



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

**Calendar of Events**

1/19		Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday- <b>No Classes</b>
1/20	4:30 p.m.	Sprint Football Meeting, Decker, Room 117
1/21		Last Day to Drop Classes
	8 p.m.	Late Night at KFC: TRON System, Kelchner
1/22		Last Day to: Add Classes, Submit "Credit-By-Exam" Form, Submit "Application for Graduation" Form for December 2009, Submit "Pass/Fail Option" Card
	noon	"King's Dream-A Celebration of Peace and Diversity," Straughn
	6:00 pm	Orchestra Solo Competition, Steadman

**The Legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. Celebrated**

Mansfield University held its annual celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy on Thursday, January 15, the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the civil rights leader's birth. The theme of this year's celebration was "The Dream in the 21st Century: You Are the Ones."

Speaking to the students in attendance, Jannis Floyd, professor of Education and Special Education, said, "You are the ones who will bring change and make Dr. King's dream and the American dream a reality."

Interim Provost Hal Laydon echoed those sentiments saying, "You are our salvation. You're going to make the difference. You may suffer some, but at the same time you are the ones that will bring about the change that will ultimately make the difference."

Citing the election of Barack Obama as president, senior History major Jennifer Cheddar told the gathering that, "While it is important on the commemoration of Dr. King's birth to focus on these successes, it is equally important to give consideration to how much farther we have to go."

The celebration also featured a choral reading of quotes and speech excerpts by King and others by students Troy Godinet, Mozart Guerrier, Hiwot Ketema, Lindsey Musser and Sandra Parker. Richard Smith sang Bob Marley's *Redemption* and The Mansfieldians performed the U2 song *Martin Luther King*.

As has become the traditional closing of the celebration, Director of Multicultural Affairs Annie Cooper led the gathering in signing *We Shall Overcome*.

The event was coordinated and moderated by Floyd and Cooper. It was sponsored by the Task Force on Diversity, the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Office of Social Equity/Multicultural Affairs.

MU's celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy will continue with 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.

## **Chet Davis Collection on Display at Gallery**

A collection of paintings by Chet Davis is on display at the MU Gallery. The exhibit will run through March 11.

Born in Ashland, PA, and now a resident of Paxinos, Davis maintains a private studio in his Central Pennsylvania home. He has been a noted art educator and artist in the region for more than three decades.

Davis graduated from Pennsylvania State University with a B.S. in art education in 1973 and received his Master's of Arts degree from the Hartford Art School, University of Hartford, in 1980.

His paintings and drawings have won international, national, and regional recognition. Davis recently exhibited in an American/Dutch invitational at the Van Gilst Gallery in Holland.

Davis has won numerous honors and he is a listed artist in "The Best of Pennsylvania Artists and Artistans 2004," "Artists' Bluebook 2003", and AskArt.com.

He is currently an adjunct professor of art at Luzerne County Community College and serves as director for the Northumberland County Career and Arts Center Fine Art Gallery.

There will be an opening reception and artist's talk with Davis on Tuesday, February 10 at 4 p.m. The MU Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in North Hall.

The exhibit is sponsored by MU Art Acquisition and Exhibition Committee, which is funded by Mansfield University College Community Services Inc (CCSI).

## **SCHOLARS SPOTLIGHT**

**Lynn Pifer** and **Ed Washington**, English & Modern Languages, have been named to the editorial review board for the journal *Connections: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Cultural Diversity*.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A meeting for any student interested in being part of MU's sprint football team will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 4:30 p.m. in Decker Gymnasium, Room 117. Sprint football is college football played by athletes who weigh in each week at 172 pounds or less. You don't have to make that weight until the fall. If you cannot attend this meeting but are interested in being a part of the team, contact Head Coach Dan Davis at X4451 or [ddavis@mansfield.edu](mailto:ddavis@mansfield.edu)
- 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.
- 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.
- 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, 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 men and women's basketball teams are on the road in the coming week, playing at Cheyney Saturday and visiting Kutztown on Wednesday.

The men topped Shippensburg in their PSAC East opener last Wednesday. The Mountaineers beat Clarion last Saturday and lost to Gannon on Sunday, giving them an 8-5 record, 1-0 in the PSAC East.

Tony Fannick earned his second PSAC East Freshman of the Week award for this season after averaging 15.0 points and 6.3 rebounds in MU's three games last week.

The women's squad is 4-10, 0-1 in the PSAC East, after losses to Shippensburg, Gannon and Clarion.

The MU indoor track teams will compete in the Penn State Open on Saturday.

Mike Gray was named PSAC Male Indoor Field Athlete of the Week for his efforts in two meets last weekend. He won both shot put events at the Southern Tier Collegiate Invitational at Cornell last Friday and the Gulden Relays at Bucknell on Saturday.

Gray broke his own school record with a toss of 52-09.25 at Cornell. The throw also is an NCAA provisional qualifying mark. He also took third place in the weight throw with a toss of 51-10.5. At Bucknell his winning throw was 52-3.25.

The women's swim team returns to action Saturday with a tri-meet at Pitt-Bradford with Wells College.

The MU baseball team season is ranked 39th in the Collegiate Baseball NCAA Division II Coaches Top 40 preseason poll.

In addition, senior pitcher Irv Sleighter was selected as a preseason All-American in the Atlantic Region.

Mansfield is coming off a 31-20 record in 2008 and the Mountaineers return seven starting position players and their entire pitching staff from last season. The Mountaineers open their season on February 13 at Concord (WV) University.

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

## **THE BOTTOM LINE**

“Life's most urgent question is: what are you doing for others?”

--Martin Luther King Jr.