



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

Calendar of Events

10/10		Visitation Day
	7:30 p.m.	Mansfield Faculty Brass Quintet Recital, Steadman
10/11	1:30 p.m.	Women's Soccer vs. Millersville, Soccer Field
10/13-14		Fall Holiday - No Classes
10/14	4 p.m.	Field Hockey vs. Shippensburg, Spaulding
10/16	1 p.m.	Workshop: Decision Making Methods, Alumni, Room 314 MLP Leadership Concepts Workshop, Alumni, Room 317

PA House Honors Gold Medal Winning Ensembles

The Pennsylvania House of Representatives unanimously passed a resolution on Monday, October 6, honoring the Mansfield University Concert Choir and the Mansfieldians for winning gold medals at the World Choir Games last July.

Representative Matt Baker, whose 68th District encompasses all of Tioga County and western Bradford County, introduced the resolution. Before the vote was taken Baker said of the MU ensembles, "They have achieved something that never before had ever been dreamed of for such a small university. I just want to say how proud I am of Mansfield University. All 12 million citizens and all 14 State System universities should be proud of the representation that Mansfield University and its choirs accomplished."

After the vote, the entire House of Representatives gave the Mansfield ensembles a standing ovation.

"This is remarkable experience to be honored like this on the floor of the House of Representatives," MU President Maravene Loeschke said. "It's an experience our students will never forget. It really puts Mansfield on the map in the arts in a way we are always proud of, particularly today."

Both ensembles gave a noontime concert in the Capitol Rotunda before the start of the legislative session.

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

The Concert Choir, under the direction of Peggy Dettwiler, took the top prize in the spiritual and gospel open category at the World Choir Games, which were held in Graz, Austria.

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.

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.

Homecoming 2008

Alumni, family and friends returned to Mansfield University to celebrate Homecoming 2008 on October 3-5. This year's theme was "History Sprints Ahead!"

Hiwot Ketema was named Homecoming Queen and Joshua Charles was named Homecoming King. The royal couple was crowned during halftime ceremonies of the Mountaineers spring football game against the University of Pennsylvania.

Hiwot Ketema is a senior biology major from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. She represented the Mansfield International Student Organization (MISO) in the campus wide voting. Ketema was escorted by Adam McCawley.

Joshua Charles is a senior physics major from Granville Summit, PA. He represented the Laurel Hall Council. Charles was escorted by Carly Conrad.

Earlier in the day, the annual Homecoming parade marched up Main Street to the delight of a big crowd lining both sides of the street.

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

The Class of 2008: Mark Doherty '95, Joe Harrington '50, Gretchen Reschke '02, Richard Sabec '93 and, in the Legends category, Joe Lippincott '21, brings the number enshrined on the Wall of Fame in Decker Gymnasium to 156.

The weekend also included a golf tournament, an alumni tent party, a pep rally, bon fire and fireworks, alumni baseball and softball games, a 5K fun run, the Music Department's Prism Concert and other activities.

Rap Artists Lupe Fiasco and Trey Songz to Perform

Rap and R&B recording artist Lupe Fiasco, along with special guest Trey Songz, will perform in concert at Decker Gymnasium at 8 p.m. on Friday, October 17. Doors will open at 7 p.m.

Lupe Fiasco's newest release, *The Cool*, is nominated for two BET Hip Hop Awards, including CD of the year. The winners will be announced October 23.

Fiasco burst onto the national music scene in 2004 with debut album *Food & Liquor*, which was produced by rap icon Jay-Z and garnered three Grammy nominations.

Trey Songz has been nominated for the BET male artist of the year award. His latest album, *Trey Day*, was released late last year. It is a follow-up to his highly successful debut effort *Gotta Make it*, which was released in 2005.

Tickets for the concert are \$20 and can be purchased at the MU Campus Bookstore in Alumni Hall. Tickets can also be purchased on-line at <http://tix.com/>

MU students are free. Students with ID can pick up their ticket on the third floor of alumni Hall during normal weekday business hours.

The concert is sponsored by the Mansfield Activities Council.

Choral Collage Coming

The Mansfield University Music Department will present the annual Fall Choral Collage on Saturday, October 25, at 7:30 p.m. in Steadman Theatre. The concert is free and open to the public.

More than 200 singers under the direction of Peggy Dettwiler and Sheryl Monkeliën, as well as graduate student conductors John Hunter II and Masashi Kishimoto, will perform.

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

Kishimoto will lead the Women's Choir on a unique Japanese folksong called *Hotaru Koi*. Hunter will take the podium leading the Men's Chorus on a chorus by Franz Schubert. Kishimoto and Hunter are both students in the MU master's degree program in conducting.

The Festival Chorus will set the stage for the university's spring major choral-orchestral works by presenting *Introit* and *Kyrie* from the *Faure Requiem* and *Gloria* from Haydn's *Mass in Time of War*.

The Concert Choir, newly formed but maintaining their championship excellence from their summer gold medal award winning performances in Europe, will present an English psalm motet by William Byrd, a 19th-Century German motet by Rheinberger, and a song composed for a wedding from the Biblical story of Ruth.

