



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

Calendar of Events

1/30	6 p.m.	HUT Reopening Party, sponsored by MAC
1/31	1 p.m.	Dan Klinczar & Kevin Kern, Junior Trumpet/Percussion Recital, Steadman
	3 p.m.	Kayla Furman & Matt Owen, Junior Bassoon/Piano Recital, Steadman
2/1	3 p.m.	"Songs for a Dead Bird & Other New Songs," Alissa Rose & Jennifer Peterson, Faculty/Guest Voice/Piano Recital, Steadman
2/2-6		All Week Workshop for ACT 101 students, Time Management, Hemlock, Room 103
2/2		Last day to submit "Incomplete" grades
	7:30 p.m.	"Keyed Up for Winter," Robert Auler, Guest Piano Recital, Steadman
2/3	11 a.m. -1:30 p.m.	Marine Corps Officer Program Representative, Lower Manser
	11:30 a.m.	Extreme Makeover: The Resume Edition, Alumni, Room 312
2/4	4 p.m.	"What Can I Do in the Field of...Human Services?," Alumni, Room 312
	5:30 p.m.	Women's Basketball vs. Bloomsburg, Decker
	7:30 p.m.	Men's Basketball vs. Bloomsburg, Decker
2/5	9 p.m.	Late Night at KFC, Fantasy Casino, Kelchner

Jazz Ensemble and Guests to Perform February 7

The MU Jazz Ensemble, directed by Michael Galloway, will perform in concert with special guest artist Mike Noonan on Saturday, February 7, 8 p.m. in Steadman Theatre. The program will also feature local favorite, the X-Ray Big Band.

This will mark the fifth time The X-Ray Big Band will take to the Steadman Theatre stage to open a concert for the MU Jazz Ensemble.

"Rick Doganiero's goal when he founded the group was to establish a big band at the community level for local musicians and also to provide an opportunity for high school students to play along with professionals," Galloway said. "As a result, the band has a mix of professional and amateur musicians of all ages and diverse backgrounds. They play a variety of big band charts, including swing tunes from the 40's to more current big band favorites. Their energy and enthusiasm always connects them to their audience and their performances are always well received."

In the second half of the concert, the MU Jazz Ensemble will be joined by Mike Noonan, a multi-instrumentalist performing on vibraphone, piano and trombone

"In his appearance at Mansfield, Noonan will showcase his incredible versatility on the very first tune," Galloway said. "He will solo on vibes, piano and trombone in a driving chart from the Woody Herman library, *Fried Buzzard*. A gorgeous ballad by Benny Golson, *I Remember Clifford*, will feature Mike on vibes. *Santo Sencillo* is a dynamite samba written by Bob Washut as a result of a commission from the MU Jazz Ensemble several years ago. It will give Mike a perfect chance to stretch out on piano. *Bag's Groove*, a jazz standard by legendary jazz vibist Milt Jackson, will give him solo space on vibes and trombone. The concert will wrap up with a great Latin funk chart by Eric Richards entitled *View From the Villa*, with Mike once again soloing on all three instruments."

A native of Washington, D.C., Noonan became active as a performer and composer while studying at Berklee College of Music in Boston, where he received his undergraduate degree, graduating magna cum laude

in 1984. In 1992, Noonan received his graduate degree in jazz studies and composition from the University of North Texas in Denton Texas, working under Neil Slater, a distinguished Mansfield alum who headed the Jazz Studies program at UNT at that time.

Since 1992, Noonan has been one of the most sought after freelancers in the Baltimore/Annapolis and Washington D.C. metropolitan area. He was a founding member of the Unified Jazz Ensemble (UJE) and continues to perform with and compose for that group regularly. Based in Annapolis, MD since 1996, the UJE was previously located in Iowa and Arkansas as the flagship ensemble for the highly successful "Rural Residency Arts Initiative" funded by the National Endowment for the Arts. As NEA-sponsored artists-in-residence, the members of the UJE served as faculty and visiting clinicians at over one hundred primary and secondary schools, colleges and universities.

The group's international work included a 1993 tour to Japan and South Korea under a Department of Defense performance initiative. In the U.S., the UJE has played at numerous jazz festivals, performs in the schools, and has been featured on radio and television. They have shared the stage with jazz greats including Milt Jackson, Charlie Byrd, and Bobby McFerrin. The UJE has made seven recordings, all featuring original compositions, and continues to produce music that is enjoyed in live performance and over the radio.

"With two big bands and the incredible talent of guest artist Mike Noonan, it is certain to be a great evening of fantastic jazz," Galloway said.

Concert tickets are \$10, \$5 for students and senior citizens. MU students with ID will be admitted free. Tickets may be purchased online at <http://music.mansfield.edu> or by calling (570) 662-4710. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Mike Noonan's appearance is sponsored in part by Wellsboro Imaging, Inc. Enrico J. Doganiero, D.O. All proceeds go to support the jazz program at Mansfield University.

The MU Jazz Ensemble is sponsored in part through Student Activity Fees.

