



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

Calendar of Events

9/26-27		Fabulous 1890s Weekend, Smythe Park
	8 p.m.	Prism Concert, Steadman
9/27		Family Day
	11 a.m.	Women's Soccer vs. Alderson-Broaddus, Soccer Field
	1 p.m.	Sprint Football vs. Cornell, Van Norman
9/29	4 p.m.	MLP Values/Mission/Vision Workshop, Alumni, Room 314
	7 p.m.	Workshop: Seven Habits of Effective Leadership, Alumni, Room 314
		North hall Library Visiting Scholar Series presents, Katherine Ramsland, "True Stories of CSI: The Real Crimes Behind the Best Episodes of the Popular TV Show," Planetarium
9/30	1 p.m.	MLP Listening Skills for Leaders Workshop, Alumni, Room 312
		Workshop: Dissent and Leadership, Alumni, Room 314
	4 p.m.	Open Conversation: Budget, Alumni, Room 307
10/2	1 p.m.	MLP Assertive Communication Workshop, Alumni, Room 314
		Workshop: "What if Plan A Fails? On to Plan B," Alumni, Room 317

Nursing Post-Master's Program Receives Approval

In its continuing efforts to address the shortage of nurses and nurse educators, Mansfield University has received approval for its post-master's certificate in nursing education program from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC).

"I am really excited about this certificate program," Janeen Sheehe, chair of the Department of Health Sciences, said. "It means that nurses who previously pursued clinical nurse specialist or nurse practitioner tracks in their masters education, and have excellent clinical skills, can easily take courses that will not only prepare them to take the NLN Certified Nurse Educator exam, but will also give them the skills to be a strong nurse educator."

The 15-credit post-masters program gives nurses who already hold master's degrees in nursing the opportunity to gain expertise necessary to be effective nurse educators.

Graduates of the certificate program will be able to design curricula based on current knowledge of nursing, teaching techniques, and learning theory. They will be able to effectively evaluate students, courses, and programs, as well as participate in accreditation procedures.

Once those who have completed the program have the requisite teaching experience, they will be able to sit for the National League for Nursing's (NLN) Certified Nurse Educator Examination.

For more information on the post master's certificate program in nursing education program at MU, check online at <http://www.mansfield.edu/~nursing/>

Chris Cummings named Fabulous 1890s Grand Marshal

Mansfield University track and cross country All-American Chris Cummings has been named Grand Marshal of the Fabulous 1890s Weekend motorless parade on Saturday, September 27, 11 a.m. in Mansfield.

Cummings, a Mansfield H.S. graduate who is now a graduate student and assistant coach with the cross country teams at MU, capped his running career by being selected as the 2008 NCAA Division II National Scholar-Athlete of the Year by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association in July.

He was also named the top male scholar-athlete in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC), winning the 2007-08 Pete Nevins Male Scholar-Athletes of Year Award.

In addition, Cummings was named an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship recipient. He maintained a 4.0 GPA while pursuing his master's degree in education. As an undergraduate, Cummings carried a 3.86 GPA as a physics major.

He finishes his storied career at Mansfield as a five-time All-American - twice each in indoor and outdoor track and field, and once in cross country. Cummings was the only PSAC male to garner All-America honors in cross country, indoor and outdoor track and field in 2007-08.

The Fabulous 1890s Weekend is cosponsored by Mansfield University and the Greater Area Mansfield Chamber of Commerce. Admission is a \$3 button, which is good for the entire weekend.

For complete information and schedules, check online at 1890sweekend.com

SCHOLARS SPOTLIGHT

James Lohrey, Communication & Theatre, presented his documentary film *Stories from the Gulf Coast: Katrina's Aftermath* at the annual University Film-Video Association Conference held at Colorado College in Colorado Springs, CO, on August 12-16. He also served as a script respondent to two faculty screenplays at the conference. Lohrey hopes to have a formal screening of his documentary film to campus community sometime this spring.