The Mansfieldians will perform several vocal jazz renditions including *Voice Dance*.

SCHOLARS SPOTLIGHT

Helen Adams, School Library & Information Technologies, has had her book *Ensuring Intellectual Freedom and Access to Information in the School Library Media* published by Libraries Unlimited. For more information on the book, check online at <http://lu.com/showbook.cfm?isbn=9781591585398>

Scott DiMarco, Library & Information Resource Administration, was named ‘Member of the Week’ for the week of October 6 by the Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL). He is profiled online at <http://www.acrl.ala.org/acrlinsider/2008/10/06/member-of-the-week-scott-dimarco/>. Dimarco had his review of the audio version of *Killing Rommel* by Steven Pressfield published in the September 1 issue and his review of the audio edition Daniel Mark Epstein’s *The Lincolns: Portrait of a Marriage* in the September 15 issue of *Library Journal*.

Pamela Richmond and **Nancy Sidell**, Social Work, Sociology & Anthropology, along with Social Work student **Eugenia Bond** presented at the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers' annual conference in King of Prussia on October 3. The presentation was entitled "Embracing Culture and Diversity in a Rural Social Work Academic Setting: An Interactive Discussion." It featured perspectives from a department chair person, a new faculty member and a student.

Edward Ryan, Criminal Justice, had his essay “Georgia Still on the Mind” published in the October 5 edition of the *Elmira Star-Gazette*.

STUDENT SCENE

Eight MU students participated in the Pennsylvania Governor’s Conference for Women in Pittsburgh on October 2. **Liz Burnett**, **Jenn Cheddar**, **Sarah Golden**, **Connie Jorden**, **Christie Martin**, **Meg Olney**, **Moriah Renner** and **Jackie Thompson** were accompanied by **Shawndra Holderby**, History and director of Women’s Studies and **Kristin Sanner**, English and chair of the President’s Commission on the Status of Women. The conference, which drew women from across the Commonwealth, featured speeches from Governor Ed Rendell, Ambassador Nancy Brinker, who is the founder of the Susan G. Komen Foundation to Cure Breast Cancer, and human rights and peace activist Nontombi Naomi Tutu. Participants also had the opportunity to attend sessions focusing on women’s leadership, financial issues and environmental ideas. Funding for the students participation came from the President’s Commission on the Status of Women, the Women’s Studies Department, Mansfield's First Year Experience and the Mansfield Leadership Institute.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The University Archives is presenting a display from the Dr. Will George Butler Collection. Throughout the fall semester music, letters, pictures and many other artifacts will be displayed in the North Hall third floor atrium nook. Butler is an 1897 Mansfield graduate and longtime music professor for whom the Butler Center is named.
- The Departments of Theatre and Music “Off-Beat Productions” will present *Urinetown, The Musical* on Saturday, October 18 at 10 p.m. and on Sunday, October 26 at 8 p.m. in Straughn Hall. The MU production is directed by Michael Crum, professor of Theatre. Tickets \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and are available at the door. *Urinetown, The Musical* is a presentation of the MU Late Night Event-Weekend Series. The series is sponsored by the Office of Student Activities.
- The Music Department will present the 12th annual Octoboeifest recital on Sunday, October 19, 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. It is held in an intimate setting, with performers and the audience sharing the Steadman Theatre stage. It is free and open to the public. 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.
- 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.

- The Mansfield Association of Educational Office Professionals (MAEOP) is sponsoring a bus excursion to the Crossings Premium Outlets and American Candle Co. on Saturday, November 22. The Crossings Premium Outlets features more than 100 outlet stores. At the American Candle Co. and see a candle carving demonstration. The cost is \$35 for coach bus transportation. Reservation and non-refundable payment are due by October 24. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Lindy Hampsher at bhampshe@mansfield.edu or x4876.
- 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 women's soccer squad will be home on Saturday to take on Millersville at 1:30 p.m. on the Campus Soccer Field.

The Mountaineers are 4-8, 1-6 in the PSAC East, after losses to Lock Haven last Saturday and at Bloomsburg on Tuesday.

The field hockey team closes out a string of five straight road games with a game at East Stroudsburg. The mountaineers then return home to face Shippensburg on Tuesday at 4 p.m. on Spaulding Field.

MU is 7-7, 3-3 in the PSAC West, after a loss at Mercyhurst last Saturday and wins over Bellarmine on Sunday and Slippery rock on Wednesday.

The CTC Championships on October 18 at Richard Stockton College in New Jersey is next up for the MU cross country teams.

Last Thursday at the Paul Short Invitational at Lehigh, the Mountaineer men finished fourth in the team standings and the women came in 21st place.

The sprint football team has a few weeks off before playing at Princeton on October 24.

The Mountaineers fell to 0-2 on the season with a 34-12 loss to the University of Pennsylvania last Saturday.

The women's swim team will see its first action of the season with a meet at Penn State-Altoona on Saturday.

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:

Hot, Flat and Crowded by Thomas L. Friedman

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer & Annie barrows

THE BOTTOM LINE

"Even if something is left undone, everyone must take time to sit still and watch the leaves turn."

--Elizabeth Lawrence