American Spiritual Ensemble to Perform In Concert

As part of its celebration of Black History Month, Mansfield University will present the American Spiritual Ensemble in concert on Monday, February 16, 8 p.m. in Steadman Theatre.

The 26 members of the American Spiritual Ensemble are soloists in their own right. The vocalists have thrilled audiences around the world with their dynamic renditions of classic spirituals, jazz and Broadway numbers highlighting the Black experience.

The American Spiritual Ensemble was founded by Everett McCorvey in 1995. Its members have sung in theaters and opera houses around the world, including the Metropolitan Opera, New York City Opera, Houston Grand Opera, and abroad in Italy, Germany, Britain, Scotland, Spain and Japan.

The mission of the American Spiritual Ensemble is to keep the American Negro spiritual alive. The repertoire ranges from spirituals to classical to Broadway and dance. The American Spiritual Ensemble has presented diverse concerts throughout the U.S., Europe and South America and has toured Spain seven times, presenting over 80 concerts.

McCorvey is a native of Montgomery, AL. He received his degrees from the University of Alabama, including a Doctorate of Musical Arts. As a tenor soloist, McCorvey has performed in many places including the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., the Metropolitan Opera in New York, Aspen Music Festival in Colorado, Radio City Music Hall in New York and in England, Germany, Italy, Spain, Japan, Poland and the Czech and Slovak Republics.

During summers, McCorvey is on the artist faculty of the American Institute of Musical Study (AIMS) in Graz, Austria. He holds an endowed alumni professorship in Voice and is professor of Voice and director of Opera at the University of Kentucky.

For more information on the American Spiritual Ensemble, check online at americanspiritualensemble.com/

Tickets for the concert are \$8 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens and children, and can be purchased online at music.mansfield.edu, by calling (570)662-4710 or at the door. MU Students with ID will be admitted free.

The concert is sponsored in part by Student Activity Fees.

Alissa Rose to Perform “Songs for a Dead Bird & Other New Songs”

Mansfield University Assistant Professor Alissa Rose, accompanied by guest artist Jennifer Peterson on piano, will present a recital entitled “Songs for a Dead Bird and Other New Songs,” on Sunday, February 1, 3 p.m. in Steadman Theater. The recital is free and open to the public.

The program will feature music composed since 2000 and include five world premieres.

Rose, a soprano, joined the MU music faculty last fall. She holds degrees in voice from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, the Shepherd School of Music at Rice University, the Hochschule für Musik Detmold, and the University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre and Dance, as well as a degree in Biochemistry from Oberlin College.

Rose has performed across the U.S., as well as in Europe and Israel.

SCHOLARS SPOTLIGHT

Jeffrey Bosworth, History & Political Science, was quoted in an Associated Press story entitled “Govs Cast in Unflattering Light With Senate Picks” which appeared in the *New York Times* and several other newspapers across the U.S. and worldwide on January 24.

Deb Kachel, School Library & Information Technologies, presented to a group of 18 principals from the Kent School District in Kent, WA, on how to better utilize their school library programs on October 7. The presentation was part of a federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) grant partnership with Antioch University. In Seattle principals earn \$500 to implement a school library improvement plan upon completion of an online, continuing education program delivered by MU via the Blackboard courseware. The program has been offered seven times since it was developed in 2003 by Kachel as part of a previous IMLS grant. The kickoff session in Kent was the first time a face-to-face component was added. Kachel also traveled to Portland, OR to present at the combined Oregon Association of School Librarians-Washington Library Media Association Conference. Her presentation, “Lessons Learned: Lobbying Legislators” related her success in getting language in Pennsylvania school funding laws to include resources for school library programs. She presented with the “Spokane Moms,” three mothers who lobbied in Washington state and got \$4 million in the state budget for school libraries. During the trip Kachel, along with **Larry Nesbit**, School Library & Information Technologies emeriti, also assisted in recruiting new students for the online Master’s degree program at Mansfield.

Jianfeng Wang, Business & Economics, presented his paper “A Study on China Small and Medium Enterprises’ Export to America” at the 2009 Global Conference of Business and Finance in Atlantic City NJ on January 7. The paper was also published in the conference proceedings.

STUDENT SCENE

The Department of Education & Special Education presented the Fall 2008 Graduate Capstone Project Reports on December 2 at North Hall. The capstone course is ED/ELE 5592, “The Teacher and Educational Leadership.” **Lynne Hammann** was the instructor, and graduate students and topics are as follows: **Amy Adams**, “Do Preschool Effects Continue Beyond Kindergarten?;” **Debra Crocco**, “Technology: The New Face of Illiteracy;” **Sarah Estep**, “The Impact of High-Stakes Testing;” **Erin Fratamico**, “Becoming Aware of Convergence Insufficiency Disorder: Your Questions Answered;” **Aaron Hackman**, “Adaptive Learning and the Digital Divide: Technology’s Role in the Classroom;” **Megan Lerch**, “Integrating Children’s Literature Into All Content Areas;” **Sharon Mulhern-Sowl**, “Mentoring & Collaboration: Retaining Highly Qualified Teachers;” **Sara Nash**, “Not Only Can They Learn to Read, But Read Well: Interventions for Students Who Struggle With Reading;” **Mary Beth Stein**, “Differentiated Instruction: Models and Possibilities;” and **Monika Vesneske**, “Reading in the Mathematics Classroom.”

