl Van Norman Field.

The Mountaineers will play the first game in program history when Cornell comes to Mansfield for a 12:30 p.m. kick-off on September 27.

For all the latest Mountaineer information and scores, check online at [gomounties.com](http://gomounties.com)

### **THE BOTTOM LINE**

"Learning is not compulsory. Neither is survival."

--Henry Ward Beecher