



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

Calendar of Events

12/5		Last Day of Fall Classes Visitation Day
	7:30 p.m.	Holiday Choral Concert, "Angels Among Us," Steadman
12/6	1 p.m.	Women's Swimming vs. Millersville, Decker Pool
	7:30 p.m.	Holiday Choral Concert, "Angels Among Us," Troy H.S.
12/7	2 p.m.	Concert Wind Ensemble Reunion Concert, Steadman
12/8-12		Final Exams
12/10	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	PA DUI Victims' Moving Memorial, Clinton & College Place
12/11	6:30 p.m.	Mansfieldians, The Wren's Nest
12/13	1 p.m.	Fall Commencement, Decker
12/15	noon	Fall Semester Grades Due
1/7	3 p.m.	Women's Basketball vs. U. of District of Columbia, Decker
	5 p.m.	Men's Basketball vs. U. of District of Columbia, Decker
1/8-9		University Days Academic Review Board
1/10	1 p.m.	Women's Basketball vs. Clarion, Decker
	3 p.m.	Men's Basketball vs. Clarion, Decker
1/11	1 p.m.	Women's Basketball vs. Gannon, Decker
	3 p.m.	Men's Basketball vs. Gannon, Decker
1/12	8 a.m.	Spring Semester Classes Begin

Robert Strohecker to Speak at Commencement

Robert Strohecker, vice president of the Mansfield University Council of Trustees and owner of Strohecker Vision Care, will be the speaker at Mansfield University's 144th Commencement on Saturday, December 13, at 1 p.m. in Decker Gymnasium.

"Bob Strohecker is a leader in the community and on our campus," MU President Maravene Loeschke said in making the announcement. "His character and commitment make him a natural to speak to our newest graduates. I'm confident that they and their families will be very interested in his thoughts on how he reached his professional goals and how he gives back to his community. We are honored to have Bob speak at our Commencement."

Strohecker is the only graduate in Mansfield University history to receive his bachelor's degree after his doctorate. He entered the Pennsylvania College of Optometry after completing three years of undergraduate studies. He received a bachelor's in Visual Sciences in May 1986 and then his Doctor of Optometry degree in May 1989. Strohecker later returned to MU to finish his bachelor's degree. He graduated in 1991 with Magna Cum Laude honors.

Strohecker has been a member of the Council of Trustees since 1997 and is serving his second term as the Council vice-president.

He is also a member of the Mansfield Borough Council, a board member of the New Life Church in Canton, PA and a coach for the Mansfield Area Little League. Strohecker served as a member of the Southern Tioga School District School Board from 1991-96.

Strohecker Vision Care is a group optometric practice with locations in Mansfield and Elkland.

Among his professional associations, Strohecker is a member of Pennsylvania Optometric Association, serving as president of the local society for more than a decade, the American Optometric Association, Vision Source, a national consortium of optometrists from across the U.S., and the Banzai Consortium, a national consortium of 200 top producing medical optometric offices in the country.

Leadership Program Recognizes Fall Graduates

Thirty-seven students were honored at the Mansfield University Mountaineer Leadership Program (MLP) recognition celebration for the fall semester on Tuesday, November 18.

The MLP, now in its fourth year, is designed to give students three tiers of leadership learning: Bronze, which focuses on personal leadership; Silver, which concentrates on leadership within teams and groups; and Gold, which develops change leadership.

As students complete a level, they move to the next. Each level requires students to complete six interactive workshops and a corresponding essay for each workshop. Workshops are facilitated by volunteers, including administration, staff, faculty and students.

Students who completed the Gold level this fall are: Christyna Cain, Kacie Bush, Julisa Epps, Lyndie Hughes, Juanita Parks and Katelyn Plaska.

Students who completed the Silver level are: Angela Jackson, Lauren Kingsley, Katie Martin, David Post, Amanda Sileo, Cliff Torpy and Kelly-Ann Vaccaro.

