



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

Calendar of Events

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
	3 & 7 p.m.	Barrick Stees, Guest Bassoon Artist, Butler, Room 163
1/12	8 a.m.	Spring Semester Classes Begin
1/14	5:30 pm	Women's Basketball vs. Shippensburg, Decker
	7:30 pm	Men's Basketball vs. Shippensburg, Decker
1/16		Monday Classes: Beginning 6 p.m. & after
1/19		Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday- No Classes

The Word on Weather

Winter can bring sudden changes in weather conditions. It is Mansfield University policy to remain open in all but extreme circumstances.

The MU Website (<http://www.mansfield.edu>) and the Weather and Emergency Line (570-662-4499) will provide official announcements about university class and work schedules when weather affects, or has the potential to affect, travel to and from campus when needed.

Any change in normal university operations will also be announced as early as possible through area radio and TV stations. Because the University cannot control the exact wording used by the media, the website and Weather and Emergency Line will be the source for official language (ie: following shutdown or closing procedures) and notification.

Individual class cancellations will continue to be posted on the website. It is also the responsibility of faculty to post class cancellations on their office voicemail.

“King’s Dream” to be Celebrated on January 22

Mansfield University’s annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration will feature the presentation of “King’s Dream-A Celebration of Peace and Diversity,” on Thursday, January 22 at noon in Straughn Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

“King’s Dream” is a live performance and multimedia presentation that pays tribute to the Nobel Peace Prize recipient who led America’s peaceful revolution for equal rights for all.

The 45-minute presentation by Key Arts Productions features live music, a live narrative and powerful film footage revealing the historical roots and social implications that led to an era of social unrest in America during the turbulent 60’s.

The presentation of “King’s Dream” is sponsored by the MU Student Activities Office.

Singers Invited to Join Festival Chorus

Area singers are invited to join the Mansfield University Festival Chorus, which will perform *The Mass in Time of War* by Franz Joseph Haydn and Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem* on Friday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m. in Steadman Theatre on the MU campus and on Saturday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Troy High School Auditorium.

The Festival Chorus, directed by Peggy Dettwiler, meets on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. in Steadman Theatre beginning Tuesday, January 13. All in the campus and surrounding communities are welcome. Singers only need to vocalize for placement in the soprano, alto, tenor or bass sections.

A full orchestra of faculty, student, and professional players will accompany the chorus and professional soloists, soprano Elizabeth Jacobs, alto Deborah Leyshon, tenor Gerald Grahame and bass Tim LeFebvre. 2009 marks the 200th anniversary of Haydn's death. *The Mass in Time of War*, also known as the *Pauckenmesse*, was composed in 1796 at the height of Austria's long conflict with Napoleonic France.

Fauré's *Requiem* broke new ground as he departed from the traditional Requiem Mass text. The composer wanted the mass to reflect his views of "happiness beyond the grave." Fauré eliminated the "Dies Irae" and concluded the mass with the peaceful "In Paradisium."

Scores are available for sale in the Campus Bookstore and at the first rehearsal. The chorus is using the New Novello edition for the Haydn and the Rutter edition for the Fauré, which is published by Hinshaw.

Optional sectional rehearsals will take place on Thursdays from 5 to 6 p.m.

Call x4721 or e-mail pdettwil@mansfield.edu for more information.

SCHOLARS SPOTLIGHT

Gary McIntyre, Communication & Theatre, served as a judge for the Broadcast Education Association's (BEA) History Division national paper competition. Winning papers will be presented at the BEA national convention in April.

Richard Soderberg, Biology, has been appointed to the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Tilapia Aquaculture Dialogue and attended the group's meeting in Washington, DC on December 15-16. Dialogue membership includes tilapia stakeholders from Zimbabwe, Ecuador, Indonesia, Honduras, Philippines, Canada, The Netherlands, Costa Rica, Scotland, Taiwan, Nicaragua, China, Belgium and the U.S. The purpose of the aquaculture dialogues is to provide standards for sustainable, social and environmentally-acceptable fish farming practices. The dialogues are directed by Aaron McNevin, an MU Fisheries alumnus. Soderberg is also a member of the WWF Trout Aquaculture Dialogue.

J. Richard Walker, Mathematics emeritus, had his speech "An Issue You Should Care About" published in the October edition of *Vital Speeches of the Day*. Walker delivered the speech at Convocation on August 25.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The MU baseball team will hold "Kids Night Out" on Saturday, January 24 and February 7 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.
- Class cancellation information is on the University website. Click on the "Class and Events Cancellation Notices" link on the main page for each day's 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, use 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 men and women's basketball teams are both home for back-to-back doubleheaders this weekend.

Clarion comes to Decker Gymnasium on Saturday and Gannon follows on Sunday. The women's game will tip-off at 1 p.m., followed by the men at 3 p.m. on both days.

Both squads will also be home on Wednesday to open PSAC East play against Shippensburg. The women get underway at 5:30 p.m. and the men tip-off at 7:30 p.m.

The men's team has a 6-4 record. The women are 4-7.

Mallory Moore was named PSAC East Division Freshman of the Week for her outstanding performances last week. Moore averaged 12.5 points and 12 rebounds in two games last week. It's the second time this season she has earned the honor.

The MU indoor track teams open the 2009 portion of their schedule at the Southern Tier Collegiate Invitational at Cornell on Friday.

The women's swim team will return to action next Saturday, January 17, with a tri-meet at Pitt-Bradford with Wells College.

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:

Dewey by Vicki Myron & Bret Witmer

The Snowball by Alice Schroeder

Just After Sunset by Stephen King

THE BOTTOM LINE

"The beginning is the most important part of the work."

--Plato