



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

Calendar of Events

5/1	10 a.m.	Graduation Celebration Brunch, Manser
5/2	11 a.m.	Spring Commencement, Van Norman
	7 p.m.	Jim Glimm Memorial Concert, Steadman
5/4	noon	Spring Semester Grades Due
5/13-15		Academic Review Board

Employees Honored for Service and Dedication

The 30th annual Mansfield University Service Recognition Program was held on Tuesday, April 29. Employees who have served MU for 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years were honored. Faculty were recognized by academic year. People who have retired or will be retiring through summer 2009 were also recognized.

The following individuals were honored:

Ten years: Richard Alexander, Gary Barber, Connie Beckman, Jane Benjamin, Frank Chau, Charles Earle, Melissa Franck, Andrew Gaskiewicz, Christine Gitchell, Denise Hopkins, Peggy Jackson, Vincent Jenkins, Michael Kutz, Cathy Martin, John Maslar, Michael McClure, Alexander Miller, Richard Miller, Phillip Ogden, Linda Rashidi, Matthew Syrett, Michael Wilson, Sylvia Yamashita, Sue Young

Fifteen Years: Betsy Brune, Allen Cole, Catherine D’Ortona, Jannis Floyd, Donna Milicevich, Ronald Strong

Twenty Years: Nancy Boston, Andrea Harris, Susan Laib, Margaret Launius, Louise Sullivan-Blum, Laurie Zaparzynski

Twenty-five years: Michael Crum, Gopalan Kutty, Shaker Ramasamy

Thirty-five years: Stephen Brown, Thomas Johnston, Peter Keller

Employees who have retired or officially announced they will retire: Celeste Burns, James Cobb, Clarence Crisp, Beverly Gass, Eva Green, Ann Klinger, Mary McEwan, Kathleen McNett, Charles Seidel, Jean-Anne Teal, Donald Wilson

Also at the recognition event, Steve McCloskey, director of Athletic Operations and Information, was named Employee of the Year.

The Employee Recognition Committee selected McCloskey, a 1991 Mansfield graduate, after a campus-wide nomination process. Diane Monkiewicz, Steve Reidinger, Chris Vaughn and Russell Wood were also nominated.

The Academic and Human Development Department received the Spotlight Award, which is given annually to a department that exemplifies the four facets of the Mansfield Creed: Character, Scholarship, Culture and Service. The winner was decided after a campus-wide nomination process.

Dennis Murray is Truly the “Top Dog”

Dennis Murray is the chair of the Psychology Department at Mansfield University. In a manner of speaking he’s the “top dog.”

On Thursday, April 23 that term took on new meaning as Murray spent the day dressed in a dog suit as the result of “winning” the annual fundraiser for the MU chapter of Psi Chi, the national honor society of

psychology. Students, faculty and staff cast votes in the form of cash for the faculty member they wanted to see spending the day as “Pavlov’s Dog.”

“We wanted to make sure that our fundraiser was fun and lighthearted but still had a theme rooted in psychology,” Thomas Walker, Psi Chi president, said. The fundraiser brought in \$350, which will be used to fund Psi Chi projects.

For his part, Murray took it all in stride, teaching classes and keeping appointments in the dog suit, accompanied by a Snoopy neck tie.

“This is another example of our students’ enthusiastic engagement in our department,” Murray said. “It’s all in good fun and it’s for a good cause. Our students have a healthy desire to turn the tables on a professor for at least one day a year; far be it from me to resist the will of the people.”

Psychologist Ivan Petrovich Pavlov is best known for his research on classical conditioning. While doing work on the digestive system, using dogs as test subjects, he discovered the dog's nervous system came to associate an external stimuli with being fed. Even when there was no food, the animals would salivate with the stimuli.

Murray took the opportunity to conduct his own research. “I’m carrying around a bell and some Scooby Doo people biscuits,” he said. “Anyone who salivates at the sound of the bell gets a biscuit.”

When asked to summarize his experiences as a dog for day, Murray responded with a simple “woof!” For photos of Murray’s “dog day,” check online at mansfield.edu

Ali Soufan’94 Subject of *Newsweek* Story

Mansfield University graduate Ali Soufan is the subject of a feature story in the April 25 issue of *Newsweek* magazine.

The story, entitled “‘We Could Have Done This the Right Way’ How Ali Soufan, an FBI agent, got Abu Zubaydah to talk without torture,” deals with Soufan’s involvement in the interrogation of a key Al Qaeda operative and the methods used to gather information from Abu Zubaydah and others.

The story is available online at www.newsweek.com/id/195089

Soufan, an MU political science major who graduated in 1994, went on to become a counterterrorism expert with the FBI. The Lebanese-American became a key investigator following the 9-11 attacks. His knowledge of the language and culture, along with his tenacity, made him one of the most valuable agents in the Bureau.

Soufan served for nearly four years as an Al-Qaeda expert and one of the FBI’s lead counterterrorism investigators. He left the FBI in 2005 and became Director of International Operations with Giuliani Security & Safety LLC, a firm founded by former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

In 2008, Soufan formed his own company, The Soufan Group, which has offices in New York City, London and Qatar.

STUDENT SCENE

The team of **Kevin Buter**, **Ashlee Wielgopolski**, **Sarah Koontz** and **Steven Terasavage**, representing the Kelchner Fitness Center, competed in the ACIS Fitness Nationals at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO on April 25. The team tied for eighth overall and took third in the Tug-Of-War. The events included a mini triathlon with a 25 meter swim, 1.82 mile run, 3.28 mile bike, tug-of-war and an obstacle course competition. Fourteen teams from around the country participated in this event. **Amy Letts**, Fitness Center director, also took part in the Fitness Nationals, assisting with timing, planning and other support activities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- In the event of inclement weather, Commencement will take place in Decker Gymnasium. Notice of the location will be posted on the University website.
- The ninth annual Jim Glimm Memorial Concert will be held on Saturday, May 2, 7 p.m. in Steadman Theatre at Mansfield University. The concert will feature the Cherry Flats Ridge Pluckers, Dick Soderberg, the Lockport Drifters and Grass Stained Genes. The evening is in memory of James York

Glimm, MU professor of English, who died of cancer in August 2000. Glimm was a folklore scholar whose two books, *Flatlanders & Ridgerunners* and *Snakebite*, collected folktales from around north central Pennsylvania. Glimm played banjo and sang songs he collected around the region. He played with several groups and influenced many more. Admission for the concert is a \$5 per person at the door. All proceeds go to the Jim Glimm Memorial Scholarship Fund.

SPORTS UPDATE

The MU baseball team will open play in the PSAC Championship against Mercyhurst on Monday at 6:30 p.m. The double elimination tournament is being played at Clipper Magazine Stadium in Lancaster.

The Mountaineers earned a trip to the postseason by splitting a pair of doubleheaders against East Stroudsburg last Friday and Saturday. MU finished the regular season with a 23-29 record, 10-14 in the PSAC East.

Nate Grove was named PSAC East Division Co-Player of the Week for his efforts in getting Mu into the playoffs. Grove hit .625 (10-for-16) with two home runs, 10 RBI and six runs scored in five games last week.

The Mansfield softball squad made its first ever appearance in the PSAC Playoffs last Friday at Kutztown. The Mountaineers lost twice to Edinboro and finished the regular season with a 14-20 record.

The PSAC Championship at Millersville on May 7-9 is up next for the Mountaineer track and field teams.

Last Saturday at the Cornell Invitational, Mike Gray on the shot put with an NCAA provisional qualifying heave of 53-05.75.

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

THE BOTTOM LINE

“Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path and leave a trail”

-- Ralph Waldo Emerson