Students who completed the Bronze level are: Jessica Barrett, Nicholas Casselman, Lauren Emery, Stephen Gershey, Matthew Guagliardo, Scott Hakes, Emily Hameza, Nicole Herr, Kylene Johnson, Holly Jones, Pamela Kichline, Matthew Kloss, Joshua Laughlin, Angela Martinez, Nicole Moore, Jessica Prickett, Monica Race, Kevin Richardson, Ashley Rogers, Brittany Shilling, Courtney Swendsen, Kreshel Wilson, Ashley Wise and Alexandra Woolford.

The MLP is managed through the Career Development Center and the MU Leadership Institute. The program is free for the students, thanks to support from the Mansfield University Foundation, which allocated seed money for the program.

DUI Victims' Moving Memorial to Visit Campus

The Pennsylvania DUI Association's DUI Victims' Moving Memorial will visit Mansfield University on Wednesday, December 10.

The trailer will be located at the corner of Clinton Street and College Place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The display is free and open to the public.

The memorial honors and remembers those who lost their lives because of impaired drivers, and increases awareness of the serious consequences of driving while impaired by alcohol or other drugs.

Housed in a 30 foot trailer, the memorial has a hand painted garden scene interior and features a 25-foot wall printed with the names of over 1,300 DUI victims that have been honored in the DUI Association's Memorial Garden at 2413 N. Front Street in Harrisburg.

The moving memorial stop at Mansfield is sponsored by the MU Police Department.

For more information the Pennsylvania DUI Association, check online at padui.org

SCHOLARS SPOTLIGHT

Scott DiMarco, Library & Information Resource Administration, served as a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant reviewer for the PDE and Commonwealth Libraries on November 6 in Harrisburg.

Jane Fenn, School Library & Information Technologies, presented at the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) national conference held in Nashville, TN, November 6-9. She spoke on incorporating various kinds of fiction and poetry in secondary content area classrooms.

Jianfeng Wang, Business & Economics, had his paper "Measuring Perceived Website Usability" published in the *Journal of Internet Commerce* Volume 6, Number 4 2007. Another paper entitled "A Model of Systems Reconfigurability and Pedagogical Usability in an E-Learning Context: A Faculty Perspective" has

been accepted by the *Journal of Organizational and End User Computing*. It will be published in the first issue of 2009.

Richard Soderberg, Biology, has been appointed to the World Wildlife Fund Trout Aquaculture Dialogue Group. He attended the first meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark November 19-20.

STUDENT SCENE

John Crain, Emily Rose Cole, Rachael Grimes, Tiffany Penner, Christine Schuman and Marissa Scott, accompanied by **Edward Washington**, English & Modern Languages, attended a production of Shakespeare's *Love's Labor's Lost* at the Cornell University Schwartz Center for the Performing Arts on November 21. The students had read the play in Washington's Shakespeare class. In addition to taking in the play, the students participated in a round-table discussion with director Bruce Levitt 20 minutes before curtain call.

STAFF NOTES

Amy Letts, Kelchner Fitness Center, and **Lori Ranck**, Budget Planning, have graduated from the Tioga County Development Corporation (TCDC) Community Leadership Program. The eight month program trains people to take on new leadership responsibilities with the goal of supplying Tioga County with a core group of positive, productive and contributing individuals.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Music Department will spread the sounds of the season across the Northern Tier with its annual holiday choral concert on Friday and Saturday. The Friday performance will be at 7:30 p.m. in Steadman Theatre. The Saturday performance will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Troy High School Auditorium. 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.
- 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 men's basketball squad brought a 1-1 record into their game with Penn College on Thursday. The Mountaineers will play their next six games on the road.

The women's team will be away from home for their next seven games, starting with the Houghton Classic Friday and Saturday. The Mountaineers will also travel to Alaska-Anchorage for games on December 14-15.

MU is 2-1 after a win over Penn College on Monday.

The women's swim team will host Millersville on Saturday at 1 p.m.

The Cornell Kick-Off on January 9 is the next competition for the indoor track teams.

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:

The Snowball by Alice Schroeder

John Lennon by Phillip Norman

The Story of Edgar Sawtelle by David Wroblewski

THE BOTTOM LINE

"A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle."

--Erin Majors