J. Richard Walker, Mathematics emeritus, has had his Convocation address, entitled "An issue You Should Care About," published in the October issue of *Vital Speeches of the Day*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- While the MU football program will start a new era on Saturday, the tradition of the Palmer Fund Pigskin Classic will continue. The game will serve as a fund raiser for the Josh Palmer Fund, which raises money for scholarships, education and support groups for young adults with cancer from our area. Palmer, a cancer survivor, is a 2002 MU graduate and former player and student assistant coach with the Mountaineers. Friday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., a limited number of commemorative game t-shirts (\$10) and raffle tickets for great sports memorabilia and game tickets (\$2, 3 for \$5) will be available at Alumni Hall. The items will also be available at Saturday's game. Raffle winners will be announced during the second half. Winners need not be present to win. For more information on the Josh Palmer Fund, check online at <http://www.jpalmfund.org/>
- 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 26 at 8 p.m., Saturday, October 4 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, October 5 at 3 p.m. in Steadman Theatre. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and \$5 for students. MU students, faculty and staff with ID will be admitted free. Tickets can be ordered online at <http://music.mansfield.edu> or by phone at (570)662-4710. All proceeds from the concerts benefit the Music Department scholarship fund.
- Author Katherine Ramsland is the 2008 North Hall Library Visiting Scholar. She will give her presentation, "True Stories of CSI: The Real Crimes Behind the Best Episodes of the Popular TV Show," on Monday, September 29, 7 p.m. in the Grant Science Center Planetarium. The presentation is free and open to the public. A book signing will be held after the presentation. While at MU, Ramsland will also be the guest of honor at a private reception and speak to a criminal justice class. North Hall Library, in collaboration with the MU faculty, instituted the visiting scholar program, which brings 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.
- President Loeschke invites the campus community to an open conversation to discuss the budget on Tuesday, September 30, 4 p.m. in Alumni Hall, Room 307.

- The Mansfield Association of Educational Office Professionals (MAEOP) is sponsoring several bus excursions in the coming year. The first will be a Seneca Lake wine trail tour on Sunday, October 12. The bus will leave from the East Lot at 9 a.m. and return at approximately 7 p.m. Cost is \$30 for coach bus transportation. Brunch and tasting fees are to be paid by individuals. Reservations and non-refundable payment are due by September 26. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Lindy Hampsher at bhampshe@mansfield.edu or x4876.
- Alumni, family and friends will return to Mansfield University to celebrate Homecoming 2008 on October 3-5. This year's theme is "History Sprints Ahead!" For a full schedule of events and a printable registration form, check online at <http://www.mansfield.edu/~alumni/documents/MU2008Hmcmng.pdf>. Call (888)305-6505 or email alumni2@mansfield.edu for more information.
- The MU baseball team will hold "Kids Night Out" on October 18, November 8 and December 6 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 off for each additional child. For more information call (570)662-4457.
- 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

History will be made on Saturday when MU hosts Cornell in its first sprint football game. Kick-off is 12:30 p.m. at Karl Van Norman Field. Admission is free.

The game will be broadcast on TV by SPORTSfever, which will be carried on cable TV outlets throughout Pennsylvania and on WETM-TV2 in the Twin Tiers. The radio broadcast will be available on the internet at <http://gomounties.com> or welml410.com

The women's soccer squad will be home on Saturday to take on Alderson-Broaddus at 11 a.m. The game was originally scheduled for Sunday. MU will play at East Stroudsburg on Wednesday.

The Mountaineers are 3-5, 1-5 in the PSAC East, after losses to Slippery Rock last Saturday and Kutztown on Tuesday.

The field hockey hosted Kutztown on Thursday and then will visit IUP on Saturday.

MU is 5-3, 2-2 in the PSAC West, heading into the Kutztown game after an overtime loss to Millersville last Saturday.

The cross country teams have the weekend off. Next up, the Mountaineers compete in the Paul Short Invitational at Lehigh next Saturday.

The men's squad is ranked ninth in the Atlantic Region in the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) regional poll.

Last Saturday at the Oneonta Air Field Invitational, the women's team took third and the men finished fifth.

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

LIBRARY LISTINGS

These books are now on the shelves at North Hall:

Faith of My Fathers by John McCain with Mark Salter

Smoke Screen by Sandra Brown

THE BOTTOM LINE

"Individual commitment to a group effort -- that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work."

--Vince Lombardi