



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

**Calendar of Events**

11/14		Visitation Day
11/15	1 p.m.	Scott Test, Senior Voice Recital, Steadman
	7 p.m.	Men's Basketball vs. Seton Hill, Decker
	8 p.m.	Opera Workshop Production, Steadman
11/16	3 p.m.	Opera Workshop Production, Steadman
	7:30 p.m.	MU Brass Quintet, Steadman
11/17	8 p.m.	Percussion Ensemble, Steadman
11/19	5 p.m.	Council of Trustees Meeting, North Hall Community Room
11/20	10:30 a.m.	Open Meeting with Chancellor Cavanaugh, Straughn

**MU Receives Grant to Improve Fire Safety Training**

Mansfield University has received a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to purchase new training equipment and materials in order to improve fire safety training on campus.

According to the FEMA, fire-related emergencies have been on the increase on campuses nationwide. Most of these emergencies are due to a lack of knowledge of fire safety and prevention.

Jim Welch, Environmental Health & Safety coordinator at MU, received the grant and has acquired an electronically controlled pan style burner that uses clean burning propane, multiple training fire extinguishers, a carrying case for all equipment and a remote power source to provide field training sessions.

According to Welch, previous methods of hands-on fire extinguisher training used chemicals that produced toxic smoke which risks to participants and the environment. The new method is uses water instead of chemicals in the extinguishers. The controlled propane flame is also safer to use.

“Many people see fire extinguishers everyday in work and at home, but few have ever used one,” Welch said. “This will provide a chance for people to experience the feel of a fire extinguisher and will prepare them for a fire emergency at work or home.”

Training will be provided to people on campus and in the community using National Fire Protection Association materials. “This is a cooperative effort which will allow the university and the Mansfield Hose Company to work together to help make a safer community to live in,” Welch said. “I hope to demonstrate that we are leaders in fire safety for this area, using technology and resources provided through the Department of Homeland Security. Providing this type of training will enhance the overall fire safety of Mansfield University and establish our procedure as a ‘best practice’ for university fire extinguisher training through the PASSHE (Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education) system.”

In addition to his duties at MU, Welch has served with the Mansfield Hose Company for 20 years and is in his fourth year as the Fire Chief.

For more information on fire prevention and keeping your home and work place safe, check online at <http://nfpa.org>

**Honor Society Chapter Receives Award**

The Mansfield University Kappa chapter of Pi Gamma Mu received the Joseph B. James Incentive Award for 2008 at the national organization’s triennial conference held in Atlanta, GA October 23-25.

Pi Gamma Mu is the international honor society in social sciences.

The award is given to new or newly reactivated chapter. The Mansfield chapter was reactivated in 2005, after an absence of more than 20 years. The award also included \$100 to encourage the Mansfield chapter's continue civic activity.

"The international organization was impressed by Kappa chapter's community service functions," Janice Purk, MU chapter advisor and associate professor of Sociology, said.

This semester, the MU chapter of Pi Gamma Mu is working with other social science clubs and honor societies on a food drive.

Since being reactivated three years ago, the chapter has raised funds for Haven of Tioga County, a homeless shelter, the Mansfield Senior Center and the area food pantry. The chapter has also supported the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

### **Holiday Concert Set for December 5 & 6**

The Mansfield University Music Department will spread the sounds of the season across the Northern Tier with its annual holiday choral concert on Friday, December 5 and Saturday, December 6.

The Friday performance will be at 7:30 p.m. in Steadman Theatre on the MU campus. The Saturday performance will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Troy High School Auditorium.

More than 200 musicians under the direction of Peggy Dettwiler, director of Choral Activities, and graduate students John Hunter II and Masashi Kishimoto, will be involved in the performances.

The theme for this year's concert is "Angels Among Us," captured in a wonderful mixture of classical and popular pieces sung at times under the magic of candlelight.

Music for men's, women's, and mixed choirs from the Renaissance period to the latest popular styles that depict angels in the sacred and secular world will resound from Steadman Theatre and the Troy H.S. Auditorium.

Familiar carols and hymns for audience participation will be included as well as accompaniment with organ, woodwinds, brass, and percussion.

The Troy concert will also feature a special appearance of Troy H.S. signers, under the direction of John Wile.

Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors and children.

Mansfield concert tickets are available online at <http://music.mansfield.edu> or by calling (570)662-4710. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Troy concert tickets are available by calling (570)297-4346 or 297-2115 or at the door.

Due to the popularity of the holiday concert, patrons are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance and arrive 30 minutes before concert time at each venue.

For the Mansfield performance, campus police will facilitate parking. There will also be shuttle bus service from the lower east parking lots on campus to Steadman Theatre.

### **SCHOLARS SPOTLIGHT**

**Scott DiMarco**, Library & Information Resource Administration, had his review of the audio version of *Fixing Hell: An Army Psychologist Confronts Abu Ghraib* by Larry C. James with Gregory A. Freeman published in the October 15 issue of *Library Journal*.