STAFF NOTES

Mike Reid, Finance and Administration, was named Mansfield Ambulance Association Attendant of the Year at the association’s annual banquet held on January 22. Reid joined the ambulance association while taking the EMT class last May. He ran a total of 76 ambulance calls last year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A reminder that the University 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.
- Mansfield University will test its emergency action plan with a lock-down drill during the first week of February. The drill will include activation of the campus emergency notification plan, including the university carillon system, test notifications sent by email to all students, faculty and staff on their campus email account and text messages to the cell phones of students, faculty and staff who have subscribed to the emergency notification system. There will also be an “Emergency Alert” message on the university website homepage, a message on the campus emergency phone line, a message on the university in-house TV channel and a message will be sent to all computers logged on to the university system. For more on the emergency action plan, check online at <http://news.mansfield.edu/emergency-information/>
- President Loeschke will address the campus community on Monday, February 9, 4 p.m. in Straughn Hall. The address will cover a number of issues including an overview of the latest state budget situation and its possible effect on Mansfield University, an update on the Provost search, administrative restructuring options and other challenges MU may face this year.
- The MU baseball team will hold “Kids Night Out” on Saturday, 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.
- MU Saxophone Professor Joseph Murphy will present a recital on Sunday, February 8, 7 p.m. in Steadman Theater. The program will include *Ponder Nothing* by Ben Johnston. Beth Palmer will accompany Murphy on organ for *Rapsodie* by Paul Creston. Murphy will also perform *Deep Blue Spiral* by David Heuser. Fellow MU faculty member Nancy Boston will join Murphy on piano for Takashi Yoshimatsu’s *Fuzzy Bird Sonata*.
- A Paddle Party Auction to benefit the Mansfield Jr. Mounties Travel Baseball Team will be held on Friday, February 13 at Warren L. Miller Elementary School. Doors open at 5:15 p.m. to preview Auction products and vendor tables. The auction begins at 6 p.m. Cost is \$5 for one paddle and chip plus 10 door prize tickets. Refreshments will also be available for sale. For more information, contact Lindy Hampsher at (570)549-2915 or jrmounties@npacc.net
- Hickory Project and Stained Grass Window will perform at this year's Winter Bluegrass Concert on Saturday, February 14, 7-10 p.m. in the Wellsboro High School from 7-10 p.m. Tickets are \$9.50 general admission and \$8.50 for senior citizens. Children under 12 are free. There is also a family rate of \$25 for immediate families who live in the same house. Doors open at 6 p.m. For more information on the series, visit <http://canyoncountrybluegrass.com>. The Canyon Country Concert Series is sponsored by the Canyon Country Concert Committee and the Wellsboro Department of Parks and Recreation.
- 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 travel to Millersville on Saturday and then return home to battle Bloomsburg next Wednesday. The women’s game will get underway at 5:30 p.m. and the men will follow at 7:30 p.m.

Heading into Thursday's games against East Stroudsburg, the men had a 9-7 record, 2-2 in the PSAC East, after beating West Chester last Saturday. The women were 4-13, 0-4 in the PSAC East, after losing to West Chester.

The women's swim team will visit East Stroudsburg for a dual meet on Saturday.

Last weekend at the Vulcan Invitational at California, five MU swimmers placed in 13 events.

The indoor track and field teams will compete in the Bison Open at Bucknell on Saturday.

The Collegiate Sprint Football League (CSFL) will expand to six teams in 2009, with the addition of MU as a full-member. Mansfield was a probationary program in 2008, playing a modified four game schedule against CSFL teams. MU is the first school to be awarded full membership in the CSFL since Columbia joined the league in 1955.

The Mountaineers will open the 2009 season at home against Princeton on September 19 and host Cornell on for the Fabulous 1890s Weekend and Family Day on September. 26.

MU travels to Franklin Field in Philadelphia to take on the University of Pennsylvania on October 2 before returning home to host CSFL defending champion Navy for Homecoming on October 10. Mansfield will then travel to Saratoga Springs, NY to play Army in the Allegiance Bowl on October 17. The final two games of the season will be at Princeton on October 23 and at Cornell on October 30.

Natalie Adams is the first player in MU women's soccer history to earn All-Region honors. The midfielder was named to the second team honors of the 2008 NSCAA/adidas NCAA Division II All-Atlantic Region.

Adams started all 17 games in last season, leading the team in goals (6), assists (2) and points (14). She was already the first player in the program's history to earn All-PSAC East honors.

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

THE BOTTOM LINE

“Defining myself, as opposed to being defined by others, is one of the most difficult challenges I face.”

--Carol Moseley-Braun