**Nancy Henry** and **Deb Kachel**, School Library & Information Technologies, served as Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant reviewers for PDE and Commonwealth Libraries on November 6 in Harrisburg. Kachel also served as a team facilitator in the process. Over \$2.3 M will be awarded to various types of libraries in the state.

**Jolen Neumann**, School Library & Information Technologies, is serving a two year appointment on the Charlotte Zolotow Award Committee. The award is administered by the Cooperative Children's Book Center, and is given annually to the author of the best picture book text published in the U.S. in the preceding year.

**Holly Pieper**, Communication & Theatre, had her article entitled "An Introduction: Creating Interest in Public Relations" published in the November edition of *Public Relations Tactics*.

**Janice Purk**, Social Work, Anthropology & Sociology, presented a paper entitled “Collaboration to Teach Aging – Infused Research,” which was co-authored with **Nancy Sidell**, Social Work, Anthropology & Sociology, at the 58th annual Pennsylvania Sociology Society meeting held in Harrisburg October 31 and November 1. **Ying Yang**, Social Work, Anthropology & Sociology, presented a paper entitled “Assimilation and Stratification: Examining the Wealth Among Immigrant Groups.

## STUDENT SCENE

Sociology major **Kathe Scott** won the undergraduate poster award at the 58th annual Pennsylvania Sociology Society meeting held in Harrisburg October 31 and November 1. The poster, entitled “Affordable Health Care for All,” was completed by Scott and fellow students **Sarah Kalavoda** and **Jen Landmesser**. It was based on the data they collected for the Mansfield University State Survey.

MU Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) members **Rebecca Sullivan** (President), **Heather Coyle** (PR Director), **Derek Acorn** (Secretary), **Matthew Guagliardo**, **Clarence Hendley**, **Roberta Domyan** and **Jacqueline Maduzia**, accompanied by Advisor **Abe Ghods**, Business, attended the SIFE Leadership Training Conference at Canisius College in Buffalo, NY, On October 31- November 1. The conference was sponsored by SIFE USA, Walgreens and Canisius College. MU SIFE students are preparing themselves to participate at the SIFE USA Regional Competition to be held in New York City in April 2009. For more information about MU SIFE contact Ghods at X-4514. The trip was sponsored by Dennis Heinle, Director of MU Leadership Institute.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- New PASSHE Chancellor John C. Cavanaugh will visit MU for the first time on Thursday, November 20. President Loeschke invites the campus community to an open forum with the Chancellor at 10:30 a.m. in Straughn Hall.
- James Chapman, professor emeritus and former director of the Forensic Crime Laboratory at Corning Community College, will give a demonstration of the Computer Voice Stress Analyzer (VSA) on Tuesday, November 18, 6:30 p.m. in Retan Center, Room G-2. Chapman is a nationally and internationally known expert in VSA technology and has been conducting testing since 1971. The demonstration is open to the campus community.
- The Mansfield Association of Educational Office Professionals (MAEOP) is sponsoring a Holiday Vendor Fair on Saturday, November 29, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Mansfield Fire Hall. All kinds of gifts and services will be available. Lunch and refreshments will be served. There will also be a Chinese Auction and a 50/50 raffle. For more information, contact Lindy Hampsher at [bhampshe@mansfield.edu](mailto:bhampshe@mansfield.edu) or x4876.
- The MU baseball team will hold “Kids Night Out” on Saturday, 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 x4457.

## SPORTS UPDATE

The MU men’s basketball team will open its season at home on Saturday, taking on Seton Hill at 7 p.m. at Decker Gymnasium. It is Employee Appreciation Night with free admission for all MU faculty and staff along with a guest.

The Mountaineers will then play at Binghamton on Monday.

The women’s squad starts its season at the Bloomsburg Classic this weekend. The Mountaineers play C.W. Post Saturday and take on Chestnut Hill on Sunday.

The IUP Invitational on November 20-22 is next up for the women’s swim team.

Brenae Edwards finished 17<sup>th</sup> at the NCAA Division II East Region Cross Country Championship last Saturday at Slippery Rock, just missing out on All-Regional honors which go to the top 15 finishers.

Natalie Adams is the first women's soccer player in school history to earn First Team All-PSAC East honors and Lyndi Keiser is the first player in the program's history to earn conference honors in each of her four years of competition.

Adams was one of four players in the conference named to first team honors at midfield. A starter in all 17 games this season, Adams led the Mountaineers in points (14) and goals (6) while adding two assists.

Keiser was second on the team in both points (12) and goals (5) this season while tying Adams with a team-best two assists.

Keiser holds every school career scoring records including points (62), goals (27) and assists (8).

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:

*Letter To My Daughter* by Maya Angelou

*The Brass Verdict* by Michael Connelly

## **THE BOTTOM LINE**

“The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you.”

--B.B. King